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Chapter 651 Alliance

Su Ping put away his sword and said to Legend Riverside who was still in a trance, "How are things in the battlefield? Are more beasts coming? If not, this beast king must have escaped my detection." Legend Riverside finally recovered. "Are you... at the Fate State?"

"None of your business."

That dismissal completely pulled Legend Riverside's consciousness back to reality. He shook his head to Su Ping's first question. "We haven't detected any more wild beats. This beast king's appearance was completely out of the blue. I don't know if you... sir, if only this beast king escaped your detection or whether more are coming." After Su Ping proved able to kill that Void State beast with a single cut, Legend Riverside had begun to consider Su Ping as a legendary battle pet warrior at the Fate State.

He had never seen Su Ping in the Tower, but those who lived in the Tower had secrets. Some of the legendary battle pet warriors who had joined the Tower ages before would never show themselves in public.

He only knew some of the newly affiliated legendary battle pet warriors by their names, not their faces.

Even Legend Riverside had always had the feeling that the Tower was an unfathomable organization.

"I think that was just a fish that escaped from the net," Su Ping said. He added, "I'm going back, so I will entrust this place to you. I will do some checking on my way back and deal with any new beast kings that I find. Of course, it would be great if I don't find any."

Legend Riverside twisted the corner of his mouth. Deal with them?

It was as if killing beast kings were like stomping ants to death.

But, that wasn't an exaggeration for Su Ping... "I have offended you. Sir, please forgive me..." Legend Riverside lowered his head and apologized. He didn't consider it shameful to apologize to a Void State Warrior, let alone one who was at the Fate State.

"Get over it. Just keep this place safe."

Su Ping waved his hand. "You must pay attention to any abnormality. This worldwide wild beast strike is not as simple as you might think. There can be an even bigger strike. If you cannot keep the city safe, keep the people safe. You can even give up the city altogether."

Legend Riverside didn't expect that Su Ping would talk that way.

A bigger strike?

Legend Riverside was startled. Su Ping sounded too serious to be joking; it seemed that he was privy to some inside information.

"Sir, are you serious?" Legend Riverside asked.

He would have died along with the demise of the Holy Light Base City if Su Ping hadn't been there to help.

He no longer doubted that Su Ping had killed twelve beast kings by himself.

The Void State beast king was probably the leader of the twelve beasts and the commander of that strike.

"I guessed it. I'm not sure." Su Ping shook his head.

He was indeed unsure. He merely thought it was possible.

If he were sure, he would have made the information public and pressed further to relocate the Holy Light Base City.

After all, compared with all the people's lives in the base city, keeping such information confidential was not the priority.

It was just that he wasn't sure.

The only relocating destination would be Longjiang Base City. However, Longjiang's space was limited. How many people could the Longjiang Base City take? Also, apart from the Holy Light Base City, the other base cities were also under attack.

He couldn't give refuge to everyone in Longjiang. The Holy Light Base City was a Class A base city after all, with a history spanning for hundreds of years. The base city's defense devices were much more advanced than those of the other base cities!

The people of that base city could still be kept safe. However, the other Class B and Class C base cities would be easily turned upside down by one beast king!

"You guessed it?" Legend Riverside gazed at Su Ping with reserve. He wanted to ask something but eventually kept the question to himself.

Right then, many people approached them; they were the titled battle pet warriors who had been fighting the Six Swirls Conch.

"Nice to meet you, sir!" "Nice to meet you, sir!"

All the titled battle pet warriors bowed to Su Ping. Su Ping was taken aback. "You don't have to thank me. You also did your part, stalling the beast king, or else the harm would have been greater."

The titled battle pet warriors seemed to be thrilled and excited.

They believed Su Ping was a legendary battle pet warrior, one who was even more powerful than Legend Riverside!

No beast strikes could unsettle them while having such a legendary battle pet warrior as a guest!

Whoosh!

Another person arrived. It was Lu Qiu. After all, he was a titled battle pet warrior, and he had also seen how Su Ping had slain that beast king with a single cut.

Lu Qiu seemed to be surprised and embarrassed.

He stood in front of Su Ping, but was unsure about proper etiquette in front of Su Ping.

Same as before, Brother Su?

Legend Riverside was unable to finish that beast king but Su Ping then managed to kill it with only one move.

It was unquestionable: Su Ping was at the Void State or above!

Lu Qiu was the Vice Chairman of the Trainers Association and a man of high status. However, the best he could aspire to was to be shown respect by those at the Ocean State. As for Void State Warriors, even those at the Ocean State would have to treat them with respect!

“Mr. Su.”

In the distance, the commander-in-chief made his way over with some titled battle pet warriors. They were clearly excited.

Su Ping was getting a headache from seeing all those joyful faces. “The entire world is in an abyss of suffering. I have to go... Time is pressing. Try to get this place repaired.” The commander-in-chief didn’t even have the time to express his gratitude. He said in a hurry, “Mr. Su, you were the one who killed this beast king. Why don’t you stay so we can host a dinner in your honor?”

Su Ping had already guessed their goodwilled intentions but he declined. “I was only lending a hand. You won’t have trouble for the time being, while I still have to go and take care of my base city.

“There’s nothing worthy of honor and praise. We survived the current strike but there can be more in the future. I suggest you stay on high alert; don’t let your guard down.”

The commander-in-chief opened his mouth but no words came out.

It was surprising to experience Su Ping’s direct and unorthodox personality.

“Sure,” the commander-in-chief said.

He knew that he couldn’t have persuaded a powerful man like Su Ping. Rather, pushing too hard would have only made Su Ping unhappy.

Su Ping nodded. He heaved a sigh and was ready to leave.

“Brother Su,” Lu Qiu stopped him.

He rubbed his hands with embarrassment. “The thing you asked me, does it still count?”

“What?” Su Ping raised his eyebrows.

“About relocating to the Longjiang Base City.”

“Oh? I thought you weren’t going. You said you wanted to be buried here.” “Well...!” Lu Qiu cleared his throat. “I’m staying. I only want to relocate some of the young in my family. I was wondering if you could take them with you.”

Su Ping understood. The man was trying to protect his family's future.

"Fine. You have twenty minutes. Can you bring them over?" Su Ping asked.

Lu Qiu was overjoyed. "Yes! Of course! I'll tell them to come right now!"

With that said, he made a call to his butler and said four names. He spoke with the most serious tone he had ever used.

After hanging up the call, he called someone else so that the four young people could get there as soon as possible.

While Lu Qiu did that, the commander-in-chief and the others were surprised by what that arrangement meant.

Soon, they realized something; something that Su Ping said. More beast strikes... They turned pale. Was that not the end of it?

Lu Qiu was trying to leave a way open for the future. Is the Holy Light Base City in danger? The commander-in-chief asked at once, "Mr. Su, could you take two from my family as well?"

Su Ping looked at the commander-in-chief. "Only if they can get here within twenty minutes. If it's not possible, you can take them directly to the Longjiang Base, but be careful."

"Of course! Thank you, Mr. Su!"

The commander-in-chief began to make calls as well.

They wanted their young to go with Su Ping because they were worried about potential beast strikes on the way.

Apart from the Holy Light Base City, many other base cities were being attacked. The wilderness was not as peaceful as before; not even titled warriors could ensure their own safety.

"Sir, there are three in my family..."

The titled battle pet warriors joined in.

Su Ping looked at the titled battle pet warriors who had been fighting against the beast king. "You have twenty minutes. I can take them with me if they get here on time. Go and call your families."

The titled battle pet warriors thanked Su Ping and went to make the calls.

More titled battle pet warriors started to gather their families' young ones as well.

Moments later, many people arrived while riding on huge birds.

"Lord Lu."

Two titled battle pet warriors came down from a bird at the peak of the ninth rank with four young people in tow. A pair of them were teenagers, while the other two were in their twenties.

The four looked around curiously. They had seen the collapsed outer wall and the beast king's corpse when they were in the air. "They're here," a titled battle pet warrior said to Lu Qiu. The former found the reigning vibe was kind of strange.

Lu Qiu nodded. He looked at the four and said, "Here they are."

"Sure."

Su Ping didn't make further comments.

"Come here. This is Mr. Su, a legendary battle pet warrior. He will take you to the Longjiang Base City. You must behave... Respect Mr. Su like you respect me!" Lu Qiu said to the four with a serious tone.

The four were surprised, since the young man who seemed to be close to their age was at the legendary rank.

They were well informed, being young members of big families. They knew that some special herbs could keep a person's appearance; there was also the chance to change a person's appearance after reaching a certain rank.

"Nice to meet you, Mr. Su," the four said. Su Ping nodded. "Don't be so exaggerated. I'm just going to take them there. The Longjiang Base City is not big, but it's not a small one, either. It can take a few extra people. You should know that I don't have time to take care of them."

Lu Qiu said at once, "I understand. You don't have to; we are already more than grateful that you can take them with you."

Su Ping nodded.

Soon, the others arrived.

Time was almost up. He looked around; there was about a score of people.

Roar!

A swirl opened up behind him and a scorching heat came from within. The Inferno Dragon stepped out. It looked small when compared to the Six Swirls Conch, but it wasn't any less intimidating. "That battle pet...." Legend Riverside was surprised by the battle pet.

He was even more afraid of the battle pet than that the Six Swirls Conch!

Still, he was also able to tell that the battle pet was also at the ninth rank, just like Su Ping.

Su Ping told the Inferno Dragon to take it down a notch.

He rode on one of the Inferno Dragon's shoulders and said to the crowd of young people, "Come on up."

The young were a bit afraid, but that was a pet, not a wild beast. Soon, a first went up to the Inferno Dragon and the others did the same thing

The Inferno Dragon rolled its eyes. It wasn't happy to see those people climbing up using its tail as a ramp.

After everyone got up, Su Ping said to Lu Qiu, "I'm leaving now."

"Take care, Mr. Su."

"Thank you, Mr. Su."

The others said.

The Inferno Dragon flapped its wings and let out a roar that echoed in the sky. It took flight.

Su Ping unleashed astral powers over the passengers in case the wind blew them off.

They looked at the Holy Light Base City, saddened by the departure.

Su Ping had seen a few small groups of wild beasts along the way. They no longer posed a big threat. That beast king was a fish that escaped the net.

Su Ping shook his head and directly flew to the Longjiang Base City.

He arrived in half a day.

What he saw along the way made him frown.

He had seen many groups of wild beasts, the largest ranging in the hundreds of thousands. Some groups merely had thousands of beasts. All of them were roaming the wilderness.

Those wild beasts were threatening.

Once he arrived at the outer wall of the Longjiang Base City, he asked the guards for Qin Duhuang's whereabouts and went to him.

Soon after, he found Qin Duhuang guarding the south.

"Qin, is everything okay?" Su Ping steered the Inferno Dragon to meet with him.

Qin Duhuang was talking to an officer when he heard the voice. He turned and asked, "Who are those people behind you?"

"I went to the Holy Light Base City and brought some people with me."

"The Holy Light Base City? Did you lend a hand? Just now, Xie heard from Clairvoyance that the Holy Light Base City was enduring a major strike. How was it?" Qin Duhuang asked at once

"The beasts have been taken care of."

"...Right. You were there. It would have been troublesome if you couldn't have taken care of it." Qin Duhuang forced a smile.

He had witnessed how Su Ping had defeated the Otherworld Heavenly King and he had been searching for information in the old archives. Even though Qin Duhuang didn't join the Tower, he had gained the basic knowledge about the legendary rank.

He had started to treat Su Ping as one at the Fate State.

“The situation is getting worse across the world and many base cities are being attacked. Just now, Xie said that the Tower wants to take the initiative and ask all the base cities, all of them, to form a defense alliance in order to fight the beasts,” Qin Duhuang said.

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“A defense alliance?”

Su Ping frowned. “The base cities are scattered around the world. How can they form one defense alliance? Are you saying that people would have to abandon some base cities and relocate elsewhere?”

“Most likely.”

Qin Duhuang heaved a sigh. “Desperate times call for desperate measures. It’s impossible to take care of all the base cities so we have to give up some. Some remotely located Class C and Class B base cities will have to merge with the other base cities.”

“What about Longjiang?” “I don’t know. We haven’t seen the list yet, but I don’t think we would be relocating.”

Qin Duhuang smiled at Su Ping and continued, “You’re here and besides, I’m also here. I’m at the legendary rank after all. Our base city is not any weaker than the Class A base cities. We may be even better!”

“I heard that no Class A base cities were going to relocate. So, I don’t think we would need to move.”

The ones who came with Su Ping heard the entire conversation and were dumbstruck.

Another... legendary battle pet warrior?

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There was another important matter; it seemed that the legendary battle pet warrior was implying that Su Ping was even more powerful!

For a moment, many started to understand why their families had gathered them up...

It had been quite the meaningful move.

“That’s good.”

Su Ping nodded.

That’s how it always was. The weak had to drift along

It wasn’t the usual relocation.

The relocated would have to give up their families.

They would have to find new homes in other base cities, while the locals would forever see them as refugees, the “outsiders.”

Since the beginning of human history, whatever the situation was like, humans would find a sense of superiority by comparing with those around them. That was pure human nature.

“Apart from merging settlements, the base cities will select some powerful warriors who would go to the battlefield and beat back the wild beasts,” Qin Duhuang added, “Three defense lines will be set up, led by seven Class A base cities in our Subcontinent District. I’ve been studying the maps all day long. I believe that the Longjiang Base City will be a part of the Xing-Jing Defense Line, with Douxing and Longjing acting as strongholds.” “There will be twelve base cities in the Xing-Jing Defense Line, and the defensive line will be in a curve. We rely on the difficult terrains by the Dragon Spine Forest and the North Pass Mountain to avoid large-scale assaults.

“After all, we would be at a disadvantage in a fast assault.”

Su Ping nodded. “When will the defense line be set up?”

Qin Duhuang shook his head. “They’re still talking about it. After all, all the base cities in the Subcontinent District are involved. There are complicated interests. We’re not getting any updates right now.”

Su Ping nodded.

Indeed. That was not a complicated relocation.

He saw it as a war between two different races. Some saw it as a chance for development.

Opportunities could arise in turbulent times. Some might find the matter ridiculous; the fact that some people would try to find chances to get rich during a critical time for humans but... it was a fact.

“Let’s wait.”

Su Ping was not in any rush. He had not found out all facts about the Deep Caves yet. Defense lines or not, he needed to be more powerful.

He would rather take the time to cultivate. If he could make further progress and reach the legendary rank, he would undoubtedly become more powerful; he would have more confidence in dealing with the Deep Caves. “Has the Holy Light Base City suffered a great loss?”

Qin Duhuang was still interested in that group of people sitting on the Inferno Dragon’s back.

He wondered if he was wrong. He had seen that those people were young but at high ranks. They were even better than graduates from famous academies.

Was Su Ping supporting the Holy Light Base City or ransacking the Holy Light Base City?

“It was okay. Not much of a casualty..”

“I knew it.”

Qin Duhuang produced a forced smile.

“See you around.”

Su Ping said goodbye to Qin Duhuang and went back to his store.

Su Ping’s Inferno Dragon had become famous in Longjiang. Even though the base city was on alert and warriors were making the rounds, no one made a move to stop Su Ping.

“This is my store and my home. Your families have asked me to bring you here, but I don’t have time to take care of all of you. You can go ahead and find a place to live in the city by yourselves. You can go back to your base city after the beast strike ends.”

The young people looked at each other, speechless. One dainty girl said gingerly, “Sir, my father told me to follow you and listen to your orders. I...”

“So, listen to me. Do what you want to do. But remember this: Do not make trouble and do not bully others. And another thing, don’t come and bother me for useless matters.”

The young ones realized that Su Ping was not easygoing. They didn’t insist on staying, but some of them began to think of something else.

If they couldn’t butter Su Ping up directly, they could always find other ways...

It would be silly to not butter up a legendary battle pet warrior.

Soon after Su Ping entered the store, Su Lingyue, Zhong Lingtong and Tang Ruyan had hurried over. They had sensed the dragon’s presence and knew that Su Ping had returned.

“Ping.”

Su Lingyue greeted her big brother.

She would have never acknowledged her loser big brother; she wouldn’t have ever greeted him proactively. But that day, she was even a little bit shy.

Su Ping did not spend time on small talk. “Don’t go out. Stay inside the store unless going out is absolutely necessary. Don’t be overly pretentious thinking you can do anything just because you think you’re a jack-of-all-trades.” Tang Ruyan rolled her eyes. “You gave me a beast king. I am a Fate Challenger, you know?”

“Me too, me too.” Su Lingyue raised her hands.

Su Ping rolled his eyes at her. “Even a pig could become a Fate Challenger with the battle pets I gave you. Stay in the store and cultivate.”

Chapter 663 A Beast King at the Fate State

One man to change the situation!

Su Ping’s appearance had turned the tables. That was beyond anyone’s view of legendary battle pet warriors.

It turned out that a legendary battle pet warrior could be quite horrifying!

That man was worthy of being called a legendary battle pet warrior!

He was a legend!

Whoosh!

Su Ping didn't stop after killing those beast kings. He flew to the surrounding areas and discharged some bolts of lightning in the process, or launched sword attacks at the gathered wild beasts.

Those wild beasts-intimidated by Su Ping's killing intent-started to run away. They gradually learned it was best not to stay together so that they wouldn't be killed together at once.

The other battle pet warriors got their chance since the wild beasts were running in different directions; they charged at the wild beasts.

The five legendary battle pet warriors were less burdened thanks to this effort. They could then go and fight the lone beast kings or give support to other battle pet warriors.

As such, the situation gradually improved for the human side. Humans turned defense into offense while led by the legendary battle pet warriors!

"We did it! We're winning!!"

"Come on guys! Don't give those damn beasts a chance!!"

"Kill them all! Give me back my friends!!" "Give me back my niece!"

The war correspondents spread the news. The battle pet warriors felt their morale improve.

They had been suffering before that moment!

They had to watch their partners die!

They had to see their battle pets die, their companions even when they ate and slept!

It was then the time for revenge!

It was a time for retaliation! The battle drums were beating. The Sonic Elephants were chanting at the same time; those beasts were merely at the eighth rank but their chanting could inspire the battle pet warriors' morale!

A group of Sonic Elephants forming a wall and chanting together could greatly uplift the battle pet warriors' spirits! Of course, those chants would be useless when a dragon roared!

That was how terrifying a dragon could be.

As the Sonic Elephants chanted, the battle pet warriors shouted and charged forward, closing in on the wild beasts.

The battle pet warriors advanced and progressively defeated the wild beasts under the leadership of the legendary battle pet warriors.

Venerable the Blade was thrilled. He knew that calling Su Ping for help was the right choice.

Su Ping was even more powerful than he had thought. Even without Lord Nie's help, Su Ping was strong enough to save a base city!

Even though he was also at the legendary rank, Venerable the Blade could not help but admire Su Ping.

He wondered how great his life would be if he could be like Su Ping!

Whoosh!

Su Ping ran through the battlefield and cleared a path. Many wild beasts were either killed or scared away.

The battle pet warriors gazed at Su Ping with admiration and respect. They ran past the dead wild beasts and charged deeper into the cluster of enemies.

They had to get their base city back!

That was one of humanity's homes!

Is that a passageway to the deep Caves? Su Ping gazed at the place where the beast kings came from; it had at one point been the point with the largest number of beast kings; only some advanced wild beasts remained in that area, including many ninth-rank beasts, all because he had scared away or killed the beast kings. Beasts would usually be at high ranks, except for the cubs, to survive inside the Deep Caves.

More beast kings...

Su Ping narrowed his eyes. He detected the presence of beast kings in the deepest part of the passageway. There had to be several beast kings hiding inside!

Whoosh!

Su Ping dived down from the sky like a fighter plane. Bolts of lightning were flashing in the palm of his hands; he lifted his sword and a ray of sword light cut open a path through the throng of beasts, leaving behind many pieces of flesh and pools of blood.

However, given the sheer number of wild beasts, more would move forward to fill in the gap. The white bones were gradually retracted and removed from his person.

Su Ping's appearance was restored.

"Use Undead Enslaving!" Su Ping ordered.

The Little Skeleton stood by him tamely and its eye sockets were glistening in red. A profound mist of darkness oozed out from the Little Skeleton. What happened then alerted many people. The nearby war correspondents captured a close-up shot of Su Ping.

Su Ping was the highlight everywhere.

He was the person that could decide whether humans could win in the end!

"Is he the legendary battle pet warrior?"

"Handsome indeed..." "Is that his battle pet? It's so small, and it looks just like any other skeleton. Is it actually a beast king?" "Look, the skeleton is about to do something!" Under the eyes of many, the mist of darkness began to spread toward the wild beasts. Whenever the dark mist made contact, the wild beasts would cry and there would be a noise like bones clicking together.

Many twisted beasts dashed out as the dark mist faded away. Those were all the beasts that Su Ping had killed!

Those beasts no longer had a pulse but their bodies were still warm. They could still bleed but they no longer felt pain. The twisted creatures ran toward the other wild beasts.

The entire horde of wild beasts descended into chaos.

The enslaved wild beasts carried with them a dark element; they were even more powerful than when they were alive. Besides, those twisted creatures weren't afraid of dying. They soon caused a great number of casualties on the wild beasts' side.

In the meantime, a door to the realm of the undead appeared behind the Little Skeleton!

That was the Little Skeleton's most powerful skill. The pungent energy of death was being unleashed as the demonic door was opened. The battle pet warriors and wild beasts both felt a chill. It was as if the world would have been connected to an unspeakably horrifying place.

Roar!!

Many skeletons dashed out from the door soon after.

There were skeleton dragons with red eyes, fallen angels with dark wings, and some twisted creatures.

The ancient wolf skeleton warriors charged forth with their spears, carrying a power from the past.

The many wild beasts gathered in front of the passageway to the Deep Caves were crushed when the skeleton army struck!

Many of the skeleton warriors were equal to beast kings!

A rough estimate would be that there were over a dozen with beast king strength. The Little Skeleton could have summoned something even more terrifying if it were at a higher rank!

Overwhelming!

The wild beasts were falling like flies due to the skeleton warriors. The skeleton dragon, the fallen angels, and the other creatures were charging as if the area were deserted!

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One man and one skeleton against all the wild beasts!

No one was able to utter a single word.

How terrifying!

That person is a god of war!

"Take care of this place. I'll finish those that are still inside," Su Ping said to the Little Skeleton.

The Little Skeleton nodded with a dull look.

Su Ping teleported again and again; he soon reached the passageway into the Deep Caves.

He could no longer see what the buildings around the passageway were once like. The blocks of cement and steel were turned upside down. More and more wild beasts were coming out and some beast kings

were hiding in some places, observing. The beast kings felt it as Su Ping moved closer. Soon after, some of the beast kings ran toward the deepest parts of the passageway!

They were running away!

They had surely felt the trail of killing Su Ping was leaving behind. The beast kings decided to run away since Su Ping was going their way!

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. He decided not to chase the beast kings that were escaping. Killing all the wild beasts was too great of a task when done alone. Even when he finished off those wild beasts, there would always be more hiding in the Deep Caves.

Boom!

Su Ping wielded his sword. The ray of sword light landed on the ground and bang, the rocks rolled over and blocked the passageway. The wild beasts that were running toward the entrance were cut open.

Those wild beasts had strong vitality; their remains were still wiggling after being halved.

Some war correspondents hovering in the sky riding bird pets captured Su Ping on video as he blocked the passageway. They broadcast the scene all across the base cities... The other battle pet warriors were even more inspired!

The passageway had been cut off!

Those wild beasts were like rats in a hole!

Finish them!

The battle pet warriors were shouting loud enough to make the sky shake.

The wild beasts that were about to break into the human's city had been being slain.

No more wild beasts came out from the collapsed passageway. The ninth-rank beasts would have been able to shatter the boulders blocking the opening, but no wild beasts had made a move.

The collapse was a signal.

It was a signal of danger.

Approaching the entrance would be dangerous!

Even the beast kings had escaped and gone back to the Deep Caves. Without the beast kings to lead them, the lesser wild beasts that couldn't make it back to the passageway wandered close to the entrance, hesitating.

Some of the more scheming beasts had turned around and escaped.

"Huh?"

Su Ping suddenly noticed something as he hovered in the sky. He gazed into the distance.

Boom_!

The entire base city was shaking!

This startled all the people who were fighting. The quake was so strong that some battle pet warriors fell to the ground.

What is going on?

Earthquake?!

The battle pet warriors who had a more acute sense suddenly narrowed their eyes. They were shaking; they felt something terrifying.

Moo!!

There was a loud bellow, which resembled a mix between cow's moo and a dragon's roar. The center of the battleground had caved in. There was a team of hundreds of battle pet warriors that didn't have time to run away. A pile of dirt pushed them up and then something in the cave sucked them in; they were shouting in misery. The next second, a huge thing—as massive as a mountain, covered with thick but soft dark fur—got out from the cave. Fate State?

Su Ping recognized that at once.

He could not believe that there would be a beast at the Fate State, which would be on par with the Otherworld Heavenly King. Still, it was still unclear which of the two was stronger. That being said, he was sure that this beast king was leading this strike!

If I hadn't made the trip over... This base city would have been doomed...

I wonder how the other defense lines were doing...

Su Ping's mind was weighed down.

He didn't think the Xing-Jing Defense Line was an exception. Humans would suffer if there was a Fate State beast king on each defense line!

While Su Ping was considering that possibility, the behemoth suddenly let out a shrill noise that turned all the surrounding buildings into dust. The high pitch call echoed across the entire base city.

The many battle pet warriors gazed into the distance with fear.

Even some beast king pets were frightened.

As a matter of fact, they were the ones most afraid since they felt that the mountain-like beast king was overpowering!

Beast king pets were insignificant when compared to that monolithic beast. "What, what is that thing?!"

"A beast king at the Void State? No..."

The legendary battle pet warriors seemed to be wary and surprised.

The Starburst Dragon didn't seem to be as intimidating. They felt as if a viper were licking the back of their necks, but they did not dare to move at all!

“Look. What, what is that?”

“Humans!” “Humans and beasts!!”

“Is that Lord Nie...?”

Soon enough, someone noticed that some figures were dangling on the vines. The legendary battle pet warriors focused their sights; they were appalled by what they saw.

It was Lord Nie and the others who had fled with him!!

Many fragments of beast king corpses were tangled in the vines. The beast kings had been torn to pieces, mostly leaving out their heads or internal organs, which made for a ghastly sight.

Venerable the Blade was startled.

He had thought that Lord Nie had run away. He didn't know that a beast king had captured him!

Ambush?!

Venerable the Blade felt his blood freeze.

That beast king had surely been hiding outside the base city.

He would have been caught by the vines if he would have tried escaping with Lord Nie!

Whoosh!

Su Ping ran to the Little Skeleton. To be safe, the Little Skeleton also moved and closed the gap in the air, then merged with Su Ping. Since the wild beasts had been routed, the Little Skeleton no longer needed to babysit the area.

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“What is going on?” Su Ping shouted as he went over.

The titled battle pet warriors turned around and greeted Su Ping with respect. Someone murmured, “Mr. Su is here. Thank god.” “Let's see what Mr. Su thinks.”

“Sure.”

The titled battle pet warriors quietly made way for Su Ping as he approached them. “Mr. Su.”

Some elders of the Qin family and the family heads of both the Lius and the Zhous went to greet Su Ping. Liu Tianzong gazed at Su Ping with complicated emotions.

Back in the day, their pet store had competed against Su Ping's while resorting to underhanded means to tarnish his store's reputation. As he thought of what he had done, Liu Tianzong had to admit... he could not believe he had ever done that.

That had to be one of the most daring moments in his entire life.

The good thing was that Su Ping only requested half of the Liu family's wealth. Otherwise, the young Su Ping—a man with legendary rank combat strength—could simply say the word and the Liu family would

disappear without leaving a trace; even if some of their members managed to escape, they would soon realize how they would never be able to see the light of day again.

Legendary battle pet warriors established the rules on the Blue Planet!

“What are you talking about? Why do all of you seem so worried?” said Su Ping after taking a glance.

Liu Tianzong came back to his senses and produced a forced smile. “Mr. Su, we are talking about relocating. The Tower issued the list this morning, but the Longjiang Base City is not part of the Xing-Jing Defense Line. The Tower hopes that Longjiang can be merged with the Shuanglong Base City...”

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. “Are you sure about that? We have Qin Duhuang here. Why are they relocating a base city when there’s a legendary battle pet warrior stationed here?”

That relocation didn’t simply mean that people would stay somewhere else till the strike ended and then return.

After all the people left the base city, the wild beasts would then arrive and occupy the base city. No one would be able to come back.

Each base city had its customs and culture; all of it would be lost with the relocation.

Su Ping also knew that relocation was not possible for him.

His store was there.

He didn’t want to leave Longjiang. That was a Class B base city and he had lived in a poor community where the streets were old and the buildings were aged. However, those mottled walls and the humidity in the air were a part of him.

That was his home. It was shabby but beautiful.

Liu Tianzong forced a smile. “Qin is a legendary battle pet warrior but he didn’t join the Tower. We heard that the legendary battle pet warriors in the Tower have formed different parties and things have become quite complicated. The Tower claimed that Longjiang’s geographic location wasn’t suitable to be used as a defense line; we could become a weak link for everyone. I have to say, this isn’t entirely unreasonable; however, we can make up for that flaw with Qin Duhuang. The Tower is just making excuses...” Su Ping frowned. “What did Qin Duhuang

say?”

“He went to the Xing-Jing Defense Line’s head office and hasn’t returned yet.” An elder of the Qin family sighed.

“Xie Jinshui is also making calls. He’s trying to work something out using his connections, in order to have Longjiang added in the defense line. If the Xing-Jing Defense Line excludes us, no other defense line would accept us, since we would become a liability for them.”

The family head of the Zhou family heaved a sigh and added, “I had thought that we would certainly be part of the defense line, considering there’s Qin Duhuang and Mr. Su. I cannot believe they’re telling us to relocate. This is...”

Outrageous!

Zhou Tainlin wanted to hurl out some verbal abuse, but he had already done so earlier, when he first heard the news.

He no longer had the urge to spew curses. He was merely anxious to find a way to add their base city in the defense line.

Otherwise... all the base city's residents would have to relocate or they would be facing the strike alone.

Relocation could be detrimental, especially to the major families. All of their territories were in Longjiang. All the fixed assets would become worthless once they left. All their estates and businesses would have to be given up. They could only take some cash and part of their family assets with them.

But... Any major family considered fixed assets as the most important part!

One could only have so much money!

Su Ping pulled a long face. Qin Duhuang had briefed him about the defense line.

He didn't understand anything about the geographic location. He wasn't concerned about such an issue.

Still, he trusted Qin Duhuang's judgement. Longjiang would be treated as part of the defense line, unless the base city's location was too remote.

"Do you have a map? I need to see something," Su Ping said.

An elder of the Qin family said at once, "Yes. Mr. Su, this way please."

They went into the building's lobby and placed a sand table. That lobby was originally used to display some of the ceramics, rare pet feathers and shells that the Qin family had collected over the years. It was no longer an exhibition hall; the sand table, plus a map of the Subcontinent District and the world were the only things on display.

"Here's the Longjiang Base City." A Qin family elder pointed at the map.

Su Ping looked. He saw a place next to a mountain range and there was a small flag with the word "Longjiang" written on it.

"Mr. Su, we..."

The Qin family elder thought about giving Su Ping an introduction but the latter signaled him to stop.

No one said anything.

Su Ping saw the locations of the base cities on the sand table, as well as the Dragon Spine Forest and the North Pass Mountain; the two which flanked the base city's landscape.

There were over a dozen base cities built around the area; twelve of them were close to the North Pass Mountain, including Longjiang which was the closest to the mountain and further away from the Dragon Spine Forest.

However, by looking at the big picture, the distance between Longjiang and the Dragon Spine Forest was insignificant. The Longjiang Base City was in no way a weak link.

“Can you contact Xie Jinshui?” Su Ping asked.

Liu Tianzong shook his head. “Xie Jinshui is busy calling everyone he knows. You will have to go to the city hall.”

Su Ping nodded. “I’ll do that.”

He left right away.

The others looked at each other. Someone whispered, “Is Mr. Su thinking about personally going to the Tower to beg for help?”

“Begging to the Tower? Mr. Su once went there to beat them up. Do you honestly think Mr. Su would go and beg the Tower over this?” “The Tower knows that the Longjiang Base City has Mr. Su, but they’re not including us in the defense line. They’re clearly doing this on purpose; they wouldn’t relent even if Mr. Su went to beg.”

“I don’t know. Maybe they’re trying to embarrass Mr. Su in order to force him to crawl over to them.”

“These are special times. Mr. Su cannot beat them up again. If he were to hurt or kill legendary battle pet warriors again, he would be fighting against the entire human society. We cannot have an internal strife at this moment.”

“Why can’t he? We didn’t start it, the Tower did, talking nonsense about geographic location, weak links and what not. What the hell? We are not fools. They can’t even fool the general public with this.”

“I really cannot understand the Tower. Longjiang has two legendary battle pet warriors and still we have to relocate. How the hell did they come up with such a stupid decision?”

“They’re just doing this on purpose. Mr. Su shamed them before, so they are trying to get back at us.”

“No wonder Mr. Su doesn’t approve of the Tower. I thought legendary battle pet warriors were indifferent to fame and wealth. But... they’re just like us.”

“Hush. You cannot say that. This isn’t something we should think about. If they knew...”

They looked at each other. Although still angry, they stopped talking.

Indeed.

Su Ping was able to rattle the Tower because he had the ability and the courage!

On the other hand, they themselves weren’t legendary battle pet warriors. Apart from the Qin family, none of the other families had legendary battle pet warriors. If their complaints were to be made public, the Tower could easily destroy their families.

Those were the plights of the weak.

They were furious, but unable to even complain about it.

City hall.

Everyone at the city hall knew Su Ping from his pictures. They would bow to him with respect and no one stopped him.

When Su Ping found Xie Jinshui, the latter was making a call while standing by his office window.

“Ji, please, we’ve known each other for years. Could just please relay my message? I will go and thank you in person after this ends.

“You know about us. The Longjiang Base City is not a Class C settlement. We are not Class A, either, but we have legendary battle pet warriors!

“Ji! Hello?”

III

The call ended.

Su Ping pushed the door open and went in.

Xie Jinshui turned around with a start. He produced a forced smile after Su Ping’s unexpected appearance. “Mr. Su, how long have you been here?”

“Just a second,” Su Ping said calmly, “I’ve been briefed of the situation. Is someone deliberately creating trouble for us?”

After seeing the sand table, Su Ping had then found out that the reason for excluding Longjiang from the defense line was utterly irrational.

The Longjiang Base City’s circumstances were not valid for it to be ignored!

Xie Jinshui wished he could say something but stopped on second thought. He shook his head and replied, “I don’t know. Qin went there to find out; the Tower should show him some respect. Although, I still wonder if he is going to come back with good news.”

“The Tower is managing the Xing-Jing Defense Line, right? How many legendary battle pet warriors are in charge? Who is the leader?” Su Ping asked.

He could think of one legendary battle pet warrior from the Tower with whom he shared a deep seated hatred with.

Yun Tianchen.

If Yuan Tianchen was the one behind it all, Su Ping would no longer show mercy.

Even though Su Ping kept a calm face, Xie Jinshui’s experience as a mayor allowed him to immediately notice Su Ping’s killing intent. Startled by it, he said at once, “Mr. Su, this has to be some sort of misunderstanding; do not give in to impulse. If you fight the Tower, you will be putting yourself against all of humanity. The Tower represents justice at this time, and justice always wins!”

“It’s not that justice always wins. It is the surviving party that wins.”

Su Ping snorted. "I won't deal with them for now. They are scum, but the public are innocent. The Tower's members are rotten, but they'll have to fight to protect the base cities and this is their sole value."

Xie Jinshui was relieved. "I'm glad to hear that. I trust that you'll be a man of your word, Mr. Su."

"I am. You don't have to warn me."

"No, no, that's not what I meant, Mr. Su." Xie Jinshui waved his hands at once. He was about to continue when his phone rang. "Qin Duhuang. He must be back already." Xie Jinshui looked glad.

He answered the call without hesitation.

"I failed."

He heard two words that took away all his delight and hope.

Su Ping heard that as well. He narrowed his eyes.

Xie Jinshui became absent-minded. He stood in a daze for a moment, not even noticing that Qin Duhuang had hung up. After a moment passed, he came back to his senses and saw that the call had indeed ended. He produced a forced smile and said to Su Ping, "Mr. Su, why don't you go back home? I have to make some calls. I have some old schoolmates I can contact, and I know that my wife's family has some connections. I will call them..."

After looking at the forced smile, Su Ping said, "You don't have to find anyone. Since the defense line does not want us, we will simply defend ourselves."

Xie Jinshui was surprised. "This strike is not a common one. I heard that there's a major problem at the Deep Caves. According to some ancient and confidential records, I know that the wild beasts contained within are much more intimidating than the ones we've seen in the barren areas. The former are heartless; there must be over a hundred beast kings in the Deep Caves!"

"You don't have to guess," Su Ping said, "There are probably over a thousand beast kings, but they're scattered around the world. The Subcontinent District only has to deal with a hundred or two, and Longjiang will merely have to fight dozens of them."

"Over a thousand?" Xie Jinshui was so stunned that he almost dropped his phone.

He curled his lips and turned pale. "We? Dozens?"

He looked desperate.

Dozens of beast kings! How terrifying!

They were enough to flatten the Longjiang Base City!

They had Su Ping and Qin Duhuang in Longjiang but the base city was not a small place. If they were posted at the east side, the west side would be left unattended. If the beasts came from different directions... there would be nothing that Su Ping could do!

"Don't worry. I am here," Su Ping said to the trembling mayor. I am here!

The three words boosted Xie Jinshui's confidence.

He gazed at Su Ping and said with a heavy mind, "Mr. Su, I don't know the extent of what you can accomplish, but I understand that you're better than those at the Void State. Still, dozens of beast kings... Can we do this?" "I will open my store for business, and I will call some friends for help. I have given a look at the sand table; I can guard one side and Qin Duhuang can guard another. The other sides can be protected by my battle pets," Su Ping said.

"But..."

"No buts. Let's do this!" Su Ping cut Xie Jinshui off.

Xie Jinshui was inspired by Su Ping's determination. He took a deep breath and the worry on his mind finally vanished. "You are right. Let's do this!"

"No one was willing to help us, no matter how I begged. Those bastards. I knew that begging wouldn't work and I'm done with begging!

"Relying on them is worse than relying on ourselves. Damn it, we will do this!!"

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Regret arrived as soon as he finished this self-pep talk.

Anyone could say bold words to seek a momentary gratification... But not everyone went and did bold things! The Longjiang Base City had a large population, and yet he had given in to impulse...

"Stop hesitating. Go and get ready. I have to go back now." Su Ping saw how Xie Jinshui was showing his hesitant nature again, so he decided to snap him out of it. He left the office soon after.

Xie Jinshui watched as Su Ping left, feeling powerless. From that moment on, he would have to place all his hope on Su Ping.

Prepare for war!

Su Ping went directly back to his store.

Since the Longjiang Base City had failed to become part of the Xing-Jing Defense Line, they would have to rely on themselves. Su Ping knew that someone in the Tower was targeting him, but that was not the time for him to seek revenge.

"Brother Leng, do you have time? We need more people at the Longjiang Base City."

Su Ping called Leng Yingjun—Venerable the Blade—at once after he returned.

"Mr. Su, I heard about your base city. I was at the head office of the Xing-Jing Defense Line when Mr. Qin went there."

Leng Yingjun heaved a sigh and continued, "I became aware of the situation but was unable to do anything about it. I am so sorry. But if Longjiang is in danger, I will be there."

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. "Don't worry about it, this had nothing to do with you. Do you know who suggested excluding our base city?"

"Well..." Leng Yingjun sounded hesitant but he eventually answered, "A senior legendary battle pet warrior of the Tower did, but I'm not at liberty to tell you the name because I... am a member of the Tower!"

Su Ping was surprised. "You're a member of the Tower? You've finally reached the legendary rank?"

"Yes, and I'm mortified to say that."

Leng Yingjun forced a bitter smile. "I have to thank you, Mr. Su. I reached the legendary rank because of the beast king you sold me. I was able to feel the special energy harnessed by beast kings through the bond of the contract, which later inspired me; I was able to get through the bottleneck. If it weren't for the beast king, I don't know how much longer I would be stuck. I might have never been able to take the final step!"

"Congratulations!" Su Ping was glad. There was one more legendary battle pet warrior with a sense of responsibility. "The Tower called me soon after I reached the legendary rank. I joined the Tower for the greater good of humanity." Leng Yingjun felt a bit embarrassed. "I've heard about the matters between you and the Tower. I..."

"I don't hate the Tower. I hate my enemies," Su Ping cut him off and said with a smiling voice, "Whichever organization you joined, the fact that you're a legendary battle pet warrior is a happy occasion. When time allows, come to visit and I will hand you a gift."

"Mr. Su..." Leng Yingjun didn't know what to say.

He felt too mortified to meet Su Ping after joining the Tower. It was thanks to the beast king that Su Ping sold him that he had been able to reach the legendary rank.

He wouldn't have been inspired without that beast king. It just so happened that the breakthrough came at a critical time. The titled rank was no longer enough in those trying times. Several legendary battle pet warriors had passed away. He was indebted to Su Ping.

"Okay, I have to call someone else. See you," Su Ping said.

Leng Yingjun heard the call end and he put down his phone after a few seconds of silence... In the meantime, Su Ping started to call others.

Wu Guansheng was the second person he called.

Su Lingyue's teacher.

Wu Guansheng was at the peak of the titled rank; but different from Venerable the Blade, the former was an expert in healing. His own combat strength was not strong, but it would be much better than 1+1 = 2 when he assisted others!

"No problem," Wu Guansheng answered without hesitation.

Su Ping was touched by Wu Guansheng's attitude. He could not imagine how he had become friends with a titled warrior whom he had coerced into staying.

Su Ping didn't call a third person; as a matter of fact, there were only a few titled battle pet warriors he knew. People like Yun Wanli and Han Yuxiang had to protect their own base cities. The Longyang Base City was important because of the entrance to the Deep Caves, making it an easy target.

"If we do end up needing more people, the Qin family, the Zhou family and the Ye family have many titled battle pet warriors," Su Ping said to himself.

The Longjiang Base City did have a large population of titled battle pet warriors.

However, compared to the number of wild beasts, their numbers were only a drop in the bucket. That being said, titled battle pet warriors could sign contracts with beast kings.

If every titled battle pet warrior in Longjiang could be equipped with a beast king... Longjiang would have enough power to defend itself, even if dozens of beast kings were to come!

Su Ping thought of a plan.

Head office of the Xing-Jing Defense Line.

The place had been up in the Douxing Base City. Both Douxing and Longjing competed openly and covertly. Eventually, the Longjing Base City gave in. More and more battle pet warriors started pouring into Douxing after the head office was set up. Titled battle pet warriors from the 11 base cities which made the defensive line would make frequent trips to report. More than twenty legendary battle pet warriors had been appointed to the head office by the Tower. One of the twenty was at the Void State, a healthy man in his old age. "Hmm, just a legendary battle pet warrior at the Ocean State. How dare he come to us and argue!"

An old man was sitting on a wooden chair with the engravings of a phoenix and a dragon.

"That Qin dude refused to join the Tower. Stupid thing!"

"He thought he could do better by buttering up that guy Su in the Longjiang Base City, instead of joining us. How ridiculous!"

"Right. Joining the Tower is not to gain benefits; it's all for the greater good of humanity!"

"We are managing all the base cities across the world and we work hard with both mind and body. That Qin dude is a lowly, pandering ingrate. What does he know about difficulties?"

The other three legendary battle pet warriors in the room sneered.

The old man snorted. "How is the Longjiang Base City doing? Has that guy Su called to beg or ask someone to do it on his behalf?"

"No, not for now."

"Who would be foolish enough to beg for that kid's sake. He killed several legendary battle pet warriors. He's a traitor to human society!"

“Don’t worry. He will come and beg when the beast strike arrives.”

The three legendary battle pet warriors laughed. They could even see how Su Ping would beg before them when the strike came. “Never mind. We should be prepared. The Master has entrusted this defense line to me. We cannot afford to make mistakes,” the old man interrupted them.

“You’re right, Lord Nie.”

“We gave a chance to the Longjiang Base City but they refused to relocate. They are only seeking their own doom.”

“With Lord Nie here, even if wild beasts come to the Longjing Base City, we will surely be able to defend it.”

The old man nodded. “Speaking of which, Longjing is important because it also has an entrance to the Deep Caves. That place is our priority. Report anything out of the ordinary immediately.”

“That is correct.

“Longjing has a Heaven Executor who will take care of the Deep Caves, so I don’t think we need to be worried.”

“Anyway, those Heaven Executors hide in the base cities. What are they protecting?”

“I heard that some base cities that have no entrances to the Deep Caves have Heaven Executors as well, Longjiang for example...” “Humph!” The old man suddenly darted a cold glance at the three. “The strike is upon us; I suggest you leave those messy thoughts to rest. You don’t have the authority to ask about the Heaven Executors. That is top secret and even I am being kept in the dark. Be careful. The Master may hear this.”

“Discussing Heaven Executors is forbidden!”

The other people smiled apologetically and no longer touched that subject. They hid their curiosity deep inside. Even the Tower regarded that topic as top secret. How interesting.

In the meantime

Longjiang Base City.

Su Ping was about to close the door to visit a cultivation site when his father Su Yuanshan arrived. “Ping, is this your store?” Su Yuanshan stood by the door and looked around.

Su Ping smiled. “I got the store from you. This is our store.”

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“Your mother was the one managing the store. You got the store from her.”

Su Yuanshan shook his head. “It was just a small, ordinary store when she ran things. But now... see all the titled battle pet warriors. I cannot even count how many have come here.”

Su Ping smiled silently. “I saw in the news that the wild beasts are striking everywhere and many base cities are relocating. Have you also thought about moving?” Su Yuanshan asked.

Su Ping shook his head. "I'm not leaving Longjiang."

Su Yuanshan gazed at him. "Are you sure? It's not a small strike this time. The wild beasts could be even more intimidating than the Otherworld Heavenly King you met."

Su Ping was surprised. "How do you know?"

"I saw it on the news."

"These news reports are very detailed..." Su Ping was speechless. "Anyway, let's roll with the punches and we'll see what to do when the time comes."

Su Yuanshan didn't offer a reply.

"Dad, I have to do something. Could you head back home for now?"

"Sure." Su Ping closed the door after his father left. He pulled up the system's shop and found advanced beast-catching rings.

He refreshed the shop several times. Three out of five rounds, he found beast-catching rings.

He grabbed the beast-catching rings, called Joanna and went to the Demigod Burial.

Su Ping went and said to Joanna directly, "I need four beast kings at the Void State."

"Do you want to sell them?"

"That is correct."

"Sure. Finding four beast kings at the Void State within ten days is a piece of cake." Joanna accepted the mission. Su Ping looked at her. She had helped him deal with many troubles. She was indeed a great helper.

"You'll become an outstanding employee after this beast strike. I'll take you to the Archean Divinity by then," Su Ping said.

Joanna was surprised. "Are you serious?" She stared at him.

"Yes."

Su Ping nodded.

Joanna bit her lips and took a deep breath. "Good. Is that a deal?"

Su Ping replied with a smile.

"Do you want to deny it later?"

"No."

"Then why don't you answer me?"

"I'm a man of my word. If I wasn't, no matter how many promises I make, they would all be pointless."

Joanna quietly stared at him.

She summoned two God Warriors and asked them to catch Void State beast kings.

Joanna began to teach the small Five Elements Formation to Su Ping after the God Warriors left.

The teacher and the student.

Joanna was a patient tutor; she told the Celestial Gods to get some materials so that Su Ping could practice. Those materials were not cheap, but Joanna had a large fortune; she could afford Su Ping's practice materials.

Ten days passed.

The God Warriors had caught four Void State beast kings on the third day. They placed the beast kings in cages and delivered them to Su

Ping.

Su Ping told the God Warriors to beat the beast kings half to death before he used the advanced beast-catching rings. He was able to catch three after four attempts. That was a pretty lucky draw.

Those beast kings lived in the Demigod Burial; they were different from the wild beasts he had seen on the Blue Planet, since they had Divine Energy coursing inside them. They had crystal cores to store Divine Energy, adding the fact that they could learn and develop faster. Besides, those beast kings had one or two divine skills that were powerful or mysterious.

Su Ping was happy after catching three beast kings. He didn't even want to sell them.

After all, the three beast kings were much better than the ones he had previously found on the Blue Planet. He was even reluctant to sell them to others.

It's such a shame I still can't sign a contract with Void State beast kings." Su Ping felt sorry

He had mastered the small Five Elements Formation during the ten day period, and he switched to cultivating whenever he had spare time. He wondered if he had experienced too many Heaven's Tests or whether he had done something else, but he still couldn't take the final step, even while having enough astral powers inside him. I thought the turning point had to do with the Heaven's Test. Su Ping was confused.

He was unable to sense when his own Heavenly Test would arrive. It meant that he wasn't going to reach the legendary rank any time soon.

However—when he made use of people's tests – he had been able to feel how the thunders and bolts of lightning were manifested, emerging from the void. That splendor and magnificence had amazed him. And yet, he no longer felt a thing during the testing, even while being at the peak of the ninth rank.

He asked Joanna to find more people who were about to take the test so he could try it, but he lost that feeling forever.

He had turned numb.

Have I become immune to the Heaven's Test? Su Ping feared that he had become desensitized after having gone through many Heaven's Tests.

Let's not forget that he had reached the second level of the Solar Bulwark; his physical strength could already be compared to that of the Fate State. The Heaven's Test could barely harm him.

"I can't break through if I can't feel the calling, right?" Su Ping asked Joanna. He thought he could break through by making use of other people's tests.

All Heaven's Tests were essentially similar.

"You're right."

Joanna eyed Su Ping as if the latter were a fool. "If you achieve a breakthrough like this, not only could you do the same with the Heaven's Test for the legendary rank; it could also be used for the Star Rank. But then there would be too many powerful people in the world if I could revive them like you can and simply borrow the Heaven's Test of the Supreme God rank."

Su Ping was speechless. "Tell me. Why can't I sense Heaven's Test? I'm at the proper stage, theoretically speaking, and the breakthrough should arrive as naturally as drinking water and eating."

"Who knows. Maybe you need something else." Joanna shrugged.

Su Ping made no reply.

Nevermind.

Success will arrive once the conditions are ripe.

He asked for a bunch of materials to lay the small Five Elements Formation and then went back to the store with Joanna. Another day in real life had passed.

"Huh?"

Su Ping was startled after sensing that there were merely one or two titled battle pet warriors across the street. He pushed the door open and went out at once.

"Have the wild beasts arrived?" Su Ping asked at once.

Two elders of the Qin family were pointing at something depicted on the sand table. Su Ping's question startled them. They bowed to him at once and one of them answered, "Mr. Su, I heard you were cultivating in your store. The wild beasts have indeed made a move but our base city was not affected. The crisis befell in the Xing-Jing Defense Line."

"The Xing-Jing Defense Line? "Yes. The Longjing Base City was seriously attacked this morning. I heard that over a hundred titled warriors and two legendary warriors have died!" the other elder answered.

Chapter 657 Base Cities as the Formation

"The Longjing Base City..." Su Ping mumbled to himself.

He had been paying attention to the other base cities ever since he found out that there was an entrance to the Deep Caves in the Longyang Base City. If his guess was right, there was also an entrance to the Deep Caves in Longjing.

So, the starting point of the strike was the entrance to the Deep Caves? “Did the strike begin inside the base city or from the outside?” Su Ping asked the two Qin family elders.

“Inside. That is what I heard,” one of them said.

That was to be expected.

The wild beasts were coming out from the Deep Caves!

The odd thing was, he had barely seen any wild beasts when he was inside the Deep Caves. They must have been hiding somewhere in the caves.

Su Ping was worried.

He wondered if Li Yuanfeng and the others were fine.

It was unfortunate that he had no Space Swallowers and couldn't contact Li Yuanfeng.

“Where is Qin Duhuang?” Su Ping asked. “He's patrolling the outer wall. Do you need to talk to him? We can call him for you...”

“It's okay. I'm just asking.”

Su Ping looked at the sand table. Those base cities had been marked on the sand table and Longjing wasn't far off. There were three base cities between Longjing and Longjiang; it would only take thirty minutes to arrive by riding a common ninth-rank bird.

Longyang Base City... Longjing Base City... Both names start with Long.

Su Ping shook his head.

Something caught his attention all of a sudden. He looked at the sand table again and something seemed to be off.

Of all the base cities of the Subcontinent District, over a dozen had a name starting with “Long.”

When looking at the base cities with the “Long” prefix, Su Ping suddenly realized that those base cities were actually forming the shape of a five-pointed star!

There were actually two five-pointed stars; the overlapping stars revealed ten points!

Some base cities around the two five-pointed stars were like supporting structures!

Su Ping was no longer a green hand when it came to formations. He had studied formations with Joanna for more than twenty days, having mastered the small Five Elements Formation. He noticed how the base cities had created a formation!

The supporting structures were normally used to stabilize the formation and to provide energy to the formation.

However, he was able to recognize the formation type.

Am I wrong or is it plain overthinking... Wait a minute..."

Su Ping suddenly remembered the Otherworld Heavenly King. It had first sent beast kings to attack the Longjiang Base City, and then the Heavenly King made an appearance. It wasn't a hunting mission. Su Ping believed that the Otherworld Heavenly King was trying to find some things in the Longjiang Base City back then.

Or, something in the Longjiang Base City was appealing to the Heavenly King.

Longjiang seemed to be one of the supporting structures.

The Longjiang Base City was not part of the ten-point star.

There were six supporting stars!

Six supporting stars are scattered around the ten-point star!

There are entrances to the Deep Caves in Longyang and Longjing, but not in the Longjiang Base City. There's one in Longlin which is a Class B base city. I don't think this is a coincidence.

Su Ping blinked. He decided to take the sand table to Joanna; it was highly likely that she'd be able to recognize the formation.

"I'll be borrowing this," Su Ping said.

Although surprised, the two Qin family elders didn't stop Su Ping.

They could get another one.

He picked up the sand table and went back to his store so that he could show Joanna.

"Take a look. What formation is this?" Su Ping asked Joanna.

He had highlighted the base cities which had the "Long" prefix in their names with astral powers.

Joanna looked at it, and then she appeared to have been amazed. "The Heaven Lock?"

"A formation indeed..." Su Ping's mind was weighed down. "What type is it? Some sort of sealing formation?" "Something like that. But the formation is not sealing any life forms, but heaven itself!" "What?"

Su Ping didn't understand.

Back at the Celestial Star, he had learned from the Golden Crow's Chief Elder about existences related to heaven, the "Heaven Master." The Heaven Masters could destroy over a hundred Blue Planets with one stomp, and could even flatten the entire Federation! Still, Joanna said that the formation had been used to seal heaven within?

Joanna gazed at him. "I think you might have misunderstood me. I mean the tangible heaven and earth!"

"What?"

“Well, this is a sealing formation that affects space. Once the seal is opened, both the heaven and earth sealed inside would be revealed. The Blue Planet would grow; the planet’s potential growth is dependent on how much heaven and earth had been sealed.”

Joanna continued, “I didn’t know that this small planet of yours was keeping that many secrets. The one who set up this Heaven Lock probably wanted to loot astral powers. He or she was surely trying to contain all the astral powers in that area so that he or she could enjoy the astral powers alone. “I don’t know whether the astral powers have already been absorbed by someone else but if not, all the astral powers across the entire Blue Planet will be more profound and you’ll have more powerful humans and beasts alike.”

Su Ping was surprised.

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Someone used over a dozen base cities to build a Heaven Lock, just so that he or she could enjoy the astral powers alone? “Which rank would this person or being have to be able to build this formation?” Su Ping asked.

“Building formations is not strict when it comes to ranks. Legendary Fate State Warriors, as you call them, can build this Heaven Lock and the small Five Elements Formation. It would only take them more effort. Those at the Star Rank can build those formations with more ease.

“However, I don’t think those at the Star Rank would want a small portion of astral powers. I suppose the builder was most likely at the Fate State.”

Su Ping nodded. The builder of the formation surely had something to do with the construction of more than a dozen base cities. Some base cities had been recently built while others—like Longyang and Longjing—had been put together over a thousand years before.

“No wonder the Otherworld Heavenly King would pay us a visit. It must have been thinking about destroying the Heaven Lock so that the astral powers could be unleashed. That way, the wild beasts around the world would enjoy a boost of strength, which would help them encroach on human lands. I bet the Heavenly Kings were actually trying to devour the astral powers themselves,” Su Ping mumbled to himself.

The statement made sense.

The Otherworld Heavenly King had shown up in the flesh, just so that it could destroy the formation and enjoy the stored astral powers. A thousand years ago... Was the first master of the Tower the actual builder?

Su Ping thought of the possibility. He decided he would have to ask Xie Jinshui. The mayor had to know more about Longjiang’s history.

“Do you know how to build and deactivate the Heaven Lock? Teach me,” Su Ping said to Joanna.

He didn’t mind opening the formation to unleash the astral powers himself. He could take the astral powers; other battle pet warriors could have a share if there was too much of it.

The wild beasts would grow, of course, but humans would find reaching the legendary rank much easier.

“This is a third-rank formation, as easy as the small Five Elements Formation,” Joanna said. That formation was merely child’s play for her.

“You just have to destroy the six supporting stars, which is the most common approach. There are two special methods. First, you can use the power of rules and enter the sealed space directly to destroy it from within.

“The second method is to build three additional supporting stars, thus reversing the formation.”

Joanna added, “You would have to be at the Star Rank if you wanted to try the first special method. As for the second, you would have to build three base cities, which would be more possible for you. I’ll tell you where to build the three supporting stars and how.”

Su Ping clicked his tongue.

Such an extraordinary formation seemed to be a piece of cake for her.

He knew that some of the third-rank formations could be strong enough to directly kill those at the Star Rank!

“You’re a good employee,” Su Ping exclaimed. Joanna had helped him greatly.

“I am glad you know that.”

“I’ve developed swordplay that contains the power of rules, and I can cut open the void with it. Can I enter the sealed space with this?” Su Ping was curious.

If he was able to enter the sealed space with the help of the Void Sword, he would have the chance to consume the astral powers which had been accumulating for a thousand years.

He had reached a bottleneck in his rank, but the Chaos Star Chart was miraculous enough; it allowed him to continue absorbing astral powers.

If he could consume more astral powers-and since a quantitative change could lead to a qualitative change-he trusted that he would be able to reach the legendary rank even without the Heaven’s Test.

“Swordplay?”

Joanna looked at him. “You’re still a mortal being who has not yet reached the legendary rank. Have you truly started to understand rules?”

“Don’t judge a book by its cover. Don’t think I’m a trophy boy just because I’m handsome,” Su Ping answered.

Joanna: “...”

“That is not what I meant.” She sneered.

“I know what you meant. How about I show you?” Su Ping asked.

“Sure. I want to see...” Joanna still had doubts. She knew that Su Ping was powerful, but rank limits were also true. She was fine accepting that Su Ping was able to compete against one at the Fate State. Talents like him did exist...

But, a mortal being mastering the power of rules?

He would be as talented as I am!

That reincarnated version of her original self carried the memory of her previous lives, including the understanding of rules and principles. That was why she could use a large number of secret skills.

Boom!

Su Ping lifted his hand and the sword appeared in his grasp. He slashed. The void was torn open!

Destruction!

Annihilation!

Joanna saw a dark mark in space; she could see through the crack and into the many layers of space inside.

She narrowed her eyes.

That's the power of rules!

She felt that!

"You..."

Su Ping asked, "Can I cut the formation open with this?"

Joanna gradually came back to her senses. "No. You'd have to be proficient in using the power of rules to break the formation. Your usage is still crude and not nearly enough..."

Joanna forced a bitter smile.

Even though Su Ping was still far from being an expert, she already found the situation terrifying. This guy is a monster!

"Ah..."

Su Ping was disappointed, since Joanna had confirmed that it wasn't enough; she had to be telling the truth. He had never doubted her.

"So, the only thing I can do is to build three base cities to reverse the formation or to destroy six base cities and the latter is obviously not possible..." Su Ping shook his head. He couldn't destroy their base city, or any other base city for that matter. He then decided not to linger on that topic; he returned the sand table to the Qin family. The task at hand was to deal with the beast strike; he would revisit the Heaven Lock topic with Joanna in the future.

He went to the west segment of the city wall; there he saw many battle pet warriors instructing their battle pets to help them move weapons and devices around.

The Longjing Base City was under attack and the wild beasts could later spread to Longjiang; they had to be ready.

Su Ping went to see Qin Duhuang and ask about the situation in Longjing.

The Xing-Jing Defense Line had excluded the Longjiang Base City, but that was only the Tower's decision; Su Ping didn't loathe the base cities.

"They didn't ask us for help. The titled warriors from the base cities in the Xing-Jing Defense Line and the legendary battle pet warriors from the Tower are hurrying over to Longjing. I heard that they have only lost five legendary battle pet warriors..."

Qin Duhuang told Su Ping about the frustrating updates.

They were all humans; honor one and you honor them all. Qin Duhuang didn't want to see the Longjing Base City fall.

Five legendary battle pet warriors have died...

Su Ping frowned. Legendary battle pet warriors should have enough power to stand on their own and they could help each other. However, five had already passed away; that was definitely not good.

The defensive line was useless if not even the legendary battle pet warriors from the Tower were able to stop the beast strike!

The other eleven base cities which were part of the defensive line would also be in danger. Those base cities had even accepted relocated population!

The defense line had a population of over a billion!

"I'll go there if the situation is urgent," Su Ping said. Qin Duhuang looked at him. "But the Xing-Jing Defense Line excluded us..."

"My grudge is with the decision-makers, not with the public. The people in the base cities are innocent," Su Ping said.

Qin Duhuang expressed his admiration, "Mr. Su, you have my respect!"

Su Ping waved his hand. He wasn't trying to prove how generous he was. He was simply unwilling to see that many people suffer!

Right then, his phone rang.

"XXMr. Su!"

It was Venerable the Blade's voice. "Mr. Su, can you come to the Longjing Base City?"

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"How is Longjing doing?" Having been alerted about the situation, Su Ping remained composed.

"Mr. Su, do you know about the Longjing Base City?" Venerable the Blade said at once, "The base city has fallen into the enemy's hands. A surge of beasts came from the Deep Caves... They came prepared; we've already detected forty or fifty beast kings."

Qin Duhuang heard that. He narrowed his eyes in fear.

Forty or fifty beast kings?

He could even picture how those mountain-like beast kings were wreaking havoc in the Longjing Base City.

It would be difficult for some base cities to deal with dozens of ninth-rank beasts, let alone dozens of beast kings!

“We discussed the situation. We’re planning to trap the beast kings in the Longjing Base City and use the existing assault formation to contain them. We may not be able to kill them all, but we will have the chance to push them back into the Deep Caves at the very least!

“Otherwise, those beast kings could get out and merge with other wild beasts; that could be detrimental to base cities that are still relocating.”

Venerable the Blade asked Su Ping for a favor, “Mr. Su, I know what you can do. A legendary battle pet warrior at the Ocean State like me cannot even compare with you. Could you come here and lend a hand? I know that the Tower has mistreated you with the defense line arrangement, but the general public is innocent. I...”

“Yes. I’ll be there,” Su Ping said before Venerable the Blade could finish.

He could feel how sorry and embarrassed the latter was.

Being a friend, he would help and make things easier for Venerable the Blade.

“Take care. Hang in there, I’ll be there,” Su Ping repeated.

“Mr. Su...”

Venerable the Blade had thought that persuading Su Ping would be a difficult task, but he had already agreed before he got to the begging part.

Venerable the Blade bit his teeth and clenched his fists.

The new legendary warrior gazed into the distance. People were shouting and the beasts were roaring; the legendary battle pet warriors were hurrying here and there. Venerable the Blade was full of complex feelings. He didn’t know why the Tower was acting toward Su Ping with such hostility; they couldn’t set their prejudice aside even at this time. On the other hand, Su Ping was the bigger man.

Venerable the Blade took a deep breath and shook those ideas away. He was determined. He would quit the Tower once everything ended!

That was not the Tower he desired to be part of!

“You’re going?” Qin Duhuang asked Su Ping.

He was worried.

Su Ping was the base city’s cornerstone!

Qin Duhuang was at the legendary rank but he knew the limits of his abilities. He had acquired his beast kings through Su Ping; he believed that the latter's battle pets would only be more powerful!

Besides, Su Ping had ousted creatures like the Otherworld Heavenly King. He couldn't even tell how stronger Su Ping had become.

And yet, there was one thing he did know: he couldn't protect the base city by himself if Su Ping left.

This time, the beast strike was definitely not a common one; a strike with seven or eight beast kings would have caught the attention of the entire world in the past!

However, strikes of such severity were commonplace in recent days.

Many base cities had fallen to such beast strikes; many people, young and old, female and male, had lost their lives to the wild beasts.

"I won't be there for long. Don't worry," Su Ping comforted Qin Duhuang. He thought for a moment and summoned the Dark Dragon Hound.

This pet would always act like a kid when around Su Ping. Still, it had become a fierce battle pet after having gone through countless rounds of deaths.

Even Qin Duhuang felt stressed around the Dark Dragon Hound.

"I'll leave my battle pet here. Call me if anything happens and I'll come back right away. The dog will help you in the meantime," Su Ping said.

Qin Duhuang gazed at the battle pet; it was a sort of mix between a wolf and a dog with the tail and scales of a dragon. It was like a veteran that had survived fierce battles.

"You are leaving your battle pet here. Wouldn't it be too dangerous for you to go there like this?" Qin Duhuang was concerned.

A group made of dozens of beast kings should never be underestimated. If those beast kings were intelligent, they could work together; that could be even more destructive!

"It's okay. I have other buddies," Su Ping said.

He patted the Dark Dragon Hound's head and told it what to do.

The Dark Dragon Hound barked unhappily.

Su Ping said grumpily, "Stay here and guard my home. Don't loaf on the job; you won't like what I'd do to you if the city is breached."

The Dark Dragon Hound barked.

Not wasting any time, Su Ping summoned the Inferno Dragon, hopped onto one of its shoulders and flew away.

Longjing Base City.

Roar!

Roar!!

The beast roars resounded, and the flames of war were raging. The entire base city had fallen.

The residential buildings and the landmark skyscrapers had collapsed during the battles. The base city had been reduced to a heap of rubble.

The beast kings were causing damage everywhere. Some of them would lift buildings more than twenty stories high and throw them at the battle pet warriors. The building would break, revealing the supporting rebars. The ground shook and the sewers were exposed.

Many wild beasts were traveling in the sewers. Some corpses were dangling from the mouths of wild beasts; their arms were swinging back and forth.

“Come on! Hurry!”

“Use the iron wall to stop them!!”

“Do we have reinforcements? Men down!”

The battle pet warriors were risking their lives. Some of them had lost their limbs and some had been smashed from the waist down. The heavily mauled battle pet warriors were dragged out of the battleground.

Some battle pets also fell, forming pools of blood. Wild beasts rushed over and stomped the battle pets' heads before they could be treated; the battle pet warriors felt their hearts ache as they saw their battle pets die.

Slaughter. Blood. Screams.

Surrounded by the gunfire and cries of misery, some of the weaker-willed battle pet warriors were shaking, while some of the more courageous battle pet warriors felt their blood surge. The latter would try their best to kill as many wild beasts as they could!

“Damn it. There are too many of them!”

“Lord Nie, we should leave. We are losing ground here.”

Several legendary battle pet warriors were floating in the sky with Lord Nie placed in the middle. They had been searching for beast kings to kill; those creatures weren't stupid. Some of them beast kings had gotten too excited in the beginning and strayed from the herd, ending up dying. The surviving beast kings did the smart thing and stayed together.

It had become difficult for the legendary battle pet warriors to resist groups of beast kings launching coordinated attacks.

Each legendary battle pet warrior had three to five beast kings; but their pets were much weaker when compared to the beast kings from the Deep Caves, even when they were at the same rank!

Those wild beast kings would fight like crazy.

On the other hand, the beast king battle pets had been captured either outside or inside the Deep Caves. For the latter, warriors would have to ask friends to find the beast kings for them in the Deep Caves. Either way, the tamed beast kings had stayed with them for too long and had lost some edge after living on velvet!

Those legendary battle pet warriors would only practice with their pets in ways that wouldn't inflict any substantial harm. Their battle pets had never risked their lives.

After all, those legendary battle pet warriors would mostly choose to escape whenever they encountered real danger. They would go back to the Tower and then win by resorting to numbers. Why would they risk their own lives?

After all, getting hurt or getting their battle pets hurt would cost them a fortune in medical bills.

Their lives would be ruined if they were unlucky and suffered injuries with possible sequelae.

"We would all die here and we would still be unable to stop them."

"Those damn beasts. There are even more wild beast kings coming. There's no end to this!"

"I think we should give up this place. We can come back and finish them one by one after the wild beasts and beast kings begin to leave the base city. It's too hard for us right now!" the legendary battle pet warriors said anxiously. Some of their battle pets had been wounded; they weren't happy about that. For one thing, treating their pets injuries would be expensive. For another, training those beast king pets was difficult. After all, there were barely three Holy Spirit Trainers in the entire globe!

Training beast kings was impossible for the ninth-rank top trainers; they would be threatened by the beast kings instead. The tranquilizers used to subdue ninth-rank beasts would be ineffective on beast kings.

"Lord Nie, we cannot leave!" one of the legendary battle pet warriors worked up the courage and suggested otherwise, "Those beast kings have a plan. They came out so suddenly that none of the alarms went off. It was an ambush! Beast kings were still working together, even outside the Longjing Base City. They had a leader and an agenda!"

"Venerable the Blade, what are you suggesting? Do you want us to be killed here so that the wild beasts can go to other base cities?"

"Our lives are precious. We have to live to save more people!"

"He's right. You've just reached the legendary rank; we don't blame you for not seeing the bigger picture just yet."

The other legendary battle pet warriors were furious.

Staying till the end?

They would if they could. After all, it would add to their honor if they succeeded; they could later say they had finished their job. But judging by the current situation, they had decided that the sacrifice was too heavy!

The old man with gray hair shouted, "Shut up!"

The others stopped talking.

"Lord Nie, we can ask for reinforcements and we can borrow some legendary battle pet warriors from other base cities. We can't give this place up!" Venerable the Blade stressed. If they gave up this place, they would leave behind a gaping breach in their defense line; the other base cities would fall under the hooves of the wild beasts!

Give up once and they would give up twice!

By then, not only would the Longjing Base City be doomed, but the entire Xing-Jing Defense Line!

Maybe those legendary battle pet warriors could help relocating one or two base cities, while the wild beasts were focused on the Xing-Jing Defense Line... But what about the other base cities?

The population was over one billion!

"What are you talking about? Borrowing help from other defense lines? Do you know how few of us there are? What if the other defense lines were in crisis because they came to help us?" a legendary battle pet warrior with golden hair and green eyes shouted. He was a legendary battle pet warrior from another continent who had been assigned to that place.

"Right. Casualties would rise if we put the other defense lines in danger because of this one base city!"

The other legendary battle pet warriors disagreed with Venerable the Blade and they did not like him.

Venerable the Blade was the weakest of them all. He had just reached the legendary rank and only had one beast king. They on the other hand had several beast kings each. Although all of them were at the Ocean State, they were much better than Venerable the Blade!

Roar!!

The ground suddenly shook.

A beast king that looked like a mammoth ran over and smashed away another beast king.

As soon as the second beast king fell to the ground, many spikes grew out from the surface and vines entangled the beast king. The spikes had made the beast king bleed. Lord Nie turned pale. The beast king was his battle pet.

It was a beast king at the Ocean State; nevertheless, it had been heavily wounded.

"Retreat!" Lord Nie squeezed the word out of his mouth.

He didn't want to leave; he would prefer to stay if he could. Retreating would mean that his job had failed, and the Tower had expressed that he had to stay and guard the base city no matter what! And yet, he could not. He preferred going back to face the punishment.

He believed his leaders would not behave too strictly with him, given the situation.

"Lord Nie!"

Venerable the Blade was losing patience. "If we leave..."

"Stop talking. You can stay and cover our retreat. Don't give the wild beasts a chance to go after us."
Lord Nie glared at Venerable the Blade coldly.

Venerable the Blade became devoid of color.

He was both angry and stunned. "Help! Help!!" "We're losing it!!"

Some battle pet warriors were shouting and crying; they only had a dozen battle pets left and each was currently wounded. They could fall at any time; some battle pets were so weak that they could barely lift their paws. Still, standing behind them were their masters and their masters had given the command; they were afraid but they couldn't step back.

Some battle pets were trembling at the prospect of death.

Roar!!

Dozens of battle pet warriors were behind those pets, which in turn were led by a titled battle pet warrior. They had stayed as an attempt to stop the wild beasts.

All of a sudden, a huge shadow was cast over the crowd.

A beast king!

The battle pet warriors could not believe that a beast king was coming for them.

Desperation!

The presence of the beast king had thrown them into desperation. The titled battle pet warrior came back to his senses. He had noticed that a group of legendary battle pet warriors was flying away from them.

Were they going to support other places?

But those legendary battle pet warriors ignored them.

The leader felt hopeless.

They could not fight a beast king!

Run?

There's nowhere to run!

Roar!!

A certain organ inside the beast king was stimulated as it uttered a cry. No one could see the beast king's mouth, but something like a hand came crashing down right on the crowd of battle pet warriors.

The light had been blotted out. All hope was lost!

However, they suddenly heard a shrill noise coming from the distance!

Boom!!

The hand froze as if something had stopped it! The hand then began to swell, and then it exploded. Blood rained down.

Standing in front of the hand was a young man. His fist was golden and his eyes were cold.

He crushed that hand with a punch!

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The battle pet warriors would never forget that.

Shocking!

The young man who was standing amid the settling dust was like a god.

After a moment of silence, everyone heard a shrill cry of pain across the battleground. The beast king's other limbs held the mangled arm and the beast king was crying. It was summoning the other beast kings nearby

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That cry was so loud that many battle pet warriors elsewhere had noticed.

"Huh?"

Venerable the Blade-who was on his way to help the group of battle pet warriors-stopped all of a sudden.

He stared at the back of the man. That man looks familiar... He's here?!

Venerable the Blade felt a spread of warmth. He clenched his fists and bit his teeth.

Roar!!

The beast king with the disabled arm roared at Su Ping to intimidate him. This damn human!

The beast king felt threatened by Su Ping but it wasn't alone. It had friends!

As the beast king finished its roar, the rage-filled roar from a dragon was heard from behind Su Ping, outside the base city! The sky turned red. A ball of fire was approaching; the flames were twisting the air.

The creature was flying faster than the speed of sound!

That was a dragon surrounded by flames. Even though it was merely dozens of meters tall, much smaller than those beast kings, the dragon was more intimidating than them!

That dragon's roar was much louder than the beast king's roar!

The beast pet could not accept the fact that some wild animal was bellowing at Su Ping!

The beast king that was confronting Su Ping stepped back as the dragon approached. The dragon's roar even made the beast king tremble.

"Another beast?"

“No, I think it is someone’s battle pet. No beast kings should be coming from that side...”

The battle pet warriors were stunned by the dragon’s roar.

Even though the dragon wasn’t going after them, they still felt their blood freeze; they felt they could be torn apart by the dragon at any time!

Su Ping told the Inferno Dragon to kill the beast king immediately!

Since time was pressing, Su Ping had teleported over moments before. That beast king was merely at the Ocean State; it wasn’t a worthy opponent for him.

Feeling Su Ping’s killing intent, the Inferno Dragon cried to the sky and the flames surged even higher. In an instant, the dragon became the most dazzling creature.

The beast pet opened its mouth and breathed out a column of fire.

Boom!!

The column of fire reached the beast king across the distance.

The beast king swiftly raised many stone walls. That was a legendary rank skill: Crystal Iron. Some of the forbidden areas in Class A base cities were protected with Crystal Iron. Using bombs to blast Crystal Iron walls open was useless, even after going at it for a whole hour!

However... “bang,” the many Crystal Iron walls collapsed, unable to resist the column of fire!

The fire melted the Crystal Iron and landed on the beast king like a fist of fire.

Wisps of smoke billowed. The fire burned a hole through the beast king’s body, revealing white bones. The high temperature had scorched the flesh and the beast king’s blood was boiling

Hearing that cry of pain, the battle pet warriors were stunned and thrilled. It was a powerful skill!

That beast king was overwhelmed!

Roar! Roar!

Three beast kings snarled from a distance. The ground shook as the three behemoths rushed to wounded beast king’s aid.

They eyed Inferno Dragon with a mix of hatred and fear.

The Inferno Dragon felt different. They sensed that the dragon’s rank was not as high as theirs, but the dragon’s presence spoke of terror.

“Not again!”

“Those beast kings are indeed working together...”

“Damn it!”

Many battle pet warriors turned pale upon witnessing such a sight.

They would have stood a chance if those beast kings were fighting separately, because they were human and they could cooperate!

However, the fact was that those beast kings were not in a state of disunity. The human side had lost all of its advantages.

“Mr. Su!”

Venerable the Blade approached Su Ping. He expressed his appreciation, “Thank you, Mr. Su!” Venerable the Blade was still struggling with complex feelings.

He turned to the three beast kings and said determinedly, “Let’s do this together.”

Su Ping refused calmly, “We don’t have to.”

“!?!”

Venerable the Blade, who was ready to charge, came to a sudden stop and eyed Su Ping with confusion.

The next second, Venerable the Blade felt some sparks of electricity in the air. There was a destructive power coming from behind him. Venerable the Blade felt a chill running down his spine. He was drenched in a cold sweat!

It was as if the fire was going to melt him. Venerable the Blade turned around warily. He heard a dragon’s long cry! It was the Inferno Dragon!

The beast flapped its wings and released the flames. Electricity sparks were dancing around all over its wings and scales.

A ball of fire, as well as lightning, was being formed in the Inferno Dragon’s mouth.

The energy of destruction came from the ball.

Roar!!

The Inferno Dragon threw the ball. That energy ball broke through the void and flew toward the beast kings.

While the Inferno Dragon was still preparing a skill, the beast kings had already felt danger, so they raised their guard. The beast kings unleashed some defense skills before the Inferno Dragon threw away the ball of destruction.

Dark Soul Guard!

Protection of Thunder!

Earth Prey!

Three legendary rank defense skills of different types came into being. Glows of energy were shining with radiance behind the beast kings. They wanted to cut off the Inferno Dragon’s strike.

Many invisible blades approached the Inferno Dragon but they were destroyed before they could hit the target. There was an invisible dragon armor around the Inferno Dragon!

It was the Inferno Dragon's inborn skill, one that could make sure nothing would disrupt it!

Boom!!

Some energy masses bumped into the ball of fire and thunder. It was as if a nuclear bomb would have been detonated in the air. The sand and stones flying

However, nothing could block the Inferno Dragon's ball of destruction. Against all hindrances, the ball of destruction smashed into the defensive layers set up by the three beast kings.

The ground was shaking yet again. Some smashed cars that lay by the ruins were smashed away. It was a scene similar to an erupting volcano.

Many battle pet warriors who had yet to reach the titled rank were still out there. The shaking ground terrified them. They thought the base city was going to be turned upside down.

That was how a battle between beast kings was like!

It was earth-shaking!

One beast king, if committed, could easily flatten one base city! Not to mention that several beast kings were attacking as if in a brawl!

Boom!

The three defensive layers were broken. A smoke mushroom rose to the sky and the noise was deafening

The beast kings were bleeding, which was a sign of their serious wounds.

Venerable the Blade was startled. He had seen that dragon when he first became acquainted with Su Ping. The dragon was at the seventh rank back then; he thought the dragon was Su Ping's watchdog... more like a watch dragon.

However, the dragon had grown quite fast in a matter of months, and its combat strength had reached the Void State!

No wonder Su Ping was willing to sell those beast kings he had.

Compared to the beast kings Su Ping sold, that dragon was rare!

After everything was settled down, the other battle pet warriors finally gasped. One move and the four beast kings had been wounded at the same time!

What is that dragon?!

The battle pet warriors regained their morale. They were once again able to see hope.

"Kill them!!"

"Follow my Lightning Horn Tiger and let's guard the Sixth Avenue!"

Many battle pet warriors started to target the stray wild beasts close by.

Many wild beasts had lost the courage to fight due to the intimidating presence of the Inferno Dragon. They began to take detours, seeking a breakthrough elsewhere.

Su Ping took a glance and said, "How many legendary battle pet warriors died?" he asked with a frown.

"Six!" Venerable the Blade answered with a heavy mind, "Five are injured. Their battle pets are still here. This strike became all too ferocious. The city would have been breached if it weren't for you."

Su Ping nodded. "You don't have a Void State warrior?"

Venerable the Blade didn't look happy. "Yes, we do. Lord Nie is in charge of the place. He is at the Void State legendary rank and the Tower sent him here to take care of the Xing-Jing Defense Line."

"Where is Lord Nie? Dead?"

"...No."

Venerable the Blade was surprised by the bold attitude, but the things that happened moments before had emboldened Venerable the Blade. "They gave up this place. They decided to leave."

"What?"

Su Ping was surprised.

His face was clouded.

He had hurried over from Longjiang to help. It later turned out that the people in charge had decided to retreat.

Retreat?

With so many wild beasts running about, retreating would only lead to more casualties!

They're turning their backs to the wild beasts. They were courting to death!

"Where are they? Are they gone already?" Su Ping looked around. The huge mess left after the battle made it impossible to detect the presence of any legendary battle pet warriors at the Void State.

Venerable the Blade also looked around. Since he couldn't see Lord Nie, Venerable the Blade was certain that they must have packed up and left. He was livid with rage.

Since Su Ping was present, and if Lord Nie stayed, winning was a possibility. But Lord Nie ran away. "I will go and find them. We cannot give this base city up!" Venerable the Blade bit his teeth.

He took out his phone.

Beep, beep. The call ended.

Sorry, the number you have dialed is not in service...

Su Ping curled his lips. How amusing.

"Never mind. We'll find them later. Let's go and help," Su Ping said. The presence of even one more legendary battle pet warrior could greatly decrease the casualties of battle pet warriors.

He had the chance to save thousands with one more move. Time was pressing; it wasn't the time to point fingers.

"I'll be leaving this place to you," Su Ping said.

He opened up a swirl. Eerie and cold energy oozed out from within. It was as if some horrifying creatures would have been peeping outside.

Venerable the Blade felt his blood freeze. A mundane creature came out from the swirl. It was the Little Skeleton.

"Time to get some work done."

Su Ping smiled.

Venerable the Blade widened his eyes and stared at the Little Skeleton in disbelief.

If it weren't for the fact that he was there in person, he would have never believed that the sense of death he had felt was from the Little Skeleton.

He had taught the Little Skeleton once!

At the moment, he believed that the Little Skeleton could kill him at any time.

That was what his instincts told him!

The Little Skeleton looked at Venerable the Blade and then looked away. It seemed that the Little Skeleton didn't remember Venerable the Blade well. The Little Skeleton slowly merged with Su Ping with a surge of dark mist.

Su Ping turned into a devil once he merged with the white bones on his body!

Powerful energy surged into him and Su Ping's eyes glowed in. He dashed out.

Bang!

Bang!

He could cover tens of thousands of meters every time he teleported!

He had soon reached a beast king that was destroying some buildings. Standing in front of the beast king was a group of battle pet warriors; their numbers were close to a hundred. They were trying to set up a defense to stop the beast king. That group of battle pet warriors would suffer great losses with each confrontation. Some of them had coughed out blood; they looked colorless.

Roar!!

When the beast king was about to smash into the group of battle pet warriors again, all of a sudden, a figure had arrived.

Time stopped.

Then-bang, the figure vanished. The beast king lifted its hooves, but before the beast king was able to stomp on the battle pet warriors, the beast king fell to the ground. Its head was then cracked open.

Boom!!

The fall of the behemoth was like the collapse of a skyscraper. Surrounding dilapidated buildings broke down even more.

The battle pet warriors in the group stood in a complete daze.

What?!

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Whoosh!

Su Ping didn't stop after punching that beast king to death. He hurried over to another place where a beast king was fighting against three groups of battle pet warriors.

The sense of danger stimulated the beast king; it roared out of instinct.

A layer of dark armor emerged and covered the beast king; it was the beast king's inherent skill. The armor was quite sturdy, able to endure attacks from dragons of the same rank for several minutes.

The other beast kings heard the cry for help and looked over.

Boom!

Su Ping dashed closer, decidedly punching the beast king with full strength.

The beast king's dark armor caved in with a bang; blood and flesh squeezed out from the cracks in the armor. Still, Su Ping didn't stop; he pushed his fist further into the beast king.

It was as if a mountain would have fallen onto the back of the beast king!

The ground trembled and the beast king was pushed to the ground.

Whoosh!

A thick wind arrow was discharged toward Su Ping from a distance. He was about to land another punch on the beast king when he sensed the incoming attack; he turned around on the spot and landed the punch on the arrow.

Boom!!

The air rippled. The arrow then broke to pieces.

It had been shot by a creature that was dozens of meters long with a pair of butterfly wings. The beast king was covered in strange, dark patterns; its claws were hideous and it had a mouth similar to a crab's.

Su Ping left behind the beast king he had just beaten half to death. He reached the winged beast king with two teleportations.

Woo!!

The winged beast king seemed able to anticipate Su Ping's movement. The beast king generated a wave of a rare sonic blast at Su Ping.

That sonic blast smashed the concrete and steel rebar into dust.

Su Ping wasn't the least worried. He had merged with the Little Skeleton and even if he wasn't, he could have easily stood the blast.

Huraaaa!

Su Ping roared.

The moment he did so, clouds began to tumble in the void behind him. A huge skeleton appeared and roared together with Su Ping.

Su Ping's roar dispersed the sonic blast. The winged beast king was caught off guard; it began to bleed and its chest caved in. The beast king collapsed on the ground at once.

The battle pet warriors were stunned into silence.

One roar and a beast king fell?!

Who is that guy?

Even Venerable the Blade was startled. He had always known that Su Ping was a powerful one and his hunch was right about the young man.

Still, what happened just then made him realize he had underestimated Su Ping.

Not even a legendary battle pet warrior at the Void State could have done that!

That is, unless it was a legendary battle pet warrior that focused on sonic blasts. If it was, but clearly, that was not Su Ping.

That guy was a freak!

After the roar ended, Su Ping glanced at the winged beast king and slashed at it with a sword skill that combined lightning bolts and Ashura energy. He had integrated his understanding of the rules of lightning with the Sin Cutter.

The creature wasn't even able to fight back; the cut landed on its head, utterly crushing it. There weren't even signs of breathing afterwards.

Su Ping turned around and went to another place.

He saw many ninth-rank wild beasts leading other weaker beasts; they were fighting against battle pet warriors.

Su Ping generated bolts of lightning and smashed those wild beasts.

Those bolts of lightning had combined the energy of the Heaven's Tests; they also had a natural suppression against ninth-rank wild beasts. All those beasts were crushed as a result; even the ninth-rank beasts died on the spot.

The ones that were a little bit away from the stampede were lucky enough to survive.

Su Ping was like a fighter plane streaking across the sky, the bolts of lightning being the bombs he unleashed. The wild beasts were routed, buying some time for the battle pet warriors to catch their breath.

“Is he a legendary battle pet warrior?”

“I don’t remember seeing this man in that pre-war meeting.” “That is terrifying. Is that what a legendary battle pet warrior can do? It’s amazing!” “I think this legendary battle pet warrior is more intimidating than the others. We would have already won if the others were like him.”

The battle pet warriors gazed at Su Ping who was flying across the sky with admiration and respect.

Even titled battle pet warriors were insignificant in a war like that. However, Su Ping had managed to become the man under the spotlight. He was able to control the forces of nature.

At another section of the defense line

The noises were world-shaking. Everything had been ripped up and no one could see what the place had once been like; all the buildings had collapsed to the ground.

That was the most difficult section being contained by the defense line because a large number of beast kings had been gathered at that point.

Standing on one side of the defense line were dozens of beast kings; several battle pet warriors were standing on the other side with their battle pets. Both sides were unleashing legendary rank skills of various kinds. The stone skills made the ground rumble and the plant-related skills created swamps and odd vines. Fire was raining down from the sky and the fireballs came crashing down. Clusters of chaotic energy were found everywhere. The radiation emitted by the chaotic energy was enough to kill ordinary advanced battle pet warriors directly.

Some legendary battle pet warriors had suddenly heard someone approaching; they then saw a man quickly flying toward the defense line. The man had been able to teleport across the more peaceful zones; he would generate lightning bolts and when he was flying past areas with a larger number of wild beasts.

Blasting wild beasts with such a speed and frequency required a large reserve of energy. Common legendary battle pet warriors would have exhausted their astral powers by then.

Some beast kings had tried to stop that man but he would kill them with one punch.

“Who is that?”

“Teleportation? Is it a Void State Warrior?”

“That is not Lord Nie. Someone else is helping us?”

The legendary battle pet warriors shouted, openly showing their delight. They would have a chance to win with the help of a Void state warrior!

“He is awesome!”

“I think he is better than Lord Nie!”

The legendary battle pet warriors marveled at the fact that Su Ping was able to kill beast kings with a single blow; nothing could slow him down.

Not even Lord Nie was capable of that.

The young man's actions were clean and neat; it was as if he weren't killing beast kings, but ninth-rank beasts instead!

Roar!

A beast king suddenly jumped out and displayed its anger; it was a Starburst Dragon covered in red scales... a Void State beast king!

The five legendary battle pet warriors and their beast king battle pets trembled after hearing the roar; their blood froze and their brains buzzed.

There were times that dragons were even able to knock out their enemies by using their roar or killing them directly!

"A lord-level beast king. Damn it!"

"I cannot believe this. The other one was distracted by the Heaven Executor, but he hasn't returned yet!"

"Hang in there, guys. That legendary battle pet warrior is coming!"

The five legendary battle pet warriors were seized by a fit of despair, but the thought of that unknown man arriving to help boosted their confidence.

Lord Nie and the Heaven Executor weren't there, but the newcomer was also at the Void State!

They could do this!

The five legendary battle pet warriors were unleashing astral powers while using their full strength.

Two of them had some questions in mind because they felt... the man lending a hand... looked somewhat familiar.

Where have I seen him?

In the meantime, the Starburst Dragon had charged forward, away from its group. The flames burning around its body were glorious. Even though the dragon was more skilled in close-quarter combat, it did not lack long-range strike skills. Of course, the wild dragon's most noticeable trait was its strong constitution, which was why dragons were famous.

The legendary battle pet warriors turned pale as the dragon moved toward them.

"Charge!"

"Stop it! We cannot let the dragon tear open our defense line!"

Boom! Boom!

The legendary battle pet warriors tried all the skills they knew to stop the dragon, using special gravity fields or creating swamps for example. The ground caved in and a swamp as large as a football field appeared.

Still, the Starburst Dragon vanished on the spot and re-appeared right in front of the defense line. The dragon blotted the sky; it was glaring down at a beast king battle pet from a height.

That beast king battle pet was a Blazing Crocodile that was powering that special gravity field. The dragon's sudden appearance caught the crocodile completely off guard, freezing on the spot.