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This brand-new Evolutionary Body was a flying-type Pet Beast!

A Commander Level Pet Beast, the Phoenix Feather White Eagle. Its Evolutionary Body, however, was a Monarch Level creature: the Windcaller Luan Bird!

The upper limit of the Evolutionary Body's Racial Potential had increased, but only by a single Great Realm at most.

However, the final score of this Windcaller Luan Bird had actually surpassed that of the Kung Fu Panda by a full two points.

Even though the Windcaller Luan Bird's final value score was somewhat lower than that of the Kung Fu Panda, its difficulty score was significantly higher, averaging over ninety points.

The reason was simple: this Cultivation Method developed by the Icefield Advanced Pet Beast Academy did not require the use of Monarch Level resources but could be accomplished with just a few Commander Level resources.

Although obtaining a Phoenix Feather White Eagle, a juvenile Commander Level Pet Beast, was inherently more difficult.

This Evolution cost offered an excellent choice for Beast Tamers who had some capital but weren't able to invest more serious money.

Therefore, the significance of the Windcaller Luan Bird was undoubtedly immense.

Clearly, during the Breeder Competition's morning session, no fewer than twenty Breeder teams had taken the stage, and there was relatively ample time.

But in the afternoon, when these brand-new Evolutionary Bodies took the stage, each team naturally took a bit more time.

After all, they needed to showcase the power of the Skills of these newly cultivated Evolutionary Bodies, so the pace was somewhat slowed.

But still, as he watched the process of the various Evolutionary Bodies appearing, Su Ping hadn't felt the time pass swiftly at all.

He was exposed to mesmerizing Pet Beasts representing different regions and saw a variety of brand-new Evolutionary Bodies, while deducing the Cultivation process and specific methods through the information revealed by these Evolutionary Bodies and their Breeders.

For Su Ping, it was an indescribable delight.

For example, the new Monarch Level Evolutionary Body of the Elite Level Water Element Elf: the Tide Spirit.

Or the Emperor Level Evolutionary Body of the Commander Level Flame Giant: the Magma Giant Lord!

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Finally, as one Evolutionary Body after another appeared, and Pet Beast after Pet Beast took the stage, leaving behind their scores, a part of the corresponding Beast Tamers excitedly watched online, while countless Beast Tamers interested in this kind of Pet Beast continued to pay attention.

Time also moved on slowly.

Scores were constantly updated.

Finally, while watching, Old Liu stood up and looked towards Su Ping, who seemed deep in thought, still immersed in the recent Pet Beast Cultivation, and Sun Chaoju, whose legs trembled slightly with excitement and nervousness. After one last glance at the screen, he said,

"The team from Dianzang Province has just gone up, and we're next. Head to the stage and get ready!"

Before Su Ping realized it, they were already fifth from last in the lineup.

Su Ping snapped back to reality. After a whole day of watching, was it finally their turn to take the stage?

He licked his lips and patted Old Sha, who was equally bored and hadn't caught any sun yet,

"Old Sha!"

Old Sha jolted to his feet and then followed the three out the door.

Arriving beside the reception area, they could already see some details of the stage ahead and hear some feedback echoes from the microphone speakers.

The Breeder Association of Dianzang Province had been the one to go up before them.

From the backstage view, the Evolutionary Body they cultivated was a relatively rare Plant-based Pet Beast, a colorful giant mushroom.

Clearly, it was a Poison Type Pet Beast.

Had it been earlier, Su Ping would have been earnest to see what the Evolutionary Body of this Poison Type, Plant Type Pet Beast was, as it could inspire new ideas for Xiao Qing's future Evolution.

But at this moment, how could Su Ping afford such leisure?

Having lived through two lifetimes and experienced many situations, his mental fortitude was quite strong.

Yet at this time, the nervousness welling up from deep within him made him take several deep breaths.

Su Ping looked up, only to realize that even Old Liu, despite his calm demeanor, had slightly trembling hands, his gaze fixed firmly on the stage above, but his eyes were vacant, clearly not focusing on the Cultivation research from Dianzang Province.

Sun Chaoju, in particular, paced quickly back and forth, preparing his speech for the stage while trying to calm his agitated emotions.

However, Su Ping didn't know if it was helping Sun Chaoju, but watching him walk around muttering to himself was making Su Ping even more nervous.

He took several more deep breaths, but after realizing it wasn't very effective, he decisively took out his phone, trying to distract himself.

Then, Su Ping decided to dial Su Anyong, whom he hadn't called in a long while, right from backstage.

What could that old rascal be busy with?

The dial tone didn't keep Su Ping waiting for too long.

"Hello, Su Ping?"

Hearing Su Anyong's voice, Su Ping's heart calmed considerably. He then said,

"What are you up to?"

"Heh, I'm exchanging some experiences on picking up ladies with your second grandpa. Want to join in?"

Su Anyong's slick voice rang through the phone again.

And he even laughed in that lecherous way.

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If it were in the past, Su Ping could even automatically conjure up an image in his mind: a middle-aged man and a white-haired old man, huddled together, lewdly commenting on a risqué livestream.

But now, after knowing Second Elder's identity, such an imagined scene certainly wouldn't appear.

Leng Ye's image is simply too grand in my mind.

I can't even begin to imagine him looking so lewd.

If it had been before, upon hearing what Su Anyong said, Su Ping would definitely have hung up without a second thought.

But this time, to Su Anyong's surprise on the other end of the phone, after a few seconds of silence, Su Ping spoke up, "Alright, then go ahead and tell me!"

This caught Su Anyong completely off guard.

After being stunned for a long moment, he suddenly flew into a rage. "You little brat! So damn young and already up to no good! Just wait and see how I deal with you when I get back!"

Su Ping opened his mouth. "Su Anyong, are you freaking reasonable? You're the one who said you wanted to talk!"

"If I'm talking, you're supposed to listen? When I'm handling my business, perhaps you want to stand by and observe to learn from experience?" Su Anyong's voice came through, and Su Ping wished he could just throw the phone away.

However, it had to be said, with this old fellow's interruption, Su Ping's tense mood truly did ease completely.

So, Su Ping didn't continue to drag on a fruitless conversation with this unreliable old fellow, asking, "Can you make it back for New Year's?"

Speaking of serious matters, Su Anyong also dropped his frivolous tone. He thought for a moment and replied, "It should be around that time! Didn't Rong Qiu visit you before? The evolution of your mutated little Poison Wolf will probably start then. So, during New Year's, I might not only return myself but also bring Rong Qiu and several other Breeders to check it out!"

Su Ping nodded, the anxiety in his heart relaxing slightly.

Then, feeling the time was right, Su Ping cut to the chase, bringing up the matter at hand. "Su Anyong, do you know what day it is today?"

"What day?" Su Anyong asked over the phone, feigning ignorance.

Su Ping didn't mind, saying, "New Year's Day. It's also the day this year's Breeding Competition starts!"

"Oh?"

"I've brought Old Sha to compete. I don't care what you're busy with right now. Open your phone and watch the livestream—now!"

Su Ping's voice made Su Anyong smile faintly. "Alright, I got it."

"Su Anyong, I'm not kidding! Open it now; you'll get a surprise!"

BEEP. BEEP. BEEP...

Su Ping's last words came through, followed by the dial tone as the call ended.

At this moment, Su Anyong, sitting in Leng Ye's office, looked somewhat bewildered.

Leng Ye glanced at him. "What did the little guy say?"

"He told me to watch the livestream right now and said there would be a surprise!"

Su Anyong looked at Leng Ye. "Second Elder, didn't you look into this kid before? What surprise could he possibly have?"

Leng Ye pursed his lips. In fact, he didn't know what Su Ping was going to present when his turn came.

The reason he acknowledged Su Ping's breeding ability was because of what he had seen during the last Soul Search.

Even that Mu Yu was extremely interested in the mutated Paperman the little guy had evolved. And as a Beast Tamer whose main pets were of the Necromancy System, Leng Ye also knew what the Paperman Pet Beast represented.

That was why he had spoken so highly of Su Ping.

As for anything else, Leng Ye really didn't know much.

He had only heard the full details about that brand-new Forest Wolf Evolver from Su Anyong.

What surprise could there be now? How would I know?

Leng Ye glanced sideways at Su Anyong. "It's a surprise from your son. Since he said so, there must be a reason. Just watch and you'll find out, won't you?"

Having said this, both men indeed fell silent, their attention returning to the screen.

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Meanwhile, on the screen, the presentation from the Breeder team from Dianzang Province was drawing to a close.

"The Elite Level Poison Type Pet Beast, Phantasmal Fungus, has evolved into the Monarch Level Myriad Poison Fungus! Its total value score is 179 points, and the difficulty score is 182 points, for a combined total of 361 points! Their current ranking is third place! Let us congratulate the Breeders from Dianzang Province! At the same time, let's applaud the great contributions these teachers have made to the diversification of Dragon Nation's Pet Beasts!"

The two hosts reappeared on stage, their faces sporting enthusiastic smiles. They ushered off the incredibly unsettling, gigantic, rainbow-colored mushroom and the Breeders from Dianzang Province.

After a pause, the two hosts, whose faces were somewhat stiff from smiling all day on stage, proceeded with their prepared script, "Having bid farewell to the teachers from Dianzang Province, next up is the Breeder team from Jianghai Province! Jianghai has, since ancient times, been an important coastal province of the Dragon Nation and is also the birthplace of countless Pet Beasts!"

"Countless moving stories and legendary Beast Tamers have left their mark here. Various Pet Beasts thrive in this land!"

"And the teachers from Jianghai Province have brought us the brand-new cultivated Forest Wolf Evolver! An Evolutionary Body that has reached Monarch Level potential: the Wanmu Wolf!"

"Let's welcome Liu Fuhai, Vice President of the Jianghai Province Breeder Association! Also, Senior Breeder Su Ping and Intermediate Breeder Sun Chaoju, both from the Jianghai Province Breeder Association!"

Such an announcement finally resounded from the screen.

At this moment, countless people held their breath!

People all over Jianghai—including those at Linzhou's Breeder Association, many from Heart of Woods, Dong Muyun, and everyone who had been glued to their televisions—were evidently waiting for this very moment.

As the host's voice echoed from the stage, the departing Breeder team from Dianzang Province exchanged smiles. Many among the latter glanced in surprise at Old Sha, who cut an extremely peculiar figure at that moment.

Finally, to the faint strains of entrance music, the three took a deep breath. They then stepped forward, leading Old Sha through the dark stage corridor and onto the platform, now bathed in the glare of countless spotlights!

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"He's out! He's out!"

In front of the TV, within the hall of Heart of Woods, Li Shu said excitedly.

No one paid attention to him. All eyes were on the handsome figure on the TV.

"The boss is so handsome, and that white research outfit makes him even more dashing!"

Guan Lili couldn't help but comment softly from the side.

Not only that, far away in Beiyuan Province, Su Anyong, watching the figure projected on the screen, couldn't help but say to Leng Ye beside him, "This kid inherited about sixty percent of my youthful handsomeness. It's a pity his mom's genes dragged him down."

Leng Ye glanced sideways at him. If not for that deceased girl from the Rong Family, could Su Anyong, with his genes, have produced such a specimen?

However, at this moment, Leng Ye clearly was not in the mood to deal with this fellow.

After all, Su Ping was indeed the only 'thing' Su Anyong could be proud of in front of him.

Leng Ye also nodded. Looking at Su Ping's composed and dignified face, which held a faint smile, he too smiled slightly.

In fact, most people wouldn't approve of a man wearing makeup, but for a television appearance, it was truly indispensable.

Old-timers like Liu Fuhai aside, the young female makeup artist had indeed spent a long time working on Su Ping's face.

While it made Su Ping feel extremely awkward, the effect was undeniably good.

Qin Xiaoxue, Dong Muyun—who had been watching from her office all day—and all women under fifty felt their eyes light up.

The moment Su Ping took the stage, this year's Breeder Competition had found its most handsome and youngest researcher.

Of course, if this were a variety show featuring entertainment idols, Su Ping's face, physique, and temperament would have been perfectly showcased.

But alas, this was the venue of the Breeder Competition.

Such a young age, on the contrary, became a point of skepticism for many.

"What the hell? A kid barely older than my son has shown up in the Breeder Competition? What's going on with Jianghai Province?"

"And he's a Senior Breeder? Couldn't be some backdoor connection, right?"

"Cut the crap! The one on stage is Master Zhu Hong from the Breeder Association headquarters. If he didn't have real skills, he wouldn't be here. Believe it!"

"Hmph, this Breeder Su Ping is actually the true Breeder of the Wanmu Wolf. You guys better watch closely—Jianghai Province is sure to win the championship!"

"Hey, 'SuiSuiPing' up there, are you a shill hired by this Su Ping kid?"

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Even if Su Ping didn't want to think about it, he knew that online discussions about him would skyrocket at this very moment.

But now, finally taking the stage and standing before the camera, Su Ping's mind became incredibly calm.

The three of them and the wolf stood before the camera, behind the cultivation platform, facing the hosts' questions, just like all the participants before them.

"Welcome President Liu Fuhai of the Jianghai Breeder Association and two other Breeders—especially such a young Breeder. Breeder Su Ping is the youngest participant this time!"

The female host with the surname Lu smiled and began.

The male host continued, "We're curious about your connection to the Wanmu Wolf. How did you develop and cultivate it?"

A simple greeting, followed by inquiries into the story and experience of cultivating the Pet Beast—this was the standard procedure.

However, Su Ping's exceptional youth made him the center of attention.

Liu Fuhai, as the de facto leader of the Jianghai Breeder Association, naturally took the lead and said, "The Wanmu Wolf was discovered by my student, Breeder Sun Chaoju. He unintentionally found a special characteristic of the Forest Wolf. However, despite three years of attempts and an expenditure of over a hundred million, there was little progress.

Later, due to a small incident, Su Ping came along. In just two short months, he single-handedly perfected the cultivation method for the Wanmu Wolf and successfully cultivated more than one! As for myself? At most, I offered some trivial help. I'm just shamelessly accompanying these two young fellows here!"

Liu Fuhai didn't skimp on giving them credit, even completely distancing himself from any significant involvement.

This surprised many people.

Not just the outsiders watching the live broadcast, but even the two hosts before them were taken aback.

In their eyes, Vice President Liu, standing before them, should logically be the true Breeder behind this evolutionary cultivation, considering his status, ability, or other factors.

But what about now?

So, Intermediate Breeder Sun Chaoju was the one who actually discovered the Wanmu Wolf.

And this young Breeder, who was already generating so much buzz, was the *\*actual\** Breeder who cultivated it?

It had to be said, the two hosts had actually wanted to steer the conversation towards Su Ping from the very beginning.

In this era of the attention economy, the previous Breeders—who were either old geezers or middle-aged men and women—mostly gave routine answers.

And now, with such a highly newsworthy young man present, how could they miss the opportunity?

Ms. Lu, the female host, her eyes brightening, quickly asked, "Oh? How old is this Breeder Su Ping, by the way?"

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Liu Fuhai naturally looked toward Su Ping, clearly expecting him to answer the question himself.

As for Sun Chaoju standing beside him, Liu Fuhai had given up hope.

His student has some nerve when showing off in front of others, always blustering, but in situations like this, he's as stiff as a board.

Su Ping gave a slight smile. "I'm nominally eighteen. Of course, by this New Year's, I'll be nominally nineteen!"

Both hosts' eyes lit up.

Eighteen, nineteen?

"So, does that mean Breeder Su only awakened half a year ago?" one host asked.

"That's correct," Su Ping nodded.

"Did Breeder Su have some exposure to Pet Beast Cultivation before awakening?"

After thinking for a moment, Su Ping nodded again. "You could say that. My family runs a Pet Beast Breeding Base in Linzhou. Growing up, although I never personally tried it, I was constantly exposed to it."

The two hosts nodded; that seemed to ease things slightly.

The watching audience also let out a collective sigh of relief.

With this information, it seemed a bit more understandable.

Though still an unbelievably hard-to-accept genius, at least there was some groundwork laid?

But at this moment, only Su Anyong, in Beiyuan Province, felt his old face flush with embarrassment for the first time, especially under Leng Ye's disdainful gaze.

Constantly exposed to it?

Exposed to what?

To watching Su Anyong, this bumpkin, squander the meager inheritance Su Zhongguang had left behind?

To watching Su Anyong, who couldn't even manage Pet Beast Skill Cultivation, let alone ordinary Pet Beast fostering? He couldn't even properly look after a Forest Wolf boarded at their home, nearly causing the client's Forest Wolf—thinking it had been abandoned by its master—to fall into such despair that it almost committed suicide by ramming a tree?

Only they knew that while Su Ping's success to this day might indeed have a slight familial element, the primary reason was his own personal Ability.

"Truly remarkable! Su Ping, are you from Linzhou? That makes us fellow townspeople, doesn't it? Which school did you graduate from? Do you have a girlfriend?" Host Lu, clearly very curious about Su Ping now, asked half-jokingly and half-seriously.

Her co-host shot her a sidelong glance.

Is this the time to ask such things? While it might liven up the atmosphere, many Breeders are watching, and Master Zhu Hong is here too!

Fortunately, unlike her co-host, Su Ping understood the propriety of the situation.

"That's personal privacy, I'm sorry, but I'd rather not disclose that. Do you two have any further questions about the Wanmu Wolf?"

Host Lu felt slightly embarrassed.

It was her male co-host who then asked, "What kind of Pet Beast is the Wanmu Wolf? I am familiar with the Forest Wolf. In what aspects has the Wanmu Wolf's Evolution diverged from it?"

Su Ping had actually wanted Sun Chaoju to speak. However, seeing Sun Chaoju looking down, utterly silent, and with Vice President Liu also not interjecting, Su Ping simply continued, "It's also a further enhancement in the Wood Element direction. However, the Wanmu Wolf is different from all other Evolutionary Bodies—I can guarantee that!"

"Oh? In that case, I, along with the esteemed judges and our national audience, will eagerly await it!"

The two hosts smoothly exited, shifting the camera's focus entirely onto the three of them.

Everyone's gaze also focused on them.

The Breeder's background, a young, talented Breeder—these were indeed engaging topics and a good hook.

However, in the Cultivation competition, the Breeder's identity would not ultimately affect the score.

What truly needed to be assessed was the quality of the Evolutionary Body itself!

That was the ultimate deciding factor.

Zhu Hong regarded the three with keen interest. He had become quite familiar with Liu Fuhai and Su Ping over the past few days due to his earlier trip to the Magic Capital Academy. However, even with this familiarity, he wouldn't show the slightest favoritism. Even if Sang Sheng had implied that Su Ping's relationship with her was significant, in his own area of expertise, Zhu Hong would not tolerate any impropriety.

So, what could this young fellow possibly present that would satisfy him?

This young lad, with this brand-new Forest Wolf Evolutionary Body that didn't seem to have any obvious differences from previous ones—why was he so brimming with confidence?

Zhu Hong was very curious and expectant, although, for him, what truly held his interest was highly unlikely to appear at this Breeder convention.

Meeting the gazes of all the judges present, Liu Fuhai remained silent, once again ceding the spotlight entirely to Su Ping.

"The Wanmu Wolf is a special Evolutionary Body cultivated from the Forest Wolf. It is an Evolutionary Body with Monarch Level potential. Its Race limit corresponds to three Cultivation tiers:

The highest tier: after Evolution, the Race limit is roughly Monarch Seventh Stage to Monarch Ninth Rank.

The intermediate tier: Monarch Fourth Order to Monarch Sixth Order.

The initial tier: the Race limit is Monarch First Stage to Monarch Third Order."

Hmm?

Upon hearing this, many of the judges present were slightly stunned.

A Pet Beast Evolutionary Body that could have Cultivation tiers? Although it was merely three Minor Realms within the same Great Realm, the variations were already considerable. Moreover, it would make the Cultivation choices for Beast Tamers much more flexible and varied.

Just this division of the Evolutionary Body into three tiers could allow the difficulty score to reach a considerably good result.

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If only the cost and other requirements for these three grades of materials aren't high!

After a pause, Su Ping finally spoke:

"The Monarch Level Wanmu Wolf's skills include the Forest Wolf's Sunlight Absorption, Photosynthesis, Tree Prison, Language of Nature, Life Magnetic Field, Blinding Technique, and a Mutated Skill, 'Wood Body'!"

At this moment, a slight smile finally touched the corners of Zhu Hong's mouth.

An Evolutionary Body race that comes with a Mutated Skill from the start... that's certainly interesting!

Leading a proud and spirited Old Sha, under everyone's watchful gaze, it followed the camera, just like before, to the skill strength testing device that everyone else had previously used.

Su Ping then continued his explanation:

"Sunlight Absorption and Photosynthesis cannot be demonstrated. You all know the effect of Blinding Technique. Tree Prison is an enhanced version of Vine Strangling, and it can be used in conjunction with the Language of Nature and Life Magnetic Field."

Su Ping waved his hand, and Old Sha let out a low roar.

Instantly, a tree erupted from the ground in front of the skill strength testing device!

It immediately enveloped the testing device's wooden post.

Then, it squeezed forcefully.

The summoned tree was covered all over with extremely sharp iron thorns and brambles.

It wasn't an ordinary tree, but a Thorny Ironwood.

Its trunk was incredibly hard, and its thorns even sharper.

As Old Sha channeled its power, a series of harsh, grating sounds emanated from the skill strength testing device.

Then, from the skill strength testing device, a synthesized voice announced a number that made everyone blink in surprise:

"DING-DONG! This skill is a restrictive-type strangulation skill, additionally applying a weakening-type debuff! Direct strangulation skill power value: 24,153! Sustained magnetic field effect skill power value: 5,548/s!

Estimated Pet Beast Realm: Monarch Peak to Emperor Level 1!"

Everyone blinked.

In the testing hall, no one would casually use Psychic Perception, as it could cause signal interference.

Therefore, no one had sensed the Pet Beast being used for the test.

However, upon seeing these skill power values, they were all taken aback.

Zhu Hong found himself speculating, somewhat speechlessly:

"Su Ping, your Wanmu Wolf's level is progressing quite rapidly, isn't it? Has it reached Monarch Peak already?"

Su Ping pursed his lips, glancing at Old Sha beside him, whose weathered face also held a look of innocence.

Clearly, Old Sha's expression conveyed a simple message: it truly hadn't done it on purpose.

Besides, it hadn't even used the amplification from its Heart of the Sun yet.

Thus, faced with Master Zhu Hong's remark, Su Ping could only offer an embarrassed yet polite smile:

"Um, this Wanmu Wolf of mine is currently still at First Stage Monarch! However, there's no need for everyone to get excited. My Wanmu Wolf isn't quite the same as a normal, ordinary Wanmu Wolf. Typically, the strangulation effect of a Wanmu Wolf's Tree Prison, for a First Stage Monarch, would have a power of around 5,000!"

Su Ping was telling the truth.

The Wanmu Wolf, by nature, isn't a Pet Beast that excels in direct, high-power offensive attacks.

The power of its skills is inherently lower than that of typical Monarch Level Evolutionary Bodies.

Compared to the Mountain Shaking Ram and Kung Fu Panda seen earlier, there's a noticeable gap at the same level.

The Wanmu Wolf's primary abilities lie in field control.

Whether through synergy with the Language of Nature or the comprehensive weakening aura combined with Life Magnetic Field, it excels as a Monarch-class Pet Beast built for endurance.

Everyone blinked again. Zhu Hong, in particular, thought, This kid is surprisingly candid, isn't he?

But it made sense; the effect of that energy attack was simply outrageous!

So, why was this particular Wanmu Wolf supposedly different from an ordinary one?

Everyone watched the Kylin-like Wolf Pet with keen interest, many feeling their curiosity intensely piqued.

After taking a breath, Su Ping continued:

"That's the individual effect of Tree Prison. The Language of Nature can directly hasten Tree Prison's effects and also accelerate the growth of Plant-based Pet Beasts. For specifics, please observe, Teachers!"

Hearing Su Ping speak and sensing everyone's gaze return to it, Old Sha twitched. Sure enough, beside the skill testing device, countless towering trees, like giant pythons, erupted from the ground!

They instantly transformed that section of the area into a small jungle.

However, they vanished just as quickly.

Many of the judges exchanged glances, each seeing considerable amazement in the others' eyes.

They could naturally tell that if this Wanmu Wolf was as Su Ping described—though not an individually powerful combat-type Pet Beast—it was an extremely versatile and special Pet Beast within the Plant System.

Such a Pet Beast was often more valuable than one specialized purely for combat.

However, that wasn't all!

"Furthermore, Old Sha has already demonstrated the Life Magnetic Field ability. What remains is the Mutated Skill, 'Wood Body'!

This 'Wood Body' skill is divided into two forms.

First is the beast form that Old Sha, as a Wanmu Wolf, currently exhibits. In this form, the Wanmu Wolf's speed, strength, and other attributes are significantly enhanced in forests and grasslands.

Simultaneously, it can pass directly through Wood Element forests, achieving an effect similar to that of a Wood Element Sprite!

And the second form is the Woodification form! Old Sha!"

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At the command, Old Sha, responsible for the performance, didn't hesitate and activated the Special Skill that it had, in fact, rarely ever used.

Instantly, Old Sha, which had just resembled a Kylin, transformed into something completely different.

Its two Y-shaped antlers slowly unfolded, forming two slender branches diverging as if from the trunk of a tree.

Its body, under the watchful eyes of everyone present, turned into a tree!

"This..."

Many of the judges present widened their eyes, staring fixedly at Old Sha.

Seeing their astonished gazes, Liu Fuhai and Sun Chaoju exchanged a glance, a smile of deep satisfaction appearing on their faces.

After so many years, their Jianghai Province Breeder Association had finally managed to make a grand showing at this breeding competition, proving its strength before Breeders from across the nation.

At this very moment, others also wore grave expressions.

This group was none other than the Breeder team from Huaiyang Province, who had arrived backstage after Su Ping and his group had begun their presentation.

The young female chairperson, whom Liu Fuhai had nicknamed Han Laohu, stood backstage. Watching the peculiar Old Wolf on the stage transform into its Wood Body, she couldn't help but squint.

Ding Yan, standing beside her, had long known about the Wanmu Wolf, yet at this moment, his heart still skipped a beat.

Although he knew the Wanmu Wolf was powerful, such power would inevitably increase its breeding value, thereby decreasing the difficulty score.

But Su Ping had previously mentioned that this thing actually had three different Levels?

With the differentiation of these three Levels, would the reduction in the difficulty score still be as significant as they anticipated?

Ding Yan didn't know, so he looked towards Chairman Han.

"Chairman Han, how many points do you think the Wanmu Wolf will score?"

The young woman sighed softly and shook her head, her expression also grave.

"Setting other aspects aside, its value score definitely won't be low!"

Indeed, the value score certainly wouldn't be low.

Because at this moment, Su Ping had resumed speaking:

"In this woodified state, the Wanmu Wolf's control over Wood Energy is enhanced, and the power of all its Wood Element Skills is greatly increased. Furthermore, it will no longer sustain fatal injuries. Moreover, most previously sustained mortal wounds can be healed while in this woodified state!

Of course, there are some side effects. In the woodified state, the Wanmu Wolf's movement will be severely limited. If it maintains this state for an extended period, its bestial nature will gradually diminish over time, potentially leading to its complete and permanent woodification. Therefore, unless absolutely necessary, this Ability should not be used carelessly."

Hearing Su Ping's explanation, everyone let out a long breath.

For such an incredible Mutated Skill, these minor flaws were truly insignificant!

In fact, it was precisely because of such flaws that the Wanmu Wolf seemed even more real.

Otherwise, these Abilities would indeed have seemed too outrageous!

At this point, Su Ping patted Old Sha, and it then transformed back into the Wanmu Wolf.

Transforming from a tree back into a wolf—such an Ability, such a spectacle—caused many to look on with intense curiosity.

And Su Ping, having led Old Sha back to Sun Chaoju and Liu Fuhai, then said with a smile,

"Honorable judges, that concludes the demonstration of the Wanmu Wolf's Skills!"

Liu Fuhai and Sun Chaoju, standing beside him, were momentarily startled, but after a glance at Su Ping, they refrained from saying anything further.

Clearly, they also understood Su Ping's intentions. Su Ping wanted to see what Rank the Wanmu Wolf's Skills rating would achieve without the Child of the Sun.

And they too were very curious.

Sure enough, as Su Ping finished speaking, the eleven judges, including Zhu Hong, began to whisper and discuss among themselves.

Evidently, regardless of any other factors, the demonstration of the Wanmu Wolf's Skills was truly stunning, surpassing everyone's expectations.

As the discussion continued, several judges posed further questions, all of which Su Ping answered comprehensively.

The most prominent among these questions concerned its Energy consumption.

Su Ping made no attempt to conceal anything.

The Soul Judge nearby emitted no fluctuations. Under its perception, there was no doubt that Su Ping was telling the absolute truth.

This, in turn, made the discussions among those present even more intense.

Finally, after a full five minutes of discussion, everyone present, including all the viewers watching on their televisions, couldn't help but feel a surge of tension.

Su Ping's appearance undoubtedly earned him additional Affinity points.

Many who were simply watching for entertainment found themselves quite impressed by him.

A young prodigy achieving fame, a narrative destined for victory—who wouldn't love such a story?

And indeed, that was the case.

After five minutes, the discussions finally began to subside.

And the first judge announced their score!

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The first judge's score allowed Su Ping to breathe a small sigh of relief, and he exchanged a glance with his two companions.

That was good enough.

This score was undeniably high.

After all, the Wanmu Wolf was somewhat lacking in terms of offense and mobility.

But then again, what in this world is truly perfect in every aspect?

However, a score of 100 points represented absolute perfection; if that standard wasn't met, a full score was naturally unattainable.

Then, one by one, the scores appeared:

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98, 96, 95, 96...

Looking at these high scores, Su Ping was already quite satisfied.

But someone else was not.

Sitting in front of the television, Qin Xiaoxue's brows furrowed as she spoke up for Su Ping, "Old Madam, where did they find these judges? That Kung Fu Panda from before only got around this score, but that giant panda was so rare..."

Sang Sheng glanced at the girl before speaking, "Actually, considering the Wanmu Wolf's abilities, this value score is indeed slightly low, but it's still justifiable. Qin Chuan, you explain!"

Qin Chuan, meeting his daughter's gaze, then explained, "The Wanmu Wolf's abilities are indeed exceptional, but it suffers in terms of Attribute. For the Wood Element, if there's no development in the Life Series and no significant achievements in healing Skills, with the focus instead placed on combat, it's relatively at a disadvantage unless there's an extreme Poison Type Mutation. Additionally, its susceptibility to being countered is quite clear. This leads to a deduction in points after such consideration, so scoring a few points lower for similar effects is within reason!"

Qin Xiaoxue was clearly not satisfied with this explanation, pouting her lips. In her opinion, a Pet Beast cultivated by Su Ping was undoubtedly the best. The previous fight with Woodhead had already proven this point.

What did these old men, who only knew how to bury their heads in research, understand?

Amidst Qin Xiaoxue's indignant gaze, the final average score from the grand judges locked onto the first judge's score: 97 points!

This was undoubtedly a high score.

The several people present were also quite satisfied.

However, this time it was Master Zhu Hong who remained pondering until the end, his brows slightly furrowed as he looked at the Wanmu Wolf.

At last, his gaze settled on Su Ping's smiling face.

During this short while, Master Zhu Hong had actually been pondering what Su Ping's earlier words meant.

Why had the Wanmu Wolf's Skills reached such a level of power? He didn't understand.

However, since Su Ping did not speak up, Master Zhu Hong thought for a moment and then gave a score that slightly surprised everyone:

'99 points'!

This was a score not even Su Ping had anticipated.

Meeting everyone's gazes, Zhu Hong looked at Su Ping and narrowed his eyes slightly. "Lad, my intuition tells me there's another secret hidden within your Evolutionary Body!"

Su Ping was taken aback for a moment, then smiled faintly but said nothing.

Yet, it was this seemingly nonsensical rationale that ultimately cemented one of the highest value scores seen so far!

Like the Sky-Striking Osprey from that morning, it reached an astonishingly terrifying 196 points!

Just four value points away from the maximum!

One could only say that a Breeding Master is truly deserving of the title; Su Ping couldn't help but admire Zhu Hong.

But at that moment, he didn't say much. With the value score evaluation complete, it was obviously time for the difficulty score.

This was the highlight for everyone present.

A high value in Cultivation was bound to lead to a lower difficulty score. That was only natural; to reach peaks in both value and difficulty was extremely challenging!

But Su Ping's previous words had indeed caused everyone to reconsider the difficulty of cultivating this Pet Beast. In fact, their speculations were well-founded. As the Soul Judge fixed his gaze on him once more, Su Ping continued:

"As I mentioned before, the Wanmu Wolf Cultivation is divided into three levels: primary, Intermediate, and Advanced!

"For the Advanced Level, undoubtedly, not only must the Pet Beast meet the ability standards, but one Skill also needs to have reached Perfection Level. This requires a Monarch Level Sun Crystal, supplemented with about three to four Commander Level resources for the Lungs of Nature, and three additional Commander Level resources that supplement Wood Energy!

"This is accompanied by a portion of low-level resources, whose total value will not exceed 500,000. The time span for the Cultivation and Evolution is also relatively long; from the start of Cultivation until the Pet Beast is fully stable, it takes about twenty days!"

Everyone nodded.

Such Advanced Level Evolution conditions were relatively common in terms of components. However, requiring a Skill to reach Perfection Level was the harder part; this was not something an ordinary Pet Beast could achieve.

Su Ping paused before continuing, "The Intermediate Level evolutionary form has much lower requirements. Not only is the corresponding Skill Level requirement reduced to Mastery Level, but the Cultivation resources also no longer require the Sun Crystal!

"All other conditions remain the same, and the Cultivation time should also reduce by about five to six days."

Upon hearing this, the judges present grew animated. This was quite a significant reduction in requirements!

Even though it was just lacking one Monarch Level resource, the difference in price for each Great Realm of resources is immense.

However, under such circumstances, its final evolutionary race limit doesn't have a huge difference, only three Minor Realms short.

Is this a huge gain?!

Is the cost-efficiency maxed out?!

Everyone was somewhat taken aback.

But Su Ping swiftly continued, "And for the primary Cultivation, the requirements are lowered even further. Not only does the Skill Level requirement go down to Proficient Level, but the Lungs of Nature are also no longer needed.

"Of course, the other three Commander Level resources will also be appropriately reduced! Additionally, it takes just over ten days to complete the Evolution!"

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This primary cultivation method, despite its lower cost-effectiveness, wasn't as prohibitively expensive as the Intermediate Level one. The reduction of only one or two Commander Level resources in consumption hardly seemed significant, but it was acceptable. After all, a decrease in Skill requirements was a tangible benefit. Resources could be saved up for, but Skill Levels truly depended on a Pet Beast's innate talent and aptitude; they couldn't be forced. These three tiers of evolution were undoubtedly already quite reliable.

At this moment, Linzhou's reaction was the most pronounced.

「Within the Breeder Association of Linzhou.」

Breeders specializing in this field, along with several company owners, were already calling their subordinates, preparing to stockpile Forest Wolves. Because they knew the price of Forest Wolves was bound to rise, making a substantial profit inevitable! This Cultivation Evolution Law would undoubtedly become sought after by many in the near future.

However, the dedicated Breeders of Linzhou weren't overly concerned with these opportunistic ventures at this moment; only those speculators keenly sensed the business potential. The remaining Linzhou Breeders were still looking up, watching the screen displaying their Jianghai Province's Breeder team in the Breeder Competition, wondering how many points they would ultimately score.

Too preposterous!

「At this moment, in the backstage of the Breeder Competition...」

The individuals from Huaiyang Province, listening to Su Ping's explanation, had only this single thought. Too preposterous. Evolution can be divided into three tiers? And the most outrageous part is, can evolution to Monarch Level really occur without Monarch Level resources?

The precedent from the Icy Plains Advanced Tamer Academy was still fresh in their minds. The Phoenix Feather White Eagle's difficulty score had averaged well over ninety. While its value score was lower than the Kung Fu Panda's, it had managed to surpass it thanks to its difficulty score! And now, in the current Breeder Competition, had a new evolutionary form finally appeared that scored high in both difficulty and value?

Is there still hope? Ding Yan looked towards Chairman Han; he hadn't expected the Wanmu Wolf's effects to be so potent, yet its cultivation was so surprisingly simple! Why was it like this? Ding Yan didn't understand.

However, the lady before him, Chairman Han from Huaiyang Province, also had a slight frown. She was quite confident in the cultivation of the Spark Bugs. After all, with a lower value due to being Insect type, they had a natural advantage in difficulty ratings, and the evolutionary form of the Spark Bug was indeed quite impressive. The fact that Chairman Han could maintain such confidence even after witnessing this Wanmu Wolf spoke volumes about the capabilities of Huaiyang Province's cultivation methods. But the current situation made Chairman Han, who had initially felt confident of victory, somewhat uneasy. If victory truly came down to a margin of one or two points, it was clearly not the outcome Chairman Han desired. Yet, at this point, the final result was not something she could decide.

Because at this very moment, the judges, having concluded their discussion, finally announced the scores once more. However, this time, the scores announced caused everyone's spirits to surge again!

92, 94, 93...

All scores were uniformly above ninety. Moreover, the margin by which they exceeded ninety was by no means small! What did this represent? It meant that the Wanmu Wolf was poised to become the top contender in this Breeder Competition! Surpassing the previous Breeder teams, it had become the most outstanding cultivation achievement of the current Breeder Competition!

Indeed, that was the case. Ultimately, the difficulty score for cultivation was determined: the judges' panel awarded an average of 94 points, while Head Judge Zhu Hong gave 90 points. Indeed, Zhu Hong's difficulty score this time was four points lower than the panel's average. This resulted in a total difficulty score of 184 points!

A difficulty score of 184, combined with the previous value score of 196, resulted in a grand total of exactly 380 points!

In the history of Breeder Competitions, such a score was almost always enough to secure first place, barring extremely rare, aberrant situations that might lead to an upset. Such a score was enough for Jianghai to proudly stand in the spotlight before the entire Dragon Nation. Compared to the previous few entries, which were neck-and-neck with the Void Hawk Eagle and had at most gained only a few more points, the Wanmu Wolf's improvement undeniably established another commanding, cliff-like lead!

"The Jianghai Province Breeder team, for the Ten Thousand Wood Wolf Evolution! Current total score: 380 points! Current ranking: Temporarily first!"

The mechanical announcement caused Liu Fuhai's cheeks to flush crimson—the flush of pure excitement.

380 points!

「At this moment, in Beiyuan Province.」

Su Anyong also had a wide smile on his face. He looked at Leng Ye beside him, his grin almost reaching his ears.

"Second Master, what does this score of 380 points signify?"

"Are you blind or deaf?" Leng Ye shot him a look but didn't seem to mind Su Anyong's exuberance. Instead, he gazed at the screen with a hint of puzzlement. Is that all? If so, while it met his baseline expectations, it somehow didn't feel quite like the scenario he had truly anticipated. Knowing that young man's temperament, how could he possibly conclude things so simply and easily?

However, at this moment, he wasn't the only one with this thought.

Zhu Hong finally couldn't hold back and took the lead in asking, "Little guy, you just mentioned that your Wanmu Wolf is different from the others. Can you tell us, what exactly is the difference?!"

What exactly was the difference? How could a common skill from a Wanmu Wolf, merely at the First Stage Monarch rank, unleash power equivalent to a Monarch Peak ability?

Once Zhu Hong raised this point, the other Breeders also grew intrigued.

This Wanmu Wolf still held secrets! What kind of secrets could they be?

Meeting Zhu Hong's inquisitive gaze, Su Ping exhaled slowly. He glanced at Liu Fuhai, who remained silent but offered him an encouraging look. Su Ping knew this matter was indeed unconventional, perhaps even shocking. But, in truth, he had nothing to conceal. Moreover, to secure first place and claim its reward, his current score wasn't necessarily a guarantee! If nothing else, the threat posed by the Jumping Zombie that was yet to be presented was significant!

So, Su Ping steeled himself. Facing everyone's expectant gazes, he looked directly at Zhu Hong and declared, "This is precisely the other cultivation discovery connected to the Wanmu Wolf that I wished to reveal! It is possible to cultivate a Super-Rank Skill on the Wanmu Wolf! A Super-Rank Skill named Heart of the Sun!"

Instantly, the entire venue plunged into silence.

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Silence. At this moment, within this venue, there was utter silence.

The eyes of the judges were filled with confusion. They glanced at each other blankly, clearly thinking they had heard wrong at first. A Super-Rank Skill?

For ordinary people, a Super-Rank Skill is just a powerful skill, somewhat stronger than the usual Pet Beast skills. In essence, there seems to be no significant cognitive distinction.

However, at this moment, how could all the judges present, qualified as they were for this competition, not know what this represented? What it represented was the highest manifestation of a Pet Beast's ability. It signified a foray into the realm and expertise nearly within a Breeding Master's domain!

A young lad who had just graduated was now able to stand on the stage representing the pinnacle of the Breeder competition in all the provinces. This was already quite unscientific and against common sense. The Evolutionary Body he bred was also quite exceptional. But now, this youngster who seemingly popped up from nowhere suddenly told them that he had something big up his sleeve?

「Backstage, along the sides of the dark corridor.」

All members of the Huaiyang Province Breeder Association watched the silence that filled the arena, equally speechless.

At this moment, others might be beside the point, but for Ding Yan, it was like thunder crashing down, exploding in his ears. He remembered the last time in the Legion, the light waves emitted by the final Wanmu Wolf in that Legion. When he told Chairman Han about it, the latter thought it was some sort of skill with a great cost, which might lead to a severely wounded state after use. But now, it seemed that their estimates were somewhat wrong. And it was a serious mistake. However, Ding Yan would never think that Chairman Han's knowledge was the problem. After all, no one would think in this direction! A Super-Rank Skill! How could this possibly appear on a Monarch Level Forest Wolf Evolver that had just been successfully bred?

But in this place, everyone understood that Su Ping would not be joking with them.

「Beiyuan Province」

Su Anyong and Leng Ye were propping up their cheeks. One sat in a chair and the other on the sofa, just watching the screen, eyes unblinking, watching the youngster onscreen who seemed to be calmly saying such shocking words.

Both of them were not ordinary people and naturally understood what a Super-Rank Skill represented. But at this moment, like those somewhat dumbfounded judges sitting there, they had an undoubtedly similar reaction.

Blankness.

The first reaction of Su Anyong was absolute blankness. The last time he went back, that little rascal had told him he was now a Breeder. He had not only perfected the Heart of Woods breeding potion left by his old man but also, even more outrageously, completed the evolutionary Cultivation of Old Sha, thereby extending Old Sha's lifespan. Over time, Su Anyong had finally accepted the fact that his son was a Breeder. And now, this kid comes to participate in the Breeder competition and pulls off such a big stunt? Is this the surprise he was talking about?

Su Anyong's pupils even slightly dilated. Heart of the Sun? What kind of skill is this? What kind of Super-Rank Skill is it?

However, Leng Ye's eyebrows furrowed slightly. He naturally also understood what this meant, but precisely because he understood, he was frowning. Yet at this time, he knew there was no reason to reproach Su Ping; instead, as an elder, what he should do was to clean up after this troublesome youngster as soon as possible. But what was this Super-Rank Skill? Leng Ye couldn't say he wasn't curious.

At this moment, not just them, but all who had been watching the Breeder competition for a day were thinking the same thing.

Heart of the Sun, what kind of skill is it?

Yet just as this thought emerged, they suddenly discovered that the live TV broadcast in front of them was experiencing some problems.

A fleck of snow fluttered by, and the image and characters onscreen disappeared, replaced only by the buzz of static noise.

Then, in less than five seconds, all the no-signal sounds and messy images vanished. What appeared instead was an advertisement featuring a woman feeding dog food to a Sighthound:

"Woof Woof Gift Pack, dogs' and Pet Beasts' favorite gift pack, rich in a variety of nutrients beneficial to Pet Dogs..."

Blankness. All the viewers were momentarily stunned, then cursed aloud,

"Fuck? They cut it off here?"

"Is the Magic Capital TV station trying to go out of business? Can they stop being so disgusting!"

"I said it! Past Breeder competitions were all in the Imperial Capital. They just had to move it to Magic Capital this time, and sure enough, they got greedy! Those dogs, showing ads at this time, aren't they afraid of shortening their lives?"

"Damn it, I'm blacklisting this Woof Woof Gift Pack..."

"No, what's that Super-Rank Skill?"

"This isn't a normal commercial break. The production team cut the signal directly; they're not letting us watch anymore."

In the midst of all the cursing, there were still some who understood what was going on. They appeared to have a clear understanding of the recent events.

"No way, a goddamned Super-Rank Skill? Why would a Super-Rank Skill appear?"

"Is this Super-Rank Skill really that powerful? Isn't it just a skill-type Cultivation? Didn't someone say earlier that skill-type Cultivation isn't that amazing in the Breeder Association competition?"

"You can think of it as if, in your junior professional assessment, a Beast Tamer of Emperor Level had appeared."

"????"

"..."

"It's normal. The effects and specific capabilities of a Super-Rank Skill can't possibly be revealed during the Breeder Association competition. It's normal for the showrunners to cut the feed. Just wait patiently for the results."

"Shit! Though that makes sense, it's still so frustrating. Someday, with a blade in hand, I'll slay all those who interrupt the narrative!"

"Bro, I just want to ask one thing right now: this Super-Rank Skill, can Breeder Su and the Jianghai Breeder Association cultivate it for me? I've just reached Commander Level but haven't decided on my Third Pet Beast, and now, I want to contract a Forest Wolf..."

"Unlikely. And trust me, even if Super-Rank Skills could be cultivated, their price would definitely be beyond what an ordinary Beast Tamer could afford."

"..."

Curses arose throughout Dragon Nation. At the same time, many people took an unprecedented interest in the Forest Wolf Pet Beast. Indeed, many were already considering contracting a brand-new Forest Wolf Pet Beast for their unassigned slots.

After all, scoring 380 points in the Breeder Association competition, even without that Super-Rank Skill, already demonstrated the Wanmu Wolf's potential and effectiveness.

However, at this moment, Zhu Hong reacted swiftly. He used his Emperor Peak Level spiritual power to block the live broadcast signal and informed the television station to insert a commercial break. Only then could he finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Just as someone had said online, when it came to Super-Rank Skills, even in the Breeder Association competition, its specific effects and abilities absolutely could not be revealed publicly. This would be unfair to Su Ping.

Super-Rank Skills are different from other Evolutionary Bodies, which eventually face the public and are used by many Beast Tamers. When it truly comes to Super-Rank Skills, it's unlikely that many Beast Tamers will personally experience the power of these skills.

So, Zhu Hong blocked the signal immediately.

He was already very experienced, but at this moment, he still belatedly realized the implications.

For a young Breeder who had just graduated to be able to cultivate a brand-new Evolutionary Body was one thing. But for this Evolutionary Body to also contain a Super-Rank Skill? Well, it's not without precedent. But that precedent was not something to be casually mentioned in public. This was enough to set the mind racing.

Having done all this, Zhu Hong finally spoke up,

"Su Ping, this is no joking matter!"

Facing Zhu Hong, the vice president of the Breeder Association headquarters, Su Ping smiled faintly. Now that it was out, he had no concerns and said,

"For those esteemed seniors who possess the Eye of Truth, please feel free to inspect it!"

As always, the Eye of Truth was one of the three most common Talents among Beast Tamers. Though Zhu Hong didn't possess it, there were indeed one or two judges present who had this Talent.

As they looked, exclamations followed.

An elder's voice trembled as he looked toward Su Ping,

"Young fellow, did you cultivate this skill?"

Su Ping nodded and then shook his head.

"It's the innate trait of the Wanmu Wolf, and also my good fortune that allowed me to discover some clues. Overall, it's mostly due to good luck."

Nobody took Su Ping's modesty seriously. Even if it involved good luck, being lucky enough to cultivate a Super-Rank Skill wasn't just about luck.

Su Ping made eye contact with several people present, then he asked,

"Um, dear judges, would you like Old Sha to test the power of this skill?"

Everyone came to their senses. Not a word was spoken as all eyes turned to Zhu Hong.

Zhu Hong pursed his lips, and then, amid the expectant gazes of many, he also nodded.

"The live broadcast signal has been temporarily cut, so Su Ping, feel free to demonstrate. However, afterwards, everyone come to see me to sign a confidentiality agreement!"

No one was dissatisfied with Zhu Hong's caution because they all knew what Super-Rank Skills entailed. Even if Zhu Hong hadn't mentioned it, everyone believed that it wouldn't be long before a Spirit Saint Level person would personally make a phone call.

But at this moment, no one cared about confidentiality agreements and such; it wasn't too late to deal with that later. Right now, satisfying their curiosity was the main thing.

All eyes shifted back to Su Ping.

Su Ping nodded. He didn't mind. Since it had already been made public, he had no hesitation.

Taking Old Sha back to the skill power test machine, Su Ping explained,

"The Heart of the Sun can absorb the Power of the Sun. This not only provides the Wanmu Wolf with significant energy recovery but also allows it to charge power over a long time. Then, it can unleash this energy through the skill, causing massive explosive-type skill damage!"

As his words ended, the giant wolf, resembling a Kylin, lifted its head and opened its mouth. A speck of light flickered within. In the next moment, it turned into a fist-sized orb of light, which, under the watchful eyes of everyone, burst towards the skill power test machine.

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A blinding burst of light exploded forth, accompanied by a thunderous roar.

Fortunately, this skill power testing instrument had an extremely strong absorption effect for such skill energy. It could absorb all the skill energy into it and display the power of the skill in the most direct way.

As the light slowly faded, a series of skyrocketing numbers appeared on the screen.

The numerical display of a Monarch Level skill power testing instrument typically ranged from 3,000 to 25,000 for skill power. That's why when Old Sha had activated the Tree Prison earlier, reaching over twenty-four thousand points, the testing instrument's feedback indicated the power as Monarch Peak or Emperor Level 1.

However, at this very moment, the thunderous explosion effortlessly surpassed the twenty thousand mark and continued to rise!

21,000, 22,000, 23,000...

The rising numbers represented the boundless enhancement of skill power. At the same time, it also meant that Old Sha's skill power limit was continuously being surpassed.

However, as the numbers climbed, the rate of energy increase gradually slowed.

Still, everyone watching the numbers slowly exceed thirty thousand fell silent.

This was just a First Stage Monarch Wanmu Wolf, after all! Although it was a Super-Rank Skill, it shouldn't be this outrageous, should it?

"DING-DONG. The power of this skill is classified as an explosive bombardment skill! Direct destructive power value: 33,958! It also has effects such as burning and blinding!! Estimated Pet Beast Realm of the pet beast: Emperor Second Rank to Emperor Third Rank!"

The voice from the skill power testing instrument slowly announced.

Upon reaching the Emperor Level, the skill power assessment values became significantly more exaggerated. Although its power was a full ten thousand points higher than the previous Tree Prison, the resulting increase in tier was only equivalent to a single standard tier of power.

However, everyone glanced at Old Sha, who appeared calm and not at all out of breath. Did such an attack not even significantly drain him?

Moreover, just as Su Ping had said, this attack was only part of the Heart of the Sun's effects. The Heart of the Sun also had the effect of accelerating energy recovery. Although they didn't know the specifics, as a Super-Rank Skill, it was impossible for it to possess only such limited destructive power.

Of course, if they had seen Old Sha blasting a hole in the Linhai Secret Realm of the Magic Capital Academy with a single Sun Tail Beast Cannon, they definitely wouldn't have thought this way.

Nevertheless, the effects of the Heart of the Sun were indeed as such. And Su Ping certainly wouldn't allow Old Sha to charge for more than half a minute to fire an enhanced Sun Tail Beast Cannon. If he did, breaking the skill power testing instrument would be a minor issue; blowing up the Magic Capital TV station would be the real disaster.

Gently stroking Old Sha's temple fur, Su Ping turned back to Zhu Hong and all the evaluators present. "Esteemed judges, shall we continue?"

Zhu Hong fell silent, then after some thought, said, "Su Ping, can the cultivation of this Super-Rank Skill be replicated on other pet beasts?"

Su Ping naturally understood the implication. After some thought, he nodded and said, "It's possible, but it would require a significant amount of time. Furthermore, only first-tier Advanced Level Wanmu Wolves have a chance to awaken this Super-Rank Skill in a short period. Other tiers also have a chance, but the time required would be considerably longer—we're talking years."

Su Ping wasn't lying.

The most difficult aspect of cultivating the Wanmu Wolf's Heart of the Sun skill was the requirement for Sunlight Absorption to reach Perfection Level. Only when Sunlight Absorption reached Perfection Level could the Wanmu Wolf's Photosynthesis also reach Perfection Level during cultivation, saving a great deal of effort. Then, the synergistic effect of the Forest Wolf Catalog would be used to accelerate the comprehension of the Heart of Woods. Once that reached Perfection Level, the Blinding Technique would be integrated over ten days, allowing the Super-Rank Skill, Heart of the Sun, to emerge.

It could be said that the complete cultivation of this Super-Rank Skill was even more complex and difficult than that of a Wanmu Wolf itself. It also had more stringent requirements.

It was only because Old Sha had a fortuitous encounter in his early years; otherwise, simply for the advancement of the Sunlight Absorption skill level, Su Ping couldn't recall having seen another Forest Wolf achieve it.

Therefore, replicating the Heart of the Sun skill cultivation for the Wanmu Wolf was quite challenging. But Su Ping's explanation was sufficient. Zhu Hong nodded, looking somewhat helplessly at the cheeky youngster.

Indeed, this truly was a massive surprise. But now, while the kid had successfully put on his show, the problem he'd left for them was already giving him a headache.

How to handle this afterward would naturally be the concern of the publicity department. Right now, they needed to decide on the score! There was no denying that 380 points was already a remarkably high score. If there were no further surprises, it might very well be the highest score of the year.

However, if a Wanmu Wolf could be cultivated to learn a Super-Rank Skill, but this Super-Rank Skill—despite belonging to the Wanmu Wolf’s evolutionary body—couldn’t add more points to that evolutionary body’s score, then the resulting online discussions would be explosive.