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Chapter 631: The Bizarre Biyao Chunshen!

Keep calm, keep calm!

Su Ping forced his breathing to slow. His gaze, however, couldn't help but remain firmly fixated on the blade of grass above, swaying gently with the wind. He swiftly reviewed everything he knew about the Biyao Chunshen.

It could escape at any time, through any situation. The only substantial obstacle was gold; only that could restrain it. It also possessed a certain level of intelligence and self-awareness, making it quite a special resource-type plant life. But even so, capturing this thing was definitely not going to be straightforward.

In fact, that seemed to be precisely the case. The strange grass swayed slowly, and then, astonishingly, it moved again—only it didn't flee directly. Instead, it seemed to have observed and realized that the two people and the surrounding Pet Beasts posed no great threat to it. It then slowly descended from the mountain wall, coming to rest on the ground not far from Su Ping.

This scene was not only clear to Su Ping but also crystal clear to Xing Chen, who stood nearby. As someone who had followed Leng Ye and seen much of the world, Xing Chen was stunned. "Su Ping, is this..."

It wasn't uncommon to see plants that could move; plant-based Pet Beasts, for example, could move, albeit slowly. But this definitely didn't apply to common grass like this. And its speed was astonishing. Not fast in a way that made it impossible to catch up, but fast in a different sense entirely. He was dumbfounded, having watched for a long time without seeing how the grass managed its spatial relocation. It was as if the ground itself was moving while the grass remained rooted in one place, never having budged at all. This bizarre and eerie situation also left Xing Chen dumbfounded.

Su Ping ignored Xing Chen's question. At this moment, his full attention was focused on this creature.

It dares to provoke me!?

Indeed, at this very moment, the little grass's appearance before him was, to Su Ping, a provocation! An undeniable provocation.

Through the Soul Contract, Su Ping rapidly sent feedback to Xiao Qianyi. Qian Yi remained silent. The Five Elements mantle, which she had grown accustomed to manipulating, began to shimmer with a subtle glow. Pure Gold Elements slowly began to revolve around her. Under Su Ping's intense gaze, they shot out like thunderbolts, swift as lightning. At the same time, the Papermen under Qian Yi's control formed a solid gold plate. Their speed was several times faster than any previous attempt!

BANG!

A muffled thud reverberated, stinging Su Ping's eardrums and startling a large flock of birds outside the dense forest. But at this moment, Su Ping obviously had no mind to care about such things. He watched as Qian Yi personally took action, and with her full strength at that. He licked his lips, which were dry and pale from tension.

Nervous, indeed. It wasn't just Su Ping who was tense; any Beast Tamer would be nervous when facing a potential Biyao Chunshen! Even an existence like Leng Ye would feel the same.

But as it turned out, being nervous was useless. Amidst the terrifying roar, it was clear whether they had successfully captured the Biyao Chunshen even without opening the golden box. The attempt had failed. Not far from Qian Yi, on a patch of ground, an ordinary horsetail weed stood forlornly, shaking continuously from the turbulent airflow generated by the rapid burst of energy.

At that moment, Xing Chen finally understood Su Ping's intention. He might not know what this strange grass was, but considering the young master had been eating grass in the Heavenly Mountain for so many days, it was presumably for this very thing.

A light emerged from behind Xing Chen. It was a mechanical tiger, its body shimmering with metallic light, streaks of electricity even surging from its joints. Clearly, this was Xing Chen's ace combat Pet Beast. Its aura didn't seem much less than that of the Mechanical Titan he had seen before.

"Xiao Ping, do you need my help?" Xing Chen asked.

Clearly, given that even Qian Yi, after activating the energy core of the Five Elements Paper Diagram, had failed to capture it, it seemed that catching this creature was indeed quite difficult from the perspective of Su Ping's own strength.

Su Ping looked at the horsetail weed still floating near him, took a deep breath, and then nodded. "But Brother Xing, absolutely do not harm this little thing! And be aware, it can escape through any means; only high-density gold can bind it!"

Xing Chen nodded, understanding. After all, he had been observing for many days and clearly understood the peculiarities of this strange plant. The mechanical tiger, under Su Ping's astonished gaze, began to slowly liquefy and, just like that, disappeared from Su Ping's view.

Mechanical Pet Beasts—truly worthy of being called the new species that had revolutionized the entire Beast Tamer landscape in the new era. It's just a pity that his own Feifei couldn't show off its magic in this aspect.

Su Ping had no time to ponder. He watched as the mechanical tiger seemed to merge into the soil; even the previously solid gold plate turned into liquid under these conditions and vanished before their eyes.

The Biyao Chunshen itself seemed to have sensed something; its body, which swayed gently with the wind, slowed its swaying. It seemed to be assessing the danger. Then, moving as swiftly as a startled rabbit, something earth-shattering happened! Countless metal particles, encasing the re-solidified gold, burst from the ground in an instant, enveloping the small grass within!

Did it work?!

Su Ping stared intently at the scene unfolding before him. Sparks of what seemed like electromagnetic force instantly covered the entire ground.

What a terrifying ability.

Su Ping felt somewhat nervous. But soon, his brows slowly knitted together.

Everything that had appeared dissipated, and the reassembled mechanical tiger returned to stand before Xing Chen and Su Ping. Then, the re-melted and solidified gold enclosure was gently opened, a thin layer of translucent metal obscuring their view.

Instantly, Su Ping felt his blood boil. The unimaginable excitement nearly stopped his heart. Because at that very moment, within the golden enclosure, the horsetail weed that had been 'strutting about' previously lay perfectly still.

Did it succeed? Did it really succeed?

Su Ping let out a long breath. However, before he could even catch it properly, he almost choked.

Xiao Qing, the overall commander of this operation, merely glanced at the gold box and then quickly turned her gaze to a spot not far away. Indeed, in the distance, an ordinary morning glory swayed gently. Then, as if sensing Su Ping's gaze, the morning glory, just like before, seemed to shrink the distance and once again gracefully swayed over from the ground to a spot not far in front of Su Ping.

Any excitement Su Ping had felt was instantly doused, as if by a bucket of cold water. His face flushed red with frustration.

Dammit! This is intolerable! This little thing is just too infuriating!

But he quickly got his emotions under control, his brows furrowing slightly. The difference between a hunter and prey lay in emotional control. Su Ping understood this. However, even with his emotions fully suppressed and under control, Su Ping still felt somewhat at a loss.

They had made only three consecutive attempts. All his previous theories were completely overturned. From this creature's 'provocative' and 'mocking' behavior, its intelligence was probably not inferior to that of an ordinary Pet Beast. And its demonstrated abilities spoke for themselves.

Even Brother Xing's methods had failed to capture it. More importantly, the fact that this little creature continued to 'provoke' them showed that the two previous capture attempts hadn't prompted it to leave at all. Clearly, it hadn't taken them seriously in the slightest. Or rather, fundamentally, those

attempts posed no threat or had any impact on it whatsoever! That's why this little fellow could continue to 'strut about' here.

Su Ping blinked.

Only then did he realize that his ideas had perhaps been overly idealistic?

Legendary Level resources! Being at this Level signified their rarity and immense value. Even if he found it, this thing wasn't like a mushroom one could just pick at will.

Xing Chen, seeming to notice Su Ping's disappointment and helplessness, thought for a moment and said, "Xiao Ping, should we ask Ghost Saint to come over?"

Call Leng Ye over? Su Ping felt somewhat reluctant. If Leng Ye came, although he might share a part of it with Su Ping in the future, it would essentially be out of Su Ping's hands. People are inherently selfish.

Su Ping had located this creature based on Xiao Qing's analysis of its mutation's origin. After so many days of braving the elements, if he still had to rely on Leng Ye to make the final move, Su Ping wouldn't feel right about it, no matter what. Thinking this, Su Ping's eyes narrowed slightly. "Let's give it another try. If it still doesn't work, then that's our only option."

Xing Chen nodded. "What do you want me to do?"

Su Ping thought for a moment, then his brows furrowed slightly. "No need. I'll try to figure something out myself."

Xing Chen was startled, then nodded without any change in expression. He understood that this creature was likely invaluable; speaking rashly might lead to a misunderstanding with the young man.

Su Ping let out a sigh. Then, without any further action, he opened the gold box, tossed the peculiar weed inside to Xiao Qing, and then sat down directly on the ground. The Biyao Chunshen, which had transformed into a morning glory, was just three to five meters in front of him.

Xing Chen watched this scene intently. This creature was extremely bizarre; if it showed any intent to harm, he and his Pet Beast could react immediately.

Indeed, Su Ping's idea was quite simple.

If the hard approach doesn't work, why not try a soft one? If it has intelligence, doesn't that mean it can communicate? And if it can communicate, isn't it possible to coax it? Pfft, I mean, cooperate!

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Communication and interaction are the most important channels between people, as well as between humans and any living beings.

"Hello, I think there's a bit of a misunderstanding between us, don't you think?"

Various modes and processes are needed for communication.

Without a doubt, right after Su Ping had uttered these words, his first mode of communication had already failed.

Because the flowering morning glory before him showed no sign of movement or reaction. No, that was not entirely true. Those movements that seemed a bit provocative and unsteady had somewhat subsided. Was it because this human in front of it was not challenging it anymore and, after sitting down and making some incomprehensible noises, it was a bit puzzled and dissatisfied?

Su Ping did not know. He just knew that the Biyao Chunshen in front of him might not yet understand what human language was, or perhaps it simply lacked auditory sensors.

However, this could not stop Su Ping's actions.

"Hello, I think there's a bit of a misunderstanding between us, don't you think?"

The same phrase, but this time, he communicated in another way.

Su Ping did not speak out loud but used Psychic Communication to send a chat request to the Legendary-level resource creature before him.

Then, the snow-white morning glory stirred slightly, as if tilting its head to curiously examine Su Ping. And then, there was no response.

Biyao Chunshen has denied your chat request...

What made Su Ping raise his eyebrows was that the morning glory, which seemed like it might leave because Su Ping had stopped playing its game, moved slightly, as if it wanted to depart!

If true communication proved impossible, and even capturing it was not an option, then he would soon run out of alternatives.

No matter what, he had to get Leng Ye to make a move and capture it!

Still, this was a true living creature, and if possible, Su Ping did not want to escalate the situation to that extent.

But the problem was that he didn't know whether this Biyao Chunshen truly understood his attempts at Psychic Communication: Was it clueless and couldn't comprehend his intentions? Or had it not received his attempts at all? Or perhaps it had received and understood everything but simply didn't want to acknowledge him. This indeed posed a problem.

At this point, Su Ping could only try the third stage of the communication signal frequency!

"You... hello..."

These simple words were incredibly difficult for Su Ping to say.

His voice was accompanied by the release of Su Ping's Commander-level spiritual power.

It contained indescribable, peculiar fluctuations.

But after those words were spoken, the Biyao Chunshen, which had initially seemed ready to leave, finally reacted.

The swaying morning glory vines suddenly stopped moving. Then, its form, which had seemed ready to depart, 'turned' back and 'looked' toward Su Ping.

Su Ping, whose heart had been in his throat, let out a partial sigh of relief—though, of course, only a partial one. Good.

This time, Su Ping was immensely grateful for his eagerness to learn. Yes, eagerness to learn.

Because at that moment, the two difficult words he had spoken were from the extremely mysterious ancient Serpentine Script.

The writing, reading, listening, and pronunciation of the Serpentine Script were all incredibly difficult.

In fact, Su Ping had not seen much information on this in the Breeder backend.

However, Su Ping had indeed encountered quite a few matters of this nature over time.

He had read the book copied by Xue Hongluan multiple times and had learned how to write some of the Serpentine Script.

And this pronunciation, for just those two words, was not something he could claim as a lifetime's study, but it was definitely one of the very few he could manage.

The teacher who taught him pronunciation was none other than Little Flame, the peculiar creature living as a parasite in his Beast Taming Space.

Every so often, after Su Ping intentionally fed Little Flame a few Flame Fruits, it would burst out and repeatedly 'scold' him a few times.

And each time, it spoke in the ancient Serpentine Script.

Su Ping had good reason to suspect that the energy and spiritual power Little Flame accumulated and enhanced were likely all consumed by those tirades. Otherwise, after repeating the same few curses over and over for so long, there should have been some other development.

But fortunately, in such circumstances, Su Ping had managed to find amusement in adversity, and had somehow analyzed the spiritually condensed pronunciation of some words in the Serpentine Script.

Previously, it was just to pass the time, but now, it seems to have really come in handy? Is this the friend request notification for this creature before me?

However, Su Ping soon realized he was mistaken.

Clearly, his pronunciation had indeed attracted the Biyao Chunshen to 'turn' its head and 'look' at him again, but then, its 'attention' was no longer on him.

Instead, before his eyes, the Biyao Chunshen's attention seemed to gradually shift to his side.

Sure enough, using its peculiar ability that seemed to shrink distances, the morning glory vines vanished from before Su Ping and then appeared next to Xiao Qing.

Su Ping's eyebrows rose slightly.

Although he did not understand what exactly was happening, he knew that any response, any positive feedback, was a good sign!

And Xiao Qing...

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Su Ping also looked over.

What Xiao Qing had just done was eat the exuvia recently shed by the Biyao Chunshen—what looked like a common horsetail weed.

Obviously, this exuvia, freshly shed by the Biyao Chunshen, contained far more of the creature's aura than any previous ones; they were simply incomparable. Consequently, Xiao Qing's reaction after swallowing it this time was exceptionally intense.

A strange, emerald light flickered from Xiao Qing's body—the Light of Evolution. Even the Light of Evolution that flashed out this time possessed a distinct color. This indicated that Xiao Qing's evolution had once again taken a significant step forward from its previous state.

However, for the same reason, these exuviae of the Biyao Chunshen essentially contained no residual Energy. What Xiao Qing absorbed was merely the creature's aura. Although its evolution had progressed significantly, Xiao Qing would still need substantial energy-type resources to complete its future evolution. This was why Su Ping felt confident allowing Xiao Qing to consume these items without worrying about it evolving immediately.

At this moment, the aura bursting forth from Xiao Qing also attracted the Biyao Chunshen's main body.

Speaking of which, to describe their relationship in rather abstract terms, the connection between Xiao Qing and this Biyao Chunshen was quite complicated indeed.

After all, the conditions for this Mutation were outrageous. A pregnant mother wolf had consumed the roots of the Biyao Chunshen and was overwhelmed by their immense medicinal power; then, the embryonic wolf cub absorbed it and mutated upon birth.

Su Ping couldn't understand how an ordinary Forest Wolf could have possibly consumed the roots of the Biyao Chunshen. But precisely because it was so unimaginable, when such a one-in-a-million, or perhaps even one-in-ten-million, chance occurred, not even Su Ping could have foreseen what would happen.

However, it was clear that at this moment, after the Biyao Chunshen's aura was released from Xiao Qing, the Biyao Chunshen's main body sensed something different about Xiao Qing's aura. Then, something Su Ping hadn't expected happened again. Even Xing Chen, who had been watching Su Ping intently, narrowed his eyes slightly, ready to command his Pet Beast to act at any moment.

The body of an ordinary morning glory swayed slowly. Then, the morning glory on the ground simply went limp and collapsed, and a strange shadow slowly emerged from it.

Su Ping also saw clearly what it was. It somewhat resembled a flame, except it was an incredibly vibrant emerald green. Formless, like a flame, its shape constantly twisted and flickered. It lacked the heat of a flame, possessing instead an indescribable, vibrant life force.

This was its upper body. As for the lower half, the green extended downward, seemingly forming solid roots of verdant, material substance, no longer that strange, eerie form resembling an Elemental Flame.

Biyao Chunshen... is that name truly fitting for this thing? And is this its true main body?

Su Ping subconsciously narrowed his eyes. What is it trying to do?

He didn't know, but for him, such a development was a good thing. What he feared most was dead, unchanging stillness. Now that the situation had changed, there was undoubtedly hope.

Just as hope mingled with trepidation in Su Ping's heart, the gently swaying Biyao Chunshen, as if acting on a thought, lifted the withered morning glory body and offered it to Xiao Qing's mouth. This is...

Su Ping blinked, then looked at the creature and tentatively used Psychic Communication to ask, "Are you asking me to give this to Xiao Qing?"

The Biyao Chunshen, which had no distinct body or facial features, actually understood and nodded slightly, much like a human would.

So this thing can actually understand! Su Ping thought. It seems it genuinely didn't want to bother with me before.

Su Ping didn't know whether to be amused or exasperated by this realization. What a blow to my pride.

Fortunately, my Xiao Qing is quite capable.

Although Su Ping didn't understand what this being intended to do, the Biyao Chunshen seemed to hold no malice toward Xiao Qing. This exuvia was, for Xiao Qing, an exceptionally nourishing treasure. One could tell from the longing in Xiao Qing's eyes.

Sure enough, after receiving Su Ping's consent, Xiao Qing promptly swallowed the morning glory. The Biyao Chunshen watched very intently from the side.

Su Ping also kept his gaze fixed on the Biyao Chunshen. Most people would likely never have the chance to see such a creature in their entire lifetime. Now that one had truly appeared before him, Su Ping really wanted to observe it carefully.

At this moment, the Biyao Chunshen seemed to grow even more curious about Xiao Qing. However, this time, after Xiao Qing swallowed the morning glory, its reaction wasn't very significant; even the feedback from the Light of Evolution wasn't particularly strong.

Clearly, the exuvia that the Biyao Chunshen had shed less than half an hour ago didn't contain a concentrated aura of the Biyao Chunshen, so it didn't provide much benefit to Xiao Qing. Fortunately, however, there was still some reaction.

Meanwhile, the Biyao Chunshen also seemed to perceive that Xiao Qing's appearance was somehow related to the human beside it—the one who had designs on the Biyao Chunshen itself.

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The entity once again approached Su Ping. Its body even formed a humanoid shape and pointed at Xiao Qing. The meaning was self-evident—it seemed to be asking Su Ping, what the hell is this thing?

Su Ping blinked and then directly communicated via Psychic Communication:

"This is your flesh and blood!"

To successfully fool this little creature, Su Ping felt that betraying Xiao Qing a little wouldn't be a problem.

"AWOO?"

Xiao Qing, from the side, turned its head, puzzled.

Su Ping patted Xiao Qing's head.

Only then did Xiao Qing seem to understand. It turned its head and nodded at the somewhat dazed Biyao Chunshen. Then, facing this peculiar Biyao Chunshen before it, Xiao Qing opened its mouth wide and let out a tearful howl:

"AWOO!"

It was as if it had finally seen its parents, whom it had never met.

Su Ping let out an awkward cough.

He couldn't help but feel a sense of guilt.

As for the Biyao Chunshen before him, it was also clearly perplexed.

It was truly bewildered.

As an essence of heaven and earth, a special existence far beyond Su Ping's imagination, its wisdom had continuously increased with its growth.

Starting from some indeterminate point, perhaps within the last few decades, it had come to understand all Plant Type Living Beings.

From its own instincts, the Biyao Chunshen could sense that it, as a unique creature, could not be considered purely a plant, a resource, or even a Pet Beast.

Under such conditions, it could not reproduce through the common seeding methods of Plant Type Pet Beasts. This was why it had perhaps wondered why, in such a vast world, only one such being as itself existed.

But the aura of this peculiar large wolf before it was indeed identical to its own.

In truth, Xiao Qing could sense it, and it could also sense Xiao Qing's presence.

Previously, however, this sensation hadn't been clear or obvious.

However, after this little one used its two sloughed skins, this aura became extremely clear and vivid.

For the Biyao Chunshen, which had been active within Heavenly Mountain for countless years, this was undoubtedly impactful and baffling.

Its emerald-green body, like a flickering Flame, undulated as it circled Xiao Qing.

After suppressing the guilt in his heart, Su Ping continued to communicate via Psychic Communication:

"Xiao Qing is my Pet Beast. The reason I came looking for you was to reunite you both! Unfortunately, after this meeting, I must take Xiao Qing away. If you're willing, you can also come with us."

The Biyao Chunshen continued to 'look' at Su Ping. It also felt a strange sense of closeness towards Xiao Qing.

This was a very natural phenomenon. For any species not inherently cold-hearted, to suddenly perceive a 'fellow being' with the same aura after countless years without seeing its own kind was a common occurrence.

Moreover, Xiao Qing's aura originated directly from the Biyao Chunshen itself.

Su Ping continued:

"Is there anything you want? We could cooperate for mutual benefit. What do you say?"

Coaxing combined with cooperation, this was the best long-term approach for dealing with the Biyao Chunshen, which clearly possessed considerable intelligence.

Now, with Xiao Qing acting as a buffer, Su Ping finally felt he could genuinely pose this question.

If he could maintain this cooperation, or even manage to take the Biyao Chunshen away and bring it back to the Heart of Woods, the assistance it would provide Su Ping would be far more significant than merely exploiting the Biyao Chunshen's tendrils.

Cooperate?

The Biyao Chunshen seemed to be contemplating the meaning behind Su Ping's words.

The next moment, its body, resembling a green Flame, slowly drifted towards Su Ping.

However, when Su Ping stretched out his hand, the creature retracted again.

It lacked its previous domineering presence and the confidence that nothing could stop it.

While Su Ping felt somewhat annoyed and helpless, the little creature seemed to ponder for a moment before its body touched the bewildered Xiao Qing once more.

The next moment, Xiao Qing howled.

Upon hearing this sound, a hint of joy appeared in Su Ping's eyes.

This was because, at this moment, Xiao Qing's howl conveyed the exact meaning he had hoped to hear.

"You agree?"

Evidently, the Biyao Chunshen couldn't directly trust Su Ping. However, due to its instinctive affinity for Xiao Qing, it chose to approach Xiao Qing to convey its answer.

"So, what are your conditions? Don't worry. Although my place isn't big, I won't restrict your freedom in any way. You can also rest assured that I will definitely not harm you."

"What do you want?"

It seemed this crucial question had finally been asked.

The Biyao Chunshen's body slowly moved away from Xiao Qing and then came before Su Ping again. Subsequently, its body slowly drew closer.

Su Ping thought for a moment and stretched out his hand once more.

Finally, a strange, cool sensation enveloped Su Ping's palm.

Meanwhile, Xing Chen had grown somewhat nervous.

He couldn't discern what this thing was, but it seemed highly probable that it was a peculiar Pet Beast.

If it were to make a move, he wasn't entirely confident he could handle it.

But fortunately, for now, the creature seemed to bear no malice. This was indeed true, for as Su Ping's palm made contact with the creature's body, a bizarre sensation was transmitted to him.

Through his Spirit perception, image fragments formed upon the Biyao Chunshen's body, projecting into Su Ping's mind.

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The images were intermittent, but the first one struck Su Ping as extremely bizarre.

It was a lush, verdant world. Grass, flowers, and all sorts of plants intertwined within it. At the center of the image stood an immense Divine Tree. This Divine Tree seemed to connect Heaven and Earth.

Then, the image vanished in an instant. It was replaced by the image of a peculiar plant. This plant was one that bore fruit. The fruit it bore was vibrant and looked succulent. Su Ping couldn't even make out what the fruit was from the image, but his genetic instincts compelled him, making him irresistibly want to devour it, to pursue it. An abundance of life force surrounded it, making it incredibly alluring.

Just as Su Ping was about to investigate further, the image abruptly disappeared. The Biyao Chunshen, whose body had merged with his, had already withdrawn.

Su Ping, however, was still somewhat dazed.

The great tree was one thing; he didn't know what it was or what it specifically signified. But as for that strange fruit, Su Ping felt he could sense something about it. He suddenly recalled what Master Zhu Hong had told him before regarding those Legendary Level resources. Master Zhu Hong had specifically mentioned the Wood Element and Life Series Legendary resources.

The Elixir of Immortality.

A miraculous resource of legend, a coveted treasure pursued by countless Pet Beasts and Beast Tamers. Legend had it that consuming this treasure could vastly extend one's lifespan, granting immortality.

Clearly, the Biyao Chunshen projecting such an image at this moment meant its intention was quite obvious.

So, Su Ping looked at the Biyao Chunshen, speechless, and asked, "You want this Elixir of Immortality?"

The Biyao Chunshen seemed pleasantly surprised by Su Ping's comprehension and insight. Its body rippled, and then it nodded.

It probably only found me because it's practically cheating the system itself! Su Ping was tempted to think. As for the Elixir of Immortality, another Legendary Wood Element and Life Series resource even more sought after by countless people, where on earth am I supposed to find that?

However, this thought had barely formed when the Biyao Chunshen moved. It then flicked out a tendril, impossibly slender—only infinitesimally thicker than a strand of hair—which floated before Su Ping. It was as if, meeting Su Ping's gaze, it was forthrightly declaring, This is an advance payment.

Su Ping swallowed hard.

This is a real tendril! Not some fake and inferior sheddings! With this, the preparatory resources for the deluxe First Rank evolution I've dreamed of for Xiao Qing are finally complete! Xiao Qing's evolution can begin from a terrifying starting point that even Sang Sheng would find hard to imagine! It's really hard to refuse!

However, Su Ping thought for a moment and decided not to accept it hastily. Instead, he continued via Psychic Communication, "Is there a time limit? The Elixir of Immortality isn't something I can obtain at my current level."

The Biyao Chunshen shook its head, then pointed to Xiao Qing beside them, its meaning unclear.

Su Ping asked tentatively, "This tendril is for Xiao Qing? And as for the Elixir of Immortality, I just need to try my best?"

The Biyao Chunshen nodded.

Su Ping felt that the Biyao Chunshen before him was the best kind of client. Where else could you find such a dream client? Although, the request to find the Elixir of Immortality is truly outrageous and preposterous. But if there's no time limit, then what's there to complain about?

However, before Su Ping could make any move, the Biyao Chunshen acted again. Then, something Su Ping hadn't expected happened once more.

The Biyao Chunshen actually slowly retrieved the Gold box that had been tossed aside. Then, it broke off a section of the Gold box and placed its own incredibly fine tendril inside. And then, meeting Su Ping's astonished gaze, it jumped directly into the larger Gold box itself.

Su Ping had originally thought the Biyao Chunshen possessed such high awareness that not only would it agree to go with him, but it would even willingly shackle itself. But, to Su Ping's surprise, after the Biyao Chunshen closed the Gold box, its body actually emerged from it again.

So the method I thought would capture this Biyao Chunshen is actually completely useless? What was I doing before then? Putting on a circus act?

The Biyao Chunshen shot Su Ping—who was still dumbfounded and hadn't processed what had happened—an indifferent, haughty, and disdainful glance. It was as if it was finally responding to Su Ping's earlier words, such as, "I won't hurt you," and "I won't restrict your freedom."

With its abilities, how could I possibly harm or restrict it?

It wasn't just him; at that moment, Su Ping seemed to understand something. Even if he called Leng Ye for help, it would likely be incredibly difficult to capture this Biyao Chunshen!

I was just a reckless fool, ignorant of the true immensity of things, trying to capture it with my meager skills. If it weren't for Xiao Qing, Su Ping could have stayed here for ten years and wouldn't have even dreamed of catching a single strand of the Biyao Chunshen.

Su Ping finally understood this point. Then, the Biyao Chunshen's swaying form drifted over to Xiao Qing and slowly merged into Xiao Qing's body. It was impossible to discern the slightest trace of it.

Finally, Su Ping even summoned Xiao Qing into his Beast Taming Space. The Biyao Chunshen showed no signs of anything unusual.

At last, Su Ping looked utterly bewildered and confused.

Something's not right. This doesn't match what I was told before, does it? Wasn't the Biyao Chunshen supposed to be restricted by Gold? Wasn't it supposed to be unable to enter a Mysterious Realm Space? None of this adds up!

The information from the Breeder system couldn't possibly be intentionally misleading. And Master Zhu Hong, having spoken so clearly before, would have had absolutely no reason to deceive or mislead him.

Then why is this happening?

It was only then that Su Ping belatedly realized the situation had once again exceeded his imagination.

Could it be that I've muddle-headedly found an extraordinary 'godfather' for Xiao Qing?

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Why is this happening?

Even on the return journey, Su Ping sat in the car, still immersed in incessant contemplation. There were many puzzles. So many, in fact, that Su Ping didn't know where to begin his considerations.

The most direct question was: what exactly was this Biyao Chunshen? Is it just a common, unintelligent plant-type resource, possessing only biological instincts?

Clearly not. The Biyao Chunshen's previous behavior had already proven that while it might be naive and inexperienced, it definitely possessed strong self-awareness and consciousness. That's intelligence.

So, is it a true Plant System Pet Beast?

But that's not right either!

For one thing, if it were a real Legendary Level Pet Beast, Su Ping's Beast Taming Space would have exploded by now. Could it even have entered the Beast Taming Space with Xiao Qing? That's simply impossible.

Even after Pet Beast Home evolved into the Home of All Spirits, Su Ping's Beast Taming Space could, at most, accommodate Monarch Level Pet Beasts. He wouldn't be able to handle anything more advanced. Yet now, he didn't feel the slightest discomfort. Not only is there no discomfort, but...

Su Ping once again merged his consciousness into the Beast Taming Space. Xiao Qing was still lying there. The Biyao Chunshen hadn't materialized, but one could see with the naked eye that his Space Characteristic, 'All Things Breeding,' began to take effect around Xiao Qing. Almost every few minutes, several Low-level resources would appear and sprout. This was impossible before. It's obviously the Biyao Chunshen's doing.

If it's not a resource, not a Plant System Pet Beast, then what on earth is this Biyao Chunshen? Su Ping could not understand. However, if it's not a Plant System Pet Beast, how can I explain the Biyao Chunshen's bizarre abilities? These abilities weren't even activated by Energy; they seemed to be the Biyao Chunshen's instincts, as natural as the basic bodily functions of other Living Beings. Yet, their effects were such that even High-level Pet Beasts couldn't block them. Yet, strangely, despite these peculiar and powerful abilities, Su Ping hadn't seen the Biyao Chunshen display any direct combat capabilities. That's another illogical point. It's also strong evidence that it isn't a Pet Beast.

Su Ping felt helpless. All he could conclude was that his own Realm and Level were still too low. The Biyao Chunshen was undoubtedly something he should never have encountered at his current Level. But, due to a series of coincidences, he had. And a host of problems had followed. Moreover, this situation was like a 'knowledge silo' typically accessible only to those in higher echelons. He could glimpse it, but to inquire further without having reached that Realm himself would seem presumptuous or forced. This is really troublesome.

Su Ping exhaled a long sigh. He had successfully obtained the Biyao Chunshen and achieved his goal, but the feeling of being surrounded by so many unanswered questions was quite unsettling. This was especially true for Su Ping, whose thirst for knowledge and curiosity were stronger than average.

Ah, well, he thought. This time, I'll get more Mental Category resources from the Legion's cultivation unit. Hopefully, I can narrow the gap with people like Ye Zhou and Qin Xiaoxue—who have already reached Peak Command—at the mid-year Young Beast Tamer Professional Assessment Competition.

Soon, Su Ping's mood lifted slightly. Mysteries will eventually be solved as my strength increases. Besides, more mysteries mean I'm getting closer to the truth of the world. Moreover, this itself is a form of progress.

Because with the arrival of the Biyao Chunshen and the Light of Evolution now shimmering on Xiao Qing, Xiao Qing's Evolution Cultivation could officially begin. This is Xiao Qing's exclusive Evolution, and also the complete Cultivation related to its 'External Incarnation.'

Su Ping had already thought through some steps for Xiao Qing's Evolution a while ago. The first step is to begin the preliminary Cultivation for Evolution based on Xiao Qing's current condition. Previously, I had planned to manage this step using Wood Element and Poison Type resources. But now, after coming to Beiyuan and Xiao Qing consuming the Biyao Chunshen's sloughed-off parts, that is already sufficient. After Xiao Qing consumed a large amount of the Biyao Chunshen's sloughed-off parts, the Light of Evolution induced by the Biyao Chunshen's aura meant the first step was already largely complete. Even though it might still take some time, this step will inevitably speed up now that I've taken the Biyao Chunshen with me.

The second step is the one for 'External Incarnation.' It's also the Pet Beast Elementalization step in its Evolution. I'll need to bring Xiao Qing to a near-death state from severe injuries. Then, it will consume three Monarch Level resources: the Monarch Level Slime Core, an Advanced Level Soul Fragment, and the Fast Reproduction Spore. As these are digested, its injuries will fully heal.

The third step is the final stage of Evolution. Consume Advanced Level resources to replenish its Evolution Energy and enter the evolutionary state!

Su Ping had already prepared two such resources: two Emperor Level items, one Wood Element and one Poison Type. One was a Natural Essence, and the other he had later acquired through the Breeder Association. And then there's that extremely delicate Biyao Chunshen tendril. However, I still have my doubts about that tendril.

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Because he couldn't sense any energy aura from that object.

Whether it could replenish Xiao Qing's energy was a question, but regardless, as it should be part of a Legendary Level resource—even if it was just an insignificantly small part—it certainly couldn't be compared to ordinary resources.

After the energy was fully replenished, Xiao Qing entered evolution.

However, during the evolutionary state, the step of cultivating an External Incarnation was carried out.

That most precious Spirit Saint Level resource, the Soul Guiding Wick, which Su Ping had exchanged for during the Breeder competition, merged with Xiao Qing as she evolved.

Then, after the evolution was complete, the Mirror of Reflecting Heavens, a Spirit Saint Level Pet Beast, refracted Xiao Qing in her post-evolution state. This assisted in differentiating and producing three physical incarnations, similar to the previous cultivation of the Crown Wolf Emperor.

At the same time, after providing the incarnations with Ethereal Spirit Water, the cultivation of evolution plus External Incarnation was fully accomplished.

Such luxurious cultivation was far more extravagant than Qian Yi's initial cultivation.

Even Su Ping could not imagine the extent of power Xiao Qing might reach if she truly completed this evolution successfully.

When the time came, if Qian Yi also possessed the Five Elements Core, the Zhou Tian Five Elements Body, and even that "Sword Intent" Super-Rank Skill that the youngster had yet to comprehend—which he should have had from the start—who would be superior with such Firepower Full Throttle, Xiao Qing or Qian Yi?

To be fair, from a rational standpoint, Su Ping still believed that Qian Yi might have the upper hand in actual combat.

Unfortunately, only Su Ping, who had personally cultivated the Zhou Tian Five Elements Body, knew the extent of its power.

This unreasonable skill indefinitely boosted energy output. Destined to be listed as a Hall of Fame level Super-Rank Skill in the future, Su Ping had faith in its combat power at such a time.

Even if that ancient Hall-level Superior Skill known as External Incarnation was successfully cultivated, could such an incarnation-type skill truly surpass a direct combat skill like the Five Elements Body in strength?

Su Ping was highly doubtful.

However, that was merely his personal opinion. The actual outcome would probably remain unclear until a comparison could be made at the appropriate time.

Xing Chen, watching Su Ping at this moment, couldn't help but form an even more mysterious impression of his commander's enigmatic godson.

What exactly was that Pet Beast?

How did Su Ping learn of its whereabouts?

And how did Su Ping manage to secure it? These were things Xing Chen did not know.

But he knew some things could be asked, while others should never even be mentioned to someone's face.

Even when Su Ping looked up again and turned his gaze back to the car window, Xing Chen, a man who appeared rugged but was in reality meticulous, took the initiative to say, "It seems, Xiao Ping, that your trip to the Heavenly Mountain for the Pet Beast trial went quite well."

Pet Beast trial?

Su Ping was momentarily startled. Then he smiled, glanced at Xing Chen, and said with a smile, "You don't have to be so formal, Brother Xing. It's not something worth hiding, even from Leng Ye!"

Upon hearing this, it was Xing Chen's turn to be slightly surprised.

In his view, teenagers of Su Ping's age group loved to secretly accomplish big things and keep them as their own little secrets.

This was especially true when Su Ping himself did something that even he, Xing Chen, didn't completely understand.

However, to Xing Chen's surprise, Su Ping now took the initiative to speak, appearing completely unconcerned.

However, Su Ping paused for a moment before continuing, "But still, it's best to leave out the things that could cause the old man to worry. With Brother Xing here, I won't run into any trouble."

Upon hearing this, Xing Chen smiled and said, "The commander once said that only eaglets tempered by hardship can truly soar through the skies. As long as it's not something like the last incident, the commander won't easily interfere."

The two shared a knowing smile.

Su Ping felt somewhat relieved.

Then he smiled and said, "Brother Xing, your Mechanical Pet Beast is impressive. It must have taken a lot of effort and time to cultivate, right?"

Xing Chen nodded. "The Mechanical Blueprint for Bai Hu was obtained from the Mechanical Association. Other than that, obtaining the Emperor Level resource 'Quicksand Mercury' indeed took a lot of effort. Are you interested in these things too, Xiao Ping? By the way, I heard you have a Mechanical Pet Beast, right?"

Su Ping nodded. "That's right. I've been worried because I can't find suitable materials for my Mechanical Core to integrate with a mechanical body."

"Oh?"

Xing Chen was also slightly astonished.

A Mechanical Core, if unable to merge with a mechanical body, would be a useless object with no fighting capability.

"It's a long story. My little buddy has a mutated Psychic Element Mechanical Core. It's excessively sensitive when it comes to psychic fusion, leading to severe rejection when attempting to merge with other metallic mechanical bodies."

"This..."

Xing Chen was taken aback. "I can't offer you any advice on that. However, are there any Psychic Element metals or materials that could be fashioned into a mechanical body?"

Su Ping shook his head helplessly. "Hard to say. I'll have to try when the time comes."

The situation with Feifei was quite complicated, leaving Su Ping a bit at a loss.

However, Su Ping was indeed interested in some abilities.

For example, the Enter Dream skill he had seen before.

He just wondered if that ace special agent from Dragon Nation was still in this world...

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With this in mind, Su Ping continued to be lost in silent contemplation.

The return journey was relatively much faster. In the span of a single day, he had returned to the Rong Family estate, and it wasn't even dark yet.

It had to be said that since arriving in Beiyuan Province, several days had passed. However, this was only the second time he had dinner at the Rong Family, aside from his first day of arrival.

Rong Bao, his easy-going maternal grandfather, chuckled and teased, "Xiao Ping, now I truly understand why you've achieved so much at such a young age. Describing you as 'seeing the head of the Divine Dragon but not its tail' is no exaggeration at all!"

Su Ping felt a bit embarrassed and touched his nose. "You flatter me, Grandpa. I discovered some interesting things on Heavenly Mountain and was delayed a bit."

"Hehe, is there any need to go back then? The Five Saints Secret Realms are about to start in a few days," Rong Bao said, openly speaking of this secret without any intention of avoiding the topic.

Su Ping hastily replied, "If Leng Ye and my father are alright, I probably won't leave. Thank you for your concern."

"Hehe, if there's nothing else, just stay at home. Chat with this old man from time to time. Whenever I see you, I'm reminded of Chun'er back in the day..."

Upon bringing up this subject, the atmosphere at the dinner table grew slightly oppressive.

Even though Su Ping had transmigrated into this world, experiencing the mysteries of gestation, his memory of that mother was faint.

The dinner passed with Rong Bao reminiscing about the past, and it wasn't until the moon was high in the sky that Su Ping finally returned to his room.

Lying on the long-missed bed, Su Ping let out a long sigh. Quickly, he sent his consciousness back into the Beast Taming Space.

Now, inside his Beast Taming Space, there was another curious existence.

No wonder he had to keep an eye on it all the time.

At this moment, throughout the Beast Taming Space and across its various terrains, numerous resources had sprouted. This growth was due to the All Things Breeding Space Characteristics and the influence of the Biyao Chunshen over the past half-day.

If it had been any other Beast Tamer at the same level, they would describe this as striking it rich.

But Su Ping wasn't concerned; given his status and position, these low-level resources didn't matter much.

"Xiao Qing, is the venerable Biyao Chunshen feeling unwell?"

Sensing Su Ping's consciousness, the mystical Biyao Chunshen slowly reappeared on Xiao Qing's body.

Far from feeling unwell, Su Ping could even tell that although his Beast Taming Space had been barren before, this being seemed quite satisfied with it.

He communicated wordlessly with the Biyao Chunshen, explaining that Xiao Qing would begin its evolution in a few days. The Biyao Chunshen expressed satisfaction and even agreed to consider helping. Only then did Su Ping turn his attention to another peculiar existence in the space.

The Little Flame.

The birds were no longer present. The Little Flame, which usually hid within the flames and only emerged when a Flame Fruit appeared, now stood under a flame bloom, burning slowly. This was a Fire-type Resource born in the Fire Cultivation Realm as a result of the All Things Breeding process.

Dammit! Seeing this thing still consuming his resources and occasionally cursing him, Su Ping couldn't help but get irritated.

Suddenly thinking of something, he seized the Little Flame with his consciousness and placed it before the Biyao Chunshen on Xiao Qing. "Venerable Biyao, do you know what this is?"

The original Fire Phoenix seemed to be much older than the enigmatic Biyao Chunshen, which was neither truly a resource nor a Pet Beast.

But what if?

The Little Flame struggled, as if trying to escape the grasp of Su Ping, the great Demon King's consciousness. However, it was obviously futile.

As expected, the Biyao Chunshen, with its mysterious and special origins, became interested upon seeing the Little Flame. It detached from Xiao Qing and approached the small flame.

Sensing a terrifying presence, the Little Flame stopped struggling.

But then, the Biyao Chunshen slowly extended a 'hand,' wrapping the Little Flame within its ginseng-like tendrils.

Then, to Su Ping's surprise, the Biyao Chunshen pondered for a moment. Afterward, a stream of similar emerald-green energy slowly emanated from its body. This energy then merged into the Little Flame, which seemed terrified as the process occurred.

Then, to Su Ping's further surprise, a strange cry resounded from within his Beast Taming Space.

The Little Flame's body inflated rapidly, as if being filled with air, growing from its previous bud-like size to the size of a fingernail in the blink of an eye.

Eventually, a familiar voice echoed once again, "Human... despicable... contemptible..."

"Do not presume... to bribe..."

"Will not... submit..."

It was that familiar stream of curses again. But this time, the voice was much fuller and more fluent. Most importantly, it was no longer speaking in the Ancient Serpentine Script.

Su Ping's spirits lifted immediately. Had this thing regained its consciousness?

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This was the hissing sound emitted by Little Flame.

However, through his Psychic Communication Talent, Su Ping could understand Little Flame's entire meaning.

Although it was just a different way of saying the same thing, for Su Ping, it meant he no longer needed to use the ancient, power-consuming Serpentine Script to communicate. This signified that the Little Flame before him had finally awakened its consciousness.

Indeed, Su Ping could feel that Little Flame was now filled with an indescribable sense of liveliness. This feeling was vastly different from the rigid fire spirit that had previously only known to subconsciously dodge his senses.

Su Ping's spirits immediately lifted.

The bizarre Fire Phoenix had once dealt Su Ping an unprecedented shock. In fact, as soon as Su Ping confirmed Little Flame's appearance was related to the exploding Hundred Birds Facing Phoenix

phenomenon, he had already decided: if possible, he wanted to form a contract with this Elemental Flame.

Although this little thing didn't quite fit Su Ping's ideals for choosing a Pet Beast.

However, with the cub of a Legendary Level Pet Beast right before him, Su Ping's only thought was: Ideals? What are those?

So, Su Ping eagerly focused his consciousness on the little creature. Then, using Psychic Communication, he projected what was undoubtedly the most sincere and gentle voice he had ever mustered:

"Little one, are you awake?"

Little Flame burned gently, then, to Su Ping's surprise, it slowly transformed. It changed from a tiny flame into a small, bird-like shape, about the size of a fingernail. It somewhat resembled a sparrow but was slightly more elongated and entirely fiery red.

Its equally condensed, fiery red pupils sensed Su Ping's consciousness approaching within the Beast Taming Space, and it instinctively recoiled.

"HISS HISS!" it conveyed, its meaning clear: \*Human... stay away!\*

Sure enough, through Psychic Communication, the meaning within Little Flame's 'words' came through crystal clear.

The smile on Su Ping's face never faded. His condensed form within the Beast Taming Space wore a bright smile that anyone would praise as belonging to a quintessential sunny boy, corners of his mouth turned up to reveal eight pearly white teeth.

"Little one, I'm the one who's been feeding you all this time! I'm not a bad person, you know!"

Honestly, saying things like this always makes me feel like some creepy old guy luring a kid with candy, Su Ping thought.

The now bird-shaped Little Flame looked exactly like a wary little girl on the defensive.

"HISS HISS!" it communicated. \*Humans... despicable... harboring ulterior motives!\*

The prejudice between humans—no, between humans and this Little Flame—was like a towering mountain.

Su Ping was quite displeased with Little Flame's stereotypical view of him. "Other humans might be, but how have I been despicable? Little one, I've painstakingly taken care of you all this time. Now that you've grown up and become capable, you don't recognize me anymore?"

These words even seemed to move the nearby Biyao Chunshen.

Biyao Chunshen promptly dug its strange rhizomes into the soil of Su Ping's Beast Taming Space. Then, its body elongated and snagged an 'Aromatic Spirit Melon'—an Elite Level resource that had manifested due to the stimulation of its aura. This being, originally formed through Elementalization, actually broke open the spirit melon (also a resource) and tossed half to Xiao Qing. Then, this Biyao Chunshen, quite unlike a typical resource, settled in to watch the drama unfold between Su Ping and Little Flame, contentedly munching on its share of the melon. It's actually eating?! Su Ping thought, baffled, though now wasn't the time to dwell on it.

Little Flame, at this point, seemed somewhat taken aback by Su Ping's aggrieved tone.

Su Ping could tell this Little Flame was different from Biyao Chunshen. Biyao Chunshen possessed high intelligence and formidable power, and it also seemed to harbor some secrets. But this little creature, he mused, seemed different from the true Phoenix of the Hundred Birds Facing Phoenix phenomenon. For one thing, Su Ping's brief observation told him that Little Flame's intellect was still quite nascent.

However, its seemingly innate hatred for humanity puzzled Su Ping. Why does it hate humans so much?

Sure enough, after a moment of apparent confusion, Little Flame 'spoke' again:

"HISS HISS!" \*Always... ulterior motives...\*

Su Ping was furious. All those Flame Fruits he had painstakingly gathered had been secretly devoured by this little critter! Moreover, when he had offered it numerous other resources, this little rascal had accepted them all without hesitation. And now, it dared to call him someone with ulterior motives?

Why didn't it say I had ulterior motives when it was busy eating all my stuff?

Well... it's true I do have my own agenda, Su Ping admitted to himself. I was hoping to raise it and then, if possible, form a contract. But still, it can't just accuse me like that, can it? Does eating my resources not make me a good person in its eyes? Does using my resources not mean it accepts me, at least a little?

"What an ungrateful little thing!" Su Ping exclaimed.

"HISS HISS!"

The flame-bird's wings fluttered agitatedly, reacting strongly to Su Ping's words.

"HISS HISS HISS HISS HISS!" \*Humans... are the ones... who are ungrateful... a despicable Race...\*

Clearly, that word—ungrateful—had struck a nerve with the little creature.

Su Ping grew curious. He didn't understand why it reacted so strongly. What's the reason behind it?

"Then tell me, how exactly are humans ungrateful, and how exactly are they despicable?"

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Su Ping asked.

At those words, Little Flame, who had been flapping its wings and seemed extremely agitated just moments before, suddenly froze on the spot. In its miniature, flame-congealed eyes, a sense of confusion now flickered.

"HISS! (Humans, why are you ungrateful? Why so despicable?)"

"Yeah, we should have some evidence, right? Even a Mythical Level existence from legends can't slander someone without any basis, can they?" Su Ping was filled with righteous indignation.

Was he defending himself now? No! He was defending the dignity and image of all humankind! At this moment, Su Ping felt as if he was bathed in radiance.

"HISS, HISS, HISS! (Don't know, don't know...)" Little Flame sounded like a broken record.

Su Ping smiled with satisfaction. "Exactly! I raised you, helped you regain your strength. And without me, even Senior Biyao Chunshen couldn't have awakened your consciousness! In any biological world, doesn't this equate to the kindness of parents?!"

"HISS, HISS, HISS! (Humans, raised me... parents?)" Little Flame seemed a bit dazed.

Su Ping continued, "That's right! As the saying goes, even a vicious tiger doesn't eat its cubs! Our bodies, skin, and hair are gifts from our parents! Shouldn't children always respect and care for their parents?"

"HISS, HISS, HISS? (Respect, care for... humans?)"

Little Flame felt something was amiss but couldn't quite articulate it. Beyond the instinctual terror and repulsion towards humans, Little Flame suddenly realized that this human... actually seemed to be making sense? Should it, indeed, respect and care for this human? But... Little Flame was thoroughly confused.

Su Ping pressed on, "In the future, once we establish a Soul Contract and you become my Contracted Beast, we'll truly be family, sharing life and death!"

It had to be said, Su Ping's earlier words had already bewildered Little Flame, plunging it into a state of self-doubt. However, this last sentence snapped Little Flame back to reality. Its flame-shaped wings flapped rapidly, its reaction far more intense than before:

"HISS, HISS, HISS! (Humans... truly deceitful...)"

"HISS, HISS, HISS! (I see now! I would rather die than submit!)"

"HISS, HISS, HISS! (A Soul Contract is absolutely out of the question!)"

"HISS, HISS, HISS! (Humans, just as I thought, are no good!)"

"..."

Little Flame instantly became like an ignited powder keg, completely losing control.

Su Ping was also bewildered by this immense reaction. Wasn't this a bit much? Moreover, Su Ping could tell that if he truly reached Monarch Level and tried to forcefully contract it, Little Flame might genuinely choose death over submission, severing its own soul rather than letting him succeed. Wasn't this preposterous? What kind of deep-seated hatred was this?

Su Ping watched as Little Flame, showing no interest in further conversation, zipped away and retreated into the flames of the Fire Cultivation Realm. He scratched his head in incomprehension.

Thus, he turned to Biyao Chunshen, who was watching the drama unfold with amusement from the side. "Senior Biyao Chunshen, do you know Little Flame's origins?"

Biyao Chunshen showed little reaction, merely giving Su Ping a slightly peculiar 'look'. Then, it slowly faded from Xiao Qing's body.

As it did, Xiao Qing's aura subtly changed, and the Light of Evolution on its body flickered once more.

What in the world is going on?! Su Ping speechlessly exited the Beast Taming Space. Is there anything normal in this Beast Taming Space anymore?

Su Ping heaved a long sigh, suppressing the exasperation and confusion in his heart. This feeling was truly frustrating. And frustratingly, he had no solution.

Not even Sang Sheng had known about this creature; Su Ping had to ask that particular individual about it. Its origins were likely not something easily understood.

However, even though asking others yielded no answers, Su Ping did have his own method. As long as Little Flame's favorability towards him met the standards required by the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, the Atlas would naturally provide him with sufficient feedback. Even the Skill Catalog entry for the Paperman's Racial Skill, 'Paper Body Joint'—a skill previously undiscovered by others—would appear. This demonstrated the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas's powerful analytical capabilities regarding other Pet Beasts.

But there was a critical prerequisite: Little Flame's affection level had to reach the standard.

Previously, Su Ping had felt that this challenge wouldn't be a major issue if he took his time with it. Now, he doubted that. He suspected the difficulty of this task was no less than learning about the creature from the Legend of the Holy Dragon, perhaps even greater.

Late into the night, troubled by this matter, Su Ping found himself sleepless, so he decided to pull out his computer and start searching.

Sang Sheng had mentioned before that the Fire Phoenix might have appeared thousands of years ago. Additionally, Master Zhu Hong had shown him that some traces of the creature had been left in the ancient murals of the ruins in Ximo Province.

So, Su Ping entered keywords like "ancient history," "phoenix," and "Legendary Level" into the search bar.

Unfortunately, such keywords, though not obscure, still brought up countless pieces of junk information from clickbait accounts. Sifting through the trash for anything useful was as difficult as searching for gold in a manure pile.