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Chapter 581: Legendary Breeding Evolution? Biyao Chunshen Capture Method! - Part 2

Su Ping blinked, staring at Master Zhu's beaming question, and scratched his head for a moment. After interacting for nearly two months, Master Zhu had indeed figured out Su Ping's little thoughts. This was indeed an issue that Su Ping was relatively concerned about at the moment.

What's the name of this bird-breeding base?

He really didn't know.

However...

"Da Huang will be able to complete the Evolution in just half a month?"

"Yes, although I've been focused on the research about Paperman this whole time, we've never paused efforts on Da Huang's side either, and the Mu Long's blood from President Qin has been continuously supplied. During this time, Da Huang's Earth Element and Wood Attribute have reached a certain balance. Next up is accumulating Energy, using these two interrelated yet not mutually generative Attributes to achieve an Energy circulation similar to the Five Elements generating and overcoming each other, thus completing the Evolution! Hehe, the inspiration for this came from the recent research on Paperman, which is why, Su Ping, you really are my benefactor!" Master Zhu Hong spoke with incredible exaggeration.

Su Ping's eyebrows raised. He suddenly caught onto something.

"Master Zhu, did you just say that Da Huang's Evolution is primarily based on its Earth Element and an expanded Wood Element? Is there a traceable pattern for such an Evolution?"

"Dragon Clan Evolution is unlike that of many other Pet Beasts. Dragons are somewhat akin to Mutated Pet Beasts, with numerous potential research and development paths. Even without the addition of the Wood Element, Da Huang could evolve by simply continuing to enhance its Earth Element."

Su Ping's eyes brightened.

"So, when these two similar Attributes are combined in such Pet Beasts, a natural reaction of Evolution will occur, at least in the case of Mutated Pet Beasts, right?"

"Exactly," Zhu Hong nodded. Liu Fuhai, who had been quiet beside them, seemed to understand the implication behind Su Ping's question.

"Su Ping, are you thinking of evolving your Poison Type mutant Forest Wolf?"

Su Ping nodded.

Zhu Hong, who had also seen Xiao Qing's form, showed no surprise.

"The Evolution of a Mutated Pet Beast can be both difficult and easy. The reason lies in the fact that Mutated Pet Beasts have almost no evolutionary prototype to refer to because of their mutations. However, it's easy because Mutated Pet Beasts excel in certain aspects, and one only needs to focus Cultivation along that direction to achieve Evolution. If your mutant Forest Wolf simply wants to continue evolving with its Wood Element and Poison Type, then all you need is to continue fostering these two Attributes. Once they reach their Peak, there will be a chance for Evolution! Of course, the Abilities after Evolution depend on your own assessment. But according to my estimate, if it's just such an ordinary Attribute Evolution, even if Advanced Level resources are used, the Abilities after Evolution will definitely not be as stunning as those of the mutated Paperman."

Master Zhu generously shared his thoughts.

However, Su Ping had already narrowed his eyes.

So that's how it is.

Does that mean Xiao Qing's Evolution is relatively simple?

Xiao Qing's Evolution wasn't merely an extension of Attributes; the little guy had one major advantage.

External Incarnation!

The potential uses for a Clone Skill Technique were immense.

And as for Energy enhancement? Resource strengthening? Achieving an Evolutionary Body by reaching a Peak in those two Attributes?

Without reason, Su Ping thought of that item!

Biyao Chunshen!

The only Legendary Level resource for both Wood and Poison Attributes!

What if that item were used again to help Xiao Qing evolve?

With the Evolution achieved in tandem with External Incarnation, how far could Xiao Qing's Abilities be enhanced?

With these thoughts, Su Ping narrowed his eyes and subconsciously licked his lips.

So, he casually asked, "Master Zhu, for such Cultivation and Evolution, is it better to use Advanced Level resources?"

"Of course not. You also have to consider the Pet Beast's adaptability. However, your Forest Wolf is alright because it's a rare mutant combining Poison Type and Wood Element. My Da Huang needed to acquire the Wood Attribute for its Evolution, so we used Mu Long's blood as a catalyst, combined with other Wood Element resources. So I guess if you're going to cultivate yours, using both types of resources together, stimulated by Emperor Level resources, it might just evolve directly!"

Emperor Level!

Su Ping indeed had some, but recalling the wild possibility he had just considered, he still asked, "Do we have any Advanced Level Wood Element or Poison Type resources in Dragon Nation?"

"Err..." Zhu Hong glanced at the audacious kid, but still thoughtfully said, "Spirit Master Peak wood-element Lingzhi, and Yellow Spring Water of the same grade. One is Wood Element, the other is Poison Type; both are Spirit Master Peak resources."

Su Ping feigned an offhand question, "Ah? Only Spirit Saint Level? No Legendary Level resources?"

Zhu Hong glanced again at the insatiable kid. "What are you thinking? Even if such items existed, they wouldn't be provided to attempt evolving a Commander Level Pet Beast. Moreover, Legendary Level resources are exceedingly rare; each one is a precious strategic asset. And don't aim too high. Even if Advanced Level resources provide overwhelming Energy for Evolution, it's difficult for an ordinary Pet Beast to withstand them. Emperor Level is already the limit. When you need Emperor Level resources, let me know, and I'll arrange them for you. Your authority grants you an annual quota of Emperor Level resources you can use."

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Su Ping nodded, his expression like that of a curious child as he asked, "Master Zhu, what kinds of Legendary Level resources exist for the Wood Element and Poison Type? Have you ever seen any?"

Zhu Hong could understand Su Ping's curiosity. He didn't hide anything and, after a moment's thought, said, "I haven't really heard of any purely Poison Type ones. However, concerning Wood Element and Life Series resources, I did once hear of a Legendary Level one called the 'Elixir of Immortality'!"

"Elixir of Immortality?" Su Ping echoed, stunned.

"Yes, though I've only heard bits and pieces. I don't even know exactly what it looks like. However, what I do know is its effect: any living being that consumes it will gain a significant increase in lifespan. It's a treasure sought after by countless beings! As for other purely Wood Element Legendary resources, I've heard of some, but those are mostly just exaggerated rumors. However, there's one that you might find interesting—a Legendary Level resource possessing both Wood and Poison properties, called 'Biyao Chunshen'."

Zhu Hong talked at length, and when he finally mentioned this name, Su Ping's heart skipped a beat.

"Biyao Chunshen?" Su Ping feigned hearing the name for the first time.

"That's right. Legend says there's such a Legendary Level resource, possessing both Poison Type and Wood Element effects. This Biyao Chunshen is extremely mystical. Historically, the Dragon Nation has managed to acquire it on a few occasions, so we possess some understanding of it. What sets it apart from other resources is that it not only possesses basic intelligence but also a special ability called 'Green Demon Avatar.' This allows it to transform into any plant. Most living beings can't even distinguish its true form from a disguise, which makes the Biyao Chunshen incredibly difficult to find. Even if discovered, the Biyao Chunshen can abandon its transformed body at any moment and escape in its true form. It cannot be restrained by most means. Even a body discarded by the Biyao Chunshen, still containing its medicinal power, is an exceptionally rare treasure."

Zhu Hong continued his explanation.

Su Ping suppressed the excitement in his heart and couldn't help but ask, "Such a rare resource, and our Dragon Nation has actually controlled it before?"

Zhu Hong chuckled at the question. "You kid, you may have exceptional talent, but consider the Dragon Nation's long history. How many peerless geniuses have emerged throughout that time? Naturally, some have been quite fortunate. They've even summarized some of the Biyao Chunshen's characteristics. Though it comes and goes without a trace and is extremely difficult to capture, it also withers upon contact with wood, dissolves in water, chars in fire, and burrows into earth! No tangible object can stop its escape; even certain destructive energies are powerless against it. However, through the years, past sages discovered that gold can impede its movement. So, as long as it's confined within a gold vessel, it cannot flee! Of course, that's easier said than done. The reality is that finding it is far more difficult because the Biyao Chunshen is so rare, it's incredibly hard to locate."

As he said this, Zhu Hong shook his head with a touch of regret, evidently also quite interested in the Biyao Chunshen's specific effects and abilities. But this item was indeed exceedingly rare. Finding it was incredibly difficult.

However, Zhu Hong, at this moment, was completely oblivious to the suppressed joy deep within Su Ping's eyes.

Withers on contact with wood, dissolves in water, chars in fire, and burrows into earth?

It really is like the Ginseng Fruit?

But as long as there's a way to capture it, it's not a problem!

Liu Fuhai, standing nearby, also chuckled and said, "Come on now, something like that isn't what you or I could expect to encounter anytime soon. Are you actually thinking of using a Legendary Level resource to evolve that Forest Wolf of yours? You'd better just wash up and go to bed."

Su Ping merely smiled faintly.

Who can say what the future holds?

Xiao Qing's mutation originated from the Biyao Chunshen, and it even possessed a certain sensitivity to it.

This meant Xiao Qing had some resistance to this Wood and Poison dual-element Legendary resource.

Based on this, evolving it with the Biyao Chunshen wasn't impossible!

However, unless he actually had it in hand, he wouldn't tell anyone—not even his own father!

I wonder what their reaction would be if those two ever saw him obtain the Biyao Chunshen in the future?

Heh, I'm really starting to look forward to going to Beiyuan.

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「Night fell.」

Su Ping toyed with a special token in his hand.

It was indeed a special token, a round and peculiar one, entirely golden.

It appeared exceedingly noble and sacred. An boundless majesty seemed to emanate from it.

The front of the round token was adorned with a golden Divine Dragon, baring its fangs and brandishing its claws.

On the back, four large characters were inscribed in Ancient Serpentine Script: "Flying Dragon in the Sky!"

This was the Dragon Emblem!

Ever since his arrival a few days ago, Su Ping had been fiddling with it constantly.

It was truly worthy of being the ultimate treasure representing the apex of the Dragon Nation; the material of the Dragon Emblem alone was extraordinary.

This unknown, sacred golden metal was definitely of a high Rank.

Moreover, the faint Dragon Might mingled within made Su Ping feel as if, holding it, he too could transform into a True Dragon, just like Da Huang.

Unfortunately, for now, its only practical use seemed to be for intimidating others.

Su Ping shook his head and then set it aside.

In the not-so-dark room, Su Ping closed his eyes and sat cross-legged on the carpet.

He was about to begin the bedtime routine he had repeated for the past few days.

His consciousness had entered his own Beast Taming Space.

And at this moment, within the Beast Taming Space, numerous birds were either perched on the ground or flapping their wings in the air.

But right now, these avian Pet Beasts, originally wild and difficult to tame, were unusually docile.

Within this spatial area, an oppressive consciousness formed by spiritual power influenced them, preventing them from acting rashly.

If their Realm were higher, perhaps on par with this consciousness, they might entertain a fleeting thought of resistance. However, under the suppression of a higher Realm, they harbored no such notions.

They all used their rudimentary consciousness to accept Su Ping's 'lessons'.

In truth, could this even be called a lesson?

These little ones, the highest Level among them merely Elite High-Order, possessed relatively low avian self-awareness. Despite their direct Psychic Communication ability, it was impossible for them to grasp all the tenets of the Heart of Myriad Spirits in a single session.

However, it was enough for these little ones to fundamentally acknowledge him and understand that as long as they followed him, they wouldn't lack food. Even when roaming outside, they wouldn't forget to return when hungry.

Any Pet Beast pack would possess a pack leader instinct.

A key criterion for a pack leader was the ability to guide the pack to ample food.

Undoubtedly, Su Ping only needed to train them to this basic state.

This was Su Ping's thought, and this was his approach.

With the Paperman's cultivation completed, one of his major concerns was finally, thoroughly resolved.

Qian Yi's strength had soared to a level that even he found incredible.

However, Qian Yi was still currently unable to control the full power of the Five Elements Paper Diagram.

Regardless, the cultivation of the little Paperman was concluded, at least until the Professional Assessment.

After all, Qian Yi's own Realm limit had also reached First Rank Monarch.

Further breakthroughs to Monarch Level and developing its subsequent evolutions could wait.

For the time being, apart from preparing to head to Beiyuan for the Heavenly Tomb Special Beast Taming Force assessment, he had quite a number of other tasks to complete as well.

Xiao Qing's cultivation and evolution involved more than just finding the Biyao Chunshen and performing the External Incarnation.

He had previously purchased several burst-type Skills for incarnation use from the Breeder Association's repository. He hadn't had time before, but now that the exchange was complete, he needed to start implementing them for Xiao Qing.

Next were the prize-winning red envelopes from the New Year's lottery draw.

Among them, the first in the botanical garden selected for evolution had been the Mist Pine. This special Commander Level Plant System Pet Beast.

Therefore, Su Ping had to continue searching the Breeder Association's repository for this Mist Pine's evolutionary form.

The Mist Pine, a Pet Beast with Commander Level Racial Potential, had mediocre popularity, and little research was dedicated to it. As a Plant System Pet Beast, and a water-attribute one at that, it faced many limitations and its combat power wasn't particularly strong. Although easy to raise, Beast Tamers didn't choose Pet Beasts based solely on ease of maintenance.

Consequently, in the Breeder Association's repository, the Mist Pine had only one relatively common Monarch Level evolutionary form: the Fogbound River Pine.

It was considered a further evolutionary advancement for the Mist Pine.

After Su Ping acquired the information, he skimmed through it and was ready to begin.

The evolution wasn't difficult; it merely required some relatively rare and precious resource materials. However, for the current Su Ping, this was not a significant issue.

In short, his preparations over the past couple of days had been smooth and sufficient.

The nightly training sessions with these avian creatures were also progressing smoothly.

Su Ping's consciousness descended, and he was satisfied with the quiet and obedient little ones.

Compared to a few days ago when they had just entered and still needed Toothy to keep them in check, they were undoubtedly much more settled. Su Ping estimated that in a few more days, they might meet the intimacy requirements of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, allowing him to illuminate the corresponding entries in the Catalog.

Thinking of this, Su Ping exerted even more effort.

At his current Realm, although he couldn't physically enter the Beast Taming Space, his consciousness was still crystal clear, ensuring every bird was fully aware of his presence.

However, for some reason, Su Ping felt something was off tonight.

"As long as I am here, you won't need to tirelessly search for food outside! Once you become a part of the Heart of Myriad Spirits, not only will you be well-fed, but you will also evolve into far stronger forms than you are now! Good performance will be rewarded!"

His words, formed through Psychic Communication, reached the ears of all the birds. These little creatures responded with corresponding chirps to Su Ping's enticing promises.

But, just as his voice faded, a faint, cold voice interjected, "HMPH!"

Su Ping paused. He opened his eyes, bewildered. There was no one around. He even asked with some astonishment, "Feifei, did you just speak? Or did anyone come by or make a sound?"

"No, Master!" Feifei's voice replied from the speaker.

Su Ping scratched his head. Did I mishear?

He then re-immersed his consciousness into the Beast Taming Space.

"Alright, today I've prepared plump grubs for you little ones! Rich in various nutrients, they're the most suitable food for you! After eating, we'll start obedience training. The rules are the same as the past few days: the most obedient little one will receive an extra resource as a reward!"

"CHIRP! CHIRP!"

"GAGA!"

Although these Low-level birds weren't highly intelligent, the past few days of training had taught them the routine. Especially after witnessing the allure of the precious resources, they found even less reason to refuse.

And these resources weren't specifically bought by Su Ping for these wild birds; they were generated within his Beast Taming Space.

That's right. After advancing to Commander Level, Su Ping had obtained the incredibly rare Space Characteristic 'All Things Breeding'. Consequently, resources would generate within the Beast Taming Space, commensurate with his own Realm.

Now, more than ten days had passed, and finally, some of these basic resources had emerged.

A few Ordinary Level resources and one Elite Level resource had appeared; Commander Level ones were not yet present.

Clearly, not enough time had passed to generate resources of the same Level. However, this was already sufficient; this rate demonstrated the potential of the 'All Things Breeding' Space Characteristic.

But before Su Ping could dwell on it, at that very moment, amidst the chirping within the Beast Taming Space, another faint, cold snort sounded: "HMPH!"

Hm?

This time, he was absolutely certain the sound had occurred.

Moreover, compared to before, there was now an extremely peculiar, faint sound accompanying it, though Su Ping couldn't discern its meaning. He only knew it was identical to the previous cold snort that seemed to emanate from the deepest recesses of his spirit and soul.

Su Ping's brow furrowed deeply.

Something was definitely strange.

He hadn't forgotten the incident with the Flame Fruit in his Beast Taming Space at all!

His conjecture was that something unknown to him might be hidden in the Beast Taming Space—something quite special.

Although a Beast Tamer's control over their Beast Taming Space was absolute, such a matter couldn't be ignored.

Now, it seemed Su Ping might finally see the true face of the culprit that had been hiding and secretly eating the Flame Fruits he had conjured?

Thinking this, Su Ping pretended not to have heard anything while his consciousness swept across the entire Beast Taming Space.

Yet, he still found nothing unusual.

It was as if the sound had materialized out of thin air.

Where on earth was this thing hiding?

Having dealt with this since the New Year, Su Ping was starting to get irritated.

Moreover, Su Ping was no fool; he might have already guessed a few things.

This peculiar situation had begun when his Beast Taming Space acquired the Fire Element Characteristic 'Fire Cultivation Realm'. And how had the Fire Cultivation Realm come into being? He knew perfectly well.

It was just that previously, Su Ping had been genuinely unwilling to consider that possibility. But given the current situation, it seemed he no longer had a choice?

Most importantly, judging by this, the voice seemed to possess self-awareness and considerable intelligence?

If that's the case, why not just have a direct confrontation?

Thus, Su Ping ignored the birds still preparing for the test and spoke directly via Psychic Communication throughout the entire Secret Realm:

"Come out! Since you've made your presence known, you must have accumulated enough strength. That being the case, why continue to hide in my Beast Taming Space?"

Indeed, it seemed to be just as Su Ping had thought.

As his words faded, from one of the birds, hidden beneath flame and feather, a minuscule wisp of fire, smaller than could be imagined, flickered and slowly rose into midair.

Su Ping's heart skipped a beat.

It really was! The Phoenix Flame from the Hundred Birds Facing Phoenix phenomenon?

So, the Space Characteristic of this Fire Cultivation Realm hadn't been absorbed for nothing after all!

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This Fire Sprout is too small.

So much so that if one only used the naked eye, it would be very hard to see directly.

Su Ping had finally understood why numerous inspections had failed to reveal anything.

If this thing hid within real flames, especially in the Fire Cultivation Realm, it would be utterly invisible.

Moreover, since it had emerged from that mysterious Fire Phoenix, it was only logical that it possessed various hiding abilities.

Su Ping took a deep breath and then used his spiritual power to ask,

"Who are you? Why have you appeared inside my Beast Taming Space?"

"..."

A string of indecipherable sounds came from the Fire Sprout.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly, instinctively listening with his spiritual power.

As expected, it was the ancient Serpentine Script:

"Humans... despicable... betrayers..."

The voice was fragmented, but the content made Su Ping frown immediately.

What an impolite Little Flame.

Su Ping continued with a frown using Psychic Communication,

"Is there some kind of misunderstanding? Who are you exactly?"

Since the other party was impolite, Su Ping naturally saw no reason or need to be courteous in return.

However, upon asking again, the Fire Sprout flickered slightly and made another sound.

Su Ping quickly captured this with his spiritual power, yet this time, the voice's content left him stunned:

"I... am... who?"

The Little Flame seemed to ponder this question itself and then, with a PUFF, this little creature flickered a few times before settling back amongst the flock of birds.

This tiny Fire Sprout, seemingly realizing it had exposed itself, simply stopped hiding under Su Ping's observation.

But Su Ping blinked in confusion.

This thing doesn't know who it is? Then why does it hold such immense enmity towards him, even towards all of humanity?

"Speak clearly! Did you or did you not steal my Flame Fruit?"

"Hey! Are you going to talk or not?"

Su Ping looked at the flickering Little Flame, which showed no intention of answering further, and he seemed to understand a bit better.

It seemed that speaking the ancient Serpentine Script had consumed a great deal of its energy, preventing it from speaking further.

Was this thing really a fragment of the Fire Element from the Fire Phoenix conflagration? It did not seem quite right. After all, the impact Su Ping felt from seeing that Fire Element life form condense into a Phoenix was immense.

However, Su Ping thought of the last scene he had witnessed.

The flame that had formed into a Phoenix eventually burst apart, becoming countless fiery meteors that scattered everywhere.

Clearly, for some reason, this Fire Phoenix had failed to condense into a true Fire Phoenix. Therefore, this Fire Sprout was likely just one of the fragments! Then, regarding its energy signature... Su Ping sensed it slightly; even though it had stealthily consumed so many of his Flame Fruits, it was still merely at the Ordinary Level. Could this be the composite body of that Fire Phoenix? And if so, could he potentially contract it in the future? Wouldn't that mean having a Pet Beast with terrifying potential?

Of course, that thought was just a fantasy.

Not to mention the deep-seated hatred towards humanity evident in the words spoken by the Fire Sprout in the ancient Serpentine Script, which already highlighted how difficult such a task would be.

But Betrayers? What did that mean?

Su Ping scratched his head anxiously. Without a second thought, he instantly locked onto the Little Flame.

He wanted to capture it, but just as that thought solidified, the Fire Sprout PUFFED and disappeared into a nearby fire...

"TSK... what character!"

Su Ping narrowed his eyes, and a smile appeared on his face.

He had never tried before. However, now that he had seen the true form of this Fire Sprout, and considering this was his own Beast Taming Space, he could certainly bring it out if he wanted.

But in the end, after some thought, Su Ping decided not to do so.

There would be other days, and he was indeed quite interested in this little thing. But then again, could it actually escape from within his own Beast Taming Space?

Moreover, Su Ping was very curious about the words it had previously spoken, but given its current state, it seemed unlikely to respond further.

Humans, betrayers? In Ancient Times, this Fire Phoenix, an elemental being, might have been a Legendary Level power. What exactly happened between it and humans? Why did it harbor such immense innate animosity towards humans? It didn't even know its own identity? Could it be that the Phoenix flame reborn from the Hundred Birds Facing Phoenix was actually suffering from amnesia?

All possibilities existed.

And for this reason, Su Ping wasn't eager to investigate further immediately. This little creature was struggling to speak and seemed to have no memory of the original Phoenix itself? Therefore, even if he brought it before him, it would be meaningless.

But it had to be said that Su Ping's curiosity was fully aroused.

What exactly was the situation with this thing? The secrets of ancient Pet Beasts seemed to be quite intriguing.

「So... three days later.」

During these days, Su Ping was absorbed in researching how to feed the Little Flame with Flame Fruits, cultivating Xiao Qing, and giving lessons to the other birds, including Toothy. His work was interrupted when his door was suddenly pushed open, and a figure stormed in:

"I say, didn't we agree before? Once you finished your research and cultivation, you'd help me with this ancestral reversion research, right?"

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Ye Zhou looked aggrieved and indignant.

Su Ping scratched his head.

If Ye Zhou hadn't stormed over, Su Ping would have completely forgotten about his existence, which made him feel somewhat embarrassed:

"Hahaha, sorry, I forgot."

Ye Zhou looked utterly resentful.

But he also helplessly shook his head:

"I really don't know what you're busy with every day. I came over to tell you that I'm going back to Magic Capital; school starts tomorrow."

"Eh? So soon?"

"Soon?"

Ye Zhou glared at him. Is this considered soon?

For students like them, the start of the semester at Magic Capital Academy was quite flexible.

These were already the last few days; not returning to report by now would be utterly unreasonable.

"Er... how are you getting back? Let me see you off."

"The Dean and Miss Qin will be here in a while; they'll take Dong Muxuan and me with them. Seriously, what on earth are you busy with every day? Are we still going ahead with the ancestral evolution or not?"

"I've genuinely been busy lately. But on the other hand, aren't you graduating in a few months? Won't you have plenty of time then?"

Su Ping didn't seem to mind.

"Who's as carefree as you? There's always something to do after graduation. Forget it, I can't be bothered arguing with a laid-back young master like you. But no matter how busy you are, don't forget the mid-year assessment. I heard from Miss Qin that you've developed a sensational Pet Beast."

"I'm looking forward to facing you on the battle platform and seeing just what kind of sensational Pet Beast you have!"

Ye Zhou reined in his expression. His true temperament, which only surfaced around a few people, disappeared, replaced by the indifferent and arrogant demeanor that Su Ping quite disliked.

He looked as if everything was under his control, brimming with confidence, like a master strategist.

What gives this guy so much confidence?

Is his Pet Beast's strength really that impressive?

But could it really be stronger than Qian Yi in its Fifth Gear state?

That's clearly impossible!

But then again, when it actually comes to the assessment competition, whether Qian Yi can use abilities that rely on external power is indeed an unknown.

Chatting idly with Ye Zhou, Su Ping stepped out of the room. Accompanied by Dong Muxuan, he went to the top floor of the Heart of Cloud.

Sure enough, it wasn't long before the familiar Cloud Soarer arrived above the building, hovering in the sky.

Sang Sheng and Qin Xiaoxue, who were also heading back, descended from it.

After some pleasantries, Su Ping waved goodbye, seeing off his young friends who were returning to Magic Capital.

Dong Muxuan was one thing, but he had become quite good friends with Ye Zhou during this time.

Hmm, his relationship with Miss Qin was somewhat more special.

After seeing them off, Su Ping breathed a sigh of relief.

He knew that the upcoming period would be entirely his own.

It was also the final stretch of time before he had to head to Beiyuan.

In fact, not many days remained before he had to go to Beiyuan Province to join the Special Beast Taming Forces as a Breeder.

The reason was simple: mid-March, by the Gregorian calendar, was just over two months after New Year's Eve.

Now that the winter vacation was over, less than a month remained.

Thinking of this, Su Ping stood atop the Heart of Cloud's main tower, overlooking the entire Heart of Myriad Spirits, and stretched lazily.

In the coming period, his task was to make all the necessary preparations for Xiao Qing's evolution.

For instance, he needed to cultivate the two skills he had acquired to apply to Xiao Qing's clone: Life Burst and Poison Blast!

However, Ye Zhou hadn't been idle during his stay either.

One very important matter he handled was also intimately related to Su Ping.

Ye Zhou had previously reached an agreement with Dong Muyun to transfer a portion of the sales rights for the Time Potion to Pingyun.

Although it wasn't an exclusive deal—after all, the Time Potion wasn't solely Ye Zhou's creation. While he had provided significant help, it was primarily the work of numerous research professors and teachers at Magic Capital Academy.

Such a treasure, capable of saving lives at critical moments, was valued no less—if not more—than the Heart of the Wolf and the Illusionary Heart currently sold by Pingyun.

Clearly, this cooperation was not just a favor to Su Ping but also due to Dong Muxuan's involvement.

Dong Muyun had been discussing the specifics of the profit-sharing agreement with Magic Capital recently. Su Ping couldn't be bothered to delve into the details, content to remain a hands-off owner. This was also why she hadn't had time to pester him lately.

Time passed slowly in this manner.

「In the blink of an eye, several days had passed.」

Su Ping, having finally, more or less, completed his preparations for Xiao Qing's cultivation, went to his office to hear Lao Guan's progress report:

"The construction of the Heart of Myriad Spirits is proceeding smoothly."

Lao Guan got straight to the point, knowing that Su Ping's time was tight:

"The Heart of Soul is already taking shape. The first scenario, the Death Wheatfield you designated earlier, is almost complete. Excluding the Pet Beasts, the construction cost is around 10,000,000.

Simultaneously, the foundational structures for the Zombie Settlement, the Tomb Sun Primary School, and the Third Mental Hospital have begun construction."

"Hmm! How's the training of Bai Cang's Pet Beast progressing?" Su Ping nodded, satisfied with the speed.

"I don't know much about that; you'll need to check on it yourself when the time comes." Lao Guan didn't presume to comment on Pet Beast cultivation, as it wasn't his area of expertise, and he couldn't discern much anyway.

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He paused for a moment before continuing, "In addition to that, the area with the special magnetic field is also ready for excavation and inspection. The dilapidated houses and storefronts opposite the gate of the Heart of Myriad Spirits have all been demolished.

Building construction is progressing much faster than the development of the Heart of Soul and Heart of Earth. However, due to the timing of the commencement, it's a bit behind in relative speed. Regarding what you mentioned before, about wanting to open a tender for bids... we're too remote here. Although we have some customers, no malls or stores are willing to invest and come over..."

Su Ping continued to nod. Unsurprisingly, he said, "It doesn't matter; we can manage it ourselves when the time comes.

In the future, this place will focus mainly on functionality, with shops, storefronts, supermarkets, and the internet cafe facilities exclusive to the Heart of Dreams.

This area will connect with the Heart of Cloud, developing it into a complete industrial chain base."

Old Guan also nodded. "As for the Heart of Earth, progress has slowed down quite a bit. There's no helping it; the scope is too broad. It's already comparable to the entire Heart of Myriad Spirits put together. We'll probably need to properly divide it at some point."

"Indeed. But... Uncle Guan, speaking of which, isn't the Heart of Myriad Spirits just over twenty kilometers east of West Dragon Lake?" Su Ping asked with a raised eyebrow and a grin.

Old Guan's eyelid twitched. "Su Ping, the West Dragon Lake area isn't within the purchasable land deeds! Besides, the Heart of Myriad Spirits is already vast; there's no need to expand further..."

Old Guan urged earnestly.

Su Ping smacked his lips, looking somewhat disappointed. "Alright, we'll talk about that later then."

Old Guan breathed a sigh of relief and went on, "Aside from that, we've acquired some Pet Beasts.

Regarding the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile you mentioned last time – news came that there are two plants available, but the asking price is a bit steep, over twenty-five million for one plant!"

This price had already exceeded the value of a Commander-Level Pet Beast. However, considering the unique uses of the Peach Blossom Smile, though above market price, it was not unacceptable.

"No worries," Su Ping said. "I already told Peach Blossom to go ahead and buy it if possible! Anything else?"

"Er... The rest of the low-level plant-based Pet Beasts aren't difficult to acquire. The troublesome ones are this, and that Blackwater Mysterious Snake you mentioned last time. Monarch-Level Pet Beasts can't simply be bought with money! However, we were able to get three Cloud-Patterned Tree Pythons through Tianyun's channels!" Old Guan said helplessly.

Su Ping nodded. The inheritance of the Ten Thousand Snake Saint is indeed valuable, and with the expansion of the Heart of Myriad Spirits, it will be needed. "Okay, for the Blackwater Mysterious Snake juvenile, I'll ask Old Liu about it later! What about the Rotten Sword?"

Su Ping hadn't forgotten the evolution of Yu Liangqing's legacy, the Rotten Sword.

"The Rotten Sword isn't a big issue. There are plenty available from Xi Jing Province, but shipping takes some time. They'll probably arrive in a few more days! The twenty Flame-Eating Crows you mentioned are in the same situation."

Su Ping nodded with satisfaction. "Hmm..."

Finally, after reporting everything, Old Guan revealed his ultimate reason for coming.

"Xiao Ping, we're almost out of money again!"

"Running out again?"

Su Ping blinked. "Didn't I just allocate five hundred million to you last week?"

Farming is an expensive hobby, especially in a place like the Heart of Myriad Spirits. Even after its massive expansion, the rate of expenditure still somewhat exceeded Su Ping's expectations.

Guan Qianshan's face turned bitter. "Ah, Xiao Ping, I'm not just crying poor. Although the Beast Master Association granted us special permission and we hardly spent any money on land deeds here, there are so many Pet Beasts! Not to mention, those hundreds of millions you gave me are almost entirely spent on the Pet Beasts alone.

We need to feed them every day here at the Heart of Myriad Spirits. You might not know, but the daily cost for ordinary food is already in the hundreds of thousands! We're not yet capable of self-sufficiency."

Hearing this, Su Ping nodded.

Although the Pingyun Group had been 'printing money,' he indeed had to think about these foundational expenses.

The Heart of Myriad Spirits was not a business venture; it was crucial for enhancing and developing his Beast Taming career through the Myriad Spirits Catalog. Thus, balancing its expenses and income was indeed not easy.

The issue of Pet Beast rations was already becoming a constraint. If the number of Pet Beasts increased in the future, how to lower feeding costs would definitely be a problem.

Thinking of this, Su Ping also felt a headache coming on.

If only they could all be like Old Sha, absorbing sunlight for nutrition and having little to no need for ordinary food. Wouldn't that be great?

Indeed, as this thought crossed his mind, Su Ping felt a slight stir. Replicating Old Sha was certainly difficult. However, he did think of a special Pet Beast worth researching—none other than the Rainbow Coral Worm.

However, before Su Ping could ponder further on this, his phone rang. Master Zhu Hong's voice came through the phone, "Su Ping, come to the back mountain! Da Huang has evolved!"

With that, Su Ping let out a sigh.

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Watching Su Ping take off like a wisp of smoke, Guan Qianshan shook his head helplessly.

In just over half a year, the changes in Su Ping and the Heart of Woods were truly immense. However, such changes were naturally a good thing. Although there were still many trials and troubles, with this young boss around, he believed that the future of the Heart of Woods would definitely get better and better.

Thinking of this, Guan Qianshan mused for a moment, then headed toward the area beside the Heart of Water—the one said to be influenced by a special magnetic field.

Su Ping naturally paid no attention to Guan Qianshan's enthusiasm. He had already mounted Old Sha and was speeding off.

Da Huang had evolved.

This was expected. Master Zhu Hong was a Breeding Master, and he had been incredibly dedicated. With ample resources available during this period, Da Huang completing his evolution made perfect sense. However, upon actually hearing the news, Su Ping quickly ended his conversation with Lao Guan and headed to the vast wasteland further south of the Forest Heart, an area connected to its desolate mountain.

At this moment, both Da Huang and Master Zhu Hong were on this wasteland. Master Zhu Hong was standing there. Da Huang, who should have been in front of him, was enveloped in a Light of Evolution. This light wrapped everything, including Da Huang himself, within it, and all the energy converged inside his body. The Light of Evolution had already begun!

Su Ping hurriedly dismounted the charging Old Sha.

"Master Zhu, has the evolution started? How long has it been going on?"

Zhu Hong nodded, his eyes not straying from Da Huang, who was covered in the Light of Evolution. "About thirty minutes. It probably needs another hour or so!"

There was still ample time. Su Ping breathed a sigh of relief.

He glanced at Da Huang's Light of Evolution and then said, "Master Zhu, after Da Huang's evolution this time, are you going to ascend to the Spirit Saint Level?"

Su Ping said with a congratulatory smile.

Zhu Hong's lips curled into a smile. "Not necessarily. After reaching the Monarch Level, any increase in Realm becomes more challenging, especially the Spirit Saint Level. It's thanks to you this time that Da Huang's evolution is different from my original expectations. However, inspired by the Five Elements Origami Man, Da Huang's promotion shouldn't be a problem. But as for me, a Beast Tamer, I might still need some time to digest this. However, within a year! I'm confident I'll step into that Realm within a year!"

"A Breeding Master plus a Saint Spirit-level Beast Tamer! If you take over a position in the Breeder Association later on, you'll have to look out for me!" Su Ping said, half-serious and half-joking.

Zhu Hong's reaction was straightforward; he waved his hand dismissively. "Get outta here! With your abilities, you think you need me to look out for you? However, if you have any research ideas in the future, bringing them to me directly will indeed make things smoother and more convenient. That ancestral evolution concept you and that kid from Magic Capital Academy are working on is quite good. Also, what you mentioned last time about Pet Beast regression—those are all valuable ideas with clear research potential..."

"..."

In a certain sense, the two of them really hit it off. Both were quite formidable figures in the Breeder profession—one had innovative ideas and an 'outside the box' approach, while the other possessed resources and experience. When they discussed matters, many new directions and insights would suddenly become clear.

Su Ping also had reason to suspect Master Zhu Hong had probably called him over simply because he was too bored waiting for Da Huang's evolution to complete.

An hour passed in idle chat between the two.

Su Ping freely shared the idea he had previously discussed with Ye Zhou: the possibility that Pet Beasts could revert to their ancestral forms in ancient times because the Energy of that era was different from today's.

Zhu Hong acknowledged this idea. In fact, others had proposed this possibility before, though there was no solid evidence. Unless one could travel back thousands of years to observe firsthand how the Energy of that era differed from modern times, it would remain merely a hypothesis.

An hour passed, and with it, the Light of Evolution enveloping Da Huang began to slowly fade.

The dimming Light of Evolution caused both of them to stop talking and look up at Da Huang, who was still shrouded in its radiance.

ROAR!

A sonorous and powerful dragon roar resounded through heaven and earth.

The shockwave made Su Ping's eyes narrow slightly as he looked at the Divine Dragon breaking free from the Light of Evolution. The Da Huang of this moment was vastly different from the rock-piled Giant Dragon he had been before.

The former Da Huang had a rugged body with granite-like skin and scales, all a brownish-yellow. But now, amidst this yellow, there were speckles of vivid green. At first glance, if he were coiled on the ground, one could hardly recognize him as a serpentine Divine Dragon; instead, he would blend seamlessly into the natural surroundings, making his appearance quite deceptive.

"This is..."

Without a second thought, Su Ping activated the Eye of Truth, looking at Da Huang soaring and circling in the sky above the mountains.

Da Huang could naturally resist such trivial scrutiny, but upon recognizing it was this "little ancestor" watching, he offered no resistance. After an excited aerial loop, Da Huang slowly landed before the two of them.

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Such spirit, such brilliance.

The specific details of the creature before him also appeared in Su Ping's vision:

[Forest Dragon (Contracted - by another)]

[Attributes: Dragon, Earth Element, Wood Element]

[Current Realm: Holy Spirit First Rank]

[Racial Potential: Holy Spirit Ninth Rank]

[Skills: Unable to view]

It bore some resemblance to the Mechanical Titan he had encountered before, but its Realm was vastly different. Even if the creature wasn't on guard, Su Ping couldn't discern its specific Skills through the Eye of Truth.

But this name alone was enough to prove that Master Zhu's research could be considered a success!

Forest Dragon! Su Ping truly had never heard of it before.

Evidently, reaching the peak of the Earth and Wood Elements had granted Da Huang a qualitative leap in its abilities.

However, before Su Ping could properly admire Da Huang's change in appearance, Zhu Hong, after examining Da Huang from top to bottom with satisfaction, finally said with a smile, "Da Huang, get ready for the task I entrusted to you!"

"ROAR!"

Su Ping was startled. Then, Zhu Hong produced something from his hands.

It was a strange little box.

Inside this small box lay a clod of earth no bigger than a fingernail.

Indeed, it was just an ordinary yellow clod of earth. Visually, there wasn't the slightest hint of anything unusual or unique about it. The only thing worth mentioning was that, like the Stone of Creation before, a vibrant green grass leaf grew on this piece of earth, looking lush and exquisitely beautiful.

However, Zhu Hong had already turned his head to look at Su Ping, "Kid, have you decided on the avian Pet Beast Cultivation base you're planning?"

Su Ping then recalled that Zhu Hong was the one who, two days prior, had promised to personally help him construct the avian Pet Beast base once Da Huang completed its Evolution.

Could it be that the construction was starting now?

He quickly nodded, "I've thought about it; it will be called Heart of Phoenix!"

It was still the same matter.

The spectacle of the Hundred Birds Facing Phoenix had left too profound a visual impact and sense of awe on Su Ping.

When he thought of such avian Pet Beasts, the first thing that came to mind was that Flame Phoenix.

If the base was to focus on avian creatures, Heart of Phoenix felt most fitting to him.

Zhu Hong nodded, then smiled slightly and passed the small clod of earth and the grass to Da Huang, "Go!"

Da Huang gently grasped the item. With a sway of his body, he instantly departed.

He went straight to the Hundred Birds Wutong Tree.

The countless birds, including Toothy, immediately cowered.

Even without releasing his Dragon Might, Da Huang's sheer presence was enough to instill fear in any Pet Beast.

This was a True Dragon.

Da Huang shot them a disdainful glance, not understanding why his master would give such precious resources—albeit only some leftover scraps—to them. Couldn't they have been his snacks instead?

However, it was a task from his master.

He placed it on the Buddha Palm Cliff that extended from the Forest Heart.

The next moment, brownish-yellow Energy, mingled with dark cyan, flared out.

The clod of earth, having slowly merged with the Buddha Palm Cliff, began to transform.

Su Ping had previously thought that with Master Zhu's methods, since he had agreed to this, the undertaking wouldn't be minor.

But he hadn't expected the scale to be this astonishing!

Under the stimulation of this Energy, the small clod of earth, along with the grass it contained, grew and spread out at an unimaginable speed, as if it were alive.

In just a dozen breaths, the rocky mass of the cliff, enveloped in vegetation, had extended dozens of meters.

What was initially just an outstretched 'Buddha's Hand' feature of the cliff had, in that instant, transformed into a long arm. And this arm continued to extend.

"ROAR!"

After extending about a hundred meters, this mountain mass ceased its horizontal expansion and instead projected downwards, connecting with the earth below. The mountain body, enveloped in vegetation, resembled a colossal tree rooted to it. And it wasn't over yet.

After Da Huang advanced to the Spirit Saint Level, his Energy seemed inexhaustible.

Fueled by this Energy, after the first branch-like projection descended tens of meters to connect with the ground, the vegetation and the mountain face above continued to spread.

Soon, this connection to the ground formed a giant tree, situated a hundred meters away from the Buddha Palm Cliff and the Hundred Birds Wutong Tree.

Its vast canopy above had a radius easily spanning hundreds of meters.

The fusion of rock and foliage, originating from the height of the 'Buddha's Hand' feature, continued to ascend, forming layers of forested, pavilion-like structures!

The entire structure extending from the 'Buddha's Hand,' apart from the pillar-like root connecting it to the ground, resembled a vast, continuous city of trees!

How was this even possible?

However, just when Su Ping thought it was over, Da Huang's infusion of Energy didn't stop.

Two more colossal tree-mountains, nearly identical to the first, with rocky bases enveloped in vegetation, slowly formed on the periphery.

Connected to the first one, they formed a triangle, interlocking with the Buddha Palm Cliff that extended from the desolate mountain of the Forest Heart.

Sky-borne mountain fortresses! Sprawling cities of trees! These were the words that subconsciously surfaced in Su Ping's mind as he beheld the scene.

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Three colossal trunks, resembling pillars reaching for the heavens, were in fact akin to mountain ridges, rising from the earth to form a monumental tree of mountains.

And from the Buddha's Hand Cliff stretched branches and vines covered in greenery.

At first glance, it looked as if a world and city had been woven in the sky with trees.

Finally, accompanied by a dragon's cry, the fledgling form of the Heart of Phoenix was complete!

Observing a dumbfounded Su Ping, Da Huang let out a satisfied snort. It was apparent that the newly evolved Da Huang had drained a considerable amount of its energy. However, seeing the kid's first shocked impression of its glorious self was worth the effort.

Su Ping was indeed astonished.

Is this the true power of a Spirit Saint Level Pet Beast?

What is this? An artificial mountain?

No, that's not right. It's much, much more difficult than just piling up soil and rocks to create an artificial mountain.

Creation is much, much more difficult than destruction.

Such creation is utterly unfathomable.

Noticing Su Ping's shock, Zhu Hong laughed heartily.

"Don't be surprised. Aside from Da Huang's strength, it's mainly thanks to that small piece of Grass Breath Soil. Otherwise, even if this thing could be built, it would collapse in the future due to lack of energy maintenance!"

"Grass Breath Soil?"

Su Ping blinked.

"Yes, it's a dual Wood and Earth Element treasure of the Spirit Saint Level. Besides Dragon Blood, it was the main resource Da Huang used for its evolution. Well, I left you some scrap material. But even as scraps, you needn't worry about problems with a treasure of this rank.

With enough energy, the Grass Breath Soil can continuously and endlessly generate connecting soil and rocks. Moreover, it's connected to the earth's ley lines. While this ridgelike structure may seem slender compared to a mountain peak, in truth, it can withstand general Emperor Level attacks without suffering damage.

Even if it's damaged, the 'Heart of Phoenix' above will remain unaffected unless all three pillars are broken at once. If only one is broken, it will repair itself in a short amount of time! As for the extended vegetation above, you can trim it as you wish, mix and match what you want to create, and then fix it with energy.

For instance, you could design corridors, fences, or even swings. As I mentioned before, birds and some Pet Beasts favor jungle environments. The taller the jungle, the more they like it because it makes them feel safer. How about it? Satisfied?"

Satisfied!

More than satisfied.

Su Ping, even by wracking his brain, couldn't have imagined that the Heart of Phoenix would manifest in such a form.

Good heavens, the leftover materials from a Spiritual Level Resource, coupled with the craftsmanship of Da Huang, the Forest Dragon, made this Heart of Phoenix a tad luxurious for Su Ping's current collection of low-level birds.

But the result, it was truly satisfying!

Su Ping now couldn't wait to rush to the Forest Heart's Buddha's Hand Cliff, and in front of the Hundred Birds Parasol, ascend into this tree city supported by rocks and trees to behold its magnificent sights.

「Near the Heart of Water was a magnetic field area.」

Guan Qianshan, wearing a hard hat, watched surveyors with their instruments in hand. Pet beasts like 'drill moles' and 'spiky pangolins' emerged from holes, comparing data with the workers. Meanwhile, the female designer beside him smiled and said,

"Breeder Su really goes big. In the whole of Linzhou, or even Jianghai, I doubt there's anyone else with the courage to transform such a desolate area of the eastern suburbs."

"Haha, it's partly thanks to your efforts as well, Designer Bai," Guan Qianshan laughed.

"I'm just here to catch some gravy following Breeder Su and the Heart of Myriad Spirits. It's Breeder Su who's lifting me up," the designer surnamed Bai quickly waved off. Then her eyes lit up, and she added,

"With Breeder Su's approach, there might still be some needs in the future. When the time comes, would you consider reopening bids to other design firms? Manager Guan, could you possibly disclose a bit about it?"

Guan Qianshan looked at her but shook his head with a serious expression. "No one knows what Su Ping is thinking. However, a few days ago, Su Ping asked me about naming avian Pet Beast breeding bases, so it's very likely that his focus and main efforts will be in that area!"

"Oh?" The female designer's eyes shone brightly.

"But," Guan Qianshan added, "it seems he already has some ideas in mind. It doesn't look like he's planning to hire you for the job?"

Guan Qianshan had been satisfied with the previous Heart of Soul, but he was uncertain about the Heart of Phoenix situation.

"Hehe, Manager Guan, you might not know that our studio specializes in designing a variety of environments and cages for bird species..."

Guan Qianshan opened his mouth, but before he could speak, a dragon's cry emanated from nearby.

Then, accompanied by a rumbling sound.

The two of them incredulously watched a high point in the distance.

From the edge of that small hill, it quickly spread out, and in just a short while, a forest fortress born amongst the mountains and trees, a city of trees supported by wood, took shape.

"What is this..."

Throughout the area, countless workers, witnessing the birth of all this, exclaimed in surprise.

Designer Bai beside him suddenly realized, overcome with shock and resignation, and said,

"No wonder, Manager Guan. You could've just said directly that Breeder Su had such means."

Guan Qianshan blinked, looking at the emerging, suddenly formed structure not far away—a towering, seemingly small-mountain-sized floating forest—and he was bewildered.

What was that?

Hadn't the boy mentioned that he hadn't thought about the Floating City for the time being?

Was it just that he hadn't thought about it these past few days?

Of course, in a certain sense, this construction couldn't be completely regarded as a Floating City hovering in the sky.

But this forest fortress appearing in midair, supported by mountains and trees, was no less spectacular.

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Vines and weeds were woven together, and beneath his feet was a sheer hundred-meter drop into the void.

Indeed, although Su Ping had already mastered the Levitation Skill and developed a certain immunity to such heights, actually walking on it still brought about an indescribable feeling. This sensation was quite magical, somewhat akin to a glass walkway. In this densely forested world, one could almost forget they were in the sky, feeling instead as if they were in a woodland expanse where heaven and earth intertwined.

However, there were also some issues. The branches and sprawling vegetation, despite forming a foundation for this city in the treetops, were too chaotic and disorganized.

If it were merely for avian Pet Beasts to dwell here, it naturally wouldn't matter. But since Master Zhu possessed such an incredibly favorable environment, Su Ping obviously had every reason to cherish and utilize it properly.

It will need to be rearranged eventually.

Such a city in the treetops, with its spectacular views, was even more stunning than the botanical gardens of Forest Heart.

After descending from the treetop city within the Heart of Phoenix and returning to Buddha's Hand Cliff, Zhu Hong said with a faint smile, "Da Huang's evolution is complete. It's time for me to leave Linzhou."

Although Su Ping had been prepared for this, he still felt a little reluctant to part ways. This Master Zhu had helped him tremendously. Take the Paperman's Heart of Elements, for instance. Master Zhu undoubtedly deserved most of the credit for the Paperman managing to cultivate its Five Elements Body in such a short time.

Additionally, Master Zhu had provided much other assistance. For Su Ping, these past two-plus months had been a period of rapid advancement in his cultivation knowledge. The experience and insight of a Breeding Master—especially one like Master Zhu, who specialized in a major category like the Elemental Type—were the most precious treasure to Su Ping.

But regardless, as a vice president of the Breeder Association, it didn't make sense for him to remain indefinitely in a small place like Linzhou.

Therefore, Su Ping sincerely asked, "When are you planning to leave?"

"Right away!"

"So soon?" Su Ping was somewhat surprised.

Zhu Hong rubbed Da Huang's large head, and the latter narrowed its eyes in contentment. The excitement of completing its evolution, and the prospect of finally returning to Dragon City to show that damned female Dragon how the tables could turn—Da Huang's joy was palpable.

"I've already been here for quite a while. Due to the matter of the Paperman, I was delayed for a long time, so naturally, I need to hurry now," Zhu Hong remarked.

This time, the two didn't descend via Forest Heart. For Da Huang, having completed its breakthrough, there was no quicker way than to fly directly.

And so, still at Buddha's Hand Cliff, Su Ping smiled as he saw him off. "I wish you a smooth journey. This is a gift from me!"

Su Ping took out a journal. It was none other than the journal on the Way of the Five Elements, transcribed by Xue Hongluan, which he had acquired from the Zhang Family Brothers. It was written entirely in Ancient Serpentine Script. Su Ping had already memorized it thoroughly and understood most of the Serpentine Script within. For Su Ping, the journal was no longer of much help or significance. Now, it was the perfect gift for this Breeding Master. As a Breeding Master of the Elemental Series, the Way of the Five Elements was undoubtedly worth delving into.

Zhu Hong was slightly startled as he looked at the journal Su Ping had prepared. He truly hadn't expected Su Ping to have prepared a gift for him. He didn't stand on ceremony, however. He accepted it but didn't hasten to leave. Instead, he thought for a moment before speaking, "Su Ping, before I leave, let me ask you one last thing. Don't feel pressured; just tell me whatever you're truly thinking."

Su Ping nodded.

Zhu Hong took a deep breath. "Regarding the Paperman, what are your future plans?"

Indeed, Zhu Hong had been wrestling with whether to ask Su Ping this question for some time. The matter was simply too significant.

Su Ping fell silent for a moment, then after some thought, he said, "Actually, I had already figured out the Paperman's standard evolution before this Breeding Contest even started. The reason I haven't announced it is because I need the Paperman for something I'm going to do in Beiyuan Province."

"Beiyuan... That's for the selection of the Special Beast Taming Forces, isn't it?"

Su Ping was taken aback and looked at Zhu Hong. "You know?"

"I'm a Breeding Master, so of course, I know. In fact, the Ghost Saint approached the Breeder Association about this previously, but it didn't concern me directly. I don't know much, just some basic details. Old Yin is the one handling it!"

"Old Yin?"

"Yes, he's also a senior in the association... well, a predecessor at least twice my age. These Beast Tamers of the Necromancy System always find strange, unnatural ways to extend their lives, becoming neither human nor ghost," Zhu Hong remarked, smacking his lips. "I see. So, your Paperman is intended for that selection? And after that? What are your plans for the Paperman?"

Clearly, since Zhu Hong had brought it up, he was determined to get to the bottom of it.

Su Ping responded directly this time, "If possible, I could announce the Paperman's evolutionary cultivation path at next year's Breeding Contest, or perhaps find a more suitable time to reveal it to the public. It wouldn't require Breeder Association points for redemption! This way, all the common folk of Dragon Nation could have their Papermen evolve!"