

The Growth 360

Chapter 360 - 6: Azure Dragon Island

After fully analyzing the ecology of the Canglong, handling those vesicles evolving into fertilized eggs became a huge challenge.

For the Secret Seekers, raising the offspring of unknown creatures is not uncommon.

Individuals like Kuilong, raised by the Secret Seekers, are prevalent throughout the Mountain and Sea Realm.

The key issue now is that the Canglong's fertilized eggs have not yet fully evolved into embryos, let alone formed offspring.

Even the most knowledgeable among the Secret Seekers are clueless about how to transform the Canglong's fertilized eggs into actual embryos.

In the process from vesicle to fertilized egg and then to embryo, the Canglong evidently has its own unique reproductive system.

Inspired by the Canglong's ability to harness lightning, a researcher suggested seeing if electric stimulation could be used on the fertilized eggs.

It turned out that this proposal indeed had a certain effect.

By continuously supplying electricity to one of the fertilized eggs, it showed a distinct tendency to differentiate into an embryo.

However, two more problems then stumped the Secret Seekers.

First, the Mountain and Sea Civilization is not one primarily powered by electricity.

Compared to electricity that requires various devices for support, the main energy source of the Mountain and Sea Civilization is sunlight.

From the initial Sun Stone to today's liquid and even solidified light energy systems...

The Mountain and Sea Civilization's use of light energy, if not reaching the pinnacle, has surpassed the research of most other civilizations.

In this situation, electricity, merely a research project as an energy branch, clearly cannot be used conveniently at will.

At least, the base of the Secret Seekers does not have such a vast reserve of electric power.

Secondly, there's the adaptability of the fertilized eggs to electric power.

Both overly strong and too weak electric stimulation could affect the development of the fertilized eggs.

Determining the appropriate intensity here requires a huge amount of time and effort to achieve a result.

This is similarly something a mere frontline base of the Secret Seekers cannot accomplish.

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"The remaining issues are beyond our scope of authority..."

"Now we can only apply for assistance from the Prophets of the Zhiku."

Gazing at the faintly visible storm clouds and tempests in the distance, Gui Zhang said with a headache.

Although those Canglong have given up the idea of reclaiming the Dragon Remains, the stormcloud tempests they stirred up hindered the Secret Seekers' investigation of the local ecology.

Especially ecological survey ships, the grudging Canglong have long regarded them as priority targets.

Once traces of the ecological survey ships are discovered, the nearby Canglong would launch an attack immediately.

If the anger of the Canglong cannot be appeased, the exploration of Yu Yuan by the Mountain and Sea Civilization is destined to end here, and the current Secret Seekers would have to return empty-handed.

"No, we have another choice."

Also gazing at the storm clouds, Kuilong proposed a different idea at this time.

"What are you planning?"

Gui Zhang's pupils suddenly contracted, instinctively sensing something amiss.

Don't be fooled by Kuilong's typical Secret Seeker demeanor, steadfastly abiding by various rules of the Seekers.

But as Kuilong's teacher during school, Gui Zhang knows better than anyone Kuilong's rebellious nature and tendency to act unconventionally.

To put it bluntly, individuals like Kuilong are actually the sources of many regulations and rules of the Secret Seekers.

It's precisely because of the existence of such unconventional individuals that forced the Secret Seekers to draft strict regulations to safeguard the newcomers.

"I have an idea. Since these dragons already have a rudimentary sense of community..."

"Then could we replicate the situation of the Serpent Race at that time, guiding them to also become a member of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas?"

Admittedly, Kuilong's proposal is indeed bold and far beyond Gui Zhang's expectations.

"The Serpent Race was just a special case, not replicable."

"Without the continued guidance and enlightenment of the Great Leader Bone Chant back then, the Serpent Race could never have become intelligent individuals in their entirety."

As the fourth generation leader of the Mountain and Sea Civilization, Bone Chant truly accomplished the fusion of the Hundred Races, one of his achievements being making the Serpent Race a member of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas.

"Under normal circumstances, situations like that of the Serpent Race indeed lack replicability."

"After all, not everyone possesses the wisdom and patience of Leader Bone Chant to guide a group of beast-like fellows to evolve into truly intelligent beings."

Kuilong paused slightly, not denying the special nature of the Serpent Race.

"But this group of dragons is different, we already have the basic conditions to change them."

Narrowing his eyes slightly, Gui Zhang immediately grasped the implication in Kuilong's words.

"You mean those fertilized eggs that aren't even embryos?"

"You want to cultivate them into truly intelligent individuals, and then let them guide, even assimilate the Canglong of Yu Yuan?"

In fact, this is not an impossible task.

Based on the current anatomical findings of the Secret Seekers on the Canglong, they do possess highly developed brains.

It only takes a little nurturing of the new individuals among them to make them true Mountain and Sea People, which is not a difficult task.

Subsequently imitating the process of Skeletons nurturing the Fish Faces, and Bone Chant guiding the Serpents, the Canglong Race will eventually all become intelligent Mountain and Sea People.

"Your idea is great!"

"But all this is based on the premise that those fertilized eggs can become Mountain and Sea People."

"We don't even know how to safely hatch them right now; what you're talking about might be a bit premature?"

Laughing, Kuilong looked at Gui Zhang and replied ambiguously.

"So, this is our next task."

"I want to apply to head to those islands formed by the Canglong's remains."

"There surely lies the entire mystery of the Canglong's 'rebirth from death,' a crucial challenge we must conquer next."

"Even if you request support from the Zhiku, the first step they need to take is to explore those 'Azure Dragon Islands.'"

Before Gui Zhang could voice an objection, Kuilong continued.

"Since we will eventually have to explore those 'Azure Dragon Islands,' why not just venture ourselves?"

"Compared to those newcomers, the Pioneers who know nothing about the situation..."

"I have enough experience and strength and am confident in uncovering the secrets of those 'Azure Dragon Islands.'"

Understanding the implied meaning, Gui Zhang immediately realized Kuilong's intention.

"Are you planning to explore those 'Azure Dragon Islands' alone?"