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The current form had become Paper Sword • Thunder (Elite).

Speaking of which, will there be Paper Sword • Fire (Elite) and Paper Sword • Wind (Elite) in the future? Su Ping wondered. Will the Paper Sword change and differ based on the attributes of the evolved Paperman after assembly? If I continue to develop other assembly forms based on the Paperman's shape, will the level cap for these forms also be raised? Like 'Thunder Summoning Sword (Commander)'? Or even something like 'Thunder Commanding Sword (Monarch)'? It's not impossible!

At this moment, Su Ping had a clearer understanding of the Paperman's potential.

It truly deserves the recognition of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas—a special Pet Beast with tremendous potential!

So, what is the foundation that affects the level cap of the assembly forms? Is it the Level of a single Paperman? Or is it the number of Papermen needed for the combined form? Both are possible!

Before Su Ping could think any further, the 'Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas,' which had been quiet for a long time, reacted at this very moment, just as he'd expected.

The blue LV2 Illustrated Handbook entry for the Paperman slowly appeared in Su Ping's mind.

A new entry appeared in the log:

[Origami Man Record has logged an evolutionary form catalog branch: Paperman: Thunder Form Evolutionary Body. Gained Experience Points: 200!]

[You can enter the Origami Man Record to further inspect the 'Paperman: Thunder' form analysis.]

[The Paperman: Thunder form is a branch of the Paperman form Evolution Chart; thus, the Paperman: Thunder Form Catalog has no level Experience Points. Experience Points gained from this form will be credited back to the Origami Man Record!]

[Interacting with three Paper Sword • Thunder daily for a certain amount of time will earn Origami Man Record Experience +10×3.]

Only 200 Experience Points. This didn't surprise Su Ping much; after all, the Level of this Thunder Element Paperman was indeed too low.

The rest was just as it had been when Old Sha evolved. The evolution of the Thunder Element Paperman would still continue to affect the Origami Man Record itself.

With a thought, Su Ping confirmed it. Indeed, at the top of the Origami Man Record, below the entry 'Special Cultivation, Evolution,' a new annotation appeared.

Unlocked Evolutionary Forms:

[Branch Catalog: Paperman: Thunder]

[Paperman: Thunder: A Paperman that has undergone normal Thunder Element enhancement. Its upper limit has increased to a certain extent, and the strength of its assembled form after assembly has also been greatly improved! Possesses Racial Skills: Paper Body Folding, Paper Body Joint • Thunder, Paper Body Compression, Paralysis Spell.]

Just then, "WOOAH!"

The little Paperman, looking at the Paper Sword shimmering with lightning, finally couldn't contain his excitement!

Although it was a bit disappointing that he hadn't completed his own evolution while the sword did, at least his strength seemed to be enhanced, right?

Su Ping also snapped back to reality and looked at the little Paperman.

The Paperman's evolution is an unexpected joy, he mused. However, compared to the Wanmu Wolf, the key to the Paperman's evolution still lay with Qian Yi. The main reason for studying Papermen was, after all, to help Qian Yi achieve his Evolution!

At Su Ping's signal, Qian Yi reached out and finally grasped the Paper Sword • Thunder!

Instantly, dazzling lightning spread from the blade all over Qian Yi's body.

"WOOAH!" the little Paperman cried out in exaggerated pain. His two-dimensional face, clearly numb from the electric shock, contorted into an expression of tearful agony.

But soon, the little Paperman's two-dimensional face changed again. "WOOAH!? Is this the power of thunder and lightning!?"

His previously numb body actually stood up straight again, and he struck a heroic pose, brandishing the sword as if ready for battle.

But soon, the little Paperman's face changed yet again!

The face of an Ace of Spades appeared, seeming to signify that the little Paperman had entered his most serious state.

Serious Qian Yi.

Su Ping watched this little guy intently.

As expected! My guess was correct!

The little Paperman's Mutated Skill, Paper Body Control, allowed him to control all Papermen he came into contact with. In other words, this was, in a sense, another form of Paper Body Joint. However, the Paper Body Joint of other Papermen was literal, requiring them to piece themselves together with other Papermen.

But Qian Yi was different. Qian Yi possessed complete self-awareness and a soul, so he didn't need to piece together with any other Papermen to perfect his soul. Because he already had the most complete soul, Qian Yi could control other Papermen! This control surpassed the mere concept of assembly!

Perhaps a sword held in a swordsman's hand is also a form of assembly? Su Ping thought.

Therefore, even if his own attributes differed, after the Papermen were imbued with Thunder Element power, Qian Yi could naturally still master that power!

However, Su Ping's deeper thoughts went beyond merely controlling the Paper Sword itself. What he was wondering at that moment was whether Qian Yi, after grasping the Paper Sword • Thunder, could control the Thunder Element power within it!

If he could, that would be heaven-defying!

Su Ping's eyes narrowed as he looked at the little Paperman before him.

At this moment, the little Paperman didn't need Su Ping's command; his aura slowly condensed. Lightning coiled around the long sword in his hand, and the silver-gray blade emitted a crackling sound.

It turned out that although the Swordsman's 'poker face' was truly abstract, the little Paperman, his face now an 'A', was always the most trustworthy. He stood there in the gloomy basement, which in that instant seemed to have transformed completely into his domain.

Qian Yi's attention was entirely focused on the tempered steel dummy in the distance. Even after practicing for so long, despite the little Paperman's relentless slashing day and night, the dummy still stood firm.

His True Qi sank, settling in his legs and the sword blade, poised to erupt like a thunderclap!

Finally, the little Paperman, like a leopard about to pounce, assumed his sword stance—a posture he had practiced countless times over the past week. But this time, it was clearly different from any before.

The little Paperman sensed and comprehended the changes in the Thunder Attribute energy.

The legacy of the Fengdu Sword King was correct—a Sword Soul born from the Sword Intent Origin combined with a Soul Tomb possessed absolute Talent for anything related to swordsmanship. So, sensing and merging with the changes of the Thunder Attribute in a mere dozen seconds or so—was that also possible?

Thus, in that instant of readiness, a moment Su Ping hadn't anticipated, Qian Yi moved!

'BOOM!'

It was as if thunder had exploded right beside Su Ping's ears!

Was that thunder? Perhaps. But Su Ping wasn't sure, as there was another possibility: the sonic boom from an incredible burst of speed! Too fast!

Even as Su Ping reacted, he only saw an afterimage of lightning streaking out! Accompanying it was that all-too-familiar clang of the sword, a sound he had grown rather tired of hearing!

At the limit of his vision, the lightning-wreathed Paper Sword • Thunder was still clutched in Qian Yi's hand. Only, the lightning flickering upon it seemed much dimmer.

The next moment, Qian Yi executed a flourish and sheathed the long sword—the Paper Sword • Thunder—back into its scabbard. The little Paperman, his back to Su Ping, maintained the sword-sheathing posture.

Then, the tempered steel dummy emitted a grating CRACK.

Before Su Ping's eyes, the head of the incredibly tough dummy slowly separated from its neck and slid to the ground! The cut was as smooth as a mirror, as if what had been severed wasn't a tempered steel dummy capable of withstanding blows from elite high-tiered Pet Beasts, but an ordinary wooden one.

"WOOAH... So this is my first true sword strike..."

At some point, Qian Yi, at the limit of Su Ping's vision, slowly straightened up. He adjusted his paper conical hat and, with a touch of 'melancholy,' lamented with that familiar phrase, "WOOAH... This sword strike... how lonely it is..."

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[Gold, Thunder Attribute Skill Attack, Skill Judged as: Sharp Weapon Attack (Paperman), Pet Beast's own Level: Elite First Rank, Estimated Skill Level: Perfection Level, Skill Attack Power: 139]

139!

In the laboratory, even though Su Ping had prepared himself, at this moment, he still couldn't help but inhale sharply.

This attack power was already comparable to a Sand Wolf that had consumed Heart of the Wolf and an energy burst potion.

In other words, the power of this skill had reached the attack force of an Elite Peak.

However, this was merely the collective power unleashed by four Elite First Rank Papermen.

Indeed, after completing its Evolution, the Paperman - Thunder, when disassembled, was composed of Elite First Rank units.

However, upon merging into the Paper Sword - Thunder, its Level rose to Elite Third Rank.

And this sword, when wielded by Qian Yi, unleashed an attack with power approaching the Elite Peak!

The Papermen's assembly and combination unleashed power that surpassed the limitations of their own Realm.

[One-Word Electric Sword (Proficient): Combining the explosive power of the Thunder Element with the sharpness of a sword, it can unleash immense destructive power and burst speed in an instant! One of the Swordsmanship techniques Qian Yi created, belonging to his 'Ace of Spades' series of Swordsmanship!]

Indeed, when the little Paperman finally grasped the Sword of Thunder, the One-Word Electric Sword, which it had practiced for a full week, finally came to fruition.

The only thing that gave Su Ping a headache was that this Special Skill, entirely self-created by the little Paperman—a skill that, to his knowledge, had not appeared in other Pet Beasts—seemed to have its description in the Eye of Truth altered by the Paperman's own will.

God damn it, the 'Ace of Spades' series of Swordsmanship!

However, Su Ping suddenly recalled that the last time the little Paperman Qian Yi entered the Three Sword Style state, it was a similar situation.

This little guy wouldn't be planning to categorize all his comprehended Swordsmanship techniques with playing cards, would he?

It wouldn't matter much now when no one was around. However, the mere thought of this little guy turning into a giant poker face during Pet Beast combat in an arena in the future made Su Ping break out in a cold sweat.

What if he used that poker face to look up and spout some bizarre phrases?

Envisioning such a scene, Su Ping cringed so intensely his toes felt like they were trying to dig a hole in the floor.

At this moment, he was filled with regret, wondering why he ever tried to show the little Paperman martial arts films? Why inform him about the carefree and lonely life of a Swordsman?

Clearly, watching the enraptured, heavenward-gazing little Paperman, Su Ping knew it was already too late.

Way too late!

It's just like raising a child; if you don't educate them properly when they're young, no matter how hard you try later on, it's very hard to change them.

He was filled with immense regret!

However, as Su Ping looked on in desperate frustration, suddenly, a light began to shine from the blissful little Paperman.

But the light was just a fleeting glow that vanished in an instant.

Su Ping blinked, puzzled. If it wasn't for the fact that he had been working around the clock recently, and then stayed up all night because of the Paperman Evolution, along with Qian Yi's mastery of Swordsmanship, causing his eyes to be blurry, then that light just now...

Was that the Light of Evolution? The same Light of Evolution he had seen just last night?

However, unlike the Paperman's direct Evolution, the light on Qian Yi had merely flashed for a moment before disappearing.

What did that signify?

Su Ping held his breath.

Because he knew he had guessed correctly.

The Evolution of a Mutated Pet Beast could not be judged by the standards of a normal Pet Beast's Evolution.

High risk, high reward.

Old Liu's words still echoed in his ears.

This was because with Mutated Pet Beasts, one couldn't attempt Evolution using the methods of their original Race.

They could only rely on their Breeder's knowledge for experimentation.

However, now that the little Paperman had advanced alongside Su Ping's own Level-up and comprehended the mutated Sword Body, Su Ping was certain.

The Paperman's Evolution had to be related to 'Paper Body Control' and 'Sword Body.'

What Su Ping hadn't expected, however, was for signs to emerge so quickly.

Yes, that was definitely the Light of Evolution!

Breeder's knowledge explained such phenomena: a Pet Beast that had met some evolutionary requirements, with its Energy at its peak and thus on the verge of Evolution, might sometimes unconsciously emit this Light of Evolution.

However, because some conditions were still unmet, it couldn't complete the final Evolution.

Previously, Old Sha, during his final power accumulation, and several other Wanmu Wolves had occasionally shown flashes of the Light of Evolution during the final stages of their Cultivation!

So, after Qian Yi comprehended the One-Word Electric Sword, causing the mutated 'Sword Body' to reach the Proficient Level for the first time through Swordsmanship comprehension, had he already met some of the requirements for Evolution? Was he on the brink of Evolution?

Then, what was Qian Yi lacking now? Was it evolutionary Energy? Or the comprehension of other Swordsmanship techniques?

Su Ping didn't know. He only knew that from his perspective, these seemed to be the only two possibilities.

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Swordsmanship comprehension could continue, and the accumulation of Evolution Energy could be enhanced using resources!

Without a doubt, Su Ping's Contracted Beast seemed to have finally, truly, touched the edge of evolution. The significance of this was self-evident. The most significant difference was that Su Ping might not only be a Breeder in the future but also a true, combat-capable Beast Tamer!

Thinking of this, Su Ping looked towards the little fellow who was still reveling in his self-satisfaction.

"Qian Yi, the comprehension of swordsmanship is for dealing with all kinds of possible combat situations. The One-Word Electric Sword is just the beginning, certainly not the end! Are you ready for the second swordsmanship technique?"

"WAH!"

The little Paperman was brimming with confidence. Clearly, having completed the comprehension of the One-Word Electric Sword, the little Paperman not only achieved a deeper understanding of himself but also of the sword in his hands. Some energy conversions that he couldn't complete on his own could now be done through the sword. After all, if Heart of Woods had nothing else, it certainly had plenty of swords. The number of Papermen that could combine to form sword shapes was even greater.

So, the little Paperman patted his chest confidently. As long as there were swords, and as long as 'Master' could make them, he would have no problem.

However, the One-Word Electric Sword had been Su Ping's experiment. In such a short time, he really couldn't think of any other swordsmanship techniques to create. Thus, as the master, Su Ping decisively delegated this responsibility to the little Paperman.

"Qian Yi! A true Swordsman also needs to create his own swordsmanship techniques! Do you understand?!"

Qian Yi blinked. "WAH? Create my own?"

He then nodded resolutely. "WAH! I understand!"

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Qian Yi returned to the necromancy basement to practice his so-called self-created swordsmanship, and Su Ping also began his preparations. He needed to prepare Necromancy System and Metal Element resources, from Elite to Commander Level—three of each type and for each level. Furthermore, to avoid any special circumstances, Su Ping had even exchanged for a Monarch Level Necromancy System resource from the Legion: the 'Frozen Soul Flame'. This was a precaution.

Besides this, Su Ping looked once more at the legacy of the Fengdu Sword King. Dong Muyun had initially given it to him after he was blasted out of the Secret Realm; Dong Muyun himself had received it as a gift to be passed on. From the outside, this item was a sword-shaped pendant, but in reality, there was a small space inside. This small space held the knowledge legacy of the Fengdu Sword King.

Previously, Su Ping would occasionally look at this legacy, but only in his free time. Because the books of the Sword King's legacy were made of sheepskin parchment, they were quite troublesome to handle, so his reading progress was not fast. However, these past few days, because of its connection to swords and the little Paperman, Su Ping had been studying it closely. Once he started, he found it hard to stop.

This was normal. After all, it was a notebook left by an ancient Beast Tamer who had reached the pinnacle of the Emperor Level. Containing the entire life's work of an Emperor Peak Level Beast Tamer, it wouldn't make sense if it were simple.

The idea of blindly revering antiquity was inadvisable in the era of Beast Tamers. The development of Pet Beasts was ever-changing; modern Beast Tamers were not necessarily stronger than those of ancient times, but they were definitely not weaker.

Therefore, Su Ping acknowledged some parts of this Fengdu Sword King's legacy notebook, while others he didn't care much for. After all, it was primarily a record of experiences and some Sword Device Cultivation and training methods. However, it lacked the most important thing!

As the Spirit of the Secret Realm had said, the Fengdu Sword King's two truly secret Sword Device evolution methods—the ordinary Rotten Sword evolving into the Commander Peak Immortal White Bone Sword, and the Emperor Peak Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword—had both been offered to some Glazed Saint Master. They would never again be imparted to others.

Without these Secret Techniques for Cultivation and evolution, this notebook naturally only had referential value. Having read it all in one go, Su Ping's understanding of Sword Device Cultivation had undergone an earth-shattering transformation.

Although he didn't possess any Sword Artifact Pet Beasts, nor did he plan on contracting one, he had Paperman and now Qian Yi! The 'Paper Swords • Thunder' form the Paperman had evolved into this time made Su Ping realize just how tremendous its evolutionary potential was!

So, could he use the Cultivation and evolution methods for Instrument Type Pet Beasts to combine with the swords formed by the Paperman?

It had to be said, this was indeed quite possible! The Paperman was too flexible! If it was just a matter of forming a sword, then he could cultivate it according to its corresponding parts. He could use Sword Device experience to cultivate the Paperman!

It was a pity that although Su Ping now possessed a wealth of experiential theory, he lacked a genuine Sword Device evolution Cultivation method to experiment with, even indirectly.

Picking up the parchment, Su Ping was about to return it to the cabinet. However, Su Ping's eyebrows soon furrowed. The last page of the parchment book was blank.

Although Su Ping was puzzled as to why the Fengdu Sword King would leave the last page blank, he still respected the Sword King. Even though he had ultimately parted on bad terms with the Sword King's Sword Spirit, Su Ping still respected the Sword King. He resolved that if an opportunity arose in the future, he would try to fulfill the Fengdu Sword King's final wish.

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But when his palm touched the last page again, he frowned. The last page not only felt much harder, but it was also significantly heavier.

Su Ping's eyes held a strange look. Did ancient Beast Tamers all like to play these little tricks? So, this 'secret technique' in the last page's interlayer... was it supposed to be soaked in water, heated by fire, or was there some other method?

Su Ping didn't attempt any of those. Instead, he took it directly to the laboratory. The superconducting sonic detector took only a moment to analyze the material of the final parchment page.

Su Ping clicked his tongue and shook his head, then looked at the analysis results:

[Flowing Firefly Parchment, thick parchment double-layered; the top layer must be peeled back and placed under fluorescent or ultraviolet light to reveal the lingering text.]

Just as I expected! This is the power of technology!

Su Ping did as instructed. Subsequently, a sheepskin letter appeared in his hands.

Under the illumination of the ultraviolet lamp, the text inside was clearly revealed:

[Method for Cultivating the Immortal White Bone Sword:...]

[Method for Cultivating the Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword:...]

Su Ping smiled. Just as I expected. When someone is on the brink of death, what good are oaths? "Never to be passed on?" This was a cultivation method researched by the Fengdu Sword King himself. If the

Glazed Saint Master hadn't continued the legacy, or if some accident had occurred, wouldn't the lifelong efforts of the Fengdu Sword King have been completely wasted, lost to history? Clearly, no one would accept such an outcome. Thus, it was only natural for the Fengdu Sword King to leave behind some tricks in the end. This was likely unknown even to the Secret Realm Sword Spirit.

However, aside from the evolution and cultivation of these two Sword Devices, there were also some genuine last words left by the Fengdu Sword King:

"This is the culmination of my life's work; I cannot bear to see it lost in solitude. If someone destined finds it, pass it on! Then, I shall die without regrets."

"The Sword Soul was some foolish wishful thinking in my final years. Whether it succeeds or fails, I have no regrets."

"I leave the legacy within the Heavenly Tomb Sword Seal, in hopes that future generations will not forget my name, Yu Liangqing, the Fengdu Sword King!"

"Alas, I was ultimately unable to reach the divine realm, extend my life further, and slay the Ghost Gods of the Heavenly Tomb... What a pity."

Reading the last words of the Fengdu Sword King, Su Ping couldn't help but shake his head with a sense of helplessness. Even a Beast Tamer who had reached Emperor Level would one day return to dust. How high must a Beast Tamer's Realm be to truly achieve immortality?

Su Ping didn't know, nor was he inclined to dwell on it. Instead, he focused his attention on the Fengdu Sword King's words.

The Heavenly Tomb Sword Seal? Su Ping picked up the sword-shaped pendant hanging around his neck. This piece of junk actually has a name? Isn't it just a common spatial item? In modern society, spatial items aren't particularly rare because some companies specialize in making them. Among the products produced by space-related Pet Beasts, the Space Ring is the most widely used. Could this thing have been rare in ancient times?

Su Ping scratched his head. And what about this final mention of 'slaying the Ghost Gods of the Heavenly Tomb'? Connecting the dots, the answer wasn't hard to guess. It was likely that hundreds of years ago, during the Liang Dynasty, there was a place called the Heavenly Tomb, home to many Undead Ferocious Beasts. It's somewhat similar to some of the remaining human restricted areas today, where Ferocious Beasts lurk. However, there had been no mention of it in recent years; evidently, it must have been wiped out. This Heavenly Tomb Sword Seal was likely a resource from that place.

He wore the sword-shaped pendant purely because he liked its appearance and it also functioned as spatial equipment.

Su Ping shook his head, not wanting to overthink it. Compared to this so-called Heavenly Tomb, Su Ping was more interested in the cultivation methods for the two unique Sword Devices mentioned above.

The Immortal White Bone Sword. It was an Evolutionary Body of the Rotten Sword, an Elite Level Racial Potential Artifact Pet Beast. It was a Peak Command Evolutionary Body, cultivated from at least an Elite Level Skeleton Warrior and supplemented by a series of resources.

I'm not the same Su Ping as before; such Evolutionary Bodies seem relatively ordinary to me now. The final evolutionary potential only increased by one Great Realm. If it weren't for the subsequent Second Stage Evolution that directly reached the Emperor Peak Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword, I might have glanced at it once and then paid it no further attention.

The Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword... now this Evolutionary Body is truly intriguing. An Artifact Pet Beast capable of directly slaying those of the Necromancy System, with significant damage enhancement against Ghost Soul types of the Necromancy System, was extremely rare. Therefore, discovering this evolutionary cultivation method is of great interest to me. The evolution of the Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword is also fascinating. There's no need to elaborate on the plethora of evolution steps and required resources. The final evolution, however, has a particularly special standard: it required slaying a certain number of Undead Pet Beasts, and even needing to slay Monarch Level Undead Pet Beasts of a higher rank! Evolution that actually required killing...

Undoubtedly, this once again gave me an eye-opening discovery. The evolution of Pet Beasts in the Beast Tamer world can take on all sorts of possibilities, including the Paperman's Paper Body Joint. If I didn't have the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, who would have imagined that the Paperman, which showed no signs of any evolutionary trigger, would evolve in such a way?

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The Immortal White Bone Sword's evolution through slaughter might have been like that as well, Su Ping mused. It's just unknown how that Fengdu Sword King, Yu Liangqing, managed to pull off such high-level kills.

Just thinking about it, Su Ping could envision an intense and thrilling scene in his mind.

Unfortunately, as soon as this image appeared, it was shattered by the last few words of the method for evolving the Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword:

[It's recommended that the other Pet Beasts are elevated to Monarch Level, or to seek help from a Monarch Beast Tamer to capture Monarch-level Deadly Beasts so that they could be slain with the Immortal White Bone Sword...]

"Damn it, although it's realistic, it's really not romantic at all!" Su Ping couldn't help but grouse.

However, just at this moment, the ever-active Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas suddenly stirred again.

It wasn't on any specific Catalog, but a message appeared directly in Su Ping's mind:

[Obtained the Cultivation method for the 'Rotten Sword's' Evolutionary Body 'Immortal White Bone Sword', and its Second-stage Evolution 'Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword'.]

['Rotten Sword' Catalog has not been activated; unable to further perfect and complete its Cultivation Evolution method!]

Hmm?

Su Ping frowned slightly and shook his head in frustration. Without the Catalog being lit, even with the evolution method, there are no Experience Points to improve further. This is, indeed, to be expected.

However, just as Su Ping was about to filter out this message, the Catalog for the Paperman lit up on the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas!

[Detected a special Evolutionary Body, 'Immortal White Bone Sword'; and its Second-stage Evolution, 'Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword'. The evolution method is related to its compatibility with the Paperman's Paper Sword Form.]

[Can consume Paperman Record Experience Points to deduce the evolution method for this Evolutionary Body. Each attempt costs 100 Experience Points! With each failure, the chance of success for the next attempt increases.]

[Your own research can also speed up the success rate of deduction.]

Su Ping scratched his head. Did the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas have this effect too? But it must be said, the Paper Sword Form of the Paperman and this type of Sword Device Pet Beast indeed share a similar ingenious mechanism. In that case, should he give it a try?

Su Ping wasn't the type to be indecisive or deliberately make things harder for himself. If he could use the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas to "cheat" directly, why would he waste time researching? Was he soft in the head? Wouldn't it be better to spend that time researching something the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas couldn't help him "cheat" with?

So, Su Ping licked the corner of his mouth. A hundred Experience Points per attempt doesn't seem like much, does it?

He glanced at the Experience Points of the Paperman Record again: LV2 (1,451/2,000).

Over a thousand Experience Points, he thought. Compared to the Forest Wolf, leveling up the Paperman Record isn't that urgent. LV3 Mind's Eye isn't particularly necessary for the Paperman either. Since Qian Yi controls the Paperman, it doesn't need extensive vision for combat. So, should I try it? Try it!

Su Ping made his decision in an instant:

[Consumed 100 Experience Points from the Paperman Record. Deduction failed. Next attempt success rate increased!]

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[...]

Su Ping's eyes turned bloodshot. He had burned through over a thousand Experience Points, leaving him with only a couple hundred. It was only then that he finally came to his senses.

What kind of messed-up system is this? How come this trick feels so familiar? Gacha? Or gambling?

At this moment, Su Ping gained a new insight in life, following his previous mantra that 'riddle-makers deserve death': Gamblers deserve a terrible fate!

He let out a long sigh and walked out the door.

The sunlight outside was incredibly blinding, making him feel somewhat dazed.

Fortunately, just then, the ringing of his phone diverted the heartbroken Su Ping's attention.

It was a call from Dong Muyun.

Su Ping answered, and Dong Muyun's voice chirped from the other end, "Su Ping! Come to the main entrance of Yun Tian. I've brought you that big toy you've been longing for!"

In an instant, Su Ping's eyes brightened.

Could he finally get some payback against Su Anyong?

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This was a pitch-black work of art!

Indeed, Su Ping still described it as a "work of art."

Mainly, its design was just too exaggerated.

Su Ping could see every cool pose and ferocious feature he could imagine embodied in this thing.

It was entirely pitch-black. Where the wheels should be, bright red lines snaked across, resembling fresh blood or perhaps blazing flames.

It was fancy, yet without that ghostly vibe. The texture of the car's body was extremely unique.

Its low-slung body, combined with a floating chassis, ensured it could glide over almost any terrain with ease.

As Su Ping caressed the shell of this thing, he was dazzled and mesmerized.

It truly is cool.

There was no doubt about its appeal, evident from the gazes of guests coming and going at the Yuntian Resort entrance, and the many people who had gathered to look.

Few men with conventional tastes could dislike such a thing.

Dong Muyun stood by, a smug smile playing on her lips. "Like it?"

"Love it, love it!" Su Ping immediately nodded.

"Glad you like it! This thing's value is even higher than my Red King!"

Su Ping raised an eyebrow, looking at the woman in surprise. "Oh?"

Dong Muyun gave him a knowing glance, tossed the keys over, and then slipped into the passenger seat of this thing.

Su Ping caught the keys and got into the car as well.

The interior was still dominated by black, but it was blended with a dark, night-blue style.

Evidently, the restless energy of its black and red exterior signified an unrivaled, surging passion.

Meanwhile, the dark, night-blue interior was designed to keep the driver cool and composed at all times.

A great design style; I really like it.

However, it's clear this thing isn't just about its appearance.

"For this thing of yours, value-wise, several hundred million wouldn't cover it!" Dong Muyun said, a self-congratulatory smile on her face.

"Oh? Are the materials very precious?"

"More than just precious materials?" Dong Muyun snorted lightly. "Generally speaking, the Mechanical Core of an intelligent sports car is a semi-finished product from a failed Mechanical Pet Beast awakening, but this one is different!"

Su Ping looked at the triumphant Dong Muyun. "What?"

The value of a Mechanical Core was clear from their previous bet.

Su Ping felt a keen pang of regret for not having obtained that Mechanical Core.

"You mean, this isn't just an intelligent sports car? It's a Mechanical Pet Beast?"

Among all Pet Beasts, Mechanical Pet Beasts—a type that had emerged in the last century—were renowned as luxury items.

Time-Series Pet Beasts were exceptionally rare, while Mechanical Pet Beasts demanded vast sums of money and resources for both their creation and cultivation.

Still, as a special type of Pet Beast with great potential, countless Beast Tamers, once they had sufficient resources, chose a Mechanical Pet Beast as their Contracted Beast.

A sports car that's a Mechanical Pet Beast with an awakened Mechanical Core? Its value is indeed far greater than a regular intelligent sports car.

Could this woman really have gotten an awakened Mechanical Core to use as her big toy?

Isn't that too extravagant?

Clearly, Su Ping had been overthinking it.

Dong Muyun touched her nose, slightly embarrassed, then gave him an irritated glance. "What are you babbling about? If you want to use a Mechanical Core to attempt to awaken a Mechanical Pet Beast, that's possible. But how could I let you play with an already awakened Mechanical Pet Beast?"

"So this is..." Su Ping trailed off.

Thrown off by Su Ping, Dong Muyun lost the desire to keep him in suspense. "This Mechanical Core is in a state of semi-awakening, but it can no longer continue the process."

"Semi-awakening?" Su Ping asked.

Mechanical Pet Beasts were luxury items, so Su Ping clearly didn't know much about Mechanical Cores.

Dong Muyun patiently continued to explain, "The origin of a Mechanical Pet Beast is its Mechanical Core; you should know that, right?"

"A Mechanical Core is to Mechanical Pet Beasts what the heart and brain are to animal-type Pet Beasts, what roots are to Plant Type Pet Beasts, what Crystalline Cores are to Elemental Beast Pets, and what Soul Fire is to Undead Pet Beasts.

"The birth of the Mechanical Core was an accidental discovery by a Breeder from Lion Country, the so-called Sun Never Sets Empire. It's a special object formed from the combination of the Heart of Gold Element and Electromagnetic Force.

"People discovered that after this combination, this 'Heart of Gold Element' transformed into something entirely new.

"This new object could integrate with and control any mechanical entity, developing a consciousness similar to Elementalization, except it couldn't possess an elemental body. Instead, it would use the connected mechanical structures as its body."

Su Ping nodded. In the industrial age, the emergence of such a Pet Beast, perfectly suited to the era, represented another leap forward in the history of human Pet Beast cultivation.

"So, there are two steps in the awakening process of a Mechanical Core!" Dong Muyun explained. "The first step, which is the hardest and most important, is to transmit information to the Mechanical Core to allow it to develop intelligence and self-awareness!"

She continued, "Usually, once this first step is completed and the Mechanical Core successfully develops self-awareness and intelligence, the Mechanical Pet Beast's awakening can be considered complete.

"This is because the second step—connecting to a mechanical body and shaping its mechanical form—is quite simple."

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Intelligent machines, like smart sports cars, have all failed at this first step, which is why they can only be used as their cores. However, the Mechanical Core in your car is somewhat special. It has barely awakened a level of intelligence and self-awareness, yet strangely, it cannot merge with a complete mechanical body! Some Mechanists speculate that this Mechanical Core is incomplete. Thus, it can only be controlled via electronic sensors, unlike Mechanical Pet Beasts, which can even alter their mechanical bodies at will.

Listening to Dong Muyun's explanation, Su Ping scratched his head. So that's how it is.

Simultaneously, the screen lit up: "Hello, welcome aboard Black Blood. I am the car's driving intelligence. You can call me Feifei! Handsome friend, are you Feifei's owner?"

A clear, synthesized electronic voice sounded in the car.

To be honest, Su Ping's eyes lit up. This voice was definitely more emotional than Super Shadow's, and certainly more than Dong Muyun's Red King. It was also more lively and could even ask questions proactively.

Su Ping blinked and replied, "Yes!"

"Dear owner, it is Feifei's honor to serve you. Since this is your first time driving Black Blood, please look directly at the screen so I can bind Black Blood to your pupils!"

Su Ping, following Feifei's instructions, looked directly at the screen. Instantly, a flash of light appeared.

"Binding complete. Dear owner, would you like Feifei to introduce the abilities of Black Blood to you?"

The electronic voice seemed to become even more vivid and bubbly. In fact, with the awakening of self-awareness, the Mechanical Core was already considered a special form of life, no different from any other Pet Beast. However, this special Mechanical Core named Feifei couldn't connect to a Mechanical Pet Beast's body and possess various abilities like other Mechanical Pet Beasts. It could only serve as a highly intelligent control center within a smart sports car.

"Of course."

"Black Blood's external material is crafted from Gold Oak Rubber fused with high-precision carbon fiber, capable of withstanding attacks from Pet Beasts below Monarch Level with exceptional protective strength!

"And even when facing attacks at Monarch Level, it can immediately withstand the impact while activating the Space Chip installed in the car, performing a one-time spatial transfer to transport the owner to the nearest hospital within range.

"It can protect the owner's life to the greatest extent possible!

"Additionally, as an ultra-light sports car, Black Blood's maximum speed can exceed 600 kilometers per hour. However, according to Dragon Nation's laws, this speed cannot be used on city streets or roads with vehicular traffic.

"Speeds above 200 kilometers per hour require a Commander Level Beast Tamer's physical condition to manually control; when the speed reaches over 400 kilometers per hour, intelligent takeover is required.

"Black Blood has certain levitation capabilities, allowing for a degree of low-altitude..."

This intelligent life named Feifei introduced all the capabilities and functions of the sports car known as Black Blood.

Su Ping listened and nodded in satisfaction.

He couldn't wait to take it out for a spin.

Wasn't this much cooler than that Super Shadow thing his old man had?

When this old guy comes back, I'll let him know what a true ultimate supercar is!

With that thought, Su Ping directly grabbed the steering wheel!

"Let's go! I'll take you for a spin!"

Dong Muyun rolled her eyes at the excited Su Ping but didn't refuse, leaning back in the passenger seat, her beautiful eyes smilingly fixed on him.

But as soon as the vehicle left the Heart of Woods, Dong Muyun pursed her red lips and pointed out the window, "Is this how you take me for a spin?"

Not far away, a bus started moving slowly; even at its sluggish speed, it still overtook the ultra-stylish supercar. This drew some curious looks from the bus passengers.

Such an exaggerated sports car design, yet it moves like a bicycle?

Su Ping shot her a glance. "What do you know? There are countless roads, but safety is always first. Drive irresponsibly, and your loved ones pay with tears! I'm way past my reckless street-racing days."

Street racing?

Dong Muyun silently watched the slow autumn scenery passing by outside the window and said no more.

This continued until the car's intelligence, Feifei, finally reminded him, "Master, you are currently on Linzhou City's suburban highway. Driving too slowly might affect the traffic behind you. I suggest you increase your speed to 30 kilometers per hour."

"PFFT..." Unable to hold back any longer, Dong Muyun burst out laughing.

Su Ping simply spread his hands. "Activate autopilot mode! Loop around Lingxi River Station within a ten-kilometer radius!"

"Okay, Master!"

As the car slowly sped up, Su Ping cast a sidelong glance at Dong Muyun. "You've been quite free lately, haven't you?"

Dong Muyun shrugged and nodded. "Indeed, quite free."

Su Ping asked suspiciously, "Tianyun Group has nothing for you to do?"

"If Dong Mutian wants to handle it, let him. Besides, don't we still have our Pingyun?"

Ours? Su Ping found this wording odd but still asked, "How's business been these days?"

As soon as this topic came up, Dong Muyun became visibly excited. "Excluding the orders from the Legions and the Breeder Association these past few days, just from wholesalers and some Wolf Pet breeding bases, I've already sold close to a hundred thousand units!"

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"One hundred thousand?!"

Su Ping couldn't help but take a sharp breath. Based on Dong Muyun's selling price, this means that with the sales in these past days, excluding labor costs, the profit must have reached hundreds of millions or even billions?

Su Ping was tongue-tied.

"Don't get too excited too soon, though. After the sales, the market will need time to absorb it, and the effect can't possibly remain this strong. Of course, for now, this is only within Jianghai Province, and the whole market in Dragon Nation is still vast. The future potential for Heart of the Wolf is immense!"

Dong Muyun narrowed her eyes slightly.

She was very satisfied with such profit and results.

What's most important is that nobody else dares to covet such a terrifyingly profitable business!

Of course, that doesn't include certain so-called second generations. Dong Muyun herself was the biggest second generation. What she was referring to was the Dong Family itself.

After Dong Mutian returned, he would definitely conduct a thorough investigation into Su Ping's identity. But no one else had bypassed Dong Muyun to contact Su Ping. This had already achieved her goal of putting on a show for Lin Lei, Dong Mutian, and Dong San.

"Dong Mutian hasn't troubled you again?" Su Ping glanced at her.

When the subject of business came up, Dong Muyun seemed to suddenly remember something, her eyebrows lifting slightly, "No, Dong Mutian probably doesn't have the energy for it recently, right?"

"What does that mean?"

"A competitor from the same industry has arrived in Jianghai Province, mainly focusing on Pet Beast real estate, directly competing with Tianyun Real Estate. Many plots of land around Linzhou, which Tianyun was virtually certain to acquire, were surprisingly snatched up by the competitor."

Dong Muyun seemed a bit like she was gloating.

"Someone managed to snatch land from Tianyun's hands? They must have a significant background, right?"

From this glimpse, Su Ping could sense the strength of the Dong Family.

To be able to snatch something from the Dong Family's grasp was truly unbelievable.

However, Dong Muyun's peculiar gaze made Su Ping uneasy. "Of course they have a big background. Didn't you know?"

"Know what?"

"Hasn't Miss Qin mentioned it to you?"

Su Ping's eyelids twitched again. What did this have to do with Qin Xiaoxue?

He shook his head.

Only then did Dong Muyun give a meaningful smile, "This time, it's Dachuan Company that has come, a real estate company based in Magic Capital. Although it's a company that emerged in recent years, its rise has been quite rapid. Now they are expanding their corporate influence and reaching out to Jianghai! And this Dachuan Company was founded and is managed by Qin Chuan."

Qin?

Before Su Ping could react, Dong Muyun nodded, smiling, "That's right, the son of President Qin, Miss Qin's father."

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In the highest office within the Beast Master Association building in Linzhou City, Qin Erlong savored the tea in his cup, smiling slightly, "So the shore across this Endless Sea Domain also has good tea, huh? Tastes not bad."

He set down the teacup, looked at the man who resembled him by about sixty percent, and continued with a smile, "How long are you planning to stay in Linzhou this time?"

The man thought for a moment and said, "No rush. I haven't had tea and played chess with you for a long time..."

Qin Erlong quickly waved his hand. "Don't do that. It's too staid for young people. You should do what you're meant to do."

The man felt somewhat awkward. "Alright, I'll go back to Magic Capital before New Year's Day after I finish the project here."

There was naturally not much conversation between father and son.

The atmosphere grew a tad silent; then, Qin Erlong spoke again, "Xiaochuan, your mom has talked to me about the previous matter. That's just her disposition. It's been many years, so don't take it to heart."

"Yes," the man answered. What he truly felt in his heart remained unknown.

"You mentioned that a Senior Breeder from Eagle Country came with you this time, right?" Qin Erlong changed the subject.

Qin Chuan nodded. "Breeder Mu is originally from Jianghai, so this is also a return to his homeland."

Qin Erlong's brows furrowed slightly. "Xiaochuan, your mom's tone might have been a bit harsh, but her reasoning and intention are correct. Dragon Nation is at a critical juncture right now. You must have heard of that person's iron-handed approach. Your mother's position is vital. The Magic Capital will be the first to undergo the educational reforms next year, and during such a time, we cannot afford any slip-ups or unexpected changes."

Qin Chuan's expression showed no change as he nodded. "Yes, I understand. Breeder Mu won't stay in Dragon Nation for too long either... I'll be careful in the future."

Qin Erlong then smiled with satisfaction. "Hehe, as long as you understand, that's good. Anyway, why be so formal between father and son? Come, let's drink tea."

Qin Chuan also showed a smile, but he did not take the teacup from Qin Erlong; instead, he pulled out a small pouch from his inner pocket. "Dad, I specially brought this Snow Ice Tea for you to try. I can't bear to drink it myself; this will do for me."

He brewed a cup of coffee using the small pouch.

Instantly, the scent of tea and coffee mingled in the office, creating a rather peculiar aroma.

After finishing their drinks, Qin Chuan stood up. "Dad, I've got some things to attend to; we'll talk more in the evening."

"Sure!" Qin Erlong stood up with a smile on his face.

However, just as Qin Chuan was about to turn and leave, Old Qin suddenly spoke out, "Xiaochuan!"

Qin Chuan turned around, looking at Qin Erlong in surprise.

"About Xiao Xue's future, everyone has their own destiny. You didn't like it when your mom controlled your life; likewise, Xiao Xue won't appreciate it either..."

Qin Chuan squinted his eyes slightly, and suddenly a smile bloomed. "I'd heard before that Xiao Xue seemed to have met a young man in Linzhou. Originally, I thought you might overlook it, but Mother would definitely not agree. Now it seems this truly is a case of affection skipping a generation! I'm quite curious now: what kind of person is this young fellow, to be able to leave even Mother without objections?"

After saying this, Qin Chuan turned and left.

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Qin Chuan's arrival clearly had nothing to do with Su Ping.

At least, that's what I thought. Su Ping considered. My relationship with Miss Qin is truly innocent and pure!

So, after happily playing with the smart supercar 'Black Blood' for two days, Su Ping shifted his attention back to Qian Yi.

The little paperman's evolution was the number one priority in his heart. By comparison, he wasn't even in a hurry to attend to the construction of the Heart of Woods.

During the Paperman's last evolution, the little paperman mastered the 'One-Word Electric Sword,' and the Light of Evolution appeared. Since then, everything else had to make way for the little paperman's affairs. Apart from Forest Wolf, who was still continuously connected and sharing in the cultivation of the Heart of Woods, there was truly nothing more important than the little paperman.

During this period, the little paperman studied Swordsmanship. Su Ping fed him a Metal Element and a Necromancy System resource every other day. However, he spent even more time researching the Paperman's evolution.

It turned out that after comprehending the Paperman's Paper Body Joint, its evolution was indeed very simple.

Over the past few days, its form was still that of the Paper Swords, but it was no longer just the previous Paper Swords·Thunder. There was also a Paper Swords·Fire and a Paper Swords·Wind.

That's right.

The Paperman's Evolutionary Forms, surprisingly, now included these two new different types based on their Attribute: Paperman·Wind and Paperman·Fire.

Besides providing Su Ping with another four hundred Experience Points for the Origami Man Record, this undoubtedly also perfected the little paperman's Three Sword Style.

Three Paper Swords: Wind, Thunder, Fire.

Over these days, Su Ping had fed the little paperman quite a lot of various resources. However, after consuming these Advanced Level resources, the little paperman only felt uncomfortably bloated. This necessitated constant practice to vent the excess Energy, but there were no other significant effects.

Therefore, Su Ping had essentially ruled out the possibility of insufficient Evolution Energy. So, in his view, the only requirement for the little paperman's evolution was likely to continue mastering new Swordsmanship and then perfect its mutated Sword Body Skills.

Evolving by comprehending Skills wasn't exactly a rare cultivation method for evolution. After all, the evolution of the Immortal White Bone Sword seen before, and the Paperman's own Paper Body Joint, were even more obscure and unprecedented methods of Evolution.

Consequently, this second Swordsmanship, self-created by the little paperman during this period, became the absolute top priority. The three swords requested by the little fellow were finally completed by Su Ping.

Su Ping also wanted to see just what sort of Swordsmanship the little paperman had created.

The power of ten elite Papermen gathered! Three Paper Swords represented the combined form of nine Papermen. Adding Qian Yi's own body to that, the implication was self-evident.

But with three swords, what kind of Energy manipulation would be needed to create this so-called Swordsmanship?

Su Ping had previously advised the little paperman that he could just continue using one sword. However, Qian Yi's Paper Body Control seemed to make using multiple swords simultaneously more challenging and appealing, boosting his confidence.

And so, it ultimately led to this situation.

The little paperman looked serious. And at the same time, this was a face Su Ping had never seen before.

Although Su Ping had long harbored suspicions, the sight of this abstract thing still made the corner of his mouth twitch involuntarily.

It was a 3.

Although Su Ping didn't know how diamonds were distinguished from hearts in this context, he had, undeniably, figured out the little paperman's Swordsmanship system.

One sword is the Ace of Hearts, so three swords make a 3 of Diamonds? Does the playing card on his face change according to the number of swords?

Su Ping shook his head and continued to watch.

Sure enough, it was still the initial action. Qian Yi suddenly thrust a sword into his own chest. The blade, piercing through his chest, was fixed directly to his body—perhaps even more securely than if held by hand.

Notably, the sword plunged into his chest was the Paper Swords·Wind, one of the three.

The Wind System as the core? Su Ping's eyes slowly narrowed.

He had absolute, one hundred percent faith and confidence in the little paperman. He could doubt other things, but when it came to the sword, the little paperman was absolutely infallible. He might not trust the little paperman completely, but he had to trust the Sword Intent Origin and the Sword Soul from the Soul Seed.

So, he watched with rapt attention. At that moment, the little paperman once again entered a state of gathering power, ready to unleash it.

Two swords were held in his hands, but his grip was vastly different from before. He no longer held them with a standard two-handed grip; instead, his right hand held the Thunder Sword in a normal grip, while his left hand held the Fire Sword in a reverse grip.

The blades of the three swords, along with the longsword piercing his chest, seemed to envelop the little paperman's entire body in a cocoon of swords.

The next moment, the little paperman moved.

However, his movements were slightly different from what Su Ping had anticipated.

The little paperman's waist twisted slightly. Simultaneously, an invisible current of air seemed to stir and swirl throughout the entire Undead basement. The Undead basement was completely sealed; obviously, there couldn't naturally be any wind at this moment.

Therefore, the origin of this wisp of wind was quite clear.

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Streams of air seemed to ripple beneath the Little Paperman's feet.

This stream of air appeared to swirl around its body, forming an invisible cyclone of wind force.

The next moment, the Little Paperman suddenly swung its dual swords.

Accompanied by the terrifying cyclone, the Attributes of Flame and thunder changed under its control, and the whirlwind below it seemed to merge with them.

Then, the speed of its sword swings became faster and faster!

Before Su Ping's eyes, the Little Paperman seemed to transform into a rapidly spinning top under the rotation of this force!

Except, at the edge of this 'top,' the whirlwind was mixed with Flame and thunder, forming a fearsome edge where a mere graze meant death, and contact spelled doom!

Sword Blade Storm?

Su Ping was startled.

He observed the Little Paperman's swiftly spinning figure, and the soil, bricks, and stones that involuntarily flew towards it, drawn by the spinning wind force.

With just a slight touch, they were immediately slashed to pieces.

What kind of power was this?

Three seconds passed. The 'Sword Blade Storm' lasted only three seconds before the Little Paperman's movements halted.

Watching the Little Paperman's wobbling body, the corners of Su Ping's mouth twitched.

Clearly, the Little Paperman wasn't quite accustomed to this Swordsmanship yet. After performing it, its steps were somewhat shaky.

Even so, a glow still appeared on the Little Paperman. That was the glow of a Skill the Little Paperman had comprehended!

In this respect, one could always trust Qian Yi:

[Qian Yi Cyclone (Proficiency): A unique sword move created by Qian Yi, amalgamating the elemental Attributes of wind, Flame, and thunder. It relies on high-speed rotation to restrict an opponent's movement, using Flame- and thunder-infused sword edges to crush all enemies! This Skill belongs to the 'Diamond 3' series of Swordsmanship of the Variant Origami Man Qian Yi!]

Holy damn, Qian Yi Cyclone!

Su Ping was dumbstruck.

How exactly did it come up with this self-created sword Skill? And why did the creator have the right to such a cheeky name?

The previous One-Word Electric Sword was forgivable; after all, Su Ping had plagiarized it.

But this time, he hadn't paid attention, and Qian Yi had seized the opportunity to produce this so-called Qian Yi Cyclone.

However, Su Ping's attention soon shifted from the aggravating name, and he slowly furrowed his brows.

He noticed that although the Little Paperman before him was dizzy, it had indeed comprehended the Sword Technique completely.

Yet, it showed no sign of Evolving.

The Light of Evolution he was desperately awaiting still didn't appear!

Still not enough?!

Su Ping's brows knitted together.

Were two Sword Technique Skills not enough? Such requirements for Evolution seemed a bit too preposterous, didn't they?

No, that's not right!

This was only an Elite First Rank variant Paperman.

Even though it was a variant, the theoretical difficulty of Evolving should not be too high.

Grasping three separate sword moves, with the aid of the Paper Swords, didn't seem that difficult. However, it had already surpassed some fundamental principles of Cultivation and seemed somewhat far-fetched.

So, had he been wrong? Did the Evolution of the Little Paperman not relate to its Sword Technique Skills at all?

But Su Ping had tried everything.

The resources from the Metal Element and the Necromancy System had all been used adequately on the Little Paperman.

Yet it was still unable to Evolve.

What, then, was the key to Qian Yi's Evolution?

At that moment, Su Ping was genuinely baffled.

Mutant Pet Beasts, just as Liu Fuhai had said, indeed came with high risks and high rewards.

What he had thought was a surefire Evolution had yet to occur.

The dizzy Qian Yi finally came to its senses.

Su Ping was out of options. According to his Breeder theory, the Little Paperman should have already met all conditions. The only other possibility was that it needed to continue comprehending, upgrading its Paper Body Control and variant Sword Body Skills to Mastery Level.

But then again, that didn't make sense.

The Light of Evolution was already flickering on the Little Paperman, indicating that it was only one step away from completing its Evolution.

If the Skill Levels were not up to par, generally speaking, the Light of Evolution would not flicker.

Su Ping looked at Qian Yi and asked, "Qian Yi, can you feel any impetus within yourself?"

Qian Yi made a questioning sound, looking at him with a puzzled, anime-style expression.

Su Ping let out a helpless sigh. Clearly, asking Qian Yi about such matters wasn't very reliable.

However, as if finally understanding Su Ping's question, Qian Yi hesitated for a moment and then looked invigorated.

It chirped excitedly, its thoughts conveying clearly, "I want to become... a real Swordsman!"

This statement, within the Telepathic Communication, sounded so familiar.

It even made Su Ping pause for a moment.

Because this was something the Little Paperman had said once before.

That was when he first tricked the Little Paperman into coming to the Heart of Woods to acknowledge him as its master.

It was the reason Su Ping had used to cajole it.

A real Swordsman!

And now, the Little Paperman had spoken these words again.

Impulse, goal, or perhaps, a dream?

Su Ping's brows slowly relaxed, and then he fell into contemplation.

A real Swordsman, eh?

He turned his head and looked at the Little Paperman. "Little fellow, you already have swords, you have Swordsmanship. So, what is it that you lack to become a real Swordsman?"

The Little Paperman tilted its head, making a confused sound that conveyed, "What is it?"

Su Ping fell silent. At that moment, he suddenly had an epiphany. Perhaps the Little Paperman had already declared its path of Evolution, its method of evolutionary Cultivation, from the very beginning!