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Chapter 361: Optimization of the Clone Skill! Su Ping's Requirement_2

"There really are quite a few problems. Let me just talk about the clone aspect. I don't know how other Breeders do it, but the clone control of the Crown Wolf Emperor must be very difficult, right?"

At these words, Qin Xiaoxue let out a long breath and then gave a heartfelt thumbs up. "Exactly. Uncle Li's Crown Wolf Emperor can summon four clones, and even though it has reached Monarch Level now, those four clones and the main body are still extremely difficult to control."

Qin Xiaoxue remembered the first time she saw the Crown Wolf Emperor. The summoned clones were completely controlled by the Crown Wolf Emperor, every move they made. But how to control them had always been a problem. Even slightly experienced Beast Tamers in combat could tell the difference between these types of clones and the main body at a glance. They could only perform basic actions and attacks. Using Skills, let alone executing more complex cooperative attacks, was extremely difficult.

Throughout history, in the world of Beast Tamers, Clone Skill Techniques have always been regarded as very special Skills. Anyone who hears about such Skills immediately thinks they are powerful. Even if the clones are not as strong as the main body, in Pet Beast battles, when they are of the same Level, having other clones assist seems quite useful. However, in reality, the Evolution and Skill Cultivation of clone-type Evolutionary Bodies have always been in a rather awkward position. Besides those Pet Beasts that are naturally strong in spiritual power, some, even with clones, find it very hard to control them.

This was evident even from Su Ping's previous training with his Pet Beasts. After the Forest Wolf Catalog was upgraded to LV3, the awakened Mind's Eye Ability allowed the Pet Beast's vision to be shared. But even when it was just the sharing of vision, and not full control, some Forest Wolves didn't know how to act. Needless to say, if it were controlling several bodies with the Shadow Clone Technique at the same time, the difficulty of this is much greater than drawing a square with one hand and a circle with the other. This is not just a difficulty for the Crown Wolf Emperor; most Pet Beasts with Clone Skill Techniques face this kind of issue.

Su Ping simply smiled. This was not something Su Ping discovered purely through the Golden Finger of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas; he could have guessed it with a little speculation. And conveniently, the 3,500 Catalog Experience points he had just gained helped solve this very issue.

"Based on how the clone projection is formed, we can deduce that the Seed of Life grants it life," Su Ping explained. "The Crown Wolf Emperor's power, through the final condensation of natural essence, then

retracts the complete wolf body of this Seed of Life back into itself. The Star Moon Dandelion and the projection body are the main factors guiding the clone's body. Therefore, if we allocate a part of spiritual power in advance to adapt to clone control, and simultaneously increase the Cultivation of resources that enhance spiritual power during Evolution, it might not allow full control of four clones after Evolution, but the speed of adaptation would definitely be much faster!"

"This..." Qin Xiaoxue scratched her head. When it came to this aspect, she already found it somewhat difficult to understand.

However, Su Ping hadn't considered that with Qin Xiaoxue's Cultivation level, it would still be somewhat troublesome for her to understand these things at this stage.

He continued, "Therefore, in the third clone phase, besides investing the Seed of Life and the Star Moon Dandelion, you can also have the Forest Wolf use a Soul Splitting Crystal to sever a part of its spiritual power. Seal a part of it to enter the clone's body first. After all, at this stage, the Forest Wolf doesn't need to make any movements. It will first adapt to the clone's effect, and after completing the third phase, the spiritual power will automatically be gathered back. This method can significantly shorten the preparation time between the third and fourth phases, greatly increasing the speed of mastering the projection.

"Additionally, during the fourth clone phase, alongside these resources, you can appropriately use some spiritual power resources, such as Dream Crystals. This ensures that the feedback increase during Evolution will also enhance spiritual power. Of course, remember not to neglect one for the other; the Wood Element power Evolution must not be overshadowed by the increase in spiritual power."

Su Ping had said a lot in quick succession, and Qin Xiaoxue was thoroughly confused. She could only look at him.

Meeting his gaze, she clapped her hands, offering her form of admiration, "You're amazing!"

Su Ping gave her a speechless look. "Remember all this, and later, go tell the Breeder responsible for evolving your Woodhead!"

"Huh?" Qin Xiaoxue was taken aback. "Why? If this is really possible, Su Ping, you could just tell Uncle Li yourself!"

Su Ping shrugged. "You said it yourself: *if* it's possible. Although I'm confident, this method hasn't actually been attempted before. The Breeder your grandmother found for you is naturally an authority in this field. Such people are relatively proud, even conceited. If a junior like me offers a suggestion, they'll subconsciously feel averse. They might even harbor other thoughts because of our connection, perhaps thinking I'm proposing an impractical scheme just to attract your attention. With such preconceived notions, they might flatly reject it without even considering a small trial.

"So, when the time comes, just say you heard about this method from a senior Breeder. After all, with Sang Sheng's connection, it's a reasonable explanation under the circumstances."

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"By the time that happens, your Breeder will naturally give the feasibility a good try."

Upon hearing this, Qin Xiaoxue nodded. "Then repeat it to me once more, I didn't catch it just now..."

"..."

After Su Ping repeated it, Miss Qin looked at the guy sitting in front of her, shook her head helplessly, and lamented, "Ah, this is the sorrow and helplessness of a genius, destined to be misunderstood by the mundane world."

At that moment, Miss Qin didn't disdain Su Ping's self-admiration because, frankly, there was nothing wrong with Su Ping's lament.

Even so, Qin Xiaoxue considered something. If Su Ping did indeed overestimate his abilities and proposed to Mr. Li an improvement for the Crown Wolf Emperor's spiritual power enhancement method, he might actually be rejected. Even with her and the old lady as testimony, the other party wouldn't take it to heart.

But if they invoked the old lady's name and used a mysterious Breeder as the argument, then the possibility of success would be much, much greater. The other party would definitely try their best to test the feasibility of such a plan.

Su Ping saw through all of this crystal clear.

If it were someone unimportant, it wouldn't be such a hassle; in fact, by wording it this way, some people would probably be eagerly lining up to take the hit. However, considering Qin Xiaoxue's help and previous events, Su Ping wanted to ensure everything was perfect and as trouble-free as possible.

After nodding, Qin Xiaoxue's gaze continued to rest on Su Ping. "What else, what else? Are there other issues that can be refined during Evolution?"

Su Ping gave her a speechless look. Did she really think he was omnipotent?

However, it wasn't that he had nothing. He glanced at Qin Xiaoxue and said, "Has Woodhead's Thorny Crown been stabilized?"

Qin Xiaoxue was taken aback. "Woodhead still can't adapt to wearing it for long durations, but it has completely mastered the power of the Thorny Crown."

Su Ping nodded; he had a deep impression of the top-notch Forest Wolf referred to as "Woodhead."

Then he continued, "The evolutionary step involving the Thorny Crown is meant to let the Forest Wolf gently grasp the power of Emperor Level resources. The main reason is the huge gap between their Realms. If the Forest Wolf doesn't break through its race limit to reach Commander Level, it cannot complete this step of the Evolution. So, the main goal of these thirty days is to adapt to this power. There's a method to accelerate this step and the overall process. It's simple: use Wolf Tobacco combined with Wood Spirit Grass and the Hundred Herbs Juice..." Su Ping stated calmly.

He had this completely under control.

Because, quite simply, this step involving the fusion of these low-level resources was essentially his homemade Heart of the Wolf potion, except now it included some Commander Level resources. As a result, the Magic Potion was far more potent.

Indeed, this was one of the benefits of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas perfecting Cultivation Methods. If he collected this formula, completed the combination and fusion, could he perhaps create a high-spec version of the Heart of the Wolf?

Su Ping felt it was quite promising.

Having said all that, Su Ping turned around to see Qin Xiaoxue had already opened up a voice-recognition note-taking app, recording everything he had said.

Su Ping nodded.

Qin Xiaoxue also chuckled. "With this method, Woodhead's integration with the Thorny Crown will be quicker, right? It's perfect; I'll record this method and tell Mr. Li that it was suggested by your mysterious Breeding Master. This way, Uncle Li will probably be more convinced about the third stage of spiritual power strengthening, right!"

Miss Qin didn't harbor the slightest doubt that Su Ping would deceive her in this matter.

This young peer before her was most skilled at creating things in this field that were utterly convincing. Initially, she, Sun Chaoju, her grandfather, and Vice President Liu were all victims. And there were definitely more than these few victims.

As soon as these words were out, this time it was Su Ping who was taken aback, looking at Miss Qin with astonishment. "Goodness, you could actually think this far? Not bad, not bad, you've really improved!"

"That's..." Qin Xiaoxue hummed with pride, but she quickly sensed something was off and glared angrily at Su Ping.

Su Ping chuckled. Before Qin Xiaoxue could react, he glanced at the time and quickly said, "It's seven o'clock, time to go up for dinner."

At the dinner table, only the lady, Qin Xiaoxue, and Su Ping were present.

The meal, it had to be said, was sumptuous. In fact, most of the meat dishes were made from relatively high-grade Fierce Beast Meat, and the vegetables were, needless to say, also top quality. Even the fruit salad at the side, Su Ping estimated, Old Sha would lick it clean without leaving a trace.

"Xiao Ping, after you finish eating, let Xiao Xue continue to show you around the academy. Also, your accommodation for these days has been arranged; it's in the academy's villa dormitory area, Number 211," the lady said with a smile.

"Whatever you arrange is fine with me," Su Ping replied.

"Hehe, I did indeed just go ahead and make the arrangements..." the lady said, still smiling.

Su Ping didn't quite catch her meaning.

However, the lady didn't seem inclined to elaborate further on this topic and suddenly asked, "How's your training going with the Myriad Transformations Meditation Method?"

The Myriad Transformations Meditation Method?

Su Ping felt a bit embarrassed and said, "It's going okay, I guess."

The lady didn't seem to mind. "With your Talent, mastering this Meditation Method is certainly not a difficult feat."

Su Ping thought, You're quite mistaken. After all this time, he hadn't even managed to reach the Beginner level.

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Even my own Pet Beast, trying to comfort me, is preparing to develop a Meditation Method that would allow for foolproof cultivation.

But such things are hard to say; it's embarrassing for myself, not to mention it would make the other person feel awkward too.

This Sang Sheng was extremely talkative, showing no signs of the stern, control-freak woman Liu Fuhai had described. There were none of those rules like 'no talking during meals or in bed'; the entire meal was spent in conversation.

"Xiao Ping, do you plan to participate in the Dragon Nation Young Beast Tamer examination next year?"

Su Ping raised an eyebrow. Is she also bringing up this matter?

Su Ping nodded. "Of course, I am. I just don't know how well I'll do then."

The woman smiled with satisfaction. "Having the courage to participate is good. You've probably heard about next year's situation. It will be the last vocational examination under the old system. The difficulty will be immense, but I believe in you! Plus, the top-ranking young Beast Tamers will receive some very nice rewards!"

After seeing that peculiar little paperman, she truly believed in Su Ping.

The combat power of that thing is just outrageous.

Su Ping's eyes lit up as well.

Rewards?

However, before he could think further, the woman spoke again. "I made a promise before: if you could get into the top one hundred of the Trial Tower, I would grant you one request. It seems I was too hasty then. But Xiao Ping, if there's anything you want, just tell me directly."

A desired request? If she hadn't mentioned it, I would have almost forgotten.

A promise from a Spirit Saint Level expert. What it represents is unimaginable value.

But Su Ping was not the type of greedy person who didn't know his own limits.

Given her status, even Spirit Saint Level resources are absolutely within her ability to offer. But my face isn't really that thick. To ask for Spirit Saint Level resources for such a small thing?

Sang Sheng herself had only wanted to spark Su Ping's competitive spirit for the Trial Tower, to make him feel some pressure, perhaps hoping he would decide to stay at Magic Capital Academy. That was her true intention; she had simply misjudged his strength, leading to this situation.

If I were to make a big demand, she would probably give it, but it isn't worth lowering my standing in her eyes.

Moreover, in my view, some tangible resources aren't as important as certain other things.

And indeed, Su Ping had some other thoughts and purposes for his visit to Magic Capital.

Upon hearing this, Su Ping nodded. "To be honest with you, I do have a small matter I'd like to ask for your help with!"

"Oh?"

Actually, Su Ping was overthinking it. If he had asked for Spirit Saint Level resources or other valuable items at that moment, Sang Sheng wouldn't have been displeased at all. Instead, she would have approved immediately and provided them on the spot. The more such matters entangled them, and the more valuable the items involved, the more inseparable their connection would become. If she could bind Su Ping firmly to her 'war chariot,' so to speak, considering his boundless future and the Ghost Saint's background, a few resources were clearly nothing in her eyes.

However, what she hadn't expected was that Su Ping's request was clearly not along those lines.

"I've heard that some Mechanical Pet Beasts are of significant research value. I've recently become quite interested in mechanical-type Pet Beasts. Do you happen to know anything about this area?"

"Uh..."

This truly caught Sang Sheng off guard. It's not particularly valuable, just a small favor, really.

"I don't have any Mechanical Pet Beasts, and I don't know much about them. However, the academy has a Mechanical System. The current head of the Mechanical System, Old Wang, is also one of the vice-presidents of the Magic Capital Mechanical Association. When Old Wang gets back from the city, I'll take you to him. You can ask him then!"

"Then thank you very much."

Su Ping was completely satisfied; the objectives of his trip to Magic Capital had been achieved more smoothly than he could have ever imagined.

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The villa district of Magic Capital Academy requires a cost of three thousand academic credits to qualify for residency. It is quite valuable, so not many people spend their credits here. However, the various facilities within the villa district are relatively more complete, and the privacy is stronger.

Riding their Forest Wolves, the two made their way back to their residence, with Qin Xiaoxue explaining things along the way.

It was indeed as she described. Nearby was a huge lake. Under the night sky, the moonlight shone on its surface, reflecting off the water and making it extraordinarily serene.

Although it was located in the suburbs of Magic Capital, it was only natural for Magic Capital Academy to occupy such a large plot of land and possess such an environment.

Su Ping understood the imbalances caused by power under the academic credit system. In fact, he rather approved of them.

In the Extraordinary Era of the Beast Master Civilization, personal strength had a huge impact.

Moreover, on Blue Star, it was nowhere near as peaceful and harmonious as it appeared within Dragon Nation.

While competition in this regard might be somewhat reduced in society at large, within Modu Advanced Academy—dedicated to training high-level Beast Tamer geniuses—status disparities arising from strength were inevitable.

Seeing Su Ping remain silent, Qin Xiaoxue looked at Old Sha again. "Is this the Evolutionary Body of the Wanmu Wolf?"

Su Ping nodded, came back to his senses with a slight smile, and rubbed Old Sha's head.

Qin Xiaoxue mused with some emotion, "I wonder if Woodhead, once evolved, will be as powerful as your Evolutionary Body."

Su Ping glanced at Woodhead. The little fellow still had that same arrogant look, but it wasn't resistant to Su Ping, instead showing quite a bit of affection.

However, looking at Old Sha striding beside it, towering over it by two heads, Woodhead still had an eager look on its face.

Hearing Qin Xiaoxue's words, Woodhead let out a howl, clearly quite discontented with its own master's lack of trust.

Su Ping finally laughed. "The species rank of the Crown Wolf Emperor is higher than that of the Wanmu Wolf. But to say that after Evolution, it could be more powerful than Old Sha? That's unlikely! After all, Old Sha is already a Monarch Level Pet Beast now."

"Monarch!"

Qin Xiaoxue was slightly startled and then looked toward Old Sha, who had straightened its spine again.

"AWOO!"

This cry didn't come from Old Sha, but from Woodhead nearby.

Clearly, the little fellow was also dissatisfied with Su Ping looking down on it.

This was especially true at this moment, as the Thorny Crown, woven like thorns, sat atop Woodhead's head.

Hearing that howl filled with resentment and even defiance, Su Ping couldn't help but smile.

This little fellow really isn't convinced, is it?

Su Ping looked at the little fellow. "What? You're saying that it's only because Old Sha's Level is higher than yours? That if you were at the same Level, it might not even be your match right now?"

"AWOO!"

Woodhead held its neck high. Under the moonlight and the surrounding streetlights, the Thorny Crown on its head was cast in a magnificent light.

Old Sha shook its neck and also looked at this young upstart beside it.

No, wait. Calling it a 'young upstart' was an understatement; the difference in generations was massive.

Old Sha glanced at its little great-grandcub and snorted, making its intentions clear.

Su Ping and Qin Xiaoxue exchanged a look, both noticing the humor in the situation.

Then, the two arrived at Su Ping's villa.

This villa dormitory area, requiring three thousand points for residency, was naturally extraordinary.

It even had a Pet Beast combat training room that allowed for a high degree of freedom.

Indeed, since Woodhead was dissatisfied, Su Ping didn't mind letting Old Sha teach the little fellow a lesson.

"Old Sha, control your Energy to Commander First Stage!"

"AWOO!"

Old Sha's aura gradually receded, stabilizing at the Commander Level, and then it looked toward its little great-grandcub in the distance.

Woodhead tensed, ready to spring.

Looking at Old Sha, excitement was visible in its eyes!

It was no longer its former self!

Now, it had surpassed its race's limit, broken through its racial restrictions!

Furthermore, it had mastered the power of the Thorny Crown, becoming extremely adept at utilizing this immensely powerful Emperor Level resource!

Combined with the Skills it had previously mastered, Woodhead was confident that even without Evolution—let alone after it—the average evolved Forest Wolf would no longer be its match!

"AWOO!"

Woodhead's eyes shone brightly. Then, the Thorny Crown on its head lit up, and the Wood Attribute Elements in the air became incredibly abundant.

A Wooden Spear materialized instantly, shooting directly towards Old Sha.

However, in less than 0.2 seconds, the spear, initially as sturdy as steel, suddenly turned as limp as a noodle, going completely soft in mid-air.

Woodhead, so fierce and aggressive just moments before, suddenly became listless. It even collapsed to the ground, trembling slightly.

"Woodhead..."

Qin Xiaoxue was startled and instinctively cried out. Then she realized that her Woodhead wasn't injured in the slightest; it was purely out of fear and submission to the Old Sha standing before it.

Fear and grievance filled Woodhead's wide eyes.

Despicable!

Utterly despicable!

To actually use a Skill like Wolf King Majesty!

Cheating! This is cheating!

As if perceiving Woodhead's indignation, Old Sha sauntered leisurely to its side, even circling it slowly.

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This is humiliating!

Woodhead was angry.

And then, it was once again suppressed by that terrifying majesty from deep within its soul.

It's just too unreasonable. The Wolf King Majesty Skill of the Wolf Tribe's Pet Beasts, their suppression over lower-Level Wolf Pets, is just too damned unreasonable! Of course, what's even more unreasonable is, why could this guy, who was also just a Forest Wolf previously, comprehend this Skill?

Therefore, Woodhead once again asked for help from Qin Xiaoxue and Su Ping over there:

"WHINE..."

A rematch! A rematch!

It's not fair! It's not fair!

Seeing Woodhead, who was nearly rolling its eyes from Old Sha's Wolf King Majesty suppression, Su Ping also found it funny.

"All right, Old Sha, stop using Wolf King Majesty."

"AWOO."

Old Sha didn't mind.

He returned to his original position.

However, from the look in Old Sha's eyes, Woodhead saw disdain and arrogance towards itself.

When had Woodhead ever suffered such humiliation?

So, after the influence of the Wolf King Majesty had slowly faded, Woodhead stood up again.

The golden radiance, like yellow jade, on its Thorny Crown lit up again. The next moment, Wooden Spears, vines, and vines that seemed to have transformed into thorns instantly enveloped the entire battlefield.

However, Old Sha's gaze remained unmoved.

And then, Woodhead's expression was no longer one of anger, but shock.

Huge trees suddenly sprouted from the ground.

Even though Old Sha's Energy Level was currently only controlled at the Commander Level, far from reaching the magnitude of a forest deluge, the combat room was instantly transformed into an ocean of branches.

Those thorns, vines, and wooden walls were all blocked outside. Furthermore, these trees released an indescribable suction force, drawing the vines and thorns into themselves.

Then, thorn-like branches actually appeared on the tree limbs.

The counter-absorption effect of Tree Whisper! It can use and control the wooden plants it absorbs!

Then, Woodhead, who had just regrouped, was easily taken down again.

They were both Wood Element Forest Wolves, both even Cultivated by the Breeder Su Ping, and even if they were of the same Level—even with Woodhead’s power fused with the Thorny Crown—it was still far from enough.

"WHIMPER!"

Bound by branches and lifted into the sky, Woodhead no longer had the Spirit it had before, its Life Magnetic Field significantly weakened.

"All right, Old Sha!" Su Ping called out.

Clearly, Old Sha had no intention of hurting the little fellow; he just wanted to show this little great-grandcub a thing or two.

He, Old Sha, might be old, but he can still eat two big buckets of tree fruit in one go!

His body swayed slightly, and the endless sea of forest vanished without a trace, while Woodhead fell from the sky.

"WHINE..."

Woodhead ran straight to Qin Xiaoxue’s side and let out a piteous cry.

Seeing her own Forest Wolf like this, Qin Xiaoxue was torn between laughter and tears.

"You were the one who provoked him first. Now that you can’t beat him, you’re coming to me?"

"WHINE!"

Woodhead felt aggrieved.

That old geezer was clearly past his prime! How could he have improved more than me in just half a year? This is unscientific!

"All right, all right. Old Sha has completed his Evolution, and you're still in the middle of yours. With Su Ping here, your Evolution speed will greatly increase. It should just be a matter of days now!"

Qin Xiaoxue comforted Woodhead, whose Spirit had taken a massive hit. Woodhead gradually recovered, looking at Old Sha with renewed Spirit in its eyes.

That's right, my Evolution is coming! Woodhead could feel the call of its bloodline growing stronger within its body, summoning a greater power! As long as I Evolve... As long as my Evolution is complete, I'll definitely find that old geezer and avenge this humiliation!

With this thought, Woodhead decisively left its owner's embrace and came to Su Ping's side, wagging its tail sycophantically.

This human is so powerful! He managed to make that old geezer so much stronger in such a short time. It's a pity my owner isn't very bright. She ignored such a powerful Breeder and insisted on finding that human old geezer to oversee my Evolution. Woodhead didn't understand, but that didn't stop it from showing affection and trying to curry favor with Su Ping.

Feeling Woodhead's eager licks, Su Ping was torn between laughter and tears. How had I not noticed this little guy's true colors before?

Old Sha, on the other hand, was unconcerned.

It's a good thing for the younger generation to enjoy a challenge. Besides, they're both close with our little master, so they're all family.

"Alright, you've been busy all day. Take some rest. I'm heading back now," Qin Xiaoxue said.

"I'll walk you out."

Su Ping quickly stepped out, but Qin Xiaoxue waved her hand, looking embarrassed.

"Oh, there's no need for that. It's not that far, after all..."

Then, under Su Ping's bewildered gaze, Qin Xiaoxue didn't even take the main road. Instead, she took Woodhead, leaped onto the wall, and landed on the wall of the villa not far next door.

Su Ping blinked, watching Qin Xiaoxue wave from atop the wall.

So Sang Sheng really wasn't lying! My place... it really wasn't arranged by him?

However, he didn't dwell on it. After watching Qin Xiaoxue jump down from the wall like a child, he cheerfully returned to his room in the villa.

Indeed, so much had happened today. My first day at Magic Capital Academy, and it seems I've already made a bit of a name for myself?

However, Su Ping, after washing up and sitting down, didn't dwell on these matters further. Instead, with a flash of light, a figure appeared in the room.

"AWOO..."

Xiao Qing's call was low and deep.

Its jade-green fur shone like emeralds in the dark room.

Xiao Qing rubbed its head gently against Su Ping's palm, feeling the warmth of his hand, clearly very affectionate.

Su Ping smiled too and stroked Xiao Qing's head. It was now at the Elite Sixth Rank, not far from the Elite Eighth Stage Rong Qiu had said was needed before discussing Evolution.

However, Su Ping wasn't that concerned about its Level.

Even the Rong Family's so-called promises didn't carry much weight in his heart.

From beginning to end, Su Ping had always trusted only himself.

It was undeniable. After witnessing the Evolution and Cultivation method of the Crown Wolf Emperor today and gaining some understanding of it, a rudimentary concept for Xiao Qing's indistinct Evolutionary Body had finally begun to form in Su Ping's mind.

My family already has Old Sha and countless other Forest Wolves; there's no need for Xiao Qing to specialize further in the Wood Element. On the contrary, the Wood Element and Poison Type can form a perfect combination. This is evident from how Xiao Qing's Skill, 'Poison Flower,' can be activated in conjunction with the Wanmu Wolf's 'Tree Prison.' With enough Energy, it might even be possible to Evolve from 'Tree World Descent' to 'Flower Tree World Descent.'

Su Ping didn't need to dwell much on Energy Attributes. At this moment, he was focused on the form, appearance, and Core Techniques of the Evolution.

The Elf Wolf's Elemental Evolutionary Form had given him great inspiration.

Elementalization is extremely valuable. And it's very practical. Xiao Qing's future path doesn't have to be 'solo' combat like Qian Yi's; instead, it could significantly bolster the combat power of a Legion. Elementalization ensures fundamental survivability and versatility. Therefore, I want to retain this aspect as much as possible.

At the same time, Clone-type Skills also have great potential. Moreover, I'm really curious now... Could an Elementalized body, combined with Clone Skills, create some kind of special spark?

However, thoughts were just thoughts. Su Ping knew that the difficulty of Cultivating and realizing this idea was considerable.

The Evolution and Cultivation of the Crown Wolf Emperor had given him great inspiration, but it wasn't enough to fully map out the entire process for Xiao Qing's Mutant Evolution.

Thinking of this, Su Ping had no intention of resting. He patted Xiao Qing's head and immediately went to the computer.

He accessed the Breeder Association's internal network and began searching for information related to Clone Skills and the key aspects of Elementalization.

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In the dark villa, everything was extremely quiet.

Qin Xiaoxue had already returned Woodhead to the Beast Taming Space.

Then she whispered, "Xiao Lu, Xiao Xiao, come out."

There was no one around.

In the entire hall of the first floor of the villa, not even the slightest sound could be heard.

It was as if no one had come back at all.

However, Qin Xiaoxue knew her two roommates all too well. She had been living with them day and night at the Magic Capital Academy ever since she became a Beast Tamer three and a half years ago.

Faced with the silence of the room, Qin Xiaoxue could only continue, "There's no one else here besides me. Come on out now!"

Two seconds after her words, a voice finally came from the dark staircase:

"Xiao Lu, when do you think Xiao Xue will come back..."

"I have no clue!"

"Maybe something came up with the dean..."

"Eh, Xiao Xue, you're back already? Why didn't you turn on the lights?"

An exaggerated expression of surprise bloomed on Ling Xiaoxiao's face as the lights came on.

Qin Xiaoxue glanced at the two but couldn't be bothered with her roommates' overly dramatic acting. She didn't even acknowledge them and walked straight to the Meditation Room.

Lu Xiaolu and Ling Xiaoxiao exchanged a look before they jogged up to Qin Xiaoxue's side.

"Um...who is he?"

"Who?"

"I mean that Su Ping..." Lu Xiaolu's face turned red as she hastily pointed it out.

"Do you two have nothing to do at the Dueling Club and the Student Council?" Qin Xiaoxue rolled her eyes at them and then said, "He's next door now. If you're curious, go have a look."

"Huh?"

The duo exchanged another look and nodded in understanding.

Qin Xiaoxue was speechless. Clearly, the two girls had probably gotten the wrong idea again, but she couldn't be bothered to explain.

However, once Ling Xiaoxiao and Lu Xiaolu opened up, they finally started to ask questions without any reservations.

"Xiao Xue, how old is that Su Ping really? How did you meet him?"

"Xiao Xue, what kind of Pet Beast did he use to pass the fifteenth wave of the elite challenge? Do you know?"

"Xiao Xue, is Su Ping going to enroll in our Magic Capital Academy next year? Can you get him to join the Dueling Club? I can give him my position as the vice president."

"Xiao Xue..."

"..."

Qin Xiaoxue felt as if there were ten thousand flies buzzing in her ears, repeating the name Su Ping. She had never imagined that one day this name would give her a headache.

Then, Miss Qin suddenly stood up.

"Xiao Xue, where are you going?"

"To sleep. I have things to do tomorrow."

"..."

Qin Xiaoxue indeed wasn't deceiving them; she really had things to do the next day.

She planned to discuss with Uncle Li the method Su Ping had given her—the somewhat modified Woodhead Evolution Cultivation Method—to see if they could give it a try.

「The night passed quickly.」

Qin Xiaoxue intended to say good morning to Su Ping, but when she saw that he was still sleeping soundly, she decided to skip breakfast together.

She hurried to a teaching building, didn't even ring the doorbell, and pushed the office door open directly.

The person inside was about to get angry, but when he saw it was Qin Xiaoxue, he immediately switched expressions and smiled.

This was a man around forty years old, with a peaceful face. Or rather, everyone in the academy would have a peaceful expression when they saw Miss Qin.

"Uncle Li!"

"Xiao Xue, you're here so early. Is there a problem with Woodhead?" Uncle Li looked concerned.

Qin Xiaoxue shook her head, sat down on the sofa in the office, and said, "This is the situation, Uncle Li. Yesterday, the old lady brought a Breeder from out of town to see me. He showed me the Evolution Cultivation Method for the Crown Wolf Emperor. He also pointed out a few potential issues and provided solutions. So I came to you to see, with your breeding experience and understanding of the Crown Wolf Emperor, whether there's any validity in it!"

Uncle Li was momentarily stunned, and then his brow wrinkled subconsciously.

If it weren't for the fact that the person in front of him was Sang Sheng's granddaughter, he would have sent her away immediately. He was all too familiar with the Crown Wolf Emperor and believed that he had reached a pinnacle in breeding it. Yet now, someone claimed that a Breeder who just came from out of town pointed out problems at a glance and even solved them? Isn't that a joke?

However, Old Li quickly furrowed his brow again.

He caught on to something the next moment.

The old lady—meaning Lord Sang Sheng—had made the introduction? And... a Breeder from out of town? What kind of Breeder from out of town would even require Lord Sang Sheng's introduction?

Old Li was also a member of the Magic Capital Breeder Association, so he naturally knew what major event was going to happen in Magic Capital in a few days. This year's Breeder Competition will be hosted in Magic Capital! So, what does a Breeder from out of town represent? Never mind the Breeder teams from various provinces; even the Breeder Association headquarters in the Imperial Capital will send people. Naturally, among them, there will definitely be some truly remarkable individuals. For example, someone from the highest judging panel? Could a true master have arrived?

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With that thought, Old Li suddenly felt enlightened. Indeed, it must be so! To be recommended by Lord Sang Sheng! How could someone valued by Lord Sang Sheng himself, introduced to his treasured granddaughter, and even personally guided on the Cultivation situation, be an ordinary person?

In just a few seconds, Old Li's expression underwent a complete turnaround.

Guidance from a Breeding Master—was that something an ordinary person ever had the chance to hear?

Qin Xiaoxue had been watching Old Li's facial expressions all along. As expected, the old fellow's thoughts were exactly as Su Ping had conjectured.

If Su Ping had come out himself and spoken about the Cultivation Method's improvement, this Uncle Li's temper would likely have gotten him thrown out. By invoking the old madam's name, coupled with this explanation, it was best to let Old Li ponder it thoroughly himself.

The once-frowning Old Li now had an almost reverent expression, looking excitedly towards Qin Xiaoxue.

"Xiao Xue, that person is..."

Qin Xiaoxue smiled, still not speaking directly, but said lightly, "A Breeder who will be coming to the Magic Capital in a few days for the Breeders' competition."

"I understand, I understand!" Old Li was full of excitement, hastily saying, "Then, may I know what guidance that person had?"

Finally getting to the main topic, Qin Xiaoxue did not beat around the bush and took out the notes she had made yesterday. "That Breeder said the main thing is to resolve two issues. Firstly, to optimize the Forest Wolf's progress in handling the Thorny Crown and accelerate its control over it, thereby significantly shortening the thirty-day Cultivation time."

"Hmm?" Old Li's eyes brightened.

The Cultivation of the Crown Wolf Emperor involved significant resource consumption, but it also had extremely high Talent requirements. Controlling the Thorny Crown was the truest test of a Forest Wolf's aptitude and Talent. It might seem like everything in Cultivation goes smoothly, as if it automatically completes when the time is up, but nothing could be further from the truth.

A Breeding Master from the Imperial Capital indeed, hitting the nail right on the head! Old Li nodded in approval. "What else?"

"Also... it's about the clone control issues after the Crown Wolf Emperor evolves!"

At those words, Old Li was completely stunned. "Clone control!"

"Indeed. That Breeder said that with such an Evolution method, after the Crown Wolf Emperor's Evolution, the Wood Clone Skill it masters will surely face the same extreme control difficulties as other Pet Beasts with clone-type Skills, except for those of the Psychic Element. If the clone, as a core aspect, cannot be controlled, won't the Crown Wolf Emperor's evolutionary strength be greatly reduced? However, refining this clone's control ability after Evolution would require extensive experimentation and concentrated spiritual cultivation. It would be better to harmonize the growth of spiritual power during the Cultivation process for Evolution, allowing it to adapt in advance. Then, when the Evolution reaches the momentous metamorphosis akin to a carp leaping through the Dragon Gate, it can perfectly master the clones with its spirit!"

Qin Xiaoxue said all this in one breath, then glanced at her notebook.

Hmm, although some of her words were different from what Su Ping had said, the overall meaning was the same. Her memorization was indeed flawless! That annoying guy always called her dumb. How was she dumb? Qin Xiaoxue was quite pleased with herself.

However, Old Li, standing before her, was already bewildered.

He, of course, understood this principle. Evolution is the stage where all Pet Beasts undergo metamorphosis. Many aspects can be completed quickly during this process. That's the significance of Evolution.

He knew all too well that the Crown Wolf Emperor's evolutionary defect lay in clone control. This wasn't just true for the Crown Wolf Emperor, but for any Pet Beast possessing Clone Skill Techniques, aside from those of the Psychic Element. Controlling clones was tremendously troublesome. He also knew that after completing its Evolution, the Crown Wolf Emperor would find it extremely difficult to master its clones. After all, his own Crown Wolf Emperor had not achieved it yet.

Of course, he could guess some solutions—adjustments were needed during the evolutionary steps. But how to begin? The Crown Wolf Emperor's evolutionary steps were extremely complicated and involved numerous precious resources. In such a situation, he couldn't even figure out where to begin, let alone start experiments.

But now, this mysterious Breeder had come along, identified the problem with just a glance, and even had the solution?

Uncle Li's breathing grew a bit rapid as he eagerly looked towards Qin Xiaoxue, "Xiao Xue, has that teacher already solved these two problems?"

Teacher? Qin Xiaoxue pursed her lips slightly, subconsciously glancing at the university professor with his somewhat receding hairline. There must be a thirty to forty-year age gap between Old Li and Su Ping, right? Could he still be called a teacher? She just wondered what expression Old Li would have if he saw that the 'teacher' he was referring to was actually a young man who had just graduated this year.

"Xiao Xue?"

"Ah? Oh, yes, that's right. That Breeder has already resolved those two problems. I've taken notes; let me show you."

Qin Xiaoxue efficiently took out the notes.

When Su Ping had initially presented the formula for the effects corresponding to the further enhanced First Segment of the Heart of the Wolf, he hadn't seemed to care much about it.

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First, the universal ratio of the Magic Potion is different from the dosage currently used for the Forest Wolf to digest the Thorny Crown. Second, Su Ping has applied for a patent for this. Even if someone were to buy it and analyze the research, it would be impossible to sell it the same way domestically. So, Su Ping hadn't worried much about it initially.

Old Li took the notebook with remarkable efficiency. As expected, upon seeing the solutions to these two corresponding cultivation problems, even Old Li fell into deep thought. He didn't care much about the first method, which sped up the control and digestion of the Thorny Crown; after all, that was a trivial matter. Forest Wolves with poor talent, or those belonging to Beast Tamers without the necessary conditions, would just have to stick to evolving into standard Forest Wolves or Elf Wolves, among other ordinary evolutionary bodies. Such specialized evolutionary bodies weren't researched for ordinary Beast Tamers. This was why their appearance held little value in cultivation competitions, as they lacked widespread applicability. Only very significant and extraordinary evolutionary bodies had such potential.

Old Li's gaze was firmly locked on the last line. As expected, Su Ping's proposal from yesterday for optimizing the Crown Wolf Emperor's Clone Skill was written with perfect clarity. At this moment, Old Li sank into contemplation again.

This method wasn't difficult; in fact, it was quite basic. But the absolute confidence in this evolutionary optimization, and the seemingly innate cultivation skills... It made Old Li feel as if, through this notebook, he could perceive the Breeding Master's effortless and profound cultivation capabilities, a mastery close to art.

The strengthening of spiritual power was integrated into this stage. According to his cultivation theory, it shouldn't affect the original cultivation process or outcome. So why not try it? Thinking this, Old Li immediately felt energized.

However, maintaining a serious and responsible attitude, Old Li decided to first test the second stage of the cultivation method, the one designed to help the Forest Wolf rapidly absorb and integrate. As one of the academy's professors, Old Li simply gave an order, and the corresponding resources were delivered: Wolf Tobacco, Wood Spirit Grass, and some Commander Level resources. Could these things truly help?

Old Li didn't rush to use them on Miss Qin's Forest Wolf. Instead, he first prepared a batch and tested it on similar experimental Forest Wolves in the laboratory. Only after observing no adverse reactions upon consumption did Old Li finally breathe a sigh of relief. Together with Qin Xiaoxue, who was bored from waiting, they summoned Woodhead directly in the laboratory.

Without a doubt, Qin Xiaoxue had absolute faith in Su Ping. She believed in Su Ping's modifications, but even so, she was somewhat nervous at this time. Woodhead, on the other hand, didn't seem panicked at all. It appeared not to have been affected by last night's setback and was once again spirited, displaying its usual haughty demeanor.

Old Li felt this particularly keenly. Damn it, how come after just a few days, Miss Qin's wolf is looking at me differently? What's with this undisguised disdain and contempt?

Old Li looked at Woodhead suspiciously. When could I have offended such a little creature? Hmm, I must be imagining things. He didn't dwell on it. Although confused, he quickly had someone turn on Woodhead's life sign monitor.

But Old Li couldn't possibly have imagined that, at this very moment, his intuition was correct. Woodhead's disdain for this old codger was genuine. Look at how many good things its master has fed it! It's practically been fed like a pig. All sorts of miraculous resources and powerful treasures poured into it without a second thought. After all this time, my own strength has only increased by so little! And look at Su Ping! He manages so many Forest Wolves in that place of his, despite having no money. Even the price of one of its snacks was something he and its master haggled over for ages. Yet, even under those conditions, that Old Sha he's with has improved so much! My talent is definitely stronger. Since that's the case, and my master is willing to spend so many resources, the only reason I'm not as good as that old geezer must be because this Breeder is too incompetent! Exactly!

At this moment, Old Li clearly hadn't realized any of this. He handed the prepared dark green paste to Woodhead. Though it had a strange taste, Woodhead was not a picky eater and downed it in one gulp.

BURP... Woodhead let out a belch and closed its eyes.

Old Li and Qin Xiaoxue's attention were firmly fixed on the monitor. To their relief, Woodhead's vital signs showed not the slightest change; in fact, its energy was even increasing.

However, Old Li's gaze was firmly fixed on the Thorny Crown atop Woodhead's head. Previously, the Thorny Crown seemed merely set on Woodhead's head. But as soon as the paste was swallowed, he could visibly see flesh on Woodhead's head seeming to pulsate, its fur slowly merging with the yellow Thorny Crown. It no longer looked like something placed on top, but rather as if it had truly grown out of Woodhead's skull.

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Could it really be?!

At this moment, witnessing this scene, Old Li had only this one thought. Although he had faith in the guidance of that unknown master, the actual breakthrough in the Cultivation method for the Crown Wolf Emperor, which had been stuck for so long, still filled Old Li with immense joy.

With this, the Cultivation of the Crown Wolf Emperor would become much less difficult. The time investment would also be significantly reduced.

However, Old Li immediately realized that this still wasn't the most important part!

This time, the guidance from the unknown Breeding Master brought by Miss Qin was most crucial for optimizing the Clone Skill. That was the true priority.

Unfortunately, Old Li could feel that the integration of Woodhead with the Thorny Crown was gradually nearing perfection. However, regardless of that, they still needed to continue the fusion and observe for another day before they could begin the even more critical third step of the Cultivation process.

Otherwise, Old Li truly wanted to test if Woodhead, after being cultivated, could perfectly master that Clone Skill.

"Uncle Li, how is it?" Qin Xiaoxue asked.

"Very good, it really works! Indeed, this is what a true Breeder is all about!" Old Li exclaimed.

It's good that you realize it. Woodhead thought, then glanced at this old codger, who was shaking his head and sighing with emotion. Feeling completely satisfied with his absolute control over the Thorny Crown, Woodhead then returned to Qin Xiaoxue's side.

Old Li looked at Qin Xiaoxue. "Xiaoxue," he said, "where is this Breeding Master now? Could I possibly have the chance to meet this revered elder?"

Revered elder? Qin Xiaoxue thought, but didn't reply directly.

Old Li could understand; after all, a figure capable of conversing with Sang Sheng as an equal was naturally not someone he could meet casually.

However, Old Li couldn't understand why, whenever he asked about this Breeding Master, Miss Qin would always look up and stare at his bald head.

Qin Xiaoxue glanced at Professor Li's receding hairline, then cleared her throat. "AHEM, I'm afraid it might be a bit inconvenient..."

She wasn't currently worried that Old Li wouldn't believe Su Ping later; she was afraid that Uncle Li would get too agitated and cause an issue with the third step of Woodhead's Evolution.

After all, although the third step could be repeated, it would be much better to avoid some trouble if possible. There was no need to invite trouble, was there?

With this in mind, Qin Xiaoxue quickly added, "Anyway, there's no rush. You'll eventually be able to see him at the Breeding Competition."

"HEH, HEH, that's true, that's true," Old Li said. "No rush, no rush."

Despite saying that, as soon as Qin Xiaoxue left, Old Li immediately took out his phone. "Hey, Old Liu," he said into the phone, "HAHAHA, have you arrived in Magic Capital yet?"

From the other end of the phone came a hearty laugh familiar to Su Ping. "I was thinking of finding some time to visit you at Magic Capital Academy, but you called me first," Old Liu said. "What's up? Is there something you need?"

"Which master is supervising and serving as the chief judge for this Breeding Competition?" Old Li asked impatiently.

"Why are you asking about this? Your Magic Capital Academy and the Magic Capital Association have several participant slots, but you, old fellow, aren't among them, are you? However, this isn't a secret. Master Zhu, who specializes in Elemental Series Cultivation, is coming to supervise and act as the chief judge."

Master Zhu, so it is... Old Li blinked, a gleam of realization shining in his eyes.

"Hey, what are you muttering about so cryptically? What on earth happened?" Liu Fuhai on the other end was clearly dissatisfied with his old friend being evasive.

"HEH, HEH, it's just a small matter. This Master Zhu is truly amazing, truly worthy of being a Breeding Master! Definitely not someone like you can compare to!"

"I..."

Old Li directly hung up the phone with a HEH, HEH. Naturally, he wouldn't tell this old fellow about being personally guided by a Breeding Master.

Unfortunately, because of this, Old Li missed out on an opportunity to get acquainted with this 'Breeding Master' ahead of time.

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Su Ping had no idea that all this had happened during the morning he spent sleeping in.

But it had to be said, the sleep-enhancing smart facilities at Magic Capital Academy were indeed very comfortable to sleep in.

If not for the phone call, he probably still wouldn't have wanted to get up.

Unfortunately, the identity of the caller made it impossible for him not to get up.

It was none other than Sang Sheng. "Su Ping," he said, "the original plan was for me to take you to Old Wang after he returned from the city. However, I have some business today and need to go into the city center. I can take you to the Mechanical Association on the way. Would you like to go and make contact now?"

"Yes, immediately!" Su Ping replied.

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Leaving Magic Capital Academy, Su Ping was on his way to the city center.

Sitting inside the completely soundproof mechanical vehicle, he looked around with curiosity.

The woman beside him, noticing his gaze, smiled slightly.

"What are you looking at?"

Su Ping didn't hide anything.

"I originally thought that with your status and power, if you wanted to go somewhere, it would be with a whoosh, teleporting directly—like a Divine Dragon that shows its head but not its tail."

The woman chuckled.

"You little guy, you must not have had much contact with Space-based Pet Beasts, right?"

Su Ping was taken aback and touched his nose, somewhat awkwardly.

"Teleportation is one of the basic Skills of Space-based Pet Beasts, and it's also the most commonly used Skill. However, 'most commonly used' doesn't mean it can be employed at will. First of all, it's very draining for Space-based Pet Beasts to carry other people via Spatial Teleportation. The longer the

distance, the greater the energy consumption. It's fine to use it extensively for short-distance combat teleportation, but to use it for traveling—that's too extravagant."

The woman explained patiently.

As a result, Su Ping felt even more embarrassed.

He felt as if he were asking an emperor why he didn't use a golden hoe for farming.

But Su Ping quickly calmed himself. It wasn't his fault; these Space-based Pet Beasts were just too weak. Even long-distance teleportation was such a hassle. What kind of Space Element was this!?

However, what about those space transportation vehicles from before?

Before he could ponder longer, the woman spoke again.

"Do you have any specific goals with the Mechanical System?"

"Goals?"

Su Ping scratched his head.

The woman was momentarily speechless.

"Within the Mechanical System, there are blueprints, materials for metal bodies, and even Mechanical Weapons, among other things. Of course, there are more complex aspects, but my understanding isn't very comprehensive. Which area are you primarily interested in exploring first?"

Su Ping thought for a moment.

"Primarily blueprints."

Blueprints for Mechanical Pet Beasts were incredibly important to him. Not only could Feifei potentially use them, but the Paperman he currently possessed might find them even more crucial.

The woman nodded.

"Wang Quan has been very busy lately. You should go straight to him with your requests, and then take a look around the Mechanics Association. I'll probably come pick you up around three in the afternoon."

"Alright..."

As they conversed, the flow of vehicles and foot traffic outside the window increased. After passing the suburbs where the academy was located, Magic Capital displayed the prosperity of one of the largest cities in the Dragon Nation.

"If you have some free time, you can explore more. Some of the larger markets in Magic Capital have types of Pet Beasts not found in the Dragon Nation, imported from other countries. Some of them are quite interesting."

Getting out of the car, Sang Sheng said with a smile.

Su Ping nodded, though inwardly he wasn't very concerned. There were far too many types of Pet Beasts; he hadn't even encountered all the countless varieties within the Dragon Nation, let alone any foreign imports. In his view, such Pet Beasts weren't really worth researching. After all, with incomplete domestic information, discovering an evolutionary path for them was exceedingly difficult. Unless they offered him significant utility or assistance, researching them held little meaning. Of course, he understood Sang Sheng's intention; it was merely to broaden his horizons.

The Mechanical Association was also housed in a huge, estate-like park. It was noteworthy that occupying such a large tract of land in Magic Capital, where every inch was precious, demonstrated the Mechanical Association's significant standing in the city. Mechanical Pet Beasts, as the frontier of new-era development, were also a main focus of research in various countries.

And at the entrance to this park, a smiling figure was already waiting.

"Principal, why did you come here in person?"

This was also a man around forty years old. However, his posture was perfectly upright, his figure robust. At the same time, his voice was quite peculiar. It lacked the resonant quality of human vocal cords, possessing instead a mechanical timbre. And indeed, it was so.

Sang Sheng stepped forward.

"Wang Quan, this is Su Ping, the young man I mentioned. He's very interested in Mechanical Pet Beasts. For his visit this time, I had no choice but to ask for your guidance! I hope it's not too much trouble?"

"No trouble! Hello, Su Ping!"

The man turned and extended his hand. Only then did Su Ping see that it wasn't flesh and blood, as he had assumed, but a specially assembled mechanical hand. The metallic hand held no warmth of flesh, only the cold touch of machinery.

A Mechanical Beast Tamer... could they modify themselves to such an extent?

Su Ping was shocked.

"Hello, Teacher Wang Quan!"

"Alright, you two go ahead and talk. I've got things to do. I'll come pick you up in the afternoon!"

Sang Sheng waved to both of them and then got back into the car.

After they watched the vehicle start up and disappear from sight, the peculiar Wang Quan turned back and smiled.

"Su Ping, whatever you need, just say it."

Su Ping scratched his head. Was it really this straightforward? However, since the other party was so direct, he saw no reason to be reserved and stated his purpose.

"Senior Wang Quan, I don't know much about Mechanical Pet Beasts. The main purpose of my visit today is to learn more about them and, concurrently, to collect some blueprints for Mechanical Pet Beasts."

"That's easy..."

The man with the mechanical-sounding voice said directly, "Come on, let's go inside and talk."