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Chapter 551: The Expansion of the Heart of Myriad Spirits! Completion of the Five Elements Quintuple Transformation!

"What's gotten into you, kid? You're in a daze. Did the breakthrough leave you stupefied?"

Early in the morning, when Su Ping arrived at the Paperman's temporary cultivation studio, Liu Fuhai greeted him with a teasing remark and a smile. Beside them, Zhu Hong, who was watching Su Ping take notes on yesterday's battle, also gave Su Ping a surprised look. They all knew about the young fellow's promotion, but indeed, why did he seem so absentminded since arriving this morning?

Su Ping shook his head, though it was quite obvious he wasn't fully present, still lost in thought, as if pondering something. The two Breeders exchanged glances, both slightly puzzled.

What Su Ping was thinking about was none other than the Flame Fruit he had been struggling with ever since completing his breakthrough. This very morning, he had experimented with it numerous times.

This Flame Fruit... this morning, it's no longer my Flame Fruit; it's damn well become Schrödinger's Flame Fruit! What is this, quantum entanglement? As long as I'm not observing it, the Flame Fruit disappears within the Beast Taming Space. But as soon as I focus intently on it with my spiritual power, the Flame Fruit just sits there obediently.

Later, he speculated, Could something be sneakily eating it?

However, he had thoroughly searched the entire Beast Taming Space, inside and out, to the point of feeling quite dazed, yet he found nothing.

In the end, Su Ping helplessly condensed several more Flame Fruits. He then had Xiao Qing, who was training with the Forest Wolf, take them into the Beast Taming Space to keep a close watch and figure out what exactly was going on with them. But this whole affair is too bizarre and involves my personal secrets, so I can't really discuss it with others.

"Alright, come over and let's talk about yesterday's Five Elements Paper Diagram," Master Zhu Hong said, clearly more concerned about this matter.

Su Ping nodded and recounted the events of the previous day. Liu Fuhai and Zhu Hong quickly focused, fully acquainting themselves with the details of the Five Elements Paper Diagram battle.

After some discussion, Master Zhu Hong stated decisively, "Barring any unforeseen issues, I can now officially declare that the research on the Great Five Elements Cycle Super-Rank Skills should be entering its final stage!"

Liu Fuhai and Su Ping exchanged a glance, and both couldn't help but smile. As collaborators in the research, how could the three of them not know? Now, once the Great Five Elements Cycle, the most crucial target, was completed, it would likely trigger a qualitative change.

Su Ping let out a long breath.

After all, the time left for me isn't plentiful. It has been some time since the new year. According to the Gregorian calendar, less than two months remain before mid-March. That's when I'm scheduled to go to Beiyuan Province for the selection of the Special Beast Taming Forces at the Heavenly Tomb.

Speaking of which, I wonder what my old man is up to at the Rong Family's place in Beiyuan? Heh, will I surprise the old fellow when I sneak off to Beiyuan to find him at the Rong Family's? The old fellow was formerly with the Legion, right? If I succeed this time, I'll become a Breeder with the Special Beast Taming Forces! Maybe the position could even be higher than his? I wonder if there will come a day when the old fellow will salute me and call me officer?

Chuckling to himself, Su Ping then discussed yesterday's Secret Realm with Zhu Hong and Liu Fuhai.

"By the way, would either of you two be interested in these items?" Su Ping suddenly brought out the Sea Python Command and the cultivation insights scroll of the Ten Thousand Snake Saint. "These are the items from the Mysterious Snake Secret Realm yesterday!"

The two were taken aback but took the items. Upon inspecting them, they looked at Su Ping in surprise. "Su Ping, these are no ordinary items!"

Indeed, they were not ordinary, but they weren't very useful to Su Ping. The Serpentine Script on the back of the Sea Python Command described a special and exclusive Skill for serpent-class Pet Beasts:

'Serpent Swallowing Elephant.' During his time in the Mysterious Snake Secret Realm, it seemed the Blackwater Mysterious Snakes used this ability to significantly speed up their recovery by devouring Pet Beast corpses, which also allowed them to digest a greater number of rare treasures. It was quite an impressive Skill.

The cultivation insights scroll contained the cultivation methods for two Pet Beast evolutionary bodies. These were somewhat similar to the cultivation insights of Fengdu Sword King Yu Liangqing for the Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword and the Immortal White Bone Sword. However, as the Ten Thousand Snake Saint with deep ties to the Snake Nation, the directions of cultivation he focused on were naturally even more formidable. The cultivation insights mentioned were for the Emperor Level evolution of a Blackwater Mysterious Snake: the Overlord Sea Snake, and the Emperor Level evolution of a Cloud-Patterned Tree Python: the Cloud Wing Wooden Jiao.

However, as the Heart of Myriad Spirits currently had no cultivation plans for snake-type Pet Beasts, the items were not of much use to Su Ping.

Zhu Hong and Liu Fuhai, on the other hand, looked at each other. The former smiled. "Your luck is truly good, kid. For the Overlord Sea Snake, its evolutionary body is already documented in the Breeder system, but a perfected and concrete cultivation method for this Cloud Wing Wooden Jiao has yet to be fully developed. This information is very valuable."

Su Ping shrugged. "I don't have much use for it. This item was originally from the Qintian Monitor, intended for the Breeder Association anyway, so Master Zhu, you can record it when the time comes."

"No problem. I'll give you a hefty amount of cultivation credits for it, but..."

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Master Zhu Hong raised his eyebrows but didn't rush to discuss the matter of the Five Elements Paper Diagram. The breeding work was at its final stage, so he was no longer in a hurry for that moment.

"You do have a talent for pet beast breeding, and you have the ability. I'm aware of your ambition with the Heart of Myriad Spirits. The serpent-kind pet beasts often have some associations with Dragon Pets, and they do have great breeding value," he said.

Su Ping couldn't help but lament, "I wish I could. I'm thinking of using the Shadow Clone Technique right now to study the Paperman while investigating the plant-based pet beast evolution on the other side, and carry out the ancestral evolution of the Flame-Eating Crow. Also, there will be the Wolf Pets that Old Liu is going to send over soon. Oh, and now I also have this Cloud-Patterned Tree Python and Blackwater Mysterious Snake."

Master Zhu Hong smiled, "Young fellow, do you know why the Breeding Masters of Dragon Nation, even those from all over the world, ask their subordinates to train a certain number of breeder students? Human capabilities are limited; even for any favored child of the heavens, it's impossible to take care of everything. However, as a Breeding Master, you can totally control the overall direction and leave the details to be perfected by others! It's very important for the Heart of Myriad Spirits to expand according to your ideas and become the breeding base for all kinds of pet beasts," he said.

Su Ping was stunned.

He fell into deep thought.

That's right. For a Pet Beast Breeding Base like the Heart of Myriad Spirits, even if I have the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, it's impossible for me to personally oversee everything, like I did with the Wanmu Wolf initially. I know very well how much mental energy I consumed during that period.

"Do you mean for me to recruit some breeder students or assistants?" Su Ping asked.

Master Zhu Hong nodded.

Upon hearing this, Liu Fuhai's eyes lit up next to him, "Xiao Ping, I've been waiting for you to say that! As soon as you give the word, I can guarantee, not just Junior Breeders, but even Intermediate Breeders would queue from the Heart of Myriad Spirits all the way to the center of Linzhou City! You can pick whoever you want at that time."

Su Ping forced a smile, "Isn't that an exaggeration?"

Even though Su Ping said that, he truly knew it was no exaggeration! With his current standing at the Breeder Association of Linzhou, having just won first prize in the breeder contest, describing him as

rising like the sun wasn't an overstatement at all in this circle! It was just that Su Ping really kept a low profile. Normally, let alone entering the Breeder Association, he hardly ever visited the center of Linzhou City, so many who wanted to curry favor didn't get the chance. Only some were undeterred, hoping to find a chance encounter with Su Ping in the Heart of Myriad Spirits, but the New Year celebrations hadn't provided a good opportunity. Su Ping's own abilities needed no proof; more importantly, his network needed no further mention. Not many common people knew about Sang Sheng and Leng Ye, but within the upper echelons of the Breeder Association, it had always been rumored that besides President Liu almost certainly grooming him as a successor, Master Zhu Hong was also very optimistic about him and was now at the Heart of Myriad Spirits. At the very least, he might be the future president of the Jianghai Breeder Association. What if he took one step further and became a Breeding Master? Given his age, it wasn't impossible—in fact, it was highly probable! If one could establish a 'teacher-student' relationship with him, even if only in name, the path as a breeder would become much smoother.

Su Ping also lapsed into contemplation. Indeed, there was some truth to it. He had the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas; as long as the corresponding Catalog entries were lit up, daily contact with the respective pet beasts would earn him Experience Points. Any problems with breeding these Catalog pet beasts wouldn't be an issue. If he truly wanted to realize his dream of making the Heart of Myriad Spirits the most unique and comprehensive Pet Beast Breeding Base, it would indeed be difficult for him alone. As it stood, with Li Shu and Guan Lili present, he barely had to worry about the Forest Wolf's breeding at all.

That was the advantage, but Su Ping still had concerns.

"Are you afraid of misjudging people?" Master Zhu was a man of insight; he immediately perceived Su Ping's concerns.

Indeed, that was what Su Ping was worried about. In this world, humans would always be much more difficult to understand than pet beasts. Su Ping never liked to assume the worst of others, but in fact, many times there were indeed some matters and people that didn't withstand scrutiny.

This time, it was Liu Fuhai who laughed, "Su Ping, as your strength and status improve, these things simply won't be problems! If you were just an ordinary youth, even with a little talent in breeding and having just started, hardly anyone would pay attention if you wanted to find a mentor. But with your ability and current standing, even if you teach them nothing and merely order them about, they would eagerly comply. Once you have ability, most people around you will be exceptionally supportive. Heh, that includes Master Zhu and myself," he said.

The words weren't pleasant to hear, but they were indeed true.

Su Ping nodded. "Let me think about it. There's no rush for now!"

The two didn't press him any further; after all, it was ultimately Su Ping's own decision.

However, just as the topic had returned to the breeding of the Paperman and Su Ping was about to immerse himself in work, something else came up for him. Lao Guan's phone call was already coming through:

"Su Ping, would you like to come over and see the design work for the Heart of Soul? Once you give the go-ahead, we can start right away!"

Indeed, the Heart of Soul!

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Today is the tenth day of the first lunar month. It's time for Heart of Myriad Spirits and the majority of its staff to resume work after the holiday.

Over the past few days, apart from continuing his research with Liu Fuhai and Master Zhu, and making a trip to the Secret Realm to break through yesterday, Su Ping had mainly been discussing this year's early development plans for Heart of Myriad Spirits with Lao Guan.

The first two areas to be determined were those he had already decided to name 'Heart of Earth' and 'Heart of Soul.'

Heart of Earth was to be a vast region of open land for development, extending eastward from the Heart of Wood Cultivation Base towards West Dragon Lake, with no restriction on distance!

Su Ping whimsically wanted to create a giant wilderness with a variety of terrains such as forests, grasslands, deserts, Gobi terrain, and snow-capped mountains, which would be responsible for housing

all terrestrial Pet Beasts. The first inhabitants, for now, would be the Forest Wolves and the other Wolf Pets Liu Fuhai had promised to send directly once the site was prepared.

The other area, which Su Ping considered even more important, was specially designated for cultivating Undead Pet Beasts: Heart of Soul!

After much deliberation, Su Ping indeed named this area 'Heart of Soul.'

Undead represented the revival of the souls of Living Beings, the very essence of the soul's power. Any Undead Pet Beast, even those seemingly corporeal like Skeleton Soldiers and Jumping Zombies, actually relies primarily on its soul.

Su Ping didn't hesitate. He informed Old Liu and Zhu Hong, then headed over to Guan Qianshan.

At this moment, Guan Qianshan was not in the reception room but was leading the design company from their previous collaboration to another location!

This spot was across the street from the entrance of Heart of Myriad Spirits.

That's right, the construction site for Heart of Soul was not to be connected to the main body of Heart of Myriad Spirits.

The reason was simple: Heart of Myriad Spirits was already very large.

Heart of Woods, as the core of Heart of Myriad Spirits, housed the Cultivation laboratory and Su Ping's living quarters.

Heart of Cloud served as a combined leisure area, encompassing the training venue, holiday resort, lodge housing, dining hall, staff rest area, parking lot, and so on.

Not to mention Heart of Water and Forest Heart, which occupied the area south of Heart of Woods and Heart of Cloud, stretching for several kilometers.

Additionally, with 'Heart of Earth' soon to be developed east of Heart of Woods, there really wasn't much space left on the current main body of Heart of Myriad Spirits for the construction of Heart of Soul.

According to Su Ping's concept for Heart of Soul, it should be like a haunted house and labyrinth complex, integrated with an Undead Pet Beast management facility, neither too close nor too far from the main complex.

Therefore, the area across the street from Heart of Myriad Spirits was a very suitable location!

For many years, only one wide road led from Linzhou City Center to the East Suburb. It barely reached the last stop of a bus route.

Before the New Year, Su Ping had Lao Guan purchase all the land deeds near Heart of Myriad Spirits, an endeavor that cost hundreds of millions. Naturally, this included the area across the street.

Across the street, north of a row of old, street-facing shops, lay the wilderness forest where Su Ping had once explored the Secret Realm of the Pig King. Now that Su Ping had bought it, both the storefronts on the street and the wilderness forest behind them belonged to Heart of Myriad Spirits.

Of course, due to the special nature of Heart of Soul and its commercial plan, it couldn't really be located directly on the noisy and bustling main street; that wouldn't be suitable.

In fact, based on discussions between Su Ping and Lao Guan over the past few days, they planned to redevelop the street-facing shops into a mall centered around Pet Beasts. This would enrich the industrial diversity near Heart of Myriad Spirits. Magic Potions, resources, materials, and Low-level Pet Beasts—everything related could be sold there.

Furthermore, Su Ping wanted to capitalize on his 'advantage.'

He wanted to set up a 'Heart of Dreams Internet Cafe'! He planned to create a special internet cafe dedicated to the Dreamheart Helmets. This would allow customers who couldn't afford their own

helmets, but had some disposable income, to not just watch live streams but to genuinely experience the charm and effects of the Heart of Dreams.

Hmm... then I can further entice them to buy private helmets or spend money at the internet cafe, and then they might continuously stay at Heart of Cloud.

TCH! That would complete the industry loop, wouldn't it?

Su Ping suddenly felt that after spending so much time with Dong Muyun, his business acumen had become increasingly sophisticated.

So, the location of Heart of Soul was set on a large piece of wasteland to the northeast of this planned mall.

When Su Ping arrived, Guan Qianshan and the people from the design studio they had worked with before were already waiting.

"Breeder Su, it's a pleasure to see you again," the young woman who owned the design studio said, taking the lead. "I truly did not expect someone as young as you to have achieved such great and noble success."

'Noble'?

Su Ping glanced at her. Unlike before, when her respect seemed directed at his wealth and client status, her eyes now shone with genuine admiration.

At that moment, Su Ping thought Old Liu was indeed right.

He smiled slightly, "Uncle Guan has already gone over my requirements with you, hasn't he? Let's hear your ideas!"

The young woman chuckled. "Your idea coincides with those of many local business owners here in Linzhou who are venturing into emerging haunted house and live-action murder mystery themes. However, your scale is much larger, and you have more options.

"Regarding this, while our design studio has handled similar projects, we aren't the top-tier or most specialized in the country. Therefore, this time, I've brought someone else for you!"

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"He is an expert in this area, and also a necromancy Beast Tamer and Breeder, so he will have more insightful thoughts about your requirements."

Hmm?

Su Ping gave the female designer a perplexed look.

Talking about outsourcing the project right in front of me? You're pretty bold, huh?

Su Ping was somewhat astonished, exchanging a puzzled glance with Guan Qianshan, who appeared equally bewildered.

Behind the female designer, a young man with spectacles stepped forward. His complexion was pale and his figure frail.

Su Ping couldn't help but want to comment, Are all necromancy Beast Tamers and Breeders like this?

But he didn't say anything, simply nodding and extending his hand. "In that case, let's hear what you've got to say!"

The young man, pale and stern-faced, suddenly lit up with excitement when he saw Su Ping. And indeed, that was the case.

The guy eagerly gripped Su Ping's right hand with both of his.

"Breeder Su, I've finally met you in person! Back at the Breeder's competition, you..."

His excitement made his face flush slightly as he practically sprayed spit while talking.

This made Su Ping's expression grow increasingly dark.

But he could tell... this was a fan?

I can have fans now? But given my looks and presence, shouldn't I be attracting female fans? Where the hell did this guy come from?

Finally, the female designer couldn't take it anymore. "Bai Cang!"

The young man, Bai Cang, finally came back to his senses. Noticing Su Ping's expression, he quickly scratched his head.

"Breeder Su, I'm a necromancy Beast Tamer and Breeder. I'm your idol—oops, no, no—*you're* my idol! I'm your fan! I came back from Imperial Dragon City, and when my cousin told me she got business from you, I couldn't believe it..."

Obviously, the guy skewed the topic again within a few sentences, but he soon straightened up.

"I'm an intern Breeder at the Ghost Dragon Breeding Base in Dragon City and have been working as this kind of designer for six years. My cousin has already told me about your requirements!

I presume you want to create a breeding base focused on Undead Pet Beasts, and also use it for some entertainment business projects? So, your design ideas mainly revolve around Undead Pet Beasts, right?"

You had to admit, the guy did know his stuff. Or perhaps there were people with similar ideas to Su Ping in places like Dragon City.

Su Ping nodded. "That's right."

"So, what are the main Pet Beasts you plan to breed? What kind of Undead Pet Beasts will be there? I can draft some designs for your reference based on the types of Undead Pet Beasts you'll have."

Bai Cang's question actually stumped Su Ping.

Truthfully, other than the Paperman, the rest didn't matter much to him.

As long as there were enough to light up the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, that would be fine.

So, Su Ping thought for a moment. "There are many. You can start by briefly describing your ideas for some corresponding Pet Beasts."

At these words, Bai Cang's eyes sparkled.

"Breeder Su, do you intend to diversify and breed various other Undead Pet Beasts? It's no wonder someone as young as you could breed a Super-Rank Skill! Truly an inspiration to me..."

"Bai Cang!"

The female designer beside him looked furious. She already regretted bringing this embarrassing cousin along.

Su Ping was used to it. After all, there was also such a sycophant in the Heart of Woods.

An embarrassed Bai Cang cleared his throat and got back on track, continuing as he pushed up his glasses:

"For example, Zombies for an ancient Yizhuang-themed haunted house, Corpse Storage Vault, or morgue. Or Ghost Soul-types for school or hospital-themed breeding base scenarios. These are relatively mainstream. I'm sure someone as wise as you has already thought of some of them!

So, I'll give you a few more unique examples, like an Ordinary Level Pet Beast Strawman-themed farm with wheat fields.

Such a venue has simple requirements. It just needs some tall crops like wheat or rice. In combination with the Strawman's abilities, these can create a natural labyrinth.

Once inside, it's even hard to discern direction, offering both a thrilling and convenient experience, though it does require a sizeable area. Of course, with the size of your venue here, it should be more than sufficient.

Furthermore, consider Mirror Demon Pet Beasts. The 'Corridor of Mirrors,' when coupled with numerous ordinary crystal mirrors, can create a 'World of Mirrors.' This setup is compact in its terrain demands but makes it even more confusing to distinguish reality from illusion. There's a high chance of getting lost, making it extremely engaging..."

Su Ping had to admit, the guy really knew his stuff.

The examples he subsequently brought up even gave Su Ping a sense of revelation, making him want to try them out himself because they were indeed interesting.

But Bai Cang wasn't finished presenting his ideas:

"With your abilities and Talent, researching and arranging such low-end Pet Beasts is one aspect. At the same time, you can also develop some advanced gameplay and scene arrangements.

For instance, there's Rule-based gameplay, which requires coordination with the Pet Beasts. I can outline the specifics for you later.

Additionally, there's the collection of clues across all the horror scenes leading to a final showdown with the ultimate boss, the Demon King.

Only by finding the hidden clues in each scene and escaping can one defeat the final boss!

Once completed, you can reward the victor with some decent prizes to stimulate visitors' interest and earn even greater profits."

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The Demon King's presence needs to be impressive. At the very least, it should be a Monarch Level or higher boss Pet Beast so that visitors can have a stronger sense of immersion.

Moreover, we could change the rules and corresponding conditions for defeating the final Demon King every week, or even replace the boss's Pet Beast altogether if possible.

If you need, I can help you contact some large Undead breeding bases to rent Advanced Level Undead Pet Beasts. Each week, I can also provide you with a brand-new set of rules for implementation..."

I have to say, this guy is truly a genius.

Su Ping was dazzled by what he heard, but he was indeed persuaded by this guy.

Arranging the Pet Beasts was one aspect; the main thing was that this approach was genuinely quite interesting. At the same time, it wouldn't destroy the ecosystem of the Undead Pet Beasts; it just required some Undead Cultivators to be on watch at all times.

Thinking of this, Su Ping glanced at the guy, then said directly, "Alright, you go and measure the land first, then come up with a detailed plan. Uncle Guan, call Li Shu over."

"Okay."

It wasn't long before Li Shu came running over from the Heart of Woods across the street. Bai Cang, along with the female designer and the rest of their team, had already finished measuring. Sweat beaded on his forehead as he approached Su Ping.

"Su Ping, it's all set. The planned area is..."

Li Shu, listening nearby, was a bit confused, though he was aware of the development plans for the Heart of Soul. He figured his presence must be related to this matter.

Soon, Bai Cang and the young woman beside him finished reporting on the land planning, the space required for each horror scene they intended to create, and the preliminary sketches.

However, after listening, Su Ping did not continue on this topic but unexpectedly shifted the conversation, asking Bai Cang, "You were previously in Imperial Capital's Dragon City? So you came back for the New Year this time?"

Bai Cang adjusted his black-rimmed glasses and nodded, "I'm from Linzhou. I was studying in Dragon City before, but the cost of living there is very high. There also didn't seem to be many opportunities for a permanent position at Ghost Dragon, so I was wondering whether I should return to the Imperial Capital. However, now that I have the opportunity to design the Breeding Base for you, even if the Ghost Dragon Breeding Base offered me a permanent position, I wouldn't be in a hurry to return!"

Those were pleasant words.

But it made Li Shu, standing nearby, widen his eyes. His gaze towards Bai Cang suddenly became hostile. He smelled the scent of a kindred spirit!

Su Ping, however, didn't pay mind to this fellow's little calculations. The man did have some talent, so Su Ping spoke straightforwardly, "Well then, start with the Wheat Field Labyrinth you mentioned. Then, get the previously discussed Disorderly Graveyard Yizhuang and the Old Mansion set up. These should accommodate the four basic types of Ordinary Level Undead Pet Beasts: Strawman, Jumping Zombie, Skeleton Soldier, and Paperman.

Also, once construction is complete, you'll be responsible for ensuring these Undead Pet Beasts obediently follow the haunted house's game rules. I will bring people to personally playtest it. If these Undead Pet Beasts perform satisfactorily, you can drop the 'intern' title and officially join the Heart of Myriad Spirits."

Upon hearing this, Bai Cang froze on the spot, then an unimaginable joy burst forth in his eyes.

Su Ping saw the change in his expression but said lightly, "Work hard."

Then, Su Ping left. As he crossed the long street, returning to the main road where Heart of Myriad Spirits was located, he turned to a thoughtful Guan Qianshan and said, "Uncle Guan, go check out this guy's identity and background for me, see if he's clean."

Guan Qianshan paused, finally understanding Su Ping's intentions. "Understood. But speaking of which, Xiao Ping, are you really looking to hire new Breeders?"

Su Ping shrugged. Old Liu and Master Zhu Hong were right. In the future, as the Heart of Myriad Spirits expands, there would be more and more projects and Pet Beast categories. His current team alone wouldn't be able to manage everything. Training some trustworthy talents early on makes sense.

"This Bai Cang is good. The future Heart of Soul will indeed need one or even several Necromancy Breeders to oversee its cultivation."

Saying this, Su Ping then said to Li Shu, who was standing nearby, "By the way, Old Li, go to Linzhou City Center for me. Purchase ten each of these four basic Ordinary Level Pet Beasts: Strawman, Skeleton Soldier, Jumping Zombie, and Paperman. Get the money from finance."

Li Shu nodded. He didn't usually handle general procurement personally, but purchasing Pet Beasts was clearly not a task for just anyone, and Su Ping didn't trust others with it.

However, Li Shu had heard what Su Ping had just said, including his words to Bai Cang.

Is Heart of Myriad Spirits getting a new Breeder? Li Shu instantly became vigilant.

If it were someone else, it wouldn't matter. But from their brief interaction, he sensed that this fellow's arrival could very well threaten his status as the 'King of Bootlickers'!

Thinking this, Li Shu's spirits lifted. Humph, since he was the one selecting the Pet Beasts, he'd make sure to pick some real troublemakers for this guy!

Su Ping paid no mind to Li Shu's sudden surge of energy.

Even if he knew, he wouldn't care. Choosing some Undead Pet Beasts with difficult personalities would serve as a test. If Bai Cang, after the Breeding Base's construction was complete, could make these Undead Pet Beasts behave, that would demonstrate his Ability. Then, his staying at the Heart of Myriad Spirits would be even more a matter of course.

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Su Ping naturally wouldn't doubt whether the other party would agree.

He was an Intern Breeder, not even considered a Junior Breeder. These were just private Pet Beast colleges with connections. They attracted awakened graduates who were interested and capable, offering them opportunities for allocation upon graduation after joining—opportunities to intern and learn at various breeding bases. However, this internship was basically about doing menial tasks. Most of the time, they didn't even get to touch regular Pet Beasts. Only after becoming a regular employee could they further interact with Pet Beasts. Even then, becoming a Junior Breeder was extremely difficult.

If he could stay at the Heart of Myriad Spirits, he wouldn't just skip the internship step. Furthermore, as the only foundational Breeder currently at the Heart of Soul, he would naturally receive great attention and nurturing from Su Ping. Anyone with a normal brain wouldn't refuse.

However, Su Ping's tests were also quite difficult. So, it all depended on whether Bai Cang had the ability and enough luck.

In the days that followed, Su Ping's life became extremely regular. His main activity was working with Old Liu and the others to perfect the final Five Elements for the Paperman. Secondly, he focused on the cultivation of Xiao Qing.

With the dual resources of the Wood Element and Poison Type, combined with the Realm breakthrough Su Ping was on the verge of achieving, both Xiao Qing and Su Ping advanced. They once again surpassed Qian Yi, the little Paperman, reaching Leader Second Rank together.

However, at present, they hadn't detected any signs of evolution from Xiao Qing. Of course, Su Ping wasn't in a hurry. What he was more anxious about was another matter.

The 'thief' in the Beast Taming Space!

This 'thief' prompted Su Ping to conduct impromptu searches whenever he had a spare moment, but he just couldn't seem to find it. He even tried to lure the thief out. He had Xiao Qing stealthily observe in the Beast Taming Space, leaving a Flame Fruit there. If there was any sign of activity, Xiao Qing was to report to him directly. He even set up wireless cameras to monitor the area.

The result, as mentioned before, was that this conundrum bore an uncanny resemblance to Schrödinger's cat. However, quantum entanglement involves the cat being in a state of being both dead and alive when the box has not been opened to observe its state. Su Ping's Flame Fruit situation, however, was much clearer and more direct.

Damn it! As long as it wasn't being observed, the Flame Fruit would definitely disappear within a short time. But as soon as it was observed, no matter how, there would be no change.

Su Ping didn't understand and even doubted whether he was going a bit crazy from too much pressure after his promotion. He had grown too lazy to bother with it in the past few days.

He shifted his remaining time and energy, aside from researching the Paperman, to his other Pet Beasts. For instance, there was the Little Crow Tooth.

Whenever he had time, Su Ping would condense a Flame Fruit to feed the Little Crow Tooth. Then, to Su Ping's surprise, two days ago, the little crow achieved a breakthrough. That's right, it had broken through from Elite Peak to Commander First Stage.

Could the race limit be broken so easily? Su Ping didn't understand.

But, this further confirmed that the Flame Fruits might indeed contain energy characteristics from Ancient Times. However, the nature of these energy characteristics remained elusive, as Ye Zhou hadn't managed to decipher them even after many days of research.

Moreover, the last half of the semester before Ye Zhou had to return to school was drawing ever closer. In a few more days, Ye Zhou, Miss Qin, and Dong Muxuan would be returning to Magic Capital to resume their studies. This was a relief for Su Ping.

Miss Qin's recreational activities, aside from visiting the Heart of Dreams, mainly consisted of seeking out Su Ping. Seeking him out was fine. After all, Su Ping had managed to free up some time, having finally stabilized the Skill Cultivation of the Super-Rank Skills related to the Five Elements Cycle of Creation and Restraint.

However, this exhausted another individual, which made Su Ping's heart ache. That's right, it was none other than Old Sha. Every time Qin Xiaoxue visited, Tree Crown Wolf King Wood would inevitably seek out Old Sha. Initially, Old Sha was quite interested in this youngster's challenges and enjoyed every duel. But one couldn't sustain enthusiasm for several bouts a day. Eventually, anyone would get fed up.

Fortunately, over the past few days, those retired old soldiers that Chief Lin had mentioned finally arrived to report. These veterans were all from the War Wolf Division. They were very skilled at training Wolf Pets.

Just then, the expansion of the Heart of Earth was completed. Old Liu didn't waste any time; with a grand gesture, he arranged for the Breeder Association to send a batch of Wolf Pets to the Heart of Myriad Spirits, free of charge. This included twenty each of three types: Sand Wolves, Snow Wolves, and Flame Wolves.

After resuming work at the start of the year, in just a short span of ten days, the development and expansion of the Heart of Myriad Spirits began at an unimaginable speed. Su Ping also visited the main

construction site at the Heart of Soul whenever he had time. One had to admit, it was being built exceptionally well.

Meanwhile, Bai Cang spent his days mingling with the low-level Undead Pet Beasts, nurturing a bond with them. Su Ping would occasionally offer some guidance, but ultimately, Bai Cang's success depended on himself.

「It was on this very day.」

At the Forest Heart, Su Ping stood on the Buddha's Hand Cliff, before the Hundred Birds Parasol, chatting with the tree.

What has Toothy been up to lately, leaving early and returning late every day?

Recently, ever since the Little Crow had advanced to Commander Level, it spent less time around the Hundred Birds Parasol. Instead, it wandered off each day, just as before. If not for the intimacy boost from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, Su Ping might have suspected the little thing had fled. So, Su Ping naturally came to the Hundred Birds Parasol to inquire about the little rascal's whereabouts.

The branches of the Hundred Birds Parasol swayed gently, making a SWISH SWISH SWISH sound.

This sound startled Su Ping. "What did you say? It said it wants to be a hero?"

SWISH SWISH. The Hundred Birds Parasol nodded.

Dark lines appeared on Su Ping's forehead. What kind of hero could a bird possibly be?

However, the little fellow was stubborn and tenacious. Its yearning for freedom, stemming from its time as a wild Pet Beast, was also normal. So, Su Ping decided not to dwell on it.

Nonetheless, before Su Ping could ponder any further, his phone rang on this otherwise unremarkable night. Liu Fuhai's extremely excited voice came from the other end of the phone, "Su Ping, come quick, the Five Elements Great Revolution is almost complete!"

Su Ping was taken aback, then a wave of elation washed over him as he finally registered the news.

The completion of the Five Elements Great Revolution for the Five Elements Paper Diagram also meant that the Super-Rank Skills of the Five Elements Cycle of Creation and Restraint were finally about to be perfected!

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It's done!

Although Su Ping had anticipated this accomplishment over these many days, even considering it a matter of course, he was still overwhelmed by intense emotions when he heard the day had finally come.

It seemed the usage time of the Five Elements circulation was much shorter compared to when I cultivated the Heart of the Sun for the Wanmu Wolf, especially with Master Zhu Hong and Liu Fuhai's assistance. However, the energy I actually expended hadn't decreased by much. Leaving other things aside, the cultivation costs alone were already in the hundreds of millions; the continuous cultivation of Papermen and the stacking of vast resources made the financial expenditure incalculable. The formation of the Heart of the Sun was just too dramatic; its smooth appearance was something even I hadn't expected. As for the Five Elements circulation, although Xue Hongluan's presence meant I was effectively standing on a giant's shoulders, she only provided a preliminary formation diagram and concept. The subsequent refinements and adaptations for the Papermen all required my careful fine-tuning. So, the energy consumed was indeed substantial. Of course, if this is all it takes to perfect and cultivate a genuine Super-Rank Skill, I doubt anyone would refuse!

With this thought, Su Ping quickened his pace.

He arrived at the laboratory, which had been repaired anew to temporarily replace the undead cultivation room.

Upon seeing Su Ping's arrival, the two elated old men, who no longer cared about maintaining appearances, waved.

"Come on, let's conduct the experiment for the Five Elements circulation after assembly!"

Su Ping nodded. Even without Qian Yi, the several groups of Five Elements Origami Men he was most familiar with after numerous assembly experiments could now be naturally merged. This also led to the conclusion that whether in the form of Paper Swords or the Five Elements Paper Diagram, the Papermen's joining would become smoother through constant soul splicing. Eventually, they would truly integrate as one. This was the conclusion that Su Ping, Master Zhu Hong, and Liu Fuhai had reached over time. Moreover, this conclusion was related to the Papermen's potential for further evolution.

Su Ping didn't dwell on that. During this period, in addition to the routine cultivation for the Papermen's continuous improvement and the enhancement of the Five Elements Core, he had also addressed other issues.

I have to admit, my decision to collaborate with Master Zhu Hong and Liu Fuhai on the Five Elements circulation was absolutely the right one. Otherwise, without their experience, it would have taken me at least half a year to reach this stage, just like with the Heart of the Sun. By then, the selection for the Heavenly Tomb Special Controlling-Beast Cultivation Troops would have long been out of the question. How could that compare to now, when I'm at the most critical juncture?

Liu Fuhai, flipping through his notes, spoke excitedly, "This time, among the twenty-five Papermen we've cultivated, the Five Elements Core of a few has advanced to Mastery Level! Furthermore, by investing resources generously, they finally reached Commander Fifth Stage. We've also optimized many previous aspects. Our main focus was on sustained energy output within the energy circulation and the Five Elements' interaction. We've made the greatest improvement to energy stability outside this cycle."

This was a reflection of Su Ping's improvements and suggestions from a combat perspective for this Five Elements Paper Diagram, following his return from the Mysterious Snake Secret Realm. Now, with the final cycle complete, these suggestions had been fully implemented through the joint efforts of the three men in recent days.

As for the improvement of the Five Elements Core? The reason was simple. Currently, Su Ping had hundreds of Papermen, all of which had been rapidly cultivating their respective Heart of Elements. The goal was for them to connect, share, and swiftly enhance skills together. And now, that objective was mostly achieved. After advancing to the Commander Level, lighting up the Catalog allowed for one

hundred connected shares. A full hundred Pet Beasts could be connected for rapid skill cultivation, making skill level advancement a goal that could be quickly achieved within Su Ping's Heart of Woods. This was like adding wings to Su Ping's cultivation work.

Now, all these efforts had finally borne fruit.

Liu Fuhai quickly activated the energy detector.

Master Zhu Hong, ever so practiced, summoned Da Huang for this very moment.

Da Huang, who didn't seem to care much initially, saw its master and Su Ping. It had assumed its master wanted it to accompany Su Ping somewhere to play again. But upon seeing the Five Elements Paper Diagram slowly assembling before its eyes, it instinctively reacted: "ROAR!"

Da Huang roared at Zhu Hong. Then, it pointed one claw at its blackened scales, which hadn't yet recovered from the previous explosion, and furiously protested.

The message was clear.

Zhu Hong scratched his head, then confidently patted his chest, "Don't worry, Da Huang! It absolutely won't explode this time!"

"ROAR!"

Da Huang continued to express its anger. Are you taking me for a fool? Wasn't that the exact promise you made last time?

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What's the result? Once or twice is fine, but a third or fourth time? This old guy, ever since he came to this brat's awful place, isn't even as enthusiastic about me anymore! Wasn't it agreed that this time would be the elemental evolution to break through to the Spirit Saint Level?! A Breeder's words—deceptive as a ghost's! And this little bastard!

Da Huang roared at Su Ping, who seemed a bit dumbfounded over there.

Ever since I came to this kid's place, nothing good has ever happened. It was bad enough being treated like some hyperactive husky, running all over the place. But I, Da Huang, am a Dragon! The apex of the Pet Beast Taming World! Coming to such a remote, backwater corner, I should be met with looks of worship and admiration from Breeders and Beast Tamers! And what do I get? Last time, that fiery red bird—who knows what it was made of—nearly scared me, your Grandpa Da Huang, to death! What kind of monstrous thing was that to frighten me? So, this kid is no good either!

Da Huang was indeed aggrieved!

In front of Su Ping and Liu Fuhai, Master Zhu Hong also felt a bit awkward about Da Huang's complaints, but this time, he really made a promise, "Rest assured, Da Huang, after this process is completed, your evolution and cultivation will be done soon. Not only that, but this time, through the generation and restraint of the Five Elements, I have a new idea for your elemental evolution. If all goes well, this evolution may not only allow you to break through your Racial Potential, but you might even directly break through to the Spirit Saint Level!"

"By then, as my main Pet Beast, both you and I will have entered the Spirit Saint Level, one after the other. What you should do now is think about what title I, as your master, should be sanctified with after reaching the Spirit Saint Level. You also need to consider how you'll deal with those of the Dragon Clan when you go back to Dragon City!"

"So, as long as this Paperman's cultivation is completed this time, we can reach the peak of life together!" Master Zhu Hong said, his voice extremely enticing.

Da Huang, with eyes wide as copper bells, stared at Zhu Hong, almost wanting to make this old man swear by a lantern.

For the first time, it showed deep mistrust towards its own Beast Tamer.

But to tell the truth, this old man sure had a way with painting pie in the sky.

When it thought of some of its own kind in Dragon City, and then imagined its future ascension to the Spirit Saint Level and returning to its homeland in glory, Da Huang couldn't help but straighten its back!

One last time! I'll believe this old guy one last time.

Da Huang let out a soft growl.

As for Su Ping, he watched the Earth Dragon with great interest.

Having spent so much time with Da Huang, he had really grown quite fond of and curious about it.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a Dragon Pet in the future?

Shaking his head, he regretted that Dragon Pets are rare.

But he did trust Master Zhu Hong's words.

Within the cycle of the Five Elements, did Master Zhu Hong have some other insight into Da Huang's evolution? Previously, Master Zhu Hong had said that Da Huang's evolution would be mainly focused on the Wood Element... Earth... Wood... Mixing concrete?

Su Ping hastily dismissed this ridiculous thought from his mind and focused wholly on the Paperman's Five Elements Paper Diagram, which was once again completely patched up and assembled!

The other two also finally got serious. They looked at the assembled Five Elements Paper Diagram. "Let's begin!"

The process began. Ever since the first time, this Five Elements Cycle had revolved countless times.

Su Ping hoped this was the last time.

The fiery red light flickered slowly above the wheel of the Five Elements Paper Diagram.

His realm had been promoted to Commander Fifth Stage, easily qualifying as an Intermediate Level Commander.

The assembled Five Elements Paper Diagram had also reached the threshold of Commandant Ninth Rank.

Therefore, the first flicker of Fire Element Energy fluctuation was much more intense than before.

3,107!

The first Grand Circulation spun by rapidly.

After returning to the Fire Elemental Energy, the number had changed to 7,059!

The increase was more than double.

The second Grand Circulation: 15,601! The growth was still there but had decreased.

The third Grand Circulation reached 28,958! The rate of increase continued to decline but was still within acceptable limits. However, the overall growth per Grand Circulation had started to shrink.

The fourth Grand Circulation reached 50,015! This time, the increase had dropped significantly, not even reaching double the previous value. However, the sheer magnitude of this base number allowed Su Ping and the others to breathe a sigh of relief.

Thus, they reached the most critical fifth Grand Circulation!

Suddenly, the trio couldn't even continue their casual banter as before; they even held their breath.

They stared intently at what was in front of them.

It was still Fire generating Earth. However, this time, the energy change after the conversion—56,127— took them by surprise.

Not too much, but too little!

Previously, each instance of elemental generation in the Five Elements Cycle leveraged power, adding about twenty percent more energy.

That meant the energy should have been around sixty thousand to be considered normal.

But this time, there was only an increase of about ten percent.

Su Ping suddenly felt he had caught on to something.

Perhaps this was the terminal point of the Five Elements generation and restraint cycle?

Sure enough, when the cycle rotated again and Earth generated Gold, the number displayed by the pure white energy cave was even smaller than before: 61,059!

The increase wasn't even ten percent!

Gold generated Water, energy value: 65,587!

Water generated Wood, energy value: 70,358!

At this point, even Su Ping's heart stopped beating for a moment.

The last time, the energy rotation had exploded right here.

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At this stage, this was the greatest threshold for the Super-Rank Skill, as well as the most crucial step to truly unlock a brand-new Super-Rank Skill.

It seemed that the Five Elements Paper Diagram before him also understood what this moment meant.

Its radiance flickered and, at this moment, came to a halt.

In the stage where Water generates Wood, the green Wood Energy could no longer transform into fiery red.

The final conversion process from Wood to Fire took three full seconds, yet there was still no reaction.

These were the longest three seconds!

Not just Su Ping, Liu Fuhai, and Zhu Hong, but even Da Huang beside them held his breath in tension.

Da Huang was all too experienced with the previous explosion.

It was an explosion that had occurred at this stage as well.

And now, was it about to take action again?

After all, if his memory served him right, didn't the thing seem to shine just like this before the explosion last time?

At this moment, it was as if time itself was frozen.

Just as Da Huang was about to involuntarily unfold his defensive shell first, it was as if the flow of time had resumed. The previously non-flashing Five Elements energy began to slowly transition once more.

Red!

The fiery red on the Five Elements Paper Diagram was so dazzling!

So splendid and colorful.

It made the three onlookers feel dazzled and mesmerized.

Because what it represented, as Liu Fuhai had said over the phone, was the breakthrough of the fifth Grand Circulation!

It was also what Zhu Hong had predicted before: that perhaps after its formation, it would trigger a qualitative transformation in the Grand Circulation!

Energy value: 73,958!

The increase this time was even less than any of the previous times.

Not to mention ten percent, it was merely an increase of about five percent.

But the few of them had already grasped all the rules!

Zhu Hong let out a long sigh. "Just as expected. In such a Five Elements transformation, it is absolutely impossible to keep increasing indefinitely. The real perfection of the Five Elements' generation and control lies in the Way of the Five Elements, forming a truly flawless energy self-rotation. After reaching the critical point, the increase derived from the rotation moves the power towards the highest point of perfection!"

Su Ping and Liu Fuhai remained silent.

Looking at the Five Elements Paper Diagram that had ceased rotating, Su Ping suddenly said, "Then, what would happen if it continued to operate?"

The two of them were taken aback. Da Huang, on the side, glared disapprovingly at the kid.

Damn it, sure enough, this brat was up to no good.

But before the two could speak, or even before the Paperman's constructed Five Elements Paper Diagram began to attempt rotating again, Su Ping gave the answer. "When the qualitative change has reached its limit, yet the perpetual motion machine still operates, the energy produced will then transform back into an excess output of quantitative energy!"

Su Ping's words made them startle again, and then they suddenly looked towards the Five Elements Paper Diagram.

At this moment, just as Su Ping had said, after five continuous Grand Circulation rotations, the Five Elements Paper Diagram had reached its upper limit of endurance.

In fact, if this energy value were from an external attack, let alone over seventy thousand, even if it were halved, or reduced to a third, ordinary Five Elements Paper Diagrams, merely at the Commander Level, would find it very difficult to bear.

However, this was occurring within the internal rotation of the Five Elements Paper Diagram. Coupled with the absorption by the Heart of Elements, its energy output could withstand such an extent.

Of course, the most important factor was Paperman's special physique, as well as Liu Fuhai's dedicated enhancements to Paperman in this aspect after its Two-stage Evolution.

So, after Su Ping proposed the idea, Zhu Hong and Liu Fuhai looked at him again and asked, "So, do you want to continue trying?"

The Grand Circulation of the Five Elements was complete, yet the Five Elements Paper Diagram before them didn't seem to have finished the Skill Fusion or showed any sign of awakening.

Since it hadn't, it was clear that the requirements to form the Super-Rank Skill had not been met.

"Continue!"

With Su Ping's command, no other instructions needed to be given. After the Five Elements Paper Diagram was pieced together, its relatively perfected soul and wisdom had already understood.

Thus, the rotation continued!

After perfecting the five Grand Circulation rotations of the Five Elements, the cycle of the Five Elements' generation and control continued.

Could it be as Su Ping imagined, that in such rotation, the amplification of energy power would begin to level off, and the excess energy would form a true perpetual motion machine of the Five Elements that didn't conform to the rules?

The puzzle was about to be revealed!

Above the Five Elements Paper Diagram, the fiery red power slowly faded away, but this time, the energy power fluctuations displayed on the Energy Detector showed almost no increase from the terrifying initial reading of over seventy thousand.

However, on the Five Elements Paper Diagram, from the earthen yellow part made up of the Earth Element Paperman, a purely Earth Element Energy slowly overflowed!

The next moment, this surge of energy directly formed the simplest of things!

Earth Spike!

PIERCE!

A row of Earth Spikes, powerful enough to penetrate the sturdiest steel city walls, instantly pierced through all the empty space in the room, excluding where the three individuals stood!

Clearly, the generated energy continued to be released!

"ROAR!"

Da Huang felt as if he was being challenged.

What in the world was this darn piece of paper!

How could it emit such destructive power at such a weak Realm, and it wasn't even the destructive power of an explosion!

This was enough to warrant his attention.

However, at this moment, the Five Elements Paper Diagram apparently paid no heed to Da Huang, its energy continuing to rotate.

Just as Su Ping had anticipated, with nearly every rotation, the quality of the energy would not improve. However, the vast amount of Energy Body that leaked out would suddenly erupt.

The previous five Grand Circulation cycles were a strengthening of the Energy Body!

However, it was only after five Grand Circulation cycles, once the energy rotation of the Five Elements Paper Diagram had thoroughly reached its absolute peak, that the cycling of the Five Elements' generation and control truly attained Perfection.

It perfectly conformed to what Su Ping had imagined—a vision of the Super-Rank Skill identical to that of Xue Hongluan from six hundred years ago.

Yet, at that moment, as the energy rotation of the Five Elements Paper Diagram was once again complete and the Grand Circulation, following the energy's qualitative transformation, occurred again: Earth Spikes, Fireballs, Water Waves, Thorns, and finally, Metal Spears—the Five Elements energies were deployed one by one. This turned the already precarious temporary laboratory into even more of a mess, and Da Huang's eyes revealed even greater shock.

On the Five Elements Paper Diagram's body, a glow that had never been seen before appeared!

Was that the glow of comprehending a Skill!?

The Super-Rank Skill of the Five Elements' generation and control seemed to have made its dazzling debut at that moment.

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Five colors flashed rapidly and simultaneously on the Five Elements Paper Diagram. It was a vibrant, multicolored display, extremely beautiful to behold.

This reminded Su Ping of when Old Sha had comprehended the Heart of the Sun during Skill Fusion. He had shone all over, looking like fireflies dancing around.

Now, the same reaction was occurring with the Five Elements Paper Diagram.

"Success!"

Liu Fuhai's voice was trembling.

Although he wasn't the main conductor of this cultivation experiment, he was certainly one of the core researchers. In the future, this would leave an extremely important mark on his resume.

Moreover, Liu Fuhai had been pursuing Super-Rank Skills for many years. Unfortunately, he had not managed to produce one for his Icefang Whitewolf. But now, the Five Elements Paper Diagram—previously known as the shame of the Necromancy System—had finally achieved this feat.

Such complex emotions were hard for Old Liu to articulate.

This skill was different from the Heart of Elements. The cultivation of the Heart of Elements hadn't been complicated, and Zhu Hong had mainly directed it; Liu Fuhai himself had no involvement. But now, things were different.

Su Ping let out a slight breath. "So, we just wait for a few days, and it will be ready, right?"

As soon as he said this, Liu Fuhai nodded. However, Zhu Hong, who was beside him, paused briefly. "Wait a few days for what?"

Su Ping scratched his head. "Doesn't every Super-Rank Skill awakening require a few days of Skill Fusion?"

Su Ping looked at Old Liu with suspicion. Had Old Liu given him false information? Was it really not like that?

Clearly, Su Ping was mistaken. Zhu Hong nodded. "Of course, there is that process, but who says it can't be accelerated!"

Then, under the astonished stares of Su Ping and Old Liu, Master Zhu produced a special chip. "Heart Essence Jade can accelerate a Pet Beast's understanding of skills in a short time. It is quite effective for cultivating skills in Pet Beasts and is especially direct for accelerating Super-Rank Skills."

Su Ping blinked, looking at the small jade chip. What a great item!

"Super-Rank Skills—whether acquired through understanding, cultivation, or innate possession—all have their unique differences and strengths. Of course, in a sense, the Five Elements Cycle is also

cultivated. However, this time, the Five Elements Paper Diagram isn't an ordinary Pet Beast; it's a joint of multiple Pet Beasts.

"Before you arrived, I had already fed these five little jointed fellows Heart Essence Jade. Throughout this cultivation period, their feeding with this item never ceased. So, we should just need to wait here for a bit, and it will be ready."

Su Ping blinked and then looked at Old Liu. If he had known about this item, would he have bothered with all that fuss before the cultivation competition?

"Hehe, don't look at Old Liu like that. This item is an exclusive resource produced in my Beast Taming Space. Moreover, it's only effective if consumed before the integration begins. Using it after the fusion starts won't work," Zhu Hong said with a smile.

This time, it was Su Ping who was envious. Indeed, what a great thing!

Looking at the resource produced from someone else's Beast Taming Space and then thinking of his own... well, his wasn't bad either. With that thought, Su Ping instantly felt more at ease.

After a pause, he used the Eye of Truth to take a look. As expected, the state of the Five Elements Paper Diagram was different from Old Sha's.

[Five Elements Paper Diagram (Paperman·Gold, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth 1*5 Joint Form)]

[Attribute: Undead, Gold, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth]

[Current Level: Commandant Ninth Rank]

[Racial Potential: Commandant Ninth Rank (Special form, determined by the joint level)]

[Skills: Paper Body Joint (Proficient), Paper Body Folding (Proficient), Super-Elemental Heart (Proficient), Jinge Technique (Special Fusion in progress), Wood Spike (Special Fusion in progress), Water Shield

(Special Fusion in progress), Fireball (Special Fusion in progress), Dusting (Special Fusion in progress), Five Elements Transformation (Special Fusion in progress), Five Elements Synthesis (Special Fusion in progress), Earth Spike (Special Fusion in progress)...

Su Ping felt his vision blur. What he saw was truly dazzling—no, 'dazzling' wasn't nearly enough to describe the transformation of the Five Elements Paper Diagram as revealed by the Eye of Truth!

The reason was simple: an incredible number of skills were involved in the fusion.

How many skills did the Five Elements Paper Diagram possess?

Many, many!

This was especially true after the Paperman's corresponding advanced evolution, which formed the Advanced Element Paperman.

Based on the original Paperman, two more skills had been added to each elemental type.

For instance, the Earth Element skills, in addition to Dusting, now included Earth Spike and Earthquake Technique.

This meant that the corresponding elemental skills, originally, were all gathered on the Paperman's Five Elements Paper Diagram.

At a glance, there were almost twenty skills.

But this time, it was different. The skills Paper Body Folding and Paper Body Joint were still present. The Paperman's 'Paper Body Compression' skill, however, had vanished. The other Super-Rank Skill, Super-Elemental Heart, also remained. Beyond these, all other skills, every single one related to the Five Elements, were now displayed before Su Ping, each marked as 'Special Fusion in progress'.

If Su Ping remembered correctly, Old Liu had once mentioned a way to gauge Super-Rank Skills: the more skills fused, the stronger and more potent the effects?

So now, what did it mean that the Five Elements Paper Diagram was fusing so many?

Of course, Su Ping also knew that, in the end, the truly core aspects were those two Five Elements skills undergoing fusion.