

Pet Store 691

Chapter 691 Contention

Fist of Exorcist! The second level!

Boom!!

A golden virtual fist appeared in front of him, shining in all radiance. Behind him, there was a faint illusion depicting a primitive and majestic figure, also raising an arm.

The hand overlapped with the golden virtual fist. It was as if the majestic creature were the one moving the fist!

Bang. It was like a nuclear bomb set off within the seal; everyone felt they had lost their hearing. After that moment of quietness, a loud noise resounded. The virtual golden fist swallowed the ray of sword light. The seal began to swell!

Ye Wuxiu, the lady and the old man who were sustaining the seal were transfixed. They unleashed more astral powers to strengthen the seal but their foreheads were sweating.

Bang. The seal cracked. Some of the energy seeped out from the seal, spreading a burst of heat.

The other legendary battle pet warriors were alerted; they hurried to set up shields to protect themselves.

However, the titled battle pet warriors no longer had enough time to react. They were terrified upon realizing this.

Right when they were going to fall victim to that surge of energy... The energy suddenly vanished. That was a scene beyond everyone's understanding

Once the blast of energy vanished, the onlookers were able to see what was happening inside the seal. They saw that the middle-aged man's armor was cracked. His arm was trembling and veins were popping out.

On the other hand, Su Ping was standing on the staircase, smiling quietly, as if nothing had happened.

The contest was over!

Just one look was enough to tell who was the winner.

The legendary battle pet warriors felt their hearts were racing. Even they had felt that the violent energy could have swallowed them.

The middle-aged man in the black armor was a captain appointed to the Flame Field in the Deep Caves, and he was one step away from reaching the Fate State. He used his best skill but he lost. It was beyond comprehension!

"That was a terrifying punch!"

"I felt as if some ancient creature was throwing that punch!" "That is unbelievable. That strength is close... to the Fate State!"

The legendary battle pet warriors discussed, still stunned. Never had they imagined there would be such a man above ground!

As far as they could tell, a person like that would only be second to the Tower Master!

While mingling in the crowd, Li Yuanfeng was also staring at Su Ping with open astonishment. He knew that his younger brother was powerful, but he only believed that Su Ping's strength came from his strange and powerful battle pets, especially the white skeleton. Only then did he learn that Su Ping himself was just as intimidating!

Li Yuanfeng flashed a brilliant smile after the initial moment of surprise. It was a great thing that Su Ping was so powerful!

It was proof that he had made the right friend and he had gone to the right place!

"That guy..."

The lady who was sustaining the seal waved her hand. She felt she had consumed a large amount of astral powers. She gazed at Su Ping with a grave look. She, too, was a captain and she wasn't any weaker than that middle-aged man in black armor. Three legendary battle pet warriors were keeping that seal together and the seal cracked. The energy that caused such an impact had to be above the Void State!

The old man sized up Su Ping solemnly.

In the meantime, the titled battle pet warriors were still frozen on the spot. They had never seen legendary battle pet warriors fighting but they all felt death was at hand the moment the energy escaped the seal.

A legendary battle pet warrior!

That escaped energy was enough to kill us all!

This store... is run by such a legendary battle pet warrior!

The four who had bought pet food from Su Ping were ghastly pale and weak in the knees. If it weren't for the fact that the years of experience had helped them control certain muscles, they would have wet their pants.

They could not believe they had been arguing with a legendary battle pet warrior moments before... Alas, staying alive was such a happy thing!

Amid everyone's gazes, Su Ping said smilingly, "Thanks."

The middle-aged man in the black armor slowly sheathed his sword. He exhaled and said, "Thank you. Brother Li was right... Brother Su, you are better than me. No wonder you were able to get out of the Deep Caves twice..."

He was convinced.

One bout and he knew how terrifying Su Ping was.

He felt it stronger than anyone else present. Just then, when the virtual golden fist was in front of his face, he felt as if all of his belongings were gone; the only thing left in the entire universe was him and the fist. When compared to that fist, he was like an ant that could be crushed.

He knew that Su Ping had not exerted his full strength.

Su Ping smiled. He didn't try to fake any modesty. They had to face a grave crisis; playing humble was pointless at the moment.

"I am Xiang Fengran and they call me Black Lunatic. Brother Su, we'll be fighting alongside each other if you're okay with it," said the armored middle-aged man, being unrestrained and frank. He had his concerns so he had to test Su Ping.

All his worries were dispelled after that test. He was fully convinced.

Su Ping was qualified to join them.

Of course, he wouldn't have paid any attention to him if Su Ping wasn't up to par.

After Xiang Fengran's remark, the lady smiled and said, "My name's Xue Yunzhen. As for my title, I've long forgotten. If you want, you can call me Sister Xue; either big sister or small sister would do."

The old man darted her a glance and said to Su Ping with a chuckle, "Brother Su, you can just call her Xue the Tigress. I am Jing Shen and they call me the Crater. You can call me that as

well."

Xue Yunzhen rolled her eyes. "Get lost."

Ye Wuxiu smiled and said, "I don't need to introduce myself, right?".

"He is called Surprise Package. You don't know that nickname, do you?" The old man named Jing Shen laughed. What an old man child.

Su Ping gave a soft smile. He found those people were quite friendly, and they never assumed any airs. "I am Su Ping. Call me the Store Owner Su if you want. This is my pet store."

"Store Owner Su?"

The legendary battle pet warriors looked into the store and their looks lingered on the dragon statues. Jing Shen exclaimed, "Mr. Su, you must have commissioned a master to carve the statues; they are so lifelike. I think the dragons depicted must be at the Fate State..."

Just looking at the statues had left an impression on Jing Shen. It would have been intimidating if the dragons were there in the flesh.

"Huh, bad eyes. Those dragons are at the Star Rank," the system mumbled unhappily.

Su Ping smiled. "Just some small trinkets. Guys, you have just come out from the underground. I have some battle pets on sale. I wonder if you're interested."

"Really?"

Xiang Fengran raised his eyebrows. "Brother Su, we have been fighting in the Deep Caves and we've changed our battle pets many times. The ones we have now are the best of the best. We wouldn't go for any common battle pets, not even beast kings."

"You lunatic, don't talk if you don't even know. Mr. Su means well, let's at least take a look," Xue Yunzhen said grumpily.

Xiang Fengran shrugged. He didn't care; he wasn't interested.

Ye Wuxiu smiled. "Brother Su, we will have a look then. We have some people who still have a few vacant spots."

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Just as he finished talking, two people arrived. It was Qin Duhuang and Zhou Tianlin. Venerable the Blade and Wu Guansheng had gone back to their respective defense lines; Wu Guansheng went to the Sheng-Long Defense Line, and Venerable the Blade to the Xing-Jing Defense Line.

"Huh?"

Ye Wuxiu and the others realized that the two were at the legendary rank.

How come such a small base city houses this many legendary battle pet warriors?

While they were still wondering, Qin Duhuang and Zhou Tianlin approached the crowd. Both were surprised to see that large number of legendary battle pet warriors. They had been informed that many people of legendary rank were headed to Longjiang, but they had taken the information as a joke.

"Mr. Su, these people are...?" Qin Duhuang asked with respect.

He could feel that those people had an overwhelming aura.

"They are legendary battle pet warriors stationed in the Deep Caves, my friends," Su Ping introduced.

Qin Duhuang was relieved. He had thought that they were people from the Tower. They are stationed underground... Filled with deep esteem, Qin Duhuang saluted them, "I am Qin Duhuang and I have just reached the legendary rank. I haven't had the chance to visit you in the Deep Caves... It is an honor to meet you here."

"You are all heroes. Such a pleasure to meet you," Zhou Tianlin jumped in.

Xiang Fengran didn't pay much attention to the two new legendary battle pet warriors. "Brother Su, you said you have battle pets on sale. Show us the goods. We'll talk business afterwards."

Su Ping nodded. He still had seven Void State battle pets in the store; there would be enough for them to pick from.

"This is a Water Swallowing Snake."

A swirl opened up and from it came out a blue snake that was over a dozen meters long; the snake was in its tiny form but its energy was anything but.

"Huh?"

“Void State?”

“Wait, the late stage of the Void State...”

Xue Yunzhen, Xiang, and all the others were surprised as soon as the Water Swallowing Snake came out. It's a Void State beast! This is the battle pet that Su Ping was talking about?!

He's selling Void State pets?!

We wouldn't even see such beast kings often while in the Deep Caves!

Xue Yunzhen had also said that the battle pet was at the late Void State!

“System, is there any way to show up its information?” Su Ping asked. He didn't want to read the details himself.

The system answered, “There is nothing that the system cannot do as long as you give me energy points. One thousand energy points per time!”

Fishing in troubled waters!

Su Ping was pouting, but one thousand energy points were nothing for him. He allowed the system to do the display report since he didn't want to waste time reading.

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A virtual frame appeared to display the information right after the points were deducted.

Still, two bloodline skills couldn't be seen. This would only be available to the person who buys the battle pet.

After all, if all details and trump cards were made public, anyone who didn't buy the battle pet would know it well enough to find countermeasures and target it. “So many beast king skills...” “Wow...”

The legendary battle pet warriors were wide-eyed. That Water Swallowing Snake had over a hundred skills and they were only able to recognize some that were dozens in number. One had to consider that massive power of understanding!

“The best of the best!” Xiang Fengran murmured. He took a deep breath and said at once. “Brother Su, how much? I want it!”

Xue Yunzhen and Ye Wuxiu came back to their senses. While Ye Wuxiu was hesitating, Xue Yunzhen did not. She immediately said, “Do you know anything about ‘ladies first’? I want this one. Mr. Su, I can give you any artifacts or skills you want for this battle pet!”

Xiang Fengran wasn't happy. “I called dibs!”

“So what? I was just lost in thought and I didn't say it aloud. Be a gentleman. Do you know nothing about humility?” Xue Yunzhen refuted.

Xiang Fengran was livid with rage.

Ye Wuxiu turned to Su Ping and said, "Brother Su, I have one empty spot and my skills are a perfect fit with the battle pet. I promise that the battle pet will be able to realize its full potential if you sell it to me. It'll help me be more helpful during the strike.

"What do you want? I think I can get it for you; treasures or materials, you name it."

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Xue Yunzhen and Xiang Fengran shouted at Ye Wuxiu, "Damn it, Surprise Package, you are shameless!" It was indeed a blatant excuse for Ye Wuxiu to say he would be dealing with more beasts.

Jing Shen didn't seem to be as surprised; he just shook his head disapprovingly.

"Sure."

Su Ping knew that Xue Yunzhen and Xiang Fengran had given up when he noticed they were merely shouting at Ye Wuxiu and calling him shameless but made no further offers.

Indeed, that Water Swallowing Snake was a good match for Ye Wuxiu.

"I will sell it to you. I don't need any treasures or anything; this battle pet sells at 328 million. Do you have money?"

"Money?"

Ye Wuxiu didn't know that Su Ping would be asking for money. That was not something he had. He stayed underground all year round. Where would he get money? What would he use the money for?

The other legendary and titled battle pet warriors found that mind-blowing. Such a battle pet being sold at such a price. He was giving it out for free!

"Well, I don't have any money..." Ye Wuxiu said embarrassingly.

The other legendary battle pet warriors looked at each other. They, too, didn't have any money.

Su Ping felt sorry. Huh, a bunch of poor people. But that bunch of poor people had protected the world. No money could buy that. Suddenly, a man stuttered, "Sir, I, I have money."

It was a strong guy, a titled battle pet warrior. The man trembled as he finished his piece.

Standing in front of a legendary battle pet warrior was stressful enough, not to mention a dozen. The man was afraid he might have been too rash, and that it could get him killed.

Ye Wuxiu's eyes glowed. He dashed to the strong man and laughed. "Good, I'm glad you have money. Let me borrow some money, I can give you many artifacts. You can choose anything you like. I promise you that your strength will increase!"

The strong man shivered when Ye Wuxiu moved closer to him. He knew he had made the right choice after hearing Ye Wuxiu's response!

"Sir, sir, you're welcome. Here. This is my card; I have 1.3 billion in it." The strong man gave an overly cautious smile, but he did take out his card with a fast speed.

Ye Wuxiu patted the man's shoulder and dashed back to Su Ping. "Brother Su, do it!"

Su Ping took the card and handed it to Tang Ruyan. "Swipe it."

Tang Ruyan finished the transaction and Su Ping saw the balance of energy points increasing. He nodded to Ye Wuxiu and said, "Go and sign the contract. By the way, you cannot cancel the contract within 10 years. You can come and present your case if you have a special reason to do so." That was done to prevent reselling. Ye Wuxiu laughed, "No, I won't do that. This is a great battle pet, one of the best I now have. I won't cancel the contract." He ran to the Water Swallowing Snake and went through the contract process.

There was a trace of Ye Wuxiu's presence in the Water Swallowing Snake's energy when the contract was finally established. The human and the pet formed a bond.

Their legendary battle pet warriors looked at the Water Swallowing Snake with envy but they did not say anything. Indeed, that battle pet was a good match for Ye Wuxiu.

"Next is a Black Mountain Ape," Su Ping said.

An ape that was over a dozen meters tall came out. Its fur was all black; it had four arms with sharp and crooked nails. There were strange patterns on its palms, which were manifestations of nature's rules.

Phew!

The Black Mountain Ape eyed the nearby legendary battle pet warriors with irritation. It seemed that the ape could launch a strike at any time.

The legendary battle pet warriors were dumbstruck.

A second one?

"Who wants this one? The price is similar," Su Ping said.

His words dragged everyone back from their stupor. Xue Yunzhen shouted at once, "Me! I want it! No matter how much money you want!"

"Pss, do you even have money? I want this. This battle pet and I are destined to be together. Look, it's gazing at me. This is called love at first sight!" Jing Shen snorted. Xiang Fengran sneered. "That is a glare. I suggest you stay away; the battle pet might smash you to death."

Ye Wuxiu, who had just put away the Water Swallowing Snake, cleared his throat and said, "Well, this battle pet is a match for me..." But before he could finish, the others cried at once.

"Get out of here!"

Seriously. You just got that Water Swallowing Snake. Another one?

Su Ping thought about it and said, "Don't fight, I still have five more. The allocation goes by the basic 'first come, first served.' Since Miss Xue spoke first, this ape will be hers."

Five more?

Both the legendary and the titled warriors were frozen on the spot.

What's with this pet store? He's not only selling one of those pets but seven!

Xue Yunzhen didn't expect that Su Ping would pick her. Gladly, she nodded and said, "Yes, yes, first come, first served!"

Xiang Fengran came back to his senses. He darted a glare at Ye Wuxiu. Why didn't Su Ping mention this rule just now? Otherwise, the Water Swallowing Snake would have been his. But he still had a chance since Su Ping had five more.

Five more... Were this store owner's battle pets even more powerful than the two he sold?

The others had realized that Su Ping had not said anything about 'first come, first served' just then.

"Who has money and wants to lend me some?" Xue Yunzhen smiled at the group of titled battle pet warriors.

The titled battle pet warriors vied with one another to give her money.

To be able to lend money to a legendary battle pet warrior was more difficult than borrowing money from a legendary battle pet warrior!

That was a great chance to foster some relationships!

The legendary battle pet warriors were speechless after seeing the ecstatic mood of those titled warriors. The titled warriors were fighting for a chance to give out money and they were fighting for Su Ping's battle pets.

Xue Yunzhen soon got a hold of the money. Visibly gloating, she returned to where Su Ping was and gave the card to Tang Ruyan. The second one was gone. Su Ping sold the third one... the fourth one...

Soon, all seven battle pets were gone. He made over two billion in total, which was equivalent to twenty million energy points!

Finally, he was able to upgrade the store after selling the remaining pets.

He had 160 million energy points in total. He would still have 60 million after the upgrade!

Each of the four captains, including Ye Wuxiu, were able to get one battle pet; as to the other three, he sold them to Li Yuanfeng, Mo, and the man from the Han family. The other legendary battle pet warriors were jealous. Why didn't Su Ping enter through their appointed fields when he went to the Deep Caves?

The captains were lighting up with pleasure. Su Ping decided he didn't have to visit a cultivation site for the moment; he had to think about the wild beasts.

Two continents were gone overnight; the wild beasts were coming and with full force. Maybe the Subcontinent District would be the next victim after a day or two passed.

"system, upgrade the store," Su Ping said inwardly. "Are you sure?" "Yes."

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He had 60 million energy points left.

Without further hesitation, he said to the legendary battle pet warrior, "Please come with me."

The store was under upgrade. He would borrow the buildings of the five families across the street.

The titled battle pet warriors of the Qin family who were peeping through the windows were startled. More than a dozen legendary battle pet warriors were going to their place so that they could discuss?

"Okay."

The legendary battle pet warriors nodded in agreement.

First, Su Ping had fended off Xiang Fengran's strike. Second, he sold outstanding battle pets. The legendary battle pet warriors, even the captains, had started to respect Su Ping. They believed that his battle pets would be even more outstanding "Mr. Qin, Mr. Zhou, come along," Su Ping said to Qin Duhuang and Zhou Tianlin.

Qin Duhuang nodded with a smile. Watching a bunch of legendary battle pet warriors contending over the battle pets was amusing. Qin Duhuang enjoyed the privilege to pick before those legendary battle pet warriors showed up. Alas, being Su Ping's neighbor is a real hassle.

The other legendary battle pet warriors looked at Qin and Zhou but remained silent.

They went to the Qin family's building and the crowd filled up the lobby. The three titled battle pet warriors of the Qin family moved gingerly, helped move chairs, serve water and tea. They were acting as if they were the servants.

"Brother Su, how are things on the surface?" Li Yuanfeng was the first to ask. He wasn't a man of patience.

Ye Wuxiu and the others did not feel anything strange that Li Yuanfeng spoke before them. After all, Li Yuanfeng wasn't weaker than them.

Su Ping looked at Qin Duhuang, signaling him to answer the question. After all, Qin Duhuang and Xie Jinshui would stay in contact at all times and his information was the most accurate.

Qin Duhuang stood up and said, "Here's the thing. News arrived at around 1 am; we heard that the Nordic Continent was destroyed. We heard that the West Ocean Continent was destroyed at around 4 am. The people of the Dragon Swamp Continent are relocating..."

Qin Duhuang was not nervous at all, even while standing in front of more than a dozen legendary battle pet warriors, even though the ones at the Void State did seem to be frightening. However, he would not be any weaker than those people who were unable to get any of the eight battle pets he bought from Su Ping. That was why Qin Duhuang was able to stay confident.

Soon after, the legendary battle pet warriors had gained a complete understanding of the global situation.

A grave silence fell.

They didn't know that the two continents were gone.

Overnight...

Nearly half of the Blue Planet's population was gone!

"Damn it. What is Gu Siping doing!"

"We have reported the deal in the Deep Caves a long time ago. He should be prepared. How could he have allowed this to happen?!"

Xue Yunzhen and Xiang Fengran pulled long faces. They called the Tower Master by his name to show their dissatisfaction.

Two continents had been lost, one after the other. The wild beasts might be intimidating but the other reason was that the Tower was unprepared. Otherwise, the Tower should be able to summon reinforcements in time.

"The Dragon Swamp Continent is also falling to pieces. Can we make it in time?"

"If we go now, we can. I have my Wind Feather Eagle with me. We can get there in 15 minutes!"

"It'll be too late. It will be when we get there." Ye Wuxiu frowned. No one else said a thing.

Su Ping thought about it and said, "Listen."

He became the center of attention. Even though they had just met him, they could not ignore him.

"I suggest that we split up. Some of us will go and help the Dragon Swamp Continent. The others will find hideouts of wild beasts at the Subcontinent District. We will kill and eliminate those wild beasts before they can gather. That way we'll have less pressure when the rest of the beasts arrive. Otherwise, I'm afraid..." Su Ping didn't finish his sentence, but the others could indeed understand it.

While Su Ping and Li Yuanfeng talked on the phone, they overheard that Su Ping had seen eight beasts at the Fate State in the Deep Caves. They had no idea how many had already gone to the surface.

But there was something they were sure of: the demise of the two continents was partly due to the wild beasts from the ocean. The largest group of wild beasts above ground were from the ocean, and there surely were Fate State beast kings among them.

They knew one beast king known as the Ocean Emperor, one that was able to command all wild beasts in the ocean!

Not only was the Ocean Emperor at the Fate State, it was an outstanding one. Not even the other Fate beast kings could beat it!

There were also the four Heavenly Kings...

Even the legendary battle pet warriors from the Deep Caves felt troubled. What a disaster!

But... could they retreat?

They had that hopeful wish, but there was no way back for them.

They had to fight!

Even though their chances were meager, they had gone through enough hopeless situations after spending their lives in the Deep Caves; they were people of courage and righteousness.

However the situation was like, just keep fighting!

Desperation? That was useless to them!

“That is the only way.”

Jing Shen heaved a sigh.

Xiang Fengran nodded and said to Su Ping, “I want to go to the Dragon Swamp Continent. You stay here and find beasts hiding in the Subcontinent District.”

“Can you do it?” Xue Yunzhen frowned. She was worried.

Xiang Fengran burst into laughter. “Bitch, don’t ask a man if he can do it. The answer is yes! It has to be yes! No other answer!”

“You... Black Lunatic, don’t call me bitch!” Xue Yunzhen shouted. She added, “Run if you encounter Fate State beasts and you cannot win. Don’t push yourself too hard.” She gazed at him with concern.

“Of course, anyone compelled to fight a Fate State beast king is stupid.” Xiang Fengran smiled. “Do you want to go with me?” He asked the three standing with him.

“Of course. We will always go with our captain!”

“We have been fighting together for over three hundred years. We certainly have to fight this last battle together!”

“Bah, don’t say such unlucky words. Boss, let’s go!”

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“Let’s do it!” said Xiang Fengran in heroic spirits. He stood up and said goodbye on behalf of the other three. “We’ll be taking our leave now. Take care of this continent!”

“Yes.”

“Lunatic, take care.”

Ye Wuxiu and Xue Yunzhen stood up, intending to see the off.

Xiang Fengran waved his hand with a smile. “Ah, there’s no need for that; we’ve dealt with such things before. You get to see everything when you stay in the Deep Caves. The worst outcome would be death and we are all prepared for that. Ha, ha...”

He went out the door after saying that and laughing in the end.

His three team members followed him out; the four of them flew away toward their destination.

Qin Duhuang and Zhou Tianlin were surprised as they turned to look at each other. Those were the legendary battle pet warriors who were stationed in the Deep Caves?! They were nothing like the other legendary battle pet warriors they had seen elsewhere!

Xiang Fengran never assumed any airs, always straightforward!

That was how a legendary warrior should act!!

The two sat up straighter out of instinct. They were legendary battle pet warriors

They should be just like him!

Xiang Fengran left. Su Ping was still pondering deep thoughts. He had gone into the Deep Caves and he had met Ye Wuxiu and Li Yuanfeng. Those were a group of people that had no consideration for their personal sacrifices. "Let's get ourselves ready," Su Ping said.

Ye Wuxiu and the others trained their gazes at Su Ping. Jing Shen said, "Brother Su, you live here and you know the situation better than we do. Tell us. What's your plan?"

"We have enough people here so I suggest we start a blanket search around the three defense lines. Alert the others if any of you detect beasts in hiding; we will clean out the beasts together!" Su Ping shared his thoughts.

After considering for a moment, Xue Yunzhen proposed, "This works but I don't think it's efficient enough. I think we can split into four teams; each team will be in charge of one area and handle any group of wild beasts on their own if it's within their power. If the group of wild beasts is too large, notify the others and we'll do it together."

"That'll do," Jing Shen agreed.

Ye Wuxiu said to Su Ping with a smile, "Brother Su, you don't have to worry too much about us. We've had enough experience witnessing deaths; the big picture is what's important. We are ready for sacrifice, as we've always been since hundreds of years ago!"

"Indeed." Li Yuanfeng nodded with a smile.

Su Ping forced a bitter smile. "If you say so, we'll adopt Miss Xue's method."

"Good." Xue Yunzhen smiled. What a heroine.

Soon, they took out a map to decide which area each team would be responsible for. Ye Wuxiu, as well as the other two captains, would lead their original teams. Some of their teams had suffered grave casualties in the Wind Field. Xue Yunzhen, for instance, had always been in that region; only one man remained from her original team.

As such, Su Ping assigned Zhou Tianlin to her team.

She made no comment. Zhou Tianlin was just at the Ocean State and she didn't think too much of him. But she did like Su Ping for helping her.

"Qin, you will join Brother Ye's team," Su Ping said.

Qin Duhuang nodded. He would do whatever Su Ping said.

Ye Wuxiu asked, "What about you?"

"I'll be fine by myself," Su Ping said.

Ye Wuxiu objected, "No way! I know that you are powerful, maybe more powerful than I am. But you would be all alone; that's too dangerous. You won't even have a chance to call for help on the off chance you run into a large group of beasts, with several being at the Fate State!"

"It's okay. A few Fate State beasts cannot hurt me," Su Ping said calmly. He didn't have to hide his true strength at the moment.

The others looked at him, astounded by his response.

They didn't think Su Ping was a person who would spout empty words. So, could it be that Su Ping was hiding the fact that he was a Fate State Warrior?

Ye Wuxiu, Xue Yunzhen and Jing Shen remembered Su Ping's punch when dueling the Black Lunatic. They were even more convinced that this guess was correct. How exciting!

It would be great for them!

Zhou Tianlin jumped in with a chuckle, "Don't worry. Mr. Su will be fine. He slaughtered a Fate State beast not too long ago, all by himself!"

"I will worry about anyone but Mr. Su," Qin Duhuang added.

He and Zhou Tianlin had blind faith in Su Ping. Su Ping had gone to the Xing-Jing Defense Line; he had taken care of the wild beasts in a base city, and then killed a Fate State beast king. Besides, he had just sold forty Void State beast kings. People who could do that were beyond rare!

Su Ping was not at the Fate State? That would be a lie!

They even thought that Su Ping was hiding some Fate State pets!

"He killed a Fate State beast king?"

"What...?"

Zhou Tianlin's information sounded shocking.

Ye Wuxiu and the others looked at each other, aghast. While they were the more powerful ones in the Void State and they could avoid being killed by a Fate State creature... they could not kill one!

The gap between the Fate State and the Void State was larger than that between the Void State and the Ocean State! How could Su Ping ignore the difference in ranks?!

Well... Su Ping might just be at the Fate State, which would exclude the different states factoring... They were still unable to tell what his real rank was. Their senses told them that Su Ping was at the peak of the ninth rank; that may mean that Su Ping's actual rank was higher. He probably was at the Fate State, like the Tower Master!

Only a Fate State Warrior would sell battle pets at the later stage of the Void State.

Someone of such rank would only aim to get Fate State battle pets!

That had to be the reason. They eyed Su Ping with respect and troubled feelings.

Li Yuanfeng heaved a sigh. He believed that Su Ping was not yet at such a rank the last time he came out from the Deep Caves with the young man. After all, they had been in grave danger back then, and not once did Su Ping employ means of the Fate State. It had only been a short time, but Su Ping's progress was astonishing!

What a strange guy!

"We might have offended you before, sorry." Jing Shen stood up and apologized with a bitter smile.

Ye Wuxiu and Xue Yunzhen also said their apologies.

If Su Ping were at the same state as they were, that little match between him and the Black Lunatic would have been justified. But, given that he was at a higher state, he was a "senior" in their eyes!

Su Ping waved his hand at once. "Sit down, please. I am merely at the titled rank. You don't have to apologize for anything."

Not that again!

Zhou Tianlin and Qin Duhuang were awfully close to rolling their eyes. Su Ping just loved to play dumb! Always pretending to be weak!

Titled rank?

Ye Wuxiu and the other legendary battle pet warriors curled their lips. They would not believe it. They weren't born yesterday! Su Ping quickly noticed he was misunderstood yet again. When will I ever clean my name!

Never mind.

The point was to deal with the crisis.

"We don't have much time. Let's talk about where we should go. I'll take care of this area and you can pick your areas." Su Ping pointed at the east, the largest area; over 10 Class A barren lands were located there. The environment was harsh, full of forested areas and swamps. That was a suitable place for wild beasts to hide.

They didn't object this time, since they "knew" Su Ping's state. They soon chose the places each of them would go.

They would leave with their own teams and return to the Longjiang Base City after the job was done.

Qin Duhuang was in charge of the communication. He had invested heavily in getting some SATCOM phones and each of the four teams would get one.

Su Ping got one, too. The phone would allow them to call each other within the continental area, but the signal would be lost outside the continent. That was why Xiang Ranfeng didn't get one when he left.

“Call each other if you get into trouble! Let’s
go!”

“Come on!”

“Here we come!”

Three teams set off one after the other.

In the meantime, Su Ping went to his store and said to a bored Tang Ruyan who was sitting around, “Stay in Longjiang and look after it. I’ll be heading out to search for hidden wild beasts.”

“You’re going to leave? What if the beasts come here?” Tang Ruyan understood the situation that they were facing. That is why she voiced her concern; she believed that Longjiang was the safest place in the world, all thanks to Su Ping being there. If he were to go someplace else, the Longjiang Base City would be just as vulnerable as the other base cities!

“Don’t worry. The legendary battle pet warriors you just saw are going to start sweeping across the places around Longjiang first. They’re tasked with finding and dealing with the wild beasts that are close by.” Su Ping smiled.

He previously wouldn’t have dared to leave the base city because he shared Tang Ruyan’s concern.

Still, he was sure they would spot and deal with any wild beasts hiding near the base city with the help of Ye Wuxiu and the others.

“Well, if you say so,” Tang Ruyan cautioned him, “You must be careful. Do you want me to go with you?”

“No. You would only slow me down.”

“... Can’t you beat around the bush a little bit?”

“You might not understand me.” Su Ping rubbed her hair until it turned into a complete mess. Then, he happily left.

Whoosh!

While soaring in the air, Su Ping summoned the Dark Dragon Hound and the latter took its dragon form. The pet turned into a fierce dragon, but its head was still like that of a wolf.

Su Ping stood on its back and flew out from the base city.

He was heading east!

He flew past lakes, plains and swamps as he traveled. Dried and yellowish weed were everywhere; he would occasionally see a small number of beasts and most were around the seventh or eighth rank.

Su Ping ignored those low-ranked wild beasts; they weren’t part of the strike and represented no danger.

He checked the surrounding areas and his senses were able to penetrate hundreds of meters into the ground. He told the Dark Dragon Hound to fly close to the ground so that he could sense more clearly.

The stray beasts would usually run in panic because of the Dark Dragon Hound's presence. The latter was more intimidating than a beast king was. After all, it had received the legacy from the old dragon king!

"Wait!"

All of a sudden, Su Ping noticed something was off in a mountain.

The Dark Dragon Hound came to a sudden halt and stopped hundreds of meters away from the mountain.

"They are hiding right there. Six beast kings..." Su Ping narrowed his eyes. That mountain was magnificent with flourishing woods. Many eighth and ninth rank beasts were there, while the six beast kings were quite good at concealing their presence.

They can easily flatten one base city in an instant. I cannot believe they are clever enough to hide there. Those beasts are organized and they are acting under orders...

Su Ping slowly drew his sword as he gazed at the mountain.

He placed his sword in front of his eyes. It was as if he were using the blade as a ruler to measure the mountain.

Next, he poured Ashura Energy as well as Divine Energy into the sword. A ray of glaring sword light instantly came into being, which increasingly grew in size and thickness. The ray of sword light whooshed down to smite the mountain.

Bang. The mountain was split open and boulders were rolling everywhere.

Su Ping heard countless beasts cry miserably. Blood tainted both halves of the mountain with red.

Su Ping dashed into the mountain that had been split open.

He heard some dragons snarling. Everything quieted down soon after; only the settling dust was left behind.

The two parts of the mountain collapsed and crumbled.

Su Ping came out with a little bit of blood on his shirt. He stood on the Dark Dragon Hound's back and told it to press on.

The dust was finally settled, revealing blood and corpses. It was quite the hellish scene...

While Su Ping, Ye Wuxiu and the others were trying to clean out the beasts in hiding, the waves were tumbling in the ocean close to the Dragon Swamp Continent.

The wild beasts in the ocean were raising tides; waves were eating up the forests and flooding the land. Many wild beasts were revealed when the tides receded. The wild beasts pressed forward using their strange limbs.

There was a massive base city in front of them; the flames of war were raging.

Many people were running from street to street, swarming on their way to the plaza.

That was the place where a teleporting tunnel had been open, to help everyone escape with their lives.

Suddenly, a swirl opened in the air, hundreds of meters to the north of the tunnel. A ferocious beast came out from it.

The beast was completely red; it had more than a thousand bloodshot eyes. If Su Ping were there, he would have recognized the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast.

“Huh, how foolish...”

The Thousand-eyed Demon Beast gazed into the distance, grinning coldly. It was able to appreciate the scenes of destruction in the city.

“Cut it!” the beast bellowed. One eye on its forehead was opened wide and a ray of red light was shot from it.

Bang. The void was split open. Many people fell from the crack, as if a trash bin would have been turned upside down. Those people fell from the sky; those at the bottom were flattened.

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“Ah...!”

“Ah, it hurts!”

People were crying. Others started to notice what was going on as more and more people fell from the sky. What they saw frightened the wits out of them.

A terrifying beast was there, gazing upon them. They were hundreds of meters above the ground. Falling from such a height would mean they would be crushed to pieces!

The battle pet warriors who were among the fleeing crowd were also panicked by that. Their brains stopped working the moment they saw that beast.

Some with stronger nerves quickly came back to their senses and summoned their battle pets.

Some of the flying battle pets freed their masters from that chaos. Common folk would also cling onto the wings of such battle pets, as it was their last thread of hope.

There were battle pets that weren't of the flying kind, but they were able to use skills to brace the fall.

“Cheap food...”

The Thousand-eyed Demon Beast giggled. It was as if hearing the cries and screams was fun for it, akin to the most beautiful music.

The beast turned around and stared at the base city in the distance.

The beast saw some people heading over; all of them were at the legendary rank.

The chaos had soon been sensed by some legendary battle pet warriors who were guarding the teleportation portal. Even though they themselves were shaking in their boots, they had to go there. If they couldn't repair the passageway in time, then no one... absolutely no one in the entire base city would be able to get out!

They had no idea what the beast, for it to have the means to stop the Vulture's skill. The one thing they did know was that the beast was scary.

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Doom would be inevitable if they didn't go and face the beast. But if they did, there would still be a glint of hope.

"Delicious food..." The Thousand-eyed Demon Beast licked its reeking and slimy mouth. Its fangs were sharp; one could hardly imagine how strong its bite force would be. "Oh, come over..." the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast mumbled.

Space was trembling in front of it. The three legendary battle pet warriors that were getting closer vanished in the air. They reappeared in the next second, dozens of meters away from the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast. They were within the beast's strike range!

And the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast did strike.

It was as if the creature knew exactly where the three people would be; it made an attacking motion with its sharp claws at that location.

"How..."

"The... The Fate State..."

The three legendary battle pet warriors had never been so afraid in their entire lives. Their faces were contorted, and they froze on the spot as they stared at the sharp claws. They remained motionless.

They wanted to run. However, space had stopped them from running away!

Child's play!

Killing the three was like a piece of cake for the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast, easier than an Ocean State Warrior killing a titled warrior!

Whoosh!

The claws squeezed the three legendary battle pet warriors. Their eyes popped out and blood oozed out from their eyes and mouths. Their internal organs, including their hearts, had been torn to pieces.

The battle pet warriors that were riding on their flying battle pets to get away were dumbstruck by this outcome.

The three of them had been at the legendary rank!

But they didn't even have the chance to fight back!

Desperation!

The battle pet warriors could not help but tremble; terror and fear crawled over their faces. Some who had reacted faster ordered their battle pets to fly away at once.

And yet, they had barely moved dozens of meters when they exploded in the air, leaving behind a blood flower pattern in the sky.

The other battle pet warriors were so frightened they forgot how to move.

“You will be my appetizers...” The Thousand-eyed Demon Beast grinned with joy and cruelty. The large beast opened its mouth; it smelled as if a piece of flesh would have been left to rot for months!

The three legendary battle pet warriors wanted to beg for their lives but they were unable to open their mouths.

They could not even blink!

“Huh?”

Suddenly, the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast turned its head away.

Four people were coming forward. The leader of the four was a bulky man covered in black hair, which made him look like an angry bear.

He was Xiang Fengran and he was there to help!

“Better food...”

The Thousand-eyed Demon Beast flashed a cruel smile.

In a forest region in the Subcontinent District.

Roar!!

The roar served as a cue for a figure covered in tiger stripes to dash out. Three beasts were running wildly across the forest to chase that pretty lady in tiger stripes. “They’re here. Kill them!”

The tiger lady teleported to the edge of the forest and stopped.

The woman’s body had turned into that of a tiger, but her face remained the same as before. She was Xue Yunzhen.

“Three at the Void State...”

A bald middle-aged man looked gravely at the three beast kings going after Xue Yunzhen. He was also at the Void State. Even though he wasn’t as powerful as Xue Yunzhen who was at the late stage of the Void State, he could deal with the less troublesome Void State beasts when merged with his battle pets.

“Allow me. We must finish this quickly,” Zhou Tianlin suggested.

Even before the bald man was able to get confused, Zhou Tianlin stepped forward and he opened five swirls.

Five violent creatures came out from the swirls, roaring and snarling. The five Void State beasts that were once imprisoned in the Demigod Burial made an appearance.

Violence ripped across the forest. The bald man's jaw dropped.

This man had been likely to drag us down... He had five Void State pets?! The five beast kings... are the best of the best!

"Look at them..."

Xue Yunzhen turned around in the air. She noticed that the five beast kings were much alike to the ones she had recently bought from Su Ping's store.

It was as if all the beast kings would have been cast in the same mold!

Finish it!

Zhou Tianlin went and allowed the five battle pets to run free.

The five vicious beasts sprang at their targets.

Some of the five teleported to their targets and the others snuck by moving through the underground. There was even one that summoned thunder and lightning bolts to stop the three Void State beasts.

Those three beasts came from the Corridor and that environment had made them quite cruel. However, the Corridor was nothing when compared to the largest prison in the Demigod Burial.

Void State creatures were just insignificant minions in that large prison. Even Star Rank beasts were commonly seen!

Roar!

Roar!!

The five battle pets had waited a long time for a moment to vent off some energy for a long time. The three Void State beast kings were surrounded; they were soon torn open amid some miserable cries.

Five against three. Nothing from that battle had been surprising, given the circumstances.

It was also of note that the five battle pets were all at the late Void State rank. On the other hand, only one of the three offending beast kings was at the late stage. The other two were at the middle stage.

The battle ended in less than two minutes. Zhou Tianlin stared at the five battle pets that were at the moment wolfing down the corpses, clearly frightened. If it weren't for the fact that the five battle pets were telling him through their bond that they were happy about him, the master, he would have collapsed on the ground. I cannot believe that Mr. Su allowed us to choose such beasts at will... Zhou Tianlin exclaimed to himself. Then, he kindly asked the five battle pets whether they could be kind enough to return to their contract space for the time being

Yes, he asked if they were willing to do that. After all, any of the five battle pets turning hostile toward him would mean the end of his life.

Having received that beseeching message, the dragon turned around and darted a glance at Zhou Tianlin. The dragon threw away some flesh in its mouth and snuck into the swirl that had just opened up.

The other four battle pets gave up their meals and went back as well.

Zhou Tianlin was relieved.

Whoosh!

Xue Yunzhen approached Zhou Tianlin. She sized him up and asked, "Did you buy those battle pets from Brother Su?"

Zhou Tianlin forced a bitter smile and said, "Yes. I'm grateful for Mr. Su's kindness."

Her guess was right. The five beast kings were just like the one she had bought from Su Ping and they were completely different from the other beasts she had seen on the Blue Planet. She wasn't surprised to find that the source of all those battle pets was Su Ping. He sold Zhou Tianlin five of those battle pets...

Where did that guy get so many battle pets?

Xue Yunzhen blinked. She found that the young man was more mysterious than she thought.

"No wonder Mr. Su asked you to join us. It turns out that I'm the weakest of all..." the bald guy teased.

Xue Yunzhen finally understood Su Ping's intention; he had sent them off with reinforcements.

"It seems that our team is quite strong. Ha, ha, come with me; let's make those bastards tremble!" Xue Yunzhen waved her hand forward.

Zhou Tianlin smiled. He summoned a Void State pet of the demon family to protect him. Xue Yunzhen and the bald guy were stunned after noticing that Zhou Tianlin was summoning another Void State pet they had not seen before. "How many Void State beasts did you buy?" Xue Yunzhen asked, wide-eyed.

Zhou Tianlin smiled embarrassingly and said, "Not many, just ten..."

Xue Yunzhen and the bald guy looked at each other in confusion.

At the same time, on a plain.

There was a sparkling, half-transparent crack hovering in the sky dozens of meters above the ground. The crack was over a hundred meters long and it would lead to an uncultivated land found inside. That was a Class A barren area.

Some archaeologists had once asked explorers to bring back some samples and they were proven to be from the ancient age.

Still, those beasts that grew in the ancient age, able to eat up a star were gone. Only a few small beasts remained, and even they were beast kings. 'Small' was a relative term.

A shadow flew past the crack; a wiggle made the shadow vanish and reappear in a forest thousand of meters away from the crack.

Several people were standing in the forest. Someone was playing with some leaves. They were waiting. The dark shadow appeared and a figure came out from said shadow, which was Ye Wuxiu.

He had merged with his demon battle pet, which had strong hiding skills. Not even a Fate State creature could have detected their presence.

“They’re hidden inside,” said Ye Wuxiu. He took a deep breath and added, “An entire army of beasts is there with crowds of beast kings. I’ve already found more than fifteen Void State beast kings and there can be more!” “Did you say fifteen?”

Li Yuanfeng, the man from the Han family, and Qin Duhuang were surprised.

That many wild beasts were hiding in one spatial crack. That had to be a super base camp for all the beasts from the Deep Caves!

“Any Fate State beasts?” Li Yuanfeng asked.

Ye Wuxiu shook his head, “I didn’t find any. The leader of the beasts is at the later stage of the Void State and four other beasts are at the later stage of the Void State. I suppose the leader of the beast kings can muster power close to the Fate State.”

A person had to be outstanding if he or she could make other beasts of the same state bow!

Li Yuanfeng and the others looked at each other, turning pale because of what they had seen.

The man from the Han family proposed, “Cap, we should call the team closest to us.”

“We don’t have enough people here,” the old man Mo agreed.

Li Yuanfeng remained quiet. He wasn’t afraid of death, but he was not stupid, either. Apart from him and Ye Wuxiu, the others on the team were at the Ocean State. Going into the crack would be like heading to their doom. “I can give it a try if no beast king is at the Fate State,” Qin Duhuang said.

The others turned to him in surprise. Ye Wuxiu frowned. He didn’t object to him right away because Qin Duhuang was also from Su Ping’s base city. He asked, “What do you mean?”

“Mr. Ye, you said that there are five beast kings at the Void State working as the core of their team, including the leader, right? I can keep the five occupied. As for the other Void State beasts, you and Mr. Li can take care of them. I would then work with Brother Han and Brother Mo to quickly kill the other Ocean State beast kings!” Qin Duhuang said calmly, but his words weren’t the least bit casual.

He had earned the Raging Spirit title, to later explore the entire continent. Then he went back to lead the Qin family; he was quite seasoned. Qin Duhuang was able to remain calm and composed even while being in front of legendary battle pet warriors much more powerful than he was.

“Five you say?”

Ye Wuxiu and Li Yuanfeng gazed at him in astonishment.

The determination in Qin Duhuang’s eyes seemed to be proof that he wasn’t lying.

He was a legendary battle pet warrior; he wouldn’t stupidly try to flaunt his superiority at this time.

“How will you do that?” Ye Wuxiu found the strength to remain polite.

Qin Duhuang replied with silence; two swirls opened up next to him. Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu froze on the spot as soon as the two battle pets began to crawl out. Both pets were at the late Void State!

They also found the two presences familiar.

They were like the battle pets they had bought from Su Ping!

The two battle pets roared as they came out and looked down to see everyone from a height, including Qin Duhuang.

That was the first time that Qin Duhuang had tried sending them to the battleground. He wasn't nervous when he was facing Ye Wuxiu. However, he was worried and stressed out while facing his own pets.

Still, he didn't let the fear show, or he could lose control over his battle pets. Keeping a calm face, he said, “Listen, Mr. Su sold me eight of these battle pets before you came to Longjiang, and all of them are at the late Void State! I can send six of them to distract the five core beasts and the other two will take care of the leader!

“I can send out another one if that's not enough!

“I still have another late Void State pet with me. Once merged with it, we'll be able to eliminate the Ocean State beast kings!”

Ye Wuxiu and the others found such remarks mind-blowing

Su Ping had sold Qin Duhuang eight of those battle pets before they got to Longjiang? Damn it!

They had argued about who would get the battle pets. It turned out that they were contending over the scraps!

Ye Wuxiu looked at Li Yuanfeng and the latter threw his hands up. Don't look at me. We got there too late!

Ye Wuxiu pursed his lips. Finding out about that fact was useless. It wasn't like he could ask Qin Duhuang to give up the battle pets. They knew Su Ping but they were still mere acquaintances. On the other hand, Qin Duhuang was from the same base city as Su Ping; Ye Wuxiu only found hateful that he had come out from the Deep Caves too late!

“Those damn bastards in the Deep Caves!” Ye Wuxiu clenched both fists and teeth.

Li Yuanfeng and the other three from the Deep Caves also hated the bastards of the Deep Caves.

They would have gotten out much sooner, were it not for the fact that the beasts in the Deep Caves were so scheming that they trapped them in the Wind Field. They would have made it in time to buy battle pets from Su Ping!

“Where did that guy get so many frightening battle pets? They are better than my own battle pets...” Li Yuanfeng murmured.

Ye Wuxiu heaved a sigh. He came up with another question for Qin Duhuang. "How many of those did Mr. Su sell?"

"In total..." Qin Duhuang felt sorry for them so he dropped his voice, "Around forty..."

Forty, forty...

The four were dumbstruck.

Ye Wuxiu finally came back to his senses and heaved a sigh after looking at Qin Duhuang's forced and faint smile. "Let's deal with the wild beasts here. We won't have to call anyone since you have this many outstanding battle pets. But, if something goes wrong, we will leave and I'll cover you!"

The others sighed inwardly. They stopped themselves from overthinking and began to make plans with Ye Wuxiu.

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Roar!

To the east of the Longjiang Base City, there was a creature half dragon, half dog that was dashing about in the wilderness, scaring away the wild beasts it came across.

Su Ping stood on the Dark Dragon Hound's head. There was a pool of blood trailing behind them. The strong and pungent smell of blood was spread out by the wind. Three base camps finished. Those guys are really hiding. Are they planning on waiting and collaborating with the wild beasts from the other continents?

I think this was how the Nordic Continent got destroyed. No wonder two continents were finished overnight.

A glint of coldness rose in Su Ping's eyes. Not once did he sheath his sword; blood was still dripping

He was going to kill all the wild beasts!

The break of dawn was almost there. The temperature was rising; the gentle warmth of the early morning was becoming a scorching furnace.

Time passed; it was getting close to noon time.

Su Ping flew all the way and killed all the way!

There would be piles of corpses everywhere he passed in the barren area. No wild beasts in groups would escape him. But he paid no heed to the fleeing beasts.

"Thirty-eight..."

Blood rained down on a sunny day. A beast collapsed on the ground.

Su Ping flicked the blood off his sword. He had killed thirty-eight Void State beast kings. He looked more concerned than ever.

He was taking care of the east side alone and yet there were too many Void State beast kings in hiding. He could not even imagine the situation of the other areas!

But this... was one continent!

The wild beasts were still elsewhere. They had yet to reach their continent.

If the wild beasts arrived and launched a massive attack... There had to be hundreds of Void State beast kings, and possibly more than a thousand Ocean State beast kings!

After all, the ocean wild beasts were also involved. The number of beast kings in the ocean was great. That was why humans would not try going to the ocean for no reason.

“If they came to Longjiang...” Su Ping gazed at the corpses on the ground, his face clouded. Even a hundred Ocean State beast kings, let alone over a thousand, were enough to flatten the Longjiang Base City!

A single Ocean State beast king was able to wipe away a Class B base city! Over a hundred... could destroy a base city ten times over!

I cannot do it alone...

The more he explored, the more Su Ping realized he wasn't capable enough. True, he could kill Fate State beasts, but that was different from protecting mankind as a whole.

Defending was never easy!

I have to ask everyone to come together as one, everyone, not just the executors. Otherwise, those who have to protect everyone else would fall sooner or later...

Su Ping took a deep breath and gazed into the distance.

He was staring at a desert. Further away was the ocean; the deep, blue ocean.

That was the continent's edge!

He moved and fought with Longjiang as the starting point; he had actually reached the ocean!

It was time to go back.

Su Ping hopped back on the Dark Dragon Hound and headed back to Longjiang.

He thought seriously about how to deal with the wild beasts on his way over. The legendary battle pet warriors were definitely not enough to protect the entire world!

Beep...

Su Ping's phone rang at some point. His heart skipped a beat. The last thing he wanted was bad news. The call was from Ye Wuxiu. “Captain Ye.”

“Phew, Brother Su, I'm sure glad you're okay. Where are you?” Ye Wuxiu exhaled in relief.

“I'm on my way back to the Longjiang Base City. What is it?” Su Ping asked. “Good. Black Lunatic... came back just now.”

“He’s back? How is the Dragon Swamp Continent?” Su Ping asked at once.

Ye Wuxiu replied after a moment of silence, “The Dragon Swamp Continent... is gone.” “What...?”

Su Ping was unable to hear a thing for a few seconds. He looked pale. Oddly enough, he wasn’t surprised, while being shocked at the same time. One continent had been overrun and countless people had died. The thought was too much to bear.

“What happened to the Dragon Swamp Continent?” Su Ping asked.

Ye Wuxiu heaved a sigh and said, “Brother Su, we can talk when you get back. I think we’ve underestimated the Deep Caves. We have to be ready before they get here. Otherwise... humans will go extinct on the Blue Planet!”

Su Ping didn’t reply. He hung up and had the Dark Dragon Hound fly back at full speed.

Soon after, Su Ping arrived at the Longjiang Base City.

The Pixie Pet Store was still being upgraded; only six hours had passed. The upgrade would still need eighteen hours more. Ye Wuxiu and the others were staying in the Qin family’s building

Su Ping went to see them. Everyone stood up.

“Mr. Su.” Zhou Tianlin and Qin Duhuang nodded, bowing slightly to greet him. Su Ping took a quick glance. He was happy to see that most of the legendary battle pet warriors were still there. It seemed that their strategy had indeed worked

That being said...

Su Ping saw Xiang Fengran.

He was alone; the other three legendary battle pet warriors were not there.

Xiang Fengran’s black armor was full of cracks; he looked pale and exhausted, no longer exuding that heroic spirit. “What happened in the Dragon Swamp Continent?” Su Ping asked before he sat down.

Xiang Fengran looked at him. Eventually, he lowered his head. “It was a Fate State beast.”

Silence fell.

The Fate State.

“I met the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast from the Corridor. The creature cut off the teleportation passageway. I wanted to stop that but the damage was done; I could not reconnect the passageway. I was unprepared when I fought that beast. I had to rely on Feng and the others but... They didn’t make it back...”

Xiang Fengran bit his teeth. Li Yuanfeng looked at Su Ping.

They had met the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast when he and Su Ping had gone to the Corridor. Su Ping’s battle pet had distracted the beast so that they could flee.

“So, the base cities in the Dragon Swamp Continent...” Su Ping didn’t finish the sentence. The look on Xiang Fengran’s face had already told him the answer.

Silence. Depression.

A quiet mood lingered indefinitely.

After who knows how long, someone clapped and broke the silence. Xue Yunzhen stood up and said, “Hey, you’re men, aren’t you? Don’t be like this. It’s just death. It’s not like we’ve ever been afraid of dying.

“Don’t lose your spirit. Our day was not fruitless. We found and destroyed seven hideouts of the wild beasts by the barren area on the west. Two of the seven had gathered a large number of beasts, including a dozen or so Void State beast kings. We killed them. We’ve made great contributions.” Everyone looked at her. Only three among the crowd were female, with Xue Yunzhen being the most powerful of them all.

Her friends would call her Xue the Tigress in private to complain about her short-temper. But they had to admit she was more heroic than anyone else at the moment!

Ye Wuxiu took a deep breath and nodded. “Yes. Sorrow won’t solve any problems for us. The Dragon Swamp Continent is gone. We have to save this continent with all of our efforts. We cannot allow the last piece of humanity’s territories be destroyed. I think we should devise a plan for our revenge instead of burying ourselves in sorrow!”

“I don’t think we can force them back. But we should protect the continent at least,” Jing Shen said.

Li Yuanfeng turned to Su Ping and said, “Brother Su, I think we have to work with the Tower. We alone cannot stop all the wild beasts. After all... those Fate State beasts... We are weaker than them.”

Su Ping knew that Li Yuanfeng was trying to spare his feelings because of his past disputes with the Tower.

“I understand. I was thinking about that,” Su Ping said.

On his way back, he had indeed thought about

As of that moment, the only way to get over the crisis was to gather all the help available!

Internal strife would only lead to destruction!

Li Yuanfeng was happy to hear that. “Brother Su, I knew you were a sensible man. I will call the Tower and get the Tower Master. We have to leverage your strength and his. We will find a way to get rid of the beasts bit by bit, just like we did today.” Su Ping nodded. “Apart from calling the Tower, I have another suggestion. The continent has three defense lines at the moment. I think we should unify the three defense lines and build a single iron-clad defense line. That way we can gather all the forces we have to fight against the wild beasts. Otherwise, the wild beasts can separate the legendary battle pet warriors and devour us one by one.”

Ye Wuxiu agreed, “Good idea. I was gonna propose something similar.”

Xue Yunzhen nodded. "That'll work. But we have to think about it. We cannot simply gather up so that the wild beasts can get rid of us in one fell swoop. The defense line has to be strong enough to fend against the strikes from beast kings!" "We still have some time. We can use all of our beast kings to construct and reinforce the defense line," Jing Shen said.

Xue Yunzhen frowned, "But what if our battle pets get exhausted before the wild beasts get here? They won't be able to fight."

Jing Shen didn't offer a reply.

Su Ping smiled. "Don't worry about that. You can leave your battle pets in my store. I promise that they can be restored to their peak state in one hour!"

After the store's upgrade was done, advanced nursing pens would be available. Resting in the nursing pen for an hour would be enough to free the battle pets from tiredness. Staying in the nursing pen for a few more hours would heal even the most serious wounds. That was how strong the advanced nursing pens were.

The only thing that worried him was the remaining time for the store's upgrade, since it still needed eighteen hours.

But still, building the main defense line and gathering all the residents of the continent would take a long time, even longer than eighteen hours!

His store would be upgraded by then.

But...

The worst scenario could happen, if the wild beasts arrived within those eighteen hours.

Even so, Su Ping believed that their continent would not fall as quickly as the others, since they had swept across the continent for wild beasts' hideouts.

Still, we have to be ready... Su Ping blinked. He had to think of other methods in case the wild beasts arrived sooner.

Chapter 695 Unified Front

Responsibilities were decided during the meeting

Once everything was assigned, Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu headed to the Tower to convince Gu Siping into working with Su Ping.

Li Yuanfeng wanted to go alone but Ye Wuxiu was worried that a single man at the Void State wouldn't be seen as important by Gu Siping, thus he also decided to go.

Xiang Fengran, Qin Duhuang, Xue Yunzhen and the other legendary battle pet warriors were going to work with the three existing defense lines to construct the best defense project that they could devise

and prepare. They discussed the locations and conceptualized the types of constructions, among other things.

Su Ping went back to his store while they were all getting busy. The artificial construction workers were rushing about in the store and around the store. Of course, they had been built by the system with energy. It would be strange to see that such a big store would completely change its appearance without anyone working on it.

Su Ping went to see Joanna who was sitting on the couch, sipping juice. The many functions of the store had been suspended, including the nursing pens in the pet room. Joanna was idling about in the meantime; she was reading some fashion magazines at the moment.

“I need your help,” Su Ping blurted out.

Joanna looked at him; her rosy cheeks were glowing. Calmly, she said, “Do you want me to help you solve the wild beast problem? It is truly a shame that I cannot leave your store. That is a rule set by you.”

Su Ping smiled bitterly.

Up until then, Joanna still had the firm conviction that he had set the rules, when it had all been established by the system. He was unable to make exceptions even if he wanted to.

“I want to learn about formations,” Su Ping said, “I want to learn something simple, something that can trap beast kings. I don’t intend to kill beast kings with the formations; I just hope the formations can buy me some time.”

Joanna raised her eyebrows. Why isn’t he giving up the rules he had set?

Joanna was quite eager to see the view outside the store and the world that Su Ping lived in.

She had noticed that the density of astral powers in the air was thin in that world. It seemed that it was a low-ranked and deserted planet. That being said, she was still curious about that world since she had never seen it with her own eyes. “New formations? Sure. I can teach you,” Joanna crossed her legs and said, “You want to distract beast kings. Since you don’t want to kill them, I have a basic trapping formation that you can learn. The formation can trap the average Ocean State beast kings with ease, unless the beast king’s spirit is particularly strong.”

“Great!”

“This is a two-star formation called Wandering Spirit Formation!” Joanna explained, “Once trapped in the formation, the creature’s spirit will fall into an illusion and it would require an extra strong will to break free from the illusion. The formation is not hard to learn. I’ve taught you many of the formations’ basics when you were learning the Heaven Lock. I don’t know if you still remember what I said. Later, you will only need to find the materials required to build the formation.”

Su Ping nodded. “Okay, I understand.” Joanna lifted her finger and gently touched Su Ping’s forehead. Her intoxicating scent snuck into his nose.

The next second, Su Ping felt that all the thoughts in his mind were gone. A massive surge of complex information rushed into his mind. Luckily, his spirit was strong; he could still handle it, even though he felt some discomfort.

Su Ping opened his eyes after a while, surprised and overjoyed.

“What was that about? I cannot believe you would simply pass on the knowledge to me like that,” Su Ping asked Joanna. His eyes belied another question, which was to know the reason why she had not used the same method when she was teaching him about the Heaven Lock.

Joanna was very familiar with that look in his eyes. “Don’t get greedy again. This method is only suitable for simpler knowledge. The more complicated the information, your mind can be pushed to the limit; it can even make your mind explode. The minor side effect would be memory disorder, while the more serious side effect would be mental retardation.”

“There’s also another factor; I only have strength to impart the simple stuff.” Su Ping curled his lips.

A formation able to trap beast kings is simple...

It seemed that he would have to find another time to further his study about the Heaven Lock.

But time was something he didn’t have. Otherwise, he would have strived to master the Heaven Lock completely, all to be capable of undoing the formation to unleash the locked lands. The Blue Planet would grow; that could be a good thing. At the very least... it would take the beast kings a longer time to arrive from the ocean.

“Thank you. I have to go,” Su Ping said.

“Hmm. I’m glad you still know how to say thanks.” Joanna sneered.

Su Ping left in a hurry. He went to the Qin family’s building and found and asked an elder to call Qin Duhuang.

Qin Duhuang soon answered the call. He had not left the base city yet.

Su Ping told Qin Duhuang about the materials needed for the formation. Qin Duhuang—who had lived above ground—was more resourceful and had more extensive connections. He didn’t call Xue Yunzhen or Jing Shen, or the others for that matter. While they were still at the Void State, they had remained in the Deep Caves for years. They might not know many people outside. “I will send you illustrations of those items later. Help me find them as soon as possible and use any method you can think of, be it your power or your violent tactics. I don’t care. This is important!” Su Ping stressed.

Qin Duhuang could only deal with such a matter in a serious and thorough manner.

Su Ping didn’t even bat an eye when he sold the forty Void State beast kings; on the other hand, he was attaching great importance to those items. Such a difference in attitude was a clear indicator of their importance.

Su Ping ended the call. The Qin family elder had already found a pen and a piece of paper for him.

“You have good senses,” Su Ping said to the elder, “Get me a ball-point pen or a pencil. I have to make sure the illustrations are realistic. Get me some A4 paper as well.”

“Yes, sir.” The elder was quite happy after receiving Su Ping’s praise. He quickly returned with a box of pencils.

Su Ping drew the illustration swiftly. He could draw anything he could think of, given the level of control he had over his body. His fingers were rock steady.

In an instant, many lifelike illustrations were vividly displayed on paper; he had drawn all the materials he needed for the Wandering Spirit Formation.

He decided not to use names since the items could go by different names in different places. But the illustrations were a sure-fire method to search for materials.

“Print them out and give them to Qin Duhuang. Tell him to find those things as soon as possible,” Su Ping said to the elder.

“Yes, Mr. Su.”

Su Ping left the Qin family’s building and went back to his store. Xue Yunzhen and Xiang Fengran were currently heading to the other two defense lines to discuss the unification proposal. Su Ping wasn’t at all worried that the two would be unable to finish their mission. He would merely wait there to hear back from them.

“Show me more about the Heaven Lock.”

While times were critical, Su Ping found himself free of chores, much to his surprise. He went to see Joanna right away.

It wasn’t realistic for him to go and help other continents during this spare time. It would take him a lot of time just to make the trip over and return from the other continents. The Dragon Swamp Continent had already been destroyed; there was nothing he could do there. As for combing through his continent for wild beasts... Well, they had already done that.

Some wild beasts could still be hiding somewhere, but they had to be very well concealed. He didn’t want to waste time on finding wild beasts.

The more important thing was to learn about the Heaven Lock before the wild beasts got there!

“You’re very close to mastering it,” Joanna said before she went into the details.

The Tower.

Legend the Drunken was drinking wine in a spatial dent he had created. He had a concerned look as he gazed at the snowflakes.

All of a sudden, two people arrived. It was Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu.

“Hey, it’s you!” Legend the Drunk’s first thought that some wild beasts were going to attack. He got in a good mood upon seeing Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu.

Li Yuanfeng saw the flask and scolded the tipsy fellow, "Three continents have been destroyed. Being a legendary warrior working for the Tower, I cannot believe you're still in the mood for wine. The Tower doesn't need to be protected. How can you be happy about guarding the door when you're at the legendary rank?"

Legend the Drunk sniffed his red nose and answered with a bitter smile, "Mr. Li, the Tower Master would never allow me to leave my post. I can't say no to him. I've already told him that I wanted to go and help, but..."

"Come on, let's go and find him," Ye Wuxiu cut the latter off. He was not in the mood to hear the latter's nonsense.

Everything the Tower's guardian said was just an excuse. What was the point of listening to that?

Legend the Drunk enjoyed the respect from the general public, but the fact was that he was merely snuggling there, with the excuse of keeping an eye on the door. He wouldn't have given up and settled for such a life if he would have had a little bit of pride left in him.

Legend the Drunk didn't look too well. He gazed at Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu as they stepped into the Mysterious Realm with a grave look on his face.

Inside the Mysterious Realm.

Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu flew around, searching the floating hills where Gu Siping's dwelling was.

They soon found him on the largest floating hill.

Gu Siping looked pale. He was sitting by the stone table in front of his cottage and a battle pet was on the ground by his feet. There was a deep and long cut on the battle pet's side; the battle pet's belly had been cut open and its white fur was tainted red with blood. The wound had been healed but the scar was still appalling. Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu looked at each other. They were less angry. It seemed that Gu Siping didn't just sit around and while twiddling his thumbs. He had gone to the battles.

"Tower Master."

"Tower Master."

The two bowed to Gu Siping.

Gu Siping lifted his gaze and looked at the two. "Leyan told me that you weren't happy about me and decided to side with the person named Su Ping... Indeed, I have failed my job considering the global situation..."

He seemed to be frustrated.

Ye Wuxiu frowned. He lowered his head and said, "Tower Master, we didn't mean anything by that. We were just looking for some information."

He didn't say anything else to justify their behavior. After all, everyone was aware of the situation. They were just going through the motions to save some dignity for Gu Siping.

“The Dragon Swamp Continent was recently destroyed. Only two continents remain from the former five. I think we should save one continent at the very least. I suggest we send people to help residents from the Roaring Thunder Continent so they can relocate to this continent. We also think that the three defense lines should be merged into one!” Ye Wuxiu presented his idea in a sonorous and forceful tone.

He could not compare to the Tower Master given his rank, but he wasn't afraid to voice his determination.

Gu Siping looked at him, then shifted his gaze to the teacup on the table after a while passed. “I've already sent people to the Roaring Thunder Continent, along with my Vulture pet. We also built a teleportation array there to help people relocate. But, the number of people able to get here...”

He heaved a sigh and started a new topic. “Based on the current situation, this continent should have a unified defense line. The beast strike is more serious than I had imagined. Anyway, we're not going to lose. Trust me!”

Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu seemed to have detected a glint of excitement in the Tower Master's confident look.

What...? The two were confused. They wondered if it had been a mere illusion. They felt the Tower Master was looking forward to something

“Sir... have you been dealing with the wild beasts yourself? How is your wound?” Li Yuanfeng asked an obvious question.

Frustration crept back onto Gu Siping's face. “I went to help the Dragon Swamp Continent but... I encountered a Fate State beast king. I could not finish it fast enough and several more beast kings were alerted. I could only return defeated. But I did make some contributions. I killed a Fate State beast king!”

The Fate State...

Ye Wuxiu and Li Yuanfeng felt their minds grow heavy upon hearing those three words.

“I'm glad you're okay, sir.” Li Yuanfeng sighed. Ye Wuxiu nodded. “Sir, the crisis is affecting the entire world. I think we should work toward the same goal. I heard that Su Ping and the Tower once had some disputes. I don't know the details but he's not a bad person, considering my interactions with him. He is a man of great values, I think we should work with him!”

Gu Siping curled his lips but he didn't let the two see that. He nodded. “Sure thing. Getting rid of the wild beasts is our priority. Nothing can compare to the common hatred we have against the wild beasts. I don't mind putting Su Ping's matter to rest; everything stems from some misunderstanding. He's young and impulsive, and he ended up killing two legendary battle pet warriors inside the Tower. He claimed that he would never join the Tower nor fulfil his duty in the Deep Caves... “But he is indeed a talent. I think he can reach the Fate State if we can survive this crisis; that is why I decided to let him go.”

Li Yuanfeng and Ye Wuxiu looked at each other. Su Ping killed two legendary battle pet warriors in the Tower? They had not heard about it; they only knew that Su Ping and the Tower weren't on good terms. Wow, what a bold thing he did.

He dared to kill two legendary battle pet warriors here?

They thought about the large number of Void State beast kings he had sold. The two looked at each other with bitter smiles. That was not a person who could be judged with rational standards.

“Sir, I’m glad that you won’t pursue that matter further. All of us are currently staying in the Longjiang Base City, Su Ping’s hometown. I hope you can go there in person and lead all the legendary battle pet warriors to guard the last line of defense. Let us save the last piece of hope for humanity!” Ye Wuxiu said to Gu Siping.

Gu Siping nodded. “No problem. I’ll be there.”

“Sir, I admire your righteousness!”

Ye Wuxiu was happy after hearing Gu Siping’s answer.

Gu Siping waved his hand. “You’re serving at the Deep Caves for free; you don’t have to say such nice things to me. You’ve made greater contributions to humanity than I have.”

“Sir, you flatter us,” Ye Wuxiu answered.

Gu Siping suddenly started to cough. He placed his hands over his chest and took several deep breaths before he said, “Go back. Let me take a little bit of rest and I will gather everyone to leave for Longjiang Base City.”

Chapter 696 Arrangement

“Sure.”

Ye Wuxiu and Li Yuanfeng turned around and left.

They wanted to hurry back to the Longjiang Base City to help improve defenses.

Gu Siping took a deep breath after they left. He pulled a long face and sneered; then, he changed to an indifferent look.

He stood up and gazed past the cottage.

“I think... it is not too late yet...” he murmured to himself.

Longjiang Base City.

The materials Su Ping had asked for had been delivered to him in less than two hours from the moment he called Qin Duhuang.

Those materials were quite precious; forces in the upper class controlled their supply. The factions were quite informed, and still they had not heard word that three continents were gone. They had only started to hear news about the Nordic Continent’s destruction.

The establishment of the three defense lines as well as the frequent appearance of the normally elusive legendary battle pet warriors made those forces realize that the recent strikes were anything but common.

Su Ping was urgently requesting those materials. His call was swiftly answered by those forces.

“Keep going. I need more... The more the better!”

Su Ping told Qin Duhuang and Xie Jinshui to contact the other legendary battle pet warriors and keep searching for more materials.

The stock he had was only enough to construct four Wandering Spirit Formations, which could only trap a limited number of beast kings. “Yes!”

“I understand.” Qin Duhuang and Xie Jinshui quickly left to continue the search. Su Ping grabbed the materials and the Dark Dragon Hound took him away from the Longjiang Base City.

He was going to the east side first, going fast while casually checking if he had missed any beast kings still in hiding. He reached the ocean side in less than 15 minutes. Nothing was out of the ordinary as he checked along the way.

In front of him was the glittering surface of the ocean. Su Ping was able to tell that there were some wild beasts swimming in the far distance, but they were all of low rank.

He looked around to find a suitable spot.

Next, he started building the formation.

He took out the materials and laid them out to build the basic layout accordingly.

He would pour astral powers into each formation node. The Wandering Spirit Formation’s shape was rectangular, three thousand meters long and five hundred meters wide. Once ready, it would entrap anything or anyone while provoking an absence of consciousness in them. Only spirits or those particularly strong in resolve could set themselves free. Otherwise, only external blunt force could destroy the formation.

Su Ping finished the formation ten minutes later.

All the nodes were firmly pinned to the ground. He told the Dark Dragon Hound to reinforce the formation nodes by adding rock layers around it. Only Void State beast kings or above would be strong enough to break them.

Su Ping was happy about his work; he left that spot right away, not intending to linger.

He took a detour to a valley he had noticed on his way over. If the oceanic wild beasts invaded from the east—targeting the defense line at the center of the continent—the valley would be the only way the wild beasts could take. They could use water to fill the valley and turn it into a river!

Let’s see how you like this trap.

Su Ping dove down and landed in the valley; he then started building the formation in a flat spot he had chosen.

Each formation was merely effective within a certain range. The formations’ size was negligible when compared to the scope of the entire continent.

Su Ping had to build as many formations as possible in order for beasts to step into every trap when they arrived!

That would be enough to disrupt the wild beasts.

Su Ping then built another formation somewhere away from the valley, as he only had one share of materials left. He called Qin Duhuang on his way back to confirm whether more materials had been collected.

The answer was yes.

Seven extra shares of materials had been collected!

Su Ping was happy thanks to this answer; he then told Qin Duhuang to continue collecting more materials. Su Ping also requested from the latter to tell the legendary battle pet warriors of the three defense lines to make a public statement: no matter who, hiding such materials would be deemed as committing a felony!

That was right! He understood that people could be selfish sometimes. Still, it was a matter of life and death for the entire human race. It would be stupid to hide such materials at this time!

Qin Duhuang didn't object.

He had no idea what Su Ping was doing with the materials and he didn't have time to ponder about it; he simply followed his orders to a tee.

Su Ping picked another location that the wild beasts would potentially consider as a convenient route; that would be the place to build another formation with the available materials. He had built four arrays on the east side.

That... was not enough.

Compared to the vast eastern side, the four formations were like four pebbles that everyone would overlook. Su Ping would have been fine if he had enough material to build hundreds, or even thousands of such formations. That way the entire east side would turn into a trap, and the wild beasts would be angry enough to cuss at him!

Soon after, Su Ping arrived in Longjiang. The several shares of materials had been delivered to his store; Tang Ruyan received them on his behalf and he immediately left after picking up the new stock. He would then head to the west side.

He built five formations on the west side and kept two shares of materials for later.

As added bonus, he had found a well hidden group of beasts on the west side. There were eight Void State beast kings, over twenty Ocean State creatures and over a hundred thousand beasts of different kinds. That was a terrifying force; that army of wild beasts would have been enough to make the entire continent panic in the old days.

However, that army of wild beasts was just average by the current standards.

Finishing that group of wild beasts didn't put Su Ping in a happy mood. If anything, his mind felt even more burdened.

In the meantime, legendary battle pet warriors of the three defense lines were having a video conference.

At the Xing-Jing Defense Line—apart from the legendary battle pet warriors that were already here—Xue Yunzhen and the bald guy had also joined in.

She directly took command of the situation as soon as she arrived.

After all, combat strength represented the say in all matters. The number of legendary battle pet warriors on the Blue Planet was small, not to mention those who were at the Void State. Not only did Xue Yunzhen have the Void rank, she had a wealth of experience. She was better than the twelve legendary battle pet warriors from the Tower combined, and she had also earned credit and fame because of her service in the Deep Caves.

She was the representative of the Xing-Jing Defense Line in the video conference.

Xiang Fengran was representing the Sheng-Long Defense Line. The man who had originally been in command there was Yuan Tianchen, who had recently broken through to the mid Void State. Still, he had no other choice but to step down since Xiang Fengran was at the late stage and had been serving in the Deep Caves for hundreds of years.

Jing Shen led his team and went to the other defense line where he also took over. Therefore, the video conference was actually among those three: Xue Yunzhen, Xiang Fengran and Jing Shen.

They quickly established their respective responsibilities.

The defense project commenced right after the meeting. Some legendary battle pet warriors went to help the general public relocate; others went to mobilize forces to procure money or manpower for the construction. The job for the general public was to focus on the relocation efforts and avoid trouble.

Thanks to the addition of Xue Yunzhen and her friends, the number of legendary battle pet warriors at the three defense lines were doubled!

Many issues were quickly solved. Those of lower ranks and the general public were given a chance to witness what the legendary rank meant.

No one dared to say no to legendary battle pet warriors. The work was carried out in a smooth and orderly manner.

Su Ping came back from the south. He then received a call from Qin Duhuang who told him they had decided where the reinforced defense project would be built.

Su Ping asked for the details.

Qin Duhuang told him about the location and the areas covered. Su Ping then noticed something peculiar... The defense project would cover the base cities that were part of the Heaven Lock. What a coincidence.

“Who decided this?” Su Ping asked.

Qin Duhuang immediately understood that Su Ping had noticed something was off. "Miss Xue, Mr. Xiang and the other legendary battle pet warriors reached a consensus. All of them pitched in."

Su Ping was about to ask for more specific information but then decided against it.

The current priority was to defend against the wild beasts. Nothing else would matter if they weren't able to do that.

Some of them know about the Heaven Lock and that Tower Master has to know as well. I wonder what he thinks of that formation... Su Ping shook his head.

Su Ping hurried to the north after picking up more materials.

Construction planning started right after the location was decided. Many experts in military facilities were taking part in the project development.

Professionals were appointed to handle the technical work. Legendary battle pet warriors were powerful but they weren't knowledgeable in all aspects.

All the summoned experts were gathered at conference rooms.

All of them had extensive practical experience. Some of them had already been enjoying their retirement days. They answered the call, said goodbye to their partners and kids and hurried over to the conference rooms across the defense line.

After heated discussions that lasted about an hour and a half, the final construction drawings were approved.

The next step was construction.

The drawings were distributed to all related parties. The legendary battle pet warriors had then taken the mantle as team leaders. They helped mobilize resources to facilitate the construction process.

Battle pet warriors were also involved in the construction; some of their pets had no combat strength but they had other special abilities. For example, there were pets able to naturally produce nuts and bolts, while other pets could become excavators after some training.

There were pets in every aspect of humanity's day-to-day living. Apart from those used for practical purposes, there were other pets that were only kept for aesthetic reasons. Of course, when compared to battle pets, those two types were mediocre and much cheaper.

Some base cities received relocation instructions while the defense construction was in progress.

There were groups of people who had moved recently, but then they were told to relocate again before they even had a chance to settle down. Some people who had gone through the hassle were actually happy to see it was finally time to move for some of the previously lucky ones who hadn't moved before. On the other hand, some were upset because they had just settled down; they had purchased fixed assets and invested in certain businesses. Many were worried; they felt their situation was as precarious as it could be.

Regardless, a mass migration led by the legendary battle pet warriors took place. People were unwilling to move and some even protested, but they had no choice but to give in due to the pressure exerted by the legendary pet warriors.

Some of the local tyrants knew that relocating would cost them heavily. However, they too had to follow orders; otherwise, they would lose more than just resources! They would lose their lives!

Dragon Swamp Continent-In a Class A Base City. There was a time when people swarmed to the teleportation portal. The passageway had been cut off and wild beasts attacked them. The base city was no longer crowded with people; beasts had taken their place.

All the buildings were left in ruins. Some human remains were still dangling down from several places.

“So, we are going to save that continent to the very last...” the Thousand-eyed Demon Beast sneered and said in an unpleasant voice, “The most powerful of those puny things are gathered there. Saving the best food for last. I like that.”

“Our lord has a bigger agenda, food is only a part of it,” said a toad covered in messy dots. “Haven’t you heard from that fellow called Heavenly King of Good and Evil? There’s a formation in that place, which has sealed off astral powers and territories of the world. Our lord doesn’t want to see new problems crop up unexpectedly by destroying the formation before the time is right.” The Thousand-eyed Demon Beast turned a dozen of its eyes to look at the toad. “Listen, there’s no limit in the universe; this world is just a ball. Haven’t you heard that there are other puny things above the sky? They say they are much better than the puny things here.”

“Hmm, I don’t care if this world is a ball or something. I’m only thinking that this is going to be our territory in the future. Those things from above the sky have already left. The Otherworld Heavenly King said that those puny things don’t come often. We can make them stay when they come back... We can get information about the world outside from them.”

Chapter 697 Beyond Imagination!

Time zipped by. Several hours passed. Dusk arrived; the night would soon follow.

Time passed as quickly as any other day, but the people on the continent saw it as the longest day of their lives.

The new defense project could only include nine base cities; the remaining base cities had to give up and move to the fortified locations.

The nine base cities were stuffed to the brim. Those who had already experienced relocation didn’t get too frustrated this time around; they had gone through the pain of leaving home once. They just went through the process again without any ruffled feathers.

But, the locals of the nine base cities were complaining

Those at the bottom of society were more obedient; they only had boring jobs, average families and a short supply of courage. None of them dared to disobey the orders, especially when they were enforced by battle pet warriors and their huge battle pets.

The ones who had fixed assets, bigger ambitions and stronger forces were very unhappy. They had to leave their comfort zone and suffer greater losses.

Even though people were complaining, few were fighting back.

Most knew that it wasn't due to whims of legendary warriors; the orders came straight from the Tower itself!

The Tower was the absolute ruler on the Blue Planet; a single command could render a base city to pieces.

No one wanted to challenge the Tower; the general public saw it as an entity out of reach. They had no other choice but to listen and obey.

A small number of people did try to fight back. Some of them were punished with death. Others were "persuaded" to give up. The initial stage of the defense project was completed in a few hours.

Two towering walls had been built, each of them over six hundred meters high. Few beast kings were able to climb that height.

Making the walls any higher would have been inconvenient for those who would watch the perimeter from up there; this would reduce their long-range skill's efficiency. The height had been decided upon after meticulous calculations.

The walls were eight meters thick!

People might find it hard to envision what eight meters meant; a skyscraper in a base city was usually less than eighty meters high. The structure of the walls was complex; several different kinds of materials were mixed to build them. The Tower contributed by adding some top-secret formations, to prevent some beasts of the stone family from stealing the stone materials in the walls and weakening them.

While the walls were being built, the relocated population was assigned to the nine base cities; they were evenly distributed to avoid overburdening any of the base cities.

Apart from the nine base cities, four new base cities were built within the protection of the walls to house the relocated population. If they hadn't made those accommodations basically cramming all the survivors of the continent in the nine base cities—the base cities would have been overwhelmed. The battle pet warriors unable to fly were having difficulty moving about in the base cities.

Building a new base city wasn't hard, and construction standards were lowered during those trying times. Astral pets were used to make the buildings. Some of the more powerful astral pets were able to build a community that could house a hundred thousand people within one hour. Of course, a community of that size was already considered large.

People were hurrying to and fro as they took care of all tasks in the construction of the defense project and the relocation underway in an orderly fashion. People would rarely encounter wild beasts as they went through the barren areas to relocate. For one thing, the wild beasts across the continent had been enlisted in the strike force. For another, Su Ping, Xue Yunzhen, Xiang Fengran and the others had combed through the continent for hidden wild beasts.

The remaining beasts in the barren areas were weak ones and strays. The titled battle pet warriors in charge of the relocation would easily keep people safe.

At dusk.

Longjiang Base City. The setting sun cast a warm glow on the Longjiang Base City which was one of the nine reinforced base cities. Many legendary battle pet warriors had gone there since it was Su Ping's hometown, and that was the reason why it was seen as the command center.

Many legendary warriors were gathered in Xie Jinshui's office at the moment. Su Ping was also there.

Another person who would catch everyone's attention was there.

Gu Siping!

The Tower Master was an elusive man. Even the members of the Tower would think of him as mysterious and terrifying.

After all, he was the only known warrior able to reach the Fate State!

Gu Siping and Su Ping sat opposite to each other at the table.

There had once been a main seat at the head of the table, which had been saved for Gu Siping. Still, the latter behaved like a modest man and refused to sit there. The seat was eventually removed.

After all, since Gu Siping chose not to sit there, who else would have the courage to?

Su Ping didn't mind the seating arrangement. He would be okay with being the command-in-chief but he had to be sure that he would in fact command everyone. For example, Gu Siping and the other legendary battle pet warriors that he brought along from the Tower might not answer to Su Ping's command.

Those legendary battle pet warriors would still act based on Gu Siping's orders.

Su Ping gazed at the gray-haired old man sitting across the table.

That was the first time he had seen the Tower Master. He had immediately noticed that Gu Siping was indeed at the Fate State.

It was a gut feeling. While his perceptions and senses were strong, he was unable to sense the power of the Fate State, especially when Gu Siping was deliberately withholding his energy output. Also, even though he hadn't personally experienced the Fate State, he had seen it enough times.

Su Ping had met many Celestial Gods who were at the Fate State when he visited Joanna's home. Some of the Celestial Gods would unabashedly display their power, letting it radiate wildly.

Still, there was a common trait in the Celestial Gods.

Su Ping noticed it after interacting with those Celestial Gods several times, and it was something he had not seen on those who were at the Void State. It was hard to describe what the trait was with words, and yet he was sure that he felt it in the Tower Master.

He could also tell that the Tower Master was not at the peak of the Fate State; he was just average, considering what he had seen. Su Ping had met with peak Fate State Celestial Gods; there was something special, something otherworldly about them. He could stand in front of them and still feel as if they were only projections of themselves. Su Ping's contempt against Gu Siping grew after gauging the latter's strength.

The Tower Master couldn't have stopped the strike!

He was the most powerful man on the Blue Planet, the hope for all humanity. However, he would be unable to save the world from the wild beasts. To make things worse, he wasn't paying enough attention to the strike. To put it simply, he was incapable and ignorant!

The wild beasts had been able to bust out of the Deep Caves because the formation in the Deep Caves had been breached. The Tower had overlooked the matter... The Tower Master had committed a grave crime!

"I only knew you by name; I am glad to have the chance to finally meet you. Mr. Su, you're an amazing man. I heard that you killed a Fate State beast by yourself not long ago. I believe you're also at the Fate State, Brother Su. What a pleasant surprise!" Gu Siping said to Su Ping with a faint smile.

Su Ping sneered. "The Nordic Continent, the West Ocean Continent and the Dragon Swamp Continents have been destroyed. I don't think anything is pleasant right now."

The others turned a bit pale, afraid that Gu Siping would get angry.

But Gu Siping didn't seem to be enraged by it. He heaved a sigh and replied, "Indeed, I am to blame for the destruction of the three continents. I'm too ashamed to be the commander-in-chief. I heard that you saved the Xing-Jing Defense Line and made great contributions before, Brother Su. I think you should be the commander-in-chief this time."

The many legendary battle pet warriors who came from the Tower wished to object but stopped on second thought.

We're making Su Ping the commander-in-chief?

A legendary battle pet warrior at the Void State from the Tower voiced his worry, "Sir, don't you want to... rethink this?" With golden hair and blue eyes, the man was somewhere in his sixties, apparently a former citizen from the Nordic Continent.

"Indeed, Brother Su is powerful but Brother Su is still young. I don't think he has dedicated much time learning about things aside from cultivation. Commanding is no trivial matter," another man added. He also hoped that Gu Siping would remain in command. If he hadn't seen the video of Su Ping killing the Fate State beast, or heard testimonies from the witnesses, the man would have directly pointed out that Su Ping was completely unqualified to compete against the Tower Master!

However, the man knew he could not speak of such things out loud. After all, Su Ping was most likely at the Fate State.

"Sir, you are not to blame for the destruction of the three continents. Those beasts caught us off guard; we weren't prepared for them," an old man said calmly. It was Yuan Tianchen.

He never looked at Su Ping; his gaze was on Gu Siping all the time. "You were also heavily injured when you were helping the West Ocean Continent, and you managed to kill a Fate State beast. You have made substantial contributions!

"Brother Su is still young. Having a high rank doesn't equate with experience in combat. You, sir, have the most experience. For the sake of all humans around the world, I beg you to stay as the commander-in-chief!"

With that said, Yuan Tianchen stood up and bowed to Gu Siping.

The man knew he would offend Su Ping. However, in no way would he allow Su Ping to become the commander-in-chief, not when he and Su Ping had disputes before.

He didn't know if Su Ping would nurse a grudge but he knew he would.

All the people from the Tower would have to follow Su Ping's orders if he became the commander-in-chief, including Yuan Tianchen. He would be unable to reject being sent to fight against the most vicious of the beasts if Su Ping sent him. He would die!

"We also ask you to be our commander-in-chief!"

Another legendary battle pet warrior stood up and bowed to Gu Siping.

The others from the Tower looked at each other. They eventually stood up and bowed to Gu Siping.

The complete row of legendary battle pet warriors sitting across the table from Su Ping stood up and bowed.

On the other hand, Xue Yunzhen, Xiang Fengran, Qin Duhuang, and the others sitting on Su Ping's side remained seated; all of them had gotten Void State battle pets from Su Ping and they felt they owed him for it. In fact, Su Ping had sold those pets at an incredibly cheap price. He had earned their complete trust!

"Nonsense!" Gu Siping shouted.

Su Ping slowly leaned back against his chair.

"Huh, interesting."

Su Ping tapped the table with his finger.

"You lot..." Su Ping glanced over at the many legendary battle pet warriors. He didn't finish that sentence. He shook his head and shifted to another topic. "I think we can have Mr. Gu take care of command. He is more experienced than I am, and I don't want to contend against him over this. Besides, I think it's utterly ridiculous that we're arguing about such a trivial matter at this critical time. Can we please talk about serious business? How should we face the upcoming strike?"

Gu Siping and the others from the Tower looked livid with anger. Su Ping didn't hide his contempt; they knew that Su Ping wasn't intending to take command. A glint of rage flashed past Gu Siping's eyes. He glared at Yuan Tianchen and the others who had begged for him to keep the position.

He honestly wanted Su Ping to take command; he wasn't faking it.

He had his reasons and plans; however, those people had disrupted them. Su Ping wanted to stay hands-off and he did not care, nor was interested in that powerful post.

Persuading Su Ping would be hard.

It would be even harder to convince those that were begging him to stay in command to give up!

“Brother Su is right. Who stays in command doesn’t matter; arguing about this is a waste of time. Let’s talk about the beast strike.”

Gu Siping then wore a serious look and said, “According to the information I collected, at least ten Fate State beast kings came out from the Deep Caves. We have to consider the four heavenly Kings, as well as the Ocean Emperor and the eight beast kings working for it...

“We are talking about twenty beast kings at the Fate State!”

Gu Siping’s summary rendered the entire conference room silent.

Xue Yunzhen, Xiang Fengran, and Qin Duhuang were also stressed out by this.

They were merely at the Void State; they usually had to exert their full strength to distract a Fate State beast king. Defeating one would be more than difficult!

That is, unless they coordinated a surprise attack!

However, there were more Fate State beasts than Void State legendary battle pet warriors. Who would attack who!

Su Ping held his breath.

The number of Fate State beasts was higher than he had expected.

He knew about the four heavenly kings... But there were also nine Fate State beasts coming from the ocean?

There were already over a dozen beast kings making their way over, let alone those from the ocean!

To make matters worse, only the Tower Master was at the Fate State... That was ridiculous!

Su Ping felt terrified. Humanity should have gone extinct even before those beasts from the Deep Caves came out! That is, if the wild beasts would have wanted to nibble the humans’ territory away!

Gu Siping saw the confusion and fright on everyone’s faces. He sighed. “The threat of ocean beasts has always been there, but the Ocean Emperor once reached an agreement with the first Tower Master. The Ocean Emperor promised that they would never invade the land. Therefore, those wild beasts in the ocean thrived over the years and there was nothing I could do.

“I have to remain on good terms with the Ocean Emperor. After all, it made the promise that they wouldn’t come to us. They would fight back if we invaded their territory.

“The four heavenly kings were never friendly amongst themselves. They’ve always acted independently. That is why we have gained time to rehabilitate over the years.

“Now, I’ve lost contact with the Ocean Emperor; it doesn’t answer any of my calls. But I do not dare go and seek clarification. The Ocean Emperor has clearly gone back on our agreement. Naturally, I suppose the Ocean Emperor would now try to attack.”

Some of the legendary battle pet warriors felt they were losing all hope. There were about twenty Fate State beast kings; they could easily flatten the world. What could they do to protect the Blue Planet?

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“That being said...” Gu Siping suddenly added. The three words got everyone’s attention.

“We still have hope.”

Gu Siping went on calmly, “I know that the wild beasts are fierce but we still have some ace cards. It’s just that it won’t be favorable to deal with the wild beasts head-on. I hope you can understand that.”

Those were quite the delightful words. Someone asked at once, “Sir, what is that ace card you speak of?”

Everyone else was just as curious.

Gu Siping was only at the Fate State. He had gone to help the West Ocean Continent but failed.

He could not even stop the wild beasts in the West Ocean Continent. What could he do when all the wild beasts around the world gathered and went after them?

“I will keep that confidential for the time being.” Gu Siping smiled.

“Based on the information I’ve collected in regards to the strike, there’s indication that we have spies among us from the beasts’ side. I have to keep certain things in secret. I understand that many innocent people have lost their lives but this is the only way. If we try to save everyone, we will end up saving no one!”

The legendary warriors looked at each other speechlessly. Xue Yunzhen and Xiang Fengran wondered whether to feel glad or shocked.

They didn’t think Gu Siping was lying. What was the point of that?

There had to be a true ace card kept in secret!

But... someone was a spy for the wild beasts?

“Sir, sir, you said someone among us is a spy? No way!” a man shouted.

The others turned to look at him. Those eyes irritated the man

Gu Siping looked at that person and shook his head. “I am merely speculating. But I think it’s most likely true. I wouldn’t have said it out loud if I didn’t think so, only making you doubt each other needlessly. Anyway, the upcoming missions we’ll be assigned to small teams. You don’t have to worry.”

“What’s the benefit of working for wild beasts?”

Xiang Fengran glanced at those sitting across the table with a gloomy face. "Once the wild beasts destroy us all and the world turns into their paradise, would the traitor stay alive among them? Say that the traitor could, he would forever remain a contemptible scoundrel!"

"I agree." Xue Yunzhen was angry as well. "Serving the wild beasts... How can a legendary battle pet warrior be that shameless?"

Those sitting across the table turned pale. Some of them were unable to bear the insult. "Why do you think it's us? Maybe some of you are spies. You've stayed in the Deep Caves all this time. Who is to say that you haven't befriended the beasts?"

"What?!"

Xiang Fengran and the others flew into a rage. A traitor among us? Oh, f*ck you!

They were the ones who had stayed in the Deep Caves all year round. How could they bear that insult?

They could not allow anyone to slander them!

"So, it is our fault that we have to stay in the Deep Caves!"

Jing Shen pulled a long face. A glint of terrifying coldness came out from his eyes.

The legendary battle pet warrior who had made the accusation realized how awful it was. After all, people like Jing Shen were indeed heroes of humankind.

That accusation had angered them all.

"I don't know if it's your fault or not. But, you've stayed in the Deep Caves and still the wild beasts got out. We don't have to point any fingers but we all know what that means!" Yuan Tianchen interjected.

He was also at the Void State; he wasn't afraid of Xiang Fengran and the others. He might not be as powerful as those captains but he was emboldened by knowing that Gu Siping was on his side.

He also didn't think that the people who had guarded the Deep Caves would hurt him at this time.

Internal strife? Anyone who started it would be hated by the whole world!

"You-hmph!"

"Shut the f*ck up!" Xiang Fengran pounded the table and jumped to his feet. It's our fault? We reported to the Tower but they did nothing. They cautiously stayed in the Deep Caves and fought the wild beasts every time they got out from the Corridor. Many legendary battle pet warriors had been killed because of that. Now, we are to blame?

"Humph!" Yuan Tianchen glared back at Xiang Fengran.

The other legendary battle pet warriors unleashed their astral powers to show their support for Yuan Tianchen. Similarly, even though none of them was as powerful as Xiang Fengran, they weren't afraid because Gu Siping was on their side.

"Nonsense!" Gu Siping snarled, stunning everyone. "They are all heroes. Do not talk to them like this!" Gu Siping scolded Yuan Tianchen and the others.

They said nothing else.

“Sit down. We have to work together. Anyone who stirs up a dispute again will be regarded as a mole from the wild beasts!” Gu Siping kept his gaze on Xue Yunzhen, Xiang Fengran, and the others on the other side of the table.

Xiang Fengran sat down after a moment of silence. He was livid with rage and there was no way he could vent that anger.

“Let’s not focus on the traitor issue. We should first...” Gu Siping went on.

Halfway through, someone cut him off, “Hey punk, you have to be held responsible for what you said.” That sentence silenced everyone.

People turned their looks of surprise to the young man.

The latter man glared at Yuan Tianchen. “You shall not insult Mr. Xiang and the others. What were you doing when they were guarding the Deep Caves? Robbing Mysterious Realms for treasures? Enjoying yourselves? We should unite at a time like this. I will kill each and every one of you if you start another argument like this!”

“And I will do that!”

The threat astounded Yuan Tianchen and the others. They glared at him and then turned over to Gu Siping.

Gu Siping didn’t expect that threat, either. He looked awful... He had just said that no one should start a dispute again and Su Ping just did!

“Brother Su, we are dealing with a formidable enemy. You should set a good example.” Gu Siping frowned.

“Right,” a Void State warrior chimed in.

Since Gu Siping had cautioned Su Ping, Yuan Tianchen believed he had found his chance. “Su Ping, I know that you’re capable, but you should go and find some beasts to vent that extra energy. We are just telling the truth... don’t threaten us all the time. You’ve already killed two legendary battle pet warriors at the Tower and one of them was at the Void State. Do you know how big that loss was for humankind?”

The others gazed at Su Ping quietly.

As to the people on Su Ping’s side, Xiang Fengran and the others had already found out and they didn’t mind. What Su Ping said had truly moved them; they toiled endlessly in the Deep Caves, all to be slandered in the end. Gu Siping, the leader of all humans, had simply shifted away from that conversation in a casual manner. They were definitely not happy about that.

“That was a loss? Why don’t you tell me? I want to know.” Su Ping looked into Yuan Tianchen’s eyes.

“You’re also at the Void State. How many Fate State beasts can you kill?”

Yuan Tianchen knew what Su Ping was implying. "I cannot kill beasts at the Fate State. But are you implying that we can do whatever we want when we have strong powers? If that were the case, we should be able to kill titled rank warriors at will!"

The titled battle pet warriors standing outside the conference room: "???"

Su Ping sneered. "It's not like you haven't done that, don't act all sanctimonious. I don't think titled warriors like what you do to them when they anger you over the slightest things. But trust me, I would give you the same treatment if you disrespect me. I don't care what people think and I don't care if I go down in history as a symbol of infamy. I just want to have a happy life right now. Try me!"

Yuan Tianchen and the others turned pale.

This is... a lunatic!

They knew what Su Ping had done before; the young man would keep his promise!

If he weren't crazy, why would he do what he did in the Tower?

Yuan Tianchen was seething, but eventually decided to keep quiet. He was afraid that Su Ping would strike him right then and there. Gu Siping would stop Su Ping but a battle would certainly break out. There was also the fact that Su Ping could kill Fate State beast kings; hurting Yuan Tianchen would be more than simple. Gu Siping would not protect Yuan Tianchen for the rest of his life!

Yuan Tianchen and the others remained silent. Xue Yunzhen and the others gazed at Su Ping. All of a sudden, they found that the young man was not as easy going as they thought **man was** Heroic, courageous, and wild!

But they liked it!

Li Yuanfeng covered his mouth. He would have laughed out loud if Gu Siping weren't present. Su Ping was his friend! A man able to sell forty Void State beasts would certainly not swallow that insult!

Gu Siping's face became clouded; Su Ping had ignored his warning. However, he knew that arguing with Su Ping would make him look petty.

His position didn't allow him to act boorish like Su Ping

He took a deep breath and calmed himself down!

Whirr

Gu Siping's calmness returned, but his cold eyes frightened them all.

"We should stop this nonsense!" Gu Siping used one word to define what had just happened, which also counted as a warning to Su Ping. "We should talk about how to deal with the beasts. You've named me commander-in-chief, so you must follow my orders!"

Su Ping narrowed his eyes. Nonsense?

He wanted to argue with Gu Siping but stopped on second thought; he could go on, but he didn't want to waste more time!

They had to talk about the real business.

He didn't want to dawdle with trivial arguments!

The meeting came to an end half an hour later.

The whole meeting had lasted an hour, with the argument taking up half of that time. Luckily, everyone was proactive during the latter half of the meeting. They made proposals and soon reached an agreement.

The legendary warriors left immediately after the meeting was over to work on their allotted tasks.

Su Ping was the first to leave the meeting room; he was not given any assignment. There was still nothing for him to do at the moment, not when the beast kings had yet to arrive.

The other legendary battle pet warriors would help with the preparations; Su Ping would be the flexible force able to go anywhere if needed.

No one needed him at the moment, so he went back to his store. As he gazed at the setting sun, he suddenly had a feeling that... It was going to be their last setting sun.

I hope it's not the last setting sun on the Blue Planet... Su Ping thought to himself.

He shook his head. He went back inside and approached Tang Ruyan to get the materials, then he went out to build more formations. There were eighteen sets of materials and no more. Su Ping didn't distribute the formations evenly on the four sides; he focused his efforts on the west side. He used up the eighteen sets on the west side; it would slow down the beasts on that side. This would give humans some breathing room to focus on the other three sides first, making the job less stressful.

Night fell, presenting a sky studded with stars.

The construction of the defense project was about to be finished.

The location had been decided at around noon; the two walls had almost been finished with the work done in the afternoon, up until night arrived. All the best construction pets in the continent were there to get the job done; the speed was miraculous. The migrants had moved inside the two walls. After the two walls were finished, the next thing was to set up traps outside the walls.

Many beast kings were there to work on that task.

The intelligence departments were collecting information across the continent.

They were able to easily set up surveillance stations across the continent thanks to the beast hideouts' clean up efforts done by Su Ping, Xiang Fengran and the others. That would allow them to receive information immediately when the wild beasts got there.

Time zipped by.

Su Ping was looking at the clock in the store.

It was nine in the evening. The store's upgrade would be done in eight hours.

I hope we can survive the eight hours... Su Ping felt nervous. He didn't even want to ponder about whether Gu Siping was telling the truth about the so-called ace card. He would rather rely on himself; that was his philosophy.

Based on what Gu Siping had shared with them, Su Ping felt that they would hardly survive the strike with the existing force.

The completion of the two walls cheered many people up, since they acted as a symbol of hope. Nevertheless, Su Ping knew that the walls could be easily destroyed by the twenty-something Fate State beast kings when they arrived.

The world inside the walls was ablaze with lights; people were hurrying to and fro.

Su Ping was learning formations with Joanna when some people went to the store and gingerly stuck their heads inside.

They were familiar.

"Ah, it's you!" Su Ping was surprised. It was Shi Zhenxiang and Tongtong whom he had met at the Trainers Association.

"Yes!" The two girls were quite happy to see Su Ping. Next, they noticed Joanna who was sitting on the couch.

Joanna wore her golden hair down and her skin was snow white. The two girls froze on the spot; they had never seen such a perfect look.

"It is Mr. Su!"

Shi Haochi, father of the two girls, and Lu Qiu, the Vice Chairman of the Trainers Association, also entered the store.

They, too, were astounded by the girl next to Su Ping.

They could barely look away.

While Shi Haochi was still mesmerized by the sight, he suddenly felt a gaze loaded with killing intent darted at him; it came from his daughter, Shi Zhenxiang. Shi Haochi cleared his throat and flashed an embarrassed smile. "Mr. Su, long time no see. We have just moved to the Longjiang Base City. We know this is your hometown so we asked around to find you. We are so happy to see you again."

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Su Ping was happy to see old friends as well. "I'm glad you're still safe and sound."

He remembered that the Holy Light Base City was far away; it wasn't among the nine base cities on the unified defense line. They must have been forced to move there.

"Is this your store?"

Zhenxiang and Tongtong were interested in the store's setup. They thought that his store looked smaller than how they had imagined.

Being a top trainer, they had thought that Su Ping's store should have been as large as a theme park!

"Yes."

Su Ping smiled at the two innocent and cute girls.

Vice Chairman Lu Qiu wore a troubled look.

He gazed at Su Ping. Major events had taken place ever since the young man left the Holy Light Base City; for instance, the destruction of both the Nordic and the West Ocean Continents. Those incidents were unbelievable but they did happen.

There was once a time when the end of the world seemed to only exist in nightmares... But the end of the world was truly coming to them in real life!

Lu Qiu no longer regarded Su Ping as a simple top trainer.

Su Ping took care of the Void State beast with ease during his visit to the Holy Light Base City, demonstrating his frightening force. Later on, he killed a Fate State beast at the Xing-Jing Defense Line, saving a Class A base city. Many big forces had seen that video. Su Ping was more honorable than most legendary battle pet warriors.

Given his status as the Vice Chairman of the Trainers Association, Lu Qiu knew what the Fate State meant. That was why meeting Su Ping again was difficult.

Su Ping was smiling at them in a friendly way. Lu Qiu then took a deep breath. He felt sorry; he should have befriended Su Ping earlier. "Nice to see you again, Mr. Su," Lu Qiu greeted him respectfully.

Shi Haochi and his two daughters didn't understand why Lu Qiu was behaving so politely all of a sudden.

They had been quite busy in recent days; the Trainers Association had been receiving a large number of orders, so they didn't have time to mind the recent news. They only knew that the entire world was in crisis. Even the fees that the Trainers Association was charging had dropped to the minimum; they were basically working for free.

Su Ping waved his hand. "We are friends. Make yourself at home. Here, have a seat." Lu Qiu felt a spread of warmth in his heart. "Mr. Su, I've heard about what you did. I have also met the young kids that came with you."

Su Ping nodded. He didn't take care of those young people himself. He asked Qin Duhuang to help them settle down.

"Was everyone from your Holy Light Base City relocated here?" Su Ping asked.

Lu Qiu nodded and then shook his head. He sounded nervous. "The members of the Trainers Association are very important lately. We were assigned to the nine base cities inside the walls to provide training services for battle pet warriors. We are striving to make their battle pets progress before the war breaks out!"

Su Ping nodded. "Good. You've really done great work."

“It is only our job. You, Mr. Su, have made great contributions. All the legendary battle pet warriors at the battlefield are heroes.” Lu Qiu waved his hand. He was blushing slightly.

His words stunned Shi Haochi and his daughters. Legendary? Su Ping?

Su Ping is at the legendary rank?

And he’s a top trainer to boot!

Zhenxiang and Tongtong were panting. This guy is at the legendary rank?

Shi Haochi suddenly understood why Lu Qiu greeted Su Ping with such respect.

She remembered how Su Ping had been stopped at the door of the Trainers Association on his very first visit. Who would have thought that the young man whom many had teased was at the legendary rank!

That’s not my rank... Su Ping wanted to explain but he recalled the responses. Never mind. There was nothing he could do to clear his name.

“I’m glad you came to Longjiang. Come to the store in case the two walls break and the outer wall is breached,” Su Ping said to them.

Lu Qiu appeared to be overwhelmed by fear. Su Ping surely knew something they didn’t. Was the situation worse than they thought?

“Mr. Su... Will we die in this strike?” Lu Qiu asked.

Su Ping nodded. “It’s a possibility. Anyway, there’s no way back; we have to fight and that is the only way we can keep hope alive.”

Lu Qiu was at a loss for words. Shi Haochi and his daughters were even more baffled.

It was right then when Tang Ruyan and Zhong Lingtong entered the store.

“What? We have customers?” Tang Ruyan was surprised to see people in the store. The corporate slave wore her fake smile as she hurried over. “Welcome, what is it that you’re looking for? We can train pets, or you can buy pets and pet food!”

Zhenxiang and Tongtong turned around. Another pretty girl?

As for Zhong Lingtong, they immediately recognized her.

Lu Qiu widened his eyes when he saw Tang Ruyan. The current... head of the Tang family?! He could not believe it.

The Tang family had changed. The incident when the Tang family destroyed the other two ancient families created a sensation; the Trainers Association had collected detailed information about that event.

The general public began to hear about the young family head; no one could underestimate her.

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To reflect their recent status as the most powerful family of the continent, the Tang family had placed many orders at the Trainers Association for their battle pet warriors. The Tang family and the Trainers Association had been working closely. And...

The young head of the most powerful family of the continent was there in Su Ping's store!

She... seems to be working here.

The family head is working here?!

Lu Qiu was still dazed as he stared at Tang Ruyan when he heard, "Nice to meet you Vice Chairman and Master Shi."

Lu Qiu found the strength to look away and focus on Zhong Lingtong. The latter's face was chubbier than before. She... must be living a comfortable life here.

Lu Qiu was relieved. Finally, he would have a chance to talk with someone he didn't have to be scared of.

"Ah, Tong..." Lu Qiu smiled kindly, "You're Mr. Su's student. You're surely close to becoming a master trainer."

Shi Haochi and his two daughters were freaked out.

Master trainer?

So soon?! Zhong Lingtong blushed. She lowered her head and said shyly, "I have a lot more to learn from my teacher. He said I could only help battle pets learn the skills of the thunder family. I'm just a ninth-rank trainer who tends to go overboard on one subject. I have much to learn before I can become a Holy Spirit Trainer..."

What?!

Lu Qiu and Shi Haochi looked at her in a daze.

Just a ninth-rank trainer who tended to go overboard on one or some subjects? Just?!

Su Ping didn't think Zhong Lingtong would say anything inappropriate. He taught her the elementary rules of thunder when he reached the middle stage of the rules of thunder. She was able to help battle pet warriors learn skills of the thunder family below the legendary rank. She was a ninth-rank trainer according to the Trainers Association's grading.

Still, she would have to know how to enlighten battle pets' talents first in order to become a Holy Spirit Trainer.

He wasn't planning on teaching her that right then, given that Su Ping had only mastered the elementary Agility himself.

Lu Qiu gulped. "You, you can help battle pets learn ninth-rank skills."

Zhong Lingtong nodded and added, "But just of the thunder family."

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They were speechless.

What do you mean by just?

Were you thinking about making a battle pet learn the ninth-rank skills of every family? That was harder than becoming a Holy Spirit Trainer!

So... staying with a freak would make a person a freak! Lu Qiu thought to himself.

He had once made a deal with Su Ping that their students would compete against each other when they met again. But... no competition was needed.

"I'm glad you're here," Su Ping said to Lu Qiu and then turned to Zhong Lingtong. "I don't have time to teach you the basics (because I have no idea what they are). Go and help Mr. Lu. train the battle pets that are going to go to the battleground. Learn and have a feel of that practice from practice..." Zhong Lingtong said gladly, "Sir, thank you!" She was too bored while staying there.

She had spent all her time dining and playing around; still, she would sometimes help clean the store. She didn't have to do anything else and Su Ping barely talked to her.

As for her studies... she had to rely on herself. She would still feel the urge to ask questions to Su Ping, though. Sometimes, she couldn't even find him. When she did find him, he would tell her to find answers by herself.

Finally, she was able to practice the strange rules of thunder on battle pets!

Lu Qiu curled his lips. This girl... She's already a top trainer at such a young age. The people of the Trainers Association would find this news mind-blowing!

"Brother Lu, I'll be troubling you to take care of her," Su Ping said.

Lu Qiu came back to his senses and nodded.

Shi Haochi and his daughters were confused; they had mixed feelings about that.

The girl was a top trainer. That was their lifelong goal!

Soon after, Shi Haochi and his daughters, Lu Qiu and Zhong Lingtong left together.

Tang Ruyan was still at the store; Su Ping told her to ask around for information if she had nothing else to do. The store had no business at the moment.

Tang Ruyan went to deal with that task.

She could borrow the strength of the Tang family.

The day became darker.

Su Ping stayed in the Longjiang Base City. He would fly to monitor the two walls every now and then. He noticed that the relocation had almost been completed.

He had no idea when the wild beasts would get there. He had to wait while the store was still being upgraded and he wouldn't even dare go to a cultivation site at the moment... What if the beasts showed up while he was exploring?

He didn't want to save humans when the world went to hell, neither did he want to become the hero of the age.

Still, he would be the first to go to the frontline when the wild beasts arrived.

He would go back to recover when he could no longer handle the fight, and then he would go back at it again. That was his plan.

Saving the world when it was going to end? Those scenarios only happened in novels. He didn't even know if he could survive!

Su Ping was standing on the back of the Dark Dragon Hound, flying in the sky. After pondering long and hard, he dialed a number. He was calling... Gu Siping!

"Are you free? I have some questions for you."

"Huh?"

They had exchanged phone numbers at the meeting so they could stay in contact. Still, Gu Siping was surprised by the call. Gu Siping didn't receive any information of any sudden strike to the continent.

"What is it?" Gu Siping asked, indifferently.

Su Ping ignored his dismissive attitude. He went straight to the point. "It's about the Heaven Executors and the Heaven Lock!

"The new defense line can completely protect the Heaven Lock; that is no coincidence. Tell me... What are you planning? I hope you can reveal certain secrets, and I think I'm qualified to know!"

Gu Siping narrowed his eyes.

"Heaven Lock? What is that? I don't understand," He replied in a deep voice.

Su Ping squinted his eyes. "Don't play dumb, it's pointless. You should know about the time when the Otherworld Heavenly King came to Longjiang. I remembered that our mayor went to ask for help from the Tower but you refused. Why? Weren't you afraid that the base city would be destroyed and the formation base could be flattened?"

Gu Siping answered after a few seconds of silence, "Where did you hear this?" "Don't get me started. There's no time to stray from the topic!" Su Ping was annoyed. He pressed down his anger and continued, "I was wondering if we should open the Heaven Lock. If you don't tell me, I'll go ahead and do it myself!" Gu Siping shouted, "Are you kidding me? Do you even know what will happen? No one knows how rich the astral powers contained by it. The wild beasts will develop and mutate faster once the seal is released. We will die even faster!"

Su Ping sneered, "Why aren't you acting dumb again? I want to know why the formation was built in the first place. There's also a sealing formation at the deepest level of the Corridor. What is being sealed inside?"

"What?" Gu Siping sounded confused.

"A formation... at the bottom of the Corridor?" He frowned. "What are you talking about? Did you go there? You found a formation?"

Su Ping said coldly, "You're the leader of the world. Don't you think it's insulting to us all if you continue beating around the bush?!"

Gu Siping was furious. "Watch your mouth; I'm being quite tolerant as it is. Yes, I know about the Heaven Lock. That is a top secret of the Tower and naturally, we don't want to tell you. But I don't know anything about the additional formation inside the Corridor. Are you sure about that?"

Su Ping didn't think Gu Siping was lying.

It would have been too shameless to keep pretending

"Never mind. Tell me about the Heaven Lock. Why did you set it up?" Su Ping asked.

Gu Siping was no longer willing to be friendly to Su Ping. Coldly, he said, "I just said that it's top-secret, it's not for you to know. You only need to focus on how to stop the wild beasts. You don't have to worry about anything else!"

"Are you sure? I will open up the formation if you don't tell me. You'll have to face the consequences!" Su Ping threatened Gu Siping.

Arrogant!

Gu Siping was furious.

Su Ping is crossing the line!

Still, he had also seen the video when Su Ping killed that Fate State beast king and knew that the young man had incredible skills. Gu Siping then decided to hold back his rage. "You cannot open up the formation on a whim. The base cities are full of people right now... Do you want them to relocate again? You're welcome to try!"

"I told you that I would dare to go down in history as a symbol of infamy!" Su Ping sneered at the threat.

He would not mind making people relocate again if opening up the formation could save the world. He would never fear having a bad reputation.

"You... Scoundrel!" Gu Siping cursed. Su Ping was nothing like a legendary battle pet warrior!

All the legendary battle pet warriors would do their best to maintain a good image. But not Su Ping. He was a lunatic who cared about nothing! "You can make them relocate, but you can't open the formation without the keys. And even if you could, you cannot destroy all the base cities!" Gu Siping said.

Su Ping replied, "That I know. Not even a Fate State Warrior can destroy the formation with blunt force. But I know what the keys are; I can open the formation. I will need the blood of a Flaming Bird, the head of a Stone Turtle..." Su Ping recited the list of materials needed to open the formation.

Gu Siping turned pale.

Saying one material could be coincidental, but Su Ping was mentioning all the materials, save one; he kept something unsaid.

But it was evident that Su Ping knew the entire list and the method!

Who is this guy?

He reached the legendary rank without anyone knowing and he knew how to open the formation! It's beyond scary! Gu Siping heaved a sigh. "Who taught you that?"

"None of your f*cking business!"

Gu Siping was about to lose his mind. He bit his teeth and squeezed out a reply, "Fine, I will tell you but you cannot dispel the formation. Otherwise, the Blue Planet will be doomed, for real!"

"Tell me first." Su Ping snorted.

"The first Tower Master was the one who set up the Heaven Lock; he learned the formation from an ancient legacy. This formation can seal a certain portion of space and nurture the Astral Spirit. Once the Astral Spirit can successfully grow, it can help a person reach the Star Rank directly!"

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Astral Spirit?

He was baffled. Su Ping told the Dark Dragon Hound to take him back to the store at once.

He asked again, "So, the first Tower Master did this so that he himself could reach the Star Rank, but he's long gone; I think this Heaven Lock won't be of any use to him. Why don't we open it? Maybe the Astral Spirit has been born. You can absorb it, won't it give you a chance to reach the Star Rank as well?"

Gu Siping sneered.

He didn't believe for a second that Su Ping was proposing this to help him.

Su Ping was also at the Fate State... If the Astral Spirit was in fact there, Su Ping would surely snatch it for himself! "I'm not sure if the Astral Spirit has come into being, and I'm not going to take it if the answer is yes; you know about this now. Don't talk about breaking the formation again, and don't even try to break it. Doom will befall upon us all if the astral powers inside are not enough to generate the Astral Spirit!" Gu Siping cautioned Su Ping.

Su Ping was surprised.

Something was off! The Astral Spirit could aid a person at the Fate State in reaching the Star Rank. How come the first Tower Master didn't care about that?

Did Gu Siping have a way to understand what was going on inside the Heaven Lock and was he waiting for the Astral Spirit to grow up?

That could be the ace card that he was talking about.

Su Ping wanted to snatch the Astral Spirit, but it would be of any use to him since he wasn't a Fate State Warrior. Only Gu Siping had such rank in the whole world.

If Gu Siping were to take it, he could at the very least defeat the wild beasts first. Su Ping didn't mind if the latter would try to get back at him once the beast strike was dealt with. Su Ping could lure Gu Siping into his store and let the system do the work! "How many Heaven Executors are there? What is their rank?" Su Ping asked.

Gu Siping was happy to hear that the formation topic had been dropped. "The Heaven Executors are at the Void State; there would usually be one of them in each base city. However, some have recently passed away. We only have three or four Heaven Executors at the moment. They will make an appearance when the wild beasts come; you don't have to worry about that."

Su Ping heaved a sigh. He could not count on the Heaven Executors. Beep!

Gu Siping was surprised to hear the beep sound. Killing intent contorted his face.

No had ever dared to be as disrespectful toward him!

Bear it!

He clenched his fist and pocketed his phone.

Su Ping went back to his store.

He went to see Joanna and asked her about the Astral Spirit.

"Astral Spirit? Ah, yes. If the astral powers are profound enough within a locked space, they can gradually compress and a spirit of astral powers will come into being!"

Joanna continued, "Astral Spirits can make Fate State Warriors reach the Star Rank. However, breaking through by relying on an Astral Spirit would result in a weak foundation. The rules which said person could learn would be limited to what the Astral Spirit had learned. If there's a chance that the Astral Spirit is more talented and is able to learn powerful rules of nature, the person would become a more powerful Star Rank warrior.

"On the other hand, if the Astral Spirit is weak, then the rules which could be learned would also be weak. "The usual outcome is for the Astral Spirit's rules to be average; only a rare few of them can master more sophisticated rules. Even Superior Gods would be willing to fight over that kind of special Astral Spirit." Su Ping was intrigued. So, Gu Siping seemed to have been telling him the truth.

It was the first time for him to hear about Astral Spirits. "You have to understand this," Joanna said, "If you consider the richness of astral powers in this world, a thousand years is not enough time for the Heaven Lock to create an Astral Spirit. And even if there is one, it would surely be of the weak sort. I think you should rely on yourself instead of aiming for the Astral Spirit."

“Not even in a thousand years?” Su Ping was surprised to hear that.

Joanna rolled her eyes at once. “A thousand years is nothing. A Star Rank being would only consider periods from ten thousand years and beyond as a long. Once they master the rules of nature, the Star rankers can seek help from Superior Gods that master the rules of time to extend their lifespan. By then it would be easy to add a hundred thousand years to their lives. Some of the beings at the Star Rank can even live for a million years, hale and hearty!”

Su Ping was stunned speechless.

A hundred thousand years? A million years?

That should only exist in stories!

A titled battle pet warrior could only live up to two or three hundred years; legendary rankers could enjoy a lifespan of a thousand years.

That was enough to be astounded. That was why people respected those who were at the legendary rank! He could not even believe that a Star ranker could live for tens, or even hundreds of thousands of years! “Reaching the Star Rank is the true step into the world of cultivation. You... You’re still outside the door.” Joanna glanced at Su Ping. She left something unsaid. Although he was still outside the door, he had managed to stick one hand past that threshold!

After all, the fact that he had a rudimentary control over the power of rules while still being at the titled rank was enough to shock the world.

Joanna’s last remark didn’t put him off. He rolled his eyes and shook his head. “No wonder that guy is not interested. He must know some inside information.”

He had no use for the Astral Spirit. He wouldn’t have obstructed the Tower Master if he was waiting for the Astral Spirit. After all, it was a time when every powerful man counted.

Five hours...

Su Ping looked at the time. He went outside again to patrol the area; he called Qin Duhuang while he was at it, in order to collect the materials needed to open the Heaven Lock.

He would get the things ready in advance, just in case he did have to open the formation. That would aid him to act right away.

Time zipped by.

A new day arrived.

The command center was ablaze with light; no one had slept.

The Roaring Thunder Continent was also gone. They were in the last remaining continent; at least two hundred million survivors made the trip over from the Roaring Thunder Continent. Sadly, the rest of the population never got out from the Roaring Thunder Continent.

The news was depressing, but many legendary battle pet warriors were prepared this time.

They had been aware that the casualties would be great when they were planning. After all, the resources had been gathered on that continent. The head office of the Tower was there. That was why they had chosen that continent as the final battleground.

Two hundred million refugees from the Roaring Thunder Continent were stuffed within their defenses with great effort; three Class A base cities had been built to house those people.

The legendary battle pet warriors and the major forces were nervous.

That was the last continent.

It was the final battle. They weren't sure if the humans on the Blue Planet would survive to tell the tale.

A feeling of sadness was spread across all the base cities.

A storm was brewing. The general public stayed in their homes; the battle pet warriors—including the low-ranked ones—were preparing themselves for battle.

Pixie Pet Store – Longjiang Base City.

Su Ping heard the system's alert as the ray of twilight shone and entered his store.

The store had been successfully upgraded! The wild beasts didn't arrive during the past 24 hours. Su Ping's mind was set at ease the moment he heard the system's sound.

Never had he found the system's sound as pleasant!

"Hmm, the system's voice is always pleasant! You should develop a better taste," the system said to Su Ping.

Again, with the peeking!

Su Ping didn't argue with the system since he was in a great mood. "Show me your shop."

He wanted to upgrade the store. For one thing, he had wanted to increase the store's territory; for another, he hoped he could get some rare tools from a level 4 shop.

He would be able to easily capture Fate State beasts if he could get a hold of special grade beast-catching rings! A virtual shop popped out in front of Su Ping's eyes.

He was the only one who could see the virtual image; he didn't know if he was seeing it in front of his eyes or with his mind's eye.

Anyway. He saw three items. The first was a dark purple crystal, the Purple Dragon Crystal!

It was a perfect item for dragons, which would bolster their blood. There would be a greater chance for them to learn the Purple-blood Dragon's skills. Purple-blood Dragons... They had the potential to reach the Star Rank!

Price: 12 million energy points.

Su Ping ticked his tongue upon seeing the price. One Dragon Crystal was equal to four Void State battle pets!

Too expensive!

Su Ping looked at the second item; his eyes glowed.

Special-grade beast-catching ring:

The probability of catching Ocean State beasts was 100%! The probability of catching Void State beasts was 100%!

The probability of catching Fate State beasts was 80%!

The probability of catching Star Rank beasts was 10%!

A 10% chance of catching a Star Rank creature!

The probability of catching Fate State beasts was 80%! He could catch one if his luck wasn't too bad!

Su Ping was happy. He looked at the price... Eight million energy points! This greedy system! He immediately bought one, regardless of being unhappy about the staggering prices. Using the special beast-catching ring on Fate State beasts would be wasteful. The artifact's true value was the chance to capture a Star Rank beast.

"Hmm!" the system snorted arrogantly.

Su Ping curled his lips. He could not nurture the system's pride; otherwise, it would keep increasing the prices.

"That'll work," the system said.

What? Were you listening again?

Su Ping then checked the third item.

Thunder Ocean Fruit:

It grows at the bottom of a thunder ocean located in the Realm of Thunder. The fruit uses thunder energy as nourishment and naturally contains rules of thunder. Any creature that takes this fruit has a probability to learn a certain rule of thunder!

Su Ping could hardly believe that. This fruit would allow someone to learn a rule?

Well, it did say "a probability" and that was a vague statement, but the chance was there!

It was a valuable item!

Even Star Rank beings would fight for it!

After all, if more rules were mastered, more power could be wielded!

Su Ping looked at the price, then felt as though he had been doused with cold water.

The price: 86 million energy points.

That... was close to what he had spent on upgrading the store!

He had less than seventy million energy points remaining; it was beyond his means... The shop will refresh in one week. I have to make enough money within the week. If I miss it this time, I will miss it forever. Only three items will come up with each refresh. That is too few. Though I have to admit that those items are quite good... Su Ping complained inside.

"Hmm." The system added his opinion on the matter.

Su Ping looked at the first item. The Purple-blood Dragon Crystal was expensive, but it was useful for his Inferno Dragon.

He made up his mind and bought it; he had less than fifty million energy points left.

The good thing was that he still had a week to make some extra money. He closed the shop and summoned the Inferno Dragon. He then took out the crystal from his storage space. Su Ping found it quite unusual; it was quite warm to the touch. Even he felt that he was about to learn something.

"Purple-blood Dragon Crystal?" Joanna cried out in surprise. She could not believe that Su Ping would ever get a hold of such a rare item.

"You know this?" Su Ping asked while he threw the crystal to the Inferno Dragon.

Joanna curled her lips after seeing him toss the crystal so casually. She explained, "The Purple-blood Dragon Crystal is formed with the blood and energy of a Purple-blood Dragon upon death. It can only be preserved in special conditions... If an average dragon were to take this, its bloodline would improve, even inheriting part of the Purple-blood Dragon's bloodline. The dragon could even reach the Star Rank because of this!"

Su Ping nodded; he admired Joanna's resourcefulness.

Roar!

The Inferno Dragon bellowed after having eaten the crystal; its scales were glistening with a purple glow. Bolts of lightning came crashing down near the Inferno Dragon.

There were red flames amid the bolts of lightning The Inferno Dragon's bones were cracking; it was changing drastically.

Su Ping noticed that the Inferno Dragon was growing, breaking through from the intermediate position of the ninth rank to the peak of the ninth rank. One more step and the dragon would become a beast king!

The dragon stopped growing; however, its energy was much denser than before. Su Ping even had a feeling that he was standing in front of a Fate State dragon. The effect of the Purple-blood Dragon Crystal was even more beneficial than he would have imagined.

He looked at the pet; its combat strength had grown to 38 from 26!

The Inferno Dragon was second only to the Little Skeleton! Still, its combat strength was still below the Fate State. According to the system, the combat strength of the Fate State was from 50 to 100!

Even so, the growth in combat strength was astonishing, and the crystal had yet to be fully digested. There was still room for growth.

The 12 million energy points had been well spent. Su Ping was quite happy; he went to the pet room, which was three times larger than before! He saw a mark that said "Upgrade" on the nursing pens.

He currently had middle-level nursing pens; a hundred thousand energy points were required to upgrade them to the advanced level!

Su Ping curled his lips; he had spent too much on the upgrade.

Still, he would have to upgrade the nursing pens sooner or later. Upon further thought, he decided to upgrade five of the nursing pens.

Minus fifty thousand energy points.

Su Ping told the Inferno Dragon to enter one of the nursing pens.

The animal teeth around the new nursing pens had changed. Some peculiar grains were found on the teeth.

Those new nursing pens had a 1% chance of inspiring a pet's talent!

That was the benefit of the upgrade. The probability was just 1% but it was good enough. Sooner or later, pets would attain new talents if they stayed there long enough. "Look at that formation..." Joanna stared at the change on the animal teeth. Much to her surprise, she was unable to recognize the array; she knew it was indeed a formation, but it may well be a long-lost one.