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The park was immense. However, after truly stepping inside, Su Ping was dumbfounded by a sight not far away: a gigantic, over hundred-meter-tall mecha stood within the park, completely invisible from the outside. Moreover, upon entering the park, one could hear RUMBLE RUMBLE sounds emanating from many factory-like buildings. This was a stark contrast to the silence outside. Clearly, the Mechanical Association's park had soundproofing and anti-snooping facilities.

Looking at the towering mecha, Su Ping was momentarily in awe. Even if it's just a replica, the manufacturing cost must be extremely high, right?

However, no sooner had this thought crossed his mind than a voice spoke. Accompanied by a SIZZLING sound, the massive mecha towering in the park suddenly crouched down.

"Kid, I'm not fake!"

The voice, also electronically synthesized, clearly carried emotion.

"Uh..." Su Ping was rendered speechless.

The mecha crouched, its body blocking the sky before him. Its mechanical forehead, several meters wide, was now almost level with his eyes. Su Ping blinked. Is this thing alive?

Wang Quan, beside him, revealed a somewhat mechanical smile and then calmly said, "Haotian, stop messing around. This is a junior of Lord Sang Sheng."

"Uh..." The Mechanical Titan mecha scratched its head and stood back up, resuming its post guarding the park as if everything that had just happened was a dream.

Su Ping, transfixed, decided to activate his Eye of Truth. It seemed Lord Sang Sheng's reputation carried weight here, for the giant named Haotian ignored the probing.

But through the Eye of Truth, Su Ping could clearly see all the information about this giant steel titan:

[Mechanical Titan (Contracted: Others)]

[Attributes: Gold, Fire]

[Current Level: Emperor Third Rank]

[Racial Potential: Emperor Third Rank]

[Skills: Unable to View]

It wasn't surprising to Su Ping that he couldn't probe the Skills of this Mechanical Titan, which had reached Emperor Third Rank. After all, the gap between them was too vast. Being able to see even this much was a courtesy from the Titan named Haotian.

Still in shock, Su Ping slowly walked to a nearby factory building, where Wang Quan explained, "This is the Chairman's Pet Beast, responsible for guarding this place. You weren't scared, were you, Student Su Ping?"

Su Ping quickly shook his head. "I'm astounded. This is my first time seeing such a massive steel creature."

"Hehe, the wonders of Mechanical Pet Beasts go far beyond this," Wang Quan chuckled.

"Alright, let's go to my research office. I'll get you some basic books and blueprints. If there's anything you don't understand, you can ask me directly."

Old Wang, it was clear, was highly efficient. Perhaps it was due to some of his mechanical body modifications?

Soon, they were back in his office. However, the "books" Wang Quan brought left Su Ping speechless. Instead, a few USB drives were placed before Su Ping. Where were the books?

Nevertheless, Su Ping didn't say much. He rapidly plugged them into the computer, absorbing the information like a dry sponge soaking up water. Wang Quan glanced at Su Ping and nodded, pleased. It seemed his guest wasn't here to waste time.

Then he sat down opposite Su Ping, suddenly becoming still as if he had powered down. However, data streams continuously flickered in his prosthetic eye. Is he actually working? Su Ping wondered. Is that eye fake?

Su Ping merely glanced at him, mocking him inwardly. But for now, he ignored the eccentric Vice Chairman Wang, focusing his entire attention on absorbing knowledge about Mechanical Pet Beasts.

It had to be said that this basic mechanical knowledge was indeed very important for Su Ping. He finally gained a full understanding of special concepts such as the Mechanical Core, Realm, mechanical bodies, and the like.

Mechanical Pet Beasts also had Realms; one couldn't simply upgrade them by swapping in more advanced mechanical bodies and Mechanical Weapons. Low-Level Mechanical Pet Beast Cores were incapable of controlling or integrating with High-level mechanical bodies. The Level of a Mechanical Core could be increased through special resources and massive data packets.

Data packets... some kind of special resource accessed through internal network data expansion? However, that was only part of it.

The race limit of a Mechanical Pet Beast was its mechanical body integration limit. This formed a set of Evolution and upgrading standards completely different from previous Pet Beasts. Only with effective blueprints and mechanical body parts could Evolution be completed. After Evolution, the mechanical body materials wouldn't change much; the upgrade focused mainly on the Mechanical Core. The race limit of the Mechanical Core would then increase, and it could become stronger through the aforementioned methods, such as long-term integration with the mechanical body.

Su Ping was also most interested in the various mechanical principles and the mechanical blueprints Wang Quan had provided. However, after scanning them all, his brows furrowed slightly; he was somewhat unsatisfied.

The reason was simple: these blueprints didn't meet his expectations.

[Blueprint: Charger 058]

[Blueprint Potential Level: Advanced Fifth Rank]

[Blueprint Assembly Cost: 11,000,000 (excluding consumed Mechanical Weapons and bullets)]

[One of the further modified gunnery-class Mechanical Pet Beasts! It has even better control over gunnery-class Mechanical Weapons! Proficient in using the 'Bloodthirster' rifle.]

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[Specific Steps:...]

[Blueprint: Guardian No. 027]

[Blueprint Potential Level: Elite Peak]

[Blueprint Assembly Price: 17 million]

[The sturdy-bodied Guardian, armed with a massive Electromagnetic Shield, can withstand any impact!]

[Specific Steps:...]

(Note: Electromagnetic weapons require recharging, or a supply of spare batteries.)

[...]

Damn, what's all this even about?

Could it be that in the middle of combat, I'll have to tell my opponent to wait while I change batteries? Although it's true that ordinary Pet Beasts also rely on physical strength and Energy,

I can't help but feel that this scenario is a bit cringey and nonsensical.

Despite indeed fitting in with some impressions of a Mechanical Pet Beast, Su Ping always felt that it lacked a certain something.

"What, not satisfied?"

Wang Quan had appeared beside Su Ping at some unknown time.

Su Ping nodded. "I feel that this sort of Mechanical Pet Beast depends too much on Mechanical Weapons and electric energy sources."

Wang Quan still had that mechanical smile. "There are no eternally perfect Pet Beasts, but the future will surely see eternally perfect machinery. This is the ultimate pursuit of all Mechanists. However, on the road to realizing this future, Mechanical Weapons and energy sources are the most powerful support."

Su Ping nodded, remaining silent.

However, after giving Wang Quan a quick glance, he asked, "Do you need something?"

Wang Quan gave a slight smile. "Indeed, I have something to attend to. Do you have any more questions?"

Su Ping understood. He didn't mind, as he wasn't the Sun, expecting everyone to revolve around him. "It's okay, you go ahead and do your thing. I can manage by myself. Thank you very much for your assistance!"

Wang Quan nodded, then after a moment's thought, he said, "If you find it boring, the Mechanical Association is vast. Aside from certain strictly off-limits areas, you're free to explore the rest. With Haotian around, there won't be any danger inside the Association."

Truth be told, that sounded a bit like an adult instructing a bored child before leaving.

Su Ping was rather speechless.

But he nodded in agreement nonetheless.

However, after delving into the principles of these mechanisms and basic theoretical knowledge, Su Ping became interested. He even explored creating blueprints for Mechanical Pet Beasts, their assembly, and assessing blueprint Evolution.

Book learning is shallow without practical experience!

With that thought, Su Ping followed Wang Quan out of the office that resembled a factory, arriving at the center of the compound, where the huge Mechanical Titan, Haotian, stood guard.

Its hundred-meter-high colossal head surveyed all directions, keeping a clear view of everything within the compound.

This place resembled a bustling market, with numerous figures entering and exiting.

However, Su Ping had barely arrived when something happened that he hadn't anticipated.

A burly man, carrying a young man like a small chick, emerged from a building that resembled a department store. Its sign read 'Exchange Factory.' The man then addressed the giant Mechanical Titan

nearby, "Lord Haotian, this fellow has sold these useless, deceptive blueprints multiple times, violating the rules of our Mechanical Association, hasn't he? Can he be permanently expelled?"

Haotian bent down, looking at these few Little Ones, who resembled small chicks. "What blueprints?"

"This guy boasts recklessly! He claims to have mechanical blueprints for something that can recover energy in a self-sustained cycle without needing energy consumption! That's simply not possible. It's a scam..."

"I'm not scamming anyone! You guys just haven't found the suitable mechanical body to accommodate it, and now you're blaming me..."

Suddenly, Su Ping, who was about to step into the 'Exchange Factory,' halted.

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The bustle here undoubtedly caught the attention of some onlookers. Su Ping was not the only Mechanical Beast Tamer to visit the Mechanical Association. Within the Mechanical Association itself was a market for purchasing professional Mechanical Pet Beast materials and body schematics, which naturally served as a focal point for converging crowds.

The current commotion at the entrance certainly attracted many gazes. Everyone looked with astonishment at the two people involved. Su Ping was, undoubtedly, among the onlookers, and it was evident that what the duo was discussing had also captured the attention of many.

The Mechanical Titan glanced at the two men, then at the crowd of onlookers, before finally saying, "If there is a dispute over a transaction, go find an internal Supervisor. Do not cause a commotion here! And release the person quickly, or else you are suspected of instigating a fight, and I have the right to expel you."

"Ah, yes, yes! Thank you, Lord Haotian! Hmph, I'll let it go this time, but don't let me catch you outside the Mechanical Association again!"

The burly man angrily tossed the other person aside and showed a respectful expression to the Mechanical Titan, which had drawn itself up.

Nearby, Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly and then turned his gaze to the thin young man.

As expected, under such circumstances, the young man didn't dare to stay in the Mechanical Association any longer and limped towards the exit.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly. His mind returned to the two people from just now, and a strange smile touched the corners of his mouth. Interesting.

Energy recovery without consumption, achieved by perfecting energy cycles, allowing Mechanical Pet Beasts to slowly regain energy like other types of Pet Beasts? Perfect automatic recovery? Just thinking about it sounds preposterous. No, it was something literally impossible.

Scientific theories from his past life had proven that one type of perpetual motion machine could not be created. The immutable first law of thermodynamics states that, under the principle of energy conservation, a perpetual motion machine is impossible.

Of course, on Blue Star, within the extraordinary Beast Master Civilization, Su Ping couldn't be certain. Science has no boundaries, and it was uncertain whether future changes might occur. However, from the current perspective, the principles governing energy supply seemed consistent. The recovery of energy for any Pet Beast also required rest, resources, and food. This was no different from Mechanical Pet Beasts replenishing ammunition or charging to restore energy.

An exception might be a Wanmu Wolf like Old Sha, which could recover some energy through solar power. But undoubtedly, this still utilized an external energy source—solar energy. Therefore, the principle of energy conservation always held true. This principle was even more applicable to machinery; achieving perpetual energy operation in machines was utterly impossible. At the very least, Su Ping had never even contemplated such a thing occurring.

However, although energy couldn't appear out of nowhere, special cases like Old Sha showed that energy could be absorbed and transformed at a very small cost. So, what was the principle behind this young man's so-called energy conversion? A mechanical body not needing to carry its own power source?

This prospect not only piqued Su Ping's interest but, as he observed, also made some people entering and exiting the Mechanical Association extremely curious upon witnessing the scene. No one believed they were inferior to others; naturally, many thought they could be the lucky ones. What they lacked was merely a critical opportunity, and to many, this seemed like just such an opportunity.

Aware of the flickering interest in many eyes, Su Ping didn't rush to act. He first glanced at the short young man who had walked out of the Mechanical Association, and at some people who followed him. Simultaneously, he looked at the burly man who seemed to be leaving in anger. Finally, he looked up at the massive figure in the sky above and waved.

If it were anyone else greeting Haotian, the Emperor Level Mechanical Titan, in such a manner, Haotian would probably not even have responded. But Su Ping was clearly different. He was someone personally brought in by Vice President Wang and had received a personal remark from him. The junior of Lord Sang Sheng! This great robot, having been stationed at the Magic Capital's Mechanical Association for many years, naturally understood the significance of that name.

Thus, the great robot crouched down. Even so, it remained toweringly tall. When Haotian extended its hand, Su Ping understood and leaped into its palm. Then, Su Ping experienced the joy of a roller coaster ride as Haotian stood up, lifting him to its eye level and asking, "Err... cute little friend, do you need something from Haotian?"

This robot apparently wasn't as quick-witted as Feifei, and Su Ping didn't have the leisure to quibble over its designation for him. He simply smiled warmly and said, "Elder Haotian, could you help me with something?"

"Oh?"

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Three minutes later, Su Ping stepped down from Haotian's palm and re-entered the exchange factory. It had to be said, the exchange factory was indeed bustling. The overall style of the Mechanical Association was rugged and lively, with items directly displayed at various stalls. On these stalls were numerous mechanical bodies constructed from various mechanical resources and materials, alongside all kinds of strange Mechanical Weapons.

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There were even some awakened Mechanical Cores and mechanical blueprints.

The value contained in such a free trade market was unimaginably high.

No wonder the Haotian Mechanical Titan, having reached the Emperor Level, always stationed itself here to prevent any unforeseen incidents.

Su Ping, however, had lost his earlier train of thought. His gaze quickly scanned the area, and soon he spotted the figure he had been hoping to find.

It was none other than that man.

The man clearly hadn't realized that a pair of eyes was already watching him as he meandered about, idly flipping through items at various stalls.

However, even after an hour or two, he surprisingly hadn't bought a single thing.

Su Ping, on the other hand, did buy a few small items: assembly blueprints for some lower-grade, Ordinary Level domestic service robots, some special versatile materials for assembling mechanical bodies, and the like.

Yet, he always kept a certain distance behind the man.

But now, Su Ping was starting to have doubts.

Looking at the time, it was already past two o'clock.

Soon, Sang Sheng would come to pick him up.

Could it be that he had guessed wrong?

Was this man not in cahoots with that skinny young man from earlier?

Indeed, Su Ping had been convinced from the first glance that the two men had staged a spectacle in front of the door.

At first glance, the situation earlier seemed reasonable, but in reality, it was full of holes.

If the man had truly been angry, confronting the young man himself would have been pointless. As Haotian had said, he should have reported directly to the internal Supervisors of this trade factory.

If counterfeit goods were indeed being sold, it wouldn't be a matter as simple as getting a beating.

It was highly likely the seller would end up directly behind bars.

The reason for staging such a scene was actually quite simple.

This was because if they sold goods within the trade factory, on the Mechanics Association's territory, and something went wrong, the buyer would genuinely report them to a Supervisor.

At that point, there would be real trouble.

Outside, however, conducting a private sale without third-party oversight meant it was a case of a willing seller and a willing buyer.

If the buyer later discovered something was awry, there would be nowhere to seek redress.

The reason for creating such a scene at the door was naturally to advertise.

This was the Mechanics Association's trade factory, which saw the largest flow of people, and the timing was perfect—just when most people had finished their lunch.

At such a time, many people, upon hearing about the incident, would naturally become intrigued.

So, while most people followed the crowd outside to find the young man and see about the so-called mechanical blueprint—one that supposedly enabled a mechanical being to automatically recover energy through an internal power cycle—Su Ping kept his attention on the burly man.

However, Su Ping had assumed all along that the two were collaborators. But now, two hours had passed without any further developments, making him genuinely wonder: Had he been mistaken?

However, just as this thought crossed his mind, the man in front of him checked his phone and then hustled towards the door of the trade factory.

Feeling a jolt, Su Ping followed towards the exit.

However, compared to the bustling interior of the trade factory, tracking someone in the Mechanics Association's park and beyond was undoubtedly an exceedingly difficult task.

Luckily, Su Ping had come prepared.

He turned his head to look at the huge Mechanical Titan, still standing there as if it never knew rest. The Titan seemed to perceive Su Ping's gaze, and its massive head nodded slightly.

Su Ping smiled faintly and took out a mechanical badge he had obtained from this very Mechanical Titan: a Psychic Perception Disturbance Device. This device greatly reduced the ability of spiritual power to perceive its user.

After activating this device, Su Ping finally followed the man out of the Association.

The man was in a hurry.

He was constantly glancing around, and strong fluctuations of his spiritual power perception emanated from him.

However, once he was certain no one was around, he finally relaxed and entered a small hotel some distance from the Mechanics Association, then went into a room.

Sure enough, the moment the burly man entered, he saw the young man perched on the edge of the bed, engrossed in his phone. "Well?" the burly man asked. "How much did we rake in?"

"Hahaha, Bro, we struck gold this time! Damn it, they say Magic Capital is full of rich folks, and even more so among those who play with Mechanical Pet Beasts. It really lives up to its reputation, hahaha!"

"No kidding! Cut the crap and tell me, how much did we actually score?" the burly man pressed, his eyes shining with excitement as he plopped down beside the young man.

The lean young man didn't waste any more words, simply showing the burly man a screenshot of his bank balance on his phone.

Sure enough, the long string of zeros that followed nearly blinded him.

"Damn!"

"Bro, with this much money, it's enough to get our main Battle Pets cultivated to Peak Commander Level, or even Monarch Level, right? If we give fifty percent of this to that person..."

The burly man, his 'brother,' shot the youngster a sideways glance. "Kiddo, don't be so shortsighted. Without Mr. Shen, we wouldn't even be able to set foot inside the Magic Capital Mechanics Association! Besides, he's a director on the Mechanics Association's board. Ordinary folks don't even get the chance or have the connections to offer him money!"

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"This... well, okay then..."

The skinny youth was clearly still heartbroken about it. But since his older brother had made it clear, he could only bear the heartache and hand it over.

"Hahaha, that's settled then. When we become Beast Tamers of the Commander Level or even Monarch Level, and return to our home region, we'll be prominent figures! Now, what we need to think about is how to cultivate your Pet Beast when the time comes!"

"Hehe, I've already got a plan for cultivating my Flame Wolf. I just need to save up some more money. A new Evolutionary Body called the Ashen Wolf Lord appeared in Huaiyang Province before, and by then..."

However, just as the two were fantasizing about their bright future, at that very moment—

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

There was another knock on the door. The two men exchanged glances.

"Who is it?"

"Checking the water meter!"

"Huh? Alright, coming!"

The young man hurried to get up but was slapped back down by his older brother.

"Water meter, my foot! Who the hell checks water meters in a hotel!? Who are you, really?"

"I'm here to buy that thing you have."

The two were stunned for a moment before it dawned on them.

More business knocking on their door?

However, since this was the city center, they weren't particularly worried.

As for their dealings being exposed? What was there to expose? They hadn't broken any laws; it was a private transaction, purely voluntary! So, what was there to worry about?

Thus, the two directly opened the door, revealing beaming smiles.

"Please, come in, come in. Take a seat."

The youth grabbed a bottle of mineral water from nearby.

Su Ping glanced at the two men and smiled faintly.

His guess was correct; these two were indeed working together.

"Bring out the item!"

The two exchanged glances again. The burly man's eyelids twitched slightly. Then, a light flashed, and a large, yellow-spotted centipede materialized on him.

"Friend, this is the urban area of Magic Capital!"

Su Ping chuckled, "I never said I wouldn't pay. Regardless, I have to inspect the goods first, right?"

That sounded a bit odd, like an addict itching for a hit of some potent catnip?

The burly man scanned Su Ping from head to toe. This kid doesn't look old, probably hasn't even graduated yet.

So, after some thought, he said, "Kid, our item is worth tens of millions!"

Su Ping grinned and directly pulled something out. It was none other than what he mentally called his 'tycoon ID card'—the piece of Natural Essence Su Anyong had given him.

"Do you know what this is?"

Su Ping had figured out from eavesdropping earlier that these two were just a couple of country bumpkins who hadn't seen much of the world. If he hadn't already come all this way, Su Ping would have even considered turning around and leaving. What kind of quality goods could individuals of their caliber possess? But since he was already here...

As expected, the two men shook their heads.

"An Emperor Level lifeform's Wood Element resource: Natural Essence! It's priceless and rarely available!"

The two men's eyes bulged wide. Then their gazes locked firmly onto Su Ping.

This is a huge fat sheep! Damn it, Beast Tamers from Magic Capital really are naive and loaded with cash!

"Hehe, my apologies, my apologies! It was my mistake, little brother. You saw it just now, didn't you? Kiddo," he said to his actual younger brother, "quickly bring out the backup copy of the draft for this esteemed brother to inspect!"

A draft? Su Ping's mind stirred slightly.

The youth fumbled in a nearby briefcase and pulled out a wad of what looked like cheap toilet paper, from which he extracted a single sheet.

The sight made the corner of Su Ping's mouth twitch.

However, meeting the youth's somewhat embarrassed expression and the glare from the burly man, Su Ping still accepted it and began to read quietly.

The diagram wasn't particularly crude; at the very least, it was clearly laid out and organized.

Su Ping hadn't really paid it much mind initially. After all, given the attitude of these two characters, he hadn't expected it to be anything good.

However, the moment he laid eyes on it, Su Ping's eyes lit up.

This was because the largest design on this draft was an exceptionally unique figure. It resembled an ellipse. However, this ellipse extended in five directions, each marked by distinct, encompassing symbols and characters.

And this pattern, along with its symbols and characters, was something Su Ping, and indeed any Breeder or Beast Tamer, would be very familiar with. It was the foundation of the Elements, something known to everyone in the Dragon Nation.

These were the Five Elements!

Gold, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth.

Su Ping had genuinely believed these two were just swindlers. But now it seemed that without some genuine skill, successfully pulling off such a deception would indeed be difficult. After all, Mechanists weren't fools who could be easily tricked and led by the nose. Judging by this draft alone, the other party indeed had what it took to fool people. In fact, from a certain perspective, it couldn't even be considered a deception!

The draft thoroughly analyzed and explained the principle of the generation cycle of the Five Elements. This was evident from the extensive general outline:

'Water generates Wood because water moistens and enables growth; thus, Water generates Wood.

Wood generates Fire because wood possesses warmth, and fire lies latent within it, emerging through friction; thus, Wood generates Fire.

Fire generates Earth...

Earth generates Gold...

Gold generates Water...'

Furthermore, it integrated this generation and restriction cycle of the Five Elements into the diagram itself.

'The attributes of the Five Elements govern the workings of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, the way of generation and restriction among the Five Elements can also be linked to the attributes of beasts; a single pull can affect the whole body. The Energy of the Five Elements, during its cyclical transformation, can be utilized by consistently applying the principle of generation and restriction.'

Ancient text? Su Ping raised an eyebrow. He then continued to read.

He was beginning to vaguely understand what this diagram was essentially about.

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Could the Five Elements Cycle truly allow energy to circulate, generate corresponding elemental energies, and thereby enable one's own energy to recover?

But how could this Five Elements energy transformation be achieved?

Su Ping believed that the Beast Tamers and Breeders of the Dragon Nation must have attempted this, not just those who created these schematics. They too must have tried to transform the power of the Five Elements.

So, under these circumstances, how could one ensure a successful and equivalent exchange of power?

It was possible that an initial one hundred percent Fire Attribute energy, after transformation—Fire creates Earth—would only yield fifty percent Earth Attribute energy.

That was to be expected.

However, on the most crucial energy circuit diagram, this draft only showed a vague shadow.

Clearly, what followed was the part where one had to pay.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes.

He was genuinely interested now.

He hadn't even considered that his luck might be in.

Mechanical Pet Beasts were one thing. Perhaps the only application of the energy structure formed by the Five Elements Cycle in these schematics was to use machinery to create a mechanized energy body.

The perfect test subjects would be Mechanical Pet Beasts. And that was precisely what the Zhang Family Brothers had thought and done.

But for Su Ping, it wasn't necessarily the same.

Su Ping's goal had always been very clear: his little Paperman, Qian Yi!

Just the other day, he'd had an idea about swords with various Attributes for his little Paperman, and now, an energy device schematic based on the generative and destructive cycles of the Five Elements had appeared before him.

"Heh heh, how about it, little brother? This thing is a steal, right?"

"How much?"

"Heh heh, twenty-eight million!"

Su Ping glanced at the two men, then said indifferently, "I'm not talking about the schematics you're offering to others. I'm referring to the originals you obtained. I want all the original items! Tell me, where did you get this from, and what's the story behind it?"

At his words, the expressions of both men changed.

"The originals? What originals? Little brother, you must be joking!"

"You expect me to believe that the two of you could research such a profound Five Elements energy transformation method on your own? Judging by the ancient text on this, it must have come from some Secret Realm, right? I presume you received guidance from someone more knowledgeable, who helped you convert this Five Elements cycle energy transformation diagram into one for a Mechanical Pet Beast energy generator. This schematic might look reliable at first glance, but in reality, it's very difficult to fully implement on Mechanical Pet Beasts, right? Hand over the originals. If you're willing to sell, I can offer you a very good price!"

Su Ping smiled faintly. He wasn't concerned about the money. He was only worried that these two might have missed some crucial information while copying, which could lead to errors in his research later on.

However, as expected, both men shook their heads in unison.

Su Ping continued, "I know all about your business. What, aren't you afraid I'll report you?"

Upon hearing this, the burly man showed no panic and simply replied coolly, "We haven't done anything illegal. How could you report us?"

Su Ping laughed. He actually disliked using underhanded tactics he himself disdained. However, the two weren't wrong. They weren't breaking the law, merely exploiting others' curiosity and desire to unravel mysteries for their own profit.

So, Su Ping patiently explained to them, "I don't need to report you to the Enforcement Bureau, and I won't. I'll have you know, I'm acquainted with Vice President Wang of the Mechanical Association!"

At this point, Su Ping took out the psychic disturbance device. "This device was given to me by the Mechanical Titan Haotian! It can not only disrupt Psychic Perception but also record audio and video, and offers life-saving defensive capabilities! This proves I'm telling the truth."

At these words, the two men pursed their lips.

"I won't report you to the Enforcement Bureau," Su Ping continued, "but you just mentioned Director Shen. He took benefits from you and got you backdoor entry into the Mechanical Association, even though you aren't registered members."

Hearing this, the two men's faces turned even paler.

"I can speak to Vice President Wang. What do you think will happen to Director Shen then? I don't need to spell it out, do I? I'm a very reasonable person. But as for Director Shen, well, I don't know him, so I can't say what will happen to him. Furthermore, I can guarantee you a hundred times over that Director Shen absolutely wouldn't dare seek revenge on me! But guess what? If he's forced out of the Mechanical Association, and you two get off scot-free, how do you think he'll view you then?"

As Su Ping's words landed, the two were utterly flabbergasted.

They truly hadn't fathomed it. In their minds, they should have been in an unassailable position. How had they ended up hanging by a thread, all because of this youngster who barely looked old enough to shave?

A smile touched Su Ping's lips as he continued, chuckling, "So, if you take out the items and sell them, they're yours—things you harvested from a Secret Realm. Trading them is perfectly legitimate! I'm offering you a way out!"

The burly man and his younger brother exchanged glances, both seeing the reluctance in each other's eyes. But at this moment, it seemed they had no other choice.

So, looking at this young, yet sharp-witted individual before them, the burly man could only say resentfully, "Kid, you're too despicable!"

Su Ping was stunned by his words. It was the first time in his life he'd been described this way.

I'm despicable?

Su Ping was shocked. He had merely stated objective facts, yet he was being called despicable.

Had these two fellows ever really seen what true despicability was?

Given his background and status, he was dealing with two individuals who, while not outright swindlers, were certainly not aboveboard. He hadn't resorted to a Mechanical Descent to seize their findings by force. In the eyes of outsiders, his current approach—which was already quite restrained—would likely be seen as ridding the public of a nuisance. After all, Su Ping had never truly intended to obliterate them. In the end, these two couldn't be considered truly fraudulent or wicked, so such extreme measures weren't warranted.

Yet, to these two, his words were "despicable"?

Su Ping was displeased. Thus, he looked at the two men, his expression darkening.

"So, are you selling or not?"

"Sell! I'll sell, alright?!"

Damn it, the young man and the burly man were out of options. After traveling far and wide for so many years, this was truly the first time they had encountered someone like him. And it had to be said, Su Ping had indeed convinced them.

Then, the two of them produced a small box.

When the box was opened, sure enough, what appeared before his eyes was an obviously ancient, thread-bound book. However, besides this book, underneath it lay an object about the size of a human head. It was somewhat similar to a Bagua compass used by feng shui masters in his previous life. But there were distinct differences.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly, but before he could get a better look, the man in front of him handed it over.

He picked up the thread-bound book. Upon opening it, he frowned. Not only was it written in ancient script, but it also seemed to be an even older form of writing, much of which was completely unintelligible.

Clearly, this item predated the Liang Dynasty, perhaps by a very long time!

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly. "How much?"

"One hundred million..." the young man boldly blurted out an astronomical price.

However, the burly man beside him merely raised an eyebrow and said, "Thirty million will do."

The young man turned his head in astonishment.

Su Ping was also taken aback and looked again at the burly man.

The latter seemed to have recovered from his earlier indignation. After some thought, he said, "I know you must be an important person. If it weren't for this incident, my brother and I would likely never have crossed paths with someone like you in our entire lives.

"Allow me to introduce myself. I am Zhang Chaoqun, and this is my younger brother, Zhang Bufen. Heh heh. Our ancestors specialized in exploring various Secret Realms...

"Sometimes, we manage to acquire certain items, but they're difficult to sell..."

Su Ping was momentarily stunned, then it dawned on him. So this pair, the Zhang Family Brothers, were essentially the civilian counterparts to the official Touch Gold Officers of the Qintian Monitor—private tomb raiders?

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly. "Here's the deal. I don't have time today, and I won't be in the Magic Capital for much longer, so I can't meet with you separately again. However, I'm very interested in what you have. After New Year's Day, come to Linzhou and find me. We can discuss the origins of these items thoroughly then. If I'm satisfied, I certainly won't treat you unfairly!"

"That... Alright!"

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"How was the harvest?"

On the return trip, the woman who had accompanied him asked with a smile.

Su Ping nodded. "The harvest was quite fruitful!"

It indeed was quite fruitful. This was another surprise brought to him by the Zhang Family Brothers, something Su Ping himself had not anticipated.

There was no shortage of Beast Tamers exploring Secret Realms among the populace, and Su Ping never underestimated their wisdom.

Even without a Space-based Pet Beast, some ancient, inherited Secret Techniques might also detect emerging Secret Realms.

Of course, such instances were becoming increasingly rare in modern times.

But Su Ping didn't care, nor did he feel compelled to report anything to the Mechanics Association out of boredom.

After all, as the saying goes, "Water too pure will have no fish"; figures like Director Shen were just normal occurrences.

The woman could also tell that Su Ping had indeed made a significant gain.

After returning to the academy, he went straight back to his dorm room and, surprisingly, did not come out all night.

He didn't even answer calls from Qin Xiaoxue.

This pattern continued not just for that night, but for the entirety of the next day and night as well.

He seemed to have vanished.

This prompted Qin Xiaoxue to go to the woman directly and ask what had happened to Su Ping.

The woman was somewhat at a loss. How could she know Su Ping would become so engrossed once he delved into research?

However, they soon had no time to concern themselves with Su Ping. Over these two days of observation, using the formula Su Ping had provided, the speed at which Woodhead merged with the Thorny Crown far exceeded her expectations.

Next, they needed to start preparing for the Crown Wolf Emperor's third phase of Evolution!

And what was Su Ping doing at this very moment?

He was indeed researching the items he had brought back and the mechanical drawings he had purchased.

First and foremost was a research notebook from an unknown individual, clearly originating from within a Secret Realm.

It was evident that the contents were profound, so much so that they were indecipherable.

The notebook was incredibly abstruse. For Su Ping, who had failed his language arts college entrance exam, understanding its complex writings was a genuine challenge.

He could only infer the rudimentary meaning of some diagrams.

Moreover, most of the text differed from the modern language of the Dragon Nation, making it a true struggle for Su Ping.

Thus, after a day and two nights, Su Ping had only managed to compare and identify a few specific items.

He concluded that the text seemed to belong to an ancient script of the Dragon Nation from thousands of years ago, predating several dynastic changes.

Nevertheless, the notebook was quite abstruse.

However, the draft given to him by the Zhang Family Brothers, though also in ancient script, was somewhat understandable.

It also contained some intricate details.

Of course, his efforts weren't without findings.

For example, there was something resembling a Bagua array.

At this very moment, Su Ping was examining this object.

In the draft, this device was named the 'Five Elements Array'!

Its effect was quite straightforward.

"Qian Yi!" Su Ping ordered.

Qian Yi nodded and released a burst of fierce fire toward the array, ignited from its sword of fire.

The flames, upon reaching the array, immediately lit up one of its sections.

Then, guided by Qian Yi's Spirit, the other sections slowly lit up one after another.

All the flames vanished, replaced by a substantial Earth Element power.

Fire creates Earth!

However, that wasn't all. After Fire created Earth, another point of Energy lit up: Earth engenders Gold!

Then, Gold produced Water!

It didn't reach the stage of Water nurturing Wood, however.

At this moment, where the flames had just vanished, a small spray of water emerged from the other side of the array.

That's right—flames went in, and water sprayed out.

The cycle of the Five Elements, the conversion of Energy, was demonstrated most vividly on this array.

In other words, could what the Zhang Family Brothers had said be true?

It was quite simple. For instance, a Fire Element Mechanical Pet Beast devoid of Energy could enter the ocean, draw power from the seawater, refine it, and transform it into its own Energy!

If no seawater was available, even being in the sky, it could harness wind power and, through Five Elements conversion, transform it into its own power.

This was very plausible.

The journal and this array indeed contained diagrams for Energy conversion pathways.

Moreover, these pathways were already quite complete, and the Energy loss during conversion was negligible.

However, there was still one issue, just as they had mentioned: the problem of materials.

He didn't have many Papermen at the moment.

Therefore, his research in Magic Capital could only go this far for now.

It wouldn't be too late to properly tinker with these items once he returned to the Heart of Woods.

But Su Ping had a premonition.

This object was highly related to his previous ideas about a Five Elements transformation integrating various Attributes. It might even be crucial to the Super-Rank Skill 'Heart of Elements.'

It could potentially surpass his wildest imagination.

Aside from this device, there were also the mechanical drawings Su Ping had obtained.

However, after glancing at them and gaining a rough understanding, Su Ping felt somewhat helpless.

It wasn't that they were useless, but that they weren't suitable.

Mechanics were simply different.

The assembly of mechanical parts was far more complex. Even the most basic mechanical body might have hundreds of screws and joint components.

Under such circumstances, a Paperman could still attempt assembly. But, setting aside the difficulty, what would the assembled result even look like?

Would it truly provide a significant enhancement to a Paperman's combat capabilities?

Su Ping didn't know. Therefore, his research on regular Papermen had, admittedly, once again reached a bottleneck.

And soon, just after New Year's Day, the selection for the special Beastmaster Troops would officially begin.

If he only showcased the ordinary assembly potential of Papermen, without demonstrating an ability to cope with the various situations that might arise in the Heavenly Tomb, then no matter how much potential they had, it would be difficult to stand out.

Su Ping rubbed his temples in distress.

This is tough!

After a day and two nights of research, he had arrived at such a frustrating conclusion. Su Ping couldn't help but sigh.

Watching the newly risen Sun at the horizon, he finally stepped out of his room.

He picked up his phone and looked at it.

Sure enough, during his day and two nights of research, forgetting to eat and sleep, Miss Qin had left quite a few unanswered calls.

The last one was a message from Miss Qin:

"I'm going into the Linhai Secret Realm with Grandma to proceed with Woodhead's third phase of Evolution. If you're free, send me a message back."

Linhai Secret Realm? Woodhead is starting the third phase already?

Su Ping was surprised but also relieved.

The third phase and the final Evolution of the fourth phase required less than a day of adaptation before continuing. He had to witness Woodhead's Evolution in person.

Otherwise, he didn't know if his Forest Wolf Catalog would unlock the 'Crown Wolf Emperor' branch Catalog, and simultaneously grant him that portion of Catalogue Experience.

Su Ping shook his head, quickly replied to Qin Xiaoxue's message, and then put his phone in his pocket.

His mood slowly relaxed. He pushed the troubling thoughts—that his research had not only failed to provide answers but had added new complications—to the back of his mind.

He decided not to dwell on it anymore.

He stepped out of the villa dormitory, looked at the slowly rising Sun in the sky, and a smile appeared on his face.

There will always be a way! He believed in himself!

As long as his thinking didn't falter, solutions would always outnumber problems!

He had achieved feats ordinary people couldn't imagine. There was no need to keep pushing himself so hard. Relaxing his mind was always the most crucial step.

With this thought, Su Ping breathed in the fresh morning air and walked over to Old Sha.

Since truly arriving at the Magic Capital Academy, he hadn't gone for a proper run or a solitary walk. Now was the perfect time to bring Old Sha along.

However, just as he approached Old Sha, Su Ping's eyebrows rose slightly.

Old Sha was napping, seeming to sleep quite soundly.

But that's impossible.

Wolves are inherently extremely cautious.

Not to mention, Old Sha was already at the Monarch Level; any slight disturbance in the vicinity would trigger his alertness.

And upon Su Ping's arrival, as his young master, Old Sha would typically respond immediately.

But now, Old Sha remained lying down, seemingly in a deep sleep, with no sign of waking.

He even appeared to be having a wonderful dream, a faint smile playing on his lips.

Simultaneously, his breathing had a unique rhythm. This rhythm seemed to involuntarily affect anyone nearby, making them feel joyous and warm.

Old Sha did not live inside a room in the villa.

This wasn't because Su Ping mistreated him. It was purely because Pet Beasts like Forest Wolves preferred a natural environment. They would feel more oppressed and uncomfortable inside an artificially constructed house.

So, he was more comfortable in the villa's grassy courtyard.

Su Ping looked at Old Sha lying on the grass. At that moment, he seemed to realize something.

The morning Sun continued its slow ascent, its early rays aligning with something.

Su Ping blinked.

The golden rays of the winter Sun bathed Su Ping in a warm, golden light.

At this moment, Old Sha, lying before him, seemed to sense the sunlight that had been absent all night.

Then, Su Ping wasn't sure if it was an illusion. He felt that as the great Sun rose in the East, the sunlight shining in the courtyard suddenly dimmed.

It was as if the brilliant high beams of an oncoming car at night, when viewed directly, shifted to a less intense, angled glare from the sides.

The brightness of the light itself didn't seem to have changed, yet for some reason, it no longer appeared as dazzling as before.

On a winter morning, even in Magic Capital, there was a distinct chill in the air. Su Ping looked at the Sun, which now seemed unable to provide warmth, and it didn't appear as piercingly bright.

A cold breeze swept past. Belatedly, he turned and looked to the side.

Old Sha was still lying beside him.

Due to his large frame, even while prone, the tips of his antlers reached Su Ping's waist.

However, as Su Ping finally focused his attention on Old Sha's body, a dazzling golden light converged upon Old Sha. It was as if this light had captured all the essence of the morning and focused it there at that very moment.

He watched as Old Sha became entirely golden under this radiance. Only his Y-shaped antlers had strangely turned a stark, snow white. Su Ping blinked, finally understanding what was happening.

After all these days, Old Sha's Super-Rank Skill was finally about to complete its Skill Fusion!?

## Chapter 378: The First Super-Rank Skill: Heart of the Sun!

What is a Super-Rank Skill?

Within the definitions proposed by the Breeder Association, some Super-Rank Skills can no longer be described as mere skills.

This is the ultimate manifestation of power, a peak of strength, achieving that transcendent and extraordinary perfect ability!

Simultaneously, it signifies a transcendence beyond original power limitations, a leap into the divine!

There are also differences and disparities among Super-Rank Skills.

Some Super-Rank Skills, while still being Super-Rank Skills, are merely more powerful than ordinary skills. However, other Super-Rank Skills are key to qualitative changes that can alter a Pet Beast's entire ecosystem.

Su Ping didn't know, at this very moment, what category this slowly condensing light on Old Sha, this Super-Rank Skill that was finally coming to fruition, belonged to.

However, since the emergence of the Wanmu Wolf's Sun Formula, the Energy boost to the Wanmu Wolf had far surpassed any Skills he had ever seen.

Therefore, at this instant, Su Ping's mind, previously engrossed in research all night, suddenly became incredibly focused.

Previously, when chatting occasionally with Liu Fuhai, they had spoken about the emergence of these Super-Rank Skills.

Liu Fuhai had once said that in the world of Cultivation, the effectiveness of some Super-Rank Skills had some connection to the length of their names.

This statement seemed absurd, but Old Liu's expression at the time did not suggest he was joking.

Old Liu said that, excluding those mastered during Evolution or inherently controlled by young Pet Beasts of extremely high Racial Potential, postnatally cultivated Super-Rank Skills are all related to the fusion and Cultivation of Skills.

Therefore, generally, if a Super-Rank Skill developed through fusion and Cultivation incorporates many ordinary Skills, its name will be longer.

Consequently, the skill's effect would also be somewhat stronger.

Of course, this was a summarized general rule of thumb, not entirely accurate.

As Su Ping let his imagination run wild, he also turned his gaze towards Old Sha over there.

It was then that slight changes began to manifest on Old Sha's body.

Its Y-shaped branch-like horns turned completely milky white.

However, enveloped by that milky white, a golden radiance was also entwined.

It was as if sunlight had completely materialized, becoming a layer of golden keratin.

At this moment, one could no longer distinguish from its appearance that what was contained within was this newly evolved, special Forest Wolf Evolver, the Wanmu Wolf.

Because at this moment, Old Sha's form was entirely unrecognizable.

It looked as if sculpted from gold; the entire morning sunlight seemed to converge on Old Sha's body at this instant, resembling an accumulation of golden sand.

So beautiful!

Even Su Ping couldn't help but exclaim in admiration at this moment.

Old Sha at this moment, just like Xiao Qing during its breakthrough before, one was golden, the other emerald green; one resembled gold, the other jade.

They didn't look like two Forest Wolves, but truly like two of the most perfect and precious works of art.

However, Su Ping was in no mood to appreciate it properly at this time; he watched Old Sha with nervousness and anticipation.

He had been waiting for this day for less than ten days.

Back when they were still in Linzhou, when Old Sha had begun preparing to fuse Skills, Su Ping had started waiting.

And now, the day had finally arrived.

Under Su Ping's unblinking watch, roughly another hour passed.

The morning Big Sun in the sky continued to ascend.

The radiance from Old Sha's body, after reaching a zenith half an hour ago, finally began to slowly fade.

And after this hour passed, its body had slowly returned to its original state.

Apart from those still milky-white, translucent horns, Old Sha's body was no different from before in the slightest.

However, this thought had only just surfaced when a speck of light appeared anew.

However, what was different from just now was that previously, the morning Big Sun in the sky had poured its light into Old Sha's body. But at this moment, Old Sha itself was emitting light.

At this instant, Old Sha seemed to have become a light source itself!

And Old Sha, which had been in a deep slumber all along, finally, slowly opened its eyes at this moment.

Its gaze subconsciously looked up towards the sky.

It met the gaze of the already high-risen Big Sun directly.

Not only did it not feel any scorching glare, but for a moment, there was an indescribable aura about it.

And at this moment, Su Ping, who was to the side, also saw that in Old Sha's opened eyes, the color of its pupils had undergone some changes.

It was somewhat akin to gold, but not as rich. If not looking directly at the Sun, the pupils even had a somewhat whitish appearance.

This scene finally made Su Ping recall Er Zhuang from back then.

During the Legion Battles, the Wanmu Wolf that had directly comprehended the Blinding Technique and reached Elite Level with all three of its Skills, demonstrated such a change in the final moments when facing the Legion.

It was practically identical to Old Sha at this very moment.

AWOOO!

A resonant Wolf Howl echoed across the entire land!

Never mind this villa area; even many people in the surrounding Magic Capital Academy heard this Wolf Howl.

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They couldn't describe the sound of this wolf howl. It sounded similar to other wolf pets, but it radiated an overwhelming brilliance.

However, within the Magic Capital Academy, anything could happen. Wolf pets were not considered particularly unusual or bizarre Pet Beasts. At this time, it was certainly normal, and no one paid it much attention.

Only Su Ping, watching Old Sha in the courtyard at this very moment, blinked.

Those from the Wolf Tribe would usually look up at the moon in the sky and howl, but now, Old Sha was howling at the sun in the sky—the complete opposite.

Howling at the sun gave rise to a spontaneous sense of holiness.

At this moment, Old Sha didn't resemble a Forest Wolf Pet Beast at all. Instead, he seemed more like a divine and holy deity from some mythological tale—or perhaps a follower standing by a deity's side.

This also clearly showed that Old Sha, at this moment, had changed drastically from before.

As the howling at the sun gradually ceased, Old Sha's appearance showed no change; whether it was the color of his pupils or the creamy white horns on his head, everything remained as it was.

Obviously, after completing the fusion of this skill, this change seems to have become the norm?

Su Ping understood this. He finally turned his attention to Old Sha, who once again let out a howl, his excitement now clearly overflowing.

Instantly, that divine and holy sensation vanished completely, leaving not even the slightest trace.

Apart from the change in appearance, the Old Sha familiar to Su Ping had undoubtedly returned at this moment.

After welcoming Old Sha's affectionate pounce, Su Ping finally activated his Eye of Truth once more and looked at the Old Sha before him.

[Wanmu Wolf (Wild)]

[Current Level: First Stage Monarch]

[Racial Potential: Emperor Level 1]

[Skills: Super-Sun Heart (Proficient), Tree Prison (Proficient), Mutated-Woody Body (Proficiency), Language of Nature (Proficient), Life Magnetic Field (Proficiency), Wolf King Majesty (Proficiency)]

Old Sha's changes had become exceedingly streamlined.

The previous Heart of Woods, Sunlight Absorption, Photosynthesis, and even the newly comprehended Blinding Technique had all vanished without a trace at this moment.

Gone. All gone.

In their place was the most significant change, one that Su Ping zeroed in on immediately!

This was the first Super-Rank Skill Su Ping had truly come into contact with, or even witnessed!

Moreover, this Super-Rank Skill was one Su Ping had, in the truest sense, cultivated step by step himself. It began with the initial clues he discovered, the coincidental formulation of the solar formula, and his subsequent numerous conjectures about this ability.

Now, finally, at this very moment, a truly decisive result had emerged!

To say he wasn't excited would be pure nonsense.

However, Su Ping undoubtedly wanted to immediately examine this result and see what it entailed:

[Super-Sun Heart (Proficient): A Super-Rank Skill that gathers the might of the Sun, merging the effects of Power of the Sun and Child of the Sun!

Child of the Sun: While under sunlight, self-healing speed, Energy recovery speed, and the power of Energy Skills are greatly enhanced. Additionally, a portion of Sun Energy can be absorbed, maintaining a certain recovery effect for a period even when no sunlight is being absorbed.

Power of the Sun: Can control sunlight illumination within a certain range and can actively detonate all stored Sun Energy, creating an explosive skill effect with immense power!]

Su Ping processed the skill feedback for Old Sha provided by the Eye of Truth. This skill also gave him a strong sense of satisfaction and achievement.

Heart of the Sun!

From the name of the skill to its effects, Su Ping was thoroughly pleased.

Based on Heart of Woods, Sunlight Absorption, Photosynthesis, and so on, this Sun-affinity skill had been forged.

Not only did it incorporate all the benefits of the previous solar formula, but it also eliminated some of its negative effects, such as the considerable drain on one's spiritual power and physical strength after extensive absorption and use.

These had all vanished.

Furthermore, under the Sun's enhancement, it could strengthen the power of Energy Skills and absorb solar energy to be stored like a battery.

Moreover, what was most important, and most terrifying, was its ability to directly detonate the power of this Sun Energy. Su Ping remembered this aspect all too well.

This was because of the ability Er Zhuang had used during the previous Legion tournament.

That cataclysmic explosion, truly terrifying in effect, had caused an entire building to collapse.

That effect reminded Su Ping of the terrifying power of something like a nuclear explosion.

However, Su Ping's inference was not without reason.

The Sun's energy release itself is a nuclear fusion reaction involving the massive burning of hydrogen.

In such a reaction, the Sun's energy burst, the Sun Energy explosion Old Sha controls... is it similar in principle to a hydrogen bomb?

Su Ping's thoughts raced.

But, of course, he wasn't foolish enough to have Old Sha unleash it right then and there for a test.

Even the feedback from the Eye of Truth had indicated its immense power!

Although Old Sha could control it, Su Ping didn't dare to test it recklessly.

If he really accidentally blew up the Magic Capital Academy, it would be truly difficult to explain to Sang Sheng, wouldn't it?

He'd just have to find a suitable opportunity, a time and place, to try it out later.

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The Heart of the Sun skill was truly awe-inspiring.

However, this time Old Sha's skill insight was definitely more than just the improvement of a Super-Rank Skill.

Most directly, there was also a boost in Racial Potential!

It had reached Emperor Level! Even if it was just Emperor Level 1, Su Ping was already completely satisfied.

Reaching the Emperor Level further extended a Pet Beast's lifespan. Although it might not necessarily live long enough to outlast Su Anyong—after all, Su Ping had no idea what Realm his father was in. But he likely wouldn't have to worry about Old Sha's lifespan for decades to come.

Although Old Sha's own Level hadn't improved, the increase in its potential—and consequently its growth limit—signified the profound extent to which the Super-Rank Skill had aided it.

In addition, Old Sha's other Skills also seemed to have made substantial progress and improvement on this foundation.

This was a surge in strength.

Although its Level remained the same, Su Ping roughly guessed that if Old Sha were at the same Monarch Level, even a Monarch Peak Pet Beast without a Super-Rank Skill would not necessarily be its match.

I just don't know if it would stand a chance against an ordinary Emperor Level!

After all, the effects of the Heart of the Sun were too heaven-defying.

No wonder so many Beast Tamers and Breeders so eagerly sought the Cultivation and possession of Super-Rank Skills.

According to Leng Ye, a cub possessing a Super-Rank Skill among its Racial Skills could be valued at over ten times, or even more, than a cub of the same Level without one.

This indicated that the higher the echelon of Beast Tamers, the more importance they placed on Super-Rank Skills.

Now, according to Old Liu's theory, if the longer the name of a Super-Rank Skill, the greater its potential and the stronger its power, does that mean Old Sha's 'Heart of the Sun' is even more formidable than the 'Sword Intent' Qian Yi might comprehend in the future? After all, one is a Skill that can very likely be obtained directly after using resources. The other, however, was cultivated by Su Ping through sheer luck after many Skills had reached Perfection Level.

Thinking of this, Su Ping's emotions were once again stirred.

Damn it! How can I cultivate a Skill and not properly test it out to see what its effects and power are all about? No! Without testing the effects and power of the Power of the Sun within Old Sha's Heart of the Sun, how could I be content?

However, no matter what, it truly couldn't be used within the Magic Capital Academy. And outside the academy, even though it was the outskirts of the Magic Capital, there was no guarantee that no one else would be around. If he were to accidentally hurt an innocent bystander, the trouble would be immense.

So, where can I find a place large enough, with ample open space, no one around to be affected, and where I can truly test and showcase the real power of Old Sha's Skills?

Su Ping scratched his head. Just then, his cell phone rang.

Pushing away Old Sha, who was being affectionate, Su Ping glanced at his phone.

Sure enough, it was Qin Xiaoxue, who had messaged him earlier and to whom he had just replied.

"Are you done with your research? How did it turn out?"

Su Ping felt helpless. What results could there be? He could only say he had done some research on the Five Elements Formation Map, but as for actual results, there really were none.

"Nothing much. How about you? How are you progressing with Woodhead's third stage?"

Qin Xiaoxue's message came back quickly:

"I've been working on it all night, it's almost done! Hehe, it was cultivated using your method, and the effects seem really good. Haha, if my Woodhead can freely control its clone after its Evolution, that will be amazing!"

Miss Qin was clearly very excited.

Indeed, for any Beast Tamer, the Evolution of a Pet Beast was certainly a cause for such excitement!

Su Ping smiled slightly at this.

It seemed progress was going smoothly.

Just as she'd anticipated, if Su Ping had dealt with this matter using his real identity, Qin Xiaoxue's Breeder wouldn't have believed him. But now, things had gone relatively smoothly.

With the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, Su Ping wasn't worried about the Cultivation process. As long as that Breeder didn't pull any unexpected stunts, there should be no problem. And Miss Qin, having selected the Breeder, naturally wouldn't have chosen someone unreliable.

Therefore, Su Ping wasn't worried.

"You have no idea! Uncle Li keeps calling you 'Teacher' and wants to meet you in person. In fact, from the looks of it, I think he even wants to take you as his master!"

Qin Xiaoxue's message conveyed her strong sense of mischief regarding the matter.

Su Ping chuckled. Even if Uncle Li wanted to become his disciple, Su Ping had no way to teach him his methods. The Cultivation methods, perfected through the experience recorded in the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, were certainly trustworthy. However, he could only present them as experiential knowledge; he couldn't actually teach them to others.

However, without much further small talk with Miss Qin, Su Ping asked her—the person most familiar with the Magic Capital Academy—where one could freely unleash Skills.

"A place to unleash large-scale Skills? How large?"

Qin Xiaoxue was taken aback by Su Ping's question.

Hadn't he said he found nothing? Then what Skills was he planning to test, and where?

"The bigger the better. Anywhere in the wilderness will do!"

"The bigger the better? Then why don't you just come to the Linhai Secret Realm?"

Miss Qin's words made Su Ping pause.

Linhai Secret Realm? Could such a precious, reusable Secret Realm really allow him to experiment so freely?

"Perfect. The trials in the Linhai Secret Realm for this week have already ended, and it's scheduled to be refreshed today at noon."

"Refreshed?" Su Ping was taken aback; the term, used in this context, confused him.

"It's a special Space Characteristic of the Time Series. It remains effective even after the Secret Realm is formed. Oh, it's hard to explain; you should just come and see for yourself. Right now, in the Linhai Secret Realm, it's just me and an old lady—no one else!"

Su Ping thought for a moment and decided not to refuse. After glancing at the Magic Capital Academy's layout map, he headed towards the Secret Realm Plaza.