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Chapter 651: Simulation of Jungle Survival! Zhao Lintian's Conditions!

Face, as a social concept, is sometimes important and sometimes not. When it's important, it can even make a person risk their life; when it's not, it might not be worth ten bucks. The value of face depends on whose face it is. Undoubtedly, Su Ping's face is very valuable!

In Rong Mang's mind, his cousin was an outstanding Breeder. Even his aunt Rong Qiu had praised him as an exceptional Breeder. Being able to win the breeding competition at such a young age and cultivate the so-called Super-Rank Skill "Heart of the Sun" were both extraordinary feats. Yet, in Rong Mang's understanding, he truly had no concept of just how extraordinary these achievements were. The main reason Rong Mang followed Su Ping was due to his grandfather's high regard and his father's orders.

However, just because Rong Mang didn't understand didn't mean Zhao Lintian didn't. On the contrary, for Zhao Lintian, even if the colossal Rong Family from Beiyuan Province came knocking to exchange the Cultivation Method for the Thorn Wolf, he might have hesitated. But with Su Ping standing before him, he barely hesitated at all.

A Breeder so young, who had topped the Breeder competition and cultivated the Super-Rank Skill "Heart of the Sun." What did that represent? It represented a future Breeding Master under normal circumstances! It represented a genius standing at the pinnacle of the Dragon Nation's Breeders. It signaled a definite future high-ranking official at the Breeder Association headquarters! Moreover, it meant countless admiring gazes and acknowledgments, a social status and network beyond imagination.

This was evident from a personal call he received from the president of the Beiyuan Province Breeder Association. Over the phone, the president had unabashedly revealed that a Breeding Master had personally inquired on Su Ping's behalf.

If Zhao Lintian had no ambition for future development, then Su Ping's capabilities wouldn't really matter. In this small part of Anling City, he and his Anling Tree House could live quite comfortably and at ease. But who doesn't want to climb higher? Is the family's inherited Cultivation Method for an Evolutionary Body important? Very important! But, if he could use the Cultivation Method for a Commander Level Evolutionary Body to befriend this genius Breeder who had appeared out of nowhere, or even establish some connection, it would be... Zhao Lintian only needed half a minute of thought to reach a definite answer. Worth it! Absolutely damn worth it! The most important thing now is how to maintain this relationship.

So, when Su Ping looked at Zhao Lintian with surprise and hastily asked what resources he wanted in exchange, or what kind of Pet Beast Evolutionary Body cultivation he required, Zhao Lintian fell into contemplation.

"Well, Breeder Su, may I take some time to think about it?" Zhao Lintian asked. "How about this: I'll have someone show you around our Anling Tree House. You could provide some guiding suggestions and see if there's anything that can be improved! Are you pressed for time?"

Su Ping smiled and shook his head. Everything has gone much more smoothly than I expected. As for Zhao Lintian's conditions, negotiating them when the time comes won't be a big deal.

"Alright, I have plenty of time. Breeder Zhao, you can take your time thinking. I'd also like to check out the Anling Tree House and learn from your experience!"

"Excellent, excellent! Little Liu, please show Breeder Su around our base. Ensure he receives the highest standard of hospitality. He is our most honored and distinguished guest!" Zhao Lintian exclaimed.

Su Ping didn't refuse. Truth be told, this is the first time I've visited a Pet Beast Breeding Base other than my own Heart of Myriad Spirits. This experience could be significantly helpful as I continue to develop the Heart of Myriad Spirits. I'm also curious to see what other Pet Beast Breeding Bases are like.

A tour of the facility revealed it to be quite impressive. The Anling Tree House was built around the Anling Snow Mountain. Its most important resources were those derived from the snow mountain and the surrounding forest.

The Anling Snow Mountain, home to numerous frost-related Pet Beasts, remained icy and snow-covered almost year-round. It attracted Pet Beasts and Beast Tamers who required special ice and snow terrain. People also came for leisure activities on the snow. Additionally, some Pet Beasts were brought here for specialized training in ice and snow environments. The goal of such training was to enable these Pet Beasts to better adapt when facing opponents of specific Attributes in the future.

Furthermore, the Anling Tree House hosted a large number of Pet Beasts. From what Su Ping observed, there were three he was very familiar with.

The first, naturally, was the Forest Wolf. The second was the Snow Wolf Clan, which was, in fact, better suited for life on the Anling Snow Mountain than the Forest Wolf.

Su Ping himself didn't have much understanding or direct experience with the Snow Wolf Clan, nor had he personally cultivated any. However, he knew many who excelled in this area. The most brilliant among them was undoubtedly Old Liu, Liu Fuhai, with his specialization in Snow Wolf cultivation.

The Icefang Whitewolf Su Ping had once seen was extremely beautiful and noble, possessing very strong combat abilities. If it weren't for the Heart of the Sun, the Wanmu Wolf might not even be a match for this Icefang Whitewolf.

Besides these, there was the evolutionary form of the Snow Wolf that Rong Qiu had once taught him to cultivate: the Cold Water Wolf. This rare poison and Ice System Pet Beast possessed mighty combat capability, a fact evident from the Legion tournaments in Jianghai Province.

However, in the Anling Tree House, the only evolutionary form of the Snow Wolf they seemed to have was the Frost Wolf.

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It was just a Commander Level Evolutionary Body. Moreover, through the Breeder Association's support system, it was a common Evolutionary Body that could be exchanged using Points.

Clearly, in this respect, Anling Tree House was somewhat lacking.

If possible, I could try to exchange an Evolutionary Body of the Snow Wolf for this Thorn Wolf.

Su Ping himself didn't have one, but Rong Qiu did. His aunt had previously said that she had given him full authority over the Cultivation of this Evolutionary Body.

Besides these two Wolf Pets with which Su Ping was familiar, the main Pet Beasts of Anling Tree House included another one that Su Ping knew: the 'Cloud-Patterned Tree Python'!

However, this was somewhat inferior compared to the Snow Wolf and the Forest Wolf.

After all, the Cloud-Patterned Tree Python itself was already an advanced Commander Level Pet Beast, so the number of people who could own one and come to the cultivation base was indeed a minority. As for its Evolutionary Body, there was none at all.

Within the Breeder Association's support system, the Evolutionary Body of the Cloud-Patterned Tree Python could be exchanged, but the Points required for this Level of Pet Beast Evolutionary Body exchange were obviously very high. For an ordinary Breeder, it was difficult to accumulate so many Points for an exchange.

Thinking of this, Su Ping once again recalled the breeding experience inheritance he had obtained from the Ten Thousand Snake Saint in the Mysterious Snake Secret Realm. The Blackwater Mysterious Snake and the Cloud-Patterned Tree Python were both included. And the Evolutionary Body of the Cloud-Patterned Tree Python was the Emperor Level Cloud Wing Wooden Jiao. The value of this was simply unimaginable.

However, Su Ping guessed that even if he used this item for an exchange, Zhao Lintian would hardly agree, for a simple reason. One could easily imagine what Level and value of materials would be needed to cultivate an Emperor Level Pet Beast. With a value like this, Anling Tree House's capacity might really not be able to bear it.

Thinking of this, Su Ping didn't bother to dwell on it further.

It had to be said, compared to the Heart of Myriad Spirits, Su Ping was quite satisfied with what he saw at Anling Tree House. Besides Pet Beast Cultivation, many of the Heart of Myriad Spirits' projects were also key attractions. The Heart of Water, Forest Heart, the current Heart of Phoenix, and the future Heart of Soul—all these were projects that could be opened to tourists. Anling Tree House, on the other hand, mainly focused on Pet Beast Cultivation.

However, Su Ping also spotted an interesting project there: Wilderness Survival!

Indeed, inside the Yunling Tree House, there was such a project. Of course, while it was called wilderness survival, it was actually a simulated outdoor jungle environment where numerous base Pet Beasts were released to simulate outdoor confrontations. There was no real danger to life, but it could give Beast Tamers a very real sensation of outdoor exploration. It was somewhat similar to Heavenly Mountain, just on a smaller scale. However, even so, this project could only be implemented thanks to

the Yunling Tree House benefiting from its location on the Yunling Snow Mountain. Otherwise, such an industrial project would be impossible.

What if it were moved to my own place?

After briefly trying it out with Xiao Qing, Su Ping walked out, contented. Not bad at all.

This was mainly because Zhao Lintian's breeding skills were indeed quite good. Those Pet Beasts that managed to successfully launch surprise attacks from the shadows wouldn't actually cause any harm to the visitors. As long as they completed a successful sneak attack without harming the visitors, they could get fed by the caretakers; simultaneously, the Pet Beasts' intelligence was indeed higher. They were quite clear on how to ensure they were always well-fed. The Pet Beasts on the ground and in the jungle snow mountains understood this as well. It seemed that only the white-eye fish failed to grasp this.

Su Ping nodded; this project had the potential for replication. If the 'Heart of Earth' at his own place could be completed later, he would see if he could replicate it, though the difficulty would be somewhat high. The Heart of Earth already covered a large area. But compared to the Anling Snow Mountain that Anling Tree House relied on, it was still quite a bit smaller. He would see how much more space could be developed at the Heart of Myriad Spirits later.

For some reason, Su Ping was reminded of his trip out to the Eastern Sea and his visit to the edge of West Dragon Lake. That lake was truly enormous! It was almost comparable to a small coastline. It was just a pity...

Su Ping shook his head, no longer entertaining such unrealistic fantasies that were filled with constraints and troubles.

After wandering around within the boundaries of the Anling Tree House for a good while, Su Ping finally returned to the front of the Anling Tree House at dusk.

The Breeder of the Anling Tree House, Zhao Lintian, was already waiting there. "Breeder Su, what do you think of my Tree House?"

"It's great! I'm even a bit envious of this place. Backed by the Anling Snow Mountain, it's much better than my place, which is out in the middle of nowhere!" Su Ping said modestly, then looked to Zhao Lintian's sides.

Standing beside him at that moment was a person. It was a young lady around Su Ping's age. Her appearance was just passable, but it was worth noting that something resembling withered tree branches was wrapped around her arm. As Su Ping focused his gaze, the 'tree branch' lifted its head and glanced at him. This thing was none other than a Cloud-Patterned Tree Python, though obviously still in its juvenile stage.

"Hehe, this is my daughter, Zhao Qingqing. Qingqing heard you were coming, Breeder Su, and insisted on tagging along. You don't mind, do you?"

"Not at all," Su Ping shook his head and then asked directly, "Breeder Zhao, have you decided? What are your thoughts on the Cultivation conditions for the Thorn Wolf?"

At these words, Zhao Lintian's eyes narrowed. "Dinner is ready in the dining hall. Why don't we talk over dinner?"

"Sure." Having roamed around for the better part of the day, it was impossible not to be hungry.

Accompanied by the ever-present Xing Chen and Rong Mang, Su Ping entered a private room. After the food and drinks were served, Zhao Lintian finally stopped beating around the bush and said directly, "Breeder Su, regarding the Cultivation of the Heart of the Sun, I wonder if you could..."

"Hmm?"

It wasn't just Su Ping; even Xing Chen and Rong Mang, who were beside him, furrowed their brows. Wasn't this asking for the moon? Indeed, the Cultivation of an Evolutionary Body was precious, but compared to the Cultivation of a Super-Rank Skill, it was nothing! How many Beast Tamers chose their Evolutionary Bodies precisely because there was a possibility of cultivating a Super-Rank Skill? How could the Cultivation of a Thorn Wolf compare to the Heart of the Sun?

However, it was clear that the brief pause let Zhao Lintian realize his counterpart was not a fool, and he cleverly continued, "I wonder if you could cultivate the Heart of the Sun for Qingqing's Forest Wolf?"

At that, Su Ping understood Zhao Lintian's true intentions for bringing his daughter along.

The effectiveness of the Heart of the Sun was unquestionable. Indeed, since New Year's, many had wanted Su Ping to cultivate the Super-Rank Skill, the Heart of the Sun, for them. However, Su Ping had, without a doubt, paid them no mind. Now, for the sake of his daughter's Pet Beast, Zhao Lintian had come up with such a proposition.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly and said with a smile, "That could be arranged, but it would require a long time, I'm afraid..."

"That's no problem! I'll have Qingqing go to your place! Don't worry, we will cover all accommodation expenses. Moreover, Qingqing is already a Junior Breeder, and it should be no problem for her to advance to Intermediate Level soon. If there's anything you're too busy to attend to then, you can ask for her help anytime," Zhao Lintian hurriedly said.

Su Ping glanced at Zhao Qingqing, who was bashfully bowing her head. He had good reason to suspect this might have been Zhao Lintian's real intention. But it didn't really matter. After all, as Master Zhu Hong had said before, Su Ping did want to take on a few good students. He wasn't bothered by Zhao Lintian's little scheme. If Zhao Qingqing was indeed exceptional and could stay at the Heart of Myriad Spirits, then there was no problem.

To be able to cultivate a Wanmu Wolf and the Heart of the Sun without even needing to exchange Cultivation Methods, and in return, acquire the Secret Technique for cultivating the Thorn Wolf, was an unexpected gain for Su Ping, beyond what he had anticipated.

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This was a small, thin book that exuded an antique charm. However, it clearly wasn't a volume passed down from ancient times but purely a modern creation. Written within this book was the Cultivation Method for the "Thorn Wolf"!

Su Ping lay on the guest room bed of the Anling Tree House, opening the Cultivation Method Zhao Lintian had directly given him, along with Zhao Lintian's cultivation insights from this period.

The Thorn Wolf was an evolutionary direction of the Forest Wolf at Commander Level, adept at physical combat, and extraordinarily strong in both attack and defense.

Su Ping flipped through the pages, reading every word. He had to admit, after reviewing just a small portion, Zhao Lintian hadn't been as fortunate as Sun Chaoju. Unlike the Wanmu Wolf, which had undergone spontaneous changes and self-evolution, Zhao Lintian had arrived at his hypothesis about the Thorn Wolf's evolutionary path through an accidental discovery.

In these notes, Zhao Lintian had recorded that some Forest Wolves, in addition to eating tree fruit in the forest, also liked to rub their bodies against a common plant called the Iron Thorn Tree.

Since then, Zhao Lintian had kept watching. He slowly discovered that the Forest Wolves that frequently rubbed against the Iron Thorn Tree not only developed harder bodies and sharper claws, but even the vines summoned by Vine Strangling became more robust and sharp.

Thus, from this perspective, Zhao Lintian began the Evolution of the Forest Wolf into the Thorn Wolf.

After various trials and tests, he finally developed the Evolution Cultivation Method for the Thorn Wolf.

Although the resources consumed were quite expensive among Commander-Level Evolutionary Bodies, otherwise, it wouldn't have only secured seventh place in that Cultivation Contest.

However, the combat power of the Thorn Wolf was quite impressive among Commander-Level Pet Beasts.

At the very least, it was much stronger than the Forest Wolf's two relatively common evolutionary forms, the Forest Wolf and the Elf Wolf.

[Thorn Wolf]

[Attribute: Wood]

[Racial Potential: Commander Tenth Rank]

[Skills: Sunlight Absorption, Thorny Tail, Spike Shell, Thorn Spear, Self-Healing, Accelerated Growth.]

Among the Thorn Wolf's Racial Skills, Sunlight Absorption, Self-Healing, and Accelerated Growth were retained. Vine Strangling, however, had disappeared, or rather, evolved into the other three skills.

Thorny Tail referred to the Thorn Wolf's highly attractive long tail, which was also its main attack method in its regular state.

Spike Shell was, as seen in the video, a carapace of thorny barbs that the Thorn Wolf could erect all over its body. It not only significantly enhanced its physical defense but also provided partial damage immunity and rebound—an immensely powerful skill.

The final skill, Thorn Spear, hadn't been seen in the previous video. However, according to these notes, it was undoubtedly the Thorn Wolf's "Ultimate Ability."

It's this creature's super finishing move!

It involved transforming all the thorns on its body into a single thorn spear and then charging forward to impale its target.

Just from the description in these notes, I can imagine the scene when this ability is unleashed, Su Ping thought.

However, while its combat power was acceptable, the requirements for Evolution were extremely high.

For one thing, the Evolution required a total of five Commander-Level resources.

In a Breeder's judgment, that was five times the conventional consumption.

Moreover, that wasn't even the most critical issue.

The crucial aspect was the selection requirement for suitable Evolutionary Bodies: Forest Wolves needed to proactively rub against Iron Thorn Trees to determine their suitability for evolving into a Thorn Wolf.

Otherwise, if unsuitable, there was a chance they would get stuck at one of the steps, unable to complete the process.

Furthermore, a Forest Wolf that failed to complete this subsequent Evolution could not attempt other Evolution Laws. In a sense, its future potential would be completely severed.

It was precisely because of these numerous stringent conditions.

That was why, in that particular Cultivation Contest, despite relatively few new Evolutionary Bodies appearing, the Thorn Wolf only managed to rank seventh.

Such a result also illustrated the difficulty of evolving the Thorn Wolf and the challenges in popularizing it.

Su Ping remained unfazed. In a mere twenty minutes, he finished reading the entire evolution manual.

Then, as expected, a special message alert appeared in the deepest recesses of Su Ping's soul.

[Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas: Special evolution route for 'Forest Wolf' discovered – Thorn Wolf.]

[Spend 1,200 Catalogue Experience points to improve and strengthen this evolution route?]

The strength of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas lay in its ability to thoroughly perfect various imperfect Evolution Laws. It could even improve the Cultivation Methods of the Forest Wolf and the Elf Wolf,

which had been practically standardized over many years, let alone that of the Thorn Wolf, which hadn't existed for very long.

Moreover, Su Ping had come to understand the enhancement mechanism of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas quite well over time.

The more data he collected, the fewer Experience Points the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas required to improve an Evolution Law. These notes contained all the experience Zhao Lintian had summarized from his research into the Thorn Wolf's Evolution.

Naturally, the consumption of these Experience Points is within my expectations, Su Ping mused. After all, this is just an Evolutionary Body at the Commander-Level Peak.

Su Ping wasn't overly concerned. Once the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas's feedback appeared, he promptly chose "Yes."

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After all this time, these 1,200 Experience Points were exactly the right amount. This time, Su Ping felt no sting of regret at their depletion. After the Forest Wolf Catalog reached Level 4, it seemed the use of Experience Points was less significant for further upgrades. To progress to Level 5, what was required were no less than ten Evolutionary Body branch lines. Of course, Experience Points could substitute, but it clearly wasn't worth it. Thus, using these Experience Points to perfect a single evolutionary path was a highly profitable move from any perspective. In an instant, the Experience Points were expended like flowing water. And upon the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, the Evolution Law for this Thorn Wolf was also fully perfected.

The first step was the selection of the wolf species. Before perfection, it was necessary to see if the Forest Wolf felt a connection to the Iron Thorn Tree. But after perfection, the feedback from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas indicated a change. An Elite Level resource called 'Serrated Grass' could now be directly used with several common resources to complete the process. This also accelerated the first step. Subsequently, the five Commander Level resources necessary for the next phase were fully optimized, now requiring only a single, specific Commander Level resource. This greatly optimized both the cost and time involved.

The Thorn Wolf had scored 305 points at the previous Cultivation Competition. This score was not high, especially considering that at the time, Ye Zhou and Magic Capital Academy had presented Time Water,

a Magic Potion developed through research, which had scored 315 points. For a Cultivation Competition, achieving seventh place with such a score already indicated that the quality of that year's competition wasn't particularly high. However, after Su Ping's improvements, if he were to present it at a Cultivation Competition again, he was confident it could rank in the top five, with scores potentially reaching 340-360 points. The primary reason was that although the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas had perfected the evolution, the Thorn Wolf's inherent potential had a ceiling. An Elite Level species evolving to the Commander Level was considered a Low-level evolution path.

Shaking his head, Su Ping committed the perfected evolution of the Thorn Wolf to memory, then set it aside. For the time being, I have no intention of giving it to Zhao Lintian for nothing. Our exchange was meant to be fair. Moreover, if Zhao Qingqing is impressive and manages to stay at the Heart of Myriad Spirits and become my student, then Zhao Lintian will have made the better deal. Besides, it only took me a few hours to fully perfect the Evolutionary Body that they researched for years. Although I don't need to mind the opinions of others now, doing so would be undeniably too conspicuous.

The night was silent as Su Ping slowly sunk his consciousness back into the Beast Taming Space. The space remained as before. Besides its Space Absorption trait, four great traits—All Things Breeding, the ecological cycle, the Fire Cultivation Realm, and Dishui Chenghai—defined Su Ping's current Beast Taming Space. Within it were a pool, a patch of red soil, and scattered resources appearing on a grassland. His two main Pet Beasts were resting there. As for Feifei, it never stayed in the Beast Taming Space, preferring Su Ping's backpack instead—being in the Beast Taming Space would block its spirit signal connection to his phone. Beyond these, the first thing Su Ping noticed again in the space was undeniably the Little Flame.

A few days ago, for some unknown reason, the Biyao Chunshen had awakened the consciousness of this Little Flame, which had since become fully alert. Even Su Ping's Eye of Truth could now see its information:

[Mutated True Spirit Flame (Wild)]

[Attribute: Fire]

[Current Level: Ordinary First Rank]

[Racial Potential: ????

[Skills: Burning (Beginner), Elemental Body (Beginner)]

True Spirit Fire. It also had another name: Fire Elemental Spirit juvenile. Different names, different ways of calling it, but essentially, they were the same thing. This was because as this entity continued to grow, it could transform its form and become what was known as a 'Fire Elemental Spirit.' Similar to the Gold Elemental Elf that Feifei had kindled, Fire Elemental Spirits were considered relatively numerous among the Elemental Pet Beasts of the various Elemental Sprite types. Not to mention, the Blue Flame Heart Demon that was once under Leng Ye's command had evolved from such an entity.

However, from any angle, this was no ordinary True Spirit Fire, nor one of those most basic juvenile fire elemental lifeforms. Indeed, this is the first time I've seen a Pet Beast's Racial Potential marked with '????' in the Eye of Truth. Su Ping had already learned from prior events that this creature's Racial Potential should have reached the Legendary Level. Perhaps the reason its potential isn't displaying is largely due to my own low Realm?

Although the flame seemed to have an indescribable repulsion and aversion to humans, Su Ping maintained a friendly and kind attitude towards the little fellow.

"Good to see you again, little guy!"

"HISS HISS HISS!" The Flame Bird, formed from the Little Flame, made a series of sounds. Clearly, it was extremely wary of Su Ping's reappearance.

Su Ping didn't mind. He quickly concentrated his spiritual power, forming a Flame Fruit in the hand of his conscious projection within the Beast Taming Space.

As expected, upon the formation of this supremely pure Flame Energy, the eyes of the bird that the Little Flame had transformed into were fixated, unable to look away.

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The fiery red eyes fixed firmly on the condensed Flame Fruit.

"Do you want to eat it? Just agree to become my Contracted Beast, and then you can have it anytime, anywhere, okay?"

Su Ping, once again like a creepy man with candy, used Psychic Communication to speak temptingly.

Clearly, Little Flame was extremely eager for this kind of resource.

However, upon hearing Su Ping's words, it immediately stopped its hungry gaze and fluttered its wings again:

"HISS, HISS, HISS, HISS, HISS, HISS! (Humans... sly... detestable, wishful thinking!)"

As expected, it was a bit difficult.

But Su Ping had already readjusted his mood and continued,

"How about this? Let me ask you a few questions. If you answer well, I'll give you this Flame Fruit. How does that sound?"

Upon hearing this, Little Flame thought for a moment, then nodded.

Though its consciousness had revived, the weakness of its body was very real.

If it didn't get enough Energy to replenish itself, it might even revert to a mere wisp of flame governed solely by instinct after a while.

So, although it really didn't want to interact with this cunning human, it had no choice but to do so at this time.

Su Ping revealed a smile and asked directly,

"What exactly is your original form?"

What he was most curious about was the great Fire Phoenix that had devoured a myriad of birds with its flames to be born.

What kind of Pet Beast was that?

The first question plunged Little Flame into confusion.

Its fiery pupils showed hints of memory and bewilderment, and even the flapping of its wings slowed incredibly.

"HISS, HISS, HISS (My original form... Flame Totem... Ten Thousand Bird Faith...)"

"HISS, HISS, HISS (I don't know... I don't know...)"

Suddenly, the little creature became extremely anxious again. Its wings fluttered rapidly, conveying an indescribable sense of restlessness.

However, Su Ping didn't seem to mind. Instead, he narrowed his eyes slightly, pondering the two phrases spoken by Little Flame.

Flame Totem? Ten Thousand Bird Faith?

Is this another way of referring to a Legendary Level Pet Beast?

And it seemed quite fitting.

At the Legendary Level, in the absence of any news or sightings of the Mythical Level, they themselves represent the pinnacle of existence—a true pillar of a nation, the ultimate fighting force on Blue Star.

Such Pet Beasts could indeed be referred to as the Totem of their Attribute, an object of faith.

Watching the extremely anxious Little Flame, Su Ping directly tossed the Elite Level Flame Fruit he had just condensed to it.

As expected, upon feeling the Energy contained in the Flame Fruit, Little Flame's restlessness subsided considerably.

A fiery red flame ignited on its body. It slowly enveloped the Flame Fruit, consuming and absorbing it in its own way.

"Another question: what's your connection with your original form? And how can you regain the mighty strength of your original form?"

Exactly what Little Flame was, Su Ping was still somewhat unsure.

The most pressing question was whether this Little Flame was the juvenile form of the so-called Flame Totem and Ten Thousand Bird Faith, or something else insignificant.

However, Su Ping had some speculations about Little Flame's situation. The reason was simple: after witnessing the scene that followed the spectacle of the 'Hundred Birds Facing Phoenix,' he couldn't help but make some guesses.

The resplendent Fire Phoenix had exploded, transforming into a Meteor Fire Rain, and vanished across the vast land.

It had fragmented into countless sparks of fire.

Little Flame's existence was very likely related to this.

As it turned out, Su Ping's guess was correct.

This time, Little Flame didn't show the same distress as before but immediately made a sound:

"HISS, HISS, HISS (I am... I am the original form... just incomplete... I need to... devour...)"

Indeed!

A glint flashed in Su Ping's eyes.

How many sparks of flame had the huge Fire Phoenix scattered when it exploded? It must have been more than ten thousand!

If the fusion of these flames was necessary to reform the original Fire Phoenix, then their path likely involved strengthening themselves individually before relying on instinct to battle, devour, and merge.

This process was undoubtedly filled with countless battles.

Moreover, Su Ping definitely didn't believe the Fire Phoenix was some kind of benign Pet Beast.

In fact, its fiery temper and destructive aura were clearly evident from that Fire Phoenix.

This Fire Phoenix couldn't be some auspicious incarnation or a so-called Divine Beast.

It was definitely a Pet Beast utterly devoted to slaughter, destruction, and annihilation.

Its methods upon reappearance—using a strange allure to draw countless birds to the valley, then resurrecting by incinerating them all as nourishment for its return—clearly showed its evil and power.

This was its instinct!

"Devour, huh?"

Su Ping showed an interested expression.

Then, a glint flickered deep in his eyes.

However, he didn't rush to speak. Instead, he tossed another freshly condensed Flame Fruit to it.

As expected, Little Flame excitedly began to consume it.

After Little Flame had consumed both Flame Fruits under Su Ping's watchful gaze, he observed its body expand by a full circle. The Eye of Truth also clearly showed that its Realm had risen by one level. Only then did he ask again,

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"So, you want to enhance your strength; you just need to find the rest of your kind, and then devour and merge with them?"

"HISSSSSS!"

The Fire Phoenix formed by Little Flame nodded rapidly.

Su Ping smiled.

"What is the strength of your kind like? Does devouring and being devoured represent the dominance of consciousness? Whose power is stronger, whose consciousness will become the true entity of the Flame Totem and the true consciousness of the Ten Thousand Bird Faith?"

Su Ping's words left Little Flame somewhat perplexed, seemingly overwhelmed by the complexity of his message.

However, perhaps it was due to just having consumed two Flame Fruit and its resulting enhancement in Realm. Little Flame was only slightly confused for a moment before understanding the meaning in Su Ping's words, and then it nodded.

"HISSSSSS! (I... am the true Flame Totem, the Ten Thousand Bird Faith...)"

Su Ping's eyes narrowed with mirth.

"That might not necessarily be so! Think about it, little guy. The rest of the flames are out there in the world; maybe they've already started devouring each other! Their strength must have made substantial progress! Although your consciousness was revived by Senior Biyao Chunshen, your power is really weak! You don't have a way to enhance your strength. In the future, you might be easily devoured, right?"

Su Ping feigned a regretful shake of his head.

As expected, upon hearing this, Little Flame, whose awakened consciousness was like a blank sheet of paper, became very anxious.

"HISSSSSS! (No! I don't want to be devoured! I am the true Flame Totem, the Ten Thousand Bird Faith...)"

Su Ping was very satisfied with Little Flame's ambition.

Only ambitious Pet Beasts are good Pet Beasts! Pet Beasts that don't settle are valuable Pet Beasts!

Therefore, he continued with a smiling expression.

"So, how about I help you? Train you? Rest assured, I am quite respectable in status and strength within the Beastmaster Society! If you're willing, I can help you increase your strength very quickly."

At these words, Little Flame fell into hesitation.

It always felt that this human was up to no good, and its instincts were telling it not to trust them!

Humans were considered the most despicable and shameless species in the world. This was the imprint left on all Little Flames by their origin.

However, this nascent self-awareness, like a blank sheet of paper, couldn't deny that the human before it was correct. Perhaps in two or three months, those scattered flames have already started to merge, devour, and battle each other. What chance does this inherently frail Little Flame have against those 'originals' that have grown stronger?

Self-consciousness is a symbol of intelligence and, at the same time, a manifestation of one's own life. Such beings, once they develop self-consciousness, are unwilling to sacrifice themselves for others. This is true not just for the intelligent; even unintelligent wild beasts are the same. This is the instinct of all living creatures. Especially now, with the help of Biyao Chunshen, Little Flame had already developed a pure self-consciousness and intelligence. In such a predicament, Su Ping's question undoubtedly struck a chord with Little Flame.

Thus, Little Flame fell into deep thought. Su Ping also felt a gaze from behind him. At some point, Biyao Chunshen's figure had again departed from Xiao Qing's body and arrived behind Su Ping and Little Flame, watching them with interest.

Su Ping turned his head and, with his consciousness projection, bowed respectfully to Biyao Chunshen.

Biyao Chunshen's figure swayed, disregarding the gesture.

Finally, Little Flame emerged from its silent contemplation and spoke.

"HISSSSSS! (I am... not going to be your Pet Beast...)"

"HISSSSSS! (However, I do want your nurturing... and help... I will... repay you...)"

Su Ping grinned. Isn't everything difficult at first? The first stage of persuasion was complete, wasn't it?

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Little Flame's cultivation enhancement plan still has no clear direction, but for now, continuously feeding it Flame Fruit should suffice. As for seeking the remaining sparks, there's no rush for now. The Meteor Fire Rain that exploded in the sky has dispersed into countless tiny sparks. Their distribution is so vast, I reckon the entire Jianghai Province wouldn't be enough to search. If it spanned the entire East, or even the whole Dragon Nation, it would be like looking for a needle in a haystack. Such things depend on opportunity and luck.

The returning vehicle slowly set off. Su Ping actually wanted to spend a few more days in this Anling Tree House. However, he had to leave since Master Yin said he had something to discuss with him and asked him to return as soon as possible after he was done with his tasks. After all, Leng Ye said I don't need to stay long in Beiyuan Province, so I'll have to return in a while anyway. Master Yin Luo's invitation is naturally much more important than staying to experience the Anling Tree House.

It's just a bit of a pity. Near the Anling region of Beiyuan Province, I saw several Secret Realms on the Qintian Monitor's network, remnants from past exploitations. I still wanted to go absorb their energy. Unfortunately, moving around in Anling is inconvenient. Trying to absorb energy from all the Secret Realms in Anling and Beiyuan would make my schedule too tight, not even considering having to go back to find Master Yin. Besides, they're just ordinary, damaged remnant Secret Realms, a far cry from the previous Mysterious Snake Secret Realm. Relatively speaking, absorbing them wouldn't provide a significant short-term boost. So, there's no need for me to insist.

「A little over an hour later, he returned to the Northern Cold.」

He was still staying at the Rong Family's residence. However, Master Yin, his senior, was already waiting inside Su Ping's room.

"You lad, you've really been very busy!" Master Yin said with a smile.

Su Ping scratched his head. "I have to thank Master Yin for the introduction. Has everything been arranged with the Legion?"

Master Yin and Dad (Leng Ye) have been in the Legion all this time, organizing the upcoming cultivation plan for the Heavenly Tomb Special Forces. His visit must mean all those matters are settled.

"Yes! If any changes arise later, we'll modify accordingly. The most important thing is the cultivation of your Pet Beast! Ghost Saint has already told you about the arrangements from above, right? This time, although you are not with the Legion, you're undoubtedly part of the main force! This is also perfect; it will prevent some people from discovering any clues based on the situation! Your Pet Beast's concealment is considered a trump card for the Heavenly Tomb!"

I know Master Yin is referring to the Zhou Tian Five Elements Body.

"Okay, no rush on these matters. The main reason I came here this time is that I, Old Ghost, have something to discuss with you!" Master Yin said.

Su Ping raised his eyebrows, as if a thought had struck him, but he didn't ask. "If you have something to say, just speak directly. As long as I can help, I will do my utmost!"

"Good, good, good! You truly deserve to be one of the most talented Breeders the Dragon Nation has seen in decades!" Master Yin praised, stating a fact rather than mere flattery. Then, Master Yin Luo's expression became a bit more solemn. "As a Breeder, and already a Breeding Master, Su Ping, you should know about Charles, right?"

Su Ping nodded. Not only do I know him, but the grudge between us is also quite substantial. Although Mu Yu was the one who attacked me last time, the true mastermind was undoubtedly Mu Yu's idol, a world-class Undead Breeding Master. He's also the final preeminent figure among those with Hall-level Superior Skills, Charles Lee.

But clearly, that's not what Master Yin is referring to.

"As a world-class great Breeding Master, who might even be considered a Grandmaster-level figure, Charles's capabilities are beyond doubt. Over the years, the Necromancy System in Eagle Country has surged ahead in development, even surpassing Mummy Nation's proficiency in it. A large part of the reason is this very man! Eagle Country itself is the nation that benefited most from the rise of Mechanical Pet Beasts and now possesses formidable national strength.

In the Dragon Nation, however, the Necromancy System remains our biggest weakness. This has led many talented Necromancy Breeders to leave the country, seeking further improvement in the

cultivation of Undead Pet Beasts. As our only Undead Breeding Master, I have always felt powerless in this regard. I am well aware that to stop such occurrences, we need an Undead Breeding Master in our own land who is no less significant than Charles! However, that is incredibly difficult to achieve. Throughout thousands of years of history, figures like Charles are few and far between on Blue Star. But, Su Ping, after seeing you, I've seen this hope, this possibility. And it's a very strong one."

Master Yin's lengthy speech left Su Ping somewhat speechless. Although I'm confident, carrying the hopes of the entire community of Necromancy Breeders... it does feel a bit heavy, doesn't it?

Before Su Ping could modestly refute, Master Yin Luo, who stood before him, spoke again, "Su Ping, as an enemy, do you know how many achievements Charles has cultivated in the past century?"

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Su Ping shook his head. He truly didn't know.

Apart from that Hall of Fame level Super-Rank Skill, Undead Death Domain, he had very little understanding of Charles's other cultivation achievements.

Master Yin enumerated them as if reciting treasures from memory:

"Just the Super-Rank Skills that I am aware of number six in total. Among them, the last one, the Undead Death Domain, is ranked above Hall of Fame level skills; indeed, it *is* a Hall-level Superior Skill, the most recent one to achieve this status!

Besides that, there is the Super-Rank Skill 'Flesh of Decay' cultivated from the Monarch Level Undead Pet Beast 'Butcher'. There is also the Super-Rank Skill 'Death Descend' cultivated from the Emperor Level Undead Pet Beast 'Blood Demon', and the Monarch Level Undead Pet Beast 'Cold Frost Demon' with its Super-Rank Skill 'Frost Freeze Whispers'.

There are two others, both equally powerful and terrifying Super-Rank Skills, and these are only the ones that have been revealed. There's reason to suspect that with Charles's capabilities, there could be more successfully cultivated Super-Rank Skills hidden from us.

Aside from Super-Rank Skills, he has developed three Evolutionary Bodies of the Elite Level Undead Pet Beast 'Gargoyle', one of which is a direct evolution to the Emperor Level 'Obsidian Lord', as well as two Evolutionary Bodies of the Commander Level 'Soul Eater Dog'..."

Su Ping listened very carefully. After all, your greatest enemy is always the one who understands you the best.

And without a doubt, based on the alignment of their camps and Charles's previous actions, he was one of Su Ping's greatest enemies.

His accomplishments and abilities were certainly worth Su Ping's utmost attention.

Therefore, although he didn't understand what Master Yin's words truly meant, Su Ping was listening with great attention.

And it must be said, even after listening till the end, Su Ping couldn't help but wonder if this Charles, just like himself, had some sort of cheat code?

His expertise in the cultivation of the Necromancy Series was truly remarkable.

Even as an enemy, Su Ping had to commend him; Charles, the Undead Breeding Master, was a grandmaster in the cultivation world, and his reputation was well-deserved!

In any world, there is no shortage of true geniuses, but very quickly, Su Ping noticed something amiss:

"Wait a moment, Senior Yin, how old is Charles this year?"

Indeed, even for a prodigious talent, it just seemed unreasonable for one to always be this way, didn't it?

Yin Luo smiled faintly:

"You've hit upon an important point, good. Lifespan is humanity's greatest limitation. Human Beast Tamers wield great wisdom and possess the powerful combat abilities to tame and cultivate all other Pet Beasts, but when it comes to advancing to higher levels, their lifespans are far inferior to those of many high-level Pet Beasts!

Only by truly reaching the Spirit Saint Level can one break through the lifespan limitations of the human species.

And even then, living to 150 years old is considered a ripe old age for a Spirit Saint Level individual, and the older they get, the more difficult it becomes to break through to the next Realm! Unless one finds some of the legendary life-extending treasures, lifespans are the greatest constraint and limitation for human Beast Tamers!

It is precisely because of lifespan constraints that dynasties continue to change and eras continue to evolve in the history of human Beast Tamers! However, throughout history, research into extending lifespan has never ceased, with virtually no powerful Beast Tamers or Breeders ever abandoning this quest!

Charles is one of them. His longevity research is known as Witch Soul Transformation! The Witch is a powerful Pet Beast, inherently at the Emperor Level from its base race, and is also a native Undead creature of the West. They are rarely born in our Dragon Nation; only some imported ones are contracted by Beast Tamers.

The birth of a Witch involves a very special method: the Soul Box. As long as the Soul Box exists, the Witch will continue to live, regardless of whether its body is slain or naturally decays; its life will continue unaffected."

Pausing for a moment, Yin Luo continued, "Precisely based on his research into the Witch, Charles managed to simulate the creation of a Witch's Soul Box using his own soul. This not only maintains the continuity of his life but also allows him to retain sufficient intelligence and creativity.

By relying on this ability, this Necromancer Beast Tamer, despite having only mediocre Meditation Talent and being rather ordinary, managed to barely break through to the Spirit Saint Level at the ripe old age of 123. And now, he is already 160 years old."

Su Ping's brows furrowed.

He wasn't particularly surprised. This was reality, not a cultivation novel. Over 150 years might seem short, but it was actually a century and a half.

That was enough time to transform the world greatly, turning seas into mulberry fields.

In the ancient times of his previous life, it would have spanned a good half of a dynasty.

Not to mention the Legendary Level and the elusive Mythical Level, Su Ping believed that as Beast Tamers progressed in their Realms, their lifespans would certainly extend.

Moreover, Beast Tamers had all sorts of ways to extend their lives.

To say nothing of other methods, the Elixir of Immortality that Biyao Chunshen desired could greatly prolong one's lifespan. Although Su Ping didn't know its specific effects, he was certain they wouldn't be subpar.

And he was too young to even need to consider this matter.

What surprised him was the ability of this Undead Breeding Master.

Simulating a Witch's Soul Box with one's own spiritual power?

This was utterly inconceivable.

"Then... what's the cost?"

Yin Luo shook his head, "Such things are beyond my knowledge, but without a doubt, the cost is absolutely tremendous!"

Su Ping wasn't particularly disappointed. After all, this was to be expected.

Thinking of this, a glimmer of hope also sparked within him.

Although, regarding longevity, he didn't feel any pressure for the time being, it had to be said that no one could reject the prospect of eternal life.

Although for the history of mankind, an individual's longevity wasn't a good thing—rather, it was a considerable disaster—still, every living being instinctively resists Death.

Time and Death were indeed two of the most powerful Attributes. Even now on Blue Star, among the countless Pet Beasts, those possessing these two Attributes were also the rarest.

Just as one might expect, observing Su Ping's engrossed expression, it was clear: curiosity about lifespan, about that strange secret technique of Charles—doubted and yearned for by countless people—was irresistible to anyone.

However, Yin Luo also knew when to stop.

It was precisely because quite a few Breeders and Beast Tamers, after learning more about this legendary Breeder, were inspired to leave their own countries and go after him.

What Yin Luo wanted was merely to instill in Su Ping a desire for extended lifespan in the future, not to cause Dragon Nation to lose its most outstanding young Genius Breeder in decades.

If that were the case, then without a doubt, he would be seen as a traitor to the entire Dragon Country.

Therefore, Yin Luo lightly coughed to interrupt Su Ping's contemplation:

"AHM. Su Ping, although Charles is formidable, I believe your future will be no less brilliant than his."

Su Ping glanced at Yin Luo, whose expression seemed to carry a deeper meaning, and smiled faintly. Of course, he understood what the old man was thinking.

Setting aside the deep-seated grudge he held against Charles, just recalling the occasional glimpse he'd had of a Witch's form was enough to make Su Ping lose all interest in that kind of longevity.

What's the point of becoming a pile of bones or an Undead?

Perhaps he could afford to be so unconcerned because his lifespan was currently abundant, but for now, this was indeed his genuine thought.

Besides, he wouldn't stoop to such measures anyway.

Seeing Su Ping's expression, Yin Luo finally breathed a sigh of relief. Then he paused:

"I've told you so much, one reason was to let you know that there are always people better than us, and that we still have a long way to go in the field of Necromancy. Secondly, it was to discuss another matter with you."

Yin Luo's expression suddenly became serious, but even so, the corners of his usually expressionless face lifted slightly, indicating the pride of the Undead Breeding Master at this moment:

"I am our Dragon Nation's sole Undead Breeding Master, so naturally, I also have my own Super-Rank Skill Cultivation! It may not be much, but this Super-Rank Skill Cultivation happens to allow a Pet Beast to assist its master in extending their lifespan to a certain degree."

Su Ping was taken aback, blinking. Looking at Master Yin, who was beaming like a wealthy old man and not at all like an Undead Breeding Master, he pursed his lips, wanting to say:

So, you went through all that lengthy preamble just to show off to me at this very moment, huh?

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A skill that allowed Pet Beasts to use abilities on their Beast Tamers. It had to be said, the proud Master Yin before him truly had the capital for such pride.

Su Ping truly hadn't heard of such a skill before.

Aside from their innate Talent, the abilities of human Beast Tamers—whether controlling Pet Beasts via a Soul Contract or utilizing the Beast Taming Space—were all related to spiritual power. What kind of skill could possibly help a Beast Tamer extend their lifespan?

Su Ping looked at Master Yin before him with suspicion.

If this ability were truly so heaven-defying, shouldn't Master Yin's status be even higher?

However, based on his observations these past few days, although Master Yin's status within the Breeder Association was extraordinary, he seemed somewhat lacking compared to Master Zhu Hong, whom he had encountered previously.

Master Zhu was a genuine, influential Vice President of the Association and possessed enough authority to manage many internal affairs.

Moreover, this time, Master Zhu's Pet Beast, Da Huang, had advanced. Although Master Zhu himself had not yet broken through, it would probably happen within a few years, at which point his status would likely rise again.

Yet, the Master Yin before him undoubtedly fell short in comparison.

Thinking about Master Yin's purpose for this visit, Su Ping's mind stirred. He gained some understanding but remained somewhat unsure.

Noticing Su Ping's astonished expression, Master Yin was clearly very pleased. After a light cough, he continued,

"The favor I wish to ask of you, Su Ping, involves this very Super-Rank Skill!"

"Oh?"

Just as I thought, Su Ping inwardly noted. If it were truly that heaven-defying, Master Yin would have been treated like a national treasure, not just appearing as he does now. This so-called lifespan-extending Super-Rank Skill must have significant drawbacks.

However, Su Ping also felt a flicker of excitement.

For him, the more research there was on such Super-Rank Skills, the better. It wouldn't just bring countless benefits to his advancements as a Breeder, but also greatly assist in illuminating the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas and the development of the Heart of Myriad Spirits. And most importantly, Yin Luo's Super-Rank Skill wasn't like Liu Fuhai's, which was completely without leads; it was a real, tangible prospect. If this was the case, the Universal Experience from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas could indeed be put to use!

Thinking of this, Su Ping spoke almost without hesitation,

"Please, tell me about it. As I said before, if I can help, I definitely won't refuse."

At those words, Master Yin breathed a sigh of relief. With a thought, his spiritual power as an Emperor-level Beastmaster burst forth, enveloping Su Ping's entire room to prevent any information from leaking.

Then, a ray of light shone, and a bizarre Pet Beast appeared before Su Ping's eyes.

No, this wasn't a Pet Beast. It seemed to be a living person.

Su Ping stared at the figure before him, momentarily unable to react.

Its skin was pale, devoid of any color. Its cheeks were expressionless, and its jet-black hair cascaded past its waist. Though dressed in modern attire, it appeared to be a woman in her thirties or forties who might have once exuded charm. However, the deathly aura and coldness seeping from its entire body made it clear: this was not a human being, but rather resembled a corpse.

Fortunately, Su Ping was somewhat prepared for such Undead Type Pet Beasts.

He quickly regained his composure and recalled a particularly special type of Undead Pet Beast from The East.

"Is this... a Papercraft Ghost?" Su Ping asked, somewhat astonished.

Master Yin nodded with a smile. "To be precise, it's the Emperor Level evolutionary body of the Papercraft Ghost: the Faceless Ghost King!"

"Faceless Ghost King?"

Su Ping scratched his head, obviously having no knowledge of this peculiar Emperor-level Pet Beast.

"Exactly," Master Yin said. "This evolutionary body is one of the new evolutions I developed when I advanced to Senior Breeder! And this Super-Rank Skill is a special one belonging to the Faceless Ghost King: Faceless Rebirth!"

Faceless Rebirth... Su Ping mused. Hearing the name, Su Ping could vaguely guess some of its implications.

"That's right!" Master Yin explained. "The Faceless Ghost King's Super-Rank Skill allows it to use its own abilities to create a human shell. This then enables a Beast Tamer to transfer their soul into it, thereby achieving the purpose of extending their lifespan."

Su Ping licked his somewhat dry lips. "How much lifespan can be gained each time a shell is changed?"

"It's not just about extending life," Master Yin continued. "Fatal injuries can be completely healed after undergoing Faceless Rebirth! As long as the soul hasn't perished, recovery is possible. As for extending life, it depends on the Level and materials of the shell created by the Faceless Ghost King. Generally speaking, the lifespan extension is approximately one to five years!"

One to five years? That seems quite acceptable!

Su Ping narrowed his eyes slightly. He had to admit, just hearing the name of the skill gave him a somewhat bad premonition. Clearly, creating such a shell would not be simple.

However, Su Ping didn't rush to ask. Instead, he looked with interest at the body Yin Luo was currently inhabiting.

"Master Yin, this body of yours... it's also a transferred shell, isn't it?"

Yin Luo nodded helplessly.

"This is my fifth shell. Back in the day, I too was a graceful young man..."

Or perhaps even a pretty young girl... Su Ping thought to himself, his expression unchanging.

"Back when I was testing the effects of this Super-Rank Skill," Yin Luo continued, "I voluntarily transferred to three different shells. Later, after suffering some fatal injuries from an attack by foreign enemies, I transferred to another one. Though that shell... well, let's not talk about it. Afterward, I transferred to the one I'm using now..."

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Indeed, to perfect their skills, Breeders must first experiment on themselves.

"So, you should have extended your lifespan by as much as twenty-five years now? The effect seems to be quite good," said Su Ping.

Master Yin chuckled bitterly, "How can it be that simple? Besides, things like life extension are of no concern to me. Though I have not broken through to the Spirit Saint Level, given that an advanced-level Beast Tamer can live up to a hundred years, I don't need it at all. Moreover, such an extension of lifespan comes at a price!"

As Master Yin said this, his spiritual power burst forth. He then continued to ask, "Su Ping, what Realm do you see me as now?"

Su Ping raised an eyebrow, sensing the spiritual fluctuations Master Yin released. "Emperor Second Rank?"

Master Yin's age, though not at the limit of his lifespan, was definitely not young. Being sixty or seventy years old, it is very hard to break through to the Spirit Saint Level, according to the theory that the older you are, the more difficult it is to break through Realms. After all, not everyone can, like Charles, break through to the Spirit Saint Level at the age of over one hundred and twenty.

And the next thing Master Yin said confirmed Su Ping's thoughts. "In fact, before attempting Faceless Rebirth, more than ten years ago, I had already reached the Emperor Seventh Rank in my Meditation Realm!"

"Hmm?" Su Ping raised an eyebrow.

"That's right. Each time it is used, not only the Pet Beast but the Realm of the Beast Tamer as well will drop by one level! That's not the most important part. The most important thing is that, after all these years, I haven't made a single breakthrough! Not one level! Also, though I am not certain, I estimate there's an eighty percent chance that if I continue to use it, once I fall below the Emperor Level, I will never be able to use this skill again."

"This..." Su Ping's mouth twitched. This skill... seemed a bit underwhelming?

He then thought for a moment and asked again, "Can the Faceless Ghost King perform Faceless Rebirth on other Beast Tamers besides its own master?"

Master Yin shook his head. "It can only be used on its own master, as it requires the spiritual power of the Beast Tamer to establish a symbiotic Soul Contract with the Faceless Ghost King. It is not applicable to other Beast Tamers."

Okay, Su Ping could now say this skill was indeed quite underwhelming. After use, one's Level could no longer be improved. Even calculating based on using it at the peak of the Emperor's Tenth Rank, it could be used at most ten times. Ten times, at most, could that be fifty years? Well, thinking about it that way, it doesn't seem too bad. At the very least, it seems you could live an extra fifty years? Of course, this is at most; the minimum is only ten years. But no matter how you look at it, it doesn't seem to have much meaning, right? You have to cultivate the Faceless Ghost King, this Pet Beast—whose combat abilities are unknown—just to prevent oneself from not being able to break through the Spirit Saint Level? But if one has reached the peak of the Emperor Level, why not try to break through the Spirit Saint Level? If successful, that's the genuine extension of life. By using this skill, you would be utterly abandoning the possibility of advancing further. It might be useful for some Beast Tamers who don't care much about fighting, but at the Emperor Level, this Super-Rank Skill is truly one of the most underwhelming. Especially when compared with Charles's inexplicable Lich Phylactery modification method, the effect of this Faceless Rebirth is just too ordinary. The reason it could be considered a Super-Rank Skill was perhaps purely because its innate ability indeed had some significance, was astonishing enough, and could serve as a last-ditch effort for those desperate to prolong their lives.

With these thoughts, Su Ping had come to understand the other person's purpose.

"So, you want me to work with you to continue perfecting this Faceless Rebirth skill?"

"Exactly! This is the culmination of my life's work, but the restrictions and limitations of Faceless Rebirth are too great. If Beast Tamers aren't at their wit's end, I'm afraid very few would choose this path. And even if they do, it's extremely difficult to succeed, because it also requires the re-contracting and breeding of an Emperor Level Faceless Ghost King! If we could solve this limitation that decreases the Realm of the Pet Beast and the Beast Tamer when using Faceless Rebirth..."

It had to be said, Master Yin Luo's idea was excellent. If this defect could truly be remedied, then the Painted Skin Female Ghost—an Undead Pet Beast that is also a specialty of the East—would undoubtedly see a significant increase in strategic value and importance, just like the Paperman. Of course, it would naturally not reach the extent of the Paperman; after all, the target audiences for the two are different. However, in the eyes of high-end Beast Tamers, the value of the Painted Skin Female Ghost might be even higher. Because if there were no advancement limitations, possessing this ability, wouldn't that be tantamount to immortality?

No sooner had these two words appeared in his mind than Su Ping instinctively felt a surge of excitement.

However, it clearly wasn't possible. Su Ping was certain, even if there truly were a method for immortality in the world, it absolutely couldn't be achieved by such means.

Thus, he gave a wry smile and said, "Master Yin, you think too highly of me. Such a Super-Rank Skill is a completely new field that I have never ventured into!"

"Hehe, you're still young, and there are many, many more sights in your future that you have yet to see. The Necromancy Series is the most unique among the Pet Beast Races. If possible, delving deep into this field will definitely yield even greater discoveries! Although the Mechanical System is the current global focus this century, with all countries on Blue Star primarily engaged in mechanical research, the Necromancy Series has existed for far longer and has a richer history of experience to draw upon," Master Yin Luo said hastily.

Su Ping thought for a moment and responded, "How about this: if possible, could you give me the Cultivation Method for the Faceless Ghost King's evolutionary body? When I return to Jianghai, I'll have time to breed some Painted Skin Female Ghosts and give it a try! As for the Skill Cultivation of the Faceless Rebirth Super-Rank Skill, that is a significant matter. Whenever you have time, come to Jianghai, and we can discuss it together. After all, for the time being, the cultivation of the special forces at the Heavenly Tomb is even more crucial."

After a brief contemplation, Master Yin Luo nodded and agreed, "That sounds good! Once the situation in Beiyuan has stabilized, I'll find an opportunity to visit you in Jianghai!"

He truly didn't have the time to go to Jianghai now. And even though he was generous, he couldn't just hand over the entire Cultivation Method of his Faceless Rebirth to Su Ping. However, giving Su Ping the Cultivation Method for the Faceless Ghost King's evolution was not too much, considering their respective statuses. There was still plenty of time in the future; it wasn't something to rush.

"By the way, you mentioned that the current focus of Breeders worldwide is on the Mechanical System. Is there any particular reason for this?"

"It's quite simple. A little over a hundred years ago, after Blue Star fully entered the Industrial Era, the application of various electromagnetic forces led to the emergence of the Mechanical Core. This made Mechanical Pet Beasts the darlings of this century. But a full century has passed! Countless mechanical evolutionary forms have emerged one after another, and some remarkably talented Mechanists have even successfully bred Mechanical Pet Beasts with Super-Rank Skills. However, even after more than a hundred years, not one Super-Rank Skill for Mechanical System Pet Beasts has been included above Hall of Fame level! Today, the top Mechanists of the major Beast Tamer Kingdoms on Blue Star are openly and secretly competing to take the lead..."

The exchange with Master Yin lasted for several days because Master Yin was not in a hurry to leave the Rong Family. He also knew that in a few days, once the matters at the Rong Family were handled, Su Ping would be leaving Beiyuan. During these few days, besides exchanging insights on cultivation, Master Yin Luo's primary focus was imparting his cultivation experiences with the Faceless Ghost King to Su Ping. With the guidance of this pioneering Undead Breeding Master, Su Ping gained a profound understanding and knowledge about both the Painted Skin Female Ghost and the Faceless Ghost King.

And so, as the days slowly passed, the time finally arrived for the opening of the Rong Family's Five Saints Secret Realms.