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After he spoke, neither of them refused. It was just a ribbon-cutting, and it was mainly out of respect for Su Ping.

However, once these four names were announced, the room fell silent.

Most of the people present did not know who Lin Lei was. However, coming from the Beast Tamer Legion, he clearly wasn't an ordinary character.

They might not have known Lin Lei, but how could they possibly not know President Liu of the Breeder Association?

He had actually come?

Evidently, the two major associations maintained a low profile. After just a brief glimpse earlier, it was difficult for many to recognize that this squinty-eyed old man was indeed Vice President Liu, the one who now truly controlled the Breeder Association.

This was the astonishment of some people.

As for the other group, it consisted of the few who knew Su Ping's identity. For instance, the bank managers who had arrived and were on good terms with Dong Muyun.

Clearly, they had known for some time that Dong Muyun had an unusual relationship with the young man who had once approached them for a loan. But they hadn't anticipated that the so-called Pingyun Company, established now, was actually in partnership with Su Ping.

However, the most notable reaction came from a father and son duo standing to one side.

"Xiaoshu, did I hear that wrong?" Li Senlin asked, looking as if he was doubting his very existence.

"You heard right! I told you I wouldn't get it wrong. I might mistake others, but how could I possibly mistake Bro Ping?!"

Li Shu stared incredulously at the front row. Sure enough, four figures stood up simultaneously and walked towards the main podium.

Scissors wrapped in red cloth were placed in the hands of the four individuals.

And among them was Su Ping, wearing what Li Shu instantly recognized as his 'Su Ping-style fake smile.'

Li Shu's eyes lit up with excitement.

This special feeling, akin to 'bumping into an old acquaintance in a foreign land,' felt truly wonderful to him.

However, unlike his son, Li Senlin understood more clearly what this all represented and what had transpired.

From the very beginning, Li Senlin had seen that this young Breeder was no mere fish in a pond. But Li Senlin had never imagined that this 'fish' was already on the verge of Dragon Transformation, and in such a short time too!

Li Senlin's expression was somewhat complex.

Li Shu, however, had already snapped out of his daze. Without a second thought, he pulled a cell phone from his pocket. He aimed it upwards and took a photo of Su Ping and the others, who were following the host's directions on the stage. Then, he immediately sent it to their old student group chat, which had been quiet for a long time.

Su Ping had left the group chat long ago. After graduation, the classmates had all gone their separate ways and chatted infrequently.

Undoubtedly, Li Shu's photo popping up was quite sudden.

So, he even added a comment:

"Bro Ping looks so cool!"

"Is that Su Ping? Is he at a ribbon-cutting? Is his family's breeding base opening a branch?"

This wasn't just anyone speaking; it was Yin Yin, the so-called school beauty whom Li Shu had always been interested in.

If it were any other time, Li Shu would have definitely chimed in. But now, looking at his phone, his brow furrowed slightly.

Opening a branch? Why would they think that? Don't they know who those people on stage are? If it were just a branch opening, why would there be such a huge commotion?

For a moment, Li Shu was unsure what to say.

His message had undoubtedly attracted the attention of some classmates. They had all witnessed Su Ping's capabilities before.

Now, most of them were singing his praises. Even Zhou Shuchen sent a message:

"Classmate Su Ping is truly remarkable. He might even become the pride of our Sixth Middle School, Class Two, in the future! We should all learn from Classmate Su Ping! /Thumbs Up/Thumbs Up/Thumbs Up."

This attitude was a stark contrast to his demeanor a few months prior.

Clearly, a few months had been enough for this class president to recognize what reality was truly like. In the world of Beast Tamers, the rules were completely different from those in school. He had experienced the harsh blows of reality.

But perhaps because of this, Li Shu was once again unsure what to say. Should he just start bragging to these former classmates in the group chat on Su Ping's behalf? Tell them that the amiable, smiling old man standing right next to Su Ping was Vice President Liu of the Jianghai Breeder Association? That the woman beside him was the renowned Queen Dong of Jianghai? Tell them that their former classmate was now capable enough to start a company in partnership with Dong Muyun! But even if he told them, would they understand who Dong Muyun was, or what being the Vice President of the Breeder Association truly represented? Perhaps the end result would be the same regardless. To most of them, the Su Ping of the past and the Su Ping of today were essentially the same: just incredibly impressive.

And so, after the initial, restless urge to share this earth-shattering secret had subsided, Li Shu found himself unsure of what to say in the group chat. He thought he could somewhat understand Su Ping's feelings now. Sometimes, certain things were just... rather pointless.

At that moment, Li Shu suddenly understood many things. He somewhat understood why Su Ping had left this so-called "classmates' group chat" so long ago. He also understood why, after his return from the Heart of Woods, his contact with Su Ping had dwindled. It was different from before, when they could occasionally exchange a few casual words. Now, it had been over a month since they had last chatted.

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And even just over a month ago, they had only exchanged a couple of sentences of pointless nonsense, nothing more.

Originally, Li Shu understood that, like his other classmates, he was supposed to search for his own path amid confusion—a path he might like but one that would ultimately be ordinary.

But at this moment, things seemed different.

Because of the particular nature of his father's occupation, it was as if he had glimpsed an entirely different world.

"Establishing Pingyun Company is mainly thanks to Breeder Su, and I am sort of working for him..."

"Ladies and gentlemen, please don't listen to Miss Dong's flattering words. Setting other things aside, your presence here today isn't on my account..."

"..."

Li Shu looked at Su Ping, who stood on the stage, and then at the polite laughter that quickly followed from the audience as Su Ping interacted with the person next to him. Li Shu's expression turned somewhat dazed.

This continued until Li Senlin, who was beside him, spoke to the nearby photographer:

"Be ready, it's time for the media reporters to ask their questions."

Li Senlin, holding a cue card, said to someone nearby.

The questions from these media were actually quite similar.

What does Pingyun Company produce?

How effective is the product?

What is the company's production capacity and how do they envision their future prospects?

The media, after all, does this sort of work and earns this kind of money.

If you invested money to start a farm breeding pig-like beasts, they could still ask you questions like, "What kind of Evolutionary Bodies are you cultivating to make the meat tastier and juicier?"

Essentially, it's just a channel for publicity.

However, just then, Li Shu suddenly said:

"Dad, can I go up and do the interview with you?"

Li Senlin looked skeptically at his eldest son.

The boy had just sent a message and had stood there in a daze ever since, lost in thought.

However, Li Senlin also knew what his son was thinking.

He pursed his lips slightly and then, with a grit of his teeth, said:

"Fine, but you should know, what sort of occasion is this? If you want to reminisce with that person up there, pick a good time to do it!"

Li Shu, of course, knew that his dad was putting his career on the line to help fulfill his son's wish. If anything went wrong—for instance, if he went up and asked about Dong Muyun and the recent Dong Mutian incident—getting kicked out would be a light consequence, and even his father's position as editor-in-chief wouldn't save him.

"The ribbon-cutting ceremony is completed, members of the press are now welcome to come up for interviews."

Immediately, the local Jianghai media who had been waiting on the side advanced to the front, proceeding in order.

"Miss Dong, what made you choose to invest personally and cooperate with Breeder Su to establish Pingyun Company?"

Dong Muyun smiled slightly and took the microphone,

"Of course, it's because of our absolute confidence in our company's product. It is a trans-era product named 'Heart of the Wolf'..."

As Dong Muyun introduced the product, a series of gasps emanated from the audience.

This time, it wasn't an act; it was genuine.

If the effect of the Heart of the Wolf was really as strong as claimed, then indeed its future was boundlessly bright.

And hearing that the Legions, various Breeder bases, and even the Association had already placed orders, everyone looked at each other in astonishment.

Then, it was time for the next question:

"Miss Dong, if the Heart of the Wolf is so magical, then what is its price?"

"She chuckled. 'This is indeed a question on everyone's mind. Before launching, we conducted thorough market research...'"

One question followed another, as the reporters who had prepared in advance took turns on stage. Finally, it was Li Senlin's turn.

"Miss Dong, Pingyun Company has only launched this one product so far. What will the positioning of Pingyun Company be in the future..."

"This..."

Su Ping had actually not been paying attention to the interview at all, still idly chatting with Liu Fuhai on the side.

However, hearing this voice, he turned his head in surprise and immediately saw Li Senlin, who, although asking Dong Muyun a question, couldn't help but shoot glances at him.

He had only met Li Senlin once.

Therefore, it took him a while to finally remember who this person was.

Meeting his surprised gaze, Li Senlin smiled at everyone and stepped down from the stage.

What surprised Su Ping next was that Li Shu really did come up.

Even Dong Muyun was slightly stunned, as if she hadn't expected such a young journalist, and the host beside her reacted similarly.

Li Shu, however, paid no attention to these surprised looks, his fingers turning somewhat white from gripping the microphone,

"I would like to ask Breeder Su..."

Alas, before he could finish, the host promptly interrupted,

"I'm sorry, Mr. Journalist, Breeder Su does not accept interviews. If you have any questions, you can ask me or Manager Dong."

But Su Ping smiled and, looking at Li Shu, waved his hand,

"It's okay, let him speak."

Dong Muyun gave him a surprised look. Li Shu smiled, took a deep breath, and asked a question that was actually quite commonplace, yet it brought a sigh of relief to many in the audience,

"Breeder Su, you are so young but have achieved so much. Do you have any experience or words you would like to share with your peers or former classmates?"

Su Ping, however, was slightly taken aback. He had even prepared for this guy to come up with some unreliable antics or questions.

He hadn't expected this. Just when he thought the young man was going to be unpredictable, he suddenly became perfectly sensible?

Perhaps this, too, was a kind of unpredictability?

The microphone was passed to him. Su Ping became a bit more serious this time. After thinking for a moment, he said,

"I don't think I'm qualified to answer this question because, in my view, I am just lucky, not in a position high enough to lecture so-called peers.

"However, if we're talking about experience, I do have some trivial insights, which is nothing other than to work hard.

"If you want to become a certain kind of person, just strive in that direction. Of course, I'm not trying to offer some empty motivational speech, nor am I saying you absolutely have to become outstanding in fields like Beast Tamers or Breeders. Rather, it's about looking within and asking yourself what kind of person you want to be, or simply what it is you truly want to do.

"If you want to do something, go do it, because no day in the future will be more suitable than today. We will not be any younger than we are today."

The midday autumn sunlight, filtering through the patchy yellowing leaves, shone on his cheeks.

Su Ping's smile was faint.

Li Shu appeared thoughtful.

The audience below applauded, some sincerely, some just for show.

Only Liu Fuhai clicked his tongue in admiration: "Like wanting to buy the aroma of sweet osmanthus..."

However, Old Liu's exclamation was cut short; he scratched his head, unable to recall the rest of the verse, and could only helplessly shake his head again.

Yet, from the corner of his eye, he saw Dong Muyun nearby. She was cupping her chin, her previous composure entirely gone, her beautiful eyes shining brightly as she stared intently at Su Ping.

Liu Fuhai's brow, which had been furrowed, smoothed out.

At this moment, he suddenly felt that the worries Qin Erlong had previously shared with him were not entirely unfounded.

Chapter 233: Breakthrough Promotion! The Little Paper Man's New Skills!

By the time Su Ping returned to the Heart of Woods, it was already dusk. Su Ping had made up his mind. He would never get involved in this kind of mess again, come hell or high water.

Fame might sound appealing, but from what Su Ping saw, it really wasn't for him.

So, Su Ping directly asked Dong Muyun for help, requesting that his involvement be omitted from this round of interviews and publicity. All present media were given a gag order, and Su Ping was edited out of the footage as well.

Although, if he participated in the upcoming Breeder competition and did well, he would undoubtedly become famous, but a day of peace was a day gained.

However, thinking of the media just now, Su Ping remembered Li Shu. Why was that guy there?

As for Li Shu, Su Ping was quite considerate. If the other party was willing, Su Ping could help him get started on the path of a Breeder. After all, he was one of the few people in this world Su Ping could genuinely call a friend.

But, as Su Ping had told him, you need to know what kind of person you want to become.

Whether you want to stand out or just enjoy life lying down, it's a personal choice. The former has no right to criticize the latter, and the latter shouldn't disparage the former.

The real fear is being lost, not knowing what you want to do.

Shaking his head, Su Ping wasn't one to dwell on these matters.

Since arriving in this world, his goal had never changed: to become the most extraordinary Beast Tamer and Breeder. Now he had added another: to study more Pet Beasts and perfect the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas.

As a result, Su Ping had acquired something new in his hand. It was a transparent stone. At first glance, it looked somewhat like a diamond, but it lacked the diamond's brilliant cut facets and instead had a gentler, more subdued luster.

This object was given to him by Lin Lei. It was named the 'Spirit Communication Stone.'

It was an incredibly rare and valuable Commander Level psychic resource.

Among all types of resources, Time Series resources are undoubtedly the rarest. But in fact, psychic resources are absolutely the most precious! No other resource, with roughly the same effect and Rank, can be more valuable than psychic resources. Price-wise, they are the highest.

Spiritual Pet Beasts are also considered the hardest to nurture, with no exceptions! The reason is simple: psychic resources can be used not only on rare Spiritual Pet Beasts but also on Beast Tamers themselves. That alone left nothing else that could compare.

Indeed, at this very moment, the Spirit Communication Stone in Su Ping's hand, despite being a Commander Level psychic resource, required an expenditure of 1,050 Battle Merit Points to purchase through the Legion! Keep in mind, even a Monarch Level Sun Crystal in the Legion store only costs 1,100 points!

What does that tell you?! The price of a Commander Level psychic resource is comparable to other Monarch Level resources!

Of course, Sun Crystals are relatively simple and easy to produce, ranking on the lower end of value among Monarch Level resources. That was one factor. But it clearly showed the value of the Spirit Communication Stone.

However, Su Ping had nothing to regret.

After all, it was for his own betterment.

To become a powerful Breeder, controlling a vast amount of resources, it's natural to want to grow more smoothly and rapidly. Now that he had managed to secure so many resource channels, strengthening himself and his Pet Beasts was key.

With the production of the Heart of the Wolf and the nurturing of the Wanmu Wolf, Su Ping shouldn't have to worry about money for the time being.

So, on this visit, Su Ping had Lin Lei bring him a Spirit Communication Stone. He had been stuck at the Elite Third Rank threshold for a short time, but having enjoyed the rate of breakthroughs before, Su Ping was naturally not content.

After all, for him, breaking through this Realm was tremendously significant!

In the morning, he had discussed the Evolution of the Paperman with Vice President Liu. The matter regarding Qian Yi had been weighing heavily on his mind. Qian Yi's Level had been stuck just above the Common Tenth Level for quite some time now. Though the Paperman's race limit was surpassed due to its special provenance, exceeding that of an ordinary Paperman, without advancing that last tier to truly reach the pinnacle, Su Ping felt uncertain about studying its Evolution.

Su Ping wasn't in a hurry because he knew that, under normal circumstances, someone would come to seek him out.

Sure enough, it wasn't long before he received a message from Li Shu. It was different from the seriousness of their noon communication:

[Li Shu: Bro Ping, I was wrong. Please give me another chance to cling to your coattails! /Cry/Cry/Cry]

Su Ping chuckled.

In fact, if there were means, if mere effort could turn one into a prominent figure, Su Ping believed there wouldn't be many so-called layoffs in this world.

And Su Ping, he merely provided Li Shu with the most precious channels and opportunities.

After all, be it one sheep or two, he had to shepherd them at his base.

There were not many people Su Ping could trust, and upon observation, Guan Lili and Li Shu really seemed like the most suitable candidates to come over and help.

[Su Ping: Make up your mind before you speak. If you run away again, you can just get lost.]

[Li Shu: Bro Ping, don't worry. If I run away again, you won't need to do anything; my dad will definitely break my legs himself.]

[Su Ping: Alright, then come report in tomorrow.]

[Li Shu: Boo-hoo, Bro Ping, love you~]

[Su Ping: Scram.]

After shutting off his phone, Su Ping checked the condition of the Heart of Woods. The Forest Wolf was doing well, and Guan Lili was training it proficiently. Over at the Paperman's side, Qian Yi seemed to never tire and was still practicing Swordsmanship.

Having finished his inspection, Su Ping was satisfied and returned to his room.

The Spirit Communication Stone linked with Su Ping's spiritual power. At this moment, it was as though ripples spread through space itself, as Su Ping's Spiritual Consciousness entered a vast and clear ocean of the void. This sensation lasted for about ten minutes. Finally, within this blank space, as if triggering a surge of great waves, a spiritual power completely different from Su Ping's own merged into it.

And in reality, a fine crack appeared on the Spirit Communication Stone in Su Ping's hand. The next second, it burst with a POP.

A valuable Commander Level psychic resource had just turned into nothing more than a consumable item. Yet the significance and help it provided were reflected in the gradual enhancement of Su Ping's Beast Taming Space and his own Realm, which was happening at this very moment. The main manifestations of a Beast Tamer were the Beast Taming Space and their Pet Beasts. As his spiritual understanding deepened, the effects were not merely limited to the Beast Taming Space.

Elite Fourth Rank!

From start to finish, not even half an hour had passed, and Su Ping felt that this threshold, which had long held him back, was easily shattered with the help of the Spirit Communication Stone! More than

that, Su Ping could feel that the uplift provided by the stone—which was solely used for enhancing spiritual power—was far from over! His spiritual Realm had also reached a remarkably full level within the Elite Fourth Rank.

Although continuing to break through consecutively wasn't possible, the extent of the improvement was still astonishingly substantial.

But what about his Pet Beasts?

Thinking of that, Su Ping glanced at Xiao Qing. Indeed, Xiao Qing, which had already accumulated a solid foundation, had also improved a Level following the breakthrough feedback from Su Ping!

Elite Third Rank!

But what Su Ping cared about most was still the little Paperman, Qian Yi. Xiao Qing's Minor Realm advancement wasn't fundamentally significant. However, if the little Paperman, Qian Yi, improved, it would be a leap from Common to Elite Tier. The significance of such a leap in Level could be discerned from Xiao Qing's previous improvement.

And so it was for Qian Yi. As a Mutated Pet Beast, would there be signs and opportunities for Evolution during this process?

Full of anticipation, Su Ping didn't even use a Spiritual Connection to sense it but directly ran towards the Undead Kingdom (basement) where Qian Yi was located.

At this very moment, within that basement where the little Paperman Qian Yi was continuously practicing its Swordsmanship, its figure suddenly halted.

"WHOA!?"

A cry from the little guy echoed. All the Papermen in the basement stopped moving—or rather, those transformed into Sword Devices had never moved in the first place. However, stuck in such monotonous

conditions where its only enjoyment was continuously going through those old movie discs—so worn they had a patina—the little Paperman slowly sat down on the ground.

The Soul Contract was the most mysterious type of contractual ability. It allowed a Beast Tamer and a Pet Beast to sense each other even across a great distance. It still enabled them to affect each other if something happened to one of them.

And now, that was exactly what was happening.

Su Ping's breakthrough was very sudden. But, almost the instant Su Ping completed his breakthrough, the little Paperman had already sensed it, and its own aura was also ascending! The little guy had been stuck at the Common Tenth Level for far too long. This abrupt improvement caused the little Paperman to shake its head, too excited to contain itself.

A dim light enveloped the little Paperman. The next moment, a burst of Undead energy spread out fiercely. The gathered Papermen, sensing an aura utterly different from theirs, involuntarily reverted from their Sword Device form back to their ordinary Paperman appearance.

Qian Yi paid no attention to them. The little guy stretched out its hand, its form even growing a full size larger. The scattered Papermen couldn't resist and were directly transformed into Paper Swords in its hands.

Holding the Paper Sword, Qian Yi suddenly radiated a different kind of light. It thrust the sword with force. That different kind of light flickered along with it. At the same time, this thrust and the light it produced were the first things Su Ping saw upon entering the basement.

He knew. That was the glow of a new Skill!

Qian Yi had not only advanced to Elite Tier but also, just like Xiao Qing had comprehended the Poison Flower, had grasped a brand-new Skill!

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In just a short time, the body of the little paper figurine had grown a full size larger than before.

"WAAH!"

As the Paper Sword pointed forward, amidst the cries of the little paper figurine, its blade pierced right through both the training dummy and the sturdy wall, leaving a deep mark.

However, Qian Yi hadn't used the Jinge Technique, and the sharpness of the Paper Sword alone shouldn't have been enough for such a feat.

Su Ping didn't rush to use the Eye of Truth. Instead, he observed the little paper figurine's movements, gaining an intuitive understanding of Qian Yi's new skill.

Compared to the Jinge Technique, this new skill seemed more enduring.

The Jinge Technique, when deployed, only imbued a single attack with extreme sharpness. Moreover, the Perfection Level Jinge Technique also made that one sword strike much faster than the release of other skills.

It could be considered a trump card, a finishing move type of skill.

But now, the skill Qian Yi was currently deploying remained continuous. Although its power was far less than the Perfection Level Jinge Technique, this endurance was more significant.

Moreover, the newly comprehended skill was evidently only at the Beginner Level.

Su Ping was already quite satisfied that a skill at this level could possess such power and effect.

Finally, the light of spiritual power concentrated in Su Ping's eyes and locked onto Qian Yi, the little paper figurine holding the Paper Sword.

The Eye of Truth provided feedback on Qian Yi's enhancements after his advancement!

[Mutated Paperman (Contracted)]

[Attribute: Gold, Undead]

[Current Level: Elite First Rank]

[Racial Potential: Elite First Rank]

[Skills: Paper Body Folding (Proficiency), Jinge Technique (Perfection), Sword Soul Mark (Special), Accelerated Casting (Proficiency), Mutated-Paper Body Control (Proficiency), Mutated-Sword Body (Beginner)]

Sword Body? And it's a Mutated Skill?! Su Ping's eyebrows lifted slightly.

Mutated Skills were skills that had appeared on other Pet Beasts before, but after mutation, their effects differed from the skill's normal effects. That was the essence of a Mutated Skill! Take Xiao Qing's 'Poison Vine Strangulation', for instance. Strictly speaking, it could be considered a Poison Type mutation of Vine Strangling. However, some Poison Type plant Pet Beasts actually possessed such skills. Compared to those, Xiao Qing's Poison Vine Strangulation had no real particular uniqueness and, therefore, wouldn't be considered a Mutated Skill. A Mutated Skill, like the Heart of the Poison Wood, was truly a unique skill belonging to a Pet Beast!

And now, another Mutated Skill had appeared on Qian Yi, the little paper figurine? Another Mutated Skill, just like the previous Paper Body Control. Sword Body?

This skill was not unfamiliar to Su Ping. The reason was simple: he had seen it on some Sword Pet Beasts inside the Secret Realm of the Fengdu Sword King. It was a very common skill, even more common for Artifact Pet Beasts that were Sword Devices than the 'Jinge Technique'. Sword Body allowed Artifact Pet Beasts that were Sword Devices to further control and enhance the power of the energy attached to their bodies and the sword itself. Overall, it was a Basic Skill for most Sword-type Pet Beasts. Sword Body and Jinge Technique were the two most abundant skills found on the Rotten Sword in that Secret Realm, and also the most common.

However, from what he had just seen, Su Ping hadn't really discerned any significant differences between the little paper figurine's mutated Sword Body and other instances of Sword Body.

Instantly, the Eye of Truth locked on once more, and the little paper figurine's skills were clearly displayed before Su Ping's eyes.

[Mutated·Sword Body (Beginner): Can enable the body to control energy and attach it to the body and sword, enhancing the power and speed of the sword strikes.

Mutated Effect: Countless practices have led the Paperman to a deeper understanding of the sword. Now, with the integration of energy and the sword, it can comprehend 'Swordsmanship' skills based on independent thought!]

(Note: This special skill cannot be improved through practice. It can only be enhanced by comprehending 'Swordsmanship' skills!)

What?! Su Ping stared at the mutated effect of the little paper figurine's skill.

Compared to Xiao Qing's Heart of the Poison Wood, whose mutated effect was merely absorbing Poison Type energy to nourish itself, and Old Sha's Heart of Woods, whose mutated effect allowed it to transform freely between a wooden form and an animal body, the little paper figurine's new Mutated Skill once again exceeded Su Ping's understanding. He had initially thought that the little paper figurine's mutated Sword Body would also enhance the power of the sword. He never expected the direction of the mutation to be so bizarre. Could it comprehend so-called 'Swordsmanship' skills through the combination of its own energy and sword techniques?

Su Ping blinked, remembering the basic swordsmanship movements the little paper figurine had practiced countless times at his behest. Basic moves like thrusting, flicking, and slashing. Could it be that the little paper figurine had comprehended such a special Mutated Skill because of the practice he had initially instructed? Was it due to a fluke, combined with the little paper figurine's own unique nature, that such a special Mutated Skill was comprehended? Yes! He truly was a Genius Breeder. He had anticipated this situation all along!

Su Ping paid no attention to the Paperman, still excitedly holding the Paper Sword, and instead sat down on the ground.

At that moment, the first thing that came to his mind was, indeed, those martial arts movies.

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In the current Beast Master Civilization of this world, this aspect is not widely developed; the primary ability of a Swordsmanship Beast Tamer is considered to be embodied in the sword itself.

However, certain artistic interpretations, as well as works of this kind from his previous life, could offer Su Ping significant inspiration: techniques like the One-Word Electric Sword, Lone Nine Swords, and Evil-Banishing Sword Technique...

Countless chaotic sword techniques, too numerous to mention.

Does this mean Qian Yi, the Paperman's mutated Sword Body could, through its own comprehension, learn such Swordsmanship and develop actual Skills?

For example: Lone Nine Swords Swordsmanship (Beginner)?

Although it feels quite abstract, right now, it really seems to be the case.

All of a sudden, Su Ping became extremely excited.

If that's the case, then the potential of this Mutated Skill might be even stronger than all other Mutated Skills he has seen!

The fusion of Energy with sword moves, unleashing greater power—that is Swordsmanship!

Therefore, the extension beyond these sword moves essentially encompasses various styles and techniques of swordplay!

Then, could ordinary Swordsmanship such as the Chaotic Gust Technique possibly exist? And could those so-called powerful techniques, like the 'Heavenly Sword' or 'Devastating Divine Calamity', also be actualized by Paperman?

If such 'Swordsmanship' were to be formed, wouldn't that constitute a new Super-Rank Skill?!

As this idea surfaced, Su Ping once again felt the tingling thrill in his cerebral cortex.

He abruptly turned to look at Paperman, who, even after advancing in Level, was still wielding the Paper Swords.

And, could Paperman's chance for Evolution also be hidden within?

As Old Liu said, the essence of Evolution is the ability granted by the rules of this world to all Living Beings other than humans.

And what are the conditions for Evolution? It occurs when the current form cannot meet the demands for further improvement. After all Energy has accumulated to its limit, this brings about a transformation!

This requirement is not just reaching the peak of one's Realm and the limits of one's Race, but also the so-called 'further improvement'.

Paperman had previously lacked a path to Evolution because it did not have this 'further improvement' pathway to ascend.

However, the mutation direction of Mutated Pet Beasts represents an alternative pathway for ascension.

To evolve by enhancing its sword aspect?

Previously, Su Ping had wanted to focus on Metal Element Cultivation, since Paperman possessed a Metal Element Mutation; this had seemed like a promising direction.

But now, his perspective was beginning to shift.

Although the sword, in some sense, belongs to the Metal Element, it is also somewhat distinct.

Su Ping stepped directly into the training ground.

Paperman turned its head to look at the approaching Su Ping.

"WAH! WAH!" Qian Yi exclaimed. "Master! I've grown stronger!"

Su Ping nodded with a smile, "But Qian Yi, this is just the beginning. This has laid a foundation for your improvement. The training that follows will be your real test!"

"WAH!"

Qian Yi clenched its fists.

Su Ping nodded with satisfaction. He could always find such spirited zeal in Paperman.

It was a pity, though, that he still hadn't found an effective training method for Xiao Qing.

However, there was no doubt that Paperman's situation was more crucial at the moment.

"From now on, you don't need to continue practicing these fundamental sword moves. Your foundation is already unshakably solid. What is needed now is further advancement."

"WAH!"

Su Ping paused, then continued, "All fundamental sword moves serve to build a complete Swordsmanship. Next, you need to combine those seemingly ordinary moves into a cohesive and genuine sword technique."

"WAH?!"

Paperman scratched its head; evidently, even after its Level advancement, it still did not fully understand what a complete Swordsmanship entailed.

Su Ping began to explain in a way that Paperman would understand, "Those remarkable Swordsmen you've seen use sword-derived Skills to defeat their enemies—that's Swordsmanship!"

"WAH!?"

A light gradually dawned in Paperman's eyes. Then, holding the combined Paper Swords, it closed its eyes.

Before Su Ping could react to what this little thing was planning to do, the next moment, Paperman suddenly opened its eyes.

It pounced towards the dummy, raised the Paper Swords in its hands, and began to swiftly chop down on the dummy's body.

Each strike was forceful and swift, each faster than the last.

However, there was no skill to speak of. The more Su Ping watched, the more lines of exasperation appeared on his forehead.

"Stop, stop, stop!"

Su Ping halted Paperman's self-created 'Chaotic Gust Sword Technique'.

Clearly, even though Paperman's Sword Intent Origin gave it a strong intuitive grasp of Swordsmanship.

Such disorderly chopping did not conform to the true essence of Swordsmanship.

Then, what was the necessary factor in comprehending Swordsmanship?

Su Ping ignored Paperman's confused expression and fell into deep thought himself.

Obviously, Paperman's judgment of Swordsmanship differed from the Low-level techniques mentioned in those martial arts novels.

It was about more than just the moves.

If it were merely about thrusting with the sword blade and reacting to an opponent's moves, then calling it Swordsmanship would not only be a stretch, but it also likely wouldn't possess any lethal power.

Chapter 236: The Mutant Sword Body! The Path of Evolution for the Little Paper Man?_3

Looking at that Mutated Sword Body, there's no doubt it's an accumulation of energy and sword techniques, which then transforms into Swordsmanship!

This means I need to start from the basics! What is the foundation of the Sword Body? It's the ability to combine energy with the sword. In terms of martial arts novels, this Swordsmanship would be driven by True Qi. Its most important function is to unleash greater power to break through an opponent's martial skills formed by True Qi, including protective Skills like a True Qi barrier. Or to strike the opponent faster and more decisively. Therefore, to perfect and create a truly new form of Swordsmanship, the first step is to learn to control True Qi! Swordsmanship is an energy-driven attack, where sword moves carry that energy.

Thinking of this, Su Ping patted his head.

"Qian Yi, activate the Skill: Sword Body!"

Qian Yi stretched out his hand, and the assembled Paper Sword once again emitted a faint light. It was extremely faint, but still quite noticeable in the dim basement.

"Qian Yi, can you make the Sword Body's energy burst stronger and more powerful?"

"WOAH?"

Qian Yi gave Su Ping a strange look. The faint light on the sword vanished, then a brilliant flash erupted as he slashed at the scarred mannequin.

Su Ping was startled.

Because he knew that wasn't the effect of the Sword Body, but the Jinge Technique! However, on second thought, it made sense. To make the energy burst stronger and more powerful, the Jinge Technique was indeed a Skill that could be referenced!

Immediately, Su Ping's eyes lit up.

"Qian Yi, can you try to use the principles of the Jinge Technique to activate the Sword Body? Don't just apply it to the sword; it needs to be within your body. You have to learn to feel the power of the Sword Body and then control its activation!"

The Little Paperman was confused; he didn't understand what his master meant.

So, amidst the Little Paperman's bewilderment, Su Ping involuntarily pursed his lips again. He thought of those discs and then said, "The Qi sinks to the Dantian! Circulate the Greater Heavenly Orbit!"

As soon as these words left his mouth, he immediately saw the Little Paperman's eyes light up.

The Little Paperman sat cross-legged on the ground, the Sword Body's sword energy slowly pulsing around him.

At this moment, Su Ping suddenly gained some insight.

The principle was actually very simple. For the Little Paperman Qian Yi, the Sword Body Skill was like a predefined instinct. Generally, it was enough for Qian Yi to activate this instinct for combat. The energy consumed per second when activating this Skill, and its power, were actually constant. But this constancy, in itself, actually restricted Qian Yi's potential. The more energy infused, the better the effect—that was a given. Similarly, the more energy accumulated and compressed, the stronger the resulting force would naturally be—that was also a given. To create a Swordsmanship Skill unique to the Little Paperman by integrating energy and sword moves, freely controlling the energy supply of the Mutated Sword Body was the absolute foundation.

Clearly, once he understood the principle, such control was trivial for the Little Paperman.

Soon, the light on the Paper Sword in his hands began to flicker. In the dim basement, it resembled a glow stick. It wasn't just the sword; even his own body pulsed with light.

Su Ping nodded with satisfaction and recorded all these changes in his notebook.

The entire night was spent on such experiments.

And the Little Paperman Qian Yi, truly worthy of being a Sword Soul consciousness born from two Spiritual Level Resources, possessed an incredibly high and potent Talent in this aspect!

The Sword Body Skill, it was clear, also belonged to sword-type Skills. Qian Yi's speed of mastery was so fast it astounded Su Ping.

After advancing to Elite Fourth Rank, Su Ping's physical body was further enhanced. Despite not sleeping the entire night, he was still brimming with excitement.

"Qian Yi, speed burst!"

Qian Yi's figure suddenly shot forward, rocketing from one end of the basement to the other at full power, taking merely three seconds.

And this speed was hardly inferior to the full exertion of an Elite Seventh or Eighth Rank Forest Wolf! Indeed, the Mutated Sword Body didn't just allow Qian Yi to comprehend his so-called 'own Swordsmanship'! More importantly, it allowed for a more refined control over his own energy. This effect was far more practical than any individual Skill! Of course, the energy consumption was also visibly significant. But Su Ping wasn't short on money now.

After Qian Yi visibly weakened, Su Ping tossed him two more Recovery Potions specialized for Undead Pet Beasts.

GULP. GULP.

Qian Yi was once again brimming with energy.

Evidently, Qian Yi had spent the entire night continuously practicing energy input, compression, and output, striving to meet the standards and requirements set by Su Ping.

And throughout that night, Su Ping was designing the first potential Swordsmanship move for Qian Yi!

He had a premonition that the Little Paperman's Evolution would very likely depend on the Swordsmanship Skills comprehended from the Sword Body as their foundation.

So, that night, Su Ping meticulously recalled the countless martial arts novels he had read. He reviewed all the famous Swordsmanship techniques described in them.

He discovered that the most basic, most practical, and simplest in principle might actually be a Swordsmanship technique used by some nameless minor character: the One-Word Electric Sword. The technique was simple yet fierce, utilizing explosive speed and concentrating it all into a single strike. With power and swiftness like thunder, it launched the most devastating killing blow! Of course, he didn't know if this One-Word Electric Sword was truly as he interpreted it. Regardless, it was from this

name that he deduced the killing blow of this One-Word Electric Sword. Concentrate on a single point, achieve the pinnacle!

So, Su Ping called the Little Paperman to his side.

"Qian Yi, are you ready to learn your first Swordsmanship move?"

"WOAH!"

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"True Qi, sink! Gather in the legs and the blade, poised and ready to strike like rolling thunder!"

"Unleash the sword!"

As Su Ping's words fell, the little Paperman struck an eerie pose and sent its sword flying, its speed even greater than before!

CLANG!

A clear, ringing sound of the sword, so crisp and pleasant to the ear!

If an outsider didn't know better, they would definitely think Su Ping was watching some absurd martial arts film.

But obviously, as far-fetched as it sounded, Su Ping was indeed training a Pet Beast.

The problem was, the little Paperman didn't quite understand technical terms related to Energy, but these overly dramatic martial arts terms were, surprisingly, somewhat comprehensible to it.

Accompanied by the clear ring, the blade of the Paper Swords directly struck the 'sandbag' in front of it.

The next moment, on a display not far away, a clear line of text appeared:

[Metal Attribute Skill Attack. Skill Assessment: Sharp Weapon Attack. Pet Beast's Own Level: Elite Second Rank. Estimated Skill Level: Proficient. Skill Attack Power Intensity: 67]

Indeed, this was the attack power testing lab from the Breeder Association, which Su Ping had later obtained from Old Liu.

Judging solely from attacks on a dummy, it was difficult to clearly ascertain a skill's power. This attack power testing lab undoubtedly solved that problem.

But right now, Su Ping had no time to concern himself with these details.

Instead, he frowned as he looked at the skill attack data displayed above.

An entire morning passed.

After Qian Yi had grasped the power generation and Energy utilization techniques taught by Su Ping, forming the first rudimentary version of its swordsmanship, they had remained in this lab.

However, the results were far from satisfying for Su Ping.

An attack power of 67.

For a Pet Beast of only Elite First Rank, this was already quite remarkable—even exceptional.

After all, the lab's assessment judged it as the power equivalent to a Proficient Level skill unleashed by an Elite Second Rank Pet Beast.

But for Su Ping, this was a failure!

The reason was simple: Qian Yi, when using the Jinge Technique against the wooden training dummy, could now achieve an attack power of up to 103!

This output, from an Elite First Rank Pet Beast, was comparable to, or even surpassed, the Elite Sixth or Seventh Rank Sand Wolf.

That was the power of the Jinge Technique when it reached the Perfect Level.

And now, the power of this rudimentary swordsmanship only exceeded a normal Sword Body attack by about thirty percent.

Given the supposed energy compression and speed enhancement, this level of power seemed to be within reasonable expectations.

But without a doubt, such an improvement was not enough for the little Paperman to solidify it into its own Swordsmanship skill.

Could it be, as I suspected, that this task is genuinely too demanding? Does it require an epiphany from Qian Yi, the little Paperman?

Yet, Su Ping was the little Paperman's Beast Tamer.

I've cultivated powerful Pet Beasts for others. Could it be that when it comes to my own, I'll fall short?

Su Ping could not accept such a possibility.

So, he fell into deep thought.

"WAH!?"

Qian Yi, noticing Su Ping's dissatisfaction, seemed a bit frustrated too and scratched its head.

Observing the little fellow's demeanor, Su Ping smiled and said, "Alright, you've trained all night. Go and recover. Becoming a powerful Swordsman isn't achieved overnight; you need to balance exertion and rest!"

"WAH!"

The little Paperman returned to the Undead basement.

But whether it continued training or truly rested, Su Ping didn't know. He wasn't in the mood to concern himself with that, still pondering the problem at hand.

What was still missing?

Could it be that Qian Yi simply hasn't practiced enough? Would more practice be sufficient?

Regrettably, he couldn't dwell on it further. He had other tasks to attend to today, including the commitment he'd made yesterday.

"Bro Ping, I'm at the entrance of Heart of Woods!"

Li Shu's message came through on his phone. Su Ping gathered his thoughts and stepped out the front door.

He saw Li Shu and his father, Li Senlin, whom he had only met the day before.

"Su Ping, this young man..." Li Senlin began somewhat awkwardly. After yesterday's events, his view of this young man, who was the same age as his own son, had shifted from underestimation to genuine admiration.

Su Ping, however, simply smiled. "Uncle Li, please don't worry!"

Li Senlin scratched his head. Meanwhile, Li Shu, standing beside him, gestured for his father to leave. "Alright, Dad, you should get going. Don't you have work?"

Li Senlin nodded and, after bidding Su Ping farewell, took his leave.

Leading the unusually subdued Li Shu, who was so quiet he almost seemed like a stranger, Su Ping initiated the conversation with a smile, "So, have you made up your mind?"

Li Shu nodded. "Bro Ping, I also want to become a Breeder."

Su Ping smiled faintly. "I'll be upfront with you. For now, the only Pet Beast I can offer for your practice is the Forest Wolf. Of course, some aquatic Pet Beasts might arrive in a few days, but I don't have much experience with those. Furthermore, in the future, I might indeed develop some Plant Type Pet Beasts for cultivation..."

"I understand, Bro Ping. I'll train the Forest Wolf. I've made up my mind: if I get the chance to contract a second Pet Beast in the future, I will choose the Forest Wolf!" Li Shu declared resolutely.

The smile on Su Ping's face didn't fade as he patted Li Shu's shoulder.

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"Don't worry, just keep at it. Elite Level is nothing."

As Qin Erlong had said, the first three Realms of a Beast Tamer were relatively easy to ascend. However, once one reached Commander Level, each breakthrough became as difficult as reaching the sky.

"Okay, follow me."

Having spent several days at Heart of Woods, Li Shu was quite familiar with the place. With a little guidance from Su Ping, Li Shu had quickly grasped everything.

Besides, there was the now-mature Guan Lili.

With Li Shu and Guan Lili managing the Forest Wolf pack situation, Su Ping really didn't need to worry too much.

Therefore, in the following days, he dedicated all his energy to the Cultivation of Qian Yi.

He had finally managed to evolve the little Paperman to Elite First Rank, breaking through its previous limits. Furthermore, it had even comprehended a new skill, upon which it could further develop.

Having glimpsed such an elusive path of Evolution, giving up halfway wasn't in Su Ping's character.

In the days that followed, he and the little Paperman Qian Yi spent almost all their time in the Skill Power Testing Laboratory.

For an entire week, Su Ping's life appeared incredibly monotonous to outsiders: just recording the little Paperman's skill power.

However, the improvement was minimal, almost negligible.

He even gave up on the One-Word Electric Sword.

Instead, he chose to experiment with other rudimentary forms of Swordsmanship, such as the little Paperman's "Three Sword Style" form.

With the enhancement of its Sword Body, the "Three Sword Style" Paperman was indeed stronger than before, but it still failed to comprehend any Sword Technique Skills through the mutated Sword Body.

After a week, Su Ping even began to doubt his life choices.

Even the completion of the bridge and the initial emergence of Heart of Water's lake didn't capture much of Su Ping's attention.

All his focus was on the great task of the little Paperman's Cultivation.

At night, back in his room, Su Ping continued to pore over the heritage notes of the Fengdu Sword King when, suddenly, the phone rang.

"Hello?"

Su Ping didn't even shift his gaze, nor did he check who was calling.

"Su Ping, what have you been up to these days? Your dad sends you messages, and you don't even reply?"

Su Anyong's voice came through the phone.

Su Ping snapped back to his senses. "I've been a bit busy lately. If you have something to say, just say it!"

Su Anyong felt somewhat helpless. In fact, he had called Lao Guan the previous day and knew Su Ping's current state.

These past few days, "working tirelessly" was an understatement for his condition.

Guan Lili, Li Shu, and Guan Qianshan were all profoundly impressed by him.

Only with such dedication could Su Ping even have a sliver of a chance to achieve such accomplishments.

But this state of neglecting food and rest was genuinely worrying.

Therefore, Su Anyong, perhaps the only person who could persuade Su Ping, made the call.

"Cultivating Pet Beasts isn't something done overnight. Don't put too much pressure on yourself, kid."

"Did Uncle Guan tell you?"

"Yeah."

"It's not really about pressure. I just can't figure something out..."

"Can't figure out what? Tell me about it..."

Truth be told, Su Anyong was indeed the only person Su Ping could share this with.

The Paperman was of considerable significance. Without clear results, Su Ping truly couldn't reveal it to the outside world.

Although his father's Cultivation ability was rather lacking—if he had put in even a little effort, things wouldn't have been so dire when Su Ping took over—some matters were indeed better discussed.

After all, Su Ping might indeed be missing a listener right now.

"I've contracted that mutated Paperman."

"Hmm!"

Su Anyong wasn't surprised.

"Research on the Paperman was also put on the agenda some time ago."

"Hmm!"

Su Anyong nodded. Sure enough, he thought, my foolish boy has been driven to this state by that Paperman, the shame of the Necromancy System.

"Over a month ago, research on the Paperman made a qualitative breakthrough! I discovered a skill lost to history and restored it."

"Hmm?"

Su Anyong raised an eyebrow.

But Su Ping paid no heed to the slight change in his father's tone.

"Also, the mutated Paperman I contracted subsequently comprehended two mutated Skills: Paper Body Control and Mutated Sword Body! I believe Qian Yi's chance for Evolution lies within these two Skills, and that Sword Body..."

"Hmm..."

Su Anyong was already numb from listening.

He had originally thought his son was troubled because of the Paperman's inherent racial limitations and the apparent lack of hope.

But he hadn't expected—he was simply too naive.

Is this kid really my flesh and blood? Su Anyong's eyes were filled with utter confusion. What forgotten Paperman skill from history? What two mutated Skills? What path of Evolution, what self-comprehended Skills? What in the world was all this?

"That's how it is. No matter what I try, Qian Yi just can't seem to manifest those abilities as Sword Technique Skills..."

Su Ping's voice continued over the phone.

Su Anyong snapped out of his daze. He thought for a moment and, using his meager knowledge of Cultivation, asked, "Is the energy consumption unified?"

Su Ping nodded. "Of course. I've run countless tests, attempting to unleash the skills' maximum power based on optimal energy consumption..."

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"Then... have the activation and corresponding changes of the attribute energy been dealt with?" Su Anyong scratched his head and asked.

Su Ping let out a sigh, "Of course. Qian Yi itself is a Mutated Pet Beast of the Metal Element and Necromancy System, and the energy it stimulates naturally has the sharpness effect of the Metal Element..."

When Su Ping reached this point, he suddenly paused. Resting his chin on his hand, he was lost in thought, his brow slowly furrowing. At this moment, it seemed like the shadow of something flashed through his mind. But it was still too blurry, preventing him from understanding it clearly at first.

On the other end of the phone, Su Anyong, obviously unaware of this, spoke somewhat absurdly, "Based on what you said, the skill you're mainly testing utilizes speed and explosive power to unleash the sword's might. So, what you should need is the energy change of the Thunder Element!"

"..."

Su Ping didn't respond, but his eyes had widened.

At that moment, it was as if a flash of lightning had pierced through his mind.

Just like that sword strike from Qian Yi, which seemed to carry the force of a thousand thunderbolts!

However, it was clear that Su Anyong hadn't realized any of this and continued to shake his head helplessly, "But that's indeed impossible. Your little Mutated Paperman already has both the Necromancy and Metal Elements. It couldn't possibly consume resources from other elements to experience the energy change of another attribute..."

Yet, just as his words faded, Su Ping's voice, unable to contain his excitement, came over the phone, "No, that's not right! The Paperman can't use it, but the sword can! Hahaha, I've got it! Dad, thanks, goodbye!"

CLICK.

The call was hung up.

Su Anyong stared at the phone emitting a busy signal, even more baffled.

Got it? What did he get? How come I don't know what he got? And what on earth is that skill supposedly lost to history?

However, Su Anyong quickly cleared his throat and turned off his phone.

Do I really have such talent as a Breeder? A casual remark, and Su Ping has an epiphany!

Su Anyong clicked his tongue, feeling rather pleased with himself. Perhaps it was just that I didn't delve deeply into the path of breeding back then; otherwise, Su Ping, that kid, wouldn't have even had a chance.

Obviously, Su Ping currently had no mind to concern himself with his dad's self-congratulation.

And it had to be said, Su Anyong's words truly gave him the feeling of the clouds parting to reveal the blue sky!

Previously, Su Ping hadn't thought in this direction.

Because Qian Yi did possess the attribute's energy change.

Qian Yi's energy itself was a coexistence of Gold and Necromancy attributes.

Therefore, when Qian Yi acted, it inherently possessed the sharpness characteristic of the Metal Element.

Otherwise, the power of the Paper Swords wouldn't be so exaggerated.

However, if it were merely so, it obviously wouldn't meet the requirements for the Sword Technique Skills to take form.

Su Ping also knew that for explosive speed and power, the Thunder Element was best.

And Qian Yi indeed could no longer absorb Thunder Element resources for replenishment.

But just because Qian Yi couldn't, didn't mean the swords couldn't!

Those were no ordinary swords!

They were swords assembled from three Papermen each!

Now, after two months of nurturing, the levels of these ordinary Papermen had already reached Ordinary Ninth Rank and Common Tenth Level.

Su Ping had indeed forgotten about this.

If there's no breakthrough with the little Paperman, why not look for one with the swords? After all, isn't my advantage in this swarm of Pet Beasts? Why should I make the little Paperman give up its greatest advantage for this? The Paperman's specialty is its ability to integrate from parts into a whole, and also to break down from a whole into parts!

At that moment, Su Ping didn't even feel a hint of sleepiness and immediately sought out Lao Guan, "Lao Guan, do we have any low-level Thunder Element resources at our base?"

Lao Guan was taken aback. Watching Su Ping's excited demeanor, he wondered, How did Su Anyong manage this? Not only did he fail to get the kid to rest, but he even seemed to have given him a shot of adrenaline?

He shook his head, "We don't use Thunder Element resources here, and the resort doesn't have any in stock either. But, if you need them, I can order some now."

"No, that will take too long. I can't wait that long..." Su Ping immediately waved his hand.

Then he called Dong MUYUN.

"Su Ping!" Dong MUYUN's voice sounded somewhat delighted.

"Are you busy right now? If not, send me some Thunder Element resources quickly. I need them urgently!"

"Thunder Element resources? Okay, what level do you need?"

"The Elite Level will do. It would be best to get more of the Elite Level resource 'Thunder Summoning Paper'!"

"Thunder Summoning Paper? Got it!"

Dong Muyun was, as always, reliable.

Not even half an hour had passed before she parked in front of Heart of Woods, seeing Su Ping waiting anxiously at the door, "Here's the Thunder Summoning Paper you wanted, and some other Thunder Element resources. What have you been busy with these days?"

Obviously, the current Su Ping was not in the mood to engage Dong Muyun in idle chat, "Something's come up. I'll tell you about it when I have time!"

Before the last word of his sentence fully left his mouth, Su Ping's figure had already dashed back into the Heart of Woods base.

Watching Su Ping disappear, Dong Muyun stomped her foot in annoyance, though she was also curious. Could this guy have made another astonishing discovery?

Su Ping had no time to bother with anyone else. Carrying the resources stored in his Space Ring, he rushed to the Undead basement.

"Paper Swords! Disassemble!"

At Su Ping's command, to Paperman Qian Yi's astonishment, all the Paper Swords turned back into Papermen.

"Abba abba..."

Looking at these Papermen that had returned to an incomplete state, Su Ping took a deep breath.

He didn't know what would happen to these Papermen after they used the Thunder Element resources. But at this moment, he couldn't worry about that. As long as their energy gained the Thunder Element's attribute change, allowing Qian Yi to perceive it and perfect the skill, the goal would be achieved.

So, Su Ping steeled his resolve.

He took out three Thunder Summoning Papers and some other low-level Thunder Element resources.

This dosage was based on his cultivation experience, designed to allow the Papermen to digest the volatile Thunder Element energy to the greatest extent.

He handed them to three Papermen who had reached the highest Ordinary Ninth Rank, and whose Paper Body Joint skill had been upgraded to Mastery Level.

In fact, once they reached this level, Su Ping had already planned to attempt the Papermen's evolution.

Now was the perfect opportunity.

The three Papermen seemed to understand Su Ping's intent. After consuming a few Ordinary Level, low-level Thunder Element resources, their bodies began to crackle.

It was the sound of static electricity!

Then, they swallowed the 'Thunder Summoning Paper'—an Elite Level Thunder Element resource with which they had the highest compatibility—in one gulp.

At that moment, Su Ping didn't even wait for them to fully digest the Thunder Summoning Paper. After all, even if it was the gentlest Thunder Element resource and the most compatible with Papermen, it was still an Elite Level resource.

If any problems arose, he would be helpless.

So, seizing the moment, Su Ping decisively issued their most familiar command to the three Papermen, "Paper Swords! Merge!"

Paperman Qian Yi watched the scene unfold before him, not understanding why.

However, the three Papermen, whose bodies had begun to emit white electric flashes and crackling lightning, still subconsciously obeyed Su Ping's commands.

The blade! The sword core! The hilt!

The three components, flickering with electrical light, completed their respective transformations.

Then, with a sound like gears and clockwork springs meshing, the assembly was complete.

A Paper Sword, flickering with electric arcs and lightning, appeared in Su Ping's field of view.

And at that very moment, even before Su Ping could react, a blinding light instantly illuminated the entire Undead basement!

This light was so dazzling, clearly reflecting Su Ping's dumbfounded expression and gaze.

Su Ping had seen such a light once before.

It was when Old Sha evolved from Forest Wolf into Wanmu Wolf.

In other words, due to this series of coincidences, these ordinary Papermen had begun to evolve!

The Paperman, disparaged by countless Breeders—including Senior Undead Breeders and even some masters—was evolving! It was known as the shame of the Necromancy System. Apart from the worthless Armor Paperman, it was considered a trash-tier Pet Beast with no room or potential for evolution whatsoever!

Chapter 240: The Lightning Paperman! The Lonely Blade!

Before, Su Ping certainly had a premonition, but he never expected this step would come so quickly.

As for the Evolution of Paperman, Su Ping had done some research.

Undoubtedly, the key point lies in the Paper Body Joint technique.

So, for such a long time, the nurturing of resources in the Necromancy Series had never ceased, and the Level advancement of Paperman, especially the meticulous sharing of connections via the Paper Body Joint skill, was scrupulously maintained. For this purpose, he had even specially increased the cultivation of some Papermen.

The three here now were the original three, whose Level had reached ordinary Level 10. Coupled with a Master Level Paper Body Joint, they had also already reached the limit for a Paperman creature.

But, Su Ping really didn't expect that upon reaching this limit, the Evolution of Paperman would turn out to be so simple.

Was it his own lucky blunder? Or did Paperman inherently have an affinity for the Thunder Element?

Or perhaps, after reaching this Level, the Evolution of Paperman was naturally easygoing?

Su Ping didn't know; all he could do was stand dumbfounded alongside the small Paperman Qian Yi, staring at what was before them.

The little Paperman was even more stupefied.

It hadn't evolved, but its sword had?

Who the hell could it even talk to about this?

Yet, the fact was unfolding right before their eyes.

The Evolution of a Pet Beast didn't last long. Especially for a Paperman of a lower Rank, its Evolution was not particularly high-level among special Pet Beasts.

Compared to Old Sha's Light of Evolution, which lasted close to an hour, the light of this Evolution didn't even persist for ten minutes.

The glow of Evolution gradually faded away.

Evolution is one of the basic rules of this world. It could accelerate a creature's development—a process that might normally take thousands, if not tens of thousands, of years—all due to an overflow of Energy. It was simply astonishing.

Accompanied by Su Ping's amazement, the light completely disappeared.

Finally, the three Papermen that had completed their Evolution appeared clearly before Su Ping's eyes.

At a glance, they seemed unchanged?

They were still Paper Swords, except now, their color was somewhat dimmer. The previous Paper Swords were extremely pale, similar to the whiteness of Paperman's body. After the Evolution, the Paper Swords had a silver-gray metallic sheen, and at first glance, one could no longer discern that they were made of paper.

Moreover, along the blade, streaks of blue-white lightning occasionally flickered.

Had they truly evolved into Thunder Swords?

Su Ping blinked, and this time, unable to wait, he used the Eye of Truth and analyzed the special state of the three evolved Papermen in front of him:

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

[Attribute: Undead, Thunder]

[Current Level: Elite Third Rank]

[Racial Potential: Elite Tenth Stage]

[Skills: Paper Body Folding (Proficient), Paper Body Joint·Thunder (Proficient), Paper Body Compression (Beginner), Paralysis Spell (Beginner), Thunder Strike (Exclusive Skill for Paper Sword·Thunder Form)]

Paperman·Thunder? Isn't this name a bit too simplistic? Compared to Forest Wolf and Wanmu Wolf, it's worlds apart.

Just by adding a suffix to Paperman and that's it?

Was it because the changes in the Evolution itself weren't significant?

Su Ping wasted no time and looked at the three new skills of this newly-evolved Thunder Paperman.

[Paper Body Compression (Beginner): Can compress its own paper body to enhance its mass and reduce its size.]

A very common Racial Skill, but with great potential.

[Paralysis Spell (Beginner): A basic Thunder Element skill, can paralyze an enemy using the power of thunder.]

Just as described, a very basic skill ability.

And undoubtedly, among the three skills, the most crucial one was the last.

[Thunder Strike (Exclusive Skill for Paper Sword·Thunder Form): Special Skill, can only be used by Paperman·Thunder in Paper Sword Form, concentrating the power of three Papermen to unleash a powerful thunderous blow.]

(Note: This skill Level cannot be improved and is determined by the Level of Paperman·Thunder's 'Paralysis Spell'.)

Generally speaking, among Pet Beast skills, with every major breakthrough in their race limit, roughly equivalent to a Great Realm, the number of acquired Racial Skills increases by one or two. However, Paperman·Thunder, with its four Racial Skills, had acquired yet another new skill upon merging into Paper Sword·Thunder Form.

Form-based skills? Interesting! Could the skills change with a different form?

Is this the potential of Paperman?

"Wait a minute." Su Ping suddenly raised his eyebrows. Looking at the Paperman·Thunder's skills, he thought, the original Paper Body Joint seemed to have undergone some changes?

[Paper Body Joint·Thunder (Proficient): One of the core techniques exclusive to Paperman, to be used in conjunction with 'Paper Body Folding'! Can complete joining with other Papermen, with effects including Level enhancement, soul completion, Energy resonance, and more.

Having acquired Thunder Element attribute changes, joining with other Papermen of the same attribute yields greater effects. However, joining with Papermen of different attributes recklessly can result in uncontrollable and unpredictable consequences!

Currently mastered form: Paper Sword·Thunder (Elite) (Requires: 3 Papermen·Thunder)]

Sure enough.

Previously, the form mastered by this Paper Body Joint was: Paper Swords (Ordinary).