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Chapter 359 5: Dissecting the Dragon Remains

Just as Kuilong predicted.

In the following months, Canglongs frequently appeared near the island base.

Accompanied by storms and thunder, they repeatedly attacked the outermost defenses of the island base, attempting to reclaim their fellow's remains.

This extreme obsession has long surpassed normal tribal consciousness, truly an unsolved mystery.

Fortunately, when the investigation base was established, the possibility of being attacked by various creatures was considered.

Under the function of various temporarily generated lightning rods, the thunder and lightning did not cause any damage to the base.

Even those surging waves and tides could not break through the living plants' defense lines surrounding the island.

In such circumstances, the Canglongs could only wail and howl repeatedly, until they eventually gave up the intention to reclaim the Dragon Remains.

Of course, during this time, the Secret Seekers, led by Gui Zhang and Kuilong, were not idle.

To explore the special ecology and body structure of the Canglong, and understand the origin and abilities of this dragon species.

The Secret Seekers formed a dedicated project around this Dragon Remains.

However, before this, the Secret Seekers must first address the hard scales covering the dragon's body.

These special scales could remain intact under a thunder strike, with a strength that exceeded most materials known in the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Moreover, to ensure the integrity of the Dragon Remains as much as possible, they must find a way to dissect it comprehensively and deeply without damaging it.

Kuilong recalled that this Canglong fell due to self-immolation after being struck by lightning.

He then proposed to start the dissection from the ignition point on the dragon's body—a wound located at the dragon's tail.

As the dissection progressed, the Secret Seekers discovered that the dragon's scales were orderly and could move freely and expand.

Additionally, the fibrous tissue beneath the dragon's scales was unprecedented in other creatures, a high-strength biological material comparable to [Flesh and Blood Armor].

The skin fibers under these dragon scales could dissipate heat, with the delicate and complex fibrous tissue effectively conducting heat, fixing scales, and providing nutrients.

When the dragon scales opened, Canglong could dissipate heat and ventilate through these opening and closing scales, ensuring the integrity of its biological structure.

Moreover, these dragon scales had exceptionally strong conductive attributes.

The pair of horns even reached room temperature superconductivity, guiding all lightning energy without loss.

Combined with the high-quality insulating properties of the dragon skin, the Canglong would not be harmed even if struck by billions of volts of lightning.

In fact, the lightning energy from the bolts, after being weakened and guided layer by layer, would eventually enter the special charge-storage cells within the Canglong.

Only when necessary would the Canglong release the stored charge, forming clouds and thunder.

After understanding this, Kuilong finally realized why this species dared to harness the power of lightning.

However, this brought about a new problem.

How did this theoretically lightning-proof Canglong perish due to a lightning strike?

With the wound on the dragon tail, the research team of Secret Seekers quickly provided an improbable yet particularly realistic result.

This Canglong was already injured before being struck by lightning.

Adult Canglongs had enough charge in their storage cells to freely summon lightning and control thunderclouds.

However, young Canglongs with undeveloped charge-storage cells must undergo a specific "Thunder Strike Ceremony" to fully activate the capacity of these storage cells, acquiring the ability to generate electricity independently.

Apparently, this young Canglong intended to leverage the power of natural lightning to complete its rite of passage.

Yet the thunderstorm it selected was incredibly terrifying.

A tiny wound on the dragon scales and skin became the fuse for this "self-immolation accident."

The dreadful thunderstorm barely had time to be converted into electrical energy within its storage cells before igniting Canglong's entire body.

Here, one must emphasize the internal structure of Canglong.

Apart from normal organs and systemic circulation, Canglong actually had special sacs throughout its body.

These special sacs could be divided into three categories, storing water, oxygen, and hydrogen based on their position and type within Canglong.

When Canglong utilized its charge-storage organs to generate electricity, splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen, their bodies rapidly expanded and gained the ability to soar.

Meanwhile, the air sacs could pressurize and eject gases, forming thrust to enable genuine aerial flight with the dragon's swinging body.

When the Canglong expelled excess gases from its body and refilled the sacs with seawater, its body density would quickly increase, reverting to a sea creature and sinking to hide at the ocean's bottom.

This was the truth behind Canglong's amphibious capabilities across sea, land, and air.

Under normal circumstances, most Canglongs would deliberately control the proportion of oxygen to hydrogen within themselves.

Only when facing formidable enemies would these Canglongs electrolyze large amounts of hydrogen and oxygen in a short time.

Then, they would ignite these flammable gases with their charge-storage organs, transforming them into flames specifically used for Dragon Breath attacks.

Unfortunately, this young Canglong clearly lacked such experience.

To fly towards the higher thunderclouds, this juvenile Canglong accumulated too much hydrogen and oxygen within itself.

As a result, when the lightning surged uncontrollably into its body, the accumulated hydrogen and oxygen were rapidly ignited, leading to the "falling dragon" scene witnessed by Kuilong and others.

"Nature truly is a masterful artist, capable of evolving such miraculous life forms."

After completing all the preliminary dissection and analysis work, Kuilong couldn't help but express this sentiment.

Beside him, collecting and analyzing data, the Six-tailed Fox seized the opportunity to present another of its findings.

"There's more to this masterpiece..."

"According to the information provided by the bioengineering team, the sacs within Canglong could potentially develop into fertilized eggs."

Ignoring Kuilong's surprised gaze, the Six-tailed Fox softly shared a highly plausible hypothesis.

"In other words, this Canglong species is essentially a single-reproductive organism."

"When they die, the sacs within them will gradually develop into fertilized eggs under adequate electrical stimulation, nurturing new individuals."

"This is why those Canglongs are so obsessed with their comrade's remains, driven by the instinct to 'protect their offspring'."

"So, what we're taking isn't just a Canglong body but a group of developing Canglong embryos."

