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So, does that mean relying on a Wolf Pet to illuminate the other Wolf Pet types in the Catalog, the Origin rewards obtained would enhance the skill level of this Eye of Truth?

Therefore, faced with Old Liu's obviously suggestive remarks, Su Ping indeed started to consider it.

He naturally hadn't thought about contracting other Wolf Pets again, but lighting up the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas was clearly necessary. The promotion of the Eye of Truth's Talent effect was also very necessary.

But, if they were to be housed there, given the current capacity of the Heart of Woods area, let alone other considerations, his own place definitely couldn't accommodate them. He couldn't possibly place all the other Wolf Pets at his own base, right?

Suddenly, Su Ping felt that he might need to replan his own little piece of land. Should he plan out a piece of land for the Forest Wolf and the other Wolf Pets together?

However, it wasn't strictly necessary. First, the area where the Forest Wolf lived was still very large; the Forest Wolf had its own exclusive woodland. It was possible to develop the Forest Wolf's woodland horizontally, demolish the fences, and connect it to the land west of his own domain.

Besides, not all wolves are the same. Among Plant-based Pet Beasts, most could live together, but Wolf Pets, because of their different Attributes, still needed some distance. And they needed a larger range to roam.

However, the land to the west of his home wasn't wasteland; it belonged to someone else. Buying that land would be quite difficult.

Su Ping scratched his head.

At the same time, as Su Ping thought of this, he encountered a major, headache-inducing problem!

If the Wolf Pets were to be placed in a newly developed area, what should this territory be called? Heart of the Wolf would be straightforward. The problem was, there was already a Magic Potion with that name. This wasn't a huge issue, of course—a map region was a map region, and a Magic Potion was a Magic Potion; the same logic applied to his own Heart of Woods. Still, Su Ping's obsessive nature made him feel a bit awkward about it.

But Old Liu, who was beside him, obviously misunderstood. After all, no ordinary person would think that Su Ping's troubled expression was due to such an abstract reason. Old Liu said, "No worries, Xiao Ping, if you don't have much time..."

"You've misunderstood, Old Liu. This is a good thing; I definitely won't refuse. I'm just wondering where in the Heart of Woods I can fit these new Pet Beasts..."

Old Liu smiled brightly and waved his hand dismissively. "Isn't that easy to handle? The land in the East Suburb, meaning the areas on both sides of the main road, has some residences, but it's all suburban anyway. Just buy it all up! If you feel it's too troublesome, the Breeder Association can officially advance the demolition payment on your behalf. How about that?"

Su Ping pursed his lips.

He now somewhat doubted what kind of problem Old Liu was actually facing. Was it really necessary to go to such lengths? It wasn't like he could solve Old Liu's problem just by acquiring those wolves; he didn't need to be a genius to know that Old Liu's problem was definitely not something ordinary people could easily solve.

But he felt obligated, having accepted such generosity. To even mention fronting the demolition payment, one could imagine just how eager Old Liu was for Su Ping to continue researching Wolf Pets.

In such a case, what reason did Su Ping have to refuse?

He nodded. "But let's forget about fronting the demolition payment. You could come over then and advise on how to set up the living environments for the various Wolf Pets."

"Hehe, no problem!" Old Liu nodded eagerly, glad to have finally guided the young man onto the 'proper path'.

"Now can you tell me what your problem is, Old Liu?"

"Actually, even if I tell you, you probably can't help much for now. It's about the Snow Wolf's Evolutionary Body. I created one, the 'Icefang Whitewolf,' and I want to develop the Cultivation of a Super-Rank Skill centered around its 'Frozen Bloodline,' but I've had no success so far."

Old Liu sighed. He hadn't misspoken. Su Ping knew little about Snow Wolves, let alone the Cultivation of Super-Rank Skills for their advanced Evolutionary Bodies.

"Frozen Bloodline? What kind of skill is that?" Su Ping blinked, his interest piqued. Researching alongside a high-level Breeder like Liu Fuhai, one could often learn quite a lot with ease.

"It's a Special Skill, and a very rare one at that. It allows the user's body to crystallize, similar to Ice Elementalization, but it's more comprehensive. However, unlike true Elementalization, it doesn't grant immunity to most physical attacks."

Seemingly feeling that his explanation was a bit abstract, Old Liu didn't waste words. He waved his hand in the room, and a bright light appeared.

Almost instantly, the temperature in the previously warm dining room plummeted by more than ten degrees.

A massive white wolf, as tall as a person, appeared in the room.

Su Ping looked over. Its azure pupils were as beautiful as sapphires. Its snow-white fur was untainted by even a speck of dust; its fur and tail—the latter trailing over a meter long on the ground—had a transparent, crystal-like texture. A faint white, cold fog emanated from its body, giving it a chilly and aloof aura. Its exposed fangs and claws also appeared to be made of ice crystals. At first glance, if not for its vivid azure eyes, the entire creature looked like a sculpture carved from ice rather than a living being.

Previously, Su Ping had seen the 'Cold Water Wolf' that Rong Qiu had evolved, a dark blue Snow Wolf Evolutionary Body. In terms of appearance, it was far from comparable to Old Liu's Icefang Whitewolf.

"It's really beautiful!" Su Ping nodded in genuine praise.

Liu Fuhai's smile grew even wider. He couldn't guarantee much else, but when it came to his 'cub's' good looks, he was absolutely confident.

"Bai Ye, fully activate Frozen Bloodline!"

"AWOO!" The Icefang Whitewolf named Bai Ye let out a low, soft cry.

The next moment, the coldness emanating from its body surged even more violently. And in that instant, its body completely lost all signs of a living Pet Beast, transforming into what seemed like a genuine ice sculpture. Entirely translucent, its body glittered like a diamond. Su Ping could even see that once the Icefang Whitewolf's skill was activated, he could peer through its transparent fur to the muscle lines beneath, which had also turned into ice crystals.

Magical. Su Ping grew interested and gently touched the wolf's body. Cold, hard. Not like Elementalization.

Su Ping slightly narrowed his eyes. The Eye of Truth gave him some feedback:

[Icefang Whitewolf (Contracted - Others)]

[Attribute: Ice]

[Current Level: Monarch Eighth Rank]

[Racial Potential: Monarch Eighth Rank]

[Skills: Frozen Bloodline (Perfection), Ice Storm (Proficient), Swallow Ice and Nibble Snow (Proficient), Temperature Control (Proficient), Freezing Halo (Proficiency), Ice Armor (Proficient), Ice Crystal Ray (Proficiency)]

[Frozen Bloodline (Perfection): Special state skill. Enter an ice crystal form, significantly enhancing defensive ability and Ice Element Energy. Consumption is greatly reduced in extremely cold environments; can be combined with 'Swallow Ice and Nibble Snow' for use...]

Looking at this skill, Su Ping nodded. It was somewhat similar to the Wanmu Wolf's mutated wood-elemental body. The Icefang Whitewolf's Talent was also quite good. It possessed numerous skills, all of which appeared to be powerful combat-oriented ones. It could be considered a top-tier Monarch Level Ice-type Pet.

But a skill that could potentially be combined with Frozen Bloodline to form a Super-Rank Skill?

Su Ping fell into thought. The first thing he considered was, naturally, his favorite and most familiar type of skill: "Teacher Liu, have you ever tried combining it with the Heart of Ice skill?"

"Heart of Ice?" Old Liu chuckled helplessly. "Su Ping, Heart of Ice is a variant of the Water Element's Heart of Water skill. Although, because there are many Ice-type Pets, this skill isn't considered a Mutated Skill in the strictest sense. But it's still not something that can be cultivated on just any species. I've wanted to, but so far, I haven't been able to successfully cultivate it."

Su Ping nodded. He also knew that perfecting a new Super-Rank skill combination was not so simple. Even Senior Breeders couldn't just take any skill and randomly cultivate it onto a corresponding Pet Beast. Otherwise, cultivating Heart of Woods onto the Forest Wolf wouldn't have garnered so much attention back then.

Looking at it this way, he didn't have any particularly good leads either.

Thinking this, Su Ping nodded. "Interesting. Alright, send those Wolf Pet younglings over after the Breeder Association competition ends. In the meantime, I'll have someone start the process of purchasing this land deed in the coming days."

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Old Liu left.

After learning that Old Sha's Skill Fusion would still take a few more days, Su Ping naturally didn't have the leisure to keep a constant eye on it.

Miss Qin's promise meant that Su Ping could confidently bring Old Sha to the Magic Capital later, saving him the trouble of taking a Pet Beast on public transport.

Afterwards, Su Ping needed to start making some preparations before leaving.

As for Heart of Woods, he had nothing to worry about.

Moreover, Dong Muyun was there.

As the second-largest shareholder with a 1% stake, Dong Muyun was naturally capable of helping to look after things.

Beyond that, other matters such as the lease, new planning, and supervision of construction could all be left to Lao Guan, allowing him to be a hands-off boss with peace of mind.

For Su Ping, the most important preparation he needed to make, from beginning to end, was just one thing!

That was to properly scour the Jianghai Secret Realm before leaving.

Indeed, he had not finished thoroughly searching those Secret Realms of Jianghai.

Some Secret Realms were about to expire in a while.

If he went to the Magic Capital and didn't return for half a month, Su Ping would feel the loss of even a single Secret Realm keenly.

After all, what if he was just one Secret Realm Origin away from piecing together new Space Characteristics for his Beast Taming Space?

He decided to use the next few days to gather them all.

At the same time, he needed to leave some instructions at the base.

Su Ping came over to the Forest Wolf Base.

Li Shu and Guan Lili were feeding the Forest Wolf at this time.

However, while Guan Lili was her usual self, Li Shu seemed listless and was even yawning.

The arrival of Su Ping brought them back to their senses.

"What's wrong with you?"

Su Ping looked at the drowsy Li Shu, who then said,

"I don't know what's been going on these past two days. My phone is broken, and I just can't get it to work. I spent half the night yesterday trying to fix it, and heck, if it's still not working in a couple of days, I'll have to go get a new one..."

Su Ping was speechless. He thought this guy was going to quit on him over such a small matter. He wasn't particularly concerned, so he just nodded and said,

"I have to leave Linzhou for a few days, and I'll be going to the Magic Capital in a few more days, so I won't be home for most of the next half-month. Look after things here. The Magic Potions from Heart of Woods have all been prepared, and you just need to receive any Cultivation customers that come by.

If anything comes up, anything you don't understand, you can call and ask me."

The two looked at each other and replied together,

"No problem."

"All right."

Su Ping didn't dwell on it. Indeed, the recipe for Heart of Woods's Magic Potion couldn't be casually revealed, but he didn't feel the need to keep any of the Cultivation secrets from the two.

After all, times had changed.

Su Ping returned to his room and began making preparations for his departure.

He didn't rush to pack his bags, but instead took out his phone and prepared to log into the Qintian Monitor's backend.

Just as he was turning on his phone, a small face appeared on the screen.

At the same time, the phone's speaker automatically made a sound, "Hello, master."

Su Ping was slightly startled.

Then he realized, "Feifei?"

"It's me, master."

"How did you end up here?"

Lately, the Third Pet Beast he had set aside had been studying the Meditation Method, and Su Ping hadn't paid much attention to it.

Unexpectedly, while the Meditation Method didn't seem to show much progress, it seemed Feifei had advanced further in terms of network signals?

"It's simple. I used the wireless signal in your area to simulate a network signal frequency and enter your phone. Then, using your network synchronization, I can independently create programs in the background. As long as there's a network, I can access any known instrument channel.

It's just like controlling those smart home devices."

Su Ping scratched his head.

Can it be done like that?

So, Su Ping tried asking, "Can you get into Li Shu's phone?"

"Of course, I've previously entered his phone psychically. That guy isn't too civilized, always arguing with people online.

I set a restriction in his phone's network program that prevents him from swearing during online forum conflicts.

But this guy called Li Shu is really impressive. Even without using swear words, he can render people speechless. As soon as he starts saying 'you're so angry,' it seems like he's already won."

"..."

Su Ping now understood why Li Shu had been fussing about changing his phone that morning.

Well, even though not being able to swear might not completely limit Li Shu's performance, it's like cutting off one of his arms.

Damn it, have I inadvertently trained a hacker?

But this is good too; it might make Li Shu settle down a bit.

Decisively, Su Ping asked, "What if they cut off the network, what would you do?"

"I can turn the network connection back on. Master, I use my spiritual power to simulate network signals. These aren't real network signals. I can do many things that real network signals can, and even many things they can't!

Even when I turn on the network connection, it won't show up on phones or computers unless the power is completely cut and the device is forcibly shut down. But even if the connection is cut, my spiritual power can revert to its normal form and leave the phone."

"..."

"Okay, okay."

Su Ping nodded, feeling for a moment that this was all abstractly absurd.

Is it because Feifei is a mutated Mechanical Core, with a mechanically mutated Spirit Attribute, that it can simulate network signals so smoothly?

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Just like other Psychic Element Pet Beasts, Su Ping had also never heard of this feature in psychic pets before.

However, for the sake of harmony and health, as well as not drawing too much attention, Su Ping still gave Feifei an order:

"From now on, don't casually enter other people's phones and networks!"

"Ah?"

Feifei's chibi avatar on the phone visibly deflated in disappointment.

Su Ping was speechless; he really wasn't a cruel person.

Mechanical Pet Beasts were still Pet Beasts, not cold, mechanical programs; they too had a concept of time, self-thought, and consciousness.

Lately, Feifei had been cooped up in that small study room at home, probably relying on the internet to find some fun and kill time.

My order might indeed be quite cruel for Feifei.

So, Su Ping's heart softened again:

"Fine, you can use my account to go online in the future. But remember, don't tamper with anything arbitrarily, and don't enter the backend of people's apps or anything else during data connection, got it? If you do, your master here will end up in a lawsuit."

"Understood, thank you, Master!"

Feifei became cheerful and jubilant again, yet Su Ping couldn't shake a certain sense of unease.

This feeling is somewhat similar to when I first instructed little Paperman Qian Yi to watch more Swordsman martial arts movies.

Su Ping shook his head, suppressed the inexplicable unease, and didn't dwell on it.

He even discovered a key benefit: it freed his hands.

Su Ping addressed his phone, "Feifei, open the Qintian Monitor's website backend; the account is my identity number. Help me search for how many Secret Realms in Jianghai Province will collapse within the next month."

In less than five seconds, the phone automatically accessed the Qintian Monitor's backend.

The detailed information of each Secret Realm was calculated by Feifei's powerful spiritual power; soon, information on several Secret Realms appeared.

All were located within Jianghai Province and would soon collapse naturally.

Su Ping nodded and then asked, "How many useless Secret Realms are left in Jianghai Province now?"

"Master, there are twenty-two left, with two of them set to collapse and disappear in the coming month. Their specific distribution is..."

Su Ping nodded. These next few days... if I speed up my travel, can I visit all these provinces with Secret Realms and absorb all twenty-two?

Come to think of it, a few more small Secret Realms have appeared these last few days.

Su Ping remembered that after he had cleared Linzhou's Secret Realms a while ago, there were twenty useless Secret Realms left in Jianghai.

Two more have popped up in less than two weeks? Are Secret Realms appearing this frequently? Still, this is a good thing.

Su Ping nodded with satisfaction and said with a smile, "Good, Feifei, arrange a route plan that covers all the abandoned Secret Realms as fast as possible, to be completed within five days!"

After another five seconds...

"Okay, Master! Your itinerary is all set!"

The document opened, showing the locations of twenty-two abandoned Secret Realms, with route maps, time arrangements, and the fastest estimated arrival times all perfectly organized.

Su Ping was very pleased.

Excellent! This little fellow definitely has the potential to be a butler!

With this roadmap, Su Ping's movements became much more convenient, and he felt much more relaxed.

He smiled in contentment, "Well done. I'll take you with me this time."

"Yay!"

The chibi Feifei in the phone cheered exuberantly, while its mechanical body on the desk whirled quickly, expressing the little guy's joy.

Of course, touring all the cities in Jianghai Province by himself was obviously not possible, so he once again sought out Dong Muyun.

"Going to see the other Secret Realms in Jianghai? Heading to Magic Capital in a few days? Tsk, why is that Miss Qin in such a hurry?"

Lady Dong clicked her tongue but didn't really care. She was never the clingy type, yet she didn't refuse Su Ping's request either.

In Dong Muyun's eyes, This is undoubtedly a provincial trip for the two of us. Hmm, the thought is somewhat romantic and exciting.

Too bad, as it would turn out, Dong Muyun was imagining too much.

Young Master Su didn't give any further thought to that aspect at all.

In the following days, not to mention any of the intimate little incidents Dong Muyun was anticipating—like there being only one hotel room left, or accidental physical contact during meals. None of that happened.

Dong Muyun watched speechlessly as Su Ping hurried from city to city, blasting through Secret Realms one after another.

And her...

She was responsible for driving, paying, and bodyguarding. This made Lady Dong almost ready to ditch this rascal halfway and run off.

Is he treating me purely like a head servant? No one has ever ordered me around like this in my entire life! Meeting this stinker is truly the misfortune of eight lifetimes for me, Queen Dong!

However, this stinker was about to leave Linzhou, and she likely wouldn't see him for the next half month. Considering this, Dong Muyun gritted her teeth and persevered.

Meeting this stinker, she, Queen Dong, felt was the worst luck of eight lifetimes!

Of course, even Dong Muyun herself wouldn't admit that at this moment, she felt a tiny bit of satisfaction in her heart.

Such complex emotions were obviously not meant to be shared with outsiders.

However, Dong Muyun would never have expected it. At this very moment, on the other side of Dragon Nation, someone else's feelings were even more complicated than hers.

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Imperial Capital, Dragon Nation.

Still in that familiar office building. In the office of the Chief Supervisor of the Dragon Nation's Qintian Monitor, an office those in the know called the 'Tomb Raider's' den.

At this very moment, Vice Monitor Lin, whom we'd met before, stood frowning before Huang Tianbing. "Boss, it's started again. Over these past few days, it has begun once more. Those Secret Realms in Jianghai Province, for some reason, have all disappeared again! Should we go investigate?"

He was somewhat anxious. An anomaly like this always meant trouble! As the Qintian Monitor's deputy in charge of inspecting Secret Realms and overseeing their regular maintenance, Vice Monitor Lin was truly panicked. This sort of thing might seem minor now, but if a problem arose, he'd be the first to bear responsibility. Could an ordinary person even handle that kind of responsibility?

However, what Vice Monitor Lin couldn't understand was that his boss didn't seem concerned at all. Right now, he wasn't even looking at him but continued to stare fixedly at the computer screen. If Vice Monitor Lin didn't know his boss better, he might have suspected him of doing something shady.

Huang Tianbing didn't acknowledge him immediately. Instead, he was looking at the Qintian Monitor backend system and pursed his lips. Others might not know what was going on, but how could he not?

After all, ten alerts regarding this news had already popped up on his backend system in recent days. All were messages and feedback from that little prodigy in Jianghai. The content of the feedback was identical to last time:

[Secret Realm Inspector Su Ping submits the message 'Jianghai Secret Realm No. 792' has collapsed and disappeared; the number and specific information will be archived into the 'Jianghai Secret Realm Archives.' Approve?]

[Secret Realm Inspector Su Ping submits the message 'Jianghai Secret Realm No. 847' has collapsed and disappeared; the number and specific information will be archived into the 'Jianghai Secret Realm Archives.' Approve?]

[...]

And clearly, the anxious Old Lin standing before him had just confirmed the accuracy of these messages! These Secret Realms had indeed vanished, just like the disappearance of those five Mysterious Realm Spaces in Linzhou.

At this moment, Huang Tianbing was finally one hundred percent certain that this youngster, whom Ghost Saint had pulled strings to get in, truly possessed some skill in this area! Huang Tianbing was inwardly excited.

Never mind distant events. Just a few days ago, he had received another extremely troubling piece of news. At the easternmost part of Jianghai Province, beyond West Dragon Lake, upon the vast and boundless Eastern Sea, on an island named Yanxun Island, the Secret Realm that had appeared there was now causing a commotion.

Who knew why a Spirit Saint Level expert's Secret Realm would appear on such an obscure fishing island? And why was it so volatile? Inside that Secret Realm, energy surges erupted periodically. This was causing widespread panic. All personnel on the island had been evacuated, leading to severe negative consequences. If this continued, Yanxun Island itself could collapse. Of course, such an extreme scenario wouldn't happen easily, but it wasn't a risk worth taking. Furthermore, the edge of the Eastern Sea bordered the Endless Sea Domain, the largest maritime forbidden zone—an area even the Dragon Nation was reluctant to provoke.

What if that young prodigy could lend a hand? Huang Tianbing pursed his lips. He didn't fully understand how the young prodigy's ability worked. Still, given the large-scale sweep in Jianghai Province, surely the

young prodigy would be interested in a Secret Realm left behind by a Spirit Saint Level expert, right? After all, if he weren't interested, why go to the trouble of such an extensive cleanup?

However, Huang Tianbing hesitated to probe too deeply. In the world of Beast Tamers, any ability could be a personal secret; there was no reason to disclose it to others, especially an ability of such immense significance to the Qintian Monitor.

This was also why Huang Tianbing hadn't spoken plainly, despite Vice Monitor Lin's alarm. If Old Lin found out about this, who knew what he might do in his excitement? If his subordinates, not understanding the situation, offended this young prodigy, Ghost Saint's displeasure would be one concern. But if the young prodigy then decided to stop working with the Qintian Monitor, wouldn't that be a complete disaster?

So, this matter had to be handled delicately!

Thus, Huang Tianbing looked at Old Lin, cleared his throat, and said, "I know, Old Lin. You can go attend to your other duties for now."

Vice Monitor Lin's brows furrowed slightly. "Boss, we really can't ignore this. You've heard what the higher-ups said: we're currently in an extremely sensitive spatial period. Secret Realms are appearing far more frequently than before, not just nationwide but globally. Jianghai is a major province. If something goes wrong..."

"Don't worry, Old Lin. I understand the gravity of the situation," Huang Tianbing reassured him.

Only after this reassurance from Huang Tianbing did Vice Monitor Lin reluctantly nod and depart.

Watching the office door close again, Huang Tianbing let out a long sigh. Old Lin was right. Secret Realms had been appearing much more frequently lately compared to previous years. Precisely because of this, uncontrolled Secret Realms like the one on Yanxun Island would likely become more common. And that made this young prodigy's abilities all the more crucial.

However, rashly asking and prying into this young master's abilities might incur his displeasure. Besides, there's no reason he would help the Qintian Monitor.

Although Huang Tianbing was sure this young master had his own objectives for sweeping through the Secret Realms.

Nevertheless, having climbed from a mere receptionist to his current position, aside from the support of influential patrons, Huang Tianbing relied on his cautious mindset of always thinking ten steps ahead.

So, a direct inquiry was out of the question. But could he try to hint at it indirectly?

With this thought, Huang Tianbing's mind stirred. He clicked open the page to reply:

'Dear Prosecutor Su Ping, we have received your feedback and have actively dispatched officers for inspection, confirming the results of your feedback! Most of the Secret Realms in Jianghai Province have been cleared by you. We thank you for your contributions to the Qintian Monitor and look forward to receiving your continuous feedback! At the same time, the Qintian Monitor also anticipates further cooperation with you!'

After sending the message, a nervousness Huang Tianbing hadn't felt in a long time welled up in his heart. He fidgeted like a fly rubbing its legs, staring unblinkingly at the backend system.

Huang Tianbing couldn't help but be nervous.

He was a meticulous person. The reference to 'all the Secret Realms in Jianghai Province' and, most importantly, the last phrase 'anticipating further cooperation,' were deliberate probes in this response.

Moreover, if this Young Master Su was dissatisfied with such a reply format, he could always blame it on an intern in customer service or an automated reply.

Meanwhile, Su Ping, who was still en route, remained seated in the passenger seat, deep in meditation, consolidating the spiritual power gained from clearing the last Secret Realm. His own spiritual power had finally broken through to the Elite Eighth Stage.

Just then, Feifei's voice sounded, "Master, there is a new message from the Qintian Monitor's backend!"

Su Ping opened his eyes. "What message? More thanks?"

"Yes, but it's a little different. Shall I show it to you or read it out?"

Su Ping glanced at Dong Muyun beside him, then reached out and took the phone Feifei was levitating with its spiritual power. He only gave it a brief glance.

Familiar format, familiar feeling. Couldn't the Qintian Monitor's automated replies be a bit more creative?

As expected, these kinds of departments are too rigid, with no human touch in their management at all.

He looked at Feifei, somewhat speechless, and said, "Feifei, your intelligence is indeed much stronger than other Pet Beasts of the same level, but you need to learn to differentiate. Messages like this are just polite spam, not worth paying attention to."

"Ah?" Feifei's spherical mechanical body rotated slightly as it spoke, "But I see the wording is different from before."

"The wording is different, but the content is the same. It's like a standard reply with different text."

Su Ping sat up straight. It would be great if Feifei could become his smart assistant, so it needed to learn to differentiate these things more clearly.

And so, Su Ping's expression suddenly turned serious. Under his intense gaze, Feifei's rotation slowed.

"Feifei!"

"Yes, Master!"

"Are you ready for your first training session with me?"

"Ah? R-Ready... I'm ready!"

Feifei hadn't expected its first training session to come so soon.

Even Dong Muyun turned her head with a puzzled look. What was this kid thinking, training something in the car? Besides, this strange mechanical sphere couldn't even transform its body. What could it possibly be trained for? Self-rescue after jumping out of the car?

Su Ping, however, paid no attention to Dong Muyun's gaze. Feifei, on the other hand, was a mix of excitement, eagerness, and apprehension.

"Your first training lesson is to distinguish between replies from a real person and automated replies! Now, open the smart customer service for three different apps."

"Okay, Master! I've opened them all."

"Good. Now, send 'Hello' to all of them. Oh, and as a case study, send one to the Qintian Monitor's backend too."

Evidently, Feifei's skill in operating a phone was already impeccable. Almost simultaneously, 'Hello!' messages were sent to the online customer service of all four apps.

"Hello!"

In Dragon City, within the Chief Supervisor's office of the Qintian Monitor, Huang Tianbing looked at the "Hello!" reply and felt a surge of excitement.

He actually replied! And just as Lord Ghost Saint said, this Young Master Su is indeed mature and composed. Look, he's so polite even to customer service or automated replies.

Huang Tianbing finally relaxed and hurriedly typed a rapid response:

"Hello, dear Prosecutor Su Ping, I'm here. Is there anything you need to consult about? Or do you have any questions? Perhaps you're unfamiliar with the Secret Realms? I can help you with all of that! And I look forward to further cooperation with you!"

This time, he added an exclamation mark after "cooperation"! He continued to stare expectantly at the reply list.

In the car, Feifei let out an exclamation, "It's true, these automated replies are all so similar! 'AllPass' says, 'Hello, I'm here. Are there any questions you don't understand...' 'DirectPayPass' says, 'What questions do you have? I can solve them for you...' And this 'Skypup Mall' is a bit different; it's asking what I want to buy. But they really do seem mostly the same! However, the Qintian Monitor's backend reply is a bit slower, huh?!"

Su Ping nodded with the sagely air of one who held all the answers. "That's natural. These apps serve customers, so they must ensure service efficiency. The Qintian Monitor, however, is an official internal system, so its efficiency will naturally differ."

"I see! Master, you are amazing!" Feifei's voice was full of admiration.

Su Ping nodded, extremely pleased and satisfied, and said, "Of course. Feifei, although you're a Mechanical Core and, strictly speaking, a smart digital lifeform, you must remember to draw a clear line between yourself and these customer service replies that lack true intelligent consciousness. Got it? If we fight in the future and need to plan tactics, you must also remember that you are a true lifeform, not a cold computer program. Be flexible! Know how to adapt, understand?"

Beside him, Dong Muyun's lips twitched as she watched this master and Pet Beast duo gleefully playing with AI customer service, all under the ridiculous guise of 'training.'

She'd truly never seen this kind of training method before. Could one really train like this? But damn it, this kid actually managed to justify it in the end? But... future battles? How could this Kinder Surprise Egg-like thing fight in the future? Hack into the opponent's phone, spread some pictures, and cause them to die of social embarrassment on the spot?

Dong Muyun shook her head wordlessly, too tired to bother with this bizarre master-servant pair.

Feifei, however, seemed 'lost in thought,' then 'nodded' again. It seemed that at this moment, it had finally understood its master's earnest efforts. Then, the Q-style portrait on the phone spoke seriously, "In that case, Feifei will continue to train hard! I won't disappoint you, Master!"

"Excellent! Go on!" Su Ping smiled with satisfaction and nodded.

Feifei's perceptiveness was quite good. When he had time, he could try letting Feifei use Network Control to command other unfinished Mechanical Core Pet Beasts, to see if it could grasp combat abilities.

Unfortunately, while Su Ping was very pleased with Feifei's performance, Huang Tianbing, crouched behind his computer in the Imperial Capital, was currently questioning his entire existence. This was because, at that very moment, a new message had arrived from Young Master Su:

"Hello, I'd like to ask, which came first: the five-colored chicken or the five-colored egg? Do you know the answer to this question?"

Huang Tianbing was completely bewildered, staring at the baffling question the other party had posed. For a moment, he couldn't process it at all. However, after some thought, he still replied earnestly:

"Hello, thank you for your question. According to the deductions of history professors, from the perspective of Pet Beast evolution, the chicken should have come first. This is because the five-colored chicken, after completing its evolution, would then lay five-colored eggs! Is there anything else I can help you with?"

However, Huang Tianbing, who felt his answer was perfectly fine at this moment, could never have imagined what would happen next.

「Not long after,」

On the other end of the network, Feifei quietly created a new document in its own folder:

"The Difference Between Intelligence and Wisdom—Intelligence can only rigidly solve problems, whereas wisdom can solve the person who poses the problems."

Chapter 336: Heading to the Magic Capital!

More than four days on the road had left Su Ping exhausted, both mentally and physically. Although the harvest was great, the feeling of traveling by car every day was not particularly comfortable. However, having finally returned to Linzhou, Su Ping let out a slight sigh of relief—though only a very slight one. The gains from this trip were immense! Not to mention anything else, the explosive increase in his spiritual power realm alone was unexpected for Su Ping.

Paired with the meditation during this period, his spiritual power broke through two levels in succession. From the previous Elite Seventh Rank, his level skyrocketed at an unimaginable speed to Elite Ninth Order. Just half a year ago, he was an ordinary Beast Tamer who had just awakened; half a year later, the elevation of his realm was beyond his expectations.

Su Ping could feel it. This Space Absorption characteristic is becoming more and more handy. The more he used it, the more proficient he became. This later led to an improvement in absorption efficiency, and the magnitude of the increase in spiritual power also saw a slight enhancement.

It was clear, though, that the greatest benefit to Su Ping from the more than twenty absorbable Secret Realms was undoubtedly the expansion of his Beast Taming Space. Compared to the previous space of less than three hundred square meters, Su Ping's Beast Taming Space had more than doubled during his days away. An immense area of over six hundred square meters, it was already the size of a small plaza. Su Ping absolutely believed that even some Commander Level Beast Tamers would find it difficult to possess such a large Beast Taming Space.

However, Su Ping also felt that with the large increase in absorptions, the subsequent expansion of the Beast Taming Space area was far less significant than before. Nevertheless, the Origin absorbed hadn't diminished at all. Although he hadn't yet formed a new Space Characteristic, Su Ping estimated that it would happen soon. Many of the Space Characteristics of the ancient Beast Tamers in Linzhou were

primarily of the Nature Type, related to forests and trees. These were the characteristics he absorbed the most. Although they varied, their essence was fundamentally the same. This was evident from the lush, grassy environment that had appeared on the new expanse of land within Su Ping's Beast Taming Space.

However, after a brief rest, Su Ping didn't remain idle. He first checked on Old Sha's situation; evidently, there was still no progress with the Skill Fusion. Nevertheless, Su Ping took Old Sha out for some activity.

In the four days he was away, work on the botanical garden had already begun. With ample funds, it had to be said, the construction progressed rapidly. In just four days, the garden and orchard discussed with the designer studio were completed. All the small interior facilities were polished and finished. Even the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile and the Blade Ginkgo had settled into their respective spots. These were two of the botanical garden's projects initiated before the barren mountain venture. In addition to the peach blossoms and the Blade Ginkgo named A Yin, there were also a great number of ordinary and Elite Level Plant-based Pet Beasts.

The garden was primarily for ornamental Pet Beasts. These Pet Beasts didn't repel human contact and could be approached. The orchard, on the other hand, focused on Pet Beasts from which fruit could be picked. Of course, picking fruit from these Plant-based Pet Beasts was vastly different from picking from ordinary fruit trees. It followed the same principle as fishing. However, in the future, the orchard would only require an admission fee. Whether the hundreds of various fruit-tree Pet Beasts, including the central Blade Ginkgo, would drop 'Iron Apricots' would depend on the visitors' skill. Anything was permissible as long as it wasn't forceful. Of course, if someone wanted to use force, the combat-type Plant-based Pet Beasts, such as the Saber Haloxylon guarding the botanical garden paths, would probably be very welcoming.

Compared to the Heart of Water, the construction of the botanical garden was undoubtedly even more complicated. These two areas were the focus for the past few days; the rest were still under construction and not worth seeing.

Su Ping brought Old Sha here to fulfill a promise. In the Forest Heart branch garden of the botanical garden, at the center of the vast garden, stood the 'Heart of Flowers.' The peach blossoms began to truly tremble; within their spiritual power formation, voices could be heard emanating from the garden's center. Under the blessing of the 'Language of Nature,' the peach blossoms felt a joy they had never experienced before.

Meanwhile, upon hearing that Su Ping would take Old Sha away for a while, the peach blossoms were reluctant. However, they were finally satisfied after being assured that upon his return, Su Ping would make up for the missed blessings of the 'Language of Nature.'

Su Ping also patrolled the rest of the Forest Heart, which was being extensively developed; the other Plant-based Pet Beasts showed no particular reaction.

However, one Plant-based Pet Beast seemed quite unhappy. This Pet Beast was none other than the relatively special Hundred Birds Wutong Tree. The reason the Hundred Birds Wutong Tree was unhappy was simple: in the forestry area, far from the city, it often attracted various birds that would circle it. However, since arriving at the Heart of Woods, such occurrences had become rare.

The Heart of Woods was not far from Linzhou, only a little over ten kilometers away, which explained the relative scarcity of birds. Flying Pet Beasts are the primary type of Pet Beasts that Beast Tamers in human cities guard against. After all, completely preventing flying Pet Beasts from entering is very difficult, even for Air Force Beast Tamers, so cities often have measures to repel bird-type flying Pet Beasts. Over time, naturally, not many bird-type flying Pet Beasts frequented the areas around the city. For the Hundred Birds Wutong Tree, which liked birds, this was undoubtedly a disappointing matter.

The Hundred Birds Parasol is also an extremely rare Plant-based Pet Beast, even scarcer and more precious than the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile, mainly because of its enormous attraction to birds. Because of this, Su Ping unexpectedly had an idea.

In the future, I could also collect some flying bird-type Pet Beasts. After all, to light up the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, with so many types of flying Pet Beasts, it's impossible not to get involved with any of them. But birds also have a disadvantage: it's unrealistic to keep them caged all the time. Many such Pet Beasts would rather die than be deprived of their freedom. However, often after being caught and released, they just fly away. Now, with this Hundred Birds Wutong Tree that attracts flocks of birds, it's worth trying to see if these birds will be as heartless as those ungrateful fish, impossible to domesticate.

With this thought in mind, Su Ping's interest was piqued. But obviously, he had no time for it now, so he promised with a smile, "Don't worry, I'll get you a yard full of bird-type Pet Beasts in the future! Just don't complain about too many bird droppings then!"

RUSTLE!

After receiving the Wutong Tree's joyful reaction, Su Ping finally left the botanical garden, which was still under construction and cultivation. Bird-type Pet Beasts... those aren't urgent for now.

Su Ping always took things one step at a time. My knowledge of Plant-based Pet Beasts is still so limited. Not to mention the other Wolf Pets Old Liu had promised to send him. Even with the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, he figured he would need to study for a while. Only after achieving certain results and understanding would he dare to venture into other areas.

Furthermore, Su Ping's main focus next would not be on Plant-based Pet Beasts or other Wolf Pets; it was to return to Paperman and Forest Wolf. With his realm breakthrough, Xiao Qing's realm had officially advanced to Elite Sixth Rank, and Little Paper was once again a level higher than him, reaching Elite Tenth Stage.

The matter of Paperman was for the Special Beast Taming Forces mentioned by Commander Zhao, scheduled for after the Spring Festival. Last time Leng Ye visited, Su Ping had heard more about this from him. Although he couldn't be one hundred percent certain, Su Ping was fifty to sixty percent confident. If nothing unexpected happens, the special unit Leng Ye mentioned—which is going to explore the Heavenly Tomb in the future—is very likely the same special forces Commander Zhao is now looking to form.

Originally, Su Ping had wanted to give it a try. Now, with the secrets of the Heavenly Tomb involved, he was even more keen. Although I don't want to personally go in and see, if I can train and cultivate a Pet Beast corps that can enter, that would also meet the conditions. Paperman can now complete the first stage of Attribute evolution, but meeting the requirements of the Special Beast Taming Forces might still be difficult. The challenge lies in the fusion with other forms!

During this time, Su Ping had done some research on this. The mechanical bodies of mechanical Pet Beasts fit very well with his idea for the paper form. It would be best to research several other fusion body forms to perfectly unleash their combat abilities. That would increase my chances in the selection for Breeders of the special forces. I just don't know if Leng Ye will go. Will he be surprised to see me participating in the selection?

The research on Forest Wolf is, naturally, for Xiao Qing's further evolution. I've already pretty much figured out some general research directions for Xiao Qing. Now it's time to go to Magic Capital and see what this so-called Crown Wolf Emperor, the highest and most luxurious evolution for a Forest Wolf, has to offer! This will help verify Xiao Qing's evolution. Rong Qiu said back then that once Xiao Qing reached Elite Eighth Stage, we could start the research. I've also flipped through the research on the Cold Water

Wolf she gave me, gaining some experience in cultivating Poison Type Wolf Tribe Pet Beasts! I'm just waiting for the breakthrough; then I can look for her and the so-called Rong Family when I have time.

「Two days drifted by after returning to the Heart of Woods.」

Finally, on the sixth day after Qin Xiaoxue's last phone call, with four days remaining until the Crown Wolf Emperor's evolution as she had mentioned, Qin Xiaoxue's call came through. The special aircraft named Cloud Soarer once again appeared in the skies above the Heart of Woods.

And so, accompanied by Liu Fuhai, who had long been prepared, Sun Chaoju, who could barely be considered a sponsor, and most importantly, Old Sha, Su Ping set foot for the first time on the journey to Magic Capital, one of the largest cities in Dragon Nation.

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"Welcome aboard the Cloud Soarer, respected Major Su Ping, respected Senior Breeder Liu Fuhai, and Intermediate Breeder Sun Chaoju! If you need anything, please instruct me. I am at your service at any time!"

Old Sha, Sun Chaoju, and Liu Fuhai entered the Cloud Soarer together, settling onto one of the mere six sofa seats. This mechanical voice reached the ears of Su Ping and the others.

Liu Fuhai didn't react much. Given his special status, he'd ridden on some high-class aircraft before. Su Ping and Sun Chaoju, however, seemed a bit slow to respond.

This thing really is a true Mechanical Pet Beast, not just a semi-mechanical awakened intelligence like before, Su Ping thought.

Sun Chaoju's thoughts, meanwhile, went along these lines: Why is there no 'respected' before my name? Is an Intermediate Breeder unworthy of respect? Damn it! My fate is my own, not dictated by Heaven! Thirty years the river flows east...

But he let it go, ducking his head slightly as he looked over the lavishly luxurious special aircraft. Without Su Ping's clout, he wouldn't even dream of riding in it, let alone getting inside to take a look.

My goodness, a private aircraft exclusively for Spirit Saint Level beings! What kind of concept was that? Sun Chaoju felt his life had truly been worthwhile!

So, with that thought, Breeder Sun looked towards the calm-faced, middle-aged woman, Aunt Qin, and asked a question that made Liu Fuhai's old face flush, "Um, can I take a photo?"

Aunt Qin was slightly taken aback before breaking into a smile. "Of course, you can!"

Sun Chaoju ignored his teacher's disapproving glare, took out his latest model phone, snapped a few photos, then contentedly posted them to his social media feed and in the 'Jianghai Wolves' group chat.

He then started composing a caption: "Never would've imagined a dedicated exclusive aircraft would be like this, truly an eye-opener..."

After some thought, Sun Chaoju deleted his initial caption and then retyped: "A longer journey is taken to behold grander sights. Let us strive together."

Then, purposefully, he added the 'Cloud Soarer' logo below this message. His intentions were quite obvious.

Without a doubt, his social media feed was flooded with likes and inquiries, but of course, Old Sun wouldn't deign to reply.

Meanwhile, in the 'Jianghai Wolves' group chat, there was a chorus of jeers. It was clear that Sun Chaoju had already blabbed about the 'trivial' matter of going to the Magic Capital. On the very day Su Ping had mentioned it to him, Sun Chaoju, unable to contain himself, had spilled all the details in the group.

Everyone knew that he was off to the Magic Capital for the Breeder contest in a little over ten days. He might even get a chance to make an appearance before the many interested members of the public.

To say they weren't envious would be impossible, yet nothing could be done. After all, who could blame the lucky dog for stumbling upon such incredible luck?

[Old Yang Amidst the Sand: Not to be critical, Old Sun, but enough already, okay? Is there no end to this? Do you have to show off just for getting on a plane?]

[Wolf Den - Sun Chaoju: Hehe, Old Yang, you're just inexperienced. I don't blame you. You'll all understand eventually.]

[Old Yang Amidst the Sand: Screw it, where's the group admin? @Old Zhao, Boss Zhao, either kick this bastard out for a few days, or we're leaving the group! Who knows how much this guy is going to show off!]

Then, not five seconds later, Sun Chaoju received a message that he had been kicked out of the 'Jianghai Wolves' group chat. He didn't care, scoffing dismissively.

Hmph, blatant jealousy! But today, Master Sun was in a good mood and couldn't be bothered to stoop to their level.

Sun Chaoju felt he had reached the pinnacle of his life, while those nearby clearly paid no mind to his minor emotional outburst.

Aunt Qin smiled gently at the old man and the young man, asking, "Would you like something to drink? We will arrive at the Magic Capital and the Academy in less than thirty minutes. If you're feeling tired, there are rooms available for rest."

"Is there green tea?" Liu Fuhai asked.

"I'll have a cola," Su Ping said.

Aunt Qin looked towards Sun Chaoju, who was glowering at his phone. He belatedly replied, "Ah, I'm fine with anything!"

Liu Fuhai, beside him, wished he could open a window and throw this disgrace out of the aircraft.

Aunt Qin, unfazed, smiled slightly and said, "Cloud Soarer, three green teas, one cola, and three tree fruits."

Within ten seconds, a mechanical arm emerged from somewhere, its tray holding three steaming cups of green tea and a chilled cola. Tree fruits were also provided for Old Sha, who was listlessly dozing nearby.

Evidently, Aunt Qin was very familiar with the Forest Wolf and also seemed quite interested in this new Forest Wolf Evolver. However, as it involved many complex matters, it wasn't appropriate for her to inquire further.

Su Ping sipped through the straw, unabashed that his drink was different from the others. He looked at the mechanical arm with interest, finally unable to help but ask, "Aunt Qin, is Cloud Soarer a real Mechanical Pet Beast?"

The question didn't even require Aunt Qin's response. Suddenly, a light above turned on. A small 3D blue holographic figure appeared on the coffee table in front of the sofa seats, announcing, "Respected Major Su Ping, Cloud Soarer is indeed a real Mechanical Pet Beast! Do you have any instructions?"

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Su Ping was somewhat intrigued and waved his hand. Dong Muyun had mentioned before that for a mature Mechanical Pet Beast, a successfully awakened Mechanical Core was merely the first step. The second, more important step was the most critical part: fusing with a mechanical body and, at the same time, researching new mechanical blueprints or directly using existing virtual blueprints to complement the mechanical body.

The advancement of Mechanical Pet Beasts was quite interesting. They themselves were unable to evolve directly, but this became possible after connecting to a mechanical body. The quality of the mechanical body, the rationality of the blueprint assembly, the equipped Mechanical Weapons, and so on, all played a role. Of course, the most important aspect was still the Realm advancement of the Mechanical Core itself. A Mechanical Core of sufficient Realm could control high-level mechanical body materials and more sophisticated Mechanical Weapons after merging with a mechanical body. Otherwise, control would be impossible, let alone Evolution. The Realm advancement of the Mechanical Core also had many facets, such as resource utilization, integration of mechanical knowledge, reciprocal enhancement from Beast Tamers, and even high-Energy supply during combat—all were possibilities.

Over time, Su Ping had gained a thorough understanding of Mechanical Pet Beasts. Compared to many ordinary Pet Beasts, Mechanical Pet Beasts seemed inherently more versatile. This was precisely why they had become the most popular—and undoubtedly the most luxurious—type of Pet Beast in the current era. After all, every step in developing a Mechanical Pet Beast required substantial financial investment.

Currently, Su Ping certainly wasn't short of funds. However, he lacked the blueprints for Mechanical Pet Beasts. Besides his future plans for Feifei's Network Control of a Mechanical Pet Beast army, Paperman's own assembly was also inextricably linked to mechanical blueprints.

Aunt Qin noticed Su Ping's curiosity and desire, and she said with a smile, "How so? Su Ping, are you also interested in Mechanical Pet Beasts?"

Her question made Liu Fuhai's heart suddenly pound. And Su Ping, nodding on the other side, made Liu Fuhai's heart pound again.

Damn it, didn't you kid just promise me a few days ago that you would focus on studying the Icefang Whitewolf when the time came? How did you change your mind so quickly? And it's not even your original Plant System or Necromancy System; how did it suddenly, inexplicably become the Mechanical System?

However, at this moment, Su Ping clearly wasn't paying attention to Old Liu's gaze. Since it was rare to encounter someone knowledgeable, he naturally wanted to ask in detail. However, Aunt Qin apparently couldn't offer Su Ping much specific advice on this matter.

"The designs for Cloud Soarer were distributed from above; you should understand that. I don't have any remarkable blueprints here. However, Su Ping, if you're interested, you shouldn't worry about not finding what you're looking for in Magic Capital. Our Magic Capital Advanced Beast-Taming Academy has a Mechanical Faculty with many professors who are experts in this field! Blueprints are indeed hard to come by; there are some individuals whom even the Academy Head must treat with respect. Furthermore, Magic Capital also hosts the Mechanics Association, which operates under the Beast Master Association. They sell some mechanical blueprints and also permit members to trade blueprints privately. If you're lucky, you might find some excellent ones there."

Su Ping nodded, enlightened.

It had to be the largest city in Dragon Nation. Although Linzhou was already quite good, it still lacked something in the details. Of course, this was purely because Su Ping himself had hardly ever visited the Beast Master Association building in Linzhou; although Linzhou didn't have a separate Mechanical Association, it did have corresponding departments.

「Above in the sky, outside the window, it was a vast expanse of azure and white.」

This was Su Ping's first time on a plane in this life. Above the azure Jade Sky, clouds like vast, sky-spanning wings, Cloud Soarer glided by, traversing the vast sky in an instant. Yet, there were no sightings of any bird-like Pet Beasts.

It made sense, as few flocks of birds would venture to such high altitudes, and a vessel like Cloud Soarer was far beyond what ordinary planes could compare to.

Soon, looking down from the sky, he could see an unparalleled modern city—Magic Capital—emerging on the distant horizon.

At the same time, Aunt Qin stood up. She looked at everyone present, her gaze mainly falling on Sun Chaoju and Liu Fuhai, and asked, "Are you two planning to go to Magic Capital Academy together?"

Su Ping was undoubtedly going to Magic Capital Academy, but it wasn't certain for the other two. And that was indeed the case, as Liu Fuhai promptly said, "No need, just drop us off anywhere in the city. Su Ping, we'll wait for you in the city, and when the Breeder competition is about to begin, we'll come find you!"

Liu Fuhai had no desire to set foot on the territory of Qin Erlong's wife. Moreover, he estimated that in the next few days, people from all over the country participating in the Breeder competition would also start arriving; it was a good opportunity to subtly inquire and gather information. Besides, judging by her tone, she clearly had no intention of inviting them along. If he persisted shamelessly, it would be rather tactless, wouldn't it?

Cloud Soarer's speed gradually decreased. After dropping off the two men, it then proceeded to Magic Capital Academy.

Even looking down from the sky, Su Ping could see that although he had imagined many things before his arrival, when he actually saw the academy, he still found himself momentarily at a loss.

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Isn't this a bit too big? Su Ping wondered. Generally, universities in his previous life, even the slightly larger ones, only occupied a few square kilometers. He had estimated that, being an extraordinary Beast Taming Academy, it would at most be comparable in size to his own forested land or perhaps the base up ahead. That was already quite an exaggeration; after all, this area really wasn't small. But it turned out he had underestimated it. The academy grounds beneath his feet seemed to be expanding, and at first glance, the area appeared to be several times larger than his entire base combined. It didn't resemble an academy at all; it was more like a small city.

The topography within this small city was extremely diverse. Looking from above, there were forests, swamps, lakes, mountains, and even expanses of sand.

Sensing Su Ping's astonishment, Aunt Qin smiled faintly. "Magic Capital Academy has a rule: the consequences for being late to some courses are quite severe. However, the academy is so vast and its terrains so diverse that for Beast Tamers and Pet Beasts within, even rushing from one place to another is a form of training and cultivation. Time management is also crucial."

What a place! Su Ping shook his head, marveling. From this perspective, the Beast Tamers cultivated in this academy could truly be considered elites.

After they alighted, Aunt Qin skillfully maneuvered a nearby sightseeing vehicle and said with a slight smile, "At this time, Xiao Xue should still be in the Linhai Secret Realm with the Dean. She probably won't be free until after five o'clock. How about we first settle this Forest Wolf Evolver in the nest outside the Dean's residence, and then I'll give you a tour of Magic Capital Academy?"

Old Sha was evidently not in the mood for a tour. After entering Skill Fusion, he needed to enter a state of repose periodically.

Su Ping nodded. "Of course, no problem. But, the Linhai Secret Realm? There's a Secret Realm within the academy?"

Truth be told, this trip to Magic Capital made Su Ping feel rather like Granny Liu entering the Grand Prospect Garden—everything was a new marvel.

However, Aunt Qin simply smiled faintly. Any Beast Tamer visiting Magic Capital Academy for the first time would react just like Su Ping; that was certain. But this was merely scratching the surface.

The sightseeing vehicle started, slowly pulling away from what was clearly a parking area.

Previously, in Linzhou, Su Ping had seen many cars but few Pet Beasts. Here, however, it was the opposite. There were hardly any vehicles, but almost every student or other person he intermittently saw was accompanied by a Pet Beast. Cars on the road were extremely rare. It was so rare, in fact, that most people looked surprised when they saw the sightseeing vehicle. This was especially true when they saw Su Ping in the vehicle, whose youthfulness was almost unbelievable, prompting even greater astonishment.

However, just as Aunt Qin had mentioned, the rhythm of Magic Capital Academy indeed seemed very tense. Indeed, no one on the paths seemed to be wasting time; everyone was hurrying along.

Finally, after Old Sha was settled, the sightseeing vehicle stopped at an enormous venue.

"This is where students battle each other and where various student societies hold their activities. It's like a base camp for these youngsters!"

Hearing the introduction, Su Ping walked into this all-encompassing, massive venue.

"Junior? Are you a new student? What type of Pet Beast do you have? Our Magic Potion Society is recruiting! Anyone interested in Magic Potions can join us..."

He had barely stepped through the doorway when someone nearby visibly brightened, especially upon noticing Su Ping's casual attire and the absence of any society insignia on his chest.

Su Ping quickly waved his hand. "Sorry, I'm not a student of the academy..."

Still, Su Ping found himself genuinely interested in this Magic Potion Society. So, after a moment's thought, he asked again, "Um... can non-students join?"

The girl gave Su Ping a look as if he were an idiot, then merely shrugged. "Handsome, don't think you can do whatever you want just because you're good-looking!"

What a pity. Su Ping thought. He had been hoping to gain some advantages, perhaps find some Magic Potion formulas he could use or improve.

However, the girl before him didn't entirely dismiss the possibility. After all, not just anyone could get a tour of Magic Capital Academy.

This handsome young man isn't very old; he's likely a prospective student. Large societies like the Combat Society might turn up their noses at less qualified candidates, but our Magic Potion Society is really short on people.

Thus, adhering to the principle of 'better to risk recruiting someone unsuitable than to miss out on a potential talent,' the girl said, "I'm Lu Ning, vice president of the Magic Potion Society. It's okay if you can't join now. If you become a student here in the future, you can try applying. Our society offers many benefits!"

After speaking, Lu Ning gave Su Ping a knowing wink.

Aunt Qin, who had been silent all along, finally cleared her throat. "Su Ping, there's still a lot to see in Magic Capital Academy. Come, let's go see other places."

Su Ping was actually very curious about the benefits the Magic Potion Society offered. He was also quite interested in the battles of the so-called Combat Society, which were taking place on distant arenas as large as stadiums. We've only just reached the entrance; what can I possibly learn from here?

However, since Aunt Qin had spoken, Su Ping could only let it go.

Afterward, the sightseeing vehicle set off again.

They passed various unique terrains, exceptionally fine dormitory buildings, and other sights, but these were just in passing.

Soon, Aunt Qin led Su Ping to the edge of a distinct area.

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This place, compared to the previous battle arena and the club center, was in no way inferior; it was even larger!

The area was so vast that Su Ping couldn't even see its boundaries at a glance.

What astonished him even more was that this building, apart from some tall outer walls, seemed to be constructed entirely of metal and steel on the inside.

Stepping inside felt like entering the heart of a cyberpunk-style fortress.

"This is..."

Su Ping blinked, observing the bustling steel world where people constantly came and went.

Just then, a few figures walked towards him. One broad-browed young man said excitedly, "Haha, this time my solo Commander Level lasted one more wave, and I've now broken into the top hundred in the overall rankings! Heh heh! That's an extra two thousand-plus credits in my account! So cool!"

His friend's eyes widened as he exclaimed, "Damn! Broke into the top hundred for solo? Not bad at all, kid!"

The young man chuckled, then glanced at the youngest junior beside him and said, "Heh heh, I'm still far behind Dong Muxuan here. His Void Weaving Spider managed to last over thirteen waves just last week, and he almost defeated that Emperor Level cub. He enrolled less than two years ago, and his main Battle Pet is already ranked in the top twenty. That's truly impressive!"

The junior smiled humbly and replied, "You're giving me too much credit, senior. I've just been lucky..."

"Speaking of which, I heard Miss Qin went to the Linhai Secret Realm again today? No wonder you were out of the tower so quickly, Dong Muxuan. Are you off to meet Miss Qin?"

Upon hearing this, the youngest junior's brows furrowed slightly. He said, "Senior Guo, please don't make such jokes in the future. It's not good if others overhear. I have no relationship with Senior Qin. And Senior Qin doesn't need me to meet her."

"Alright, alright, heh heh..."

The group brushed past Su Ping.

Su Ping was slightly stunned, surprised by both the nature of this steel fortress and the young man he had just encountered.

Then, he muttered under his breath, "Dong Muxuan?"

The junior with the surname Dong turned his head, also surprised, and looked back at Su Ping. He simply smiled and then turned away.

Clearly, in this academy, this young master of the Dong Family was quite the celebrity. Was it expected for a passerby 'student' like himself to recognize him?

Su Ping smiled faintly. He recalled Dong Muyun previously praising this younger brother highly, while expressing nothing but disdain for their worthless eldest brother.

Seeing him now, Su Ping's impression was indeed quite favorable.

Aunt Qin, seemingly not having noticed this exchange, smiled and explained, "This is the Trial Tower! It's a colossal structure, assembled from nearly a hundred Mechanical Cores and numerous other devices.

This special, large-scale instrument can simulate a genuine battlefield, indistinguishable from the real thing. Battles here are divided into three Levels: Elite, Commander, and Monarch.

"There are also two battle modes for Pet Beasts: group and solo. Depending on the mode, enemies are randomly generated and attack in waves.

"For any Level or battle mode, there's a very specific school-wide ranking. If you rank high, you'll receive a large sum of credits each time you advance to a new stage.

"Credits can be exchanged for anything in the academy's treasury, including resources, evolution methods, the services of advanced Breeders, Cultivation Skills, and guided evolution. By the way, some of those mechanical blueprints you wanted before can also be exchanged for credits. They're considered the only hard currency within the academy!"

So that's how it is.

Su Ping's eyes lit up.

He looked at the Trial Tower with some excitement.

Within this Trial Tower, one could most clearly assess the strength of their Pet Beasts! And there were absolutely no lasting consequences. This thing might indeed be even more convenient than a battle between Beast Tamers!

I wonder, how would my little Paperman fare in that solo Pet Beast challenge mode?

But then again, if Qian Yi wields a sword, does that count as a solo Pet Beast challenge?

After all, its sword is considered another Pet Beast.

Su Ping fell into deep thought.

Noticing the eagerness in Su Ping's eyes, Aunt Qin chuckled and said, "The Dean predicted you'd be interested in this. Would you like to give it a try? The Dean said that if you can rank within the top hundred in either solo or group Elite Level combat, he will grant you one request!"

"Eh? The top hundred?"

Su Ping's expression was strange.

Even though Lord Sang Sheng was Miss Qin's elder, Su Ping felt somewhat indignant at this moment.

The top hundred? Is this Lord Sang Sheng trying to belittle me? And it's just the top hundred in the Elite Level, anyway.

Evidently, Aunt Qin had misunderstood Su Ping's implication.

But it was understandable; Aunt Qin's prior information indicated that this Young Master Su was a genius Breeder.

However, he had only awakened his Beast Taming Talent half a year ago.

In breeding, Talent indeed often defied logic. But for Beast Taming Level and combat, no matter how good one's Talent was, progress had to be made step by painstaking step.

To be able to advance to the Elite Level within half a year, and even reach a considerably high rank among Elites, was already very impressive.

And in the Magic Capital Advanced Beast-Taming Academy, filled with prodigious talents, breaking into the top hundred of the Elite Level was exceptionally difficult.

Keep in mind, those who had rankings with Elite Level Pet Beasts had often already completed their own advancement; they were merely cultivating their Third Pet Beast.

In such circumstances, Su Ping, a genuine Elite Level Beast Tamer, clearly didn't have much of an advantage.

Thus, entering the top hundred wasn't just somewhat difficult; in Aunt Qin's view, it was practically impossible.

So, meeting Su Ping's gaze, Aunt Qin smiled helplessly and said, "Su Ping, this requirement isn't something you need to complete immediately. As long as you're in Magic Capital, you can come and try anytime in the foreseeable future. The Dean's promise will remain valid.

"In fact, it's valid even up until the Spring Festival, if you remain in Magic Capital that long."

Su Ping raised an eyebrow. "So, the Dean meant that if I can enter the top hundred of the Elite Level, he'll agree to any single request I make?"

Aunt Qin nodded. "That's right, including items of the same Rank as the Stone of Creation Xiao Xue gave you last time! Of course, this request is incredibly difficult, but that's what makes it a challenge, hehe..."

Even Emperor-rank items?

As for whether other students would object—not that they would likely know—Aunt Qin and the Dean apparently hadn't considered it.

Anyone who could enter the top hundred in the Elite Level Trial Tower within six months of awakening would receive the same offer.

Although the Magic Capital Beast Taming Academy teemed with geniuses, with everyone being a prodigy, the ranking battles in the Trial Tower were incredibly fierce!

Simultaneously, the Trial Tower and the various Secret Realms within the academy were among the best ways for the countless students to distinguish their strengths.

However, Su Ping was now visibly excited by the grand prospect Aunt Qin had laid out for him.

And as Su Ping gazed at the so-called Trial Tower, which resembled a mechanical fortress, a peculiar thought surfaced in his mind:

If getting into the top hundred means I can request any resources, what if I rank even higher? Say, top fifty, top twenty, top ten, or even top three? If I then asked that Lord Sang Sheng if I could have one of these things for my Heart of Woods base, would that be possible? Hmm, I could call it the Heart of Machinery, or perhaps the Heart of Gold?