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When people debate whether the chicken or the egg came first, they instinctively limit their thinking to the chicken species itself.

But in reality, chickens didn't appear out of thin air.

Their emergence required a long process of species iteration.

Just as chickens went through this process, humans naturally couldn't escape it either.

Human civilization began in Mesopotamia only about 5,000 years ago.

But the history of Homo sapiens is over three hundred thousand years old.

If we trace back further to ape-men, we can trace it back to at least two million years ago.

This line of thinking suddenly broadened Charlie's perspective.

He suddenly realized that the cultivators who built the underground city in Antarctica should be completely unrelated to current human civilization.

As Charlie and Maria walked through the forests of western Sichuan at the turn of spring and summer,

They talked back and forth, like unraveling a suspect's profile,

Gradually outlining the path of cultivation.

Charlie sighed, "In the five-thousand-year timeline of human civilization, the average lifespan of ordinary people has increased from the initial twenty or thirty years to just over seventy years even after five thousand years."

"The five thousand years of civilization's development have been passed down and carried on by at least a hundred generations."

"But of these two key parameters, five thousand years and a hundred generations,"

"The truly important one is not the five thousand years, but the hundred generations."

"If a generation lived for five thousand years,"

"Their capacity for innovation would be extremely poor."

"Only with a continuous influx of younger generations bringing new thinking, new perspectives,"

"And new ideas can help civilization develop rapidly."

"A highly advanced modern civilization requires five thousand years and over a hundred generations to develop."

"What about a highly advanced cultivation civilization?"

"It would probably require dozens or even hundreds of generations to reach its peak."

Maria nodded in agreement, her expression grave as she sighed,

"Then the question arises: as you said, the average lifespan of a cultivator is probably at least ten times, or even more, than that of an ordinary person."

"If we calculate the development of a cultivation civilization based on this parameter, the timeline would be at least tens of thousands of years."

"In other words, if our deduction is correct, then in the billions of years of Earth's development,"

"There once existed a cultivation civilization that lasted for at least tens of thousands of years."

Charlie said seriously, "We've only calculated the timeline after this civilization truly formed."

"That is, the time when chickens truly became chickens."

"What about the generations before the chickens?"

"Do those cultivators also need millions of years of iterative evolution from ancient ape-men to hominids, and then to Homo sapiens?"

Maria suddenly frowned and said very seriously,

"I suddenly realized a mistake."

Charlie pressed, "What mistake?"

Maria explained, "From the perspective of civilization, human-made objects are almost impossible to slowly dissolve over a very long period of time."

"But from a biological perspective, the traces left by humans are extremely difficult to erase over time."

"Fossils are the best example."

After a pause, Maria continued, "Many, many years ago, I studied at Harvard."

"At that time, evolutionary biology was just emerging, and scientists all over the world were studying evolution."

"Countless people were obsessed with digging up fossils of various ancient creatures."

"The craze was comparable to the gold rush."

"Among the universities that pioneered this discipline, Harvard was one of the best."

"Scholars at that time already had ample and complete biological evidence to prove that evolution is a real phenomenon."

"From Cambrian trilobite fossils to Cretaceous dinosaur fossils, and then to fossils of ancient apes from millions of years ago,"

"These are all biological evidence."

"In modern times, scientists have also discovered microbial fossils from more than three billion years ago."

"This biological evidence fully reveals the entire process from the birth of life on Earth to the birth of humankind."

"In recent decades, although it has been inconvenient for me to enter the world, many of the companies and institutions I invested in back then are still conducting research in related fields."

"From fossil excavation to gene sequencing, they have further confirmed the uniqueness of evolution."

Charlie listened with doubt, looking at Maria, waiting for her final summary.

She took a deep breath and said seriously,

"Young Master, the core point I've been trying to make is that we, the modern civilized humans, have an orderly and unique evolutionary lineage."

"All biological evidence proves that we evolved step by step."

"But there is no evidence to prove that there was another human evolutionary history during the evolution of life on Earth."

"If the cultivation civilization we previously deduced truly exists,"

"Then the real contradiction is that they have no biological evidence in terms of evolution."

At this point, Maria murmured in shock,

"This also means that they are not native to Earth!"

Charlie suddenly gasped!

Maria's ability to unravel complexities was indeed extremely powerful.

In the time it takes to drink a cup of tea,

She had completely peeled back the core contradiction.

Modern humans, with verifiable historical records, are an orderly and native inhabitant of Earth.

However, these cultivators with great supernatural powers have no lineage whatsoever.

Microorganisms, dinosaurs, monkeys, apes, ancient hominids, and Homo sapiens on Earth are all unrelated to them.

For the past two or three hundred years, countless scientists and biologists have explored the Earth to the extreme,

Yet, I have found no clues linking them to their lineage.

This is rather chilling to contemplate.

Charlie asked in astonishment,

"If what we're discussing is true,"

"Then they must have come to Earth from other planets and then left?"

Maria nodded slightly, unable to hide her surprise, and said,

"To put it another way, they might be like interstellar colonists or interstellar raiders in science fiction novels."

"They exhausted the resources of their home planet for cultivation."

"And to sustain themselves, they began searching for other planets in the universe with cultivation resources."

"Earth might just be one of them."

At this point, Maria sighed, "So, young master, consider this: why is there a Dharma-ending Age where the world no longer possesses spiritual energy?"

"Before that Dharma-ending Age, did it mean that the world was filled with spiritual energy nurtured by Earth over billions of years?"

"Perhaps there are even spirit stone mines all over the world,"

"But what about the spiritual energy and spirit stones scattered throughout the Earth?"

Charlie exclaimed, "Then these people must have come and taken over the Earth..."

"After exhausting all the spirit stones on Earth,"

"They left, artificially turning Earth into the Age of Dharma Decline."

Having said this, Charlie frowned and murmured,

"If this deduction is true, then it means that their arrival artificially cut off Earth's chance to evolve into a cultivation civilization."