

Pet Store 1381

Chapter 1381: Running (2)

Most of his local friends and acquaintances were Star State warriors or Star Lords.

Having no time for niceties, Su Ping simply placed them in his universe.

They were helpless as he absorbed them with divine power; they were relocated without control or a chance to resist!

The formerly prosperous Blue Planet was soon emptied; all the travelers and locals were moved away.

He then moved on to the next planet and repeated the procedure.

At the same time—the seven members of the Heavens floating in the void examined the battle traces and their deceased ally. Their roars—which sounded like whispers of ancient gods—echoed in space, vibrating in the consciousness of every living creature in that universe. Myriads of ordinary people fell to their knees and trembled.

The voices and thoughts made them feel anxious and scared, as if they were digging deep into their bones.

Su Ping slightly changed his expression and stopped all of a sudden. He sensed that the aliens were searching for the power that was able to eliminate their kin.

“Damn it!”

Su Ping looked at the planets ahead of him, knowing that there was no time to relocate those people. Leaving would mean abandoning those people to face a desperate fate.

However, Su Ping had to leave immediately to avoid being caught.

Whoosh!

Su Ping returned to Rhea. As he made his way back, he sent telepathic messages to other Celestials and asked them to return as soon as possible. Those alien creatures were very likely about to attack.

The universe would instantly fall if seven beings on par with top God Emperors attacked at the same time!

Such power could overturn the entire universe!

The Emphyrean Master from the Planet of Origin was probably a universe dominator, and he reigned over the Federation for hundreds of thousands of years; what could one expect of seven top God Emperors?

The contacted Celestials no longer dared to linger. Some of them had yet to relocate all of their subordinates, they had to brace themselves and make the painful choice of abandoning the rest.

If possible, they would certainly take them all away, but the conditions didn't allow it.

Su Ping appeared in his store directly. The attacks of the Heavens would soon strike that planet; he didn't feel safe, even if he stood on the streets. One had to consider that a millisecond was an extremely long time for a universe dominator; time and space were meaningless and could be extended. He only felt safe when he reached the store's territory.

Very soon, the Dark Dragon Hound and the other pets were remotely summoned back by Su Ping through the contract.

He could summon them remotely if they were in the same star zone and weren't under attack.

The other Celestials arrived at that moment. They entered Su Ping's store with tightened bodies.

Shen Huang returned, grave-faced. "I'll ask the remaining soldiers to initiate the self-destructing sequence. Hopefully, they'll buy more time for us."

He had already asked the remaining troops on the fourth and fifth defense lines to attack the aliens. The strategy wasn't meant to deter the invaders, but to merely distract them while the Celestials and the Fire Seeds made their getaway.

"We asked the weaklings to protect us. How disgraceful..." One of the Celestials looked bitter, knowing the arrangement was inevitable. They would burn their lives and fight; reality was too cruel.

"We're leaving right now?" asked one of the Celestials in earnest, hoping to flee from that dangerous place as soon as possible.

"At least 80% of people are staying. Will they hate us?" Xu Kong returned with unwillingness in her eyes.

Everybody looked grave. Su Ping was going to say something, but he detected something and his expression changed.

Boom~!

In space—a series of planets began to shatter!

Planets were falling apart; atmospheres were torn; substances were splattering in the vacuum. Even the ordinary people could hear the noise!

It was as if the entire universe were quaking!

Everyone stopped talking and widened their eyes. The most dazzling and terrifying scene was happening; all the planets they could see were exploding like fireworks.

The most horrifying power was swept out; none of those planets could resist. Without a doubt, all the people found on those planets, be they billionaires or civilians, were crushed to smithereens.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes, losing his cool for a moment. Then, he reacted and quickly sent his power underneath the store, covering half of the continent and narrowing it into a glimmer of light, darting in a certain direction.

The power and waves of the Heavens were already radiating everywhere; Su Ping only hoped to avoid their detection.

However, the waves were moving very fast and glowed like sunlight; even though Su Ping was fleeing at full speed, he could still feel their effect. He secretly cried and quickly changed their appearance; by twisting laws, the narrowed continent and store turned into a rock, making it look like a flying meteor roaming the universe.

Even the speed had been instantly lowered by Su Ping and moved to hide among other rocks.

Inside the store—the Celestials noticed Su Ping's disguise; they all held their breaths nervously.

Once detected, it would be impossible to escape.

None of them dared to extend their perception too far, and merely prayed in silence. Even if they were lofty Celestials, they were completely in the hands of fate.

Once the waves passed them by, Su Ping sped up and dove into deep spaces to flee as fast as he could.

The probing waves of the Heavens still existed in the deeper spaces, reaching all the way into the ninth space.

Su Ping quickly found a group of Void Beasts in the eighth space. Feeling delighted, he quickly inserted his store and the narrowed continent into one of the Void Beasts. Then, he controlled the Void Beast to stray and fly away from the swarm to move in a different direction.

Soon after moving away, the group of Void Beasts behind him exploded all of a sudden.

Su Ping saw infinite blood and flesh splattering. His face was cold.

The Heavens were attacking indiscriminately, not even sparing the lives in deeper spaces.

He instantly leaped into the ninth space and saw fresh bodies again, which was also the doing of those alien creatures.

Shen Huang said gravely at that moment, "Three Fire Seeds have been destroyed."

The others look at the latter, who gloomily added, "The signals received suggest that three Fire Seeds were destroyed."

Everybody was silent.

They couldn't imagine what a hellish view it was outside.

If they couldn't escape, they would probably be buried in that place too.

"Why did we encounter those things? Damn it!" said one of them with clenching fists.

Everyone was feeling rather pessimistic; they could only place their hopes on Su Ping.

The latter was wholeheartedly controlling the shrunken-continent, piloting the Void Beast to move in the deep spaces.

He soon found a place full of ancient corpses.

"This is..."

Su Ping felt slightly dazed. The place seemed to be an ancient battlefield. Many incomplete bodies were floating about, emitting strange yet horrifying auras, sharing some similarities with the War Emperor's body found near the crack in the universe.

After a quick count, he noticed that there were more than thirty!

"All of them were universe dominators when alive..." Su Ping felt a chill. *What happened to this universe in the past? Why are there so many remains of universe dominators?*

Is it because they fought the Heavens too?

Su Ping had no time to think. He passed the area with corpses, which contained a lot of weapons and armor; they were clearly ultimate treasures as they had yet to decay, but Su Ping wasn't affected by greed.

The other Celestials also took note of the scene. They were in shock.

One of them whispered, "There are indeed too many secrets that even we don't know about this universe..." They had explored many Mysterious Realms and labeled some of them as forbidden lands. Not even experts like them would act unrestrained when moving in the ninth space.

Chapter 1382: Beyond the Universe (1)

Roar!

Exactly at this moment—a roar suddenly came from the rear.

Everybody was shocked. Then, they saw an appalling scene: the corpses in the area they had just passed seemed to be reviving. Those incomplete bodies started to move; some were roaring hoarsely.

They were triggered into action by the presence of one of the Heavens' race.

The latter seemed to have noticed something before and was tracking down the targets, until he saw that group of corpses.

"Stubborn!"

The alien creature was gloomy. He attacked the swarm and retreated, back and forth, not daring to be surrounded; otherwise he could get killed.

Those corpses were incomplete, but they showed the physical strength of universe dominators when they moved, shattering the void and tearing apart the Great Dao. Just by waving their arms and legs they could easily pierce the void and shatter the Great Dao next to the member of the Heavens. Even his Wheel of Judgment was unsteady.

Everyone was a bit scared upon seeing how the corpses were forcing the alien to retreat.

"Those ancient corpses... seem to merely be fixated on attacking the aliens." Some of Celestials observed with a mix of fright and puzzlement.

"I didn't expect them to still have the ability to react..." Chi Huo was rather scared. Good thing that they were quiet when they passed the area, or the corpses might have been alarmed.

Su Ping felt heavy hearted and aggrieved as he watched the fighting and roaring moving further away.

He knew that those ancient corpses were attacking the Heavens because of their natural instincts. They would spring into action whenever they detected the alien nemeses.

Even if their souls had perished, their battle instincts and their crazy fighting intent lingered in their bodies!

Those universe dominators had clearly been killed by the Heavens. However, even though countless years had passed, they would rise and attack again when their immortal bodies sensed the alien's aura.

"What kind of hatred could possibly result in such stubbornness..." Su Ping mumbled to himself.

"Four more Fire Seeds have been destroyed..." Shen Huang said in a low voice, his face contorted.

In the blink of an eye, seven Fire Seeds had been obliterated. Only five of the twelve Fire Seeds remained.

"Damn it!"

Chi Huo clenched his fist in fury and frustration.

None of the other Celestials looked good, either. Some of them showed eyes already filled with despair, as if they couldn't see a future for humankind.

"That member of the Heavens seems to have fled," said Long Yang, who had been observing the battle. He was fully focused on surviving that catastrophe.

"He wouldn't have given up so easily had he detected us," said another Celestial.

"What about the rest of them?" asked Chi Ying.

Shen Huang suddenly changed his expression again, heavy grief appearing in his eyes. He raised a hand, displaying a virtual projection in front of them.

"This is the current situation in our base..."

Everybody saw a display with hellish imagery.

The previously prosperous and brilliant galaxy was already ruined.

A lot of inhabited planets had exploded. Some were chopped into halves, while others floated in space, rendered into multiple pieces.

As for the third and fourth defense lines, they were already being surrounded by worms and destroyed by aliens.

In the fifth and last line of defense, countless people were fighting the worms and the aliens using Titan arrays. However, like moths darting to the fire, they swiftly turned to dust.

"What are they doing?"

“They’re voluntarily attacking the aliens!”

“Are they crazy? They went out in the open to attack!”

Everybody was shocked to see the fifth defense line. All the fighters who hadn’t been sent to their universes—ranging from the Star State to the Ascendant State—were fighting the worms and the alien invaders outside of the defense line.

Instead of fighting, they were more like colliding into the targets and sinking quickly.

That sort of battle was downright suicide; not even the most stupid commander would give such a command!

“Damn it! Has the command center been compromised? How can they be so stupid!” roared a Command expert, “They could have resisted for a while longer if they relied on the defense line!”

He was exasperated to see all those people willingly head to their deaths, ending their lives so quickly.

“You’re mistaken. They’re not stupid,” said Shen Huang with sorrow in his eyes, “They’re deliberately distracting the aliens and buying more time for us and the Fire Seeds!”

Everybody was stunned by the realization, heads ringing and seemingly about to explode. They were rendered speechless for a moment.

“They’re buying time... for us?”

Chi Huo realized what was going on and blushed. He stared at the miserable situation shown in the projection and closed his eyes in pain.

He knew that Shen Huang was right. That was indeed a stupid way of fighting, charging so valiantly in such a desperate situation, but it wasn’t because they were intent on winning; it was all for a different reason!

The others realized that too, and felt how their faces grew hot.

Before their escape, they had rushed to find their subordinates and pack them in their universes.

The soldiers who were left at the defense line, had in a sense been abandoned. No one went to save them.

Those people were the least close to the Celestials, as none of them were their trusted subordinates. However, right at that moment, the total strangers were the ones fighting for their sake until their last breath!

Chapter 1383: Beyond the Universe (2)

The formerly furious Celestials who had been complaining felt embarrassed and lost for words.

Su Ping was similarly stunned as he watched the fearless soldiers who charged at the universe dominators and perished.

They actually showed more courage than many Celestials would as they faced those mighty beings.

Something seemed to be shaking and sprouting in Su Ping's head.

The three unparalleled Dao Hearts that the Golden Crow ancestor showed him were flashing across his mind. All the experiences from the hundred years he had spent in cultivation sites rushed back to him.

What was it that he had been pursuing?

Survival, enjoyment, eternal life, no restriction...

There were too many selfish desires and thoughts, which represented what everybody wanted.

However... None of them were real Dao Hearts.

As seen on the projection, the blood of soldiers who sacrificed themselves seemed to almost fill up the universe.

Su Ping knew it was an unresolvable blood feud!

It was then when he finally realized why the ancient corpses would act and attack again so many years after their deaths.

So, when hatred reached the maximum... it wouldn't be erased even after the soul perished!

This is... a bloody hatred between species!

Su Ping's eyes were popping up. He had the strong urge of slaughtering the Heavens; coldly, in the exact same way they were slaughtering human beings.

You forced the Golden Crows to hide, destroyed the Archean Divinity, reduced my universe to a desolate situation... Su Ping clenched his fists hard. The immense hatred twisted his face.

He wanted to fly and send his store back into the battlefield to kill all of those members of the Heavens!

Thankfully, the last bit of his rationality pulled through. Even if he had the strength to kill them all, no one knew for certain if stronger people of the Heavens race would show up.

All of a sudden, Chi Huo asked, "Brother Su, please teach me how to cultivate and become a universe dominator!"

Everybody was shocked by the request; they couldn't help but look at Su Ping. *Does Su Ping have secret techniques to develop into a universe dominator?*

Su Ping looked at Chi Huo. The man's expression revealed his true intent.

There was pain, hatred, disgust, despair, guilt and many other emotions on his face. He felt anger because of his own incompetence as he watched his compatriots sacrificing themselves for him.

"No problem." Su Ping accepted the request in a low voice. He had already decided to strike an alliance with the Archean Divinity and the Golden Crows. If he could enter the Archean Divinity, he would introduce Chi Huo and the others to the Heaven Path Institute.

Su Ping never considered defeating the Heavens' race on his own. In order to become stronger, humans would need allies.

Even the Golden Crow ancestor—an existence born in the age of chaos—had to hide from the Heavens. Su Ping knew that he had to gather as many forces as possible to fight them.

The answer left the other Celestials in shock. They quickly said, "Brother Su, we'd like to ask for the same. We hope you'll enlighten us."

All of them were willing to act humble at that moment.

Su Ping gave them a slight nod in silence. He controlled the glittering rock that his store had turned into, redirecting it to fly away from that galaxy and head somewhere far away.

Once he could no longer sense the Heavens, Su Ping took a deep breath and said to the group, "I'm ready to tear the universe open."

Everybody looked solemn.

They knew that, for the first time in history, they would be embarking on a journey beyond the universe.

Beyond the universe... was the great unknown.

Except for the Primordial Empyrean Master, nobody had wandered outside the universe. What they knew about what lied beyond was too little.

They were going to look for hope and preserve the bit of hope they still had with that trip.

They were Fire Seeds too, the biggest ones.

"One day, we'll return to the world where we belong," said Shen Huang solemnly.

The other Celestials stayed silent. They looked at the universe outside the store as if saying goodbye. No one knew what was in store for them, or when they would return.

But, if they ever returned alive, it would undoubtedly be for revenge!

Su Ping unleashed his strength and tore the universe open as fast as possible, holding nothing back.

The power of chaos surged in his body; everybody was intimidated by his terrifying aura. It wasn't until then that they realized how much stronger that young man was compared to them.

He was already very close to that alien!

However, they sensed that Su Ping was still in the Celestial State!

For a moment, many of them had hope in their eyes. *Perhaps the future of humanity lies in the hands of this young man.*

The universe was soon torn open, and Su Ping immediately flew into the gap with the pet store.

Strange laws were moving outside of the store, which seemed to be passing through a long and dark tunnel. The aura of the old universe was gradually left behind.

At the same time, the battle projection blurred and also disappeared.

The signal had been cut off.

That was an indicator that they had truly escaped from their universe.

Everyone felt uneasy; they held their breath nervously, as none of them knew what they would find, or what was awaiting them.

The aliens came from somewhere beyond the universe. Maybe they would encounter them right after exiting their home cosmos. Maybe they were going right into their nest!

Everything was unknown and unpredictable.

After a long, long time—

There was a beam of light in front of their eyes.

The darkness gradually faded away, and the beam of light seemed to be dispersing, forming feeble lights that surrounded the store. Everybody was immediately able to detect the terrifying laws in the world outside.

“Is this a place beyond the universe?”

Everybody examined carefully, but all they could see was a desolate and boundless world with scant light. There were no stars; light simply wandered about as some sort of sprayed particles.

Behind them was a barrier that was gradually healing.

They noticed how the barrier disappeared completely once it healed. They could no longer see the oval barrier of the universe, and their senses were blocked when their senses reached it.

Su Ping was also staring at the surroundings. He discovered that their universe seemed to have disappeared, but it was actually there; he just couldn't detect it without using stronger senses. It couldn't be felt at all from a long distance.

Other than that, they were now in a world of nothingness.

There were no planets or any other matter. The only things present were the chaotic paths filling up the surrounding space.

The paths were extremely strong, moving as if they were intelligent. A regular Celestial could be heavily wounded by one.

Su Ping's eyes glittered. Not expecting the place beyond the universe to be so desolate, he asked the system in his heart, “We're now beyond the universe. What should we call it?”

“You may call it the Realm of Heavens.”

“The Realm of... Heavens?”

Su Ping narrowed his eyes. “Is this where the Heavens live?”

“That’s right; so, in a way, you’ve entered their territory. However, this place is extremely vast. I don’t think you’ll encounter any if you’re careful,” said the system solemnly.

Su Ping changed his expression. He thought there was hope after leaving the old universe, but they ended up in an even more dangerous place.

“Can I find other universes in this place?” Su Ping asked again.

After a moment of silence, the system said, “You can try.”

“?”

Su Ping was stunned. *What kind of answer is that?*

He asked again, but the system ignored him. Su Ping knew it would be pointless to insist. Since the system had answered that way, there was at least a slim chance.

Chapter 1384: Master (1)

“Where are we going?”

Everybody inside the store was at a loss while looking at the vast and desolate space.

They turned and looked at Su Ping, who was their sole backbone at the moment.

“We’ll look for our allies!”

Su Ping recovered from the shock caused by the system’s words. In any case, since he had exited the universe, the only solution was to find the universes where the Archean Divinity and the Golden Crows were found.

Only by unifying with their forces would he have a chance to fight the Heavens.

“Allies?”

Everybody was dazed. *Are there other races beyond the universe?*

How is Su Ping certain that they are allies and not enemies?

That is, unless Su Ping had already visited them.

Considering the mysterious magic store and his own terrifying power, they came to a sudden realization.

Su Ping’s talent was beyond their imagination.

Maybe Su Ping had already left the universe and cultivated in an unknown place with the store’s help. That was the only explanation for that young man’s unbelievable achievements.

“Ours is not the only universe that exists. There are other universes, like the one where gods live,” Su Ping briefly explained.

Everybody understood. A Celestial said, “No wonder some godly treasures were found in Mysterious Realms. They were crafted in ways beyond our human understanding. I wondered why such a powerful race would disappear from our universe. So, they have a universe of their own.”

“In other words, were the godly Mysterious Realms in our universe left by gods who invaded our universe?” asked Xu Kong.

Su Ping felt dazed.

Indeed, there were a lot of Mysterious Realms of other races in their universe. Some of them belonged to gods; many Ascendant State cultivators found divine power in them.

If the Mysterious Realms were indeed left by invading gods, they could have easily conquered the entire universe. However, there was no history of gods in the federal civilization.

Is it possible that the gods who invaded our universe thought that our universe was too weak and weren't interested in reigning over it? Su Ping's eyes glittered. He didn't really think it made sense.

“Mr. Su, do you know where we should go?” someone asked Su Ping.

Su Ping glanced at him and slightly shook his head. “There are no coordinates beyond the universe; we can only try our luck. Besides, this region is home to the Heavens.”

Su Ping thought it was better to tell them where they were located at the moment.

Everybody was of Celestial rank, the very pillars of humanity. Although the revelation would cause panic, it would make them be more cautious.

“Home to the Heavens?”

Everybody was puzzled.

Su Ping said, “I mean the aliens hiding among the worms. They're called the Heavens, and they have a long history. Their clan is very powerful; there's no way of knowing how much of their power remains.”

“The aliens are the Heavens?”

Everybody was greatly surprised; Su Ping's words terrified them. An old Celestial asked in shock, “We've run into the aliens' nest?”

Aren't we asking to be killed?

All their faces changed, and they quickly retracted their senses, fearing that the aliens might notice them.

“Are human beings bound to go extinct?” said one of them, exhaling a pessimistic sigh.

“Mr. Su, if you knew this was the nest of the Heavens, why bring us here?” Someone looked at Su Ping with an awful expression. He didn't suspect that Su Ping was conspiring with the aliens, as it was unnecessary. Those aliens didn't need to conspire with the young man to lure them into their nest. Besides, Su Ping alone was enough to execute them.

Everybody else looked at Su Ping too, as they understood the logic. Su Ping took them to that place, knowing it was dangerous. Was there another reason?

Su Ping could only smile bitterly in his heart as he saw their eyes. He had never known of such a matter until that moment. Still, had he known earlier, there still wouldn't have been anywhere else to run to.

"No need to panic," said Su Ping, "This place is boundless. Although this is where they live, they haven't really explored every part."

That was Su Ping's deduction.

If the place beyond the universe was where the Heavens lived, then it had to be something lying outside of every universe.

The Realm of Heavens was found outside of every universe.

Perhaps the place was not the Realm of Heavens in the beginning, until it was occupied by them.

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Not all of the cultivation sites that Su Ping had visited contained signs of the Heavens, which meant that many universes had yet to be discovered by them.

It was like humans being unable to find every single trench in the ocean.

Those neglected by the Heavens were either lucky dogs or races that voluntarily chose to hide, like the Golden Crows did.

Su Ping guessed that the Golden Crow ancestor had done something to their universe to prevent the Heavens from noticing anything, even if they passed by.

That is, unless, the Original Heavenly Dao showed up—the one that, according to the system, was comparable to the Golden Crow ancestor.

Everybody became shocked and suspicious by Su Ping's words. According to what the latter said, they were playing a wild gamble!

They would be doomed if they encountered the Heavens or were found by them.

They could only bet on not encountering any.

Some people seemed desperate. Having just experienced such a massive catastrophe, they didn't really think that luck was on their side.

Chapter 1385: Master (2)

"To sum things up, we must hide from the Heavens here while we look for allies in other universes?" Shen Huang concluded what Su Ping said.

Su Ping nodded. "Yes. It's the only way."

Everybody was speechless. One of them was angry for a moment, but they soon let it go.

They had to admit it was the only way out.

They would have died had they stayed in the old universe.

There was a slim chance to survive if they escaped from that universe.

Su Ping didn't say anything to reassure the now silent Celestials, as there were certain things that they had to endure on their own. When compared to the survivors, the soldiers who had been left in bases and defense lines to buy them time needed much more care.

"You may cultivate in my store until we find another universe. We'll keep searching and roaming during this period of time," said Su Ping.

Everybody was silent. They were at the moment like survivors on Noah's Ark. They were indeed alive, but they had no clue as to what the future held for them.

With everything coming to that point, they could only wing it.

Shen Huang glanced at everybody and said solemnly, "Don't be frustrated; there's always a way. Many sacrificed their lives for our sake."

Everyone's faces changed and their negative emotions were held back upon hearing the latter. It would be humiliating to complain, considering all the people who died to distract the aliens. They would be too ashamed to face those who stayed.

"That's right; the only way is to become strong. We must become stronger. Don't forget that we must avenge them!" Chi Huo clenched his fists.

The other Celestials also became sharp and determined. Their hatred was such that they couldn't give up just like that.

All of them had gone through countless life-and-death situations during their time cultivating. They sobered up and pulled themselves together.

"Anna, come here," Su Ping said to Joanna who had been standing quietly.

Joanna walked over. Although Su Ping hadn't explained anything, she knew what had happened based on what they said and her conjectures.

"When you have time, teach them; you'll be their temporary master," Su Ping said to Joanna.

Noticing his solemn expression, she knew that it was a sincere request, wanting to help them grow stronger.

"No problem." Joanna nodded.

Everybody was dumbfounded. They looked at the blond girl, whose beautiful face was like none they had seen before. However, being Celestials, they didn't really fall for her. During all the years being part of the alliance, they had been aware that Su Ping's store was being supervised by a Celestial expert, who was none other than the blond girl.

However, Su Ping asked her to be our teacher?

She's just another Celestial. This is too condescending!

Su Ping briefly explained, sensing the anger and pride in the eyes of some Celestials, "If you have anything that you don't understand, you may ask Anna for guidance. She's a god; there's a lot that she can teach you." He gave them the benefit of the doubt; after all, they had fought the Heavens together. They had argued before, but it was all in the past.

Su Ping became more tolerant since they were comrades who had been through life and death together, and since they were the last pillars of humanity.

"A god?"

Everybody's eyes glittered. They had already noticed something; the girl carried an intense divine aura. Adding her unique face and appearance, she looked like an unsullied angel walking on earth.

"Can we practice with her?" asked a Celestial State cultivator. Even though Su Ping had said it that way, he was curious and not really convinced.

"Sure," Joanna replied casually, before Su Ping could say anything.

"If you want to practice, just go to the test room," said Su Ping to Joanna. "Go easy on them."

"I know," said Joanna, keeping her casual tone.

Shen Huang, Chi Huo and the others were surprised. They knew how strong Su Ping was. If Su Ping was so confident in his store clerk, was she really a lot stronger than them?

With Su Ping as an example, they no longer dared to judge others by their cultivation.

After all, they were Celestials, and were actually suppressed by Su Ping, who was merely an Ascendant.

Since she had their same level, the girl could possess a strength far beyond theirs.

"Let's tally the people we brought first," Shen Huang withdrew his gaze and said, "While looking for other universes, we must be responsible for sustaining them. Unfortunately, the food I prepared was stored in space warehouses; I didn't have enough time to relocate it."

"Naturally, lives are more important," said Xu Kong, "I'll be responsible for sustaining the people in my universe. I just did a rough calculation. I should be able to endure a thousand years."

"Me too. If nothing else happens, it shouldn't be a problem to last a thousand years," said another Celestial.

Given their rushed escape, they didn't even have the time to fill up their small universes.

They did pack their treasuries in their small universes when they traveled to relocate with the alliance in the Golden Star Zone. The cultivation resources weren't much, but they could get by for a while.

"I'll probably be able to endure for eight hundred years."

"Me too. I'll sustain them even if I have to burn my soul. Nobody will starve," said another Celestial.

Everyone reported their respective populations settled in their small universes.

There were a lot of people, but it was just a small proportion of the original population of their whole universe.

"I wonder what's going on back home." One of the Celestials turned back, but their universe was already nowhere to be seen. It was probably being ravaged at the moment.

The atmosphere instantly became heavy.

Su Ping said coldly, "Thinking about it is useless at the moment; better spend the time on cultivating and getting stronger. Condense your Dao Hearts. Their sacrifices will be worth it once we become strong enough to march back."

Everybody became solemn. They knew that Su Ping was right; they didn't have the time to be pessimistic.

"Brother Su, please teach me how to become a universe dominator," said Chi Huo immediately.

Su Ping glanced at him and said, "As I told you, you have to find your Dao Hearts in order to become a universe dominator. If you can't, I can give you one, but you would be forever bound to it, never to find your own road."

"By condensing a Dao Heart, we'll become universe dominators, right?" asked a Celestial in surprise. "If you can give us a Dao Heart, then you..."

The others also looked at Su Ping in astonishment. Some seemed enlightened.

Su Ping shook his head. "I'm not a universe dominator. Like I said, once you accept this Dao Heart, you will lose the opportunity of finding one of your own."

Everybody felt dazed. They understood what Su Ping said; he was planning to condense a Dao Heart of his own.

"So, you have other people's Dao Hearts?" Shen Huang asked, somehow shocked, "Doesn't it mean you can become a universe dominator at any time?"

"That's right." Su Ping nodded.

Everybody looked at Su Ping speechlessly. They didn't expect that such a young man would be that terrifying, to actually hold back the temptation of becoming a universe dominator.

They would have done it already, regardless of any consequence.

The universe dominator realm was the ultimate level they had been pursuing. However, according to Su Ping, there were higher levels above.

"If Mr. Su is willing to give me one, I will accept it," said a Celestial expert.

"That's right. Me too."

"I know that my potential is limited. I don't think I'll ever rise beyond the universe dominator state," said another Celestial.

They were all intrigued after learning that Su Ping could give them a Dao Heart, which would help them become universe dominators.

Su Ping frowned a bit. He obviously underestimated their desire to advance to what they knew as the ultimate state and Dao.

“All right.” Su Ping accepted their request, not being petty in the slightest. The three unparalleled Dao Hearts offered by the Golden Crow ancestor were useless to him, but he could give them away. They were indeed extraordinary gifts in the eyes of Celestials with limited potential.

Chapter 1386: Unknown Universe (1)

“You can practice with Anna for now. It’s not that easy to give away Dao Hearts. Both you and I have to make some preparations,” said Su Ping to the ones interested.

Considering his current capabilities, giving away Dao Hearts was a rather tiresome task.

Even the elders of the Heaven Path Institute would only give lectures after becoming God Emperors.

It was very difficult to give away Dao Hearts.

“What preparations do we have to make?” asked Chi Huo in a hurry.

“The Dao Hearts I’ll be handing out are too powerful; you’re too weak to accept them completely right now. You may become corrupted and turn into puppets of the Great Dao if the Dao Heart is beyond what you can bear,” said Su Ping, citing the knowledge he had read from the library of the Heaven Path Institute.

Everybody exchanged bewildered looks, not sure whether to feel delighted or regretful.

Their delight was in knowing that Su Ping’s Dao Hearts were very powerful. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have such a concern.

They knew that their chances to become universe dominators were almost zero with their own potential. It was also evidence that they had fully developed their limited potential.

“Then, how strong must we become before we can accept the Dao Hearts?” asked one of the Celestials.

Su Ping thought for a moment and said, “You should at least be able to fight Anna and end in a tie.”

“That’s all?”

Stunned, everybody looked at the blond girl by Su Ping’s side. The latter had just asked her to teach them. *Is she really far stronger than us?*

Joanna, however, turned around and looked at Su Ping with glittering eyes. “In other words, I can accept a Dao Heart too?”

Su Ping was taken aback. He asked, “You want one, too?”

“Of course I do.”

Joanna continued without hesitation, “Although I’m confident of becoming a God Emperor on my own, why should I waste my time if there’s a Dao Heart for free? Besides, you said that the Dao Hearts are powerful. If so, they’re good enough. God Emperors are top figures of every family, even back in the primordial times.

“Above them are unpredictable beings such as the Ancestral Gods. It’s already many people’s lifelong pursuit to become a God Emperor.”

Su Ping felt dazed for a moment, noticing how solemn she was. On second thought, it did make sense.

Perhaps he had become too used to those existences since he had often practiced with God Emperors and encountered powerful, ferocious beasts.

However, God Emperors were rare experts in any cultivation site—

They could sweep across his universe. They were also revered giants, even in the Archean Divinity.

“All right, if you want, I’ll give you one when there’s a chance,” said Su Ping. Considering her combat ability, she was technically ready to digest an unparalleled Dao Heart.

Joanna flashed a smile, seeing that Su Ping accepted her request; instantly, the entire store became brighter. All the Celestial State experts were in awe.

“Can we practice now?” a Celestial expert asked, “I want to find out how far I am from being qualified.”

Although they had doubts about Joanna’s strength, Su Ping was very confident in her and she had to be special. None of them dared to underestimate her.

“Fine by me; we’re not doing business anyway,” said Joanna casually.

“Go and practice then. It would be better for all to take this opportunity and figure out where you stand. It’ll also help you get to know your own strength better,” said Su Ping.

Everybody followed Joanna to the test room.

Su Ping didn’t go in. Instead, he harnessed some laws and built a planet outside the store. After all, a prerequisite to establish a store was for the place to be located on a planet. Su Ping had to ensure that there was a planet as the store’s base.

However, thanks to how he twisted laws, the mass and density of said planet were changed greatly. It was even narrowed down to the size of a grain of dust.

If anyone were to observe that micro world, they would find that amazing scene.

After doing that, Su Ping released some of the figures from his small universe and asked them to live on the planet outside his store and see about setting a residence.

The planet was protected by laws. Su Ping wasn’t worried about anything happening to them. As long as they didn’t approach a member of the Heavens too closely, that would just be an inconspicuous grain of dust.

Su Ping found Nie Huofeng, the Blue Planet’s acting overlord, and asked him to maintain order.

Su Ping had never set foot on the Blue Planet after winning the Universe Geniuses' Contest. However, his feats were spread throughout the universe. The news reached the planet since it was reconnected to the Federation. This time, he didn't even greet his old acquaintances when he took them into his small universe.

Nie Huofeng had obviously grown unused to meeting. He knew that Su Ping was very strong, but he didn't expect him to become a top expert of the universe. *How long has it been?*

In terms of age, he had cultivated for a thousand years and was much older than Su Ping. He had only become a peak Star Lord after rejoining the Federation, and was but one step away from the Ascendant State.

The Ascendant realm was a major hurdle. Anyone who could reach that level before 10,000 years of age could be considered a genius.

Nie Huofeng instantly carried out Su Ping's orders, and was very confident with the latter's endorsement. Even while meeting with Ascendants, he wasn't afraid of commanding them and sending them to the right places.

Order and prosperity were being restored on the planet where the store was located.

Chapter 1387: Unknown Universe (2)

Su Ping didn't release all the people residing in his small universe; only part of the population. The rest stayed inside. He had also built planets in his small universe to accommodate them.

Su Ping divided his attention when the job was mostly done. He went to the test room to observe the Celestials practice while he continued with building planets and settling residents in his small universe.

He entered the room and saw the scene he had expected.

Noises were echoing in the test room, which was like a boundless, independent universe. Joanna and Xu Kong were fighting fiercely at the moment. Their beautiful figures continued flashing in a dazzling manner.

The other Celestials were either standing or sitting nearby; they either had bitter or troubled faces.

Su Ping looked at the Celestials who were resting; all of them reeked of blood, although their wounds had already been healed. Their armor too was damaged; they had obviously gone through harsh battles.

"How did it go? Did anyone win?" asked Su Ping.

Shen Huang and the others turned their heads with twitching lips.

"Brother Su, this goddess is terrifying. Where did you find her?" Chi Huo couldn't help but ask, but he immediately realized that the question was too personal. He awkwardly changed the subject. "All of them have failed. She's also a Celestial, why is she so much stronger than us?"

Su Ping smiled casually. "She's a goddess; her bloodline is better than yours. It's normal that you can't beat her that easily."

Everybody smiled bitterly, as facts had spoken. However, they were truly reluctant; who would readily admit to having an inferior bloodline?

The battle ended while they spoke. Joanna suddenly made a piercing motion with her spear, all kinds of Dao Patterns appearing. Xu Kong simply revealed her constitution, making it impossible for anyone to lock onto her. However, the Great Dao accompanying the spear simply tore her body to pieces.

“Your reaction is too slow and your skills are crude. You need more practice,” said Joanna after withdrawing her spear.

Xu Kong blushed and slightly changed her expression. However, having been defeated, she could only admit that her opponent was right. She could also tell that the goddess had yet to use her real power; after all, she had already fused with her pet and borrowed its power. Except for the forbidden trump cards, she had used all means possible, but she couldn’t even touch Joanna’s body.

“The gap is too huge.”

The other Celestials sighed. Their difference in power was obvious. They finally understood why Su Ping was so confident in her.

After Xu Kong left the battlefield, Shen Huang stepped and said, “Please enlighten me.”

“Of course,” replied Joanna.

They soon started to fight intensely.

Shen Huang was becoming increasingly familiar with the universe of time and space. He hopped between dimensions nonstop; however, Joanna had a deep understanding of time and space, soon locking onto him. Her first attack forced him to show up, and her second attack split his body in half. Battle over.

Everybody was speechless, seeing how fast Shen Huang had been defeated. He had been among the strongest ever since he recovered his Celestial cultivation.

“When controlling your universe, you shouldn’t just draw power from it; you must imagine yourself as part of the universe,” Joanna commented as usual, “You can imagine that the small universe is your core and body, and that your own self is but a part of the small universe.”

“Huh?”

Shen Huang was befuddled by the insight. He felt that Joanna’s words were unusual, opening a new world for him.

The Celestials also took those words in and found a new understanding.

The battle continued soon after.

Half an hour later, all the Celestials were resting against the test room wall, some breathing heavily. They were a total mess compared to how fancy they looked when they first entered the room.

While resting, one of the Celestial State cultivators couldn’t help but ask, “Mr. Su, is this goddess... your wife?”

All of them were currently in awe of Joanna and were curious about her. Why would such a strong goddess be willing to do simple and even menial jobs in Su Ping's store? The only reason they could think of was that the two of them were intimate.

Joanna slightly changed her expression and glanced at the guy, then she looked at Su Ping.

"As I said earlier, she's an employee of this store. Right now, she's also the temporary boss when I'm away," said Su Ping.

"Just an employee?" asked the Celestial State cultivator, not willing to let it go.

Su Ping was rather speechless about that Celestial cultivator who was apparently a sucker for gossip. Before he answered, another voice erupted. "Of course. We are all his employees; what else can we be?"

It was Tang Ruyan who interjected, while looking angrily at the prattling Celestial. She had just realized what was going on, but she didn't feel too sad about leaving her universe; instead, she was more upset about the stupid things uttered by that reckless Celestial. If the store were in business, she would have already kicked him out for violating order inside the store.

"Huh?"

The gossipy Celestial was surprised to see Tang Ruyan, and even more surprised to see she was neither nervous nor respectful; however, he could only roll with it since that was Su Ping's territory. He asked, "How did Mr. Su meet this goddess? Has she been staying in your store because she owes you a favor?"

"It's a long story..." Su Ping slightly shook his head, unwilling to talk too much about himself and Joanna. "If you still have some strength left, you should practice more with Anna. You have Celestial cultivation, yet you haven't fought much and lack battle experience in your realm. This is a good opportunity."

The Celestial could only nod in disappointment and hold back his desire for gossip.

"Celestial level pets can also be trained here. You can come to me if you have any," said Su Ping, "It may require some money, but it'll quickly make your overall strength grow."

Everyone had been told about the peculiar bits about Su Ping's store. They knew it was very likely one of the store's rules, so they didn't ask.

"Xiao Su, are you going to help us train our pets?" There was worry in Shen Huang's eyes. "Isn't it too tiresome for you?"

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Su Ping shook his head and said, "No. However, you must pay close attention to the Realm of Heavens while I'm gone; don't let the Heavens find us. Pay close attention to find other universes as you move. I'll leave my pets behind to move the store."

"Thank you very much, Mr. Su."

"We couldn't have escaped without you, Mr. Su. We haven't even thanked you yet."

All the Celestials looked at Su Ping in a friendly way. Two of them still held grudges, but they also smiled at him. It was clear that they were planning to let bygones be bygones.

Su Ping had also let go of any grudges. After all, they had been fighting side by side, so he chose to forgive them.

“Huh?”

Suddenly, Su Ping’s eyes glittered; he quickly went to the lobby.

“A universe?”

Everybody else sensed it too. They were definitely surprised, not expecting to find a new universe that quickly!

The barrier of a universe could be vaguely seen in the void outside the store. Said barrier was clearer than the one protecting their own universe, so it was easier to detect.

Su Ping instantly controlled his store to stop and observe it carefully. He discovered that it was truly an unknown universe.

“Should we go in?” Chi Huo looked at Su Ping.

Su Ping stared at the place solemnly and nodded. “Yes, but quietly; let’s see what’s inside first.”

The others also became wary. They could get entangled in bloody battles if there were ferocious beasts in that universe.

Su Ping immediately pushed his store to approach it. Then, he subtly released the power of chaos and tore the barrier open.

Chapter 1388: Burning Carcass (1)

With a mix of curiosity and unease, everyone entered that universe.

They saw a flickering light after passing through the barrier’s dark tunnel; it seemed to be the feeble light from a star. Su Ping narrowed his eyes and moved his store in that direction.

Once they got closer, they finally saw clearly what the light was: it was actually a white divine fire.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes and almost unconsciously moved his store away, since it was Heavenly Fire!

Did the Heavens come here already?

Su Ping’s expectations had cooled down. He discovered that the fire was consuming something at the moment, and his pupils shrank.

It was a massive body!

The body was as massive as a mountain, tens of thousands of meters in diameter, and looked like some sort of ancient beast.

The flesh and blood on the surface had been burnt up, while the bones were still burning.

Su Ping then looked around; there was nothing but darkness and silence. He also discovered something unusual: there were no signs of paths or laws in that universe, only nothingness. Even if one were to ignite gas there, it would not burn.

All because there was no law of fire.

Even if one were to blow air at full strength, no one would feel the slightest breeze.

Without the corresponding laws, such a world was essentially in ruins.

There are no traces of battle, nor auras from the Heavens...

Su Ping's eyes glittered as he examined that quiet world. His entire body was slightly cold; he felt as if he were stepping into a bottomless swamp. His guess was that such a ruined universe had been conquered by the Heavens!

Maybe, their own universe would end up exactly the same.

"That looks like Heavenly Fire!"

The other Celestials also recognized the flames. After all, the alien had set such a fire on the battlefield. They would never forget such a strange yet powerful element.

"Could there be Heavens here?" Everybody was suspicious and scared. It would be nigh impossible to escape if they encountered the Heavens in that universe, as there wouldn't be more people who would sacrifice themselves so they could escape.

"There's no sign of the Great Dao in this universe; it's impossible to cultivate here. There isn't a whiff of astral power, either!" said a Celestial solemnly. He had sensed how that universe was. It had very likely been destroyed and abandoned.

Su Ping was silent for a moment. He stepped out of his store and concealed his aura. He reversed time by a thousand years in space, but everything was the same. If not for the rapid changes in the flames, he would have thought that his attempt had been useless.

However, it was enough to prove that there were no Heavens around; the battle had long ended.

Everybody else saw Su Ping's actions too, and were slightly relieved. Someone else noticed that the body didn't change at all, even after a thousand years!

Undoubtedly, such a body was definitely a terrifying existence when it was still alive. They didn't even dare to touch Heavenly Fire.

Su Ping too had noticed the body and his expression changed a bit. He had a dreadful guess. *Was this the body... of an Ancestral God?*

"Brother Su, are we going to stay any longer?" asked Chi Huo in a low voice as he looked around nervously, fearing that some of the Heavens would dart out of the darkness.

The other Celestials were also eager to leave that universe.

After fighting the Heavens' race, they felt like rats meeting a cat. They were so scared that they even wanted to throw up; they only wanted to move elsewhere.

"Let's explore first, since we're already here," said Su Ping after some consideration, "The body is proof that the Heavens were once here and a battle took place. What happened to our universe probably also happened here, albeit much earlier."

"Isn't it too risky?" said a Celestial who wanted to leave.

Su Ping slightly shook his head in silence. He thought that the Heavens would probably choose not to stay in the ruins; it was probably safer for them to stay there.

The next moment, Su Ping reached out toward the body.

As he felt the scorching heat, it was just like cultivating in the fiery pit underneath the Fire God Palace. The fire was equally powerful; if moved from the body, it was enough to form a region of flames.

It's true that the Heavens don't just include the basic forms of Heavenly Dao that are merely God Emperors... Su Ping's eyes glittered. The body clearly used to belong to a powerful creature of the universe, and it died miserably, just like that. Its immortal bones were still being burnt.

Su Ping raised his hand and slowly attracted the body's Heavenly Fire into his universe of chaos. He would turn it into a furnace inside his universe, so that it would carry infinite energy to his universe and polish it further. Heavenly Fire was lethal to most people, while it was a rare treasure when tamed.

Su Ping divided the space inside his universe into two parts while he absorbed it. The residents inside his universe were placed on one side, while his cultivation place was the other. The two parts were independent.

Even so, the temperature in his small universe was soaring. The small universe's residents clearly felt how it was getting hotter.

Su Ping could only isolate them with barriers of the Great Dao, which required a constant energy output. However, he didn't find it troublesome; rather, he considered it a great practice.

Chapter 1389: Burning Carcass (2)

The fire burning the massive body became less and less as Su Ping continued absorbing. Su Ping sensed the surging and exuberant power of fire inside him, like a sun about to explode. The scorching power was transmitted into his universe and absorbed, making him even stronger than before.

Inside the store—everybody was shocked after seeing what was happening with their extended senses.

"Shen Huang, is your disciple cultivating?" asked a Celestial in disbelief, feeling that he was acting crazy.

Shen Huang lost his cool too, not expecting Su Ping to absorb such terrifying flames. Heavenly Fire was unlike the law of fire; it was a flame that absorbed countless laws. Although manifested as fire, it could also turn into ice with exactly the same function.

“No wonder he’s unwilling to leave; this fire counts as great nourishment for him. I feel that his aura is becoming even more terrifying,” said a bitter Celestial after staring for a while, “What a crazy way to cultivate. No wonder such a lunatic was created.”

“Shen Huang, why don’t you talk some sense into your disciple? Let’s get out of here. I’ve been having this ominous feeling since we came to this universe,” said someone else.

Shen Huang glanced at the latter, knowing it was just an excuse. The guy simply didn’t want to encounter any Heavens there.

“Xiao Su knows what he’s doing; he can’t be just cultivating,” said Shen Huang solemnly. “Nothing changed when Xiao Su reversed time just now; it means that the battle with the Heavens’ race has long ended. Although a thousand years is not a long time, the Heavens are probably not here anymore.”

“Even if they’re still here, there can’t be too many of them; we can stay here and investigate.”

“This place is already in ruins. What’s there to investigate? There are no laws nor paths; they must have been destroyed. Only cultivators would survive under such circumstances,” said Chi Ying.

Shen Huang slightly shook his head and said, “The body hasn’t changed at all after being burned by the Heaven Master for a thousand years; he surely was a universe dominator, or something even more terrifying when he was alive. The Heavens who killed him were more horrifying than what we’ve met before. In other words, they would have noticed us the moment we arrived if they were still here.

“However, we haven’t encountered any of them, which means that those existences aren’t here. We should take a look around, now that we’ve come here.”

Everyone exchanged bewildered looks. A Celestial felt compelled to ask, “What do you mean by higher levels? Are there people stronger than universe dominators? Are they Creators?”

“Creators... That’s probably a fitting word,” Shen Huang shook his head and said, “However, since Xiao Su said that there are, there certainly are. After all, he’s seen worlds that we have yet to see.”

Nobody would argue with him. That was indeed true.

“I thought we were already about to reach the peak of cultivation, once we reach the universe dominator’s level. I didn’t know it was just the second to last stop. No wonder seven members of the Heavens invaded our universe; there has to be a stronger leader in every group that has more than three members...” said a Celestial cultivator bitterly.

Shen Huang shook his head and sighed. “Xiao Su mentioned that there are another two levels above the universe dominators. So, even if somebody is a Creator, there are even more terrifying beings. That’s the source of cultivation; those levels are beyond our imagination. Maybe they carry all kinds of abilities; they’re omniscient and omnipotent!”

Everybody was stunned. They felt that their world had been blasted heavily.

If that was the case, the Celestial State they prided themselves of having was nothing worth mentioning.

They were still far away from the end of cultivation!

Everybody finally understood why Su Ping was so indifferent and arrogant towards them, back in the conference room on the Astral Nexus. At first they thought it was just because he was strong enough to suppress them. However, they realized it was because he had seen higher skies.

Once seeing the view from the peak, one wouldn't be interested in the sights by the mountainside.

"We can construct small universes. I thought that we'd be able to create a grand universe when we reached the end of cultivation, just like the one we used to live in. However, it seems that there are more terrifying powers," said one of the Celestials with a sigh.

"We're no different from Creators in the eyes of regular people. Those who live in our universes are ignorant of what's beyond, just like us when living in the grand universe. I wonder how we can make our small universe evolve into a real grand universe. Do we have to become stronger than universe dominators?" another Celestial mumbled.

While they discussed—Su Ping, who had been absorbing the fire scorching the ancient body, suddenly opened his eyes.

An extremely feeble thought had just entered his mind.

"Who... are you?"

It wasn't Su Ping's own questioning, but the confusion and suspicion relayed from an external thought.

The thought was so feeble that Su Ping suspected that it was just his imagination. However, after the thought was sent a few times more, he confirmed that it was real. The Original Dao World appeared in his eyes, and he saw that the feeble thought floated out of the body and made a connection to him like a thread.

He's not dead?

Su Ping was shocked. That corpse was terrifying; it had been burnt by Heavenly Fire and only bones were left. Somehow, some thoughts had also lingered.

"Were you killed by the Heavens?" asked Su Ping immediately. "When? Have they left?"

The feeble thought paused. A moment later, it continued, "You're not a member of the Heavens, but you carry their aura and can absorb Heavenly Fire. Have you turned part of your body into that of the Heavens, or have you grasped their power? Or maybe, you're a member of the Heavens in disguise?"

The voice paused for a moment, then added, "No, considering how arrogant they are, they would never disguise themselves as someone like you. The aura of chaos? Bloodline of mythical creatures? Interesting..."

Su Ping slightly changed his expression. The corpse could actually sense the bloodlines in his body?

"Senior, you haven't answered my question," said Su Ping in a low voice, not daring to be rude.

"You don't seem to be from our universe," said the voice all of a sudden.

Su Ping changed his expression. Instead of denying, he said, "That's right. We came from another universe, which has also been destroyed by the Heavens. We escaped, hoping to find allies from other universes to fight against the Heavens!"

He said the truth, hoping to get closer to the corpse with their mutual experiences.

"It's been so many years. Have the Heavens not stopped?" the voice mumbled and then chuckled. "Looking for allies... Hehe, if only you were here sooner... However, you're too weak. Even if you did come earlier, you would have died along with us..."

Su Ping's heart was heavy; indeed, they were too weak. He even wondered if the experts of the powerful cultivation sites would cooperate with them to go against such a dreadful enemy once they found where their worlds were located.

"However, despite your weakness, you have the courage that every living creature should be born with. Always be hopeful and never lower your head. Maybe I would have chosen to extinguish myself had you arrived 100,000 years later... Fortunately, my persistence was well worth it. I will give the rest of my power to you; I hope you'll make the best use of it," said the voice.

Su Ping was stunned. In other words, this corpse could endure another 100,000 years?

By choosing to extinguish himself, did he mean that he would kill himself?

Su Ping couldn't help but ask, "Senior, were you an Ancestral God, or a Sorcerer Ancestor from the age of chaos?"

"Huh? You know of the Sorcerer Ancestor?" The corpse was obviously surprised, not expecting that Su Ping, a weakling, would actually know of such an ultimate existence.

"Considering the power in your body, you must be a rare genius. Not even the prodigies in my clan could have compared to you," said the corpse, "Do you know any Sorcerer Ancestors? Or did you receive their legacies?"

Chapter 1390: Gaze From the Memories (1)

"I think I know one of the Sorcerer Ancestors."

Su Ping remembered the Golden Crow ancestor, who was one of the strongest existences in the world.

"Bloodlines of mythical creatures, a body of chaos... You must be from one of the remnant tribes..." mumbled the corpse in frustration, "Your universe was destroyed by the Heavens despite being protected by a Sorcerer Ancestor?"

Su Ping immediately realized the misunderstanding; the guy thought that there was actually a Sorcerer Ancestor in his universe. He shook his head and said, "I met the Sorcerer Ancestor in another universe. The Heavens never found them and they're now living in seclusion..."

He suddenly got to think about how the Golden Crows chose to hide from the Heavens despite having their ancestor protecting them. If he did find the Golden Crows on his trip, would they join forces with him?

They had been hiding for far too long. Would they reveal themselves if he invited them?

His heart became heavy at the thought.

The corpse was silent for a moment, then said, "The Sorcerer Ancestor hides, and the Heavens are rampant. The unfinished battle will be resumed; however, we won't live to see that moment. Young friend, if you're still alive by then, we hope that our power will be of help to you."

"Senior, this is the first time we've met. You've survived the burning of the Heavenly Fire for so long. Why not carry on?" Su Ping wasn't yearning for the expert's power. Rather, he hoped the guy would fight alongside him.

The corpse chuckled in a low voice and said, "We've failed already, and were imprisoned by the Heavenly Fire. They want to wear out our willpower and have us bend. It's just wishful thinking; we can carry on, but it's pointless. Our power will be exhausted for nothing."

After a pause, he continued, "Although it's the first time we've met and you're not from my clan, we are newly met comrades facing the Heavens race. Don't decline my offer."

Su Ping was stunned.

Newly met comrades?

That short phrase struck a nerve deep inside his mind.

Su Ping was silent for a moment. He then said, "I appreciate your kindness, senior, but I've found my own Dao Heart and I hope to walk my own path. Senior, you'll probably see the dawn in 100,000 years' time if you carry on."

"Young friend, you are a proud man." The corpse chuckled with admiration in his tone. *This guy was not tempted by our power's legacy, showing resolve and confidence that none of the juniors we knew ever had.*

"Young friend, don't worry; we won't let you repeat our path. We're only giving whatever power is left to you. As a matter of fact, only one tenth remains... Our only hope is that it'll be of some help to you. We'll be more than gratified if you fight and kill some of the Heavens," said the corpse.

Su Ping stopped declining the offer, given the latter's persistence. He could feel the faith conveyed by the expert, hoping he would continue the battle on his behalf.

"Young friend, be ready!"

The corpse wasted no time in handing out the legacy. Hardly had he finished the thought when the Heavenly Fire on the body burned with increased ferocity. The temperature in the void soared; however, there was nothing left to be burnt or destroyed.

An abundant and overwhelming power was slowly emitted by the body, as if a silent universe were quickly recovering. Su Ping felt that the corpse before him was suddenly coming back to life. Its aura was so terrifying that it gave him a shock. *Is this an Ancestral God? Even if he's dead, his remaining thoughts and power still carries this much momentum?*

Although he had already seen Ancestral Gods in cultivation sites, like the Chaos Perception Dragon, his feelings were different each time.

“What happened?”

The Celestials noticed the changes in the body and felt shocked.

“That corpse seems to be coming back to life!” shouted someone fearfully. The body alone was extremely terrifying; it was like a god in their eyes.

The Heavenly Fire remaining on the body started to ebb; the white flames seemed to be absorbed. However, the fire had a persistent nature, so it didn't disappear completely; it was attached to the surface of the body like a layer of white hairs.

The enormous corpse started to move slowly, as if getting back to its feet. The next moment, deep red light appeared in the body's eyes as it gazed at the world through the darkness.

Su Ping was like an ant before an elephant, extremely small.

A magnificent burst of thought and power was suddenly emitted; the corpse showed the might of an Ancestral God. Even though it was already dead and there were only thought remnants, its horrific presence was still obvious at the dusk of its life.

“Young friend, since you've found your Dao Heart, I'll help you condense it. That way you'll approach our level sooner,” said the corpse's thought.

Right after the telepathic message, an abundant power surged and enveloped Su Ping.

The latter felt that he was in the middle of pouring rain. The tremendous power surging into his body shocked him. *Was it only one tenth of the corpse's total power?* He felt he was drowning in a terrifying ocean of energy, which was dozens of times more than his body contained!

Su Ping felt that his body was mutating quickly as the power was transferred.

“Young friend, you have a very special body structure. Is it because of your cultivation technique? It's truly amazing...” whispered the corpse. While giving away his power, he also sensed the structure in Su Ping's body and the star-made Astral Paintings, as well as the power contained in those stars. He realized why Su Ping's aura was so powerful, even though his level was low.