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[Five Elements Combination (Exclusive Skill of the Five Elements Paper Diagram Form): All Five Elements skill levels increase, and all other skill levels also increase!]

These two skills were quite easy to understand. The former was simply the skillful application of the generating interactions of the Five Elements. It could bring together the energy of different attributes from these five Papermen into one fist, concentrating all their strength in one place. The latter was pretty much the same idea, apparently also a derivative skill of the generating interactions of the Five Elements, based on the principle that when one prospers, all prosper.

Overall, the composite form of the Five Elements Paper Diagram indeed had the upper-limit potential Su Ping had anticipated. It was stronger than that of an individual Paper Sword representing a single element. Even its race limit had reached the Commander Level. Five Elite First Rank Pet Beasts, after combining, could have their levels surge and benefit from various ability buffs. It was indeed quite good, but that was all—merely good. This creation was undoubtedly still a long way from being eligible to participate in the selection for the Special Beast Taming Forces.

The Five Elements energy continued to revolve. This process, within the Five Elements Formation Map, became the skill of Five Elements Conversion. But this wasn't the final outcome Su Ping wanted to see. He wanted more than just such a transformation. He could see that energy was still being consumed in this transformation as the Papermen maintained the Five Elements formation.

While observing, Su Ping took notes. After about half an hour, the glow emanating from the five Papermen began to dim. Finally, Su Ping had gathered some approximate data. In every cycle, the initial total energy within each Paperman would decrease by about one-twentieth after a single conversion. This didn't seem like much, but in reality, it was quite significant. This was because that was the amount of energy lost with each conversion.

For example, converting Fire Elemental Energy to Water Element required a transition from Fire to Earth, then to Metal, and finally to Water. Three conversions naturally meant the energy loss equivalent to three conversions. If one wanted to convert Fire Elemental Energy to Wood Element, an additional conversion would be necessary. After four such transformations, almost one-fifth of the energy would be reduced. While this energy conversion was magical, in reality, it wasn't very practical!

So, just as I had thought before, the most valuable possibilities for this Five Elements Origami Man combination are only two. One, as I previously considered, is the potential to form the Super-Rank Skill 'Heart of Elements,' which requires the Five Elements Core. However, this will require Zhu Hong's expertise. I need to see if the Five Elements Origami Man has the potential to cultivate this Core within its corresponding body parts. If it's possible, then besides cultivating the Five Elements Origami Man, I'm absolutely confident this ability could be applied to Xiao Qianyi—my little Paperman. By that time, if Xiao Qianyi advances to the Commanding Rank and, similar to the effects of the Sword Intent Origin, manages to comprehend the Super-Rank Skill 'Sword Intent'... then my Xiao Qianyi would instantly possess two Super-Rank Skills at the Commander Level! The other valuable possibility is my own wild idea: can the power of this Five Elements Cycle be amplified using another method?

Su Ping sat there, staring at the Five Elements Paper Diagram circling continuously, chin propped, lost in thought.

Unsurprisingly, Xiao Qian, who wasn't needed for the moment, glanced at his master. He then also sat on the ground, propped his chin, and sank into deep thought. Only, Qian Yi didn't know what his master was thinking about. But the issue Qian Yi was pondering was quite vexing for the little fellow. Even more so than for Su Ping. Master made these Paper Swords for me to use, and of course, I'm happy. But now, with more and more swords, how can my own Sword Box accommodate them all? Clearly, this is also a challenging problem.

As master and pet were both pondering their respective questions, a phone call interrupted Su Ping's contemplation. Uncle Guan's voice came from the other end.

"Xiao Ping, two people have arrived at the door. They say they know you from Magic Capital and have come to see you. Their surname is Zhang!"

The Zhang Family Brothers? I'm surprised; I hadn't expected them to arrive so soon! Just as well; I can learn more about the origins of the Five Elements Formation Map and what exactly that thing written in Ancient Serpentine Script is.

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Over the past few days, Su Ping had nearly finished translating the notebook. After all, the ancient text itself wasn't overly long, amounting to less than two thousand characters in total. However, the arrangement of the classical Chinese was extremely esoteric and difficult to understand. So, after translating it, Su Ping had copied it into his own notebook but hadn't yet found time to search online for

references and interpretations. Now, he hoped that understanding the ancient text's origins from the Zhang Family Brothers might simplify the deciphering process.

"Greetings, Breeder Su!"

Upon seeing him again, the Zhang Family Brothers—one fat and one slim, hardly looking like real siblings—appeared much more reserved. Indeed, for a Breeder who had appeared at the Magic Capital Cultivation Competition and secured first place, their authority and capability within this province were unimaginable.

Su Ping nodded. He poured two cups of tea for the visibly flattered brothers and then said with a smile, "Over these past few days, I've come to understand that item somewhat. How exactly did you come across it?"

At Su Ping's words, the brothers exchanged glances. Then, the taller brother, Zhang Chaoqun, took another drawing from inside his clothes and handed it to Su Ping, "Please forgive us for our ignorance, Breeder Su. We knew you were of distinguished origin but had no idea of your true status. In fact, when that Secret Realm was uncovered, there was another decomposition drawing left behind by the Five Elements Spirit King! Of course, my brother and I didn't mean to hide it from you intentionally; it was just that this drawing was taken by Director Shen of the Magic City Mechanic Association for research. Now, having heard about your affairs, Director Shen asked us to convey his regards and to say that if you're interested, you can take everything."

After speaking, the brothers exchanged another glance, and with a pained expression, Zhang Chaoqun added, "Besides, Director Shen also instructed us to return the thirty million we received for these items to you..."

Hearing this, Su Ping waved his hand, "That's not necessary. Spending money on a purchase is only right and proper. Just convey my thanks to Director Shen for me."

The two brothers breathed a sigh of relief. Clearly, they must have had quite a few dealings with Director Shen during their time in Magic Capital. Su Ping even had reason to suspect they might have gone straight to Director Shen to ask him to seek revenge against him. However, once his background and his victory in the Cultivation Competition were exposed, naturally, no one dared to entertain any crooked ideas anymore.

Thinking this, Su Ping smiled faintly, unconcerned.

He glanced at the other draft drawing, his eyes narrowing slightly. It depicted a diagram with numerous symbols and annotations. However, unlike the circular diagram illustrating the generative cycle of the Five Elements that Su Ping had seen before, this one was a pentagram. Judging from the textual annotations, its focus was primarily on the destructive cycle of the Five Elements—the exact opposite of the generative cycle.

Su Ping didn't rush. He set the drawing aside before looking at the brothers, "Alright, tell me, how did you actually come by this item?"

The brothers finally stopped holding anything back. "Actually, it's quite simple," Zhang Chaoqun began. "Back in our hometown, Hongzhou, in Linjiang Province, we used our family's secret technique to detect a Secret Realm that was about to emerge. We bought the rights to it in advance and found these items inside. The owner of this Secret Realm was Xue Hongluan, also known as the Five Elements Spirit King! All these items came from that Secret Realm."

Five Elements Spirit King Xue Hongluan? An Emperor Level ancient Beast Tamer, and a woman?

Su Ping wasn't particularly concerned about that detail and quickly pulled out his phone to search for her. Soon, information about this ancient Beast Tamer filled his screen. His access privileges allowed him to find quite a bit.

Xue Hongluan was born in the 65th year of the Tiande era of the Liang Dynasty, making her history span six hundred and thirteen years. She was born into prominence, hailing from the Xue Family, an ancient lineage with nearly two thousand years of history stretching through both the Liang and Wu Dynasties. The Xue Family had produced a total of five Spirit Saint Level figures, including their founding ancestor, the Heavenly Flame Saint Xue Lie, and the Luo Water Saint Xue Sanjiang. Furthermore, Xue Hongluan was the much-adored youngest daughter of the Xue Family's fifth Spirit Saint, the 'Raging Heaven Saint Xue Siming.' She was the beloved jewel of the family and also the princess consort of the Southern Suppression King of the Liang Dynasty. Her status was undeniably illustrious.

The name Xue Hongluan appearing in such a distinguished family made sense. Although this family had vanished into the mists of history before the modernization of Dragon Nation, it was a mammoth Beast Taming lineage. Having produced five Saints over two dynasties, it seemed normal enough for them to possess the knowledge to write and decipher the Ancient Serpentine Script.

Su Ping acknowledged this. Then, he felt a bit vexed. Damn it, could these two tomb-raiding brothers really stumble across the Secret Realm of such a prominent figure so casually? A Secret Realm belonging to someone whose wealth and power were comparable to a Spirit Saint Level figure—was it really that easy to find? Was he only fated to encounter figures like the Fengdu Sword King, Yu Liangqing? Of course, Yu Liangqing's Heavenly Tomb Sword Seal was more important than anything else.

Pausing for a moment, Su Ping collected his thoughts. Just from the name Xue Hongluan, he had managed to infer a good deal of useful information, but it clearly wasn't enough.

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Su Ping nodded, then asked another question: "In this Secret Realm of Xue Hongluan, was anything left behind regarding how this journal came into being, and who from Ancient Times wrote it?"

Exploring an ancient Beast Tamer's tomb Secret Realm to find things from even more ancient times was inherently a troublesome and thankless task.

The brothers exchanged looks, then Zhang Chaoqun seemed to think of something and said directly, "Bufen, didn't you take some photos back then? Quick, show them to Breeder Su."

Zhang Chaofan then remembered, took out his cell phone, and opened a special folder, which contained quite a few photos. In these photos was a multicolored world of the Secret Realm. Clearly, this Five Elements Spirit King Xue Hongluan really liked the ways of the Five Elements, as the style of the Secret Realm was consistent with that preference. Moreover, it was clear that Xue Hongluan's Pet Beasts seemed to be mostly elemental-series Pet Beasts.

However, after looking through them for a while, Su Ping still hadn't found an answer. He was somewhat disappointed.

Seemingly noticing Su Ping's expression, the brothers became slightly anxious. Zhang Chaoqun said helplessly, "Breeder Su, the Five Elements Spirit King indeed possessed many items, but my brother and I sold some of them. We sincerely apologize. If you have ample time, we could try to find the previous buyers and see if there are any other clues left?"

Su Ping shook his head. "Never mind. Apart from these, you don't have anything else from this Xue Family Emperor Beast Tamer's Secret Realm, right?"

Zhang Chaoqun nodded, but then paused, a little surprised. "There is one more thing, but it's useless, purely a decorative item."

Su Ping wouldn't let even the smallest clue slip by, so he said directly, "Let me have a look at it."

Although, even if he figured out the origin of this item, it probably wouldn't be of much help with his research. However, any discovery made by a direct descendant of a prominent Family that had studied the Five Elements for so many years would be extremely important.

Zhang Bufen reluctantly took the item out from his Beast Taming Space. And indeed, just as he'd said, the item was purely decorative. His reluctance to dismiss it stemmed simply from its exquisite workmanship and attractive appearance.

It was a Jade Pendant. On its back was the single character 'Xue,' while the other side featured a strange decorative pattern resembling a magical array—likely a personal preference of the ancient noblewoman.

Su Ping's brows furrowed slightly. The Jade Pendant felt warm and smooth in his hand, clearly made of good quality jade, though he didn't know what specific resources had been used to carve it. However, this item was clearly utterly different from the Heavenly Tomb Sword Seal. It didn't even possess the storage capabilities of the Heavenly Tomb Sword Seal; obviously, it was just a plain Jade Pendant. Su Ping fiddled with it for a moment before putting it away.

Afterward, Su Ping inquired further about the Secret Realm from the two brothers. Unfortunately, Xue Hongluan's Secret Realm had collapsed and vanished six months ago. Otherwise, Su Ping would have truly been interested in seeing it.

Originally, Su Ping had intended to make deductions based on the Secret Realm and its contents, but after chatting with the two brothers for just over an hour, he had completely understood the situation.

For such a trivial matter, he had made them travel all the way to Linzhou, which left Su Ping feeling somewhat embarrassed. Therefore, as payment for the Jade Pendant and the sketches, Su Ping gave them an additional five million.

Moreover, upon hearing that one of Zhang Chaofan's Pet Beasts was a Flame Wolf and that he also intended to cultivate an Ashen Wolf Lord, Su Ping called Ding Yan in Huaiyang Province. He told the brothers to take the money directly to Ding Yan for the cultivation. At the same time, he made an agreement with them: if they came across any more such interesting, anciently produced special journals or similar items in the future, they were to contact him first.

It was inevitable that people from all walks of life would exist, even in the era of Beast Tamers, and these two brothers were clearly talented individuals in their own right.

Although he had used a few personal connections, Su Ping didn't feel it was a loss, because at that moment, his gaze was drawn to the rough sketch. This was a diagram, on a draft in the same handwriting, depicting the mutual conquest of the Five Elements. This diagram was also quite interesting; clearly, like the previous one, it was from the hand of Xue Hongluan.

Inside the guest room, Su Ping couldn't help but begin studying it.

The mutual generation of the Five Elements can allow Energy to circulate endlessly. So, what help could the principle of the mutual conquest of the Five Elements offer in Pet Beast cultivation?

Soon, Su Ping had his answer, and it was also the reason why that Director Shen from the council had wanted to study this diagram.

Because at this moment, the mutual conquest of the Five Elements, as represented by this diagram, held more practical significance. The mutual generation of the Five Elements was merely a channel for Energy conversion. However, the principle of the mutual conquest of the Five Elements could allow Attribute countering to be displayed to its fullest extent.

Su Ping looked at the diagram of the Five Elements' conquest—which formed a main circle with various nodes—and couldn't help but take a few more glances.

Gold Overcomes Wood, Wood Overcomes Earth, Earth Overcomes Water, Water Overcomes Fire, and Fire Overcomes Gold.

A simple principle, yet it held boundless mysteries.

However, it doesn't seem to be of any help to me, does it?

Then, suddenly, Su Ping's brows slowly knitted together.

Something's wrong! Terribly wrong!

There's a paradox in the relationship between the generation and conquest cycles of the Five Elements!

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Gold Overcomes Wood, Wood Overcomes Earth, Earth Overcomes Water, Water Overcomes Fire, Fire Overcomes Gold.

Gold Generates Water, Water Generates Wood, Wood Generates Fire, Fire Generates Earth, Earth Generates Gold.

Something is not right!

Su Ping suddenly took out another diagram.

He also took out his notebook of excerpts and began to write rapidly.

Gold Generates Water, Water Overcomes Fire, Fire Generates Earth, Earth Overcomes Water...

This discovery wasn't necessarily a paradox. Instead, it was a completely new energy transformation that emerged when the generative and overcoming relationships of the Five Elements were combined.

Within the Five Elements, the generative and overcoming relationships between pairs evolved when extended to triads.

For instance, while Water Overcomes Fire, this interaction is also based on Water Generates Wood and Fire Overcomes Wood. Therefore, this seemingly simple overcoming relationship of Water over Fire in the Five Elements actually gives rise to the flourishing of Wood!

Once he understood this, it didn't seem like a difficult foundational principle to grasp.

Water Overcomes Fire and thus Generates Wood.

Wood Overcomes Earth and thus Generates Fire.

Fire Overcomes Gold and thus Generates Earth.

Earth Overcomes Water and thus Generates Gold.

Gold Overcomes Wood and thus Generates Water.

This system derives the generative aspect from the overcoming relationships of the Five Elements.

Naturally, there are also interactions where the generative aspect of the Five Elements leads to an overcoming one.

Fire Generates Earth, thereby preserving Wood.

Earth Generates Gold, thereby preserving Fire...

This is incredible!

Based on this theory, couldn't one develop an entirely new, more complex Five Elements energy conversion diagram based on the circulation of generative and overcoming energies? Could this energy conversion not only achieve zero loss but also cause the energy to amplify during the generation process?

Su Ping licked the corner of his mouth, then put down his notebook and looked back at the two draft diagrams.

Soon, he furrowed his brows again.

Then, Su Ping suddenly glanced at the Jade Pendant lying nearby.

One side of the Jade Pendant was inscribed with the character 'Xue'; the other side was etched with an extremely peculiar pattern.

It somewhat resembled the magic circles found in absurd anime, with a circle enclosing a pentagram.

But at this moment, the more Su Ping looked, the more he perceived its extraordinary nature.

At this point, Su Ping lost all interest in the original owner of the notebook and the Five Elements manual.

Because just then, he realized his mistake. He had thought that the individual from Ancient Times who wrote the original manuscript in Serpentine Script was the ultimate master of the Way of the Five Elements.

He had assumed Xue Hongluan was merely a later transcriber.

He was sorely mistaken!

This remarkable woman from the Liang Dynasty, who lived over six hundred years ago—this legitimate daughter of the Xue Family, Xue Hongluan, wife of the Prince of Zhennan—might actually be the one who truly completed the analysis of the generative and overcoming Five Elements and reached the pinnacle of understanding!

This was because, aside from the obscure ancient text copied in Serpentine Script and the basic Five Elements Formation Map believed to have been passed down from ancient times, there were these two draft diagrams. These diagrams, created by Xue Hongluan—the Five Elements Spirit King, wife of the Prince of Zhennan—were what truly represented her further advancement along the great Way of the Five Elements!

Indeed, at this moment, as Su Ping, while looking at the pattern on the Jade Pendant, slowly layered the two draft diagrams on top of each other,

a circular diagram representing the generation cycle of the Five Elements and a pentagram diagram representing their overcoming cycle slowly aligned perfectly.

This time, the pattern that emerged was an exact match for the one on Xue Hongluan's Jade Pendant!

However, it was even more intricate. For instance, the complex Five Elements energy pathways depicted on it were far more complicated than those on the Five Elements Formation Map itself.

Fully ten additional, more intricate pathways of generation and overcoming emerged. In the instant of alignment, the previously chaotic directions and symbols fused completely.

It was only at this moment that Su Ping seemed to truly understand. He, along with others like the Zhang Family Brothers and Director Shen, had previously mistaken the symbols and notes for mere draft annotations. That, however, was not their true purpose.

These two diagrams, when perfectly fitted together, formed the true energy circulation map of the generative and overcoming Five Elements that Xue Hongluan had left behind over six hundred years ago—her own creation!

At this moment, Su Ping experienced an indescribable feeling.

He had just conceived of a more complex energy circulation within the generative and overcoming aspects of the Five Elements, an idea he hadn't yet had the chance to test. Yet, a noble lady from a Wealthy Clan had already completed this very work six hundred and thirteen years prior.

And in that instant, Su Ping felt as if his soul, his very spirit, had transcended time, connecting with a woman from six hundred and thirteen years before.

However, just then, after the two diagrams had remained perfectly aligned for several minutes, lines of elegant script slowly began to appear on the surface of the unknown material from which they were made.

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This was a line of extremely delicate and beautiful small script.

It was clear that the writer must have practiced excellent calligraphy.

Upon first glance, Su Ping felt envious. Such font and brushwork were indeed exceptional.

Unfortunately, modern society had grown accustomed to typing on computers, and few still had the patience to practice calligraphy.

He glanced at the handwriting in his notebook and nodded.

Indeed, the main reason my own handwriting resembles the scrawlings of a roach is entirely because contemporary society neither needs nor values calligraphy.

Subsequently, Su Ping's gaze fixed firmly on the characters that had appeared.

Clearly, this must be a little Easter egg left by that noble lady from the Xue Family for future Beast Tamers who would uncover her hidden secrets.

Su Ping loved such little Easter eggs.

"Future beholders, upon seeing this, shall appreciate the mysteries of the Five Elements and be acknowledged as my kin. The attributes of the Five Elements are the foundations of the laws between Heaven and Earth. Energies with form evolve from the Five Elements. The grand path of the Five Elements signifies the grand path of elemental transformation. The laws of the world are largely based on this and merge into this.

Xue Hongluan has acquired the methods of ancient Beast Tamers, comprehending the way of the Five Elements transformations, intending to use this as the basis to create a unique and unparalleled Supreme Mystical Method, already achieving some success. Her descendants, inheriting my teachings, should know of the Xue Family's heroine, Hongluan, whose great name echoes through the ages."

Su Ping blinked.

The Super-Rank Skills of ancient times evidently referred to the so-called Supreme Mystical Method.

Although the expression and terminology differed from modern language, the principles remained the same!

Does this mean that Xue Hongluan actually succeeded? That the new energy operation pieced together atop the Five Elements Formation Map is indeed the true cultivation method of the Five Elements?

However, before he could savor the carefree confidence of the Consort of the Zhennan King, about ten breaths after reading that passage, another line of text suddenly appeared:

"Future beholder, upon encountering my words and my way, do you find yourself elated beyond restraint? Hongluan can empathize with that feeling. Yet, alas, this world lacks any being or object that could serve as proof for the Supreme Mystical Method of the Five Elements, truly a pity~"

People of the future, take this as a call to strive. Hongluan believes that there are knowledgeable individuals yet to come, who can find a being or object to serve as proof for this Supreme Mystical Method of the Five Elements. If not, one should remain content and not force it upon oneself~"

Su Ping blinked. This... He recalled that when the two Five Elements Formation Maps combined, he felt as if he had sensed the presence of Xue Hongluan from 613 years ago, a female Beast Tamer who had deeply studied the path of Pet Beasts.

Even with noble ladies like her, I could envision some classic images from TV dramas for comparison.

Thus, when the thoughts of two people separated by more than six hundred years coincided across history, the feeling was truly extraordinary.

This resonance of souls from centuries past was incredibly mystical.

But upon reading these lines, I knew that this Xue Hongluan was not some gentle and delicate lady of high birth, but rather a mischievously spirited and playful young lady.

In the things she left behind in the Secret Realm, it seemed she even managed to bury such a playful prank before her death.

The message from Xue Hongluan was simple:

'Regarding the Skill Cultivation of Super-Rank Skills through the operations of the Five Elements, well, I've already researched it. If you've discovered it, oh, then you are certainly impressive.

But too bad, I already figured it out hundreds of years ago and have already reaped the benefits. The path of the Five Elements is amazing, you're amazing, but I'm even more amazing.

Regrettably, such an incredible Super-Rank Skill of the Five Elements should also be amazing, but alas, there wasn't a Pet Beast available to utilize it for cultivation. Truly such a pity.

Of course, I also believe that you might be able to find other Pet Beasts to serve as vessels for the Five Elements Super-Rank Skills. But if you can't, don't get anxious—live your life and don't cause yourself unnecessary distress.'

This message revealed the unmasked playful spirit of that noble lady.

Across history, on this overlapped draft, Su Ping felt he could almost see the Xue Family's noble lady, coyly smiling, a blend of grace and grandeur, yet with a sneaky smirk as if she had successfully tricked future generations.

Su Ping initially felt a sense of helplessness, but then a smile touched his lips.

History... such an interesting thing, filled with so many intriguing people and amusing events along its extensive timeline.

Yet, despite this brief encounter showcasing her talent and temperament, this young lady of the Xue Family was, in the historical records left behind, merely referred to as 'the beloved daughter of Xue Siming, the Saint of Wrathful Skies,' and 'Consort of the Zhennan King of the Liang Dynasty'—that was all.

Just that, and nothing more.

Clearly, Xue Hongluan, who had delved so deeply into the way of the Five Elements, was the one who truly felt an immense regret. She had meticulously studied the Supreme Mystical Method of Five Elements cultivation for an unknown length of time, yet had found no Pet Beast suitable for it.

However, Su Ping soon smiled again.

In fact, upon seeing the Five Elements Formation Map, I understood why the cultivation method of the Five Elements simply could not be actualized in any Pet Beast.

The energy operation was overly complex.

This complexity wasn't about controlling the transport of energy, but about the integration of the Five Elements energies within the body.

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And, all Five Elements attributes must be present.

This condition alone was enough to disqualify countless Pet Beasts.

It was evident from the previous photos and his understanding of Xue Hongluan that her main research subjects had been Elemental Type Pet Beasts.

Alas, in the end, her efforts must have still fallen short.

However, this noble lady of the Xue Family probably didn't know that, six hundred and thirteen years later, a brand new and exceedingly special Pet Beast would emerge in the hands of a descendant Beast Tamer.

This Pet Beast is known as the Paperman.

The very body, energy, and soul of this Pet Beast were different from those of any other.

The transportation of energy, the completeness of the Five Elements attributes, and all sorts of barriers that had been insurmountable in that era seemed so trivial now that the Five Elements Origami Man had been successfully assembled.

But Su Ping felt no smugness whatsoever. After all, Xue Hongluan's achievements deserved his respect and gratitude.

And the results he had achieved didn't need to be flaunted before a remarkable woman who had vanished into the river of history for him to feel a sense of accomplishment.

So, after taking a long breath, Su Ping returned to the study. He carefully hung the Jade Pendant on the wall, then pursed his lips slightly and performed a respectful, ancient-style bow towards the blueprints and the Jade Pendant inscribed with the character 'Xue' before him.

Then, picking up the two blueprints again, Su Ping ignored the sight of the Big Sun moving westward outside and returned to the basement.

The Paperman, which had previously morphed into the Five Elements Paper Diagram, had now transformed back into a sword.

At this moment, upon seeing this scene, Su Ping couldn't contain his excitement from the breakthrough in his understanding of the Dao of Five Elements. His eyes widened as he stared at Xiao Qianyi, the little Paperman.

He had to admit, this little thing always managed to pull off some bizarre and impressive stunts that caught him off guard. And this was undoubtedly one of those times.

At this moment, Qian Yi didn't resemble the Swordsman he once was, but rather the Thousand-Armed Guanyin that Su Ping had seen before and was extremely familiar with.

Qian Yi was still standing there, but the paper cape behind him had disappeared at some point. In its place were eight long swords, like four pairs of sword wings, embedded behind Qian Yi. Although it struck Su Ping with awe at first glance, after looking a few more times, it did indeed give off a very sacred illusion.

The illusion of sanctity wavered if one considered Qian Yi occasionally pulling out a sword from behind, transforming the eight-winged Paperman into an asymmetrical seven-winged one. Given the narrowness of the sword blades, this made the sight even more bizarre.

"YAAY!"

Qian Yi, however, was clearly having a blast. He was attempting all sorts of Swordsmanship in this form, be it Lightning Flash, Gale of Resolute Destruction, or others.

It was just unknown whether Xiao Qianyi could comprehend any new Swordsmanship in this state.

However, this wasn't the time for Qian Yi to be practicing his Swordsmanship.

Su Ping called out, and the little fellow leaped gracefully to his side.

Then, at Su Ping's command, the little fellow's face twitched. The five swords instantly disassembled, reverting into fifteen clueless-looking Five Elements Origami Men.

Su Ping tossed the five Soul-Settling Papers he had just finished preparing to the five designated little fellows. Then, he took out five brand new Soul-Settling Papers and began to draw on them, referencing the draft blueprints left by Xue Hongluan.

It still involved drawing solid lines, dotted lines, and arrows indicating the direction of energy flow. However, the complexity was entirely different from before. Not only were these new blueprints far more complex, but they also included arrows pointing in reverse directions.

The true Five Elements Formation Map, assembled from the blueprints left by Xue Hongluan, was fascinating. As he had previously suspected, it wasn't merely about the generation cycle of the Five Elements. It also incorporated the principles of the overcoming cycle, as well as reverse generation and reverse overcoming, creating a remarkably interesting way to leverage energy.

The principles behind these blueprints were countless times more profound than the original Five Elements Formation Map. Naturally, this also demanded far more precise control over the energy pathways.

Even Su Ping himself didn't know how much time had passed before he finally finished marking all five Soul-Settling Papers.

"Qian Yi!"

"YAAY!"

Qian Yi perked up again. He sheathed his swords and returned to his master Su Ping's side. Seeing the five even more complex blueprints, he scratched his head.

Qian Yi was a genius, but even he would need a good while to familiarize himself with these pathways constructed from dotted lines, solid lines, and arrows.

Nevertheless, having gained some experience from his previous, somewhat clumsy attempts, he managed to get the hang of it after about half a day of study. Eventually, Qian Yi called over the five Five Elements Origami Men that had already morphed into the Five Elements Paper Diagram that morning.

Afterward, these five little fellows began to refold themselves in mid-air.

About an hour later, after several instances of incorrect energy transfer—which Su Ping helped correct with patient, hands-on guidance—the energy conduction finally stabilized.

At this moment, the Five Elements Origami Men still retained the form of the Five Elements Paper Diagram.

But their energy fluctuations were significantly different from before.

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Then, Su Ping took a long, deep breath.

Under the observation of the Eye of Truth, Su Ping saw no differences.

The Five Elements Paper Diagram, skill level, and everything else were exactly the same as before.

However, Su Ping also knew that this was the true beginning of the experimental phase.

And it was an experimental phase Su Ping had never even considered.

He hadn't imagined that what he believed would require a very long period of research had yielded such unimaginable results in just a day or two.

Standing on the shoulders of Xue Hongluan, Su Ping felt ashamed, yet he was still excited.

However, even Xue Hongluan herself, after creating this formation map of Five Elements energy, probably couldn't have completed a genuine experiment on an individual Pet Beast.

So, whether or not this fusion of the formation map could truly work is still uncertain.

As this thought crossed Su Ping's mind, Qian Yi had already received the telepathic instruction.

Then, the Fire Element section of the Five Elements Paper Diagram, the part Qian Yi was most familiar with, began to operate.

The Flame energy was slowly activated. Then, the adjacent Metal and Earth Elements lit up, and simultaneously, the entire Five Elements Paper Diagram was mobilized.

Fire overcomes Metal and produces Earth. Simultaneously, Fire produces Earth, which in turn sustains Wood; and Wood overcomes Earth, which in turn produces Fire.

This was merely the energy transformation of a single Attribute; yet, during the process, four different types of Attribute energies were stimulated to drive this transformation.

The next instant, the Earth Element lit up.

Earth overcomes Water and produces Metal. Earth produces Metal, which in turn sustains Water.

Su Ping stared intently, without blinking, at the Five Elements Formation Map Paperman undergoing the energy transformation.

At this moment, the Energy Detector beside him also transmitted its feedback.

The initial Fire Elemental Energy emitted by the Elite Level Pet Beast, under the enhancement of the Five Elements Formation Map, registered an energy fluctuation of 130 points.

This was a considerably good output for an Intermediate Level Elite.

Keep in mind, this was just a First Rank Elite Paperman that had recently evolved. However, after that seemingly complex yet instantaneous transformation, a new number appeared on the Energy Detector during the rotation of the Earth Element energy.

This number made Su Ping purse his lips: 157 points!

Compared to the initial Fire Elemental Energy, disregarding slight fluctuations, it was about 20% stronger!

This is an increase! Not a consumption!

What does this represent?

Before Su Ping had much time to think, Earth produced Metal. Metal Element energy detected: 184 points. The amplification ratio was slightly lower but still preposterous.

Metal produced Water. Water Element energy detected: 236 points. The ratio increased once more.

Water produced Wood. Wood Element energy detected: 270 points!

Finally, in a perfect demonstration of the Five Elements Cycle's generative and restrictive principles, the energy rotation continued from the Wood Element back to the Fire Element.

Wood produces Fire. After this complete cycle of the Five Elements, the initial 130 points of Fire Elemental Energy had transformed into 313 points!

This was nearly approaching the energy display value of a Commander First Stage.

A complete Five Elements Cycle had resulted in an energy amplification of over 160%!

With each step increasing by about 20%, following a progressive accumulation, this final figure was consistent with expectations.

It's a success!

It truly succeeded! Even though Su Ping had been prepared since witnessing the first amplification, at this very moment, seeing the original energy more than double after one complete cycle, an indescribable elation still overwhelmed him.

Indeed, in this magical world of Controlling Beasts, any miraculous occurrence is possible.

Any impossibility here can turn into a possibility.

The effects of this Five Elements Cycle have surpassed some basic thermodynamic theories from my previous world.

However, after some thought, Su Ping activated the Eye of Truth again, looking at the Paperman and the Five Elements Paper Diagram before him. Predictably,

even amidst such a cycle of energy accumulation, the Five Elements Paper Diagram itself still hadn't changed.

The change I wanted to see still hasn't appeared.

Su Ping was certain that the effectiveness and Ability of this phenomenon were no less significant than Old Sha's Heart of the Sun.

Even the Heart of the Sun had limitations, such as requiring sunny weather to exert its greatest effect.

This requirement wasn't excessively high, but it wasn't exactly low either.

After all, accessing sunlight could be difficult if one wasn't outdoors.

However, the Five Elements Cycle had no such limitations.

At this moment, the Five Elements Cycle is like Iron Man's arc reactor.

Even more preposterously potent.

It can achieve unlimited energetic growth through self-operation—an Ability that defies all conventional logic!

Of course, there are distinctions and limitations. For instance, how can a mere Elite First Rank Five Elements Origami Man indefinitely withstand such a vigorous enhancement of energy?

But now isn't the time to consider these issues.

The Super-Rank Skill hasn't formed completely yet.

This means the crux of Skill Cultivation hasn't been perfected. It's similar to Old Sha's Sun Formula stage, where the three Skills weren't perfectly unified, and the Blinding Technique hadn't become the release mechanism for the Power of the Sun.

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Therefore, this Super-Rank Skill from the Five Elements had not formally fused yet.

However, for Su Ping, the most arduous transition step had already been resolved at this very moment!

Now, what he needed to do was to see where the limits of this Five Elements Cycle were!

Is this the limit? Obviously not!

Su Ping's eyes were excitedly fixed on the Five Elements Paper Diagram that had formed, with no intention of stopping it. Bloodshot threads appeared in his eyes, but he paid them no mind.

"Qian Yi, continue!" he urged. "Five Elements Paper Diagram, let me see your limits! Keep transforming!"

The orange-red energy of the Fire Element rose in the air, bringing with it a scorching temperature. Then, the Five Elements energy began its transformation once more.

In an instant, with the flare-up of this energy, all but the Water Element lit up again on the Five Elements Paper Diagram.

And then, it all stopped.

A crisp snapping sound was followed by a booming explosion coming from the basement.

Then, an explosion of energy that wasn't overly strong, but still potent enough, turned into a Fireball and burst thunderously within the basement. Qian Yi drew his sword and placed it in front of him, blocking all the force of the explosion.

At the same time, he protected the other scattered Papermen with his Sword Qi.

Su Ping blinked, surveying the dust in front of him, then hurried past the little Paperman Qian Yi to look at the original Five Elements Paper Diagram.

Clearly, the Five Elements Paper Diagram could no longer maintain its integrated state and had split apart.

Some injuries appeared on several Five Elements Origami Men; among them, the Water Element Origami Man was the least affected, almost undamaged. Its body was merely slightly singed and blackened. As for the other four—the Metal, Wood, and Earth Element Origami Men—their condition was also manageable.

But as the epicenter of the Fire Element's direct explosion, that Fire Element Origami Man was the most severely injured. Even to describe it as hanging by a thread would not be an exaggeration. Its paper body was riddled with large cracks and tears, with parts even bearing the marks of burnt ash.

Su Ping didn't think twice before activating his innate Talent, 'Rapid Recovery'.

The consumption of spiritual power transformed into the purest Life Force, healing the Fire Element Origami Man in that moment. At the same time, he took out several pre-prepared recovery resources and used them on this Fire Element Origami Man.

This barely managed to stop the deterioration of the little creature's injuries.

This was one of the advantages of Papermen. Such injuries would probably have reduced any other Pet Beast to ashes. In contrast, a Paperman, being a creature of the Necromancy Series, had no vital weaknesses. As long as a part of its body remained, it could revive and recover at the fastest possible rate.

After this series of actions, Su Ping wasn't worried about the Papermen's injuries, but what had just happened was clear to him.

To say he wasn't disappointed would be impossible, but it was, after all, to be expected.

Even though they had combined, the innate Level of the Five Elements Origami Men was only Elite First Rank, a fact that could not be altered! At such a Level, to withstand energy rolling at the Commander Level—and not just releasing Skills but also continuing to amplify them according to the principles of the Five Elements—was indeed too much for these low-Level Papermen.

But even though it had only completed one cycle of five transformations, Su Ping could draw a conclusion from it. This explosion proved the viability of the Five Elements Cycle. However, just as Xue Hongluan had pointed out in her array diagram message, the material is inadequate!

The evolved Papermen could now withstand this type of transformation, but they still couldn't endure multiple transformations.

However, this wasn't an insurmountable problem. In fact, for Su Ping, it was quite simple.

Because next, all I need to do is continue to increase the Paperman's Level and quality! Simultaneously, I have to find the opportunity for Skill Fusion to create a true Super-Rank Skill!

Thinking of this, Su Ping let out a breath and glanced at Qian Yi.

"Keep a close watch on these Papermen's recovery, and for now, don't let them continue to combine into the Five Elements Paper Diagram form. You go practice your swordsmanship."

"WAH!"

After the little Paperman acknowledged, Su Ping left the gloomy basement.

As expected, after a busy day, the evening sun was setting, presenting a scene of dusk.

The Papermen's continued growth and improvement merely required pumping resources into them. However, the race limit of a pure Elemental Papercraft Person was, after all, only the peak of Elite Tenth Stage. If I want them to advance further, it's clear I still need to achieve a breakthrough in the Paperman's higher evolution at this stage. This is quite troublesome.

The Super-Rank Skill from the Five Elements fusion, the cultivation of the Heart of Elements, and the continued evolution of the Paperman race present so many issues. However, this time, I'm not planning to slowly research on my own anymore. The most important factor is that time is indeed too tight.

The special forces Breeder selection is in mid-March. For the sake of the Heavenly Tomb's secrets, I can't afford to miss it. Therefore, I only have three months. The Paperman's evolutionary combination form must approach perfection. Only when it's perfect can I have the confidence and assurance to participate in the Breeder selection.

But how long was the gap between the appearance of Old Sha's Sun Formula and his Heart of the Sun Super-Rank Skill? A full half year. If it takes half a year again this time to cultivate a Super-Rank Skill for the Heavenly Tomb Breeder selection, then my chances of being selected aren't great. So, this time, the speed of cultivation, above all else, has to increase.

Moreover, regarding Pet Beast cultivation, I feel I can't always keep all the benefits for myself. To be honest, Old Liu has been genuinely good to me. Although at the previous celebration banquet, his insistence on a sworn brotherhood with me was something I really couldn't bear. But this time, with cultivating the Super-Rank Skill, I have to involve Old Liu, to add another achievement to his resume, especially since he's about to formally take over as the Chairman of the Jianghai Breeder Association in a few days.

But speaking of which... That old guy mentioned at the celebration banquet about making me the honorary vice-chairman of the Jianghai Breeder Association. It's the kind of cushy position where one only needs to reap the benefits without doing much... I wonder if it has been implemented yet. And what about Master Zhu Hong? Wasn't he going to apply for Breeding Master status for me? There's been no word on this in the past few days.

Although I enjoy this quiet cultivation environment, I can't forget about matters that truly affect my interests, can I? This is a good opportunity and pretext to have a proper talk with Old Liu. I'll have him become my assistant in researching the Paperman's evolutionary path. I just wonder if the old man's pride can accept it? I need to approach this tactfully!

Thinking this, Su Ping no longer hesitated, took out his phone, opened Liu Fuhai's contact, and dialed.

Chapter 459: Qin Erlong: No One Understands Su Ping Better Than Me

In a massive, isolated laboratory of the Breeder Association.

Three figures were nodding occasionally as they observed the two enormous creatures before them. The trio was none other than Liu Fuhai, Qin Erlong, and Master Zhu Hong, who stood in the center. Their gazes were firmly fixed on what was before them.

At this moment, if ordinary people from the outside world were to see the two figures that appeared before them, they would likely exclaim in shock. They were two genuine behemoths.

With antlers like a deer, a head like a camel, eyes like a rabbit, a neck like a snake, a belly like a mirage, scales like a fish, claws like an eagle, paws like a tiger, and ears like an ox! These two were indeed True Dragons of the Eastern Divine Dragon Clan! However, the two displayed wide variations and distinctions.

One of them was greenish-yellow, its entire body having the texture of a tree trunk. Leaves dotted its skin, giving it an incredibly fresh and vibrant appearance. On its massive dragon head, the whiskers seemed to extend like branches, and the scales along its body closely resembled those of a True Dragon carved from wood.

Mu Long!

Moreover, it was a Mu Long of the Divine Dragon Clan. This Attribute was incredibly rare among the Dragon Clan.

Indeed, even for someone like Qin Erlong, who as the president of a provincial Breeder Association, held a significant post akin to a high official within the entire Dragon Nation, it wasn't easy to obtain a Dragon Pet of such caliber. This creature was the reward bestowed by the upper echelons of the Dragon Nation upon Sang Sheng for his ascension to the Spirit Saint Level, just as Sang Sheng and Master Zhu Hong had discussed previously. However, Sang Sheng chose not to form a contract with this Mu Long as his Pet Beast. Instead, he gifted it to his husband, who happened to need a Pet Beast contract at that time. This allowed President Qin to become a Dragon Tamer. Concurrently, this was the primary reason Master Zhu Hong sought out Qin Erlong.

At this moment, another Divine Dragon of the Eastern Dragon Clan hovered in the air opposite the Mu Long. But unlike the Mu Long, which looked lifelike, almost as if it were carved from wood, this Divine Dragon was brownish-yellow, and its scales were as hard as marble. The claws and the muscular lines of its body were distinctly rugged. Overall, it possessed a rougher, less delicate style compared to the Mu Long.

Earth Dragon. Or perhaps, Yellow Dragon.

This creature was also not something just anybody could easily acquire. As Master Zhu Hong was a Breeding Master recognized by the Breeder Association and had made significant contributions to the Dragon Nation, it was only reasonable for him to possess such a Pet Beast.

"Brother Qin, your Mu Long is truly exceptional. It is truly worthy of being a member of the Dragon Clan whose Racial Potential starts at the Spirit Saint Level!" Master Zhu Hong couldn't help but express his admiration as he looked at the two massive dragons.

"Haha, starting with Spirit Saint Level Racial Potential means missing an opportunity for Evolution from the Emperor Level. For a Top-level Breeder like you, Master Zhu Hong, such an Evolution is precisely the key to a Pet Beast's power soaring. Under such circumstances, even if my Big Tree reaches the Spirit Saint Level in the future, its strength probably won't compare to your Earth Dragon, Master Zhu Hong!" Qin Erlong spoke modestly, but from a certain perspective, it was indeed the truth.

For Breeders like Master Zhu Hong, the process of Evolution is a rare opportunity for strength enhancement. Even upon reaching a threshold like the Emperor Level or Spirit Saint Level, and possessing adequate Racial Potential, an ascent to the Spirit Saint Level is not guaranteed. This also depends on the individual Talent and aptitude of the Pet Beast.

"So, I must thank you for your help, Brother Qin, for allowing a drop of Essence Blood from this Mu Long every week. Rest assured, I, Zhu Hong, will certainly do my best to compensate!" Zhu Hong said with a smile.

Dragon Blood is an exceedingly precious substance. To help evolve Master Zhu Hong's Earth Dragon, providing a drop of Essence Blood weekly would take a considerable toll on the Mu Long. Needless to say, under such conditions of losing Essence Blood, it would be impossible for it to increase its strength.

President Qin laughed, "It's just a few drops of blood, no big deal. Master Zhu Hong, there's no need to be so formal."

"Roar..."

Clearly, his master's generosity greatly displeased the Mu Long named Big Tree, and it growled at President Qin:

Dammit! Since it's not your old blood being used, of course you'd say it's no big deal!

Qin Erlong's face flushed slightly, obviously a bit embarrassed by his Pet Beast's lack of decorum. Master Zhu Hong, on the other hand, didn't take much notice and laughed it off.

The conversation soon shifted, and Qin Erlong changed the topic, saying, "Speaking of which, Su Ping securing first place in the recent Breeder Contest was also thanks to your guidance, Master Zhu Hong."

At this, Master Zhu Hong quickly waved his hand, "You flatter me, President Qin. Su Ping and the Wanmu Wolf, along with the Heart of the Sun, truly deserve first place!"

"Oh? Is the Heart of the Sun really that remarkable?"

Liu Fuhai glanced at the old man. This old geezer, always pretending to be ignorant. He'd witnessed the effect of the Heart of the Sun firsthand during their time in the Secret Realm, and here he was, still feigning ignorance.

Master Zhu Hong, unaware of Liu Fuhai's thoughts, nodded in agreement. "Indeed, it is quite extraordinary. It can gather the Power of the Sun to detonate instantly. The supply of such Energy is unparalleled, and the Energy recovery and other effects of the Heart of the Sun are also quite exceptional..." The words Master Zhu Hong used were already considerable praise coming from him.

Yet afterward, he even added, "This Super-Rank Skill has the potential to be inducted into the Skills Hall! Of course, that's merely potential for now. It will require further observation and comparison over time."

Hmm?!

Upon hearing this, not just Qin Erlong but also Liu Fuhai involuntarily turned to look at him.

Hall Skill!?

In the domain of Breeders on Blue Star, this is a supreme achievement. Only a select few extremely potent Super-Rank Skills have the chance to be recognized by World Breeders and earn a place in that Domain. Within this Domain of the Skills Hall, only Skills that have left behind legendary deeds in history and are revered by countless Breeders have been recorded. Overall, it is said that fewer than a hundred such Skills exist within this Domain.

That seems like quite a few. However, this is measured against the standard of Blue Star. Across the entirety of Blue Star, how many types of Pet Beasts are there? How many different kinds of unique Skills? They are innumerable! One can only imagine what it signifies for only about a hundred of them to be included! This represents the highest honor for a Skill.

Does this Heart of the Sun truly have a chance to enter the Skills Hall and have its name recorded? Although it was just a chance, even Liu Fuhai found it incredible when he first heard of it.

In fact, Zhu Hong wasn't joking with them because after the competition ended, he had called Sang Sheng again specifically to discuss this Skill. Upon hearing how Old Sha had nearly destroyed the entire Linhai Secret Realm, and about the seemingly inexhaustible supply of Energy under direct sunlight, even Master Zhu Hong had been left speechless for a considerable time.

At this moment, even Liu Fuhai couldn't help but remark, "Setting aside the Ability, this kid's luck is truly exceptional!"

Indeed, the emergence and Cultivation of such Skills are not solely a matter of one's own Ability; luck plays a significant role too!

Zhu Hong also nodded in agreement. "It's just a pity that such luck is exceedingly rare. Moreover, to seize such an opportunity and successfully bring it to fruition is even more challenging! Su Ping was fortunate to possess the capability, but encountering such a chance again will not be easy."

Qin Erlong, however, didn't quite agree with such sentiments. Perhaps it was because his understanding of the professional domain of Skill Cultivation wasn't as profound as that of the other two. Or perhaps, it was because over the past six months or so, Qin Erlong had witnessed Su Ping effortlessly achieve too many feats that other Breeders had dismissed as improbable. This had instilled in him an almost mystical confidence in Su Ping. For instance, there was the initial disbelief from Old Liu and Sun Chaoju regarding the Heart of Woods. Then came the perfection of the Wanmu Wolf, which Old Liu had also doubted. The subsequent Super-Rank Skills all followed a similar pattern of defying expectations. So, it wasn't out of the realm of possibility for Su Ping to make similar research breakthroughs in the future, was it?

Therefore, he chose to speak up for the young fellow, "Not necessarily, right? It doesn't seem like this young fellow has struggled much from start to finish. I'm still very optimistic about him."

Liu Fuhai and Zhu Hong glanced at the old man and ignored him. What does he know?

However, just then, a phone call came through, interrupting their idle chatter. Liu Fuhai picked up the phone with a slight smile. "See? You can't just go around talking about people behind their backs. The man himself has called, hasn't he!"

The other two were also momentarily stunned and turned their gazes towards Liu Fuhai's phone. Thereupon, Old Liu answered the call and immediately turned on the speakerphone. "Hello, Xiao Ping?"

"Old Liu, where are you?" Su Ping's cheerful and excited voice came from the other end of the phone.

"Haha, where else would I be? I'm at the Association. What's up? Is there something you need?"

"Other matters are trivial. I've recently identified some research directions and need some assistance..." Su Ping's voice came through.

Liu Fuhai promptly laughed, "What's this about? Just tell me how many people you need. Those youngsters in Linzhou are all itching to go to your place and assist, hoping to witness the Wanmu Wolf's Super-Rank Skill Cultivation!"

"Hmm... I don't need ordinary Breeders. I was wondering, Old Liu, do you have some free time recently? Could you come and help me? I don't quite trust this to just anyone."

Hmm? Asking for his help?

Although it was nearing the end of the year and he was soon to be promoted to President—which meant he wasn't as busy as before—surely he wasn't needed for minor matters, right? Suddenly, Liu Fuhai seemed to realize something...

"What is it? Don't tell me it's about the Icefang Whitewolf?!!"

At the other end of the phone, hearing this name made Su Ping scratch his head in embarrassment. If Old Liu hadn't brought it up, Su Ping would have almost forgotten about that matter entirely. But at this moment, he could only tell the truth, "That's not it, but it is indeed related to a new Super-Rank Skill."

"A new Super-Rank Skill?" This time, even Master Zhu Hong, who was beside them, perked up and instinctively inquired.

"Ah, Master Zhu Hong is there too."

However, at this moment, no one paid any attention to Su Ping's greeting, as Liu Fuhai had already impatiently pressed on, "What Super-Rank Skill? On which Pet Beast was it cultivated? What are its effects, roughly? And how does it compare to the Heart of the Sun?"

With a barrage of questions, Su Ping began to answer each. "It's a Super-Rank Skill related to Five Elements Elemental Energy! It's on the Evolutionary Body of the regular Paperman I researched previously! As for its effects, it's hard to say precisely. However, when compared to the Heart of the Sun, its foundational effects, at least from what I can tell for now, might be even more magical and interesting."

Liu Fuhai was dumbfounded.

Master Zhu Hong was equally perplexed.

The two remained bewildered, apparently unable to fully process the immense implications of Su Ping's words.

Only Qin Erlong, standing to the side, spread his hands wide. 'What did I say? Exactly! No one understands this kid better than I do.'

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Confusion.

At this moment, this was the only feeling Old Liu and Master Zhu had.

What puzzled them was not just how Su Ping had managed to find another clue to a Super-Rank Skill in such a short time. They were even more perplexed by what was meant by an Evolutionary Body of an ordinary Paperman.

Does an ordinary Paperman even have an Evolutionary Body?

This was something even these two, though not Undead Cultivators, understood very well.

Papermen were known as the Necromancy System's disgrace, a Pet Beast with only a crippled Evolutionary Body. The experience gained by countless Undead Cultivators after many attempts had shown that ordinary Papermen definitely had no Evolutionary Bodies.

Originally, Su Ping did indeed have one, but unfortunately, that Evolutionary Body was a Mutation. A mutated Evolutionary Body had no reference value whatsoever for ordinary Paperman Pet Beasts. The Attribute changes and physical mutations of Mutated Pet Beasts could result in extra Evolutionary Atlases and possibilities. Under such circumstances, how could one expect an ordinary Evolutionary Body to evolve like a mutated Evolutionary Body?

But now, Su Ping was telling them that not only was there an Evolutionary Body, but what was even more preposterous, this so-called Evolutionary Body had even developed a brand-new Super-Rank Skill? A Skill on par with, or even more wondrous than, the Heart of the Sun?

Liu Fuhai and Zhu Hong exchanged glances, quickly came to their senses, and without a second thought, Master Zhu Hong recalled his Earth Dragon Pet Beast and then followed Liu Fuhai, rushing outside.

Watching the three who had descended from the sky in less than ten minutes, Su Ping looked at the flying vehicle above with a puzzled expression. Weren't private individuals prohibited from using flying abilities within the city center? These three were truly fast.

But Su Ping also understood the attraction of what he had just discussed on the phone for Breeders like Old Liu and Master Zhu.

"Su Ping, what exactly is going on? Wasn't your Paperman mutated? How did it now produce a Mutant and even gain a Super-Rank Skill?" Liu Fuhai asked eagerly.

Su Ping smiled but didn't keep them in suspense. However, he had to say something first, "Old Liu, Old Qin, Master Zhu, all three of you are my seniors, even my guides on the path of a Breeder, and you have shown me great kindness. However, this matter concerns something important. Therefore, after you three have seen that thing, please do not spread word of it indiscriminately!"

Su Ping always preferred to state things clearly upfront to avoid any problems later when it would be too late to find a solution.

Seeing Su Ping's serious expression, everyone present realized that their sudden arrival was indeed somewhat improper. This was especially true for Master Zhu Hong. Compared to the other two, Zhu Hong's relationship with Su Ping wasn't nearly as close.

What did a brand-new Evolutionary Body for a Pet Beast—one previously defined as worthless, the disgrace of the Necromancy System—signify? The implications were self-evident. For someone not part of the research team to dare pry into such a discovery surely meant they harbored ill intentions. With this in mind, Zhu Hong even directly wanted to wave his hand and say, "It was presumptuous of me, Su Ping. I won't listen anymore; you just tell President Liu about it!"

However, he didn't expect Su Ping to shake his head with a smile. "Don't, Master Zhu, your arrival is perfectly timed. I do have some thoughts about this Paperman, and only you can provide some help."

With these words, Zhu Hong felt much relieved, but he still exchanged a glance with Liu Fuhai before saying, "Alright, Su Ping, you can rest assured. I will not mention this to anyone."

Su Ping grinned slightly and finally relaxed completely, then led the three men to the entrance of the basement, which he had entered and exited countless times that day.

"Su Ping, what exactly is the situation with that Paperman Evolutionary Body?"

As they walked, Su Ping began to explain with a smile, "Back then, in the notes left by Breeder Mu Yu, he elaborated on some of his views regarding Papermen. This Breeder Mu once mentioned that the Paperman's soul is incomplete, making it a truly defective Pet Beast!"

Liu Fuhai nodded from the side. "Indeed, I've also read Mu Yu's diary. That old guy... sigh..."

As Liu Fuhai spoke of Mu Yu, his expression remained complex, but Su Ping paid it no mind and continued, "But, any Pet Beast, as long as it is a Pet Beast, shouldn't have such an issue in principle. So, when I read Breeder Mu Yu's diary, I had a bold idea: the Paperman's soul is incomplete, but that doesn't mean it can't be mended! In fact, that is indeed the case."

They re-entered the staircase leading to the basement.

Liu Fuhai and Zhu Hong were now completely focused on Su Ping, asking, "Oh? What do you mean?"

Su Ping said confidently, "A Paperman's folding Ability allows two or more Papermen to join together directly. So, if one Paperman's soul is incomplete, what if a group of Papermen were combined, forming a collective where their paper bodies, Energy, and souls are completely fused?"

Su Ping's resounding voice echoed through the empty basement.