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Chapter 571: Qian Yi's Eight Trigrams Escape! The Sword of the Fifth Gear!

The Paperman had already developed a profound understanding of the Way of the Five Elements. When facing Plant Type opponents, the Fire Element was naturally the most visually effective. Therefore, at this moment, the sword unsheathed from the Paperman's scabbard was one of condensed flame. It possessed no corporeal blade, appearing as if purely pieced together from fire, lacking any physical form.

However, the giant, pale yellow Chinese rose, in its casual and indifferent swaying, suddenly stiffened. Its massive pistil even ceased its random movements, instantly locking onto the tiny figure.

Something is off! it thought. The intensity of this energy fluctuation is somewhat beyond that of a normal Commander Level Pet Beast; in fact, it seems to exceed it by a considerable margin.

However, they were not the only ones to perceive the extent of this anomaly. The several people behind the Paperman had also noticed it. But, compared to the caution of the gigantic pale yellow Chinese rose, everyone else simultaneously breathed a sigh of relief. Qin Erlong, who had been genuinely nervous, heaved an even deeper sigh of relief.

Goodness, I was really scared, he thought. After all, the reputation of the Dragon Emblem is truly terrifying. Could the Skills capable of granting such power be even stronger than the Heart of the Sun? But now, it seems things aren't so bad after all?

Qin Erlong even felt this must be the Heart of Elements. As one of the most common Super-Rank Skills, he had some understanding of the effects and power of the Heart of Elements. It was indeed an extremely effective Super-Rank Skill, but it didn't bring about a qualitative leap in power.

Thus, Qin Erlong revealed a smile and said, "So, it's the Super-Rank Heart of Elements, is it? That makes sense. The Paperman primarily exists in our Dragon Nation and is considered one of our signature Undead Pet Beasts. Now that the Paperman has finally completed its evolution and been able to nurture a Super-Rank Heart of Elements, it's indeed a significant cultivation result that will greatly enhance the strength of our Dragon Nation!"

Nearby, Liu Fuhai and Zhu Hong exchanged a glance, both seeing a teasing smile in the other's eyes. But neither of them spoke. As if they hadn't heard the implied question in Qin Erlong's words, they

continued to watch the Paperman, who had leaped from the leaf platform and arrived above the 'garden'.

Sang Sheng, however, felt that something wasn't quite right. These three went to so much trouble and effort just for this Heart of Elements? That clearly doesn't make sense. Moreover, judging by Su Ping's demeanor, the situation probably isn't that simple. Of course, the most important thing is that I saw that strange shield with my own eyes on Blackwater Mysterious Snake Island. If anything, that Commander Level shield capable of shaking the Monarch Level Blackwater Mysterious Snake is what truly deserves to be called Su Ping's cultivation achievement, right?

At this moment, the Paperman, appearing perfectly normal, was already holding the furiously burning Fire Sword and charging towards the Chinese rose. The fire blazed, surging with intense heat! As the Paperman lunged forward, the flames on the sword seemed to merge with it.

"WAAH! (Qian Yi Fire Sword!)"

Su Ping's eyelids twitched. Nevertheless, this was the first time the Paperman had used this Fire Sword in battle. At this moment, Fire Sword in hand, the Paperman in the air didn't resemble a mere Paperman but rather a Fire Phoenix spreading its wings to soar. It was an utterly splendid sight.

Of course, it naturally couldn't compare to the Fire Phoenix he had seen in the valley earlier. But it had to be said, the Paperman's comprehension, especially in Swordsmanship, was truly formidable. This sword, infused with the essence of a raging Fire Phoenix, was indeed quite impressive.

FWOOSH...

With just a single stroke, the sword's edge struck the Chinese rose, and all its defending branches and leaves immediately burst into flames. However, the Chinese rose didn't hold back either. This ability to command countless flowers, to control them, and possibly even transform each of these flowers into a formidable fighting unit, was something Su Ping was witnessing for the first time.

Petals rained down from the Chinese rose, transforming into the sharpest blades in the sky, slashing towards the Paperman, which had taken the form of a flaming phoenix.

SWOOSH! SWOOSH! SWOOSH!

Against such a shower of petals, even a slight touch notched the Paperman's Fire Sword! The difference in their cultivation realms was significant.

If the fight continued like this, Qian Yi was still confident it could win. However, it hadn't come here this time merely to break through using its own strength. Instead, it was to showcase the effects and abilities of its new equipment: its Five Elements Windbreaker!

Suddenly, an invisible wave of power began to activate...

"WAAH! (You've forced me to draw upon some real power! In that case, I'll finish you quickly!)"

"WAAH! (Power of Fire! First Gear Mode, engage!)"

The Emperor Peony was baffled. What is all this nonsense?

The Emperor Peony cast a strange glance at this little creature muttering to itself, then continued to control the Commander Level Chinese rose and the sharp rain of petals. I have to deal with this little thing quickly; I still need to sing!

Nearby, Su Ping's expression darkened slightly. As expected, my worst fears have been realized! Also, what on earth is First Gear? Is it transforming into a Super Saiyan? Or like that Rubber Man becoming Sun King Nika? Or perhaps some kind of Eight Gates technique?

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Hmm, the last one seems quite reliable?

Not only him but the others were clearly curious as well.

All of a sudden, Qin Erlong gave a slight start. Because at this moment, he actually felt an aura being born on the small Paperman, Qian Yi, rapidly growing in strength. In just a short period, the amplification of this aura had already surpassed that of the previous Paperman!

And with the support of the Five Elements power, the Paperman's energy circulation burst forth, its body surrounded by the energy of the Five Elements. Five Paper Swords were already lined up, appearing in front of it!

Qian Yi drew out the Fire Sword.

Even Su Ping was slightly startled when he saw this. Previously, when it was just the Five Elements Paper Diagram operating on its own, he had seen its effects. But now, the Five Elements Paper Diagram was starting to operate \*on\* the small Paperman. This was the first time Su Ping had seen the small Paperman activated in such a manner. After all, Qian Yi had never controlled the abilities of a Five Elements Body before. In fact, from start to finish, it had only adapted for this short while on the journey here, inside the Beast Taming Space.

However, in such a short time within the Beast Taming Space, it has already adapted to this extent? This little fellow is an absolute genius in this aspect.

Su Ping had figured out that the so-called First Gear mode involved channeling the Fire Element Energy through one Grand Circulation and then locking it into that state. That was correct. Under Qian Yi's control, even without completing five Grand Circulations during the intergenerating process of the Five Elements, and despite only achieving a twofold increase in power, it chose not to further enhance its energy's essence, opting instead to increase its quantity. This resulted in its current state: if it wished, it could shift through five 'gears,' allowing it to fight at five distinct power levels!

In just a few blinks of an eye, the Five Elements Energy on its Five Elements Body completed one Grand Circulation. It was as if a layer of rainbow ribbons had appeared on Qian Yi's body. At this moment, it was no longer the strange Paperman clad in a colorfully patterned windbreaker, but a deity in a feathered robe.

Of course, if this deity in a colorful feathered robe didn't have an abstract A-shaped face, it would be even more fitting!

Everyone was amazed by the Paperman's transformational form, but at that moment, the Emperor Peony in the center of the garden, the Queen of Myriad Flowers, slightly 'furrowed its brow.' It, too, felt the surge in the strange Paperman's momentum.

This increase is somewhat unexpected. The weak little fellow that I thought could be quickly dealt with using minimal power seems to have become somewhat extraordinary at this moment? Of course, even with a twofold increase in power fluctuation, at most it will mean exerting a bit more effort. For me, the Queen of Myriad Flowers, this Golden Sword Rose is the weakest among the countless flowers in this garden. Even if this Golden Sword Rose can't handle it, there are others!

This seemed to confirm that the Emperor Peony, the Queen of Myriad Flowers, was correct in its assessment.

Because, in the next moment, WHOOSH! The blade whistled, howling like a fierce wind. This strike, swifter and more ferocious than the previous Fire Phoenix's Inferno, swept across the sky. The large Golden Sword Rose was instantly cleaved in two by the flame-enveloped sword.

Just moments ago, the battle had been a stalemate, with neither side able to gain an advantage. But now, after the small Paperman entered the 'First Gear' state, it ended the fight with a one-hit kill.

"HISS!"

At this moment, even Qin Xiaoxue's eyes widened.

This is the might of a Commander Advanced Level Pet Beast! Most importantly, it was controlled by Lady Queen of Myriad Flowers herself. Although it wouldn't be difficult for me either, what Rank are my three Pet Beasts, and what Rank is Su Ping's?

However, it wasn't over yet!

Sensing the strength of the small Paperman, which had now entered a berserk mode, the Queen of Myriad Flowers dispatched a Narcissus the instant the Golden Sword Rose fell. The Emperor Peony had certainly noticed. The small Paperman's Fire Elemental Energy was potent, so it deployed a plant with Water Element abilities to counter it.

This Queen of Myriad Flowers didn't care much; as an Emperor Level Pet Beast, it had a profound understanding of Pet Beasts. It also recognized that the small Paperman's Realm and energy aura had suddenly surged. It concluded that the Paperman must have used some 'taboo' Skill for a rapid boost in strength.

Such a boost can indeed rapidly increase its power in a short time, but the effect definitely won't last long. However, since my master instructed me to 'play' with them, I can only casually dispatch a stronger plant—one that has reached the Initial Monarch Realm—to deal with it. I'll just stall this little thing for a bit, then they can leave the garden. That should do it.

Just as the Emperor Peony expected, the moment the Cold Mist Narcissus appeared, the surging flames on Qian Yi dissipated like smoke. Its continuous 'Qian Yi Fire Sword' strikes, amidst the spreading cold mist from the large Narcissus, hadn't even gotten close before they diminished from a blazing Fire Phoenix's Inferno to mere scattered sparks.

"WAAH!" Darn it, I've been countered!

The small Paperman sensed its body suddenly become damp and increasingly heavy within the moist, chilly fog. Its abstract A-shaped face betrayed no emotion.

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However, compared to the Gold Knife Moon Rose just now, this Cold Fog Narcissus posed an even greater threat to it.

Therefore, the Little Paperman hardly needed to think.

"WAH! (Power of Earth! Second Gear Mode! Activate!)"

As expected, before everyone's eyes, the surging Sword of Fire from just a moment ago transformed into an earthy yellow sword. However, compared to the previous Sword of Fire, this peculiar Sword of Earth lacked that exquisite Swordsmanship. Clearly, although the Little Paperman possessed exceptional Talent, it had not practiced the Swordsmanship of Earth and naturally had not grasped the corresponding Skills. So, all it could do was hack away with relatively simple, straightforward strokes.

Undoubtedly, this was exactly what the Emperor Peony had been hoping for. Although it didn't understand why this peculiar Paperman could still burst forth with new power, and on top of the recent explosion of strength, summon yet another round of enhancement, the fact remained that such Abilities couldn't last too long. So, I'll just drag this out, it decided.

Then, after a full several minutes, the Emperor Peony remained unhurried, controlling the Cold Fog Narcissus without urgency.

But Little Paperman Qian Yi grew anxious. This blasted thing is soggy, and its Abilities primarily focus on controlling and restricting other Pet Beasts—it's too troublesome!

Hence, the little fellow finally couldn't hold back.

"WAH! (Power of Fire, Power of Earth, Third Gear, activate!)"

In an instant, flames as substantial as reality and the sturdiest Sword of Earth formed a solid shield and a sharp spear. Then, the battle that had been maintained for several minutes was abruptly ended with a direct kill!

It can still power up? Not only was the Emperor Peony shocked, but Qin Erlong's eyelids also twitched. He felt surprised, and at the same time, an ominous premonition began to set in.

Even the Emperor Peony, the Queen of Flowers, visibly paused. It can still power up further? In the world of human Beast Tamers, is there really such a method to consecutively stimulate potential and overdraft power? Is this reasonable?

And then, the Emperor itself grew irritated. This time, a Monarch Advanced plant creature unceremoniously arrived.

And the result...

"WAH! (Fourth Gear! Activate!)"

SWOOSH...

This time, it was even quicker than before.

He was floored. At this moment, Qin Erlong finally tasted the boomerang effect. What on earth is this thing? It can shift gears like this?

However, Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly. He looked towards the Little Paperman. The Little Paperman seemed to be acting with ease, but Su Ping, through the Soul Contract, could already feel that it was struggling immensely.

Indeed, this level of power exertion has already nearly reached Qian Yi's limit. According to the Five Elements Paper Diagram, there is still a Fifth Gear, which is the final Sun God Ni... no, wait, it's the Five Elements Sword King mode. But if it were the Five Elements Paper Diagram itself, with such an Energy structure, after multiple Cultivation sessions, it really could control and exert its power. However, the Little Paperman's body isn't the Five Elements Paper Diagram itself. In essence, it's still performing the manipulation through its self-awakened Racial Skill, 'Paper Body Control'. So, reaching such a diffusion of the Five Elements' power, which is already Monarch Advanced Energy, if it continues to upgrade, it will clearly be too difficult for the Little Paperman to manage! At the highest Fifth Gear, that's not just Emperor Level; even among Emperor Level beings, it would possess quite an impressive offensive power. But it must be said, the Little Paperman's personality is just like that. It has a spirit that never admits defeat, no matter what.

Under the enhancement of the Five Elements Paper Diagram performing the Four Transformations of Heaven, its strength had already reached the peak of Monarch Level. Such immense power couldn't help but make this little fellow look towards the central Emperor Peony.

"WAH! (Powerful opponent, do you dare to face Qian Yi head-on?)"

Above the Emperor Peony, a presence seemed to finally acknowledge Qian Yi at this moment. After all, Heaven knows if this little thing can keep powering up. If it manages another burst like that, I might truly have to use my main body.

Therefore, atop the Emperor Peony, a ghostly elemental phantom, seemingly pieced together by countless flowers, slowly materialized. Clearly, this was the true Flower Queen!

Energy surged through the Little Paperman's body, a tumultuous fighting spirit filling its entire being.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly. I won't call a stop. The Little Paperman isn't foolish, and this isn't a life-or-death battle. I also want to see what progress this little fellow has made recently. After all, while I was researching the Cultivation of Papermen, Qian Yi wasn't resting either. And during this time, the little fellow hadn't made a peep, which likely meant that Xiao Qianyi was possibly researching something I didn't know about. However, the gap between it and its opponent is too great. And I have to say, what it's shown so far is already quite good. The Five Elements Paper Diagram can unleash Energy threatening Emperor Level beings, but that's just the burst of Energy. If it were a real battle, Da Huang could tear it apart in the blink of an eye. But for Xiao Qianyi, this is a genuine, real battle! Not some mechanical, static test of Energy Skill power.

So, Su Ping wasn't overly concerned.

But at this moment, Qian Yi showed respect for its opponent by preparing to unleash its full strength without reservation! Almost immediately after the true Flower Queen appeared, Qian Yi, wasting no words, raised its hand!

"WAH! (Power of the Sword! Fifth Gear!)"

Su Ping frowned. Is it really going for Fifth Gear? Can this little fellow truly control the full intensity of the Energy that will be unleashed in Fifth Gear? One has to understand, the Five Elements Paper Diagram can control it because the Energy is released as soon as the cycling is complete. It's like the difference between a submachine gun and a longbow. A child can use a submachine gun, but not everyone can draw that great bow. Of course, this analogy isn't perfect. If both were utilized to their full potential, this so-called 'bow' would be more flexible and have a higher ceiling than the 'gun.' But the question is, can this little fellow actually unleash it?

Everyone would find out in the next moment. All eyes were fixed firmly on that strange Little Paperman.

Under the somewhat nervous gaze of everyone, including the Flower Queen, the Little Paperman suddenly stretched out its hand. To everyone's surprise, there wasn't a sword in it. Even at this moment,

the cloak on the Little Paperman, resembling feathered garb, unexpectedly began to detach, slowly peeling off its body yet remaining connected.

Then, to Su Ping's utter astonishment, this paper garment, which he had originally thought incapable of forming Paper Swords, merged with the giant Sword Box behind the Little Paperman as it detached. It connected with the Sword Box in the most common form of the Five Elements Paper Diagram!

Next, the Little Paperman hoisted the Sword Box onto its shoulder.

And at that very moment, the Little Paperman's face, previously marked with a '5', had unknowingly and quietly changed. It was now completely blank, save for a single black spade in the very center! This was Su Ping's first time seeing such a poker face.

At the same time, the dark aperture of the Sword Box aimed at both the Emperor Peony and the Flower Queen atop it.

"WAHH... (Here it comes...)"

Chapter 574: The Torrential Pear Blossom Sword! Qin Erlong, Who Doubted His Life!

Qin Erlong's eyelids were twitching.

It had started when little Paperman Qian Yi had activated the third gear, and the Sword of Earth and the Sword of Fire instantly killed the frosty narcissus plant creature.

Then, the trembling spread, becoming his entire eyelid.

And now, as this indescribably abstract little Paperman activated the fifth gear, carrying the Sword Box that resembled a cannon barrel, not only Qin Erlong's eyelid but half of his face was quivering.

Something was amiss!

Things were starting to feel off!

This was somewhat beyond his expectations and understanding!

No wonder his wife could ascend to a Holy Spirit while he had been stuck here for so many years.

His experience and knowledge were indeed lacking by quite a bit.

When this young rascal spoke to him, his wife had sensed that something was off.

Now it seemed, damn, it was indeed the case!

Qin Erlong stared intently at the little Paperman. Where on earth did this thing come from?

A Commander Level creature, even if he racked his brains out, he could not have imagined how it could threaten an Emperor Level Myriad Flowers Queen.

But now, not only had it appeared, but it also clearly presented itself before his eyes, making it impossible for him to disbelieve.

Was this reasonable?

No, it wasn't!

Even Su Ping felt it was somewhat unreasonable!

Because at that moment, Su Ping also realized the function of the Sword Box that Qian Yi was carrying.

He finally discovered that the Sword Box seemed to be something little Paperman had been researching these past few days.

What was strange though, was that the swords used just now hadn't come from the Sword Box but were drawn from another sheath resembling that of Left Thousand Households.

This Sword Box, that resembled a small black coffin, he hadn't really noticed what it was used for.

But now, it seemed he understood.

That's right. At this moment, Qian Yi's body could no longer control the energy converted from the further advanced Five Elements Paper Diagram.

But it didn't have to control it!

If it couldn't control the energy, then it just wouldn't control it, right? Wouldn't it be better to create a new assembled body that could further utilize the powerful energy of the Five Elements Paper Diagram?

Yes, through the Eye of Truth, Su Ping saw that this Paper Sword Box wasn't made with any device.

Instead, it was made using Papermen.

Moreover, the number of Papermen used in the assembly even exceeded his imagination.

[Five Elements Sword Box (Paperman · Gold, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth 2\*5 Assembly Form)]

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

[Current Level: Commander Seventh Rank]

[Racial Potential: Commander Seventh Rank (Special form, determined by the assembly level)]

[Skills: ...Five Elements Energy Sword (Assembly Form Exclusive Skill)]

[Five Elements Energy Sword (Assembly Form Exclusive Skill): Infuse with energy, can stimulate corresponding Sword Qi!]

From the viewpoint of the Eye of Truth, this assembled form was actually quite ordinary.

But Papermen were such a miraculous species.

An assembly form might be quite simple, and even the effect of the Five Elements Sword Box could be described as insignificant and weak.

Because those ten Papermen were far less efficient than simply assembling three Paper Swords.

And they were nowhere near as versatile or flexible.

The power they exerted in the hands of a little Paperman didn't even need to be mentioned.

But what if it was merged with the Five Elements Paper Diagram?

Su Ping blinked. He was even beginning to wonder, how did Qian Yi come up with this?

But on the other hand, it made sense.

Since the start of the experiments with the Five Elements Paper Diagram, Qian Yi had always been an observer.

Pet Beasts are not fools, not fixed pseudo-AI.

They are not just battle tools that execute their master's commands.

They are living creatures, partners with the ability to think for themselves.

Qian Yi's self-awareness and intelligent soul were born from the resources of two Holy Spirits, using the Paperman species as a vessel.

In this aspect, Qian Yi possessed absolute talent and unimaginable wisdom.

Under such circumstances, wasn't it quite understandable that Xiao Qianyi, after so many days of controlling the sword-practicing Papermen, would piece together something like this in its spare time?

After all, aside from Su Ping and the two other researchers acting as Breeders, the one who knew the most about the Five Elements Generation and Overcoming Array was none other than Qian Yi.

Even when the Five Elements Paper Diagram was first assembled, it was Qian Yi who had done it personally.

Su Ping let out a long breath. So, if Qian Yi hadn't come up with something, wouldn't that have been unreasonable?

And now, the little guy had brought out its results.

The dark Sword Box, resembling a cannon barrel, made not only the others but even Su Ping purse his lips.

He glanced at the person next to him, whose gaze on him was already starting to seem a bit off.

He was contemplating whether to ask the little Paperman to stop.

So, he asked Qin Erlong:

"Old Qin, will the Secret Realm be alright?"

Qin Erlong halted his rapidly twitching eyelid, no longer so certain:

"The Myriad Flowers Queen is my Pet Beast, and I've always kept her in the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm to shape it. Her Realm has long reached Emperor Peak, and as long as the Myriad Flowers Queen's Origin remains, the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm won't be in trouble. So, it shouldn't be a problem... right?"

Su Ping glanced over. Are you asking me? Still, since Old Qin had said so, Su Ping indeed wanted to see the effect of Xiao Qianyi's Sword Box.

Meanwhile, Xiao Qianyi, who had long been poised for action, finally unleashed the surging energy within the Five Elements Sword Box. This eruption was triggered as its internal Five Elements Circulation, already operating at Fifth Gear, reached a crescendo:

"UWAA! (Here it comes... Qian Yi's Secret Technique - Torrential Pear Blossom Sword!)"

Su Ping pursed his lips, no time to mock the name, because fireworks had already started sparkling before his eyes.

As expected, from the Sword Box, with a burst of energy, a blade of Sword Qi shot forth in an instant.

It was a blade composed purely of fire elemental energy, pure Sword Qi.

The fiery red Sword Qi flitted by swiftly.

But before the meteor-tail-like Sword Qi could reach its target, the next blade of Sword Qi swiftly followed.

From fire comes earth, and the next blade was shaped from rock Sword Qi.

After that, the Sword of Gold, Sword of Water, and Sword of Wood.

Were these mere blasts of Sword Qi?

No, they were downright sword-shaped rockets from some kind of mechanical weapon!

SWOOSH! SWOOSH! SWOOSH!

At this moment, Qian Yi was not a Paper Immortal Swordsman with a long sword in hand.

Rather, it was an armed thug with a rocket launcher on its shoulder.

"UWAA! UWAA! UWAA! UWAA! UWAA!"

Amidst Qian Yi's excited cries, strands of Sword Qi, bursting out in the form of Five Elements Paper Diagram energy, exploded upon the Emperor Peony with resounding blasts.

Explosions!

Familiar explosions!

Sang Sheng turned his head away. He couldn't bear to watch.

As expected!

This rascal was still up to his old tricks.

Could anyone say this was the work of a normal Beast Tamer?

If you were a Mechanist, fine, but is this really the work of a Mechanist?

Moreover, even a Mechanist of the same or even a higher level couldn't achieve this, could they?

Qin Erlong was utterly dumbfounded by the sight before him.

He had felt that something was amiss and was already regretting letting this rascal and these two old men wreak havoc in the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm, but he had never imagined things would get \*this\* out of hand!

What was the Myriad Flowers Queen's situation now? Dozens of fiery 'sword' projectiles had been launched in just a few seconds with such rapid, continuous fire. The large plumes of dust made it impossible to see what exactly was happening inside.

However, judging by how all the surrounding controlled plant creatures were blasted into disarray, it was clear that the Myriad Flowers Queen at the core must be suffering immensely right now.

And how on earth was she supposed to counter such overwhelming firepower?

There were ways, indeed: either counter with even more powerful firepower or use high speed to dodge and go for a decisive strike.

But then came the problem.

That damn Sword Box—why did its energy seem endless? As for dodging with speed... wasn't immobility a classic weakness of Plant Type Pet Beasts?

Of course, the energy of the Five Elements Paper Diagram was not truly infinite.

But from its operational speed, it was clear the load wasn't heavy. In fact, because it operated so quickly and the amount of energy generated per cycle was relatively small, it seemed this bombardment wouldn't show signs of exhaustion anytime soon.

The next moment, a wall condensed from petals rose before the Emperor Peony. The Emperor Peony, battered from the bombardment, with some petals pierced through, finally emerged, along with the Myriad Flowers Queen upon it.

The Myriad Flowers Queen was furious!

It was too despicable!

She had never seen such a lowly Pet Beast!

It clearly possessed such formidable strength.

It was clearly a Pet Beast with power far beyond the Commanding Rank, yet it masqueraded so convincingly!

Such a potent method of concealing its aura, along with such a deceptive appearance—what kind of Pet Beast was this?

Yes, in the eyes of the Myriad Flowers Queen, this so-called Paperman was definitely no ordinary Commander Level Pet Beast.

She had initially thought its escalating strength was due to some enhancing Secret Technique.

Now it seemed she had been utterly deceived.

However, the Myriad Flowers Queen's personality was clearly different from Da Huang's.

Her first thought was not that her master wanted to harm her.

Rather, she immediately assumed her master had deliberately kept the truth from her, perhaps intending to test her on-the-spot reaction to danger after all this time.

Looking at it now, she had indeed been too careless!

But contemplating this now was undoubtedly too late.

All she could do was muster her strength to hold up the wall of flowers and see if she could engage in combat by controlling her other floral bodies.

But to no avail, the opponent's concentrated firepower was just too overwhelming.

Unless she activated those two skills tied closely to the Secret Realm, it'd be difficult to counterattack in a short time.

However, those two skills could only be used when facing external invaders.

Therefore, the Myriad Flowers Queen could only crouch resentfully behind the wall of flowers, simultaneously questioning her life choices and reflecting on whether she had been too complacent these years.

And at this time, it was obvious the Myriad Flowers Queen had not seen the life-questioning gaze of her master.

Qin Erlong stared intently at Su Ping.

Although he had also realized that this 'ability' was likely not from Su Ping's own Pet Beast's strength but seemed more like something achieved with an external Mechanical Weapon...

Even so, it was equally baffling.

At that moment, he just wanted to ask this brat one thing:

Who taught you to tame beasts like this?!

Chapter 575: Dragon Emblem! The Little Crow Who Aspires to be a Hero!

The sun shone bright and cheery. The warm spring sun beat down upon the earth, decisively driving away what little remained of winter's chill.

Su Ping squinted at the dazzling sunlight. He thought back to the final scene.

What was all that about? Wasn't it just that I'd bombarded the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm a bit? The issue was, Old Qin himself had said that I and little Paperman Qian Yi could deploy our abilities at will, and that with the Emperor Peony present, the Secret Realm could recover on its own, right? So, in the end, he couldn't take it anymore? Now, not only did he not see me off, but he even kept Lord Sang Sheng and Qin Xiaoxue, who were supposed to, back there. Of course, I also knew this was purely so Lord Sang Sheng and Qin Xiaoxue's Wood Element Pet Beasts could help restore the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm. It wasn't as if the old man was truly angry with me over this. The Myriad Flowers Queen might have said she consumed a 'minuscule' amount of Energy and needed a short nap, but she hadn't suffered any fundamental damage. As for those flower bodies, they would grow back eventually. At worst, the shrapnel and aftershocks from the Fire Sword projectiles had damaged some of the floral resources outside the central garden of the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm. Hadn't I also offered to stay behind and have Old Sha help with the restoration? That's precisely why Old Sha had been waiting in my Beast Taming Space all along. Yet, not only Qin Erlong but even Lord Sang Sheng had directly prevented my polite offer to help restore it. What did that mean? Don't they trust me?

Su Ping felt quite indignant.

Be it the Linhai Secret Realm or the Myriad Flowers Secret Realm, neither had anything to do with my subjective will, right? Can I be blamed for this? And they even called me a 'Secret Realm Killer'? This was slander! Defamation!

At this thought, Su Ping felt even more indignant about the unfair impression this old couple had of him.

Seeing Su Ping's expression, Liu Fuhai shook his head. This was Su Ping through and through. The Myriad Flowers Secret Realm was one of Old Qin's most prized possessions. This kid had wreaked havoc in there to the point Qin Erlong's face was green when he finally left, yet he still managed to squeeze out a smile. It was clear Old Qin was really trying his best to endure it. However... Liu Fuhai broke into a smile. Damn, that felt satisfying! That old fellow had kept this Myriad Flowers Secret Realm for his own use, intending

for the Myriad Flowers Queen to advance to the Spirit Saint Level. Although, as the chairman of the Linzhou Controlling Beasts Association, this wasn't entirely out of line, and it was a mutually beneficial arrangement for the Secret Realm and the Myriad Flowers Queen. But that old fellow had a formidable wife who not only gifted him the Mu Long she obtained when she advanced to the Spirit Saint Level but also this Peak Myriad Flowers Queen and Secret Realm. Who wouldn't be green with envy? Now, being able to see this Old Ghost discomfited was, naturally, the best thing possible. Especially since, strictly speaking, he, Old Liu, had also played a part in what happened.

Getting into the car, Liu Fuhai finally relaxed and couldn't help but comment, "It truly deserves to be recognized with a Dragon Emblem for Skill Cultivation. To have been fortunate enough to participate in such a Skill Cultivation endeavor in this lifetime, I can die without regrets."

Su Ping glanced at the old man. Is it that serious? One skill is enough to let him die content? However...

Su Ping raised an eyebrow, "Dragon Emblem?"

Hearing this, Zhu Hong finally recalled, "Su Ping, I've been meaning to tell you. I reported your Zhou Tian Wu Xing Physique to the Legendary Lord!"

"Hmm?" Su Ping's eyebrows shot up, suddenly energized. "What did he say?"

It had to be said, Su Ping had practically grown up hearing this individual's name. Although this person rarely appeared in public, their existence and the numerous changes they brought about were major reasons for the Dragon Nation's current prosperity and development. Of course, just as the First Emperor built upon the arduous efforts of six preceding generations, the Dragon Nation's own profound historical foundation and substantial accumulated strength were also crucial factors in its success. It was just that, before now, this name had seemed so distant from him. Like a figure from a mere illusion, but now, such an entity had suddenly become distinct. His research findings had actually alarmed this personage?

Recalling that person's words, Zhu Hong's expression became somewhat complicated, and he touched his nose a bit awkwardly, "Of course, it's very good. Otherwise, he wouldn't have personally intervened to secretly grant you the Dragon Emblem, along with some privileges of the Spirit Saint Realm and a Breeding Master. However, there are some things you'll need to go to the Imperial Capital to claim in person."

Su Ping gave the man a quizzical look. Why did Master Zhu Hong and, previously, Lord Sang Sheng, both adopt such an expression when relaying words from this person? Did that individual have some peculiar habit in this regard? However, it was clear that at this moment, he was more interested in something else.

"Um, what is the Dragon Emblem?" To be mentioned so many times by Master Zhu and Liu Fuhai, this item was clearly extraordinary. Of course, anything honored with the name 'Dragon' would naturally be extraordinary.

Liu Fuhai sighed with envy but no jealousy, "I'm not too clear on the specifics. It's better to let Master Zhu explain it to you."

Zhu Hong pondered for a moment, then smiled faintly, "Well, you would come into contact with it sooner or later anyway. But Su Ping, you don't need to be anxious. This Dragon Emblem, granted to you for now, is also a recognition of your status and your contributions to the Dragon Nation!"

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The Dragon Emblem is a symbol of identity bestowed upon Beast Tamers by Dragon City. Those holding the Dragon Emblem can freely enter Dragon City..."

"Uh... wait a second!"

Su Ping's eyebrows furrowed slightly. Freely enter Dragon City? Is the Imperial Capital some sort of place that only permits exits and no entries? If so, given how difficult it is to obtain the Dragon Emblem, wouldn't Imperial Dragon City be devoid of people?

Hearing Su Ping's question, Zhu Hong chuckled, "You don't know, and that's understandable. In most cases, 'Imperial Capital,' 'Capital City,' and 'Dragon City' are used to refer to the capital city. However, Dragon City is Dragon City, and the Imperial Capital is the Imperial Capital! Of course, they are located together."

Zhu Hong didn't keep Su Ping in suspense, "The reason Dragon Nation is called Dragon Nation has a lot to do with Dragon City. Dragon City is one of the largest and most unique recyclable Secret Realms currently known. Calling it a Secret Realm isn't even entirely accurate; it's practically another, genuine small world! A small world teeming with dragons. Indeed, most of the Dragon Clan Pet Beasts appearing

in Dragon Nation originate from Dragon City. The entrance to Dragon City is located within the capital city, inside the Imperial Capital, which also serves as the absolute core of Dragon Nation!"

Su Ping blinked. So that's how it is! This Dragon Emblem... it's like a master key?

Noting Su Ping's astonishment, Zhu Hong continued with a smile, "Of course, the Dragon Emblem isn't just a pass to enter Dragon City. Each Dragon Emblem, besides allowing entrance to and from Dragon City, also provides one opportunity!"

"Opportunity!?"

"Yes, the chance to obtain a Dragon Pet. Each Dragon Emblem allows its holder, upon entering Dragon City, to find a suitable hatchling to take and thus become a Dragon Tamer. Of course, that's not all; suffice it to say, Dragon City has many rules. When I contracted Da Huang initially, it was also due to a fortuitous coincidence. Regardless, not just anyone can take a creature away from within Dragon City; you need a certain level of strength. With your current Realm, even if you have the Dragon Emblem, you can't just march into Dragon City and contract a Dragon Pet. After all, many of Dragon City's trials and rules depend not on your Pet Beast, but on the Beast Tamer's own Realm and Ability!"

Zhu Hong shrugged. Su Ping nodded, thinking, So that's how it is.

"Besides, this Dragon Emblem is also a symbol of status within the nation. Within Dragon Nation, any Beast Tamer not above the Emperor Level, as long as they are part of Dragon Nation, must show the utmost respect and reverence to the holder of a Dragon Emblem.

"Furthermore, any persecution of a Dragon Emblem holder means Dragon Nation and Dragon City will pursue the matter relentlessly. All in all, it's quite useful," Zhu Hong added.

Su Ping felt he had a better understanding now. This is tantamount to one of the highest honors within Dragon Nation. It might not be an imperial edict granting immunity or a Death Exemption Token, but it's probably close.

And it involves dragons again! How come I haven't even seen the Crystal Dragon from the professional Beast Tamer examination, yet I might stumble into the qualifications for another dragon? Hmm... if I do

get these two dragons, how would I raise them? Contracting both is impossible, but I could keep them at my place! Could it be that my dream of a 'Heart of Myriad Spirits' 'Dragon's Heart' branch might actually be realized? The Dragon's Heart, one of the fantasies I've daydreamed about and yearned for the most, suddenly doesn't seem so impractical anymore, does it? Tsk tsk, just thinking about it is a little thrilling.

Su Ping found himself lost in these pleasant fantasies.

And while Su Ping was indulging in his dreams and beginning his journey back, a unique rescue operation was unfolding...

「Lin Zhou East Suburb,」

Unlike the Heart of Myriad Spirits, this place wasn't at the edge of the residential district, near the boundary. It was still within a residential area, just not in the city center. Consequently, the level of prosperity in the surrounding vicinity was greatly diminished. This particular location, compared to other residential areas, was even more remote. So much so, that most people approaching the area would choose to take a detour.

The reason was simple: the scent of blood here was relatively intense.

Of course, this was modern society. And although some special cults existed around the world, there certainly wouldn't be any large-scale sacrificial slaughter. This was especially true in Dragon Nation, where such religious cults were exceedingly rare. Therefore, it naturally wasn't a crime scene either.

On the huge main gate, the sign hanging above the entrance bore several large characters: [Da Exhibition Grand Slaughterhouse].

Clearly, the last word in its name already indicated the nature of this place. That's right—a slaughterhouse.

Even in this era, this industry still existed. Moreover, it wasn't a business that just anyone could afford to run.

Within the slaughterhouse, those being slaughtered were, naturally, Low-Level Pets specifically bred to supply meat for humans and some Pet Beasts. Such as Swine Lizards.

Beyond that, some Pet Beasts and Beast Tamers with better circumstances also had a taste for 'wild game.' These Ferocious Beasts from the wild, owing to their hefty price tags, naturally became 'gourmet food' on the tables of some people and Pet Beasts. In truth, when it came to taste, this 'wild game' was actually far inferior to the meat of pigs and other domesticated livestock Pet Beasts that had been bred over many years specifically to provide quality meat. However, it was the same old story: their relative rarity and high prices served to bolster so-called status, much like the principle behind luxury goods or even the curious concept of 'accessible luxury.' Individuals of true standing, like Qin Liu, Sang Sheng, and Master Zhu Hong, needed no external objects to highlight their status, position, or style; they themselves and their Pet Beasts were sufficient. However, those with only a modicum of status and wealth were, conversely, more inclined to pursue such things. Consequently, this type of industry emerged.

It had to be said, though, that as long as the captured and slaughtered creatures weren't illegal Pet Beasts but were instead caught in the wild, this practice was not, in fact, against the law. After all, wild Pet Beasts did pose a threat to human Beast Tamers. Thus, within this slaughterhouse named Da Exhibition Grand Slaughterhouse, quite a few such Pet Beasts were gathered.

This was especially true of the specially made iron cages outside, where Pet Beasts were confined. These cages held captives of a higher grade; even more so than the cages for Ferocious Beasts. The primary reason was that these particular cages contained birds, birds that longed to spread their wings but were desperately locked within iron confines. However, compared to the other Pet Beasts that were bruised all over, these birds were treated relatively well.

Land-based Ferocious Beasts, when compared to flying Pet Beasts, were certainly less prized. These creatures were truly rare commodities, the kind ordinary people couldn't afford to eat. Kept here, they awaited wealthy patrons who might arrive to have them packaged for sale or to select specific ones on demand. Of course, these were truly rare items: bird-type Pet Beasts. Without the corresponding means, they were extremely difficult to capture. Consequently, there were no Advanced Level birds here—at most, only a dozen or so Elite Level birds. Again, Advanced Level bird-type Pet Beasts were very difficult to obtain, and Commander Level bird-type Pet Beasts were extremely wary of human-populated areas, rarely venturing near.

For this small slaughterhouse, this scale of operation had clearly reached its limit.

That's why, at this moment, looking at the figure circling in the sky above, the numerous slaughterhouse workers present were incredibly tense.

It was a peculiar Flame-Eating Crow. Its entire body radiated a Commander Level aura, making everyone inside the Da Exhibition Grand Slaughterhouse shudder in fear!

Indeed, circling above the slaughterhouse at this very moment, preparing to rescue its kin and aiming to become a 'hero,' was Little Crow Ya Ya, who hadn't been seen much these past few days.

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"Damn it! What are the Beast Tamers from the Law Enforcement Office and the Legion even doing?"

"Why would a Commander-Level avian Ferocious Beast break into the city area? Are we ordinary people, just because we aren't in the city center or the market center, not entitled to their protection?"

A fat man was sweating profusely as he looked up at the bizarre Flame-Eating Crow circling overhead.

It was clear to him that this was indeed a Flame-Eating Crow, but the question was, why did it possess Commander-Level strength?

He didn't know, but he did know that its arrival spelled trouble.

This time, his slaughterhouse might be in serious trouble.

With that thought, he urgently said to a guard beside him, "What are you standing around for? Hurry up and call the Law Enforcement Office for reinforcements!"

"Don't worry, boss, we called them as soon as it showed up," the guard replied.

Then, the fat man stretched out his hand, and his Contracted Beast bound by a Soul Contract appeared.

It was a Steel Spike Wild Boar, several times more corpulent than him.

It also possessed Commander-Level strength.

However, the man didn't feel for a second that his Ah Fu would be a match for that bird in the sky.

The reason was simple. SNORT... As soon as the Steel Spike Wild Boar named Ah Fu appeared, originally intent on showing off its might, it immediately cowered like a mouse seeing a cat upon sensing the Flame-Eating Crow of the same Level in the sky, hiding directly behind the fat man.

Pet Beasts that had been domesticated for countless years, owned by humans who never considered progressing towards becoming Beast Tamers, would remain mere flowers in a greenhouse despite any increase in their Level or possessing some strength, as they lacked corresponding combat awareness and experience.

The man slapped Ah Fu's head in frustration, his hand tingling from the impact. "Damn it, you useless oaf! I've pampered you like you were my own father, and now you chicken out on me?!"

But despite his words, it was clear the man was reluctant to let Ah Fu, his Pet Beast who had been like a family member for twenty years, become roasted pork for that Black Crow.

Of course, a man able to run such a slaughterhouse couldn't possibly be a fool. He immediately ordered those around him:

"Don't do anything rash! The rest of you, don't let your Pet Beasts try to attack or provoke this thing! Its target is likely the other avian Ferocious Beasts trapped in the cages! Remember, as long as it doesn't attack anyone unprovoked, let it do what it wants! Just don't get hurt."

Indeed, he had dispatched many people and expended great effort to capture these birds, keeping them all the way from the New Year until now.

The price of each one after slaughter was several thousand to tens of thousands per pound of meat.

After all, these were wild Ferocious Beasts, not commercially cultivated Pet Beasts of the same Level, so their prices were naturally different.

But human life was always more valuable.

Toothy was circling in the sky.

The little one had been lying in wait for many days already.

These human Beast Tamers were too weak to stop it.

Clearly, although Toothy was clever, knowing to lie in wait and gauge the strength gap between itself and its enemies was already significant progress.

As for meticulously planning and strategizing before acting, well, that was still beyond its capabilities.

In the world of Pet Beasts, especially among Low-Level Pets, brute force was undoubtedly a universally applicable tactic.

So, Toothy charged.

A terrifying Darkness Fireball erupted instantly, aimed directly at the Absolute Iron Cage where the avian Pet Beasts were confined.

The Absolute Iron Cage was made from specially crafted materials.

Any Pet Beast locked inside couldn't exert its Energy; it was a relatively common device for containing Pet Beasts.

Now, under Toothy's Flame, which contained the Darkness Attribute and its 'corrosion' special Ability, a large hole was eaten through in a short time.

WHOOSH!

A flurry of wingbeats sounded, and instantly, the birds crammed into the huge cage flapped their wings frantically, pushing their way out.

Over twenty Ordinary-Level avian Ferocious Beasts and more than a dozen common Elite-Level birds reveled in their newfound freedom.

They scattered into the sky.

There were also about ten or so circling nearby, as if waiting for their rescuer, their king.

"CAW! CAW! CAW!"

Toothy's black wings kept flapping, as if it were posturing defiantly at the humans below.

During these past few days, the little one had witnessed with its own eyes how the leading human had captured some of its kin and stuffed them into that large cage!

This guy was the prime culprit!

If Toothy had been acting according to its old personality, it would have blasted him with fire long ago.

Towards 'enemies,' the mutated Little Crow never showed mercy.

But that was in the past, when it was a mutated Little Crow, not the Toothy of today.

Toothy circled overhead, its equally pitch-black eyes and pupils locked onto the profusely sweating fat man below.

Yet, it remembered one thing: Su Ping had told it that unless humans acted against it with malicious intent, it was not to attack them wantonly.

It was now a member of the Heart of Myriad Spirits family. Clearly, compared to avenging its 'kin,' the little one valued its family's instructions much more.

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So, Toothy circled in the air a few times, considered, but still didn't make a move. However, it seemed to sense an aura locking onto it.

What deeply moved the portly man was that Ah Fu, his Steel-Spike Wild Boar, resolutely stepped out from behind him, blocking the Flame-Eating Crow's malicious intent. "Ah Fu, I haven't raised you for nothing!" The man was deeply moved.

The Steel-Spike Wild Boar snorted, its gaze fixed determinedly on the bird in the sky.

Toothy tilted its head slightly, glancing disdainfully at this plump creature. It didn't look like a Commander Level Pet Beast at all, and Toothy clearly didn't take it seriously.

Ah Fu, the Steel-Spike Wild Boar, seemed to feel Toothy's gaze and bristled with anger. Its master was behind it; it couldn't retreat! It could only charge! And so, it charged.

Toothy hovered mid-air, flapping its wings. Honestly, it was quite startled by the creature's momentum. Then it realized it had overthought things. The creature indeed charged, but it couldn't fly. The Steel-Spike Wild Boar relied on its steel spikes and long tusks for charging; it was a true landlubber.

And this Steel-Spike Wild Boar... Toothy glanced down at the Steel-Spike Wild Boar charging below. The boar, head raised and eyes firmly fixed on Toothy in the sky, wasn't watching its step. It tripped and fell, its huge, fat body flung outwards, crashing into a nearby wall with a loud BOOM. It didn't get up for a long moment, having knocked itself dizzy and disoriented.

Toothy was baffled. Is this thing really a Commander Level Pet Beast? Is it trying to be funny?

Still, this made Toothy realize it didn't need to waste energy on these fools. Thus, Toothy slowly spread its wings. Its rescue mission was completed to perfection; it was indeed time to leave.

However, the loud crash seemed to attract attention from afar. A voice called out from the sky above, "How bold of you to intrude into a human urban area!"

Accompanied by the reassuring blare of a siren, a figure riding a Windcaller Eagle descended like a divine warrior.

The portly man didn't have time to worry about Ah Fu's condition; his spirits lifted at once. "Law Enforcer, it's that crow!"

The man didn't even need to point. The Law Enforcer on the Windcaller Eagle immediately accelerated, but soon, his brow furrowed. The crow flying ahead kept looking back but showed no intention of attacking. It even deliberately slowed down, seemingly to cover the escape of the other birds.

Is this little fellow here to rescue its kin from the slaughterhouse? The Law Enforcer's eyebrows rose slightly. This creature doesn't seem like a Ferocious Beast, does it?

Sure enough, the thirty-something-year-old Law Enforcer narrowed his eyes and instantly spotted something. There was a tag on the Little Crow's foot.

That's the mark of a privately-owned Pet Beast! A privately-owned Pet Beast?

The Law Enforcer's brow furrowed. He reconsidered his initial thought to forcibly apprehend the Little Crow. After a moment, he decided against it and instead followed the bird. If it had an owner, then this was a dispute between Beast Tamers. All he had to do was find out who owned this Little Crow, then let the Beast Tamers from both sides negotiate. That would resolve the matter.

However, upon arriving at the destination, the Law Enforcer fell silent.

On the small mountain stood the hundred-meter-tall King Gunpine. Countless Plant-based Pet Beasts covered the entire peak. In the distance, a lake blended seamlessly with the Lingxi River. These features, along with the distinctly different architecture of the nearby buildings, clearly indicated what this place was.

The Law Enforcement Office wasn't an ordinary place. Only Beast Tamers who passed the tamer assessment were qualified to join. They also possessed a certain level of strength. Such departments held considerable authority in Linzhou, making some matters particularly sensitive.

Since last year, the Jianghai Law Enforcement Office headquarters had circulated a notice to all branches: Regarding the Heart of Woods Cultivation Base in the East Suburb, unless it was a significant issue, they were not to be disturbed without good reason. Even if contact was necessary, discretion and proper conduct were paramount. Of course, a little inquiry would quickly reveal who resided at the base.

And now, this Flame-Eating Crow, which had supposedly caused trouble, turned out to be a Pet Beast from Heart of Woods.

No, wait! What trouble-causing Flame-Eating Crow? This was clearly a valiant, crime-fighting Pet Beast! The Law Enforcer quickly adjusted his attitude.

In the distance, he watched the Flame-Eating Crow and the other flying Pet Beasts that had gathered around it enter the cliffside. The Law Enforcer halted. After a moment's thought, he turned on the mini-camera pinned to his chest. Then, he actually turned back, steering his Windcaller Eagle directly to the 'Great Expand Butchery' abattoir.

The abattoir, a wreck after the recent chaos, was being tidied up. Of course, Toothy had only destroyed the confining cage; the collapse of the other walls was purely the doing of the owner's Steel-Spike Wild Boar.

When the Law Enforcer arrived, the man, who was indignantly comforting Ah Fu, hurried over. "Law Enforcer," he asked, "did you catch that damned crow, the chief culprit?"

However, at that moment, the man suddenly realized the Law Enforcer's expression was somewhat off.

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Indeed, that was the case.

The Law Enforcer who had just been pursuing the intruding Ferocious Beast coldly asked,

"Watch your tone! Your slaughterhouse has been hunting indiscriminately in the wild. I now suspect you have hunted a privately bred Pet Beast!"

The man was somewhat bewildered, failing to make heads or tails of the situation. "Ah?"

"Ah' what? Come clean, where did you capture these flying Pet Beasts from? The Flame-Eating Crow just now belongs to Breeder Su. I'm telling you, randomly slaughtering a privately marked Pet Beast can lead to imprisonment from five to fifteen years! Think about what you're going to do."

The Law Enforcer said flatly, then straightened the camera on his chest.

"Breeder Su?"

In the man's eyes, there was nothing but confusion. What was this all about? And who was \*that\*?

"No, Officer, this is a misunderstanding! These birds I've caught were all legally hunted in the uninhabited regions! They are absolutely not privately bred Pet Beasts!"

"How can you prove it?"

"I..."

The man was on the verge of tears. What was this mess? How could he prove it? The birds had flown away, not even leaving many feathers behind; how could he prove anything?

However, he was no fool, and he quickly caught on to something. That peculiar little black crow had a background? It belonged to a certain Breeder Su?

A Breeder—this title was not to be taken lightly anywhere.

"Now, you can either come with me to Heart of Woods to verify and then apologize to Breeder Su, or go directly to the Law Enforcement Office for questioning. Choose one."

In fact, the Law Enforcer himself somewhat understood. It was likely that this boss in front of him really didn't know. A person who had been in this trade for so many years would naturally not risk such trouble. But now, Breeder Su was involved.

So, the Law Enforcer had to act this way. No one dared to ignore directives from above.

They didn't even know the temperament of the young Breeder Su, whose future already seemed boundless. If Breeder Su were young and impetuous, or even arrogant and overbearing, and became furious over this, then these minor officers could be in deep trouble. If they made the slightest mistake, even if the Breeder himself wouldn't bother with such small fries, countless others eager to curry favor wouldn't hesitate to strike them down. For Breeder Su, it would be a trivial matter, but for them, it would mean falling into an abyss.

Thus, they could only inconvenience the man in front of them a little.

Clearly, this man was no fool. He said bitterly, "I will apologize to the Breeder. Please lead the way, Officer."

The young Law Enforcer glanced at the chubby man and then nodded in satisfaction.

They got into a Law Enforcement Office vehicle and headed towards Heart of Woods in the East Suburb.

Just as they pulled up in front of Heart of Woods, Su Ping, Liu Fuhai, and Zhu Hong had just gotten out of their car. Laughing and talking, they crossed the area of Heart of Cloud and walked towards the interior of Heart of Woods.

At that moment, the young Law Enforcer, who recognized the young man's face from television and internal documents, hurriedly jogged over.

"Breeder Su..."

Su Ping turned around in surprise and saw the man in the Law Enforcer's uniform and the portly man next to him.

A Law Enforcer?

Su Ping blinked. "Hello, you are...?"

"It's like this..."

The Law Enforcer quickly recounted what had just happened.

Su Ping was so taken aback that he couldn't quite grasp what was going on. This Little Crow actually went and played the hero? Rescuing captured wild birds? And it's just like the little fellow to do something like this.

Then, he glanced at the portly man beside the Law Enforcer, who wore a fawning smile, and finally understood. It seemed the Little Crow was using his name to throw its weight around.

But truth be told, he really was in the wrong! Capturing wild Pet Beasts near human settlements had never been illegal. In fact, it was an encouraged act to prevent chaos among peripheral beasts. Instead, it was his own little fellow that had caused the mess.

Su Ping thought it over. Zhu Hong and Liu Fuhai, standing beside him, also remained silent. They exchanged interested glances before turning to observe Su Ping's actions. They too were curious to see what this youngster would do in such a situation.

After a brief pause, Su Ping finally turned to the portly man with an apologetic smile. "Uh, how much damage did Toothy cause to Boss Wang's slaughterhouse? Toothy just arrived, and the little fellow has a bit of a unique personality. Please don't take offense. Nobody got hurt, right? I'm sorry about that! I apologize to you on its behalf."

The portly man hastily waved his hands, somewhat flattered and even a little incoherent. "No problem at all! No, no, you needn't worry. Rest assured, your Pet Beast wasn't injured either."

By now, he had figured out that this young man was no ordinary person and seemed vaguely familiar, though he couldn't remember where he'd seen him before. So, he decided it was simpler to just accept the misfortune.

Su Ping also understood; he turned his gaze to the Law Enforcer.

The Law Enforcer hurriedly said, "The birds Boss Wang captured seemed to have all flown away, a Forbidden Cage was damaged, a wall was also knocked down, and Boss Wang's Contracted Beast seems to have been injured."

Upon hearing this, Su Ping's brows slowly furrowed. Of course, it wasn't the potential compensation amount that bothered him—that was nothing to him. What made him frown was Toothy's behavior. The destruction and freeing of the Pet Beasts were one thing, but actively injuring someone else's Pet Beast? That was a different matter entirely.

"No, no!"

Seeing Su Ping frown, Boss Wang quickly waved his hands. Then he summoned his Ah Fu, the Steel Thorn Boar, which had a big bump on its head, obviously a self-inflicted injury from ramming it. "It's this stupid pig's own doing, really! That Flame-Eating Crow is a Fire Type Pet Beast. It couldn't have caused Ah Fu an injury like this, right?"

And truth be told, seeing that bump, Su Ping was taken aback. This injury... it really doesn't seem like something Toothy could have caused.

He nodded, his brows relaxing as a smile appeared on his face. "This is my oversight in management. I'll be stricter in the future. As for the escaped bird-type Pet Beasts—their quantity, Level, and assessed value—please provide an itemized list. We will certainly compensate you at a premium to ensure you don't suffer any loss."

"This..."

As Boss Wang hesitated, Liu Fuhai, who was beside him, also spoke up, "That's only right and proper. The main thing is that nobody was hurt!"

SNORT! The Steel Thorn Boar let out a grunt, trying to assert its presence and its need for compensation for emotional distress, before Boss Wang slapped it into silence.

Issue resolved.

Su Ping didn't make a big deal of it, simply calling over Uncle Guan to handle the compensation with the two men.

"Su Ping, with your current status, you really didn't need to bother with this at all," Zhu Hong said with a laugh as they walked towards the Heart of Myriad Spirits.

Su Ping chuckled. "I was in the wrong. Just as Old Liu said, it's the right and proper thing to do."

Master Zhu smiled.

Su Ping, however, clearly didn't mind. For him, it was truly a trivial matter. "Well, this Little Crow has caused me some trouble. Would you two like to come with me and see the wild birds it rescued?"

"Sure. Let's go and take a stroll through the Forest Heart."

The three strolled towards the Forest Heart.

Sometimes, the principle of 'what is right and proper' is difficult to uphold for those who consider themselves privileged. Because, no matter the era, this world often seems like a race to the bottom.

However, to Zhu Hong's pleasure and Su Ping's surprise, as the new master of the Dragon Emblem, Su Ping had unknowingly passed the most basic, yet most challenging and crucial, trial stipulated by Dragon City.

The rules of Dragon City state: those who use their power to bully others, or oppress the weak without reason, have no right to the Dragon Clan's recognition, nor are they qualified to wear the Dragon Emblem.

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Atop the grand Hundred Birds Wutong Tree, probably over a dozen small birds were perched.

They had just been rescued by the Little Crow.

However, it was quite obvious that the appearance of Su Ping and his two companions caused a flurry of panic in the flock.

If it weren't for the Little Crow acting quite the big brother at this very moment, those birds would have likely spread their wings and flown away.

Su Ping looked up. As expected, although there were many birds, their quality was actually very average.

They were the kind of flying Pet Beasts that one could buy easily, holding little value for Su Ping and the Heart of Myriad Spirits.

But Su Ping naturally wouldn't dampen the little fellow's enthusiasm for the rescue operation it had mounted.

Moreover, it wasn't without benefits. The more birds there were on the Hundred Birds Wutong Tree, the stronger the flock effect would be, naturally attracting even more avian species to gather.

Even the idea he had before might need some adjustments now. He had thought that if he wanted to build a habitat for avian flying Pet Beasts, he might have to create a closed-off venue.

There was just one issue that needed to be addressed. Indeed, how was Su Ping going to make these flying Pet Beasts obey him? Once they had the first batch of obedient ones, future birds would adapt and naturally converge here without needing training.

This wasn't a difficult task either, because his Talent could finally show its effect and use! Home of All Spirits!

After the Breeder Contest ended, he was rewarded with a Soul Fruit that enhanced his Talent. However, Su Ping hadn't yet tried this other function that came with his Talent.

As long as they were in the Beast Taming Space, any Pet Beasts entering it couldn't resist some of his commands, allowing for a short-term taming effect.

"Toothy!"

"GAGA!"

The Little Crow hovered joyfully over Su Ping's head before promptly settling on his shoulder, its excitement palpable.

"This kind of thing is dangerous. If you want to do something like it in the future, tell me first, got it?"

"GAGA!"

Su Ping didn't scold the Little Crow. As long as it hadn't hurt anyone, what did compensating with a bit of money matter?

Moreover, for the Little Crow, this was indeed an act of righteous valor.

"I'll give you some time. Gather all these little ones you brought. Tonight, they're going to my Beast Taming Space for a class!"

"GAGA!"

Old Liu and Master Zhu Hong looked quizzically at the young man.

A class in the evening? That phrase was actually quite common in Breeder circles, especially among some unorthodox old Breeders when speaking to female students. But Master Su Da was scheduling evening classes for a bunch of birds?

Master Zhu Hong gave a helpless smile and then asked, "Speaking of which, with your Heart of Myriad Spirits, are you still planning to create a new breeding base for birds?"

Su Ping nodded.

"It's certainly something for the future."

"Your energy is indeed impressive, Su Ping, but manpower is ultimately finite. I'll repeat what I've said before: if you want to do this, getting help from other Breeders is a necessary part of the process! With your Talent and intelligence, I'm not worried that dabbling in too many things will lead to a jumble of superficial knowledge, but you must remember that."

As Master Zhu Hong brought this up again, Su Ping smiled and nodded, "Don't worry, I've already started looking for some!"

There was still no news about the Xue Family members Dong Muyun was searching for.

However, regarding the construction of the Heart of Soul for the Necromancy System, that person named Bai Cang had been doing quite well recently.

If possible, it wouldn't be bad to have him stay at the Heart of Soul, part of the Heart of Myriad Spirits, in the future.

Coincidentally, Su Ping had two Cultivation Methods for sword-type Necromancy Series Pet Beasts that he hadn't yet tried. These were for none other than the Immortal White Bone Sword and the Extinguishing Spirit Yama Sword, which had originally belonged to Yu Liangqing.

"Well, that's good," Master Zhu said. "Speaking of which, have you thought about how you will arrange the area for these avian Pet Beasts?"

This Breeding Master indeed possessed an understanding of and insight into many Pet Beasts that was far beyond ordinary.

Su Ping didn't feign understanding and honestly shook his head, "I haven't thought it through yet. However, with the Hundred Birds Wutong Tree here, this place is quite nice."

"Nice it may be, but judging by your usual standards, you're clearly not satisfied! Avian-type flying Pet Beasts usually nest in forests. However, for these avian Pet Beasts, the requirements for the woods they inhabit aren't too demanding. Also, the taller the trees, the better. After all, the taller the forest, the safer it is for these avian Pet Beasts..."

Master Zhu mused for a moment, squinting slightly as he glanced over the area again, then suggested, "Well then, don't worry about it. I'll help you complete this breeding base for the birds. Consider it my chance to be involved in the cultivation of the Five Elements Body, and it'll be my payment to you!"

Su Ping was startled, then pleased. "If that's the case, then thank you very much, Master Zhu."

He certainly trusted Master Zhu's capabilities, so he didn't stand on ceremony. Such a task might be a hassle for him, but it likely wasn't a big deal for Master Zhu.

There was no reason to distrust a personal promise from a Breeding Master.

"Hmm, in about half a month, Da Huang should complete its evolution. I'll need to leave Linzhou by then, so consider this my parting gift. But... have you thought of a name for this place yet?"