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Chapter 381: Linhai Secret Realm! Skills Experiment!

Linhai Secret Realm.

It was one of several Secret Realms contained within the Magic Capital Academy.

At the same time, it was one of the Secret Realms that could be repeatedly recycled for use.

Even from the Qintian Monitor's backend, the Levels of the numerous Secret Realms within the Magic Capital Academy could not be queried.

But I roughly guess that the Level of this thing wouldn't be lower than the Earth-grade Secret Realms among the Heaven, Earth, Mystic, and Yellow rankings, right?

The entrances to the several major Secret Realms of the Magic Capital Academy were all located in an area known as the Secret Realm Square.

Outside the massive venue was a platform.

Inside the venue were several long passages, and at the end of each passage was the location of a Secret Realm.

How were these Secret Realm entrances all concentrated here?

This was the first question that came to Su Ping after his arrival.

Su Ping absolutely didn't believe that these few Secret Realms just happened to cluster here; the likelihood of that was too low.

Another, more plausible possibility was that some unknown method had been used to forcibly draw the entrances of the Secret Realms to this place.

This possibility was undoubtedly higher.

I just don't know what kind of method was used.

And I wonder if the Qintian Monitor has such a method? If they do, could I get my hands on some of these sustainable, recyclable Secret Realms and bring them to my own place?

Su Ping shook his head. Am I really becoming more and more like Ge Langtai, wanting to move every good thing I see to my own place?

After seeing the Secret Realm Square, Su Ping quickly had a second question.

These Secret Realms, even if they can be recycled, how do they supply so many students? Is it relying on that so-called 'refresh' Trait Qin Xiaoxue mentioned?

Su Ping didn't understand.

What puzzled him even more were the various scenes taking place on the square outside the Secret Realm venue.

"Come take a look! The Magic Potion Society's newest product! A knockout drug that can stir amorous feelings in Ferocious Beasts and Pet Beasts! One price, two effects..."

"Trading academic credits! Still frustrated that you can't bring resources out from the Secret Realms? Numerous fourth-year seniors have joined us! We have immense credit resources and only trade for large quantities of valuable resources or offer lending services..."

"Fresh from the White Bone Beach Secret Realm! Undead spider materials, 'Spider Silk White Bone'—a top-tier resource for Necromancy Series Cultivation! Exchange for 150 Secret Realm Points, sold outside for only 175 Points! Small business, sincere buyers only..."

"Recruiting for a Secret Realm team! Need members at Commander Level or above, with healing or control-type Pet Beasts! Priority in exchanging spoils! Capable and suitable students, come on down! Female students preferred, WOO~"

"..."

This was quite the place. If Su Ping hadn't been told this was the Magic Capital Academy, he would have thought he'd wandered into some special kind of bazaar—thoroughly disorganized, with all sorts of activities going on.

"Eh? Fellow student, would you like to join our 'Shadow Following' team? Your Pet Beast looks pretty strong! We, the Shadow Following team, are all elites from the second and third years. It's just that today, one of our members had something come up... huh?"

While Su Ping was looking bewilderedly at the scene before him, a figure nearby cheerfully spoke up.

Su Ping turned his head to look, and at that glance, he was slightly taken aback.

He didn't know many people within the Magic Capital Academy.

In fact, one could say there were only a few.

However, the group in front of him now definitely counted among them.

When Su Ping turned his head, they too were slightly taken aback.

Seeing Su Ping, they were a bit slow to react.

At the same time, another voice not far away chimed in, "Senior Guo, we've recruited someone... huh?"

It was none other than Dong Muxuan and the two people with him from before.

Upon seeing Su Ping, they were also slightly surprised.

Su Ping smiled at Dong Muxuan, who was in the distance.

Dong Muxuan finally reacted and quickly returned a smile.

The first time they met, Dong Muxuan hadn't known who he was. Now, upon seeing him again—not to mention the previous events at the Trial Tower—it was clear from Dong Muxuan's reaction that he now knew who Su Ping was.

"Su Ping...?" Senior Guo whispered tentatively.

He truly feared attracting any unnecessary trouble.

Su Ping himself was unaware. But how could these students of the Magic Capital Academy not know? In just a few days, this intern student of unknown origin had achieved a fame within the academy that was truly unparalleled.

He had broken a record that no one in the Magic Capital Academy had broken for many years.

And he had raised the record to an unprecedented height.

Such an event was bound to cause a sensation in the Magic Capital Academy.

It was just a pity that too few had truly seen Su Ping.

On the forums, only a heavily pixelated photo had appeared.

Ordinary people couldn't recognize him.

After all, Su Ping had been whisked away by Sang Sheng the moment he appeared.

He hadn't given the onlookers a chance to take another look.

Only those like Dong Muxuan, who had spoken to him face-to-face in the Trial Tower, could truly know. That underclassman who had so readily stated Dong Muxuan's name wasn't just some junior who happened to know it; he was \*the\* Su Ping from Linzhou.

Su Ping nodded to them and then asked, "Um, do you know where the entrance to the Linhai Secret Realm is?"

"Linhai Secret Realm?"

The group immediately closed in around him.

In these past few days, the name Su Ping had been discussed to death on the academy's forums.

But the person himself had not been seen; he was like a Divine Dragon whose head was seen but not its tail.

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Now that I've finally caught a wild one, how can I miss the chance to have a good look at this elite, this prodigy who passed the fifteenth level of the Trial Tower? It would be a waste of opportunity.

Upon hearing Su Ping's words, the senior surnamed Guo slightly raised his eyebrows, "Junior Su Ping, today the entrance to the Linhai Secret Realm is closed for an update period—other students are not allowed to enter. How about joining our team to go to the Bug Nest Secret Realm instead? Whatever materials you gather, we can help you exchange them for credits. What do you say?"

"Exchange with credits?"

Su Ping wasn't very familiar with the rules within the Secret Realms.

Dong Muxuan, who was beside them, was already smiling as he explained, "That's right. Within the Secret Realm, there are resources to be gathered, and you can also have real battles in the field with ferocious Pet Beasts! However, this Secret Realm has a special Time Series Trait, so the resources that drop aren't actually real."

"To take them out, you need to use credits at the Secret Realm's entrance to condense them into real resources. The more Advanced Level the resources, the more credits are needed! However, it's much cheaper than buying them in the outside world or exchanging them directly with credits."

Su Ping nodded. So that's how it was.

Indeed, if the Secret Realm allowed real drops, how could there be so many Ferocious Beasts available for use? That refreshing Time Series Trait is probably the reason behind this.

Unfortunately, Su Ping wasn't here to gather resource materials. If he didn't have anything else to do, he would be quite interested in exploring the Secret Realm. But now was clearly not a good time, so he could only shake his head, "Sorry, I really do have something to take care of and need to visit the Linhai Secret Realm. Maybe next time when I'm free..."

"Since that's the case, how about we add each other as friends? My sister often mentions you. And now that you're here, you've already caused such a big stir at Magic Capital Academy—much more impressive than me," Dong Muxuan said, grinning.

Senior Guo and the other two exchanged glances. All of them saw the surprise in each other's eyes. They knew all too well the nature of this Junior Dong. With his proud and arrogant nature, he didn't usually pay much heed to ordinary people. They had truly never seen him adopt such an attitude before.

But then again, Su Ping really deserved such treatment. Clearing fifteen elite waves was too astounding.

Su Ping didn't refuse. After they added each other as friends on their phones, he walked forward. Just then, a figure had appeared at the far end of the venue, looking around.

When Su Ping looked towards the other person, the latter also looked back at Su Ping, and their gazes met at that moment.

Qin Xiaoxue hurriedly quickened her pace and came over to Su Ping. "What are you doing here? Aren't you going in?"

Miss Qin ignored the others, as well as the gazes that instantly converged on her the moment she appeared. She ran over and asked directly.

"I'm here." Su Ping nodded, then waved to the others, and led Old Sha towards the entrance corridor of the Linhai Secret Realm.

Watching the two of them leaving, many people whispered to each other, obviously not knowing who this person so close to Miss Qin was.

On the other hand, Dong Muxuan and the others also watched their departing figures.

"TSK TSK, so this Su Ping is so close to Senior Qin? No wonder that person was there last time," someone commented.

Another person, along with Senior Guo, remained silent but glanced at Dong Muxuan. There had long been rumors that Dong Muxuan, who was now a prominent and influential figure at the academy, had a relatively close relationship with Miss Qin. It seemed their elders had intentions of bringing them together. But now, it appeared Dong Muxuan's firm denial of those rumors previously had been quite necessary.

"TSK, Mu Xuan, isn't he basically your love rival?" asked Senior Guo with a smile.

Dong Muxuan came back to his senses and shrugged, "They probably don't even see me as a worthy rival. Isn't pining for someone unrequitedly just asking for trouble?"

"TSK TSK, never thought Mu Xuan could say something like this. Miss Qin is one thing, but does that Su Ping also have some significant background?" someone continued to ask.

Since Dong Muxuan himself didn't seem to mind, what was the harm in a little Bagua, they figured?

"Nonsense. Who could clear fifteen elite waves of the Trial Tower solo without some kind of backing?"

"That's true. I just wonder what kind of Pet Beast he used to achieve that?"

"..."

The idle chatter of his teammates didn't cause Dong Muxuan's expression to shift. But in his heart, he involuntarily thought of the words his sister had said to him. Dong Muxuan's eyes narrowed slightly, a resolute light flashing within them.

From a young age, he had always been surrounded by glory, praised by his elders, with the halo of a genius constantly above his head. Now, with such a peer appearing by his side, it was indeed exciting. It was just a pity that he was two years older than Su Ping. Even if the current Su Ping is very strong, it's unlikely he'll be able to participate in next year's professional assessment competition, right? What a pity.

Thinking this, Dong Muxuan turned his head, "Alright, don't we have actual business to attend to?"

Bagua and actual business—obviously, the latter was more important.

Su Ping, at this moment, had the same idea.

With Miss Qin's special student ID, the restrictions on the corridor to the Linhai Secret Realm, which had been sealed off and entry prohibited, were rendered completely ineffective.

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Su Ping followed Qin Xiaoxue into the long corridor. "What did Dong Muxuan say to you?" Qin Xiaoxue finally asked, once she was sure no one was paying attention.

Su Ping gave her a strange look. "What could there be? I saw them right after I arrived. Given my connection with Dong Muyun, I just chatted with him about this Secret Realm—specifically, how Magic Capital Academy manages these Secret Realms."

"Humph, there are many things you don't know!" Qin Xiaoxue snorted lightly. "It seems your relationship with that 'Queen Dong' has become quite close lately!"

Su Ping's expression didn't change. "Yes, there have been several collaborations requiring the channels of the Dong Family and Tianyun Group, as well as Dong Muyun's personal abilities."

Qin Xiaoxue didn't elaborate further, as she wasn't very interested in such matters; all her attention was focused on Su Ping. "What exactly have you been researching these past few days? If the old lady hadn't forbidden it, I would have gone straight in to find you."

At the mention of this, Su Ping was undoubtedly a bit frustrated. "Don't mention it. I made some gains on my trip out, but I don't have a clear research direction..." He suddenly paused, looking at Qin Xiaoxue. "Right, are there any teachers at Magic Capital Academy who are experts in ancient scripts?"

"Of course! Many professors in the history department are experts in this field. It's just that the history department is considered one of the academy's least noticeable disciplines. If it weren't for the breeding of some ancient-type Pet Beasts, the academy would probably want to abolish the subject."

Su Ping's eyes lit up. He was now very eager to decipher the contents of that ancient manuscript. He wanted to understand the ancient Beast Tamer's insights and experiences regarding the generation and suppression cycle of the Five Elements, as recorded from the Secret Realm. This would help further perfect the Paperman's standard assembled form and continue Qian Yi's cultivation. As for Feifei from the Mechanics Department, he had no expectations regarding the creation of a mechanical body for the so-called Five Elements Cycle energy device.

"That's great. Could you introduce me when the time comes?" Su Ping asked.

"Of course, no problem," Qin Xiaoxue replied. "What is it? Is the item you obtained from ancient times?"

"Exactly!"

"But I'll tell you upfront," Qin Xiaoxue continued, "those old guys who study ancient history are stubborn and prickly. If your item doesn't interest them, I can't help you."

Qin Xiaoxue seemed quite biased against these history department professors. Su Ping didn't mind. The script in that diary was so rare that even online searches yielded very little comparable information. Moreover, it was written on paper, leading Su Ping to suspect it was likely a transcription from ancient times, not an original document in that script. Besides, Su Ping truly couldn't bring himself to read it; even a glance made him dizzy. He even wondered if the Book was enchanted—otherwise, why would looking at it make him so drowsy? If he had to rely on himself to completely decipher the secrets in that diary, he feared it would take years. With specialists available, Su Ping naturally saw no reason to expend so much effort.

As they chatted casually, the long corridor finally came to an end. As expected, a spatial vortex appeared before them, one Su Ping was all too familiar with. This distorted vortex, however, was different from the wild Secret Realms Su Ping had previously encountered. Mechanical gateways flanked this vortex. They seemed to be for some kind of detection, similar to those used for airplanes and trains. Qin Xiaoxue didn't explain, and Su Ping couldn't be bothered to ask. Leading Old Sha, who was curiously looking around, Su Ping stepped into the spinning spatial vortex.

After the spatial transition, the relatively dim corridor they had been in vanished. In its place was a wide, open expanse. Clearly, the name 'Linhai Secret Realm' itself indicated the environment and conditions within. Lush greenery met the eye; a vast expanse of forest and vegetation stretched out before them. Occasional low, rolling hills were interspersed throughout the landscape. Notably, a Sun still shone in the sky; clearly, sunlight was indispensable for a forest-type Secret Realm.

"Let's go. Woodhead's third phase of evolution is also nearing completion."

Finally, atop a small hill within the Linhai Secret Realm, Su Ping saw the motionless Sang Sheng and five equally still Woodheads. Yes, five of them. Under the illumination of the Polyhedral Mirror, besides the central Woodhead, there were four other Woodhead avatars. Though called avatars, they were, in reality, indistinguishable from the original Woodhead. The woman—Sang Sheng—stood behind the mirror, her immense spiritual power maintaining its illumination. Upon seeing Su Ping arrive, she smiled and nodded at him. Clearly, powering the Polyhedral Mirror for an entire night was not a difficult task for her.

Su Ping raised an eyebrow. "Where is the Wolf Emperor Breeder?"

"Uncle Li had some matters to attend to," Sang Sheng explained. "He went to the city center this morning; it seems an old friend needed him. Since the situation here is stable, the old lady let him go first."

Su Ping glanced at Woodhead. Its condition was stable and indeed no longer required constant supervision. But can I test Old Sha's power here?

"Xiao Ping," Sang Sheng said, "I heard from Xiao Xue that you wanted to test some Pet Beast Skills? The Linhai Secret Realm will refresh at noon, and everything will be restored then. This is the best testing ground! What Skills do you want to test?"

Su Ping didn't hide anything and patted Old Sha's neck. "The Wanmu Wolf's Super-Rank Skill Fusion is complete. I want to test its power. It won't affect Woodhead's evolution here, will it?"

Qin Xiaoxue blinked, then belatedly turned her head, her beautiful eyes narrowing suspiciously at Su Ping. Didn't you say you hadn't made any significant achievements?

Even Sang Sheng blinked. The Super-Rank Skill Qin Erlong mentioned on the phone... it's already complete? No wonder this brat wanted to use the Wanmu Wolf in the breeding competition. No wonder he's so confident.

Sang Sheng let out a breath, calming the slight disturbance in her spiritual power, then said, "Don't worry. With me here, no fluctuations will affect Woodhead's evolution. So, you can try as much as you like!"

With her reassurance, Su Ping immediately felt at ease and patted Old Sha on the head. "Old Sha!"

"AWOO..."

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Old Sha had been itching to act.

Only it could truly feel the surging, tumultuous power within its body. It could sense how massive and terrifying the fluctuations of the Power of the Sun were, brewing under the absorption of sunlight. Now, having received the command from its young master, it finally had the chance to release that power. How could it restrain itself any longer?

The sound of its Wolf Howl echoed throughout the dense forests of Linhai Secret Realm.

At this moment, Sang Sheng and Qin Xiaoxue finally focused their attention on Old Sha. Only then did they see the changes in it.

A radiant light burst from its snow-white horns, and its similarly platinum pupils reflected dazzling rays under the sunlight of the Linhai Secret Realm.

Super-Rank Skill...

The two were all too familiar with the significance of a Super-Rank Skill, but they were still taken aback by the changes occurring in Old Sha.

What kind of Super-Rank Skill could cause such a transformation in Old Sha's appearance?

Even among Super-Rank Skills, there was a distinction. There were levels of superiority and inferiority!

And the Super-Rank Skill that Old Sha was demonstrating, before even being fully utilized, had already made both of them aware that this skill was no ordinary one.

With this thought, Sang Sheng's mind moved, and a Spirit Barrier appeared on top of the hill. It enveloped the group, along with Woodhead. In this way, Old Sha could release its full power without worries.

Yet at this moment, Su Ping was still a bit apprehensive as he asked, "Elder Sang Sheng, this Secret Realm can be restored, right?"

The woman nodded. "Don't worry. The Time Series Space Characteristic, 'Timed Refresh,' is an acquired trait endowed by the Spirit Saint Level Time Series resource, the 'Time Hourglass.' As long as a Beast Tamer uses Energy to activate the Time Hourglass and make it flip, it can restore all previous damage. It can even resurrect lost Pet Beasts!

"Most damage to the Secret Realm can also be perfectly repaired under these circumstances! So, feel free to unleash its power!"

With the woman's words, Su Ping completely relaxed and said, "Old Sha, unleash the explosive Power of the Sun with all your might!"

"AWOO!"

With another howl, Old Sha finally let loose completely.

The woman, too, watched with interest the odd Wanmu Wolf outside the spiritual membrane.

This little guy was being a bit too cautious, wasn't he?

It wasn't that the woman looked down on Su Ping or the Little Forest Wolf. After all, it was just a Monarch Level Pet Beast.

The Linhai Secret Realm had yet to reach the scale of a Heavenly Secret Realm, which could be called a 'small world.' Its size wasn't particularly immense, but its space was stable. It was difficult for ordinary Emperor Level Pet Beasts to cause any permanent damage to the Linhai Secret Realm.

But it was understandable. After all, the little guy had just cultivated a Super-Rank Skill. Excitement naturally led to errors in judging the skill's power. That was to be expected. Once he gained more understanding of the power associated with a Pet Beast's Level, things would improve.

With this thought in mind, Sang Sheng's lips curved into a slight smile.

However, that smile soon turned into a hint of puzzlement:

At this moment, Old Sha seemed a bit odd. Ten seconds had passed since Old Sha's howl, and there was still no sign of activity.

Old Sha stood on the slope in front of them, facing the mountain forest below the cliff, and it was unclear what it was doing.

She was about to ask Su Ping if Old Sha was ever going to make its move. Then, she noticed something amiss.

Indeed, nothing unusual seemed to be happening in the direction Old Sha faced. But on Old Sha itself, and around it, things were beginning to seem not quite right.

The woman could see at a glance that streams of light were starting to emerge on Old Sha's body. What was previously just a faint outline rapidly changed, and soon, Old Sha's wolf-like form was no longer discernible. Instead, it had become a glowing sphere.

At this moment, Old Sha and the sun in the sky seemed to reflect each other perfectly. Two suns, one above and one below, shone brightly, mirroring each other.

At the same time, the air around Old Sha, within those radiant beams, even began to twist. This was the high-speed condensation of a massive amount of energy.

Something was not right!

At this moment, not only Su Ping and Qin Xiaoxue, but even the woman's eyelids began to twitch. This rapid condensation of a vast amount of energy was unusual!

The woman exhaled slowly, her terrifying spiritual power still supplying the Polyhedral Mirror in front of her. She extended her hand, and an object appeared beside her. However, the summoning light, under the brilliance emitted by Old Sha, seemed utterly inconsequential.

This was a pink tendril.

No sooner had the tendril appeared than it directly burrowed into the earth and stones, merging with them. It disappeared in an instant.

The woman let out a sigh of relief, then looked up again.

She wasn't sure if it was her imagination, but the sunlight seemed to have dimmed considerably at that moment, replaced by the glowing Old Sha.

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The light was almost blinding. Countless rays of sunlight Energy instantly converged upon Old Sha's body. Only from a distance could one vaguely make out that this was a spherical body of light. Beyond that, nothing else could be seen. This was a convergence of Energy. However, at this very moment, the Energy was still continuing to condense.

How long would it keep condensing? Would it drain the very sun shining over the Secret Realm dry?

No one knew.

But after a full two minutes had passed, with nothing nearby visible except for a blinding expanse of light—to say nothing of the completely stupefied Qin Xiaoxue—even Sang Sheng, who was right beside him, finally couldn't hold back any longer.

"Su Ping, let it release now," Sang Sheng urged. "Holding it in for too long isn't good for its body."

Su Ping pursed his lips. Does that rule apply to Old Sha too? But the key question was, if he spoke now, could Old Sha even hear him?

Sang Sheng clearly continued to persuade, "Besides, accumulating Energy for such a long time doesn't make sense in a real battle, does it? What kind of fight would allow a Pet Beast to gather strength for so long?"

It had to be said, Sang Sheng's words were reasonable.

Thus, Su Ping finally shouted, "Old Sha, that's enough!"

BUZZ...

It was as if space itself was vibrating, and the very ground was swaying.

Finally, as the sky had almost turned to pitch-black night, all the sunlight pouring down having been completely absorbed, fused, and condensed by Old Sha—in that instant, this dazzling light blasted forth!

Even Su Ping had no idea how this surging light was emitted. A beam? Or something else? Like a Sun Tail Beast Cannon?

He didn't know. All he was aware of was that when that burst of light erupted, his world held nothing else. It was a brilliance like daylight, as if he were standing in a room utterly filled with light, without a hint of shadow or any blind spots. He himself underwent a full baptism of light.

Fortunately, Sang Sheng's spiritual power had formed a protective barrier around him. Otherwise, even just watching from the side, it was hard to say whether the intense light would harm one's eyes.

This sheet of light, like a pure white waterfall, sprayed downwards. Upon reaching the very bottom, it then suddenly exploded!

It was as if the sun itself had fallen from the sky and bombarded the ground.

The familiar vibration followed. Only this time, it was accompanied by a terrifying sound that could shake the heavens and the earth—

BOOM!

It was as if a thousand thunderclaps had exploded simultaneously right by one's ears.

Then, a mushroom cloud, swirling with immense amounts of dust and debris, erupted at the distant edge of the luminous world.

Countless trees in the forest, even the land and soil, were instantly vaporized without a trace in that moment.

The ultimate expression of light's power was thunder and intense fire. And this explosion showcased this terrifying force to its absolute fullest!

It wasn't thunder, yet it was faster than any thunder. It wasn't fire, yet it was more ferocious than any flame!

However, accompanying this thunderous explosion, there was also a whistling crack!

CRACK!

It was a crystal-clear sound.

At the sound, not only did Sang Sheng's face darken slightly, but even Su Ping's eyelids twitched rapidly.

Qin Xiaoxue didn't understand what this sound meant. But Su Ping, having spent many days before coming here investigating the collapse of numerous Secret Realms across Jianghai, knew exactly what it signified.

It signified the fracturing of the Space Barrier.

In reality, aside from Space Element Pet Beasts, even if this power were increased tenfold or a hundredfold, it wouldn't be enough to shatter space. But this place, after all, was a Secret Realm within

a stacked dimensional space. Its stability, however strong, was far from comparable to the stability of space outside the Secret Realm!

This is bad!

We've caused a disaster!

Su Ping quickly licked his dry lips and glanced at Sang Sheng beside him. She was the one who told him to let it unleash the blast. Surely he wouldn't have to compensate, right? Otherwise, even selling the Heart of Wood might not be enough to cover the cost.

As expected.

Sang Sheng's brows furrowed slightly. She continued to channel her spiritual power into the Polyhedral Mirror, her eyes closed, seemingly communicating with something.

Su Ping's heart pounded with anxiety. Qin Xiaoxue, standing nearby, already looked as if she had seen a ghost.

Was this really something a Monarch Level Pet Beast could do? Qin Xiaoxue wondered. Didn't the old woman say that the Linhai Secret Realm was extremely stable? That unless it was an Emperor Level attack, or even a common attack Skill from an Emperor Level beast of tier three to five or higher, spatial fluctuations wouldn't even appear? So what was this situation now? This Super-Rank Skill... was it really that outrageous?

Qin Xiaoxue didn't understand.

And at this moment, she wasn't the only one who was confused. Many people throughout the entire Magic Capital Academy were equally puzzled.

This tremendous noise, emanating from the depths of the Secret Realm's space, had alerted numerous individuals within the academy.

In an instant, multiple figures swiftly descended from the sky above the academy. Before the students could even react, these figures had arrived directly at the Secret Realm plaza.

"What's going on?" someone inquired.

"A powerful Energy fluctuation has occurred in the Linhai Secret Realm, affecting the safety of the Mysterious Realm Space! An enemy attack cannot be ruled out!" someone else reported, their gazes locked onto the figures on the Secret Realm plaza.

"All students on the Secret Realm plaza are to remain still and await instructions!"

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Just then, a grand voice emerged above the square. All the students, as well as the teachers who had arrived, looked towards the figure approaching amidst their bewildered gazes.

However, upon seeing who it was, many let out a sigh of relief. "It's Dean Cao!"

Vice Dean Cao headed straight for the entrance to the Linhai Secret Realm. Immediately, the person in charge on this side rushed over, his face pale.

It was only then that Vice Dean Cao looked towards the pale-faced woman. "Teacher Lin, isn't today the day the Linhai Secret Realm is to be reopened? At this time, it is forbidden for others to enter, yet someone has entered the Linhai Secret Realm."

The woman quickly explained, "Dean Cao, the Dean and Miss Qin are inside!"

"What?!"

Upon hearing this, Vice Dean Cao was slightly startled. He glanced at the professors who had arrived from afar, the heads of the other departments, and the students from that academy who were watching the scene from a distance.

"The Dean is inside?"

"Yes..."

Vice Dean Cao, speechless, finally caught his breath and said, "Alright, tell them that the Dean is testing the effects of new Mechanical Weapons and to have them all leave."

After saying this, the Vice Dean, second only to Sang Sheng, entered the Linhai Secret Realm.

Under the protection of armor resembling ancient mechanical gear, Vice Dean Cao felt not the slightest worry.

However, upon entering, he couldn't help but stand still in awe.

What did he see?

At the far end of his line of sight, an immense pit appeared before him.

The radius of the pit was a full hundred meters!

Around the pit, countless trees and tufts of grass had been torn up and tossed aside. Although there was no large crater, the area was in complete disarray.

At the same time, within the pit, Vice Dean Cao saw the shattered spatial rift.

The pitch-black space crack was there before him.

But to Vice Dean Cao's slight relief, strands of scarlet mycelium were quickly mending the rift.

This was the Dean's Pet Beast, 'Crimson Weaver,' a special creature with Attributes of both Wood Element and Space Element.

It was indeed the Dean!

Vice Dean Cao relaxed a bit, but his thoughts turned rapidly, and he flew up, quickly seeing the situation on the hillside.

"Dean! What happened?"

Within a Spirit Barrier, Sang Sheng opened her eyes, looked at Cao Yunhe speechlessly, and then spoke, "Has there been a reaction outside?"

"Yes. Had we known it was the Dean inside, there wouldn't have been such a fuss."

"Hmm, it's nothing, just a little experiment. You go ahead with your tasks."

A little experiment?

The woman had indeed thought so earlier. But after saying this, she looked again at the large pit and the blown-open spatial rift.

Then she pursed her lips.

Dammit, why did it turn out this way?

Fortunately, Vice Dean Cao clearly hadn't noticed his Dean's complex emotional fluctuations.

He acknowledged with a "Yes."

Then, with a puzzled look, he glanced at Miss Qin standing beside the woman, a completely unfamiliar young man, and the strange Wolf Pet panting heavily on the cliff. Without further hesitation, he turned and headed out of the Linhai Secret Realm.

He was absolutely respectful to the woman.

Don't be fooled by the fact that both he and his ace Pet Beast had reached Emperor Peak, just a hair shy of Spirit Saint Level. Sometimes, this hair's breadth is a chasm between heaven and earth.

This was evident from Fengdu Sword King Yu Liangqing's example in the past.

Finally, after Cao Yunhe left, Su Ping looked at the woman and quickly approached her. Not even rushing to check on Old Sha's condition first, he hurriedly asked, "That... Predecessor, are you alright?"

The woman gave the kid a sidelong glance.

Alright? From where could it possibly look like things were alright?

If she hadn't acted quickly, summoning Xiao Hong to stand by just in case, and then had this brat promptly release the attack... Otherwise, if that Old Wolf had kept storing power, who knows what could have happened?

If the spatial rift hadn't been repaired in time, a spatial tear would have caused irreparable damage!

Even so, it was still a very troublesome situation.

But, could she tell Su Ping that? After all, it was she who had confidently promised this stinky kid he could go right ahead with it.

Who knew the kid would pull out something this big!

Indeed!

The woman understood in her heart. She couldn't blame her own misjudgment; it was just that this damned youngster was too abnormal.

However, she also knew. The power of this Skill was indeed outrageous, but in reality, it was mainly because the Old Wolf had accumulated power for long enough.

And again, in real combat, how could anyone allow you to build up so much power for so long? That was an impossibility.

But in terms of the present situation, the normal release power of this Skill would definitely be formidable.

Furthermore, it was uncertain whether one could move or even fight freely while accumulating power.

So, all things considered, this kid was a freak, and the creature he Cultivated was definitely a freak too. This was a certainty.

Facing Su Ping's earnest and pure gaze, what else could the woman say?

She could only muster an awkward and impolite smile, saying, "No problem! We can postpone the reopening of the Linhai Secret Realm for a few days, it's nothing."

No problem?

Not sure if it was just his imagination, but Su Ping felt a touch of resentment emanating from Lord Sang Sheng.

And... looking towards the devastation at the far end, it really didn't seem like 'nothing' was wrong, did it?

The only thing Su Ping was thankful for now was that they had tried it out in the Secret Realm first, instead of back home or any other place. Otherwise, the mess would likely have been even greater.

Su Ping pursed his lips, then said, "So... can I help with anything?"

"You can!"

Lord Sang Sheng's response eased the guilt in Su Ping's heart a bit, but her next sentence made him struggle to keep a straight face: "Get that Forest Wolf Evolver out of the Linhai Secret Realm quickly. Better safe than sorry. If it does that again, we'll really be in a bind."

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It was obvious that Sang Sheng was just joking.

Su Ping scratched his head, a little embarrassed.

This actually made Sang Sheng smile helplessly: "I really don't know how such a Super-Rank Skill is cultivated. You little fellow, you truly are a monster. By the way, what's the name of this Super-Rank Skill?"

"Heart of the Sun!" Su Ping said quickly.

"Not bad," Sang Sheng nodded. "Its power indeed befits a four-character Super-Rank Skill."

Su Ping opened his mouth, obviously still wanting to say that the skill also had passive effects. However, after thinking it over, he decided not to say more. After all, he had just blown up the Secret Realm, and it was probably best not to add fuel to the fire by showing off right now.

With that thought, Su Ping finally remembered to look towards Old Sha, who was still huffing and puffing heavily.

The charged Solar Cannonball clearly consumed significant energy.

Even with the Heart of the Sun's recovery effects, five minutes had passed, and Old Sha was still in the same condition.

Nevertheless, Su Ping took out a Sun Crystal and handed it directly to Old Sha. After Old Sha crunched it down in three bites, this precious Monarch-Level resource finally allowed him to make a full recovery.

At the same time, his energy aura advanced further, seemingly on the verge of moving up a Realm.

Qin Xiaoxue had been silent all along, as if still savoring the brilliant light from before.

Then, watching Su Ping rub Old Sha's head and help him up, she asked a question: "Su Ping, now that Woodhead has evolved to this stage, can it still transform its Evolutionary Body and evolve into something like your Wanmu Wolf?"

"Uh..." Su Ping opened his mouth but didn't speak.

However, meeting Qin Xiaoxue's gaze, Su Ping pursed his lips before finally saying: "The Crown Wolf Emperor is an Evolutionary Body with Emperor-Level Racial Potential; it won't be too weak."

"But..."

Sang Sheng, who was beside them, had already reprimanded: "What nonsense are you spouting, girl? Hurry over here, Woodhead's Third Rank stage is about to be finalized! That fellow Old Li shirked his duties and left early this morning. I have no idea what he's up to. Just wait until he gets back, I'll show him!"

"Oh!" Miss Qin shrugged her shoulders and finally made her way to Woodhead's side.

Su Ping also turned his attention there.

The Third Rank stage was indeed nearing its end.

Although the situation had stabilized earlier, there were still a few things to be careful about during the finalization stage. As the Breeder present, Su Ping also had to keep a close watch to prevent any issues.

However, it was clear that the Breeder surnamed Li must have had his reasons for confidently leaving.

At this moment, the abilities Sang Sheng displayed were flawless.

The condensation of the doppelgangers took more than twelve hours.

Once the time was up, under the Polyhedral Mirror, the doppelgangers slowly faded into nothingness.

Dandelions resembling starlight separated from the bodies of the doppelgangers.

Seemingly attracted by Woodhead's true form at the very center, they moved toward its body and slowly fused into it.

And this was clearly just the beginning.

Aside from the offshoots of these starlight dandelions, there were also four Seeds of Life shimmering with green radiance, embodying the true flesh and blood of the doppelgangers.

This precious Life Series Monarch-Level resource could aptly be said to "bring the dead back to life and regrow flesh on bones."

Now, these four Seeds of Life, used as the foundational Life Force for the illusory doppelgangers, were returned to Woodhead's body.

Upon absorbing the immense Life Force from the seeds, Woodhead's dormant radiance suddenly shone brightly.

This Life Force was completely integrated into Woodhead's body at this moment.

This caused the Thorny Crown, after fusing with the Seeds of Life, to unexpectedly expand another ring wider.

It no longer resembled the previous Thorny Crown, but truly looked more like a strange, branched, ancient treetop crown.

Simultaneously, the four ethereal figures, illuminated by the reflections from the Polyhedral Mirror's surface, seemed to come alive again and reconverged on Woodhead.

At that very moment, Su Ping saw the illusory shadows return to Woodhead's body.

Just as Su Ping had said, Woodhead's separated spirit, after mastering and adapting to the spiritual doppelgangers, had returned to its main body.

Sure enough, with the return of spiritual power, there was a slight stir under Woodhead's eyelids, and it seemed to be gradually awakening from its previous slumber.

However, this was not the end!

Almost at the same time, Sang Sheng extended her hand. With a final burst of spiritual power, the Polyhedral Mirror that had been illuminating Woodhead shattered in an instant.

It shattered into countless, constantly flashing fragments of prismatic crystal in the air!

From amidst the fragments, Sang Sheng snatched a sphere that refracted a seven-colored light under the sun. She then placed it into Woodhead's mouth, even before it had fully awakened.

The Polyhedral Mirror's Origin.

It was also one of the fundamental abilities for mastering refracted doppelgangers.

With a GULP, Woodhead swallowed it.

"Phew..." Having done all this, not only Qin Xiaoxue but even Sang Sheng let out a sigh of relief.

After all, it was her granddaughter's Pet Beast's evolution, and it was best that it was completed smoothly without any complications.

The ethereal figures slowly vanished, and everything began to merge with Woodhead.

Although, at this moment, Woodhead's body flickered with multiple overlapping images, like a scene viewed by someone dizzy.

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But this undoubtedly proved that at this moment, Woodhead, still in a drowsy state, had already begun mastering the ability to clone!

Indeed, after the completion of the Third Rank, for the evolved Forest Wolf to project clones and enter the Fourth Rank, a period of adaptation and understanding was needed.

However, with Su Ping's improvements, this process had already shown signs that Woodhead could use this ability, even before the Third Rank was fully complete!

This was enough to prove the absolute correctness of Su Ping's improvements.

Of course, Breeder Li, as Woodhead's Breeder, had probably noticed this point early on.

Finally, the series of phantoms vanished, and Woodhead opened its eyes.

"WHOO..."

A soft, dry howl emanated from Woodhead's mouth. The little one had clearly just regained consciousness and already sensed the changes in its body, as well as its burgeoning power.

This surge of power brought renewed excitement to the little one.

Especially since the first things it saw upon opening its eyes were Su Ping and Old Sha, who was standing beside him.

Old Sha's spirits were somewhat low at the moment, and he seemed a bit listless.

Woodhead stood up abruptly. Following its earlier dry howl, it now issued a clear and crisp Wolf Howl.

This was a true expression of its excitement.

Qin Xiaoxue, who was beside them, came to her senses. "How are you feeling, Woodhead?"

"AWOOO!"

Then, Woodhead abruptly closed its eyes.

After about a minute, a phantom emerged from its body and slowly walked out. A clone!

Though there was only one, wasn't that a bit too fast?

Not just Qin Xiaoxue, but even Sang Sheng, who was standing beside them, was slightly stunned. They clearly hadn't expected the little one's improvement and growth to be so astonishing.

The lady's gaze returned to Su Ping. Woodhead's rapid progress was partly due to its talent, but primarily because of the Cultivation Method path Su Ping had improved.

When she first heard from Old Li that Su Ping was the one who had improved the Crown Wolf Emperor's Cultivation Method, she was somewhat skeptical.

But without a doubt, the final results and the scene that had just unfolded forced her to acknowledge that truly exceptional geniuses existed in this world.

"Xiao Ping, I am grateful for your help with Xiao Xue. I will thank you properly in my personal capacity when the time comes."

Su Ping quickly waved his hands. "No need for that. I didn't help for any reward, and let's not forget I almost blew up the Linhai Secret Realm," he said. "Previously, Sister Qin gave me a Stone of Creation, making me a permanent Supreme-level VIP at Heart of Woods. This entitles me to free base services for life. We already discussed this, so please don't worry about it."

Qin Xiaoxue chuckled. She wasn't without Supreme-level VIP statuses herself.

In fact, she held them in several exclusive, top-tier clubs across the country.

However, a Supreme-level VIP of Su Ping's Heart of Woods was still the first of its kind she had encountered.

The lady smiled and didn't press the matter, merely commenting with another smile, "Now it seems this Supreme-level VIP status is well worth it!"

After a pause, the lady continued, "Speaking of which, Su Ping, I owe you an apology!"

"Hmm?"

Su Ping was taken aback, and Qin Xiaoxue, beside him, was too. He had almost blown up the Linhai Secret Realm, and now \*she\* was apologizing to \*him\*?

But evidently, Su Ping had misunderstood; the two matters were clearly unrelated.

"Do you remember the day I took you to the city center?" the lady asked.

"Of course!" Su Ping nodded.

"Actually, that trip to the city center was because Xiao Xue told me you had made certain adjustments to the Cultivation Method for the Crown Wolf Emperor. I took the notes Xiao Xue recorded to the city center's Breeder Association to consult an experienced elder who was visiting there. Su Ping, I hope you understand. It's not that I didn't trust you, but this matter involved the evolution of Xiao Xue's Pet Beast, so being a little cautious was inevitable."

Was that all? Su Ping chuckled. "That's perfectly natural, and it's what you should have done. If you hadn't sought proper confirmation for something like this, \*that\* would have been abnormal!"

The lady shook her head helplessly. "I still don't understand how you managed it, young man! Even that person highly praised your improved Cultivation Method!"

Su Ping smiled but said nothing.

However, he knew that any Breeder trusted by this lady must be extraordinary.

"AWOOO..."

Woodhead also pounced over, rubbing its large head gently against Su Ping's body to show affection.

As a result, the crown on the little one's head grazed Su Ping's skin, causing a faint, sharp pain.

But soon, Woodhead turned its gaze to Old Sha, who was nearby.

This old fellow.

Woodhead was very exhilarated.

Now that it had progressed so far on the path of evolution, was this old fellow in front of it still a match for it?

Perhaps the main reason for the old fellow's listlessness was seeing how much stronger it had become!

Was its own improvement truly such a significant threat and deterrent to this old fellow?

Woodhead felt supremely smug.

Then, looking at Old Sha before it, Woodhead issued a challenging howl.

Immediately, the few people who had been chatting happily shifted their attention to Woodhead.

The atmosphere suddenly grew quiet.

Woodhead paid no heed to the strange atmosphere.

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In its eyes, this was because its master and its master's family were watching its brave performance, offering their affirmation and praise! It was waiting for another chance to challenge this old fellow, defeat it, and wash away its previous shame.

This was why Woodhead's roars grew even louder.

"AWOOO..."

Old Sha cocked his head, looking at this little great-grandson who recklessly wanted to challenge him again. For a moment, he truly didn't know how to express his feelings.

This little thing is challenging me again? But he didn't really care. Although he felt a bit listless from using that move earlier, in reality, his energy levels and physical condition had mostly recovered under the sunshine. Playing with this little guy for a bit wasn't out of the question.

At that very moment, Qin Xiaoxue suddenly came to her senses. She glanced at the massive pit in the Linhai Secret Realm far behind her and recalled the terrifying explosion created by the torrent of light moments ago.

Then she pounced, fiercely gripping her pet's troublesome neck. Just like before, she forcefully pulled Woodhead up by its neck, making it stand, and quickly backed away.

Woodhead struggled but didn't dare to struggle too violently, fearing the Thorny Crown on its head might prick its master.

Qin Xiaoxue was somewhat nervous. After all, Old Sha was not Su Ping's Soul Contract Beast. If Old Sha truly attacked due to the provocation, it would be terrible. Moreover, she wanted to teach her Pet Beast a lesson. This was an opponent her silly husky simply couldn't afford to provoke.

Thus, Qin Xiaoxue urgently and sternly whispered in Woodhead's ear, "Don't go, you'll be beaten to death."

"AWOOO?"

「Magic Capital. Inside a building within a commercial park in the city center.」

This was an auditorium with tiered seating. Many people were seated both inside the main hall and in the areas just outside it.

Clearly, those present were no ordinary individuals. After all, this place itself was no ordinary establishment. It was none other than the headquarters of the Magic Capital Breeder Association.

And at this moment, those who had gathered were Breeders from various regions.

All eyes were fixed on the row of figures at the front of the hall. Especially the figure in the center, who appeared to be in his thirties, with a pale face, a coolly detached and meticulous expression.

Of course, most people present knew that while his exact age was unknown, he was certainly no younger than sixty or seventy. How many who became Breeding Masters were young? After all, Breeders need to accumulate a substantial foundation to advance. Becoming one required extensive knowledge, numerous verifications, and a great deal of time.

Indeed, this prominent figure was a true Breeding Master. He was also the Breeding Master responsible for supervising this Breeding Tournament and serving as its chief judge!

On the nameplate in front of him, two characters were clearly written: Zhu Hong.

And this meeting was about the upcoming Breeder Tournament.

The meeting, which had started in the morning, was now nearing its end. Actually, it wasn't a particularly unusual event. The Breeder Tournament was held annually, and its procedures were mostly fixed and widely known. This meeting was merely a customary briefing.

Thus, after an hour and a half, the meeting drew to a close.

"In summary, that covers all the aforementioned points! The rewards for this competition, apart from resource allocations for each region, will also include more abundant rewards for individual Breeders! This year's competition will officially begin in less than ten days. I look forward to seeing everyone's progress from the past year!"

Master Zhu Hong calmly addressed the Breeders gathered from far and wide, then rose to his feet and departed.

This Master Zhu Hong specialized in the evolution of various Elemental Series Pet Beasts. In fact, this Elemental Series encompassed not only numerous Elemental Type Pet Beasts but also various forms of Pet Beasts with elemental attributes. His extensive expertise was highly esteemed among the Breeding Masters of the Breeder Association, making him one of a select few.

"Wow, Master Zhu Hong is truly decisive and efficient!"

Someone in the audience exclaimed in admiration. It was none other than Breeder Li from Magic Capital Academy, who had missed this Cultivation.

His main purpose in attending was to further connect with Master Zhu. After all, Master Zhu had also advised him on the evolution method for his Crown Wolf Emperor.

Liu Fuhai glanced at this fellow. The two were old friends, both specializing in Wolf Pet evolution. However, Liu Fuhai primarily specialized in Snow Wolves and Sand Wolves, while this fellow was skilled with Forest Wolves.

He had the gall to tag along today; who knows what he's up to?

Just as he was thinking this, Liu Fuhai saw his old friend stand up and head towards the venue's exit.

Liu Fuhai was taken aback for a moment, then followed. He then saw his companion hurry a few steps and catch up to Master Zhu Hong.

"Hello, Master Zhu Hong!"

Zhu Hong turned to look at the newcomer. "Hello! Is there something you need?"

"I am Li Zhi, a Senior Breeder from Magic Capital Academy. It's an honor to meet you, and I'm very grateful for your previous improvements and guidance regarding the Crown Wolf Emperor's cultivation and evolution method!"

"Hmm?!"

Zhu Hong visibly paused, slightly startled. He scrutinized Li Zhi from head to toe, cast a puzzled glance at Liu Fuhai who had followed, and then said, "You are the Breeder of the Crown Wolf Emperor?"

"Exactly! Master Zhu, you are truly remarkable. With just a glance, you identified the Crown Wolf Emperor's evolutionary flaws and the methods for correction. I am thoroughly impressed!"

Liu Fuhai was also stunned, looking back and forth between Zhu Hong and his old friend.

Master Zhu Hong saw the Crown Wolf Emperor's evolution and even refined it further? How did that scoundrel get so lucky?

And hearing Master Zhu speak this way, it was clear he was aware of it. This made Li Zhi even more certain that it was Master Zhu who had helped him perfect the Crown Wolf Emperor's cultivation evolution!

However, this assumption was overturned in the very next second.

Master Zhu shook his head. "I wasn't the one who completed the adjustments for your Crown Wolf Emperor. However, I have seen that adjustment plan and its improvements. It's very sound and shows great potential. It even offers extremely constructive insights for the cultivation of many clone-type Pet Beasts!"

"Ah?"

Li Zhi was bewildered. If not him, then who? Could Miss Qin have been teasing him?

But before he could dwell on it, Master Zhu Hong seemed to recall something. "Coincidentally, I also need to make a trip to Magic Capital Academy. Since you're from the academy, let's go together. Moreover, we can visit that promising young Breeder together."

Promising young Breeder? Magic Capital Academy?

An idea sparked in Liu Fuhai's mind, and he quickly said, "Old Li, let me go with you!"

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"Su Ping, this is Professor Jiang Zhiyuan from the History Department. Professor Jiang has extremely profound knowledge of the ancient Liang Dynasty, Wu Dynasty, the Great Gan Dynasty, and even the period of the Seven Emperor Tribes before those three great dynasties!"

Within the teaching building of Magic Capital Academy, in front of an office, a woman was cheerfully introducing Su Ping to a short, elderly man.

After leaving the Linhai Secret Realm, Su Ping hadn't forgotten the matter he had entrusted to Qin Xiaoxue. However, Miss Qin had run off with Woodhead and completely pushed the matter to the back of her mind.

Indeed, Woodhead could already preliminarily master the duplication ability. However, it still lacked a certain something. To completely master it and achieve the fourth stage of evolution, it would need another day to familiarize itself.

That's right, just one more day of familiarization was needed.

Generally, such a mastery period would require three to five days, or even more. But now, thanks to Su Ping's improved cultivation methods, Woodhead's mastery over duplication had reached a peak. After a period of adaptation, it would be ready to officially attempt evolution.

So, for this matter, Su Ping could only seek the woman's assistance.

"Professor Jiang, this is Su Ping. He has a great interest in the history and literature of ancient Beast Tamers. As an expert in this field, perhaps you could discuss it with him if you're free," the woman said.

"Madam Dean flatters me. Even an old fellow like me has heard of this young Su!" the short, older man said, smiling cheerfully.

Given the buzz among the academy's students, some professors and teachers were naturally quite interested as well. This young man had caused such a commotion upon arrival, so naturally, a number of people had already heard of him.

Sang Sheng did not stay long. She obviously had plenty of other matters to attend to, such as the mess in the Linhai Secret Realm.

"Hello, Professor Jiang. The thing is, I've obtained a cultivation diary from ancient times. According to its revised binding, it shouldn't be from too distant a past. However, I don't recognize any of the characters on it. I'd heard that the professors in the History Department at Magic Capital Academy are extremely knowledgeable, so I had the audacity to ask Senior Sang Sheng to help make an introduction!" Su Ping explained to the short, old man after Sang Sheng had left.

The old man nodded, evidently very pleased with Su Ping's attitude. Young people nowadays who understood etiquette weren't rare. However, it was less common to find someone so considerate, especially one with Sang Sheng's backing.

"What journal? Let's have a look!"

Without wasting any words, Su Ping handed the thread-bound diary he had gotten from the Zhang Family treasure-hunting brothers to the old man.

The old man accepted it and, upon touching it, immediately remarked, "Bone Jade Paper, an Elite Level material widely used during the early Liang Dynasty for making books. The person who wrote this must have held a significant status; it's clearly a product of a Secret Realm."

Professor Jiang had just taken it into his hands and promptly nodded, clearly tracing the origin of the paper. His gaze was nonchalant; clearly, he was intimately familiar with such items. He understood them thoroughly.

This was understandable. What truly ancient artifacts could an ordinary young Beast Tamer possibly encounter?

However, as he flipped through the pages of the journal, his calm demeanor vanished. His eyes grew noticeably serious. After closing them for about three seconds, he suddenly turned his head to look at Su Ping and asked, "Where did you get this thing from...?"

"Uh... I acquired it from a Beast Tamer..."

Su Ping had long suspected that this item's origins were not ordinary, but seeing this reaction, could it be that its origins far exceeded his imagination?

"Acquired it?" The old man pursed his lips slightly.

Su Ping then asked, "Professor Jiang, what exactly is the origin of this item? And what kind of book is it?"

The old man took a moment to compose himself. "The script in this book itself originates from a period far older than the Liang Dynasty. And this... this is actually a transcribed copy. While that's somewhat regrettable, it also makes it rare."

Huh? Su Ping was taken aback. Both are ways of documenting text. While original texts and transcribed copies differ in historical and research value, the content should essentially be the same, right?

Noticing the confusion on Su Ping's face, the old man's eyes lit up, and he refocused on the book before him. "As for the origin and emergence of this script, it dates back at least over five thousand years! It might even be older, but the specific time is unknown! This is just a rough estimate."

What? Su Ping blinked.

Even in the Beast Master Civilization, five thousand years was a considerably long time. Similarly, in the history of the Dragon Nation and much of the world, five thousand years was generally considered the limit. Few historical records remained from before that time.

And now, he was being told that the text in this journal he'd casually acquired originated from so many years ago?

Although his performance in literature and history had consistently been terrible, Su Ping had every reason to doubt whether this very serious-looking old man was pulling his leg.

Five thousand years?

Back then, human historical civilization wasn't yet officially or comprehensively recorded, and traces of Beast Tamers were even vaguer.