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Chapter 131: The Sword King's Legacy! Absorb the Secret Realm!

Qin Erlong's gaze flickered continuously.

He saw the entire scene within that image.

He heard of the Soul of the Sword, converged from the Spiritual Level Resource that was a Soul Seed, and the Holy Spirit resource from the Sword Intent Origin.

He also heard Su Ping's resolute rejection without a hint of hesitation.

A Paperman that appeared to be at most Elite Level, perhaps even just Ordinary Level.

A Soul of the Sword, whose specific potential was unknown, but definitely unimaginable.

These two choices, which any normal person would know how to pick at a glance, were decisively rejected by that kid Su Ping.

However, Qin Erlong felt no anger or regret. Instead, he smiled.

This is what a Beast Tamer should be like!

If a Beast Tamer, lured by power and resources, can betray even his own Pet Beast, then what else isn't he capable of betraying?

Such a Beast Tamer, even if he has great talent, who would truly dare to trust and bet on him?

At this moment, Qin Erlong truly appreciated this young fellow for reasons beyond his talent and his granddaughter's connection to him.

BANG!

Space shattered.

Almost in the next moment, Su Ping, who had disappeared from the UFO's image, appeared next to Qin Erlong.

Su Ping's body still bore some scratches, caused by the recent aftermath and when he was first sent flying.

Qin Erlong sat on a stool, his eyes crinkling with a smile as he looked at the extremely disheveled Su Ping,

"Tsk tsk, seems like your confidence has run into some problems!"

Su Ping managed a wry smile. He really hadn't expected this outcome.

And that Spirit of the Secret Realm, why couldn't it just talk things out? Why resort to aggression like that?

He hurriedly got up and bowed respectfully to Qin Erlong,

"I was careless. Thank you for saving my life, Old Qin."

"Even if you refuse, you could be a little more tactful. Why be so blunt?" Qin Erlong continued with a smile.

Su Ping was taken aback,

"Old Qin, you saw that?"

Qin Erlong nodded.

Su Ping grinned and, with a thought, the somewhat bewildered Paperman Qian Yi reappeared.

It seemed a bit confused as to why its master had returned from its 'home' again.

Su Ping knocked on the Paperman's head with his finger,

"If I'm not straightforward about it, I'm afraid this little guy will be heartbroken when he finds out later."

Qin Erlong's amiable expression faltered as he looked at the peculiar Swordsman Paperman, then he smiled slightly,

"Interesting. Rather than that so-called Soul of the Sword, I'm more interested in whether you can raise a Paperman the likes of which no one has ever seen."

Su Ping's smile grew even wider,

"I'll do my best. As long as Old Qin doesn't think I'm being foolish."

Qin Erlong nodded,

"So you know you're being foolish, huh? But, although it's foolish, it's quite remarkable."

Su Ping didn't respond. He didn't think much of it.

In the next second, Dong Muyun's figure also appeared not far away.

At the same time, the vortex gate of the Secret Realm showed a series of fractured ripples.

Su Ping's heart tightened.

Dong Muyun's narrow eyes narrowed slightly as they focused on Su Ping,

"No wonder you wanted to cooperate with me. So, this was your plan all along, huh?"

Su Ping gave a dry laugh. Having his scheme exposed by the person involved was indeed a bit awkward.

Su Ping pretended not to hear and quickly patted Old Sha's head,

"Old Sha, take the little ones back to rest first."

Old Sha nodded. He too was extremely tired. It was clear that even the formidable Skills formula of Sunlight Absorption couldn't turn him into a true perpetual motion machine. Energy might be infinite under the Sun, but his body and mind would still be affected.

The wolf pack was released, including Xiao Qing, but her gaze was a bit resentful since she hadn't really joined in the wolf pack's battle this time.

After all, a Metal Element Sword-type Pet Beast, like those of the Earth Element, was known as the most effective counter to Poison Type Pet Beasts.

Qin Erlong quickly helped shift the conversation,

"Su Ping, when did you cultivate this Wanmu Wolf? A brand new Forest Wolf Evolver! I guess Old Liu would be ecstatic if he knew."

Huh?!

This time, it was Dong Muiyun's turn to be surprised. Of course, she had noticed that peculiar, Kylin-like Forest Wolf Evolver. However, she truly hadn't imagined it had evolved from a Forest Wolf.

But Wanmu Wolf? I've never heard of it!

Su Ping ignored Dong Muiyun's suspicious gaze,

"I completed it a few days ago; I was just lucky. But as a brand new Forest Wolf Evolver, the Wanmu Wolf's performance is definitely up to par!"

A brand new Forest Wolf Evolver?!

What the...?

Now Dong Muiyun was truly shocked. At this moment, she finally began to understand why Miss Qin, who was born destined for the clouds, would fall for such a smelly kid a few years her junior.

Forget Qin Xiaoxue; she figured if she were a few years younger, she definitely wouldn't have been able to resist him either.

Of course, it seemed it wasn't too late even now?

What level of high-potential stock was this?!

To think he could develop an advanced Forest Wolf Evolver at such a young age! And such a formidable one at that!

Dong Muiyun pursed her lips, suddenly made up her mind, and a sword-shaped pendant appeared in her hand. She looked at Su Ping,

"Su Ping, I saw what happened just now. The inheritance of that Soul of the Sword is of no use to me, and Tianyun Group has no plans to develop Sword-type Pet Beasts. So, this inheritance from the Fengdu Sword King, I'll give it back to you."

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The pendant was thrown over, but Su Ping just stood there, stunned. He had already given up hope on the matter of inheritance.

After all, he couldn't possibly abandon the little paper man. Unexpectedly, this woman had pulled such a stunt?

Qin Erlong, however, looked at Dong Muyun with some wariness. This woman doesn't look like good news! Is she trying to compete with me for a grandson-in-law? Absolutely not! Qin Erlong made up his mind. This brat might be as thick as a log, but I can't just let my granddaughter's situation be ignored. I have to take the initiative! Otherwise, such a prime candidate for a grandson-in-law might get snatched away!

Seeing Su Ping standing there in a daze, Dong Muyun chuckled, "However, as per our previous agreement, the exploration of the Secret Realm this time was supposed to last twenty-four hours. With the Secret Realm now collapsing, we naturally can't explore. According to the contract, if the exploration duration isn't met, we reduce the corresponding reward proportionally!"

At this point, looking at Su Ping's helpless and resentful expression, Dong Muyun shrugged her shoulders. "So, according to the rules, the Mechanical Core is gone. You can have the Yuntian Resort for these few hours."

With the issue of the Secret Realm resolved and her curiosity satisfied, Dong Muyun had no reason to continue. Whether dismantling or moving those instruments and buildings, their value would decrease—it was a matter of going with the flow.

No! My Mechanical Core! Su Ping wailed inwardly, but his face remained expressionless.

After all, this was clearly stated in the contract. Moreover, he had just taken a significant advantage of her. If Dong Muyun were to be blunt about it, she had truly gained nothing from this trip to the Secret Realm.

Su Ping glanced at Dong Muiyun and said very seriously, "Regardless, I owe you a favor!"

Having gotten the response she wanted, Dong Muiyun's face blossomed with a springtime smile. She waved her hand and soared into the sky, which was now tinted with twilight.

Qin Erlong warily watched the woman's retreating figure. She wasn't much inferior to his own granddaughter in looks, and her status and background weren't bad either. Most importantly, she had the advantage of proximity, while his granddaughter was far away in the Magic Capital. This situation seemed very dangerous to him.

So, Qin Erlong turned his head to look at Su Ping. "Su Ping, have you been in touch with Xiao Xue recently?"

Su Ping's face stiffened, and he scratched his head awkwardly. "I've been busy researching the Wanmu Wolf, as you know..."

"It's alright, it's alright. I was just asking. You young people should communicate more! Okay, I've been here with you all day, so I'll be going now. Remember, communicate more!"

Su Ping helplessly and wryly saw Old Qin off to his car. The president of the Jianghai Province Beast Master Association, even from the car, didn't forget to remind Su Ping to connect more with Qin Xiaoxue.

Sighing and shaking his head, Su Ping didn't linger. Instead, he sprinted towards the banks of the Lingxi River at top speed, taking Da Zhuang with him but not calling Old Sha.

Because he still had one last thing to do, something he wanted to try. Though I'm somewhat uncertain about this!

After breaking through to the Elite Level, the Space Characteristic of Su Ping's Beast Taming Space that awakened was Space Absorption. This was a unique and rare Space Characteristic, one Su Ping hadn't even dared to share with others because its effect was just too unusual. Absorbing the Origin of a Secret

Realm to enhance his own Beast Taming Space's abilities... it seemed quite sinister no matter how he looked at it. But to expect Su Ping to restrain himself from trying it out was obviously unrealistic.

So, after everyone had left, Su Ping still briskly returned to the banks of the Lingxi River. The shattered space vortex made him somewhat nervous. He could sense that to activate the Space Absorption ability, he had to get dangerously close to the Secret Realm. Moreover, for the ability to activate, the Secret Realm could not contain any Pet Beasts exceeding his own Realm. The activation conditions were quite harsh. Under such circumstances, whether it could even be activated was an unknown.

Su Ping stretched out his hand, directly touching the weak connection of the spatial ripple. Afterward, he felt an invisible tentacle extend from within his Beast Taming Space, connecting through his hand to the broken world before him. At that moment, his Beast Taming Space was like an entity encountering the most delicious delicacy. It plunged a feeler into this shattered world.

The Secret Realm was collapsing. Its original commander-rank Sword Devices had already been cleared out countless times, and any that remained were annihilated by the spatial fragmentation. This was a Secret Realm world on the verge of breaking apart. And Su Ping seized the last thread of opportunity for Space Absorption. This was a Mysterious Realm Space left behind by an Emperor-level Beastmaster. Even though there were no resources left, the world itself was incredibly precious.

Su Ping felt an extremely special power being infused into his Beast Taming Space. This power made his Beast Taming Space seem like a starving infant, desperately absorbing nutrients. At the original boundaries of his Beast Taming Space, the once-stable area began to ripple again. Then, the space, already a size larger than that of an ordinary Elite Level Beast Tamer, slowly started to extend outward once more.

However, the small, newly expanded section looked somewhat different from the previously lush green terrain. The ground was pitch-black, with a texture somewhere between metal and rock, clearly similar to the conditions inside the Secret Realm.

Before Su Ping could carefully perceive it, the expansion of his Beast Taming Space caused his spiritual power, which had surged from his breakthrough two days prior, to ripple once again. Before Su Ping could react, his recently attained Realm directly advanced another step!

Elite Second Rank!

Su Ping slowly opened his eyes. The vortex door to the shattered Mysterious Realm Space vanished without a trace. The tentacle that had connected to the shattered Secret Realm through his body also disappeared completely.

It was as if nothing had happened. However, when Su Ping merged his consciousness into his Beast Taming Space, he saw that his original 'three-bedroom, one-living-room' space had gained an additional '0.25 room.' At the same time, feedback from his Space Characteristics arrived as soon as his consciousness appeared:

[Space Absorption from Secret Realm: Obtained partial Origin characteristics of the Secret Realm. Insufficient Origin absorbed. No additional enhancement.]

[Can continue to absorb similar Secret Realms or obtain corresponding resources/treasures to complete this Secret Realm's Origin as own Space Characteristics.]

Su Ping's brows rose slightly. He, of course, hadn't expected to gain any terrifying enhancement from a single instance of Space Absorption. After all, his own Realm was too low. It's a pity. If this space hadn't collapsed, I could have waited a bit, until my Realm was higher, before absorbing it.

Shaking his head, Su Ping wasn't greedy. He exhaled and returned to his house to examine the inheritance left by the Fengdu Sword King within the sword-shaped pendant's space. His earlier words hadn't been mere talk. If he had the capability and opportunity in the future, he would still strive to fulfill the Fengdu Sword King's last wish and see if he could create the so-called 'Soul of the Sword' according to the king's vision.

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Qin Erlong, having returned home, couldn't hold back any longer. The 'UFO' Pet Beast had recorded the scene of Su Ping's 'live broadcast' within the Secret Realm. After watching it repeatedly, especially the Wanmu Wolf's outrageous performance, Qin Erlong finally couldn't resist sending the video to an authority in this field—a prominent figure within his own family.

Then, not long after, his phone rang.

Sure enough, the voice on the other end of the line wasted no words, getting straight to the point, "Qin Erlong, where did you wrangle up this wolf from?"

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The voice on the other end of the phone, although still as calm as if it belonged to a lifeform that wasn't entirely normal, now carried a thread of urgency rarely heard before.

Clearly, the wolf in the video footage, resembling a Kylin, had made a tremendous impact on him.

"A brand-new Forest Wolf Evolver, cultivated by Su Ping!" Qin Erlong stated.

Silence fell on the other end of the line for a moment before the voice finally said, "When winter break comes and there's time, have that young man visit the Magic Capital. Around then, Xiao Xue should be evolving into the Crown Wolf Emperor."

The call ended, and Qin Erlong smiled faintly.

After some thought, he sent Qin Xiaoxue a message: "Xiao Xue, how have you been lately..."

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Autumn arrived. However, Jianghai Province, being a coastal region and somewhat southern, felt none of the cold. In fact, the trees and flowers near the Heart of Wood Cultivation Base were still in full bloom.

This was partly due to the season, but even more so because the presence of the Forest Wolves had enhanced the plants' Life Force.

Pet Beasts were indeed miraculous beings, capable of freely influencing the environment around them.

The autumn atmosphere also couldn't affect the current state of the Heart of Wood Cultivation Base.

Both inside and out, it could be described as bustling with activity.

Externally, Su Ping had taken over the Yuntian Resort business from Dong Muyun.

He had the high walls separating the two properties demolished and a connecting passageway constructed.

The land deeds for the entirety of Heart of Woods were now completely combined.

It wasn't just the land deeds; Su Ping also took on most of Yun Tian's remaining staff, excluding a few high-level managers.

Yun Tian's business was decent. Excluding the initial investments, it could still turn a considerable profit if one only counted labor expenses.

Combined with Su Ping's own Pet Beast Cultivation enterprise, it almost seemed like a powerful alliance was forming.

However, Su Ping still preferred his peace and quiet. So, even though the two businesses were connected, the Heart of Woods side still saw little personnel traffic.

Then there was Guan Qianshan.

Lao Guan certainly never expected that in just over half a month, he would once again become the manager of Yuntian Resort.

No, that's not right! he thought. It's no longer Yuntian Resort, but the Heart of Woods Pet Beast Service Base!

Undoubtedly, the personnel from Yun Tian greatly alleviated the previous rush of business on Lao Guan's side. However, as the manager now responsible for the entire Heart of Woods, his job wasn't much easier than before.

While the external operations of Heart of Woods were bustling, the internal affairs were just as hectic.

"Chew! I told you not to just swallow it without thinking, like you're gobbling down a ginseng fruit!" Su Ping instructed.

"Go and carefully experience the texture of the wood. Feel the sensation as it enters your mouths and stomachs, merging with the changes in your wood nature!"

"You! If you move restlessly again... Old Sha! Prepare to be tied up!"

"AWOO!"

The day after returning from the Secret Realm, Su Ping methodically began the cultivation and evolution process for the Wanmu Wolves. So far, it had progressed smoothly.

Out of the ten Legion Forest Wolves, a full four had already grasped Photosynthesis, leaving six remaining.

Su Ping shook his head, instead focusing his attention on Old Sha. It had recovered over the past few days, but Su Ping also knew that the formulas for those three Skills placed a certain strain on both its spirit and body.

However, far from worrying, I actually breathed a genuine sigh of relief, Su Ping thought. Otherwise, those skill formulas would be too absurdly powerful, so powerful that I'd even worry about potential problems arising. Now, with certain limitations, it all seems relatively more reasonable.

The four Forest Wolves that had already mastered Photosynthesis had been 'planted' in spots outside the forest where sunshine was plentiful, and positioned so they wouldn't interfere with each other's sunlight absorption.

Unfortunately, luck hadn't been on their side. The weather had been somewhat gloomy recently, with the Sun not making many appearances, which slowed the Photosynthesis cultivation progress for the wolves that had just begun.

Su Ping wasn't in a hurry. With the support of the Beast Tamer Legion and ample resources at his disposal, he could provide sunflower seeds and spring water generously.

He had, however, gotten his hands on the smiley sunflower seeds. He placed them in the Beast Taming Space but wasn't in a hurry to plant them. Aside from the Wanmu Wolf cultivation, part of his mental energy was focused on the inheritance of the Fengdu Sword King.

This inheritance included not just the Sword Soul, but also many of the Fengdu Sword King's insights regarding Sword Type Pet Beasts.

This had given Su Ping a certain level of in-depth understanding, even though he had never truly come into close contact with these Sword Type Pet Beasts.

However, truth be told, Su Ping's main focus these past few days had been on investigating one particular matter!

After checking on the Wanmu Wolf cultivation, Su Ping's phone rang. It was Sun Chaoju, whom he hadn't seen in quite a while. He quickly answered the call.

"Hello? Breeder Sun?"

"Tsk, tsk, you kid. We haven't been in touch for so long, and now you're acting so formal?" Sun Chaoju's voice came through. "Just call me Sun Ge."

"Alright, Sun Ge. Is there something you need?" Su Ping asked, not rejecting the other's warmth.

It's like the saying goes, Su Ping thought. When you become strong yourself, you find that most people you meet are good. Sun Chaoju is like that, and so is Dong Muyun.

"Last time, didn't you ask me to help find a skilled Breeder in Linzhou who specializes in Papermen?" Sun Chaoju continued.

Su Ping's heart stirred.

Indeed, these past few days, his most important task had been searching for information about Papermen.

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The words of that Sword Spirit from the secret realm still echoed in his ears. Whether for himself or for the little Paperman, he had to find a powerful path to strength for Papermen!

However, Su Ping soon became somewhat speechless.

Sun Chaoju had called, saying, "I've asked around. Forget Linzhou City, even in the entire Jianghai Province, there's almost no Breeder proficient in Papermen. Let alone an Intermediate Breeder capable of developing Cultivation Skills for them."

"Oh?" Disappointed, Su Ping knew the other party hadn't called just to tease him.

Indeed, that was the case.

"However, when the teacher heard it was about you, he gave you something." At this point, the scoundrel's tone paused slightly.

Su Ping was speechless. He wanted to jump up and give this master-disciple duo, who were just as bad, a blast from an electric cannon. Can't they speak properly? Why do they love to be so coy!

But obviously, since the other party was helping him, he naturally followed the lead and hurriedly asked, "What is it?"

"Heh heh, it's a journal from a former Senior Breeder in Jianghai who specialized in research on the Necromancy Series. Of course, it's not all his notes and insights. However, that predecessor also took an interest in Papermen and recorded some findings."

Su Ping's eyes lit up. It was perfect timing. The area by the banks of the Lingxi River had been fenced off and barely counted as a new zone. It was time for him to purchase some Papermen.

To elevate the Catalog Level of Papermen...

When he reached Elite First Rank, the Forest Wolf Catalog's sharing ability expanded from twenty people to thirty. Now, at Elite Second Rank, the upper limit had increased by another two, reaching an astounding thirty-two shared connections.

He couldn't wait for the Paperman to gain the same capabilities.

After setting a meeting place with Sun Chaoju, Su Ping, basking in the noon autumn sunshine, sat by the bus window and arrived in Linzhou City Center before dinner.

Getting off the bus, Su Ping once again thought of the 'Super Shadow' bike owned by his old man. The mechanical core he was supposed to get from Dong Muyun had also fallen through. Damn it, the more he thought about it, the angrier he got.

This time, Sun Chaoju didn't beat around the bush and directly handed the notebook over. He even joined Su Ping for lunch and inquired about the Wanmu Wolf.

This time, Su Ping didn't spill the beans. "It's alright, there has been some progress."

Damn it, this master and disciple were better at being coy than anyone. I'll have to keep a card up my sleeve to give these old guys a big surprise later.

"It's good that there's progress." Upon saying this, Sun Chaoju thought for a moment and added, "Lately, the teacher hasn't been in a good mood, so you'd better not go see him. Also, Su Ping, as for

researching Papermen, just dabble in it. Consider it a diversion at most, and don't invest too much into it. Focus mainly on the Wanmu Wolf."

Then, something unexpected happened. Old Sun directly took out three small boxes. These weren't just any boxes! They were three Sun Crystals!

"This is what the teacher asked me to give you. Consider it temporary research funding from the Breeder Association. Let us know if you're short on any resources. However, the teacher also said that while the instruments are not an option, you can freely use the laboratory."

So Old Liu was actually putting up serious capital? Truth be told, Su Ping was beginning to feel a twinge of guilt. If I keep Old Liu in the dark like this, won't he get angry later? Considering Old Liu is in a bad mood, it seems I definitely shouldn't tell him!

As for the Papermen, Su Ping clearly understood Sun Chaoju's intention. However, he didn't tell him that he had in fact contracted a Paperman as his Pet Beast. For the sake of his own Pet Beast, he had to put more effort into this area.

Naturally, it wasn't appropriate to say such things. After chatting more about Pet Beast cultivation and the Wanmu Wolf at the dinner table, Su Ping headed straight for the market that specialized in selling Undead Pet Beasts. He spent a total of 500,000 and bought ten Papermen of reasonably good quality.

Only then, as dusk approached, did he return to the Heart of Woods.

Su Ping didn't even rush to release the ten Papermen he had put into the Beast Taming Space. Instead, he went straight to his study and took out the thin notebook.

Clearly, when Sun Chaoju made those comments, he must have been pessimistic about the cultivation of Papermen, and the reason likely lay within this journal. The insights of an Advanced Level Undead Cultivator were indeed worth reading.

The notebook belonged to a Breeder named Mu Yu.

As he flipped open the cover, he saw the yellowed pages, inscribed with words aged by time:

"The essence of Necromancy Series Pet Beasts lies in the condensation of a Pet Beast's spiritual soul. They can appear as pure souls or with other media. Regardless, any Undead Pet Beast, even those with sturdy bodies like Skeleton Soldiers and Zombies, is fundamentally a soul.

—Blue Star Undead Breeding Master: Charles Lee"

"I deeply agree and believe that, aside from physical strength, the power of the soul is essential and even more important for most strong Pet Beasts. The fact that some powerful Pet Beasts can transform into an undead form after death is proof, with the most direct examples being Bone Dragons and Phantom Dragons."

"However, the soul's condensation apart from the body requires both opportunity and talent. Thus, many Undead Pet Beasts may originate from the soul power of deceased living beings, which, after losing consciousness, coincidentally condense."

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The beginning clearly quoted a Breeding Master from an unknown country before directly delving into the main text of this diary manuscript:

"The Paperman is the same.

"As the weakest of the known Necromancy Series, the soul of a Paperman, after leaving its fragile paper body, cannot coalesce again. It either clings to the remnants of its body or simply dies.

"In the world of Breeders, there is a saying: the weaker the Pet Beast, the more infinite its potential; the lower the tier of the Pet Beast, the more diverse its Evolution!

"So, why has the Paperman, to this day, only one discovered Evolutionary Body—and it's the practically unimproved Armor Paperman?"

Clearly, this Breeder started with such a hypothesis and then embarked on an in-depth study and Cultivation of the Paperman.

Despite all that had been said previously, this person named Mu Yu didn't rush into an in-depth study and enhancement of the Paperman's spirit and soul.

Instead, he provided evidence concerning the Armor Paperman and the Paperman:

"Such an Evolutionary Body is undoubtedly a failure! In an attempt to strengthen the Paperman's paper body by turning it into 'paper armor,' they sacrificed the fundamental flexibility of Paper Body Folding—a loss not worth the gain!"

Mu Yu offered the strongest denial and criticism in his notes!

Simultaneously, he began efforts to enhance the soul.

This was what Mu Yu said, and it was also what he did.

The following main text detailed how this Senior Undead Breeder used his experience to enhance the soul of the Paperman:

"I believe my findings are correct! Absolutely correct! Master Charles is rightfully recognized by the Blue Star Pet Beast breeding world with the honorary title of 'Undead Crown Breeder.' His 'Soul Supreme' theory of the Necromancy Series is the cornerstone of Necromancy Series Cultivation! It's a universally applicable theoretical foundation!

"The strength of the soul is the most important foundation. The most direct and effective method is to use resources from the Necromancy Series. I provided one hundred Papermen with various low-level Cultivation resources, ranging from Ordinary Level to Commander Level, including Soul-Settling Paper, Undead Crystal, Water of Death, Soul Dust, and so on."

Damn, Commander Level is still considered low-level Cultivation resources?

And to start a preliminary Cultivation experiment with one hundred of them? At this moment, Su Ping realized the sheer scale at which such Senior Breeders operated.

However, it seemed that for a Senior Undead Breeder, resources of this level truly weren't much.

The scope of the Necromancy Series was vast, even broader than Liu Fuhai's Wolf Pet research. One could imagine that this Breeder named Mu Yu was likely no ordinary person.

Next, the journal recorded the changes in these one hundred Papermen:

"After a month of continuous resource enhancement, the experimental subjects' Realms varied, but all showed significant improvement. However, apart from their Realm, there were no other changes. After they reached the Ordinary Tenth Order, the Undead Crystal no longer had any effect.

"But clearly, the Papermen's soul power had reached the highest point it could be raised to. The essence of Evolution is to find a suitable direction and corresponding methods after reaching this peak, to break through the original limitations.

"So, where does the limitation of the Papermen's souls lie?

"Utilizing the Pet Beast Soul Hooker's 'Soul Extraction' skill, I directly removed the Papermen's souls. Through observation, the Papermen's souls were stagnant, and it was difficult to find any spark of potential in them. Their consciousness and self-awareness were even much weaker than those of other Pet Beasts.

"Perhaps if their Realm improves, there will be some changes and differences?

"Although I absolutely believe Master Charles's words, I have to say, perhaps the paper bodies to which the Papermen's souls are attached are the primary reason for their limitations..."

Su Ping smiled. This senior Breeder named Mu Yu was indeed quite interesting.

Initially, he had disdainfully dismissed the Paperman's only Evolutionary Body, the 'Armor Paperman.' He fervently believed that as long as the soul was enhanced, the Paperman would show some evolutionary sparks and new directions for Evolution after its Realm increased.

However, after taking action, he found that enhancing the Paperman's soul yielded no significant discoveries. Instead, he had to start strengthening the Paperman's physical body, first continuing to enhance its soul power, and then observing what happened.

In truth, no Breeder was a fool. If it were that simple, the Paperman wouldn't have remained in its current state for so many years.

However, it had to be said that although the diary hadn't given Su Ping any inspiration so far, it had at least saved him from many potential wrong turns.

A considerable portion of what followed detailed Breeder Mu's research, discoveries, and final conclusions in this area:

"Damn it! Paper is such an incredibly weak, low-grade material! Why would a soul from the Necromancy Series be born attached to paper? What kind of upper limit or potential could a body made of such material possibly have?!"

He'd lost his composure; he was completely frustrated!

Su Ping no longer felt the initial anticipation and excitement he had when he started reading the manuscript. Seeing that he was approaching the final few pages, it was clear that the conclusion Breeder Mu had reached meant that this Senior Undead Breeder had truly failed to discover anything useful.

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The ultimate result seemed to only add further confirmation to the nickname 'Disgrace of the Necromancy System,' an evaluation given by all Beast Tamers.

But soon, when he flipped to the last page, Su Ping's brow furrowed slightly.

This was because the series of actions taken by this Breeder named Mu Yu made him feel somewhat uncomfortable.

"Could there really be Undead Pet Beasts in this world that have no evolutionary potential at all? Impossible! Master Charles had said that Undead Pet Beasts possess infinite possibilities in their mastery of souls!"

"Just because something hasn't been discovered doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Often, after all impossibilities have been ruled out, what's left must be the only possible choice and answer!"

With no mood to critique that Death-grade schoolboy's famous quote, Su Ping's brows tightened as he read the following records.

"I attempted a soul-devouring experiment."

The soul-devouring experiment was an experiment involving Undead Pet Beasts that had been classified as taboo and illegal by the Dragon Country Breeding Master Association.

It involved the direct devouring of other Pet Beasts' souls by a Pet Beast.

Some Pet Beasts could indeed make rapid progress and even undergo unexpected evolutionary changes under these circumstances.

However, the reason this experiment was strictly prohibited was that Undead Pet Beasts that devoured souls could become addicted.

This was different from the natural food chain's cycle of life and death. An Undead Pet Beast that devoured souls might rapidly ascend in Realm for a short time, but it would lose the wisdom and sanity that came with this ascent.

It would become a Deadly Beast, addicted to devouring souls and bloodthirsty.

In fact, the aforementioned Undead Crystals and Soul Dust were resources related to Necromancy System souls, but they had been specially processed to become safe and harmless.

However, living souls were clearly not.

A Pet Beast that had lost its wisdom might even defy its master's orders or turn on them, despite a Soul Contract being in place!

Moreover, wild experimental Pet Beasts, if not controlled properly and allowed to leave the lab, could pose a great threat and cause significant harm to populated areas.

This situation would cause serious instability within the Beast Master Civilization, so it was strictly forbidden.

And at this moment, Mu Yu had clearly violated the ban!

To Su Ping, the strength of a Pet Beast was not merely about physical power. Without wisdom, even if a Beast Tamer couldn't restrain it, no matter how strong, it was just a meaningless wild beast.

Su Ping's eyebrows were tightly knitted, but he still turned to the next page.

He continued reading, trying to analyze it from another perspective:

"The devouring of souls had released a ferocity in the Paperman never seen before! At the same time, one had even easily broken through the limitations of its Racial Potential!"

"That's right! This is the nature Undead Pet Beasts should have! Those previous Papermen, dull and even incapable of thought, were the ones that were wrong!"

"Could it be that my attempt was correct? My speculation also right? Is the Paperman a rare breed that can only evolve by devouring souls?"

Clearly, Mu Yu thought he had found a path, but alas, the outcome remained unchanged:

"No, no! The Paperman's Realm had ascended, but its soul still hadn't surpassed any previous state! Instead, it had become utterly deformed! How could this be? This didn't conform to Master Charles's theory of Undead Pet Beast souls!"

"Dead! It died because its soul couldn't withstand the collapse from consuming another soul! How could this have happened?"

"I've got it! Could it be that the Paperman's soul was inherently incomplete, imperfect! It was a failed Pet Beast Race!"

"No, it shouldn't even have been called a Pet Beast! It lacked any semblance of the fundamental soul rules necessary for a living being! How could such an inferior creature be considered a complete Pet Beast?"

"To think that such an inferior Pet Beast could have been mixed in with the Necromancy System—it was utterly nonsensical!"

"Damn the disgrace of the Necromancy System."

"..."

The manuscript, or rather, this special cultivation diary, concluded under Su Ping's watchful eye.

The final words also represented the failure of the man named Mu Yu, a Senior Undead Breeder, and his complete repudiation of the Paperman—a creature dubbed the 'disgrace of the Necromancy System'!

Even after conducting the soul-devouring experiment, Mu Yu had still failed to incite the slightest change in the Paperman or discover any path to its Evolution.

After all, in the Cultivation of Pet Beasts, the essence of Evolution relied on their innate Racial Skills as Core Techniques. Skills cultivated later in life could hardly serve as a basis for Evolution.

Could it be that the Paperman is truly a deficient product of the Necromancy System?

Su Ping's brows furrowed slightly.

He reread it to ensure he hadn't missed anything, then rested his head on his arms and leaned back, pondering.

It seemed that Mu Yu had tried every conceivable method of Evolution for the Paperman that could be imagined through normal channels. It seemed there were no directions left to explore.

However, Su Ping had a certain confidence, largely due to the biggest difference between him and others!

The Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas!

His consciousness once again entered the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, focusing on the grayish-white entry for the Paperman Record.

Speaking of which, the Paperman's Catalog Level was exceptionally high. It was close to reaching Level 2, due to his occasional contact with the Little Paperman and the massive amount of Experience Points it had accumulated.

But at that moment, Su Ping was hardly in the mood to focus on that. Instead, he continued to read the introduction:

[A special, low-level Undead Pet Beast of the Necromancy System, possessing a frail body and remarkable malleability. It seems to possess quite impressive potential, merely in need of some development! Racial Skills: Paper Body Folding, Paper Body Joint, etc.]

The Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas itself acknowledged that the Paperman seemed to possess quite impressive potential.

How could this possibly be a deficient Pet Beast?

A look of determination flashed in Su Ping's eyes.

He slowly shifted his gaze, continuing to look at the list of Racial Skills below, focusing on Paper Body Joint—a Racial Skill Su Ping had never encountered before.

Su Ping's brows slowly relaxed. Paper Body Joint?

Joint?

His eyes gradually brightened. Right or wrong, it wouldn't hurt to give it a try, would it?

With that thought, Su Ping headed to the area he had designated for housing Undead Pet Beasts.

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In the midst of the night, within a gloomy underground chamber, an eerie scene unfolded that would likely send any ordinary person running for the hills.

In the demolition-style basement, under the dim light, about ten half-meter-tall Papermen emitted a series of unintelligible noises.

This was the place designated by the Heart of Woods for Undead Pet Beasts.

Beast Tamers often avoided Undead Pet Beasts. Unlike creatures like the Forest Wolf, these Pet Beasts weren't suited for public display. Therefore, an extension was built from the previous house, creating a vast underground chamber to serve as the designated area for Undead Pet Beasts.

Su Ping sat on the ground, chin propped on his hand, looking at these things, somewhat at a loss for words.

Indeed, these objects left him somewhat unsure where to begin.

He now somewhat understood the frustration and despair Mu Yu had expressed in his manuscript.

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No wonder Mu Yu considered this group of creatures, practically brain-dead, unworthy of being called Pet Beasts.

Su Ping's assessment wasn't an insult; it was simply the unvarnished truth.

They found it extremely difficult to understand commands, especially verbal ones.

This was especially true without a Soul Contract, as commands could not be issued via that spiritual link, making it even more challenging.

Even the small Paperman Qian Yi nearby scratched its head, looking puzzled at its somewhat larger 'kin.'

Why do these creatures, who look so similar to me, seem a bit dim-witted?

Unfortunately, even though the small Paperman Qian Yi was more powerful than these low-level Papermen, it was not like Old Sha. Qian Yi lacked the characteristic traits of a Wolf King, so these Papermen, in turn, showed no obedience towards it.

Yet, there was some good news: the Paperman's entry in the Catalog was at least in an activated state for Su Ping.

As such, Su Ping had a natural affinity for Papermen. Provided they weren't enemies, hadn't received explicit commands to the contrary, and weren't actively hostile themselves, these seemingly dim-witted Papermen showed no inclination to attack. They might even display a degree of closeness.

Su Ping's idea was actually quite simple. The Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas indicated that the Papermen's Racial Skills included 'Paper Body Joint.' True to its name, Su Ping reasoned, he just needed to find a way to join the Papermen together.

Certainly, this idea was straightforward and one that ordinary people would never consider.

This was because this path was derived from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas's origin analysis of the Paperman's entry in the Catalog.

Typically, Racial Skills were abilities that Pet Beasts naturally mastered as they grew.

But if Papermen could truly master such skills during growth, they would have probably been discovered long ago.

Therefore, the Paper Body Joint skill surely had specific conditions and thresholds for mastery.

Unfortunately, the first stage of this idea was directly thwarted.

He couldn't command these Papermen to transform into the shapes he wanted.

That was the crux of the problem.

Moreover, after racking his brain, he still hadn't figured out what shapes to transform these Papermen into!

Su Ping turned his gaze to the small Paperman Qian Yi.

His eyes slowly moved to the small Paperman's waist.

There hung a long sword in its scabbard.

Though, due to the small Paperman's diminutive size, it was something that, for humans, could at best be considered a dagger.

Sword!

After his experience in the Sword King's Secret Realm, he was now as familiar with swords as one could be.

Additionally, having inherited a portion of the Sword King's skills and insights, Su Ping also had some ideas regarding swords.

So, Su Ping stopped Qian Yi, who was still observing the other Papermen by circling left and right. "Qian Yi," he asked, "how is your sword crafted?"

Swords are typically forged, with a hilt and crossguard added at most. But for the small Paperman Qian Yi, the sword was indeed its own creation.

Qian Yi's sword, despite being enhanced by the Jinge Technique, frequently needed replacement after its daily practice of hacking at the wall. This meant it had to use Paper Body Folding to create a new one.

"WU WA!" it exclaimed. "A Swordsman's sword is naturally the amalgamation of the Swordsman's life and fervor!"

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Su Ping said sternly, "That's the sword in your heart! What about the sword in your hand?"

Surprisingly, after he rephrased the question, the small Paperman finally understood.

It drew its 'sword' from its waist.

Then, the sword—which had seemed so solid and sharp just moments ago—appeared to soften. Subsequently, it began to transform right before Su Ping's eyes.

The bundle of paper slowly started to weave itself together.

It didn't start from the hilt or the blade. Instead, hardened paper sheets first formed a sturdy 'heart.' Then, two pieces of paper slowly merged, their junction forming the spine of the sword.

The extending portions formed the blade's edge and tip—exceedingly thin, yet, being made of hardened paper, also incredibly sharp.

Finally, the crossguard and the hilt took shape.

Su Ping blinked, a flash of brilliance darting through his mind.

He hastily had Qian Yi perform the process again. The steps were the same as before, but this time, Su Ping's eyes lit up.

How many individual parts would be needed to construct a sword out of paper, and how should they be assembled?

That sentence from the Breeder's manuscript flashed through Su Ping's mind once more!

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The soul of this Paperman is incomplete! It's not whole! How can such a Pet Beast be considered a Pet Beast? Therefore, there's no possibility of evolution from a single Paperman. Forcing evolution would only result in deformed creatures like armored Papermen!

But at this moment, the slowly forming mini paper sword seemed to pierce directly through Su Ping's mind, lighting up a bright spark within his heart. His goosebumps erupted at that instant.

A Breeder, that's what the profession is all about! Knowledge, experience, and breeding history might not be as important as a clear direction and a flash of insight on the right path! Of course, at this point for Su Ping, it was more than just a moment of inspiration! It was freaking explosive inspiration, an explosion that left his brain blank. It felt like a current of electricity shooting up from his spine to the crown of his head.

And that spark came from reading Mu Yu's manuscript and, most importantly, the 'Paper Body Joint' skill from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas's racial skills. Paper Body Joint! Is it really just the body that's being jointed? Is it possible that during the Paper Body Folding and Jointing process, the soul also undergoes this so-called jointing?

Instantly, Su Ping turned his head, his eyes shining with a green glow in the darkness of night. The ones he was staring at were the ten Papermen who were still BABBLING. Clearly, to make these Papermen fulfill his ideas, an essential point was required: to make them listen to him and morph into the form he wanted to see. Before having the idea, it was a difficult task, but with the idea in mind, they had to be transformed, even if by force. Without further ado, he needed to experiment first to see whether his idea was right or wrong. Could Paper Body Jointing really make the Papermen evolve?

So, Su Ping decisively grabbed a piece of white paper and a brush and drew a sword. Nothing special, it was just an ordinary longsword. But soon, apart from the longsword itself, he also drew the segmented parts. Here, Su Ping had to once again thank the heritage of the Fengdu Sword King, which allowed Su Ping, who was originally clueless about this, to now have a general understanding. There was also the earlier demonstration by the Little Paperman.

After two hours, Su Ping put down the brush with satisfaction. Apart from the complete form of the longsword, Su Ping had divided the rest into three parts.

First was the Sword Heart, or rather the sword core, which formed the inner core of the paper sword and was also the first thing that Qian Yi had crafted.

Next was the sword body, the most important part of a sword; only with a sharp blade could it unleash the maximum power of an attack!

Finally, there were the sword guard and hilt, connected to the sword body. This part required no further explanation.

Su Ping had spent two hours drawing these three components, so they were naturally extremely detailed, visible from all angles, even down to the specific dimensions and the combination points where the sword body enveloped the sword core. The grooves connecting the sword core to the hilt, as well as the interlocking teeth of the sword body, guard, and hilt, were all meticulously depicted by Su Ping.

He didn't think about those Commander Level Sword Devices he had seen in the Sword King Secret Realm, those with Attribute changes and Skills surpassing Metal Element Sword-type Pet Beasts. You have to eat one bite at a time and walk step by step. First, creating the Paperman's Paper Body Folding was the most important.

Once the basic setup was done, it was time for the components. Immediately, Su Ping's gaze toward those BABBLING Papermen turned sour. However, Su Ping didn't rush to take forceful measures but looked at the Little Paperman.

"Qian Yi, can you transform into this shape?" Su Ping pointed at the most central component, the sword core.

The Little Paperman scratched its head; it really disliked changing shapes, though it was proficient in the 'face-changing' technique. However, in response to its master's demand, it chose to nod. Thus, the Little Paperman, for the first time in front of Su Ping, changed its form. Its paper body slowly softened, and then, as the sheets moved, it transformed into a forty-some-centimeter sword core.

Su Ping nodded in satisfaction. Then, he turned to one of the Papermen, pulled it over, and had the Paperman, which had witnessed the entire scene, look at Qian Yi, the Little Paperman that had changed into the sword core.

"BABBLING..."

Su Ping pursed his lips. He was not one to advocate violence, but at this moment, he too wanted to knock some sense into this foolish thing's head. Was his intention not expressed clearly enough?

Fortunately, this creature's intelligence and self-awareness were indeed not very bright, just as Breeder Mu Yu had written in his diary, but it seemed to grasp the basic idea. Its body slowly softened, and then, astonishingly, within three minutes, Su Ping had modified and reshaped it into sword core components that looked exactly like those of the Little Paperman. Lucky that he had Little Paperman Qian Yi; otherwise, Su Ping really would have had to start "folding paper airplanes."

"Very good! Hold that shape!"

Su Ping thought for a moment and set the transformed Paperman aside to avoid interfering with the next change.

"Qian Yi, revert for a moment."

Immediately, the Little Paperman returned to its original form. "WOAH!"

Then, under Su Ping's instruction, it once again transformed into the shape of a sword hilt. Following this example, Su Ping pulled out another Paperman, having it change into the sword hilt as well.

Finally, after half an hour, the remaining seven Papermen were still over there BABBLING, while Su Ping, looking at the three Papermen transformed into the 'sword core', 'sword body', and 'sword hilt', held his breath deeply. Next, it was time to witness the miracle!

Fortunately, the transformed Papermen still maintained their rigid thinking and lack of self-awareness, so they hadn't moved or changed much during this time. Thus, even when Su Ping picked them up, there was no resistance.

Su Ping first picked up the central sword core, aligned it with the sword body, and slowly pushed it into place along the joint slots. There was no sound or movement, but at that moment, the two original Papermen seemed to merge into one. But clearly, that was not the end!

Su Ping exhaled deeply. The Little Paperman watched intently from the side. After all, within the Little Paperman's body, there was a 'Sword Soul Mark'. Moreover, it was a special life form and consciousness born from a Spiritual Level Resource Soul Seed and the Sword Soul Mark. It had a tremendous talent and curiosity for anything related to swords. Naturally, Su Ping's actions attracted all of the Little Paperman's

attention. It watched each of Su Ping's movements meticulously. For some reason, the Little Paperman felt that whatever was about to happen would be greatly related to itself.

Su Ping, at that moment, could no longer pay attention to the Little Paperman's gaze. He took the paper sword, which contained the sword body and part of the sword core, and from the bottom groove, finally, slowly joined it with the Paperman transformed into the sword guard and hilt.

CLICK.

The clear sound seemed to turn the gears of the world.

Finally, the three Papermen, in this manner, became intimately one before Su Ping's eyes!

A very simple yet utterly pure, pale paper sword thus appeared before Su Ping and the Little Paperman. An unmistakable, abstract longing emerged in the Little Paperman's expression.

But Su Ping continued to stare intently at the changes on the paper sword. This continued for less than half a minute. Then, in his line of sight, a point of light emerged from this paper sword. The next moment, within the Eye of Truth, the meaning behind this light appeared!

Su Ping's pupils suddenly shrank, and then he was overcome with unimaginable ecstasy.

Because that was indeed:

[Paper Body Joint (Beginner)]

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It worked!?

Even Su Ping was momentarily unable to react, staring incredulously at the blade in his hand.

Paper Body Joint—it had actually appeared!

This Paperman skill, which had never been recorded, had actually manifested?

Su Ping took a deep breath. He didn't rush to revel in this sudden success, but rather intently observed the Paper Sword with the Eye of Truth!

This mysterious Paper Body Joint skill couldn't be something simple.

And indeed, it wasn't.

What the Eye of Truth showed him about this Paper Sword left Su Ping slightly stunned.

[Paperman (Wild) (3×1-Paper Sword Form)]

[Attribute: Undead]

[Current Level: Ordinary Fourth Stage]

[Racial Potential: Common Tenth Level]

[Skills: Paper Body Folding (Beginner), Paper Body Joint (Beginner)]

That was all.

But this feedback made Su Ping's eyes narrow slightly once again.

Normally, even if the assembly was completed, Su Ping's Eye of Truth should have perceived the Paper Sword as a separate transformation form of the Paperman.

However, the Eye of Truth indicated that the Paperman had become what's called a 'Paper Sword Form'!

Become a so-called '3x1' status?

In other words, after the Paper Body Joint merged the Papermen into this state of a Paper Sword, the Eye of Truth judged the current Paperman as a single entity—three Pet Beasts that had actually become one.

Su Ping slowly picked up the sword, and something even more unexpected occurred.

On the blade, a very vague cheek appeared.

It was the distinctly abstract cheek of the Paperman.

"WHIRR..."

A meaningless sound emerged, but Su Ping could sense its excitement.

Su Ping was taken aback once more.

Compared to the Papermen still standing there, gibbering 'BLAH BLAH', this one's ability to express emotion already demonstrated its uniqueness!

Could it be that his nonsensical guess was true?!

Following the Paper Body Joint, were the souls of the Papermen also merged?

Did it therefore result in an immense enhancement in the Paperman's consciousness and self-awareness?

Marvelous! It's simply amazing.

Moreover, Su Ping quickly noticed other changes.

Level changes!

These three Papermen—two at Ordinary Second Level and one at Ordinary Third Level—were not high in level.

But after the joint was completed, the Level of the three merged Papermen, now in the form of a Paper Sword, rose to Ordinary Fourth Stage.

Not a huge leap, but their combat power was definitely stronger than before!

Su Ping could feel the sharpness and pointedness of the Paper Sword.

Su Ping didn't rush to give any commands but was eager to look at this special Paper Body Joint skill.

[Paper Body Joint (Beginner): One of the Paperman's exclusive Core Skills, used in conjunction with 'Paper Body Folding'! Can be joined with other Papermen to improve Levels, soul integrity, and other effects.

Current Mastery Form: Paper Sword (Ordinary)]

(Note 1: Paper Body Joint has its own judgment after completion; only when the components match the basic rules can the joint effect be utilized.)

(Note 2: When forming a pact with an origami man pet beast, other Papermen joined via Paper Body Joint can also be admitted to the Beast Taming Space. Additionally, during the joining process, one can choose to apply the Spirit enhancement feedback to either the contracted Paperman or all joined Papermen!)

(Note 3: Once the components joined by the Paperman are assembled, they can be quickly reassembled after being disassembled.)

Su Ping had never seen such a complex Racial Skill.

Indeed, the maxim of the Pet Beast World wasn't wrong!

The weaker the Pet Beast, the greater its potential; the lower its rank, the more diverse its Evolution!

This Paperman, scorned as the disgrace of the Necromancy Series, seemed to have been infused with new life at this very moment, simply by achieving this most basic joint and acquiring this most fundamental new Racial Skill!

With this joint, there was so much to study!

Even with Su Ping's abilities, he was slightly confident that he might be able to use this power to unveil further Evolutionary Bodies for the Paperman!

After all, with his beast taming knowledge, he could sense that the real Core Skill of the Paperman, this Paper Body Joint, contained enormous potential!

Currently, just these three Papermen forming a Paper Sword had elevated the Levels of these three Ordinary Level Papermen.

Furthermore, they possessed some abilities typical of Sword-type Pet Beasts.

So, could it be possible to assemble a giant Paper Giant out of thousands of Papermen?

A Paper Gundam?

But soon, Su Ping nipped this speculation in the bud.

It wasn't impossible, but there were many insurmountable obstacles.

At the very least, it wasn't something he could achieve at present.

Firstly, Paper Body Joint wasn't something that could be done just by putting together an outer shell.

This joining had to meet certain fundamental rules.

That is to say, this transformer as a whole, from the inside out—the inner gears and components, the external joint movements...

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Any small component that required a Paperman to transform and assemble would necessitate Su Ping designing it in its entirety, let alone a gigantic Gundam. Even a humanoid robot would need countless components. Paper Swords, however, were quite simple, only requiring three parts: the sword core, hilt, and blade. That was all there was to it.

But for the colossal body of a Gundam, constructed by tens of thousands, or even hundreds of thousands to millions of Papermen, the components needed for such a massive machine would be difficult to produce even if my brain were cloned ten times, wouldn't they? After all, he would have to start designing from the individual components. Besides, Su Ping was not optimistic about the combat performance of paper merging into a human form for battle. On the contrary, using simple transformations to create Paper Swords, as he was doing now, was, in a sense, an easier and more straightforward way to achieve effective results.

However, this was just the beginning. In the future, once I make the abilities of the Paperman public, countless Beast Tamers will perfect it. As for how to further demonstrate the effects and power of this assembly at present, Su Ping almost immediately had an answer: Matryoshka dolls and enhancing the

'components' of the Paperman itself. The former went without saying; Su Ping's main focus was on enhancing the components. The components themselves were the bodies of the Papermen that had comprehended 'Paper Body Joint.' This meant that upgrading the power of the Paperman itself, or even allowing a Paperman that had comprehended 'Paper Body Joint' to evolve, would suffice. It looked simple, but the evolution of the Paperman was the greatest challenge for all Undead Cultivators. As mentioned before, the only known evolutionary form of the Paperman was the deformed Armored Paperman. After becoming an Armored Paperman, it could no longer use Paper Body Folding. Without the ability to fold, it naturally could not be assembled, which indeed made it a useless evolutionary form.

Thinking of this, Su Ping had a plan. It was just as the Advanced Level Undead Beast Tamer Mu Yu had said: No matter what, first increase the Paperman's soul foundation, then improve its Realm! After all, in cultivation theory, there were no examples of a basic Pet Beast evolving at a low level. At the very least, evolution could only be accomplished when nearing the race's Racial Potential limit. With this in mind, Su Ping picked up the Paper Sword, which was less than three feet long. He made a light chopping motion. A clear sword mark appeared on the ground; the bluestone slabs offered no resistance to the Paper Sword.

Su Ping smiled.

"Disassemble!"

He issued the command via Telepathic Communication. If it had been before this, the three Papermen would definitely not have understood what this meant. Their souls were too weak, and their self-awareness was like that of insects from his previous life on Earth, only capable of following racial instincts. But now, after combining, they could somewhat understand the meaning of words spoken via Telepathic Communication!

Immediately, starting from the blade, the hardened paper body slowly softened without Su Ping having to dismantle it by hand. Like a loose, spread blanket, it fell to the ground. Afterwards, the components reverted to the form of the Papermen. The hilt and the sword core transformed from parts of a Paper Sword back into their original Paperman shapes, a process completed in three breaths!

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Looking at the three Papermen that had returned to their original forms before him, Su Ping blinked.

He once again activated the Eye of Truth:

[Paperman (Wild) (Basic State)]

[Attribute: Undead]

[Current Level: Ordinary Second Rank]

[Racial Potential: Common Tenth Level]

[Skills: Paper Body Folding (Beginner), Paper Body Joint (Beginner)]

Indeed, they had returned to their original state.

But before he could think further, the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, which had been quiet for a long time, suddenly began to turn slowly in his mind. Then, the pale Origami Man Record suddenly lit up. Beneath this record, in the log where entries were recorded, a special prompt appeared that had never been associated with Papermen before:

[Discovery and contact with Paperman, intimacy requirement met, Catalog Level Experience +10*3!]

[Discovery and cultivation of Paperman's special Racial Skill: Paper Body Joint, Catalog Level Experience +100 points!]

[Origami Man Record Experience Points: 617/500! Experience meets Catalog upgrade requirements. Upgrade?]

Enough experience?

Su Ping was slightly startled but then smiled. After all, just discovering Qian Yi had already granted 350 experience points. Compared to the 500 points required for the Catalog to advance from LV1 to LV2, this truly wasn't a big deal.

Yes!

With a thought, the Origami Man Record before him reacted just like the Forest Wolf's had. The pale record itself began to be tinged with green. Soon, this touch of green replaced the previous white of the record, signifying the successful upgrade of the Origami Man Record.

At the same time, just as Su Ping had expected, after it was upgraded to LV2, the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas provided him with the most direct feedback in the depths of his mind:

[Catalog 'Paperman' level upgraded. Current Catalog Level: 2. Received Origin reward: Connection Sharing (Paperman)]

[Connection Sharing (Paperman): An ability born from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas. Allows connection and sharing with Papermen recorded in the Catalog that meet intimacy requirements. Connected Papermen share skills training, skill usage, and skill enhancement experience.]