

Pet Store 331

Chapter 331 Instant Victory!

Qin Shaotian curled his lips.

The girl wore a genuinely nervous expression. Otherwise, he would have thought she was deliberately taunting him.

Did you win?

You almost killed me!

You almost killed the judge!

Did you win?!

What kind of win did you want? Were you hoping to see me get down on my knees and beg for mercy?

The judge—who was about to summon his pets to protect his life—became speechless upon hearing her question. He noticed how the ghastly dragon's killing intent had died down. Finally, he exhaled in relief. Then he put on a mocking smile because he, the gentleman, had just wished he could hurl a few curse words at the girl. A girl who was about the same age as his daughter.

Anyways, the girl had managed to take control of the dragon in time. Otherwise, he couldn't even begin to think what that arrow would do!

"Yes, you won."

The judge heaved a sigh in a bitter mood. He felt a chill on his back, which was thoroughly soaked with cold sweat. The bitterness in his mood deepened further.

"Are you serious?"

Su Lingyue sounded in disbelief.

I won after only hiding in the ice for a little bit?

So soon?

Suddenly, she noticed what happened to the judge and his missing arm. She stared at him in a daze for a second. "Sir, your arm..." The judge shook his head and waved his remaining hand. "Not your fault."

Yes, his arm had been torn off but it could grow back with the help of a ninth-rank healer pet. Of course, he would have to spend a lot of money.

"??"

Su Lingyue did not understand. Not my fault?

It sounded like she had something to do with the judge's missing arm...

Wait a minute.

Su Lingyue stood aghast with wide-open eyes.

Did I do this? No. Did the Moonfrost Dragon do this?!

How is that possible!

She knew that the Moonfrost Dragon was powerful but the judge was a titled battle pet warrior!

Besides, she was fighting against Qin Shaotian. Why would the judge be involved?

The Moonfrost Dragon couldn't have missed the target by such a large margin! Anyways, wasn't it against the rules to hurt the judge?

But then again, it had been announced that she was the winner, so it looked like she didn't break any rules. The judge should have been careful, shouldn't he? He should have better judgment since he was a titled battle pet warrior. Look at Qin Shaotian. He didn't even get hurt...

The more Su Lingyue thought about it, the more curious she was. She wondered what the battle had been like. She had stayed behind the protection of the Goddess of Ice for the entire time, oblivious to everything. She had no idea about what had happened. The only thing she knew about the battle was at the time when the Goddess of Ice was under attack. She heard some cracking sound, which made her nervous. She had thought the Moonfrost Dragon was losing.

"Frosty, how much strength did you use?"

Su Lingyue asked the Moonfrost Dragon in her mind. Frosty was her nickname for the dragon. She couldn't call its full name every time. Besides, Moonfrost Dragon wasn't exactly its name, but the name of its race. It was like a person going by the name 'human being'.

The Moonfrost Dragon lowered its head and gave Su Lingyue a vague answer.

"About eighty percent?"

The contract helped their communication. She was surprised that the Moonfrost Dragon had not exerted its full strength yet. Her opponent turned out to be much weaker than she thought.

The images of Qin Shaotian's previous battles leaped into her mind. She realized that it wasn't because Qin Shaotian was weak, but because Frosty was too formidable and much more powerful than she had imagined!

The day before, Su Ping had taken her away so she could see the Moonfrost Dragon demonstrating its full strength. Still, she had merely seen how much destruction the Moonfrost Dragon could inflict. She only had a vague idea that the Moonfrost Dragon might be able to compare to the titled rankers.

But as for the specific level of the Moonfrost Dragon's skills and how powerful Qin Shaotian actually was, she had no idea. After all, her rank was too low to tell the differences. Besides, Qin Shaotian's previous performance had been stunning. He was much more powerful than an average sixth-rank battle pet warrior.

He's right. Frosty can basically defeat anyone as long as my opponent does not have abilities at the upper position of the ninth rank... Su Lingyue though, then turned to look at someone in the audience.

She saw the calmness in that guy's eyes and her mind settled down as well. She had defeated Qin Shaotian and had tided over a difficult patch. She had officially become one of the Top 10 winners!

She was one more step closer to winning the championship!

At the same time, the working staff had finally managed to open the seal.

The seal rippled as it was deactivated.

The judge didn't hear any people cheering. He looked around and saw grave expressions on all the people present; all of them were clueless about what had happened. The judge flew up and announced the result again.

"Su Lingyue won!"

The judge forced himself to deliver the news in a calm voice, but he used his astral powers to amplify his voice so that everyone in the venue could hear him.

A few seconds later, people started to come around. Still, they were in astonishment and overwhelmed by disbelief but someone with faster reactions had begun to shout out in joy.

Gradually, more and more people joined in the cheering. Their loud shouts of excitement could topple the mountains and overturn the

seas.

Everyone was shouting the same name. Su Lingyue!

She had established her name in one fight!

A fight that had astounded everyone!

She had not only defeated Qin Shaotian, but also disabled the judge's arm, who was a titled battle pet warrior!

Even the kids of ages four or five in the audience had an idea of how intimidating titled battle pet warriors were. It was unbelievable that a young girl could have hurt the judge like this!

That was another proof of the girl's power!

The splendid and violent battle had amazed everyone!

A battle like this would be hardly seen in the finals, not to mention when this was just a match to get to the Top 10.

Many people believed that Su Lingyue and Qin Shaotian were the two most powerful participants in this year's Elite League!

The two of them had met in the same group before the finals. Such a stunning battle could only have taken place this early because of it!

Glory and cheers always belonged to the winner!

On the other hand, the other person on stage was not in such a glamorous mood. He had the eye-catching and horrifying Bloody Servant and two dragons as his secondary pets!

So what?

He had failed anyway. Truth be told, the fact that he had so many pets was another proof of how powerful the winner was!

The moment the seal was opened up, the elder from the Qin family dashed up to the stage to reach Qin Shaotian. "How are you feeling? Any injuries?"

Qin Shaotian looked away from the girl and shook his head at the elder.

Qin Shaotian heard the people's cheerful chanting. He looked at them and calmness returned to his eyes. The people's acclaim? He never cared for it. But he would never forget the failure, and the shame this battle had brought to him!

"I lost. I'm still inexperienced," Qin Shaotian commented coldly.

The elder from the Qin family felt his heart was still fluttering with fear as he thought of the dragon. Even he had sensed pressure and danger from that golden arrow, not to mention Qin Shaotian. That was why the elder had dashed to the stage, throwing caution to the wind and admitting defeat on behalf of Qin Shaotian.

Since he had felt nervous by the prospect of facing the arrow, its potential damage was not something Qin Shaotian could have withstood.

"You have another battle. Do you need to take some rest?" the elder asked.

Qin Shaotian shook his head. "No need. I'm aware of what Liu Jianxin can do. I have seen the video of his match from three years ago. Don't worry."

The elder wanted to speak but stopped on second thought. He wanted to tell Qin Shaotian that the next battle would be critical, so it would be for the better to play it safe.

Still, the elder decided not to caution Qin Shaotian. The ability to make sound judgments and decisions was also important. As the person who was going to lead the Qin family in the future, Qin Shaotian would have to deal with this on his own. If he couldn't even make a correct decision now, he would only suffer more in the future.

Making the wrong call would only mean that he would lose a match. But in the future, a wrong decision could lead to grave consequences! "If you say so."

The elder of the Qin family cast one more meaningful look at Qin Shaotian but said nothing else; then, he darted a glance to the girl in fear. He remembered what the family head had told him, so he toned down some of the killing intent in him. Without further ado, the elder left the stage.

Qin Shaotian turned to see the girl. "I hope we can have another chance to exchange experiences in the future."

Su Lingyue was surprised that Qin Shaotian would say those words to her. Besides, she noticed that he said in the future, not in the finals.

She understood what he was implying. Her fondness for Frosty grew deeper.

"I hope so. But I'm still weak. I completely rely on my pets." Su Lingyue smiled. She wasn't wrong. She knew what she was capable of. Without Su Ping's help, she wouldn't even have a chance to enter the stage.

Qin Shaotian replied with a smile. He knew she was right. But for battle pet warriors, the power of their pets was also their power. She was powerful. End of story.

Since he had nothing else to say, Su Lingyue nodded to him and left the stage.

Deafening cheers resounded through the audience areas.

Hearing the cheers, Su Lingyue was choked up with emotions. She looked around. Countless people were shouting her name.

It was the first time in her life for her to receive this much attention.

Before the Elite League began, every piece of news about her on the internet was negative. People would eye her with contempt when she was recognized on the street. But everything had changed. People were eyeing her with excitement and respect.

Power was the ultimate rule!

She became more determined after remembering Su Ping's words.

Su Lingyue stepped down from the stage and everyone fixed their eyes on her.

The powerful battle pet warriors from the major families and the government sitting in the front rows kept their solemn gazes on the girl. They weren't seeing her as a member of the younger generations... but as a person who was almost an equal.

The rank of the girl herself was low but the dragon was intimidating. Those of the major families and the government believed that they wouldn't win easily in a frontal battle against it, unless they resorted to assassination or sneak attacks. They were sure that the dragon would fight them and inflict serious wounds.

It was horrifying to find that she would have such powers at this young age.

Once the dragon and the girl grew further in the future, even amongst all the titled battle pet warriors, she would be one counted amongst those with the most domineering influence!

The man from the Zhou family who had tried to sow discord commented, "I think it's very likely that... the girl can win first place."

This time, he didn't mean to stir up another fight. He was afraid, regretting his family's involvement in the mess the Liu family had created.

The young man overpowered the entire Zhou family by himself.

Then, this girl came out. The girl herself was average but that dragon was anything but common.

If both of them were related to the store, it would be hard to imagine how powerful the person behind the store would be, for the two to have such stunning abilities!

Many who were sitting next to the man from the Zhou family were silently nodding in agreement.

Their families also had participants who also wished to win first place.

But that seemed to be a long shot...

“She is good. If that person doesn’t make an appearance... she would most likely be the next champion.” An elder from the Ye family grinned.

His words seemed to have taken others by surprise. They had forgotten about that matter. Indeed. That person was going to visit the Longjiang Base City. The champion had been predetermined.

“I think we’re going to see another fantastic match.” The elder from the Liu family laughed a grim laugh; even the wrinkles on his face had stretched out. He was in a good mood.

True. The Liu family would not claim the championship

But neither would the girl!

Yes, what she did just then had shocked him. But, however strong she was, there was always someone stronger! The elder from the Zhou family said in a voice dripping with sarcasm, “Hmm, Mr. Shui, I wonder how you can laugh right now. It’ll be Liu Jianxin’s turn soon, right?”

The elder from the Liu family didn’t see this coming. He snorted coldly. “Liu Jianxin is not one of our best but he’s not that easy to defeat!”

Although he claimed that Liu Jianxin was not one of their best, the fact was just the opposite.

The others merely responded with a sneer.

At the staging area.

Many people stood up when Su Lingyue returned; all of them wore different expressions.

Most of the participants seemed to have been swept by awe and fear. The ones from the major families nodded to Su Lingyue as an acknowledgment of her strength. The second group didn’t include the participants from the Liu family. Liu Qingfeng kept his sinister and cold gaze on the girl for a moment and looked away. “It’s your turn now. Qin Shaotian just lost a match but he’s still strong. That Bloody Servant is scary. Be careful,” Liu Qingfeng cautioned Liu Jianxin. Liu Jianxin nodded. The will to fight was surging high within him. “I might not be able to defeat him while he’s in his prime state. But his two dragons are wounded and the Bloody Servant is the only pet that can still fight. I’m more than happy to meet this crippled opponent!”

Liu Qingfeng nodded.

At the Ye family gathering area.

“That girl looks weak but she’s a freak.” Ye Longtian fixed his eyes on Su Lingyue. There was something grave in his eyes. The other Ye family disciples replied with silence. Before this match, they thought that Ye Longtian would win the championship. However, having witnessed that match, to their dismay, they realized that the odds of Ye Longtian winning first place had become slim.

On the stage. The judge had staunched the bleeding on his stump. The wound was giving him a sharp pain but he managed to stay as calm as ever. He approached Qin Shaotian and asked, “You’ve just finished a battle, so you’re entitled to an hour of rest. Do you need it?”

“No. Let me get this over with so that I can go back home and rest there.” Qin Shaotian suddenly bowed to the judge. “Thank you for saving my life.” The judge didn’t expect that such a prestigious young master would bow and thank him in public.

“I was only doing my job,” the judge replied and helped Qin Shaotian up. “Please let him come up.” Qin Shaotian looked at the judge. The judge nodded. He hovered higher in the air and shouted Liu Jianxin’s name. Liu Jianxin raised his eyebrows and sneered. He grabbed his sword and went to the stage. A huge sensation was shared by all the people in the audience who were still shouting Su Lingyue’s name. Another match was beginning just as a major battle had ended. Liu Jianxin was also a participant with huge potential and his previous performance had been excellent.

Qin Shaotian was not a weak opponent but he had just lost a match that injured two of his dragons. This upcoming match would be hard for him!

Back to the Ye family. “Hmm, good for Liu Jianxin.” “Liu Jianxin has been so lucky. Of the three freaks in the group, he’s had the easiest time. The girl and Qin Shaotian’s battle was difficult and Qin Shaotian has revealed his ace card. The chances for Qin Shaotian don’t look so good in this next battle.”

“The Qin family is down on their luck. Without that girl, I believe the ones fighting for the championship would have been Qin Shaotian and our young master.” The disciple of the Ye family was sending looks of contempt and despise to the Liu family. Ye Longtian frowned. “Don’t say that. I don’t think Liu Jianxin’s win is certain. I think Qin Shaotian is still hiding something else. Don’t forget what he can do on his own. The dragon didn’t allow him to approach Su Lingyue. Otherwise, we would have seen the extent of what he could do during the last match.”

The other Ye family disciples never thought of this. They would have been more than happy to see a dog-eat-dog battle. The others were looking at the stage with anticipation. Qin Shaotian’s strength was unquestionable. However, he had just gone through a fierce battle and had used up much energy. The upcoming match would be an interesting one.

On the stage.

“Are you sure you want to challenge me right now?”

Liu Jianxin stood at a corner of the stage which had been turned into a mess. Qin Shaotian wanted to challenge him right then. That level of contempt enraged Liu Jianxin.

Qin Shaotian darted a look at the sword in Liu Jianxin’s hand indifferently. “I can defeat you at any time.” Killing intent glowed in Liu Jianxin’s eyes! How arrogant of him! Liu Jianxin adjusted his mood and taunted Qin Shaotian, “You loser. I wonder who gave you the courage to say those big words. But since

you're so eager to lose another match, I'm going to grant you that wish." The latter squinted. Noticing the intensity between the two, the judge immediately announced the beginning of the match.

Having gained experience from the previous match, the judge had become smarter. He summoned his battle pet from the get-go, a rare one at the ninth rank. He sat on the pet and flew to the ceiling. This way he could oversee the fight, and at the same time the pet would not affect the contenders in any way. Besides, on the off chance something horrifying came out again, the battle pet would be able to protect him. He wouldn't have to face the dangers by himself. "I've heard that you're skilled with your sword. 'd like to see that."

Liu Jianxin looked at the sword in Qin Shaotian's hand coldly, then, two black swirls abruptly appeared next to him. Two battle pets hopped out and both were at the ninth-rank. One was a Blood Crown Phoenix of the fire family while the other was a pet of the demon family. One major pet and the other a secondary pet. "I would normally have some interest in comparing notes but I don't have time now," Qin Shaotian answered in a chilly voice. He opened up a swirl and the Bloody Servant returned.

The Bloody Servant had sustained many wounds, but as it jumped out, people could see that the wounds had already healed. The Bloody Servant could become as strong as a dragon in recovering and surviving! Charge!

Qin Shaotian propped his sword on the ground and gave out instructions. He wasn't going to fight personally this time. The Bloody Servant licked its lips with its crimson tongue and stared at Liu Jianxin, then lowered its body and dashed.

Whoosh!

A gust of wind sprang up. No one could see the Bloody Servant! "So fast!" Liu Jianxin was taken aback. He had lost sight of the Bloody Servant, except for a trace of a blur! But he came prepared. He summoned his pets earlier because he had devised a defense mechanism. Flames were burning around him as protection. That was a ninth-rank defensive skill and was highly lethal. "Sensor Coverage!" "Soul Targeting!" Liu Jianxin increased the power of his perception, while in parallel commanding his pet of the demon family to deploy tracking skills. Since his plain sight was unable to find it, he would capture his prey with the rest of his senses.

Thanks to his demon pet, Liu Jianxin managed to locate the Bloody Servant. Above his head!

The phoenix cried! The Blood Crown Phoenix let out a cry, loud and clear. At the same time, a Blazing Ray came out from its mouth. The Blazing Ray was sharp enough to cut through steel. However, the Bloody Servant above Liu Jianxin's head disappeared. It was just an illusion!

Liu Jianxin was surprised. At the same time, he detected some turbulence in the air to his left!

"Charge!" Liu Jianxin commanded.

The two battle pets immediately released energy to his left side. A figure was forced out of that space. It was the Bloody Servant; dark energy fluctuated over its body. Not even flinching while facing two battle pets, it went straight to where they were instead. Blazing Ray, Flame Cut, Ball of Oblivion... All of them were advanced skills, and some were at the ninth rank! The Bloody Servant didn't slow down at all while

the blasts of energy continued. The most surprising thing was that there was barely any sign of injury on its body!

Liu Jianxin's expression changed.

Why is this happening? The Bloody Servant was not like this in the last game. How could the Bloody Servant go through so many ninth-rank skills without getting hurt?! In the distance, a glint of contempt appeared in Qin Shaotian's eyes. The ninth-rank skills of Liu Jianxin's pets were much weaker than what the dragon was capable of! The difference stemmed from the richness of energy. The skills displayed by Liu Jianxin's pets were as soft as cotton and the dragon's skills were as firm as a stick. There was a world of difference!

When the energy levels were different, skills could exert different kinds of impact, even when all the skills were at the ninth rank. Besides, those skills used by Liu Jianxin were only at the intermediate or lower position of the ninth rank. None were at the upper position.

Liu Jianxin's pets had yet to reach the ninth rank. To use ninth-rank skills was in fact just for show. His two pets were still unable to tap into the strength needed for the ninth-rank skills. That dragon had profound energy. Therefore, the effect of the dragon's skills was almost on par with that of an actual ninth-rank beast!

"Secret Skill, Ghost Charge!" Qin Shaotian mumbled. That was a secret skill that could enable him to sneak up on his enemy! That skill would allow him to reach his enemy within an instant. But the sheer speed would have to use up quite a bit of energy. Therefore, the strength of his attack would be weakened. This skill would not be useful while fighting the Moonfrost Dragon because a weakened attack would not help him, even when he could reach the dragon instantly. At best, he would leave a mark on the dragon's skin. Therefore, he didn't use this in the previous battle. Still, this would be a perfect time to use the skill on Liu Jianxin.

Whoosh!

The already running Bloody Servant sped up again and disappeared from Liu Jianxin's monitoring!

What!

Liu Jianxin was frightened. The next second, behind him, a ferocious figure appeared out of thin air. Liu Jianxin felt a chill running down his spine. His heart was trembling and he gave instructions to his pets at once.

Roar!!

The two pets pounced at the Bloody Servant. He had no time to figure out how the Bloody Servant reached him. Either way, he had to kill it!

Liu Jianxin's demon family pet was also good at close-range combat. The pet bellowed and charged at the Bloody Servant.

Pff!

The Bloody Servant waved its sharp blades wildly. Blood poured down. Liu Jianxin's pet collapsed and died instantly! Liu Jianxin stared with open eyes.

That was impossible! There was a buzzing noise in his head!

It couldn't have just happened! The Bloody Servant pressed forward. The Blood Crown Phoenix had just breathed out a fire burst without being able to unleash the skill when it was thrown to the side with several wounds on its body. The seven to eight-meter tall evil figure was finally standing in front of Liu Jianxin, overlooking the latter. A sharp blade had pierced through the skin between his eyebrows for one-third of a centimeter, just reaching his skull!

If the Bloody Servant pushed its blade a little bit harder, Liu Jianxin's skull would have cracked!

That was an accurate mastery of strength!

Checkmate! Liu Jianxin was stunned still. Qin Shaotian didn't give him the least bit of chance to fight back.

Liu Jianxin had always been confident about his combat abilities. However, compared to the Bloody Servant that was in its element while at close-range combat, he was as weak as a baby! There were still some people among the audience who had not stopped their cheering from the very beginning. Right after this happened, everyone turned as silent as a mouse. Less than a minute had passed since the two finished their conversation; the battle ended, just like that! Shouldn't there be a long and intense struggle between the two since they were supposed to be well-matched in strength? How could it end so quickly?! Besides, why would Qin Shaotian's Bloody Servant grow so powerful, as if it were on drugs? Ah, comparisons were odious. The audience didn't find anything particularly threatening about the Bloody Servant when it was fighting against the Moonfrost Dragon. They thought that the stories of the Bloody Servant were too exaggerated. However, this time, the Bloody Servant managed to stay unharmed even while many advanced skills were targeting it. The Bloody Servant had managed to reach its enemy in an instant and demonstrated its excellent skills in a fight at close-quarters. Only till then did people realize that the Bloody Servant was a monster!

The Bloody Servant overwhelmed the opposing side easily!

Those ninth-rank skills with glamorous effects were as ineffective as an illusion to the Bloody Servant. This monster lost to the dragon?! The dragon had even landed a crushing blow on the Bloody Servant! No one could understand this sharp contrast. Was the dragon too threatening or were Liu Jianxin's pets too weak? "You lost." Liu Jianxin heard Qin Shaotian's voice. Qin Shaotian delivered the verdict, as he looked down on Liu Jianxin.

Chapter 332 "Strange" Battle Pet

You lost...

Qin Shaotian used a low voice to say the words but it was more than enough to stun Liu Jianxin into stillness.

He had lost...

He had lost so easily and so quickly!

His battle pets hadn't even gotten a chance to demonstrate their full strength... He had been unable to find the right time to use the secret skill he had spent years in learning. He had yet to show people his understanding of strategy and how he would deploy his pets... He had done nothing!

He had been defeated.

He didn't get a chance to fight back.

In the face of absolute power, nothing would work and nothing would be of value!

Whoosh!

The piercing pain on his forehead vanished. The Bloody Servant fixed its crimson eyes on Liu Jianxin. The look was still full of violence and cruelty, and Liu Jianxin saw a trace of contempt mixed in!

The Bloody Servant was eyeing him as if he were a piece of garbage that wasn't even "edible."

Liu Jianxin's heart trembled. Shame. Such a burning shame! What made him more miserable was that while he was seething with anger, he never had a chance to show it!

He was still terrorized by the Bloody Servant. He was afraid to shout, to roar. He had dared to throw some trash talk at Qin Shaotian but he lacked the courage to provoke the pet.

He was still within the pet's attack range.

It was a freak that could lose control at any minute and once that happened, he would most certainly lose his life!

The judge was there but he had been seriously hurt by the dragon. Liu Jianxin supposed that a new judge would take over soon. At the moment, the current judge was no longer able to save him should anything happen.

At the thought of the dragon, Liu Jianxin curled his lips.

While he had been seated, watching as an onlooker, he had a completely different impression compared to when he was up there in person.

Qin Shaotian's Bloody Servant was a precise and flawless freak! But it had been unable to demonstrate any amazing abilities in front of that dragon.

Such a huge gap.

Liu Jianxin felt sorry. He had so many skills to unleash, including the secret skill that he had made painstaking efforts to learn. That secret skill would have been able to amaze many people. Still, he had lost without even having a chance to display his abilities.

Of course, even if he had been able to use the skills, they wouldn't have been able to do any harm to the Bloody Servant. It might have even felt that all the seemingly powerful strikes were just enough to scratch an itch.

The audience regarded him as an "average" person!

The very thought made Liu Jianxin grip the handle of his sword tighter. He would pay anything to wash away the shame!

Liu Jianxin lost!

He had been defeated in an instant!

The result was final. The judge had made the call and Liu Jianxin admitted his defeat.

There was a second of silence the moment the judge announced the result, followed by cheering loud enough to wake the dead!

Everyone had been seized with excitement. The battle hadn't been as fierce as they had thought. Still, everyone found it thrilling. The matches in Group D could be regarded as the most splendid in the entire Elite League!

First, Qin Shaotian had been defeated, even when he had two dragons as his secondary pets.

Then, Qin Shaotian utterly and quickly crushed Liu Jianxin, another promising participant, with overwhelming superiority! How incredible was that!

Liu Jianxin had lost to Qin Shaotian. What would have happened if Liu Jianxin had gotten the chance to fight against the dragon?

Liu Jianxin would have been deprived of any chance to fight!

The audience felt an upsurge of strong emotions. They couldn't wait to see the battle among the Top 10 and the final championship contest. They wished that they could skip over the rest of the groups to go straight to the Top 10 matches!

People were still cheering and applauding. Qin Shaotian called back his Bloody Servant. He had looked away from Liu Jianxin. There was a glint of tiredness in his eyes. He darted a glance at a certain place in the staging area and left the stage. He didn't go back to the staging area. He left the venue directly.

He was no longer interested in watching the following matches.

Before that day, he would have had some patience to stay and watch. At the moment, he was the only one that knew how seriously his battle with Su Lingyue had crushed his confidence.

He just wanted to grow stronger!

And stronger!

Behind an able man, there would always be another man with more ability. Then, let him be the latter!!

At the staging area.

Su Lingyue had just sat down when Qin Shaotian defeated Liu Jianxin and the battle ended. It happened so fast that she couldn't understand.

Didn't Qin Shaotian... lose to her?

Why was he still so strong?

She couldn't help but wonder.

Luo Fengtian and the others were strangely eyeing Su Lingyue. She had defeated Qin Shaotian and injured the judge. The girl's dragon was a monster.

The mere fact of being seated next to her seemed stressful. As Su Lingyue sat down next to her, Yu Weihai felt how her heart began to pound fast. The image of her battle with Su Lingyue unfolded in front of her eyes again.

Yu Weihai looked at the girl from the corner of her eye. At this moment, Yu Weihai realized that her defeat was not embarrassing at all.

It could be said that... she had been lucky.

Even Qin Shaotian had lost to Su Lingyue.

If all of Su Lingyue's defeated opponents could be categorized in the same group, then Yu Weihai would be placed in the same category as Qin Shaotian. In a way, that was a flattering thought for Yu Weihai.

Su Yanying noticed how Su Lingyue hadn't been affected by emotions, while seemingly oblivious to the sensation she had caused. Su Yanying couldn't help but put on a forced smile. Su Lingyue's style was similar to hers.

They both would just stand there and let their pets do the rest.

She shouldn't be so surprised. Su Ping had managed to train her Lightning Rat to such a stunning level, not to mention the fact that Su Lingyue was his sister. He would naturally save good things for her. It was just that, the "good thing" had been awfully good.

Of the entire base city, over a million were competing in the Elite League. Still, none of them would be able to snatch first place from Su Lingyue.

Because she had a dragon with massive potential and intimidating power!

Su Yanying felt she was even a bit jealous of Su Lingyue.

At the place where the Liu family members were gathered.

The fast ending battle had struck the Liu family disciples dumb. They felt they couldn't understand the turn of events.

Liu Jianxin had been defeated... That was to say, Liu Jianxin had lost his chance to make it to the Top 10?

How?

Given his strength, he should have been able to make it to the Top 5!

How could they accept the fact that he had missed his chance to reach the Top 10?!

Liu Qingfeng wore a clouded expression. He was fully aware of what Liu Jianxin was capable of. It came as a complete surprise to him, for Liu Jianxin to have been defeated by Qin Shaotian who had just lost a match!

What an unbelievable situation!

Besides, Primo had proclaimed they would guarantee that Liu Jianxin would make it to the Top 5, and they had promoted this profusely!

However... it turned out that Liu Jianxin had not even made it to the Top 10 winners.

“Damn it...” Liu Qingfeng turned around and glared at the girl in the distance. He clenched his hands so tightly that he had torn a piece off the chair. If it hadn’t been for the girl, Liu Jianxin and Qin Shaotian would have been the only two noticeable participants in Group D. In that case, even if Liu Jianxin would have lost to Qin Shuhai, he would have had another go at earning a place in the Top 10!

Liu Qingfeng was unable to vent his anger on Qin Shaotian.

The Liu family and Qin family had always been on bad terms. No two families in the five major families were close. At best, they would act politely amongst each other on the surface, or purely depending on interests. Therefore, Liu Qingfeng had transferred all of his anger to the girl that came out from nowhere.

Things would have been different if it weren’t for her.

“How come the family hasn’t found out who is behind the store? The people in the government are as mute as fish, they have not said a single word. Is there a legendary battle pet warrior supporting the store?”

Liu Qingfeng was furious.

Legendary battle pet warrior?

He was merely considering that possibility but he wouldn’t take it seriously. Of the entire Subcontinent District, there were merely two legendary battle pet warriors. There had been more of them in the past but they dropped off the grid. No one knew where those legendary battle pet warriors had gone to. To the public, there were only two legendary battle pet warriors left alive.

Liu Qingfeng would never believe that a legendary battle pet warrior was secretly controlling the store.

If there were such a person, he could just say the word and the Liu family would simply back off from the competition!

At the same time, those of the Ye, the Mu, and the Zhou families.

Everyone had solemn looks while still astonished. The girl had beaten Qin Shaotian but the latter had still demonstrated abilities that should not be underestimated. He had crushed Liu Jianxin. Qin Shaotian was the most dangerous participant, second only to the girl!

It could be said that the previous battle between Qin Shaotian and the girl had been the championship’s final match!

“Those two...”

Ye Longtian clenched his fists. The will to fight was still raging in him.

He was not concerned about winning or losing anymore. He just wanted to find out how huge the gap was between him and those two. He knew that he couldn't have won against the dragon, but he believed he had a chance against Qin Shaotian's Bloody Servant.

He was not a loser like Liu Jianxin!

"Qin Shaotian is horrifying..." Mu Chen and Mu Yuanshou both appeared concerned.

The powerful warriors of the major families and the government who were seated in the front row looked calm, but they were all hiding their thoughts. Not even their eyes could reveal their feelings.

"It seems that some store is not going to deliver on its promise about the Top 5 spots." The elder from the Zhou family heaved a sigh, feeling "sorry."

The elder from Liu family pulled a long face. He snorted. "No one can guarantee anything in a match. Jianxin just didn't have a chance to show what he can do because Qin Shaotian is unusually powerful. "The Qin family sure has able men who come in droves. A young man like Qin Shaotian will lead the Qin family to greater heights, to make the Qin family more powerful than the rest of us!"

With that said, he turned to the elder of the Qin family.

Those from the other families were all thinking about different things upon hearing those words.

The elder from the Qin family replied calmly, "As the future family head, how can Qin Shaotian convince other members in the family if he's not powerful enough? Shaotian is just young and aggressive. I believe that the other warrior of the Liu family has also been hiding his abilities, right?"

"Qingfeng can never compare to Qin Shaotian. You're flattering him."

"Hmm, interesting..."

After Qin Shaotian and Liu Jianxin finished their battle, the matches in Group D came to an end.

The participants of Group E began their battles.

That day, five groups would have matches. Group E was the last one.

Popular participants like Liu Qingfeng and Xu Kuang were in that group.

They began to draw their names.

The participants went up to the stage for their respective battles. All of them summoned their battle pets; everyone performed stunningly.

But, people were not cheering as passionately as before. Although the battles in Group E were just as good as the previous batch, maybe it had something to do with the fact that the audience had already seen Qin Shaotian and Su Lingyue's battle.

After each battle, there were only a few rounds of applause here and there. Finally, people's enthusiasm began to pick up when it came to Group E's last match.

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Eventually, Liu Qingfeng won and moved up to the Top 10. Xu Kuang lost to him but he still had a chance to try to reach the Top 10 later.

That was a dangerous battle and intrigued those in the audience who had lost their interest.

Liu Qingfeng had displayed a much more powerful strength than when he was fighting in the trials. To defeat Xu Kuang, Liu Qingfeng used four battle pets and all were rare ones with ninth-rank bloodlines. The main pet was one of the demon family, which was proficient with spiritual attacks. One of the secondary pets was a dragon that was among the Top 15 most powerful dragons!

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Such a pet was just his secondary pet. One could imagine how horrifying his demon pet was.

Xu Kuang had also been able to stun everyone with his brilliant performance.

He had three pets and two were weak, merely at the seventh rank.

Of course, for other participants, a seventh-rank pet would have been nice. But such pets would only get them to the Top 100. To make it to the Top 10, a pet of that rank was not enough!

Xu Kuang's main pet, the only pet he used, was one with a ninth-rank bloodline. The pet's current rank could not be determined. Some experts decided that the pet was at the seventh-rank based on its size and physical features.

And yet, this pet could exhibit powers close to the ninth-rank!

The pet was using many skills that shouldn't be found in pets of this family. It was so confusing that people couldn't clearly assess the pet's prowess.

The pet was similar to a turtle, which was obvious at first, but was also able to abandon its shell. The nails on its claws would grow and it would dash out and fight opponents at close quarters.

It gave off a strange feeling.

The same strange feeling that people sensed from another pet, the most intimidating pet they had seen thus far, the Moonfrost Dragon!

Chapter 333 Paying a Visit

Since all the battles in Group E had been fought, the day's agenda had reached the end. Afterward, celebrities that the owner of the venue had invited came to put on a show. There was a remarkable singer's live performance. The entertainment element brought an end to the first half of the fight for the Top 10 spots.

As the celebrities went onto the stage, the audience was again seized by passion. But some titled battle pet warriors of the major families and the participants began to gradually take their leave.

The performance was just for the sake of the public. In this world, battle pet warriors were more prominent than anyone else. Therefore, they didn't have to chase after the stars. They became the

brightest stars when they were powerful enough. Su Lingyue said goodbye to Ye Hao, Luo Fengtian, and Su Yanying, then hurried to the place where the family members were seated.

Along the way, the audience cried out in excitement as they saw her. They looked at her as if she were their idol and nothing could calm down their excitement.

“You did well.”

Su Ping stood up and smiled as people were still shouting in joy. Su Lingyue blushed. “Don’t make fun of me. I didn’t do anything.”

“That is exactly where you did well.”

Su Lingyue: 8(°4°111)___

“Let’s go.”

Since more and more people were looking their way, Su Ping and Su Lingyue made a quick getaway to get back home.

The atmosphere became less exciting as more and more people left the venue. In the meantime, though, the intranet of Longjiang Base City was boiling with exhilaration!

The battles had been live-streamed on the internet. Tens of millions of the Longjiang Base City had been able to watch the competition as it happened.

Of all the stunning matches, Qin Shaotian and Su Lingyue’s stood out as the most shocking. None other came even close!

Many people had watched that match with the utmost concentration. The viewers had been astounded by the Bloody Servant as well as the two dragons Qin Shaotian had. Anyone would have thanked heaven if they could own a dragon, let alone two.

Of course, the most shocking part was when the judge had been hurt.

Those who were watching the live stream were unable to utter a sound. Shock had overwhelmed them once they saw how the title-ranked judge had lost an arm when he tried to intervene.

To the general public, the titled battle pet warriors were the most powerful people in the world and they enjoyed high status. As long as they didn’t encounter beast kings, nothing could harm those exalted pet warriors!

However, while at a place such as the Elite League where the sixth rank was the highest attainment, a titled battle pet warrior’s life had been threatened! How crazy was that!

It was said that the talented could defeat those at a higher rank. But it shouldn’t have been anything like this!

The battle pet warriors of the famous academies in the base city, whichever year they were at, had been dumbstruck by that match, which had shown them something which was not in the test book.

People’s abilities shouldn’t be judged only by checking their rank!

That was a fact known by all the students from famous academies. But, they had never understood as clearly as they did in this moment!

Once the live streaming was over, many video websites posted the edited version of the battle as the highlight of the day on their main pages!

Kings Battling!

A Fight Between the Mightiest!

A Dragon Almost Finished the Judge, a Titled Battle Pet Warrior!!

Dragon with Comprehensive Abilities Helped Sixth-rank Battle Pet Warrior Fight Against One at the Titled Level!!

Bloody Servant Crushed by the Golden Dragon!

Champion at the Longjiang Base City Determined!!

Those exaggerated titles were blinking on the front pages. All the focus was on the words “titled rank” and “dragon.” The other participant of the match, Qin Shaotian, seemed to have been forgotten by everyone.

Qin Shaotian had enjoyed a high reputation before that day. But this time, he had become the supporting role.

No one was certain about how strong Qin Shaotian was, but everyone knew that the judge was at the titled rank.

That was the most stunning part, the sole fact that had made the greatest impact! Soon after the game, Su Lingyue’s support rate jumped to the top of the list from the thirteenth place!

People began to see her as the most likely champion, even more so than Mu Yuanshou.

On that day, the name “Su Lingyue” was heard all across the Longjiang Base City. Every barber knew about it!

While the sensation on the internet kept on going, many people had become Su Lingyue’s fans. At the same time, someone restated that Su Lingyue was the person whom the store had proclaimed as the next champion.

Many people knew about this but they had never taken it seriously because they had seen it as a publicity stunt. But then, they saw that it was more than a social buzz.

For the girl to win first place was something with a high likelihood!

Not even the judge had been able to stop her. He ended with a severe injury. If she couldn’t win first place, who could?

As this information was reposted, some people jumped out on the internet to say that they had become Su Lingyue’s hardcore fans. They even went as far as to share posts on the forums, saying that if Su

Lingyue couldn't win first place, they would stick their hands into an electric fan operating at the fastest speed!

For a moment, all the electric fans were scared by the sheer thought.

Some people shifted their focus to the Primo stores.

As the news of the guaranteed championship spots were revisited, naturally, stories of the previous competition between the two stores were reposted. Some people had made videos to educate people about that matter so that people who didn't bother to check knew about them.

Based on the current status, Su Lingyue was very likely to become the final winner, which was a much-anticipated outcome. On the other hand, Liu Jianxin, another popular participant, had instantly lost to Qin Shaotian, even though Primo had claimed that Liu Jianxin would surely snatch a Top 5 spot. Having lost that match, Liu Jianxin's time in the Elite League had come to an end. He could not even get a place in the Top 10!

But the Elite League had to go on. The current result had been a heavy slap on the face for Primo. Their slogans had been enticing but their decisions had also been risky. Seeing them just then... They were unable to keep their promises, which destroyed their reputation. Since Liu Jianxin couldn't even make it to the Top 10, Primo had become a laughingstock.

Riding on the tide, some people who claimed to have been Primo's past customers even pointed out how the Primo would bully customers based on their business size. For example, Primo would sell expired pet food and wouldn't compensate when pets suffered from food poisoning. There were also cases of pets getting incurable illnesses when left there for training

Before the Elite League, Primo was the only noticeable pet store on the market. Many of their past deeds had been hidden from the public, but all the truth began to resurface that day.

Hitting a man when he's down. That was what Primo was going through right then.

Inevitably, every store was bound to have disputes with some customers.

Not to mention a franchise like Primo.

Some branch stores were operating under Primo's name, but had worrisome services and staff members. That was the main cause for Primo's negative reviews.

Primo's background was complicated. The Liu family was behind the business, which guaranteed the supply of money and business channels. But with it, came some disadvantages. Some patriarch-based management was applied in the Primo stores. Some family members who lacked the ability had managed to climb high on the company ladder by leveraging their relationships in the family, something which had proverbially set a time bomb for Primo.

A bomb that was bound to go off.

It had not been the first time for Primo to be accused, but people who had received normal services would drown those voices, thinking that they were people hired to slander Primo.

This time, because of what had happened to Su Lingyue and Liu Jianxin, and because of Su Lingyue's high popularity, the once loyal customers were keeping their mouths shut. A few of them would still jump out and argue for Primo's sake, but their voices were quickly submerged by criticism.

No one could deny the fact that Liu Jianxin had lost!

The promise made by Primo had become a joke!

That night, countless people lost their sleep.

At the Liu family estate.

The territories of the Qin family, the Mu family, as well as the Ye family.

On Taohuaxi Street.

Su Ping had taken Su Lingyue home. That night, their mom threw them a party to celebrate her win. The dinner was fancy. Their mom was excited. Never did she imagine that Su Lingyue would be able to attain such an achievement.

When she returned home, some old neighbors went to congratulate her in person, which filled her with pride and excitement.

At dinner, Li Qingru asked Su Lingyue about the dragon. She heard from Su Lingyue that it had been a gift from Su Ping.

That was the same answer Li Qingru had heard before. Li Qingru had to turn to Su Ping to find out where he had gotten the dragon, how the dragon had been trained to become so powerful, and so on and so forth.

She attacked him with a torrent of questions. Su Ping didn't know where to begin; he couldn't tell her about the store. He said that he had access to a mysterious auction using his connections in the academy and got the dragon there. He claimed that he didn't know the dragon was that smart; it had progressed by leaps and bounds with some casual training.

Li Qingru was dubious of this answer.

Su Lingyue was also curious about the way the dragon had been trained. She could easily tell that Su Ping was making it all up; there were too many loopholes in his story.

Of course, she wouldn't point that out. She just thought that he was worse at making up stories than her.

Finally, dinner ended, and Su Ping escaped from home. He noticed there was a crowd of reporters waiting at the store. Su Lingyue followed him, planning to continue training at the store.

Some reporters noticed Su Lingyue and Su Ping. They cried out in excitement, and then all of them turned to the two like animals picking up the smell of blood.

Su Ping frowned. He mobilized astral powers and set up an invisible shield five meters around him.

The reporters ran to them. Some ran so fast that they bumped into the shield, but it was soft so no one got hurt; they were only bounced back.

After that, the reporters were reminded that Su Lingyue was a battle pet warrior and she could beat them all up. Out of instinct, the reporters thought Su Lingyue was the one who had built the shield which was similar to an astral shield.

As for Su Ping, the reporters didn't recognize him. After all, they had shown up for Su Lingyue alone.

"Miss Su, I'm from Blue Phoenix Radio. Can I ask you some questions? Your dragon..." "Miss Su, I'm from Nanxiang Media, I..."

Everyone was shouting their questions, elbowing their way through and pushing others aside.

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. Su Lingyue was still in a daze. "They're all here for you. Deal with them yourself. You know what you can say and what you cannot say. If someone wants to interview you somewhere else, simply turn them down," Su Ping told Su Lingyue.

Having said that, Su Ping left the energy shield to Su Lingyue, then he pushed his way through and walked into his store.

Su Lingyue was surprised that Su Ping would leave her behind. Soon, she thought of a reason: that guy must be getting back at her for not helping him fool their mom at dinner!

Such a petty guy!

Su Ping closed the door. It seemed that Su Lingyue would not enter the place for the time being. He shook his head at the noise outside. Becoming famous was not all that good. At least, there would be some noise.

Of course, with fame, the store would have more business. He had to put up with the noise. After all, they didn't go there to see him.

"How was the store today?" Su Ping went into the pet room and asked Joanna who was cultivating in the nursing pen.

Joanna opened her eyes and darted him a glance. "Fully occupied." Really? Su Ping did not expect that.

He went to get his notebook and saw the numerous names. He checked the storing space as well and it was full to the brim.

Su Ping nodded and praised Joanna for a job well done. Then, he put the pets into different categories according to the prices of their training.

He had the dummy trainer take care of the pets for general training.

He picked out the pets left for professional training. There were only five of them and he could take them to the Demigod Burial in two trips.

Usually, a sixth-rank battle pet warrior could sign contracts with six battle pets at one time.

Su Ping already had the Little Skeleton, the Dark Dragon Hound, and the other three. But he could still sign contracts with three more pets, because the upper limit for him was eight pets. That stemmed from the fact that his spirit was particularly strong.

After all, he had died many deaths in the Chaotic Realm of the Undead. He had benefited greatly.

“Let’s go!”

Su Ping pulled up the list of the cultivation sites and directly chose the Demigod Burial.

He could afford the transportation fee with his current income. With Joanna as the inside helper, he didn’t have to spend extra energy points to buy revival times.

Joanna nodded and got out of the nursing pen.

She could go back to the Demigod Burial for each training. She was still happy even if she were running errands for Su Ping because she could also take care of something of her own in the process.

Soon, a night passed.

Su Ping had spent four to five days in the Demigod Burial. He took a nap before he went back for the last time. Once he got back to the store, before dawn, he climbed into a nursing pen to cultivate. His ability would develop every time he visited the Demigod Burial.

He cultivated in the nursing pen and forgot the passage of time. By the time he opened his eyes again, he saw that it was already ten in the morning.

He couldn’t continue cultivating. He left the nursing pen and used his spiritual energy to check the surroundings.

He could perceive the store and the exterior with no obstacles hindering him, but no one could check the inside of the store from the outside.

Soon, Su Ping found many people outside. It would be another busy day.

He got dressed and cleaned himself up.

He called Tang Ruyan out from the scroll to get ready for the customers.

Su Ping opened the door and saw a long line outside. The customers were chatting away and Su Ping heard words like “match” and “dragon”. As he pulled the door open, everyone stopped talking and looked at Su Ping with delight.

“Sorry for the wait.”

Su Ping stepped aside so that customers could enter the store and went back inside. The customers went in to follow Su Ping.

Despite the great number of customers, they did keep the order. No one tried to rush to the front.

Everyone knew what the store could provide. They had heard that Su Lingyue’s dragon came from the store and that there was a titled battle pet warrior there.

No one could produce any proof but none of them questioned the authenticity of the information.

It would be strange for the store not to have a titled battle pet warrior in control, especially when the store could raise such a powerful dragon.

“Well?”

Su Ping was about to talk to the first customer when he noticed something at the back of the line.

He picked up someone familiar. It was the one who had lost to Su Lingyue the day before.

Qin Shaotian, from the Qin family.

Chapter 334 Tang Ruyan Was Recognized!

Qin Shaotian had mingled with the crowd. The hoodie covered up his hair and most of his forehead. It was a hot day, and yet he was wearing a scarf that covered up his mouth. With the addition of sunglasses, his straight nose was the only thing revealed from his face. It seemed that his “disguise” was thorough.

But Su Ping had managed to recognize Qin Shaotian by his energy. Su Ping was certain that it was him.

What...?

Su Ping’s mouth twitched as he looked at the way Qin Shaotian had dressed up.

He had the idea that the young master of the Qin Family was a cool, distant guy. But at the moment, Su Ping was picking up a silly feeling coming out of this scion.

Su Ping did not try to expose Qin Shaotian’s tricks. Su Ping took his eyes off of him and attended the nearest customers. “Sir, is Su Lingyue’s dragon being trained in your store for real?”

The first person in line was a repeated customer but not a student from the academy. His first time there had been because of Mu Shuangwan’s advertisement.

That man went there for the sake of his “imaginary wife” Mu Shuangwan. However, after his first try of the service in Su Ping’s store, he could not stop coming back again and again and he had become one of Su Ping’s hardcore fans.

It was true that there was some unhappiness when Mu Shuangwan canceled the contract with Su Ping’s store. Most of Mu Shuangwan’s fans left the store before they had even gotten to experience the services.

Before they left, those fans had spread some rumors about the store. They thought that the innocent Mu Shuangwan had only canceled the contract because Su Ping’s store was a dirty one.

Still, this man didn’t abandon the store along with the other fans. He tried to defend Su Ping’s store on the internet and even defended Su Ping in Mu Shuangwan’s fans chat group.

The result was just like what he had expected.

He had been banned from the group chat.

Therefore, he was a fan of Mu Shuangwan that no fan group would accept. His mind was still filled with thoughts of Mu Shuangwan while he was physically in Su Ping's store. He had become a loyal customer of the store.

He didn't become a customer at the very beginning. But better late than never!

"Yes."

Su Ping nodded to the question.

The man was excited. He said in haste, "Sir, what kind of training did that dragon take? Something better than professional training? How much? Money is not an issue. Can I buy that service?"

Wait, what??

Su Ping sized the man up and down a bit.

The man seemed to be in his forties, chubby, sporting a golden necklace and a golden tooth inserted. His look was quite tacky, and he seemed... to be a fourth-rank battle pet warrior.

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. Given his age and current rank, there was no potential to squeeze out of this loser battle pet warrior. He was one of the "amateur" battle pet warriors.

That being said, the words "money is not an issue" had added quite the glamour to the man. Su Ping immediately changed his view of the man for the better.

"If you want to buy it, sure, you can. It also falls into professional training."

Su Ping noticed the doubt in the man's eyes and continued his explanation, "But to reach that level and quality, you will have to pay much more, even going over the ten million mark."

"I see!"

The middle-aged man smiled brightly, "Money, that is not a problem for me. I will just open up a few more coal mines. That should do it."

Coal mining?

Su Ping sniffed and picked up a smell of coal from this man. So, this is a coal mogul, huh?

In this world, coal mining was a dangerous thing. There could be collapses in the mines. Besides, the coal mines were usually located outside the base cities and would be frequented by beasts. "Sure. Summon your pet and pay the bill first," Su Ping said.

The middle-aged man nodded and summoned his pet at once. The battle pet had a ninth-rank bloodline but was of the plant family, a special one that would grow slowly. Currently, this battle pet had merely grown up to the fifth-rank.

Most battle pet warriors would prefer to have fast growing pets. At the same time, another group favored such battle pet warriors, people like this coal tycoon. They weren't as talented, and their own development was also slow.

If those people were to sign contracts with dragons which would reach adulthood, i.e. the seventh-rank, in seven or eight years, while they remained at the fourth or fifth-rank, they would eventually have to change to other pets. Otherwise, the dragons could exhaust the spiritual power of their masters or lose control.

Su Ping didn't remember the coal boss well, but the pet left some impression on him. Su Ping took a glance at the pet and then asked for money from the coal boss.

One round of professional training was one million coins, which could be converted into ten thousand energy points.

"Liu Shufen?" Su Ping read the coal boss's name, which sounded like a girl's name. Surprised, Su Ping darted an inquisitive look at the man.

Sensing his look, the coal boss blushed. He cleared his throat. "My parents thought they were going to have a girl, and they decided the name in advance. And then, I came. They didn't bother to change the name, so they just used it on me."

Su Ping curled his lips. Didn't bother to change the name... How lazy would they have to be?

But Su Ping didn't comment on the name. It was the man's right to have any name he wanted. There was no distinction between poor or noble when it came to names, only people themselves.

"Okay. Thank you for coming." Su Ping nodded to the man and told Tang Ruyan to take the pet to Joanna. "Thank you, sir. I'll come back tomorrow." Liu Shufen smiled, revealing two glistening golden front teeth.

Su Ping smiled and asked Tang Ruyan to see the man out.

Su Ping continued to receive other customers.

There were students from the Phoenix Peak Academy and some new faces that had shown up, attracted by the store's fame.

Su Ping had become familiar with the process. He took care of each customer's needs confidently and without haste.

In the queue.

Qin Shaotian was still in line while being quiet. However, there was astonishment in the eyes hidden behind his sunglasses.

He was looking at the store assistant receiving orders for the boss... She? How?

Qin Shaotian had thought that the store's dragon was shocking enough. Little did he know that he would go to the store and witness something which was even more stunning.

The future family head of the Tang family was there!

She was working there.

As a store assistant!

She was running to and fro, tending to the customers.

Qin Shaotian could not believe this. He kept asking himself, Is there anything wrong with my eyes? Is that her for real?

At first, he did question the possibility and thought that this was just a girl who bore a striking resemblance to Tang Ruyan. Then, Qin Shaotian used his spiritual energy to check the girl's strength, only to find that he couldn't see through the girl at all!

He could only pick up a sense. He was sure that the girl was a battle pet warrior, but he could not tell her rank.

That was to say, she was at a rank higher than his!

That look, her strength, and age...

The only conclusion he arrived at was that the waitress... oh, no, the lady, was the Tang Family heir!

The Tang family... That was an influential family in one of the four major base cities!

Why would she come here?

Qin Shaotian's mind was in a mess.

Then, he noticed that the lady of the Tang family, while busy with the customers, cast him a glance, intentionally or unintentionally.

That was a strange glance.

So strange that he couldn't understand.

Was she... warning him?

Warning him not to say anything?

Qin Shaotian thought he had figured something out.

He took his eyes off her and pretended he had seen nothing. He even wanted to leave right away, but that would appear to be too sudden.

Besides, leaving abruptly would lead to more misunderstandings.

Qin Shaotian stood in line and took his eyes off the lady from the Tang family. He shifted his focus back to the store. He had heard that there were titled battle pet warriors there. For the general public, titled battle pet warriors were not something they would see daily. But for him, titled battle pet warriors were a common part of his life.

He was standing there, and his head was not moving, but his eyes were looking to the sides.

To his surprise, he was unable to see through the closed rooms in the store!

There seemed to be some seals that were able to block any probing means.

As if something horrifying was hiding in the rooms.

He put on a stern expression. He looked away in case he would offend the big potatoes in the store. After all, he had not gone there to make trouble.

More and more customers came and left. Su Ping had written down many names. When he looked up again, the eye-catching figure with the hoodie and sunglasses leaped into his sight.

The others standing behind him were curious and were talking about that person as well.

Su Ping was speechless for a moment. He understood that Qin Shaotian would not want to be surrounded by onlookers. Still, that was not a proper disguise. It made him look more like a star undercover.

“Hi,” Su Ping said.

Qin Shaotian looked at this young man who seemed to be younger than he was. Qin Shaotian read some information before he came. It was said that the young man was a powerful battle pet warrior.

Qin Shaotian sized the young man up, only to notice that the latter was hiding his energy as well. Even with the special skill from his family, Qin Shaotian was unable to tell the store owner’s rank either.

This person...

Qin Shaotian frowned. This store was unfathomable.

Chapter 335 Exchanging Experience? I’m Too Busy for That

“Are you the boss here?”

Qin Shaotian stepped closer to the counter and kept his voice low.

“Yes.”

Qin Shaotian kept on acting all mysterious, which Su Ping found foolish.

Qin Shaotian gazed at Su Ping. I dared to ask, but I didn’t think you’d dare to answer, Qin Shaotian thought, If you’re the boss, then how do you explain the girl from the Tang family?

Of course, Qin Shaotian didn’t plan on “nailing the lie.” He could not figure out why the Tang family heiress would be at the store. If the Tang family wanted to establish some business in the Longjiang Base City, there would be no need for their future family head to personally go there, not to mention staying there as a store attendant. What was the meaning of her presence in the store? Whatever the Tang family might be up to, Qin Shaotian was not in the mood to probe further. He might not be able to leave the store if he stumbled upon some secrets.

A family member had cautioned him against getting involved with the store. The Qin Family and the store were not in conflict. Still, both the Qin family and other major families had yet to find out why the store appeared in the Longjiang Base City. Therefore, to keep a safe distance was the best strategy. Qin Shaotian didn’t tell anyone that he would go there, except for an elder loyal to him who was waiting outside the store. Qin Shaotian was eager to find out what was odd about the store.

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As for his safety, he had already considered it. He believed the store would not do him any harm. After all, the store had made enemies in the Liu and Zhou families. It was unlikely that the store would also aim to offend the Qin Family at the same time. Besides, the elder was just outside. Qin Shaotian believed that he could escape safely on the off chance that a dangerous situation would occur.

“Sir, I heard that your surname is Su, is it? Some seniors in my family have told me about you.” Qin Shaotian squinted. He knew that the young man was Su Ping, the big brother of the girl who had defeated him the day prior.

Qin Shaotian researched the girl once he got back home the day before. It was not a hard job. Her name, registered residence, and educational background were clearly listed.

However, information about her family members was vague.

In particular, when it came to her brother Su Ping, the information was not complete. The municipal government wasn’t even willing to reveal anything about him. “Really?”

Su Ping thought of Qin Shuhai. That was the only senior member of the Qin family he knew.

Su Ping remained calm. Qin Shaotian didn’t mind that he would expose his identity there. He believed that Su Ping had most likely recognized him already. After all, he could not fake his energy. Besides, Uncle Qin Shuhai had told him that the young man was possibly a titled battle pet warrior.

As for whether the young man was indeed at the titled rank, that remained to be confirmed. Still, he did seem to have strength equal to the titled rank.

To others, this piece of news might seem unbelievable. But when Qin Shaotian first heard this, his shock lasted for merely a second. After all, he also had a strong ability, enough to kill ninth-rank beasts.

Even if Qin Shuhai didn’t exaggerate anything about the store owner, he would just be another talent like Qin Shaotian.

Qin Shaotian was not used to the fact that someone else in the Longjiang Base City could be as powerful as he was but he could accept it.

He had broader visions. He was fully aware that there were plenty of other geniuses in other places. For example, the academy he was soon going to attend was a place where the talented gathered. At the store, a store assistant who was the future family head of the Tang family was also an example.

But, sooner or later, he would best them.

His target was to become stronger and stronger! “I heard that you are a titled battle pet warrior. Is that true?” Qin Shaotian kept his voice low.

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. “Just rumors. I haven’t reached that rank yet.”

Su Ping remained calm. Qin Shaotian grinned slightly; that was what he thought. All titled battle pet warriors had actual titles; for example, Qin Shuhai was the King of Swords.

But not even Qin Shuhai knew Su Ping’s title. Qin Shuhai had asked about Su Ping’s title. However, every time, Su Ping would reply that he had yet to reach that rank and that he had no title yet.

As such, Qin Shuhai could only tell that Su Ping had titled-rank abilities but he was not sure what the truth was.

Qin Shaotian was convinced that if Su Ping was not faking his age, then he could not be a titled battle pet warrior. It was unlikely that a titled battle pet warrior could be that young. It wasn't necessary for anyone to reach that rank so early!

To rise too high in the ranks would not be beneficial. Rather, that would mean weak foundations and no hope at reaching the legendary rank.

The more talented one was, the more they would try to better their foundation. The talents would not just pursue fast cultivation speed alone. "After the Elite League, when you are free, I hope we could find a chance for a match to exchange experience." Meeting a matched rival, Qin Shaotian's heart was becoming itchy.

He wanted to wait until the Elite League ended for a reason.

Half a year back, he could have reached the seventh-rank. However, for the interest of the family and the Elite League, he had been deliberately trying not to break through. During the past six months, he had shifted his focus to study skills and battle pets.

After the Elite League ended, he would be able to make the climb to the seventh-rank directly.

By then, with the increase in rank and the accumulated experience from the past six months, he would become much more powerful!

Since Su Ping had never participated in the Elite League, Qin Shuhai thought that it was most likely Su Ping's rank was higher than the upper limit required in the Elite League. At the moment, fighting against Su Ping who was possibly at the seventh-rank or eighth-rank would put him, who was at the sixth-rank, at a disadvantage.

Su Ping was Su Lingyue's brother and Qin Shuhai would talk favorably of him. Qin Shaotian had to regard Su Ping as a young man just as talented as he was, and would have to stay humble when meeting him.

"Exchange experience?"

Su Ping shook his head. "Not interested. I'm very busy." TI?

Qin Shaotian didn't see that coming. He had thought of many possible answers from him and the only thing he didn't expect was that Su Ping would directly turn him down.

Was Su Ping too much of a coward if he was avoiding to fight one of his peers?

"I don't offer training partner service here. Are you here to train your battle pet or to challenge me? If it is the latter, you can go. I don't have time."

Su Ping didn't sugarcoat any words. He wished he had more time to cultivate. His time was too precious to be wasted on such a kid.

Qin Shaotian was astounded.

He could tell that Su Ping was not lying, which filled him with more questions. But he couldn't pressure Su Ping into accepting the challenge. This was just a spur-of-the-moment thing, not his true intention of going there.

"I'm here to train my battle pet," Qin Shaotian answered immediately and then asked, "Was that dragon trained here? Seriously?"

"Yeah."

Su Ping had answered the question countless times this day. Almost every customer would pose this question. He was getting bored but he could understand why the customers would be curious. The Moonfrost Dragon created a huge sensation the day before. Qin Shaotian asked another question, "Do you still have the training service for the guaranteed championship?"

What was the meaning of that?

Qin Shuhai had just lost the other day. Did he sense that he couldn't win the championship and was out of options?

"There will only be one champion. But guaranteed second place is still available," Su Ping answered and took another look at Qin Shaotian. Given his strength, even without his help, it shouldn't be hard for Qin Shaotian to win second place. Qin Shaotian knew that he had chosen the wrong words. He shook his head and replied, "That's not what I meant. I'm just saying that I want to buy the best training service, the one used on the dragon."

Su Ping was unable to follow the train of thought of the rich.

Qin Shaotian seemed to have only gone there to test the training services.

Of course, Su Ping would welcome all customers. His service was of high quality and he should never be fearful of any testing. Besides, he might win over another loyal "generous" customer.

Considering Qin Shaotian's background and resources, he could become one of the professional training's long term buyers.

He believed that Qin Shaotian would not care for general training. "The best training at the moment is the professional training, the one the dragon went through. The dragon took more training sessions, though." Then, Su Ping added to himself, And the dragon received some divine energy. Su Ping didn't use divine energy on the pets of other customers who bought professional training. The training in the Demigod Burial alone would be more than enough to meet the requirements of professional training and make the pets grow stronger.

Chapter 336 Merely the Sixth-rank.

"Professional training?"

Qin Shaotian could tell that Su Ping was not giving a perfunctory answer. After some consideration, Qin Shaotian said, "Sure, I'll take the professional training. Do you accept any kind of pet?" "Yes, any kind."

Qin Shaotian was about to summon his pet when he noticed something. He looked around from the corner of his eye. Many people were waiting behind him and they seemed to be impatient, unhappy that he had taken up too much time.

He paused his hand motion, then made a grabbing gesture. A swirl that was several meters tall opened up. From inside hopped out a battle pet with a curvy figure. It was none other than the Wind Siren he had used the other day.

The ones lining behind Qin Shaotian quieted down in surprise.

Those who had watched the matches from Group D would know the Wind Siren was a pet that Qin Shaotian had used.

In the first few rounds, Qin Shaotian had managed to defeat his opponents while only using the Wind Siren, which had earned him much attention.

Surprisingly, the people waiting in line had chanced upon a Wind Siren. "This Wind Siren is at the seventh-rank, an adult one, I suppose?"

"That person should be at least at the fifth-rank, right?" "Is he Qin Shaotian?"

"No way. Think about who Qin Shaotian is. Why would he come here, not to mention waiting in a line with us?"

"I'm surprised to see copycats sprout so quickly. Piss, anyways, I was thinking about getting a Wind Siren. I cannot afford dragons but I could get enough money for a Wind Siren."

"The price for Wind Sirens is going up. Don't be in such a hurry. The experts said that Wind Sirens will work best with close-combat pets unless you can be stronger than a close-combat pet like that freaky Qin Shaotian."

People were discussing heatedly. The Wind Siren had become popular since the day prior, and the appearance of one Wind Siren had reminded them of the previous day's battles. Naturally, the customers were getting excited. Qin Shaotian paid no mind to the comments. He whispered his question to Su Ping, "Will this one be okay?" Su Ping heaved a sigh inwardly. He apologized, "Not for now. The store won't take any advanced pets for now. We only accept middle and low-rank pets."

He wished he could change the rules.

To be able to train advanced pets, he would have to train a pet to have a first-rate aptitude. That was the only way he could open up this service.

The system explained that everything the store provided had to be first-class. How could Su Ping open up training services for advanced pets if he couldn't even have a battle pet with a first-rate aptitude?

Su Ping wanted to tell the system that he was shameless enough to do that!

Of course, arguing with the system would not help. The system had spent much time with Su Ping and had become smart enough to know to avoid having a verbal battle with Su Ping.

"No advanced battle pets?"

After the initial surprise, Qin Shaotian felt a bit offended. "Didn't you say the dragon was trained here? Was that not true?"

"That was true, of course."

"So..."

Su Ping rolled his eyes at Qin Shaotian. "Who told you the dragon was an advanced battle pet?"

Qin Shaotian was puzzled.

What?

That dragon was not an advanced battle pet?

What the hell!

Think about that level of energy and strength. How could the dragon not be an advanced pet? The natural thing was to think that the dragon was at the eighth-rank. Even the seventh-rank would be too low for the dragon!

But Su Ping was telling him that the dragon was not an advanced pet?

Was Su Ping trying to say the dragon had not reached the sixth-rank yet?!

Qin Shaotian had an urge to remove his sunglasses so that Su Ping could see his expression, which was saying "Do you think I'm an idiot" with three exclamation marks in bold.

"The dragon is just at the peak of the sixth rank. I won't be able to train it here when it reaches the seventh-rank, same as with other pets," Su Ping explained.

This had been a problem for him as well.

Recently, with the Elite League, and the previous promotion, he had been receiving more customers who came from different walks of life. Apart from students, people such as explorers who had been working for years would pay him a visit; some were members of private adventure groups.

Those people would usually come with pets that were basically at the seventh-rank. But he had to say sorry since he couldn't train them!

Every time he apologized, he felt as though a large sum of money were flying away right in front of him. What a pain.

But rules were rules.

The system would not change them.

To earn money from training advanced pets, he would have to have a battle pet with a first-rate aptitude.

Of course, he had tried it in the cultivation site. That was a hard task.

At the moment, his best pet had an above-average aptitude. It seemed that it would only take him one more step to improve the rate, but that final step was difficult!

It was even harder than when a titled battle pet warrior tried to reach the legendary rank!

Su Ping did some calculations. To do that, the pet's powers would have to experience a marked increase. Maybe, a pet would have to exhibit legendary-rank strength when it was at the sixth-rank!

To display legendary-rank powers at the seventh-rank would still only be rated as above average.

That point had been proven by the Little Skeleton, which had reached the intermediate position of the seventh-rank.

Therefore, the Little Skeleton was no longer eligible for training in the Demigod Burial. The pet could go there, but once the Little Skeleton died in the Demigod Burial, it would die for real. Su Ping no longer dared to let the Little Skeleton fight in there. The Little Skeleton had spent all its time in the Demigod Burial in the spring. Su Ping had never imagined that the Little Skeleton could be considered first-rate in aptitude.

The Little Skeleton had been measured against countless peers since the beginning of time. To stand out among countless peers was harder than becoming a god! The Little Skeleton seemed to have reached a bottleneck.

That had little to do with the cultivation site. The Demigod Burial was a good cultivation site as it was; outstanding even among all the advanced cultivation sites. The ones better than the Demigod Burial would be the top-level cultivation sites.

The chances of dying in those top-level cultivation sites were high. He could afford the admission fee but not the energy points to buy chances of revival. That was too expensive.

Besides, for the pets that had not reached the legendary rank, he believed training in the top-level cultivation sites or the advanced cultivation sites made little difference.

They would die instantly either way. Actually, in top-level cultivation sites, powerful beings were more abundant and the pets would die sooner. They would be killed even before they could see their surroundings. That would not do any good for the pets' training whatsoever. Without the benefit of unlimited revivals, visiting a top-level cultivation site would be less beneficial than visiting an advanced cultivation site.

Currently in the Demigod Burial, there were plenty of perilous locations where beings lower than the legendary-rank would die instant deaths or drown in risk-filled areas!

Su Ping tried to let Joanna take the Dark Dragon Hound and the Purple Python to some extremely violent and wicked places to stimulate the pets with constant deaths.

Still, that would bring little effect.

Using death as the pressure and stimulant was no longer inspiring them.

They seemed to have reached the limit of their potential, unless they could learn some strong legendary-level skills, like the Little Skeleton's (Gate of the Dead).

That would drive up their combat strength by several points directly.

However, luck would play a part in this regard. Skills like this could no longer be learned via countless deaths. Just like a person trying to solve a math problem, head smashing wouldn't do any good to find an answer. Yet, maybe, the answer would come in a relaxed moment.

The only thing for Su Ping to do was to wait for the Purple Python and the Dark Dragon Hound to have an epiphany.

At the same time, waiting while doing nothing was not the right choice. Su Ping would feel bad every time he saw customers like Qin Shaotian leave with disappointment.

“Ding!”

“The host has rejected training advanced pets for one hundred times. Side mission initiated!

“Task Category: trainer's cultivation.

“First Task: become an elementary trainer.

“Description: the host should become a qualified trainer as soon as possible to better manage and operate the pet store. As the boss of a pet store, how can you know almost nothing about training skills? That is unacceptable!”

The system's alert suddenly popped into Su Ping's mind and took him by surprise. Trainer? Wasn't he already a trainer?

“Well, well!”

The system continued, “No trainer skill detected in the host. The host cannot be regarded as a trainer. The host shall start as soon as possible and become a qualified trainer.”

Su Ping stood there still. You could have just explained things. What's with the “well, well”!?

Su Ping felt the system was becoming more and more like a person. Was the system being affected by him after eavesdropping for so many times?

Su Ping held back the urge to argue with the system and asked for clarification, “Trainer skills. Do you mean things like grooming energy?”

He had seen online videos of trainers before. They were low or middle-level trainers that were making money by releasing the videos. Still, Su Ping had learned a lot about their skills and techniques.

At the same time, the skills were nothing fancy.

He had thought about borrowing those skills but he didn't think that they would be of much use to the battle pets like the Dark Dragon Hound.

Skills like using the trainer's astral powers to nurture a certain part of the pet.

For instance, the claws, or limbs, to make them stronger...

Su Ping found that method unacceptable. For one thing, it would waste a lot of the trainer's astral powers. For another, the effect was not that great. True, claws or tusks could become stronger or sharper in the long term with the help of astral powers, but that was too slow.

He would rather torture... no, train the battle pets he had rather than learning those skills. The former method could not make his pets improve quickly, either, but it was more effective than the skills posted online. Besides, those skills would affect his cultivation.

“Grooming with energy is just an entry-level skill,” the system explained, “Elementary skills include strengthening and enlightening.

“Strengthening includes strengthening skills, powers, energy... “Enlightening is to inspire the pet’s intelligence to better the chance of learning skills...”

“Hello?”

While the system went on and on about elementary pet trainers, a voice pulled Su Ping back to reality. It was Qin Shaotian. Su Ping realized that he had been in deep thought for a while.

“Sir, when can you open up training for advanced pets?” Qin Shaotian asked. Su Ping said that it would be available later, so he wanted to know when. If the effect of the store’s training was great, he would consider letting Su Ping train his dragons and the Bloody Servant as well.

Chapter 337 See You at the Finals

“Well, soon.”

Su Ping could not answer this question before that day. However, the system had just given him an assignment. If he could become an elementary trainer, and if he made use of the cultivation sites, he might actually increase the aptitude of one of his pets to become first-rate.

The system was not fooling him.

He had been brutally training his pets in a way that technically anyone could. Indeed, he was not a trainer.

But, the store had been upgraded to LV3 and the system had only issued this mission at the moment to remind him to become a trainer. This had come too late. At this thought, Su Ping could not help but inwardly complain about the system.

“Host, please behave,” the system cautioned him coldly.

Damn you! Eavesdropping again!

Su Ping filed his teeth.

“Soon?” Qin Shaotian looked at Su Ping. The latter’s indignation confused Qin Shaotian. Even after his shock had worn off, regarding the dragon’s actual rank, Qin Shaotian was still in disbelief.

No kidding. He would have bought it if Su Ping said the dragon was at the seventh-rank. Sixth-rank? That was outrageous!

A sixth-rank dragon had defeated his eighth-rank Bloody Servant?

I am no fool, you know?

“Yes, soon,” Su Ping eventually came back to his senses and repeated his answer, “I will post information on the store’s website. Be sure to check it.”

Qin Shaotian was speechless. Su Ping couldn’t even give him a definitive answer. ‘Be sure to check it’. Why didn’t you simply say you won’t provide the service?

Qin Shaotian’s doubt was rooted deep in his heart. No advanced pets? Huh, if the dragon had been trained there, then there must be a top-level master trainer present, one who could train ninth-rank rare pets, let alone a seventh-rank Wind Siren.

Of course, he could not force Su Ping to take his pets. “All right. I hope I can find good news from you within a month,” Qin Shaotian said.

A month later, he would leave the Longjiang Base City to further his study in the best academy in the Subcontinent District.

He didn’t say this to Su Ping, though. He did not need to leak this information to irrelevant people, in case he stirred up a hornets’ nest.

Su Ping nodded. It was also his wish to complete the mission within a month.

Right then, he heard people outside the store screaming in surprise.

Su Ping looked up and saw many people in line turning their heads. Someone had shouted out, “It’s Su Lingyue!!”

Su Ping was just wondering what had caused the huge sensation, only to see that it was that girl showing up after waking up and having had breakfast.

As for why he could tell that she had already had breakfast, it was simple. Given his eyesight, he could see the limbs of an ant within a hundred meters. He was able to spot the oil stains near the corners of her mouth. In their family, their breakfast usually had three items and she had surely eaten the deep-fried dough stick!

“It’s Su Lingyue!”

“Oh my god. It is her! Am I right?”

“That horrifying dragon is with her, in that contracted space.”

“Geez, she looks better in person than on TV. She is so young. People say that she’s still a student. I think that is true!”

The people in line were exclaiming in excitement.

They were looking at Su Lingyue with admiration, treating her as a superstar.

Su Lingyue was taken aback by the huge reaction. She knew that she had become famous. And yet, being recognized and surrounded like this was still startling to her. She ran to the counter with a blushed face.

“Here, your breakfast, congee, and salted vegetables. I’ll get you more if you want.” Su Lingyue put the thermal container on the counter. “Thanks.”

Su Ping pushed the container to the side. For the moment, he had no time to eat it. He couldn’t enjoy his breakfast while leaving his customers to wait. He had to finish his business first.

“Eh, aren’t you...?”

Then, Su Lingyue noticed the tightly-wrapped Qin Shaotian who was standing in front of the counter. She wouldn’t have noticed him if it weren’t for his eye-catching and strange look.

After she noticed the odd dude, she took a closer look, only to see that she was familiar with this person. After all, they had spent time together on the stage. Soon, she realized who this man was. She was both surprised and on alert. What is he doing here? Trying to make trouble?

Out of instinct, she stepped forward and put herself between Su Ping and Qin Shaotian.

Qin Shaotian was gazing at the girl as well.

His eyes were fixed on her.

This girl...

He had already graduated from his previous academy and had skipped a grade. He had never tasted failure during his time in the academy. After graduation, he continued being a leader amongst his peers. He never took any of the young masters from other major families in Longjiang Base City seriously. How shocking, for him to lose to this girl, a nobody!

While Qin Shaotian knew that his defeat had little to do with the girl herself. It was her pet that was too powerful. That being said, she was the master of her pets. Losing to her pet was losing to her! “I will see you at the finals,” Qin Shaotian said coldly. Su Lingyue raised her eyebrows. “That is if you can make it to that match.”

Qin Shaotian snorted but said nothing else.

“Teacher?”

Someone suddenly cried out in surprise. Then, a man dashed into the store. Customers only saw a blur and they saw another person by the counter.

Customers were surprised when they were able to clearly see this person, once again. They would have never imagined that other than Su Lingyue, they would have been able to see Xu Kuang at the store; it was another outstanding participant. Xu Kuang still had a chance to win a place in the Top 10. During his battle with Liu Qingfeng, Xu Kuang’s performance was a feast to the eyes. He had pressed Liu Qingfeng so hard that the latter had to resort to his strongest skills.

In that battle, not only had people witnessed what Xu Kuang was capable of, they noticed how terrifying Liu Qingfeng was as well.

Xu Kuang lost to Liu Qingfeng eventually. But the stunning thing about Xu Kuang was that he used only one pet while Liu Qingfeng used three battle pets that all had high-rank bloodlines. Anyone else could

have been crushed by the three pets. "Well?" Qin Shaotian looked at this young man. Qin Shaotian left for home after he finished his match the day prior, but he did watch the live-stream on his way back home. He remembered the young man well because he was well-matched for Liu Qingfeng. But Qin Shaotian believed that Liu Qingfeng had not used his full strength yet or else he would have won against Xu Kuang with a larger margin.

This person's battle pet is strange in that its rank and strength do not match. Could it be... Qin Shaotian thought of a possibility.

"Teacher, why aren't you at the venue today!" Xu Kuang kept on cottoning Su Ping up.

Su Ping didn't even bother correcting how Xu Kuang addressed him. "She's not competing so we don't have to go. Why are you here? Don't you want to watch the matches?"

Xu Kuang smiled, "I thought I could go with you. Since you are not going, then I won't, either. There's nothing to see anyways and I can watch the match at home. Besides, I trust you, teacher. If you say I can make it to the Top 10, then I'm sure I will!"

Teacher? Qin Shaotian noticed the word Xu Kuang used.

Xu Kuang had demonstrated marvelous abilities but he called Su Ping teacher?

Soon, Qin Shaotian understood. Su Ping was powerful and even Qin Shuhai was praising him.

Su Ping rolled his eyes at Xu Kuang. "You bought my service but your pet cannot win for you if you're too much of a loser. You would have lost your chance if you were any bit less lucky yesterday and were assigned to a group where two people were more powerful than you."

Xu Kuang's neck shrank because of Su Ping's lecturing and he scratched his head. "You're right. That Liu Jianxin was falling on evil days but I'm not him. I am blessed. You know what people say: the boys who smile often are blessed with good fortune."

Both Su Ping and Su Lingyue were speechless. This Xu Kuang was both scatter-brained and shameless.

Su Lingyue darted a look at Su Ping. All of a sudden, she felt they did look like a teacher and student pair, because they were both dead to shame!

Su Ping noticed her gaze and understood the meaning in her look. He returned the gesture with a glare.

Only then did Xu Kuang notice Qin Shaotian. Xu Kuang burst into laughter after being dazed for a moment. "Who is this? Are you suffering from any kidney deficiency? Why else would you wrap yourself up so tightly on a hot day?"

Qin Shaotian: "..."

At the same time, people behind Qin Shaotian began to press him. "Dude, leave if you have nothing else to do here. We've been waiting for a long time!"

That person didn't sound friendly. Clearly enough, he had been putting up with Qin Shaotian's dawdling for a long time. Qin Shaotian kept chatting and chatting at the counter without spending any money, not to mention the psychopathic outfit. What is wrong with him!

Qin Shaotian pulled a long face and cast a cold glare at Xu Kuang. "Don't let me see you on stage!" "Well, well, you should try to reach the Top 10 if you want to meet me on stage!" Xu Kuang shouted.

Su Lingyue eyed Xu Kuang with admiration. What a bold guy.

Qin Shaotian turned around and left, with one last sentence to Su Lingyue, "I will wait for you at the finals!"

With that said, he waved his hand and left right away.

Xu Kuang watched as Qin Shaotian walked away and asked, "Who was that lunatic?"

Su Lingyue said, "The person I fought against yesterday." "You fought?"

Xu Kuang was about to say that she had fought many people the other day when an idea came to mind. There was only one person that Su Lingyue fought against the day before, someone who could wait for her in the finals. Qin Shaotian who had already made it to the Top 10!

"No kidding!" Xu Kuang almost jumped up. It was him?

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The freak who mastered the Bloody Servant?

What was he doing here?

Su Lingyue found Xu Kuang's reaction amusing. She laughed for a while and then went to the test room to train. "Teacher, was that really...?" Xu Kuang asked nervously.

Su Ping nodded. Xu Kuang was making too big of a deal. It wasn't like Qin Shuhai would eat him.

A moment later, Xu Kuang suddenly threw himself to the counter and begged, "Sir, I have an unreasonable demand!"

"Since it is an unreasonable demand, then don't bother," Su Ping replied.

"If so, I want to train my pet again." Xu Kuang sounded sad.

"No problem. Go and stand in line."

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Since Su Ping remained impartial and incorruptible, Xu Kuang had not dared to ask if he could cut the line. He headed to the back of the line at once. Su Ping continued to serve the other customers. Soon, Joanna went to alert Su Ping that all the spots had been taken. "All full. Sorry, guys." Su Ping apologized to the other customers waiting in line.

The customers moaned in disappointment. The one who was at the head of the line and about to get his turn sighed with regret.

Su Ping was embarrassed. All those people had waited for a long time for nothing. He thought about getting a signboard later, to write down the number of spots available every day. That way, when customers came and saw that the number of people waiting had exceeded the limit, they could leave for the day instead of wasting time there.

Su Ping was wondering about the plan when Xu Kuang ran over. After the other customers had left, he threw himself to the counter and whispered, "Teacher, have you saved me a spot?"

Su Ping answered, "No."

That wasn't the answer Xu Kuang expected. He complained, "Ah, I'm your student. You cannot treat me like the others!"

Su Ping darted him a look. There was nothing he could do. According to the system, he had to treat every customer equally, without discrimination. Otherwise, he would have chosen to serve people buying professional training first; that way, he wouldn't turn down so many wealthy customers because of the limited spots.

"I told you. You're not my student. You can say it but it won't work."

"Teacher... You are ruthless!"

Su Ping didn't reply to this comment. All of a sudden, some customers that had not gone away let out a shout. Su Ping noticed that they had returned and gathered around the large LCD TV in the store.

At the moment, the day's matches were being live streamed. The matches from the other five groups had begun.

The LCD TV had just been installed the day before. Su Ping marveled at his mom's high efficiency, since she had taken care of the matter the same day he had asked her!

"The other five groups."

Xu Kuang noticed it as well. A glint of seriousness passed over his eyes. He walked to the crowd and watched intently.

Su Ping glanced at the TV, still uninterested. Since no one was at the counter, he sat down and summoned the system to continue the dialogue which had been cut off by Qin Shaotian.

The system seemed to be extra patient at this; it went back to its previous explanation.

Strengthening, enlightening! Those abilities were a must for elementary trainers!

The strengthening ability had detailed categories and a trainer had to master all aspects!

As for Enlightening, it was to enlighten the pets' intelligence. According to the system, even a blade of grass could evolve to become a first-rank pet when enlightened by a trainer.

A being with already developed intelligence could have a chance to learn a talent skill after enlightenment!

It wasn't the first time Su Ping had heard about the words "talent skill". Not long before, when Qin Shuhai was giving him the invitation to the Supremacy League, he had mentioned something named the Talent Stone, one of the many prizes which could be claimed after winning the Supremacy League. "System, what is a talent skill? I remember you mentioned it when I was upgrading the nursing pens. You said that after being nurtured by the anima in the nursing pens, the pets could enjoy a certain possibility of learning a talent skill."

Su Ping was curious.

"That's right. The more advanced the nursing pens are, the more profound the anima will be. The anima can increase the pets' intelligence. Long term nurturing by the anima, there's a chance that the pet can learn a talent skill but that chance is slim. The percentage is 0.005% after being nurtured with anima for a month!"

Su Ping was speechless.

The chance was so slim after staying in a middle-rank nursing pen for a month... Really?

"Talent skills are unique and have different special effects of various strengths. The stronger talent skills can better a certain pet attribute by ten times within a short time. The weaker talent skills can only help the pet in perception or disguise. The more intelligent pets can pick up several talent skills and they can be combined in the application!" the system calmly explained.

But Su Ping's eyes widened in surprise.

The strong talent skills could better a certain attribute by ten times!

He wondered if the system had made a mistake as it explained this. Ten times? If the attribute was the pet's physical strength, that level of increase would mean the pet could smash a well-matched being into a pile of dust! "Are you being serious?" The system: "(#~#)"

Su Ping saw an expression of annoyance popping out in his mind. Clearly, that was the system. Su Ping wondered... Since when could the system communicate with kaomoji?

Su Ping dissed the system a bit and then calmed down. He no longer had any doubts about the system's words. He knew the system was always prudent when it came to pets.

"The talent skill is so awesome. No wonder Little Skeleton and the other pets have died so many deaths but none has learned a talent skill. It seems that death cannot be the trigger," Su Ping said to himself. The harder the talent was to master, the more powerful the talent skill should be.

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"System, how can I learn Enlightening?" Su Ping asked a follow-up question.

"There are three ways," the system answered, "First, buy the Guide of Enlightening in the shop.

"Second, take someone as a teacher.

"Third, self-learning."

Su Ping was once again speechless. Learning from a teacher? How many could know this? Say someone did have this knowledge, they would never teach him, not a chance.

Anyway, wasn't this a must for elementary trainers? Why did he have the feeling that he had never seen this on the Blue Planet?

Then Su Ping remembered the standard the system had set up. How distressing.

The system was not measuring the trainers' level using standards of a special period, was it?

Did you have to... set such a high starting point for me?

Su Ping was crying inside. It was like he had to become a master, skipping past the elementary and basic levels directly, while having no textbooks. That was so hard!

Of the three ways the system mentioned, Su Ping believed the only feasible way was the first one.

And yet, he had a feeling that he was falling into another trap.

He pulled up the system's shop. Having upgraded his pet store to LV3, the system's shop had been upgraded to LV3 as well.

He would rarely see elementary beast-catching rings in the shop. Most of the time, he would see middle-level ones, and on the rare occasion, advanced beast-catching rings!

Su Ping would buy all the advanced beast-catching rings he laid his eyes on. The price was one hundred thousand energy points, one hundred times that of middle-level beast-catching rings, but it was well worth it.

The chance of catching ninth-rank beasts with advanced beast-catching rings was 100%!

And 10% when it came to catching beast kings!

Whenever he used it, he would certainly catch a beast, provided that it wasn't a beast king!

If he was extremely lucky, he could even catch a beast king!

Imagine that... One hundred thousand energy points, i.e. ten million coins, could give him a 10% chance of catching a beast king. How awesome was that!

That was to say, he could get a beast king with about one hundred million coins.

Of course, theoretically speaking, he might not even get one after 10 times. With a 90% failure rate, it meant that he might not be able to get one beast king after using ninety rings! Nevertheless, there was no harm in stocking up some goods. Even catching a beast at the peak of the ninth-rank would have been worthwhile!

After the store was upgraded, Su Ping would check the system's shop every day. The shop would be refreshed every 24 hours. However, he had never seen anything like the Enlightening Guide.

"System, what does the Enlightening Guide look like?"

"You will know it when you see it." The system sounded cool.

Su Ping found no words to reply. He saw the “refresh” button and heaved a sigh. Good. He had to spend money again. Who knew when he could run into that Enlightening Guide by waiting for the automatic refreshing?

Since he could make enough money with the store, he was no longer as stingy. He refreshed the shop five times in a row and bought the beast-catching ring that came up. Su Ping bought two middle-level beast-catching rings as well. All the beast-catching rings were consumables and they would always come in handy. He saw some rare materials but he would not use them at the moment. He didn’t buy those materials because they were very expensive. He had to prioritize where to spend his energy points. Granted, he was making good money. But he had to save up some energy points to upgrade the store and the Chaos Spirit Pool for Incubation; that upgrade was one million energy points per time, a huge sum.

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After five times, the cost of refreshing had increased to over one thousand energy points. That was no longer acceptable. Su Ping had to give up for the day.

Su Ping closed the store with a bitter mood and asked, “System, is there anything that can improve my luck?”

The system was just as indifferent as before. “Nothing can change fate. The only thing to do here is...”

“What?”

“Pray.”

Su Ping was about to explode.

He could only count on the system’s shop to get the Enlightening Guide. As such, he shifted his mind to strengthening. “Are the three ways applicable to strengthening as well?”

“That is correct.”

Su Ping heaved a sigh. He had refreshed five times but he saw no book nor guide. The possibility had to be very low.

Do I have to study by himself?

Su Ping clenched his teeth.

Hmm, so be it. Look at how handsome I am. No way I can’t work on strengthening! He was planning on going to the cultivation site that day.

That was when he heard someone shouting.

Su Ping pulled his mind back from his communication with the system. It was the customers who were shouting as they watched the live stream. He saw two battle pets with ninth-rank bloodlines. Of course, the two pets had merely reached the seventh-rank at the moment.

Su Ping shook his head and looked away.

He tapped the table with his pen, wondering how he could train the pets in a more targeted way.

He lost himself in his thoughts. Time flew away. Suddenly, a person came. "Teacher."

Su Ping frowned. He looked up at Xu Kuang and noticed that half the customers who had gathered in front of the TV were gone. The matches were still ongoing but the battle pets were not as powerful.

"Teacher, Ye Hao and Su Yanying also bought the Top 10 package in your store, right?" Xu Kuang asked.

Su Ping saw how serious Xu Kuang was. "Yes." Su Ping nodded.

Disappointment came over Xu Kuang's face. "I was thinking about teaching Ye Hao a lesson... Teacher, do you have any other way to empower my battle pet again?"

"I don't have any open spots today. Come back early tomorrow. I will train your pets," Su Ping said.

Xu Kuang forced a bitter smile. "Tomorrow is my turn to try to reach the Top 10 again. I cannot train my pets tomorrow. I also noticed that those in the Top 10 are powerful and I have to avoid Ye Hao and Su Yanying, so I have to challenge someone else.

"Aside from your sister in the Top 10, there is Qin Shaotian that freak and the one I lost to yesterday, and the one from the Mu Family is not to be trifled with, either."

He had just seen the battles. All the ones in the Top 10 that he could challenge were tough guys.

He still had a chance if the Top 10 were his goal.

But he was aiming at the Top 5...

That was to say, he had to perform really well!

Su Ping seemed to have been taken aback. He realized that he might have neglected Xu Kuang a bit. Su Ping gave it a careful thought and noticed that Xu Kuang was truly in a dangerous place. He should be okay to make it to the Top 10, but Su Ping had promised Xu Kuang a spot in the Top 5, which was a bit hard based on the performance shown by the other participants.

Xu Kuang had looked for him a bit late and his pets had not been trained for many rounds, and there was no divine energy in them. If Xu Kuang was unlucky and encountered Su Lingyue, or Qin Shaotian, or any of the other tough guys, he would never make it to the Top 5.

"That... is a problem." Su Ping frowned.

He had just done some calculations. Given Xu Kuang's strength, reaching the Top 10 would be fine, and he could make it to the Top 5 provided that Su Ping was commanding the pets, which was not an option. Xu Kuang's ability to command and his reactions were not outstanding. Besides, on the off chance everyone Xu Kuang challenged were strong, he would not make it. Fortune mattered as well, which was proven by the unlucky dude, Liu Jianxin.

Xu Kuang realized that his request must have been troublesome. He said in haste, "Nevermind. Don't worry about it. I was just saying. Anyways, I have already demonstrated my ability and I'm happy already."

Su Ping came back to his senses. He shook his head and patted Xu Kuang's shoulder. "You're right. Thanks for reminding me. Or else my store's reputation will be in danger." "Huh??"

"It may be too late for training. How about renting a pet?" Su Ping asked. "Renting one?" Xu Kuang was surprised. "Sir, do you have pet renting services? How come I've never heard of it?"

"Now you heard it."

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"Huh??"

Su Ping took Xu Kuang to the test room. In the room, Su Lingyue was sitting at the center with her legs crossed. She was sweating and her skin had turned rosy, like a lobster in the pan. But underneath that sweat, there was a faint, green hue.

That was the sign that she was at the Glass Bulwark's entry-level.

Su Ping didn't disturb her. He showed Xu Kuang, who was in complete shock, to another side of the room. Su Ping opened up a swirl and a figure with dark fur hopped out.

As soon as the mountain-like figure landed, it let out a fierce bellow, "Woof!"

"Huh?"

Xu Kuang was puzzled.

The Dark Dragon Hound?

Su Ping asked the system about the price of the Dark Dragon Hound.

Soon, the price came into his mind.

5,000/hour!

Five thousand energy points per hour.

Su Ping nodded, When the Little Skeleton reached 10 in combat strength, the rental fee per hour was ten thousand energy points, i.e. one million coins.

Su Ping was happy that the Dark Dragon Hound's fee was half that of the Little Skeleton's.

"Here you go. You can have it. Half a million astral coins per hour," Su Ping told Xu Kuang

Xu Kuang: "???"

A dog, sorry, a Dark Dragon Hound would cost half a million astral coins per hour?!!

Xu Kuang had a reasonable belief that either Su Ping had said the wrong thing or he had not heard correctly, or he had bragged so much so that Su Ping decided to rip him off!

Yes, I have money. But I'm not an idiot!

Xu Kuang eyed Su Ping with questions. There was another possibility. Was this a test for Su Ping to take him as a student?

“Sir, is this... the Dark Dragon Hound?” Xu Kuang whispered. He was asking but he was actually reminding Su Ping that this was a Dark Dragon Hound, an actual Dark Dragon Hound!

He could buy one with the money spent on borrowing it for two hours!

Granted, the Dark Dragon Hound was a pet of the demon family, but it merely had a middle-rank bloodline. A selling price of one million would be extreme!

Su Ping never expected that Xu Kuang would ask such a stupid question. He looked at Xu Kuang as if the latter were a fool. “Of course. Aren’t you a star student from the Ares Academy? Don’t you know this?”

Xu Kuang was speechless.

I am a star student but you’re trying to fool me as if I were an idiot!

“Sir...” Xu Kuang took a deep breath. He thought he’d better not mince words. “I don’t, really, honestly, actually think a Dark Dragon Hound would... have such a rate. Wouldn’t you agree?” “Well?”

Su Ping understood that Xu Kuang was thinking the Dark Dragon Hound wasn’t good enough. True, going by appearance, the Dark Dragon Hound was not worth the price.

“Hey, lazy dog, show him.” Su Ping kicked the Dark Dragon Hound which was enjoying rolling around on the ground. This silly dog was the laziest of all and would loaf on the job whenever it had a chance. The Dark Dragon Hound was startled. It crawled up and looked around, highly alerted. Hearing Su Ping’s words, the Dark Dragon Hound turned to look around, confused. There was no enemy. Why?

Xu Kuang was staring at Su Ping in confusion as well. What could a Dark Dragon Hound do?

Su Ping did not bother to explain. He just instructed the silly dog to throw out some advanced skills.

The Dark Dragon Hound was even more baffled. Still, because of the contract, it had to listen to Su Ping. The Dark Dragon Hound tilted its head and thought for a while to pick out some advanced skills that wouldn’t need or involve great effort. Earthen Protection!

Wind Shield!

Darkness Bomb!

First, two shields appeared and covered up the Dark Dragon Hound completely. Then, it opened its mouth and a mass of dark flames converged. The Dark Dragon Hound discharged that ball directly into the walls of the test

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Boom. But the wall didn’t shake and the energy was neutralized. After all, the walls were several times tougher than the seal at the competition venue. Not even a legendary battle pet warrior would be able to make the wall tremble.

While the energy was neutralized, Xu Kuang still recognized the skill.

He not only recognized the Darkness Bomb, but also the Earthen Protection and Wind Shield!

The moment this dog, no, the Dark Dragon Hound set up the Earthen Protection and the Wind Shield, Xu Kuang's jaw had dropped.

Is this even a Dark Dragon Hound?

Xu Kuang stood aghast. If it weren't for the fact that the Darkness Bomb was a skill of the demon family, he would have suspected that the pet was a dragon in a Dark Dragon Hound's costume!

Su Ping darted a "meaningful" glance at the lazy dog after it tried those skills.

The two shields were both of the ninth-rank but the energy used in building them could be recycled when they weren't attacked. The only skill that did use some of the Dark Dragon Hound's energy was that eighth-rank Darkness Bomb.

He told the dog to demonstrate its abilities; still, look at how lazy it was. Su Ping believed that it was imperative to find a chance to educate the dog, and make it stop being such a lazy bone.

Hiss!

All of a sudden, the Dark Dragon Hound felt chills on its back and its hair stood on end.

It felt that standing behind, Su Ping was emitting a horrifying aura and looking down. Su Ping's eyes were like two huge lamps that were going to swallow it... This devil was thinking about something intimidating again!

Woo!

The Dark Dragon Hound cried out. Its desire for survival kicked in. The Dark Dragon Hound jumped further to the inside of the room.

Roar!!

Its pitch-dark hair stood up on end and flames surged out all around. At this moment, the Dark Dragon Hound was gaining momentum and the flames were burning violently, as if rising from the depths of hell.

The Dark Dragon Hound had revealed its true self!

Killing intent, violence, ferocity, and bloodthirst!

Roar!!

The Dark Dragon Hound raised its head and let out a roar that should have been heard coming from a dragon. That roar startled Su Lingyue, who stared at the Dark Dragon Hound, stupefied.

Ice, flames, and lightning! Three ninth-rank skills of various sorts were unleashed at the same time. They tore up the air around the Dark Dragon Hound, creating a crack of doom.

The air was burning up in the room. Then, all the energy was channeled toward the walls.

With a bang, a puff of smoke rose from the walls. And yet, there weren't any cracks on the walls, nor trembling. It felt as if someone were exerting great strength in a punch, only to miss the target.

The truth, of course, was not like that. It was just that the energy had been neutralized.

Xu Kuang was struck dumb with astonishment. His mouth was opening so wide that four or five eggs could fit in at once. He stared at the Dark Dragon Hound in a daze, afraid to believe what he had just witnessed.

After a while, he finally came back to his senses and turned to Su Ping. Only till then did he understand why the Dark Dragon Hound's rental fee was so high!

With a combat strength like that, it would be worthwhile to pay much more, let alone merely half a million per hour!

At this very moment, he extremely admired Su Ping. He had seen Su Ping summoning this Dark Dragon Hound, which meant that the Dark Dragon Hound was Su Ping's battle pet!

Since Su Ping was willing to rent out the Dark Dragon Hound when it was so powerful, it went without saying that this was merely his secondary pet.

Xu Kuang could not imagine what Su Ping's major pet would be like.

"Your student is truly sorry!" Xu Kuang bowed to his waist and regretted ever questioning Su Ping, fearing that he would leave a bad impression.

He had worked so hard to forge a closer relationship between him and Su Ping. If that relationship were to be auto-sabotaged like this, he would wish he could drop dead!

Su Ping was surprised by Xu Kuang's grand gesture. Su Ping was not offended by Xu Kuang's question earlier. It was natural that people would want to ask questions when they had doubts. He would have done the same thing

"I told you that you're not my student. Also, do you want the Dark Dragon Hound or not? Do you have enough money with you?" Su Ping asked.

Having noticed that Su Ping was not upset with him, Xu Kuang nervously looked up and asked, "Teacher, have you forgiven me?" Su Ping felt he would never understand Xu Kuang. "You didn't offend me. What would I be forgiving you for?"

Xu Kuang breathed in relief. He scratched his head and smiled fatuously. "You are a great man. I was just thinking that no pet of yours could be average. I asked a silly question."

Su Ping called back the Dark Dragon Hound which was about to do another round of demonstration, lest Su Lingyue would be disturbed. At the same time, Su Ping waved to Su Lingyue, indicating that she could go on cultivating

"I may only have enough money to rent it for two or three months."

The Dark Dragon Hound had run back, joyfully, and was not rubbing against Su Ping's leg. Out of instinct, Xu Kuang stepped backward. For a moment, he was unable to forget the violent and raging killing intent

that was coming off from the Dark Dragon Hound. That was a killing intent that he had only felt in dragons before.

“That may not be enough.” Su Ping thought about it. Xu Kuang had to get to the venue early in the morning to be prepared and might have to wait for several hours before it was his turn.

“Don’t worry. I will call my sister right now. My sister and my dad were stunned by my performance at the Elite League. They will give me some money.”

Immediately, Xu Kuang dialed the number.

The call was put through soon.

Xu Kuang told his sister about borrowing money, well-behaved like a lamb. Now and then, he would say something like “Uh-huh”. Not long afterward, he ended the call and turned around to Su Ping with a bright smile. “Teacher, problem solved. My sister is lending me twenty million. She also said that if I could make it to the Top 5, she would give me another twenty million as a reward!”

“Oh, fine.”

Su Ping was glad that the problem had been solved.

“Then, I can take your Dark Dragon Hound now?”

Xu Kuang was still careful, afraid Su Ping would turn him down. The Dark Dragon Hound had demonstrated an intimidating force and would be of great help to him in the games the next day. He would be more likely to make it to the Top 5 even if he had to challenge Liu Qingfeng. Su Ping nodded.

He wasn’t used to renting his own battle pet which was like his family and friend. He would certainly be worried and uncomfortable.

Still, as of this moment, that was the only option.

He had to make sure that Xu Kuang would reach the Top 5 since he had made such a promise and he was glad that Xu Kuang was economically well-off, so that they could work together to reach that goal.

Chapter 340 Improving Skills

“This is a contract for rental services and each contract can last eight hours. How long do you need?”

Su Ping took out some papers with runes constructed by astral powers. He had reached his hand into his pocket to pick up the contracts he had bought from the system’s shop. Each contract was one hundred energy points, i.e. ten thousand astral coins.

When rental services first came to the store, this type of contract had arrived in the system’s shop. Those contracts were for people who wanted to rent pets. Some pets were too large to travel with the customers; they had to stay in the contract space. When the customers were going to use them, they would also have to summon the pets from contracts.

Hence, rental contracts.

Like temporary contracts, rental contracts were effective within a certain period of time but the power of such rental contracts was second to official contracts.

Many other restrictions were also in place when it came to rental contracts.

In most cases, the pets rented out would have to obey the orders of the people who rented them. Still, if the latter demanded the pets to act on a suicidal mission, that would go against the rules of the rental contract. When the pets detected a life-threatening danger, they would abandon their temporary masters and run away!

Therefore, renting pets to go on exploration trips was not advised. Pets would desert you in the face of a battle, which would lead to disastrous consequences. Other pet stores had rental services as well, but they did not have such rental contracts. The pets those stores rented out were without owners; they would enter into official contracts with the customers.

Of course, the customers would still have to follow rules that store owners wrote up, although the pet stores didn't have the rental contracts. If the rented pets died while being rented, the customers would have to pay three times the rental amount.

If the pets were wounded and tests showed that the injuries were serious, above level 5, then the customers would have to pay for the medical expenses.

Those rules were thorough and flawless and were actually recognized by the federal government. Therefore, anyone who violated the rules, wherever they were, would be sanctioned by the law. The effect of the rules was similar to the system's rental contract. However, the system's rental contract had more insurance.

After all, someone not in want of money could rent many pets to go on a fatal exploration.

"Rental contracts?"

Xu Kuang stared at the thing in Su Ping's hand in confusion. All of a sudden, Xu Kuang realized something. It was Su Ping who had summoned the pet, his pet. So... how would he rent it?

To ask Su Ping to cancel the contract with the Dark Dragon Hound? That was not possible. Even canceling a contract with a weak pet would leave the battle pet warrior vulnerable for the next three days!

In such a vulnerable state, battle pet warriors could only use one-tenth of their energy. That was why battle pet warriors would usually avoid cancelling contracts with their pets unless they were sure that they would be in an absolutely safe environment for the time being

"This thing can allow you to build a temporary contract with this pet, as if you were its secondary master. Basically, this thing can give you everything you want in a contract." Su Ping added, "Ten thousand astral coins per piece. It is a must if you want to rent the pet."

Xu Kuang was dumbfounded. "Setting a temporary contract? Is there anything that can do this?"

"You're looking at one."

Su Ping could not help but diss Xu Kuang since he was reiterating nonsense.

Of course, Su Ping understood that he had to be the only one who had this thing, and he was not afraid to let people know about it. After all, those who wanted to rent pets would have to use this. There was nothing he could do about it. It wasn't like he could avoid renting pets forever.

"Well..." Xu Kuang was still in a baffled state. At the same time, he had become more used to such miraculous items having seen the marvelous test room. "How do I use this?" He asked.

"Never mind that for now. Tell me how many hours. I have to calculate how many of them I need to give you." Su Ping did not answer the question.

Xu Kuang thought about it. "Eight hours. I will come here early tomorrow morning and then go to the venue."

Su Ping nodded. That was good. He didn't need it since he had no matches this day.

"Come back early tomorrow then. I'll use it on you then." Su Ping didn't forget to remind him, "This is not free. Ten thousand per piece."

Xu Kuang produced a forced smile. "I understand."

"Okay, off you go now. I have to close the store." Su Ping retrieved the Dark Dragon Hound and stepped out from the test room.

Xu Kuang followed him out. Since Su Ping was showing him the door, Xu Kuang had to bid farewell. "I will go back and get ready. See you tomorrow morning." "See you."

Su Ping turned off the TV in the store after Xu Kuang left. The still lingering customers had to leave the store.

When everyone was gone, Su Ping went to the test room and told Su Lingyue to go back home.

He had to visit the cultivation site. It wasn't appropriate for Su Lingyue to stay at the store. She could cultivate anywhere.

Su Lingyue left in indignation.

Su Ping ignored her bad temper and closed the door.

"Go back in." Su Ping unfolded the scroll.

Tang Ruyan curled her lips. "Why the mystery?"

She believed there had to be something secretive in Su Ping's store. Otherwise, he wouldn't drive everyone out of his store and tell her to go back into the scroll. There had to be something he wished no one could see.

Tang Ruyan said to herself that when her family came, they would tear apart the shabby store and uncover all the secrets!

After Tang Ruyan went back, Su Ping placed the scroll in his storage space and went to the nursing pens to pick out the pets in need of professional training.

Having done that, he called Joanna and went to the Demigod Burial.

This time, he didn't go to the spring. He let Joanna handle the customers' pets and take them to some dangerous places. Her subordinates would know how to teach pets with fear and despair.

For the average pets, fear and despair would be enough to inspire the pets' fast growth.

At the same time, Su Ping and his four pets, together with Joanna and two of her subordinates headed toward a scorchingly hot place near the city. Those subordinates were not as powerful as Joanna's true self.

But Su Ping asked them to accompany him because he didn't want to die for anything and waste energy points on revival. Thanks to having Joanna as the inside help in the Demigod Burial, things had become much easier for Su Ping! Soon, they arrived at the sweltering area.

That place had lava everywhere, as if a volcano were active. It was said that ferocious fire-family beasts resided in this perilous place, making it their territory.

Su Ping had chosen this place because he wanted to reinforce the Inferno Dragon's fire-related skills.