

## GOD'S EYES

### Chapter 14 - Creating A Theory

Walking around the enclosures and breeding stations with eggs inside, the old man provided mountains of information mainly focused on the characteristics of beast potentials and how to determine their strengths and weaknesses.

Normally a beast-selection was different without information provided but the old man was generous because he liked the kids.

One had to know that soulbond beasts would not only provide physical enhancements and access to affinity but also their wild instincts such as bloodlust and more.

The characteristics of the physical enhancement depend on the soulbonds strength and also the soul's type including the shared distribution.

If one formed a soulbond with a bull one would get more strength while forming a bond with an agile beast would more likely enhance one's tendons, flexibility, and other speed-related bodyparts before the focus would be on the rest.

There were only a few beasts on the first floor of the breeding grounds which inhabited wild beasts, awakened, evolved beats, and a few unblemished beats.

Magical-ranked beasts were in the lower basement and probably extremely few in C-grade cities.

Most awakened, evolved, and unblemished ranked cubs weren't much stronger than wild beasts at the beginning but their growth was faster and it would be much harder to control them without a huge amount of soul energy which was required for higher-ranked beasts, otherwise, the soulbond could backfire and the beast would be able to either control the contractor, destroy one's soul partly, or in the worst-case scenario even completely.

Greg who didn't have such problems could easily control a late evolved ranked beast as such he listened extremely carefully.

One's soul energy would grow with his first soulbond until it matured, evolved, or when a new soulbond contract was formed with another beast.

It was unknown how large the shared amount was but roughly 3% to 10% of a beast's growth were given to the masters which depended fully on one soul.

While most souls only distributed 3% to 5%, some fortunate ones would get a share of 10% from one's soulbond as their soul was generous.

To put it simply, Greg's soul energy was between 400-500, and forming a soulbond with a fully grown late evolved ranked beast would use up around 450.

But an evolved ranked cub used up less than 450 soul energy at the beginning and only at the end it would need the previously mentioned 450 soul energy to get subdued.

This growth would cause Greg's soul energy to grow and mature in size while the cub matures equally.

With a distribution of 10%, Greg would receive around 45 soul energy once his first soulbond matured under the requirement that the soul energy it needed were 450 units once its matured.

That was another reason why one would form a soul bond with cubs or eggs in the beginning.

It's almost one of the most important reasons!

Forming a deep connection with cubs is easier than trying to tame wild beasts who lived in freedom.

When a beast mutated or evolved into a stronger existence many things can happen.

Either the beast affects the master because the soul energy needed is too high causing the human to suffer unbearable permanent pain or the evolved beast shares more of its strength to the human forcing the sole power to increase which would also hurt but only temporarily.

This happens rarely and it's still unknown how this can be.

To conclude, having a beast that can evolve is a double-edged sword in most cases.

And here comes the previously mentioned connection back to the main topic.

If one raised up a beast with a high possibility to evolve, a deep connection is important and also much easier to form.

Even if a soulbond's soul energy is larger than the master's as long as it doesn't want to break out of the soulbond contract with force, everything is fine.

Once a beast with higher soul energy than the contractor revolts, the whole situation takes a dangerous turn.

That's why soul energy is so essential.

Even if Jason formed a contract with a one-star wild beast with potential, it was unsure if this beast would stay with him or if it would break the contract and flee.

Once his soul was damaged, it would take some time to regenerate the certain spot the previous soulbond occupied, while the innate soul energy remained.

But this isn't the only way to increase one's soul energy.

Rather than using magical treasures or relying on one's soulbond one can train the soul energy with certain training methods.

These were rather painful but many desperate people use them because their soul energy is weak.

For them, an increase of one point in their soul energy would mean that they can bind a slightly stronger beast which might have a stronger potential.

But most zero, one star, and even some two-star soul-awakening rankings would give up their wish to get stronger and achieve something because obstructions were programmed.

Training with these methods increases the soul energy only slightly except if the innate soul energy is high.

In this case, the soul energy increases faster cause the increasing rate is based on percentage.

Jason meanwhile had at most one point in soul energy, more likely even less which means he would suffer pain even if he formed a contract with a matured one-star wild beast so he had to start training with the special method soon to prevent permanent injuries.

He already knew it but he still couldn't believe his bad luck.

After looking around for a few hours it was already late at night but Greg was still pondering which beast to pick as his first soulbond.

Three evolved ranked cubs were among them and all of them had roughly the same dark-green radiating color while one looked marginal denser for Jason.

These beasts were a wind attributed condor, a thunder attributed wolf, and a newborn lesser Orc.

Jason didn't mind which one he should pick out of them because they were roughly the same until he saw a non-elemental bull calf with a feeble but dense green color enveloping it.

After looking at these thousand types of beasts Jason formed the theory that the colors he could see were the beast's potential.

A list had already formed in his mind over the last few hours beginning with color black, light-grey, dark-green, and finally green.

There was only a single green radiating color from a beast but the radiated color was incomparable to dark green.

The beasts Greg was pondered to choose had all the potential color dark green which was comparable to an unblemished beast

While Black was comparable to awakened beasts, light-grey seemed to be the potential of evolved beasts.

The green color Jason saw right now was different from the green he had seen on the other beast as it seemed to be weaker but when Jason saw it, it was quite marvelous to see as the radiating color moved around the bull calf vigorously.

This green color seemed to be weak and feeble but at the same time it seemed strong and Jason wondered why this was the case.

It looked almost excited and Jason was tempted to pull down his bandage but he behaved himself.

He had still his blooded bandage on but the outlines of this calf were detailed as if he saw it with his normal eyes.

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Chapter 15 - Intimidation

Jason's steps stopped and he risked exposing himself without any logical reason.

But somehow he felt it was the right decision, even if he wasn't sure why.

"Greg... Why don't you form a soul contract with this bull calf?"

Without any explanation, Jason asked the question not thinking about anything special.

This sentence caused the old man to stop in his tracks as looked at the calf carefully.

"This is only a normal mid-evolved ranked beast cub called reinforced horned bull. Its chances to evolve into a higher unblemished being is lower compared to the other three potential bonds of Greg. Contracting this beast would be a waste."

Greg's parents and his sister heard this and they nodded their heads, agreeing to the old man's explanation, while Greg's sister threw a threatening glance at Jason.

Meanwhile, Greg looked at the reinforced horned bull calf, not knowing why Jason wanted him to pick this beast cub.

While Greg went closer to the bull calf, Jason who stood next to him said out loud.

"I think this bull calf is much better compared to the other three choices."

There was no explanation or anything like that coming from Jason.

In a quieter voice, he added to Greg.

"You can pick whichever beast you want to pick because it's your decision but don't regret your decision later."

Somehow what Jason said made Greg ponder.

He wanted to pick the newborn lesser orc which would be bound to his physical soul.

However, picking the non-elemental bull calf would make a difference of a whole rank as the lesser orc had the possibility to reach the unblemished rank with a certain amount of resources provided.

Greg turned to Jason and questioned him

"Why do you think this beast is better than the orc for example?"

It was weird for Jason to say something like that, without giving a reason and Greg believed that Jason wouldn't want to harm him, even if Greg didn't know why he trusted Jason so much.

Jason was in a tight spot because he still thought that he had to keep his eyes a secret as he remembered the old man's words that his eyes could be revealed.

Turning to the old man he asked him again to be certain.

"Old man what you said earlier is still valid, right?"

The old man was confused but he nodded his head

"Yeah, well..it is."

Turning back to Greg, Jason slowly loosened the bandage which was still full of blood and already dried up, causing an unpleasant feeling while taking the bandage off.

His eyes were closed because of the sudden light invading them.

After a short moment of adapting to the sudden stream of light, as Jason opened his bright golden shining eyes, looking straight into Greg's eyes.

"W-Whats with your eyes? You're NOT blind anymore???" Greg was astonished and his jaw dropped to the ground.

He knew Jason many years long and his eyes looked like a dead fish every time he looked at him, making him feel uncomfortable, but now they were full of vigor and golden in color at that.

It was the first time for Jason to see Greg and he had a muscular build with short brown hair and eyes with a frown destroying his facial features.

Jason had to ponder how to put it as he said

"I had to gather mana for a long time to reactivate them. There was some sort of problem previously I had to fix, causing me to forsake absorbing mana into my mana core.

And my eyes are slightly special to add."

Thinking for a second, Jason told

"Back to the main topic. I recommended you this bull calf because my eyes tell me that it's the right choice for you to do.

In the end, it's your decision to do what you think is right and don't let anyone hinder you."

Greg's family only saw Jason taking off his bandage, Greg's astonishment, and his loud voice.

They didn't know what was going on but they weren't fond of this situation as they understood that Jason wanted Greg to pick the bull calf, which the old man said was weaker than the other three beast cubs.

Greg smiled at Jason who returned the smile and confidently said out loud.

"I want the reinforced horned bull calf as my soulbond!"

Hearing this Greg's parents were dumbfounded while his sister shouted with anger



"Brother, don't be stupid... what knowledge has this blind boy without any background we don't have? Don't be naive!!"

She went closer to the two youths that still looked at each other, while Jason's back was only five meters apart from her.

Somehow she wanted to hit Jason really hard in his face as she grabbed his shoulder, pulling him back.

This caused Jason to stumble backward, while he was forced to turn around

Jason was completely attacked off guard, still looking towards Greg, as his shoulder was unexpectedly pulled back.

The face of a gorgeous teenage girl with beautiful facial features, fair skin, big brown eyes, and long eyelashes entered his view, distracting him slightly.

Meanwhile, the girl's face changed completely from anger to astonishment before it changed to shock as she looked into the youth's golden eyes with surprise shining within them.

The golden eyes felt as if they were as deep as the abyss but full of vigor.

Jason was a little bit angered as he didn't like to get thrown around or touched by strangers.

Staring into Jason's eyes, the girl felt uncomfortable because it was as if she couldn't hide anything from him.

Looking into these eyes only a moment longer would be fatal and she would probably expose every secret she had without any hesitation and she backed off and loosened her grip, almost tripping.

Greg who held Jason was a little bit confused.

He understood his sister's rage slightly, however, he had never seen her backing off from clashes.

But right now looking into Jason's eyes caused her to back off which was interesting.

The old man was annoyed by Greg's sister's behavior and said

"If you finished choosing your soulbond you can leave while I will help out Jason choosing his bond.

Your parents can help you with the last steps as they aren't difficult."

Greg was disappointed that he wasn't allowed to look for Jason's soulbond but he had to accept the old man's order.

While Greg said goodbye to Jason, his sister looked suspiciously at him and Greg's father looked somehow angry at Jason.

The reinforced horned bull calf was brought to a different room by an attendant and Greg followed the staff with his family.

Now, Jason and the old man were alone while the old man looked at Jason curious, Jason was slightly apprehensive.

"Why are you so sure that the reinforced horned bull is better than the other cubs we have looked after? Is it really because of your eyes?"

The old man was suspicious about him and also curious, while Jason got slightly nervous.

If he really told him the theory about his eyes seeing the potential of beasts, Jason wasn't sure what would happen so he made up a story.

"I'm not sure what's so special about my eyes but after seeing the bull calf I got the feeling that it is stronger than the other beasts Greg wanted to choose from.

But to be honest, I could also be wrong and I told Greg that it's his decision which beast to pick but I hope I'm not wrong. "

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Chapter 16 - Searching For The Perfect Partner

Listening to Jason, the old man nodded after a moment before he said

"Well, it's okay. It doesn't really matter to me if his soulbond is really stronger than the other cubs.

But if it's true, that your eyes are special, I think it might be better to keep it a secret, that you 'feel' which beast has a stronger potential or 'feels' stronger.

Don't tell the other youth anything except your trust in him is exceptionally high, because they don't know that your eyes are special to such a degree.

The only thing they know right now is that your eyes are golden.

They don't know anything about the degree of your special trait, which might be better!"

Jason noticed the last sentence and got curious about the traits.

"What is a trait? My late mother also told me something about traits but I forgot it."

"Some humans are born with special traits.

These traits are divided into physical traits, elemental traits, blessings, and so on... Traits are sometimes called mutations and they enhance certain body parts or even provide the chance to use elements abilities without having a suitable soulbond.

Your eyes are considered a rare physical trait but I have never seen such intimidating golden eyes so I don't know what trait it is but probably something comparable to [Mana eyes]"

Jason listened to the old man carefully and he began to partially understand his mother's reasoning.

Previously his mother had only told him that regaining his eyesight would only take a few years because that was probably what she had to do due to her own special trait.

This means his mother also possessed a special trait for her eyes, which made Jason curious.

But Jason took almost ten years to regain his eyesight while his mother was getting more and more frustrated when he was younger.

Before she died, his mother cried often, because of Jason's inability to see.

She got more and more desperate as he was her treasure, everything she had left.

Thinking about his mother made Jason sad once again, but he was almost immediately distracted by the old man

"Let's go take a look after the one-star wild beast's cub or egg. It's already late and we don't have many types of one-star wild beasts, to begin with."

The old man turned in a certain direction and went off followed by Jason.

After walking for 15 minutes they arrived at a small section with small canine and feline cubs and thousands of eggs.

"Most one-star wild beasts are only contracted for their look, while some one-star wild beasts are trained to run errands.

The most popular beasts are similar to ancient dogs, cats, eagles, and so on.

You can take a look. In this generation, we don't have any beasts with a superior bloodline or favorable mutations... I'm sorry.

If you want to wait for a few months then there might be something new but getting a better bloodline or favorable mutations depends on luck. "

Jason tried to listen to the old man while looking with his eyes' ability after the beast cubs and egg but there wasn't even a color radiating from more than 99% of these beasts.

But some beasts had a weak black color which meant they had the chance to evolve into an awakened beast.

Due to his unique soul, Jason could form a contract with every kind of beast and there weren't any requirements he had to fulfill which was his only advantage as the number of beasts he could form a contract with was also high but not measurable.

Jason was tempted to pick one of these black color radiating beasts solely to increase his soul energy, but he had to remain calm and think carefully about his decision.

Was it useful to form a contract with hundreds of beasts only to increase his soul energy slightly, wouldn't it be a waste of his Mana eyes ability??`

In addition to that, the costs to feed the beasts would also be astronomical...

Jason looked at every beast cub and egg carefully with his eyes' ability and more than 20 minutes passed, before he was almost done with his inspection.

Suddenly, he saw a weak but heavy and mighty, yet unfamiliar color beneath some larger eggs.

Looking at the unfamiliar color caused his eyes to ache as his eyes felt as if they were stabbed by

burning needles.

Carefully moving the eggs on top away, he saw an egg that was at most half the size compared to the others on top of it.

He was confused seeing this color and his perplexed expression attracted the old man's attention, as Jason asked

"What's wrong with this small egg? Was it placed in the wrong breeding station or is this really the same species?"

Looking at the egg, the old man typed something on his bracelet, before a holographic screen appeared in front of him.

After reading it through for a few seconds he said

"This egg is the same species as the others inside this breeding station but it underwent an adverse mutation that caused its size to shrink.

Furthermore, the scan that was done said that its strength will be worse than a normal one-star wild beast because of and high possibility of the beast getting blindness and other illnesses once it hatches.

Jason however smiled like he had found a peak graded magical treasure.

The radiating color was weak but extremely heavy and dense and it was as if the beast inside the egg wanted to life against all odds.

Looking at the old man with his bright golden eyes Jason said with confidence

"I want this Snowflake Owl as my soulbond, please!! "

Slightly surprised about Jason's confidence he looked at the provided information again.

With a slight frown, he asked "Are you sure?? You know that once your soulbond contract is done it's over, right?"

If this adverse mutated snowflake Owl doesn't evolve you won't be able to pick another soulbond for a long time until you increased your soul energy. And there is also an extremely high chance that it will get blindness and other diseases once it hatches.

You have to decide now otherwise I will register your soulbond to be this beast egg. "

The old man tried to help Jason out but somehow he felt that his desire to get the snowflake owl increased.

Jason stared at the old man and nodded his head while holding the small egg carefully

"Yes please give me this snowflake owl!"

Sighing the old man said

"Ok...but you don't have to pay the fee for this egg as it has an adverse mutation and nobody would want it either."

It was already past 10 pm and the lights lightened up the room when Jason and the old man were standing at a table with the small beast egg placed on a cushion.

Jason had a small knife in his hand and he had to cut his hand again to form a soulbond contract again.

Entering the world inside his mind as the old man explained to him, Jason loosened a thread out of the soul-world leading it slowly and carefully to his left hand.

After the soul thread entered his hand Jason cut the exact position with the knife and thick blood dropped down.

But different than normal blood Jason noticed that the color of his blood was not only red but it had also the golden hue which his soul had.

Dripping on the egg the blood began to boil and evaporate causing the snowflake owl egg to shine with weak white light.

Jason felt a connection building up between him and the beast inside the egg which slowly intensifies.

The whole process of a soulbond contract was relatively boring to look at but Jason was exhausted as it was difficult to loosen a thread out of one's soul.

Jason's legs almost gave in but he had to remain standing.

Looking at Jason, the old man was still unsure what to think about this boy.

His eyes were a special trait and he had a very unique soul even if his soul energy was extremely weak.

If his soul energy was only slightly better, every high-school would offer him a scholarship without thinking about his grades...

Even Five-star Institutes from S-Grade Cities on Canir wouldn't wait to offer him many benefits.

Unfortunately, his soul energy is just too bad.

He wanted to finish everything up and said impatiently.



"You have my contacts, right? If something goes wrong just call me. Maybe I can help you.

Just take the egg with you and keep it close to you. It will hatch in the next few days.

As for the possible disease it can get... you should consult a professional about ways to prevent that...we didn't bother to do something like that...I have to go now, there are other things I have to do and you two have taken up too much time...Let's go out."

Walking out with the egg in his hands Jason smiled gently at it, not minding the old man.

Jason ordered a shuttle and said politely goodbye to the old man.

Going to the Beast Pagoda changed Jason's life completely and there were many obstacles he had to overcome.

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Chapter 17 - No Time!

It was past 11 pm when Jason arrived in his small room completely exhausted.

Holding the small beast egg in his hands he could feel the thumping of its heart.

Because he was exhausted the only thing he was able to think of was sleeping, without considering his unhatched soulbond.

His day was extremely long and Jason had completely used up the Mana he had gathered in the morning.

His headache and he took off his clothes, only wearing underwear as he went into the bed in order to sleep with the beast-egg close to his heart.

Waking up early in the morning, the first thing Jason did was looking at the beast egg that was still placed in his hand.

Activating his eyes' ability, he confirmed that yesterday wasn't a dream as the beast egg radiated still the same dense but weak color as before.

Washing up, he put on a set of newly purchased clothes, before Jason decided to replenish his mana.

There were many ways to replenish one's mana. The slowest would be resting, not doing anything as the body attracted marginal amounts of mana by itself.

With this method, it would take Jason a few days to replenish his useless small storage of mana.

The second method was much more efficient and sitting relaxed down while feeling the Mana flow slowly adjusting to it so that it would go through one.

While this happened one could actively absorb the Mana.

This method was the one Jason used and it took only two hours to replenish his mana completely thanks to his distinct mana sensitivity and control.

However, the fastest method to replenish one's mana was using mana stones but it was also the most expensive method, as mana stones were relatively rare and expensive.

Since the dark age and the sudden outburst of mana, some rare stones, trees, ores, and many more things absorbed mana causing them to change innately.

Some normal stones absorbed mana causing them to change into mana stones, with their density, quality, and quantity grading them.

While this happened occasionally, sometimes the permanent and temporary rifts were known for their innately manaphil materials.

This was also the reason rifts were seen as a blessing in disguise.

Jason didn't have enough money to use mana stones so wasteful and the method he used was more than good enough for him.

There were also some other methods one could use to replenish mana faster like certain techniques but these were rare and only people from the higher society could obtain and learn them.

Jason as one of the lowest in the chain of society could only dream about learning such a technique at the moment.

Looking at his soulbond, he remembered that the old man said something about the snowflake owl having some problems with its mutation.

Looking at the feeble radiating color of the beast egg he didn't really listen to the old man's advice, so he began to worry about his soulbond's health for a moment.

He immediately entered the federation network in order to look out for professional doctors with a specialty for beast illnesses.

While the holographic screen from his bracelet opened, he noticed that he got a message from an unknown number.

Opening the message, he saw that it was the old man's number with the content of the message being a file about his soulbond.

He was happy that he received the file about his soulbond as Jason was pondering if he should write a message to the old man because he needed to know what the exact problem was with his beast.

Looking through the file Jason noticed that he couldn't understand anything at all.

There were some scales and numbers, measuring something but it looked like an alien language to him...

Feeling useless Jason went online in order to continue his search for a professional.

Even if it was Sunday, Jason had to know what's wrong with his soulbond beast before it hatched.

And the main issue was that it wouldn't take long for eggs to hatch once they're bound.

Jason was told that it would at most take two days from now which wasn't far away.

There were so many things he had to purchase, like beast cub milk, food, training material for himself and his beast, and many more things, as he was completely unaware of what newly hatched owls would eat.

Furthermore, his flat was way too small for a beast, even if it was only a small owl.

The things he wanted to purchase required some space and he would have to lease a new apartment soon.

Placing these thoughts in his mind he had to make a list, what to do first.

The most important thing right now was to figure out how to prevent his soulbond beast to get any disease or other problems.

Looking up a few sites, Jason found a reliable website with a professional that had a few certificates and theory papers about beastology, while most were about beast cubs including theories about birth disease and adverse mutations.

Jason thanked his luck as he dialed the number shown on the website without hesitating for a second, as a young female receptionist answered his call.

Talking with her for a few minutes Jason was feeling more and more frustrated as the receptionist wanted to make an appointment for a month later.

How could he wait a month when the snowflake owl would hatch in two days?!

He wanted to shout out loud, but that wouldn't help out in his current situation, so Jason calmed down.

Pressuring the receptionist a little bit, Jason sent even the file about his beast through the holographic screen, without waiting for an answer from her.

Jason was about to beg the receptionist to give him five minutes as he heard a middle-aged voice in the background of the receptionist asking her, what's wrong.

The receptionist was still somehow calm as she was probably used to people like Jason when she answered the middle-aged man honestly what was going on.

Jason couldn't hear anything for a few minutes until he heard a quiet.

"Interesting!"

Then the middle-aged voice could be heard closer.

"Young man if you have time you can come over in the afternoon at 5 pm. I will spare some of my time. You can follow the described way at our website in order to find my office. Don't be late. I don't like waiting!"

He ended the call and one could only see the astonished Jason looking at an empty holographic screen.

Then a smile emerged on his face as he was one step closer to his goal.

Jason hoped that this doctor could help him out and he was about to jump around with the soulbond egg in his hand, as he noticed that it might be a bad idea.

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It was 1 pm when Jason finished replenishing his mana and after eating some small snacks he went out.

Calling a shuttle, Jason wanted to visit a few apartments so he could escape from the filthy room that began to disgust him.

The prices ranged from a few hundred credits to thousands of credits for the outskirts of a C-grade city.

Once one wanted to purchase an apartment closer to the center the price would skyrocket as the center was the safest area with the most and best security.

Jason's district was one of the filthiest and most dangerous with the highest crime rate of the whole city and he didn't want to live there longer than he had to.

To move into a bigger apartment within a safer district, he would have to pay at least a few thousand credits per month.

With around 300.000 Credits left, Jason was pondering what to do, as never knew when he would gain credits once again, or how much he had to purchase in the future.

For most humans with soulbond beasts, their beasts could be considered the most expensive as some needed expensive meat or other nutrition to nurture and train them.

Furthermore, taking combat training, magic classes, learning battle skills and other techniques with knowledgeable instructors was expensive.

However, these expenditures could be avoided by attending a high-school, which was Jason's goal.

Resources that might increase the chances of an evolution and many more things one needed were also expensive and difficult to obtain without connections

Driving around with a shuttle and looking for new apartment four hours passed in no time and Jason stood now in front of the address written down on the beast professionals website.

Going inside he was greeted by the female receptionist he previously talked to.

She showed him the way to the office and left afterward.

Walking inside with slight hesitation, Jason was greeted by a middle-aged man with blond hair and eyes with a gentle smile.

The man was tall but skinny and he radiated the aura of a neet which Jason didn't mind.

Rather than that, he felt more comfortable around people like that.

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Chapter 18 - Solving Issue

Seeing Jason, the man stood up, introducing himself first

"Hello my name is James Gray, you must be the young man who made his first soulbond yesterday."

"Hello my name is Jason Stella and it was me who called desperately this morning. I hope you can help me and my soulbond out."

Jason said with little hope.

"I already read through the file you sent me today and there are different problems the beast has to face. But I can't be sure without scanning the beast myself as my equipment is more advanced.

If you don't mind, we shall make a test right away."

James stood up and Jason followed without hesitation, holding the snowflake owl egg in his Jacket's pocket.

3 rooms further, they entered a room with a huge amount of equipment, Jason didn't know what they were used for.

One particular machine stood out, as it was the biggest and black in color.

It stood in the center and on an elevation was a cushion which was a dent in the middle looking like many eggs were already placed on it before.

"Place the egg inside the cushion right in front of you, please. The test itself won't take long."

Jason did as instructed.

After placing the egg he stepped back to see that a transparent bell-formed instrument slowly descended, covering the whole egg.

A small red light came out of the top of it while a \*piep\* resounded in the room and it scanned the whole area inside the transparent bell a few times.

Less than a minute passed and the test was already finished.

The transparent bell was lifted and Jason took his beast egg again before looking at James intently

Meanwhile, James was looking at the report on his quantum bracelet with shining eyes.

"Ohh so it's like that.. Interesting."



After reading the report for five minutes James noticed Jason's desperate look next to him, before he smiled lightly.

Looking down at Jason's small build, seeing his desperate expression, James felt weird.

'Why is this boy so desperate and going around here alone? Huh, what's with his eyes? "

Shaking his head to focus again James led Jason to the office where they sat down on a couch.

Jason was impatient right now, so he asked straightforwardly.

"What's wrong with my soulbond and how can I help it?

James sighed before he said.

"Right now our knowledge about beasts, mutations, and evolutions is shallow and we can only make theories about most things.

Reading both test files told me that your beast has a mutation.

It's unsure if it really is an adverse mutation to be honest.

It is definitely true that without any countermeasures it will be hard to prevent birth disease and other issues, however, that does not necessarily have to be the case.

I can't give you a perfect solution for your beast's problem but both files gave me some clues about the main issue.

But to tell you beforehand, this is only my theory and not something thoroughly tested or acknowledged by the federation at the moment."

Listening to the professionals' reply, Jason's heart felt heavier but a small ray of hope was still burning in him as he heard the theory.

"Even if your soulbond is a one-star wild beast it needs a certain amount of nutrition and mana to survive.

I think you got the beast egg from the Beast Pagoda which means tens of thousand beasts have to share the same amount of mana in a small space.

Due to your beast's mutation, the problem might be that it needs more mana to develop its body and mana core.

One solution could be a large mana supply as it has a deficit. It needs more mana to grow and is so small in size because of the scarcity of mana.

To solve this problem in a short time you would have to purchase mana stones.

I don't know if you have enough credits to do that but right now I can't think of any other countermeasure before the beast hatches and it's still unsure if this solution is 100% helpful.

I'm sorry."

Jason listened to James carefully and he wasn't sure if he should be happy or sad.

It was only a theory and not a 100% solution but it was still better than nothing.

After asking a few additional questions, Jason left an hour later.

He didn't even have to pay something as Prof. Gray wanted to use the test files for his studies.

He got Professor James Gray's contact details as the prof was fascinated about the files he read previously, hoping that Jason's beast would hatch healthy.

Searching for mana stones online, he found out that even the smallest mana stone was extremely expensive.

50.000 Credits for a ping pong ball-sized grade-1 mana stone sounded horrifyingly expensive for Jason but after searching for more information he found out that the compressed mana inside such a small stone was already around the same amount as an unblemished beast.

This surprised Jason but thinking about it, it wasn't as illogical as he previously thought.

An unblemished beast was comparable with a human Expert rank and to replenish his mana once a human expert would have to use up a whole ping pong ball-sized grade-1 mana stone.

It was extremely expensive even for normal Expert ranks as hunting Unblemished beasts resulted often in injuries that had to be treated with expensive medications.

Jason wanted to purchase three small mana stones but he had to set an address where to deliver the goods so before buying the mana stones Jason contacted the landlord from one of the apartments he visited today in order to sign a lease.

The cost was 2500 credits per month and the area around it was safe while everything needed was close by.

Signing the contract on his quantum bracelet he could instantly move in.

There wasn't anything at his old flat as he brought all the important things with him in his storage space.

The new apartment was 55 square meters big with a bedroom, bathroom, living room, and a small kitchen inside.

It looked small and comfy when Jason visited the apartment but he didn't want to lease it instantly as he wasn't sure how expensive his beast's treatment would be.

With a little bit less than 150.000 credits left after deducting 3 small mana stones, Jason had more than enough left to lease the small apartment for half a year.

Calling a shuttle to carry him to his new home, Jason arrived at 7 pm when it was already late.

Finally purchasing the three small mana stones Jason set the destination from the parcel to his new address.

Afterward, he wanted to stroll around in order to get to know his new neighborhood which he hasn't done before.

Jason was like a small child interested in everything as it wasn't that long since he regained his eyesight and everything looked special to him.

Smelling nice food from the nearby food stall Jason ordered a big pizza which he relished.

He hadn't eaten anything good and savory for years and it was the first time for him to eat pizza and Jason enjoyed eating it.

The beast egg was inside a small bum bag close to Jason.

After he finished the pizza, Jason's belly was filled to the brim.

He had never eaten so much before but he was happy and satisfied with his current life.

It wasn't that every problem he had, was solved, but rather in the beginning, his biggest issue was his sight.

Afterward, his almost nonexistent soul energy seemed to be a huge problem and now his soulbond beast was having some issues.

Jason hoped that the mana supply from the mana stones would be enough to solve his problems, which would solve each problem he had right now.

He wasn't scared that his new companion was useless as he had seen the dense color Jason had never seen before but the problem was that the color was feeble which caused him to hesitate when he saw it.

But getting to know that he could probably solve his issue made him excited.

After strolling for an hour Jason went home to his new apartment where he would continue learning how to write difficult words.

Furthermore, he enjoyed reading the bestarium which was full of beast's pictures, with their characteristics, strengths, weaknesses, rank, and many more information.

It was almost midnight when Jason fell asleep with the bestarium holographic screen still open. GOD'S EYES

Chapter 19 - Preparations!

It was 8 am when Jason woke up by a small movement in his hand.

The hand holding his beast-egg shook slightly and Jason's facial expression changed drastically.

He was instantly fully awake and frowned deeply.

"Buddy, can you wait please a day. You'll have some problems when you hatch now. Please... okay?"

Jason said and thought of it at the same time as sincerely as possible.

Due to the connection between their souls the egg somehow understood what Jason said and stopped its movement.

Jason felt the small owl's impatience and desire to break out of its prison but it waited because it knew that once it hatched without getting help beforehand, many problems could occur.

Snowflake owls were in fact not smart but the mutation Jason's snowflake owl underwent was apparent everywhere.

This was something Jason knew and he hoped that his soulbond would listen to him which it luckily did.

Sighing in relief Jason looked on his bracelet if his parcel arrived.

Seeing a notification saying that the parcel was ready to be delivered, Jason immediately requested it.

Only a few minutes later Jason received another notification telling him that his parcel arrived.

Opening the apartment door Jason saw a drone with a small package bound on it.

The drone scanned Jason's ID, loosened the package and flew away.

There was not much time left for his soulbond to hatch and Jason opened the parcel without any delay before noticing the huge amount of mana inside the package.

Jason was previously too focused on his beast but now by looking more concentrated, he saw a huge amount of mana inside the mana stones.

Compared to the natural mana around the city, these three small mana stones were like a huge ocean concentrated in a small area.

It was said that the mana inside cities was extremely thin and weak, whereby the wild zones were categorized by two factors.

One factor was the amount and density of natural mana around the wild zone and another factor was the rank of the majority from the beasts inside the wild zone.

The amount of mana Jason felt from the small three mana stones was roughly as much as the radiating mana from certain materials the Beast Pagoda used, astonishing him.

Picking up the three mana stones Jason immediately felt a tickling sensation.

He was tempted to absorb the Mana to strengthen himself but he resisted the urge, because there was someone who needed it more desperately.

Jason laid the small egg down on a pillow and formed a triangle with the small mana stones around it.

Each mana stone was in touch with the eggshell and Jason saw through his mana eyes that small threads of mana flowed into the egg.

The whole egg was mantled with mana and it flowed inside the egg from all sites, absorbing it slowly.

Considering the slow mana flow and the upcoming hatching, Jason calculated that three mana stones were enough for the time being.

The egg stopped moving and Jason had now some time left to search for more information about snowflake owls and other things he didn't know.

He was unsure if his soulbonds mutation would change its eating habits or something like that, so he had to prepare all different kinds of food.

Purchasing some vegetables, meat, and milk with different kinds of cub formulas Jason felt prepared.

After he finished his purchase, Jason decided to look up some other information while laying on his bed.

His knowledge was vast compared to his peers, but considering the fact that he couldn't see previously, Jason lacked many things.

He knew many beasts by their names, characteristics, and habits but he couldn't classify them if he only saw a picture.

Furthermore, his combat prowess was awful as he remembered the Azure feisty Ape martial art but only a single sequence at that.

It was like Jason opened the book of a single page which he repeated one after another.

The page's content would provide him any information which he could apply straightforwardly.

However, the issue would be, not understanding what the content means would be like studying without being able to apply the learned formula with marginal changes.

Jason understood the Azure feisty Apes first sequence including the Mana flow inside his body but he had never fought with anyone before.

His body was also on the weaker side as he was still malnourished and only a 2nd Novice rank.

There were many things to overcome for Jason but he had to take one step at a time and the first thing he did was opening the holographic screen of his quantum watch to continue reading the beaSTARium.

Rather than randomly looking at beasts and their characteristics, Jason chose the section about a one-star wild zone next to the Artes city.

Wild zones range from one star to four stars while each rank represented one beast rank.



One-star wild zones are mostly infested by wild-ranked beasts and two-star wild zones have mostly awakened beasts.

Above the wild zones were magic beast zones which don't really matter to Jason right now as it was far away from him.

One-star wild zones are also called training zones for most highschoolers as almost no human would be endangered while fighting against wild beasts.

The youths of Jason's age had on average the strength to defeat one-star awakened beasts because their rank was around the 8th Novice with a one-star awakened beast cub as soulbond on average which gave them some nice strength, increasing their combat prowess.

With a slightly decent comprehension ability and decently learned combat techniques through good instructions, wild beasts would be an easy pie for them.

But to learn about the characteristics of beasts and their bloodlust combined with their instincts one had to face their fear of dying.

Killing a living organism was completely different than ordering meat or something comparable and fighting a life and death battle couldn't be handled by every youth.

Some people had no problem killing wild beasts while others fainted or peed their pants even if they had a big advantage in combat prowess.

Jason however had a huge disadvantage against most wild beasts like his low rank, the non-existing amplification of his soulbond at the moment, and his lacking combat abilities.

He wasn't sure how high his amplification he would get from his soulbond in the future but even if his beautiful soul had an extraordinary high amplification it wouldn't be useful as the snowflake owl was a one-star wild beast.

Thinking about his shortcomings Jason frowned while he continued reading the bestiary.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 20 - Hatching!

Jason tried to distract himself while reading some news about Astrix island as he wanted to research if he had a chance to enter a high-school with his score.

Thinking about his non-existent combat experience or knowledge, he opened the federation network.

Jason searched for martial arts instructors and their prices only to find out that it was extremely expensive.

Entering a high school would be cheaper than having a few lessons by these instructors but Jason's final exam wasn't good enough to enter a decent one.

He could apply for his blindness remark to get removed but that wouldn't solve his problem.

Looking at his exam results at his profile Jason was slightly embarrassed

'Theoretical Exam 100/100 Points

Practical Exam 34/100 Points

Blood test: Passed, Remark: Blind

Mana Core rank: 2nd Novice -40/100

Soul awakening: ★★ /★★★★★'

His soul-awakening rating was also a bad joke.

The old man was probably generous because nobody with his soul energy would get two stars as a rating.

Or maybe the old man was too astonished about his soul world which blurred his mind.

He had around 130.000 Credits left and he had to survive with this money for a certain amount of time until he could earn money himself.

Hunters are well paid and even hunting wild beasts gave some credits as they infested the areas around cities and endangered them even with their low rank.

Their population was way too large which is also the reason why one-star wild zones are used for middle-schools to train their students.

The only good thing about these beasts was that their hide, tendons, claws, meat, and so on could be used by poor people.

Average households would never buy clothes made out of wild-ranked beasts as the beast hide wasn't comfortable to wear and didn't look good enough, to begin with.

There were only a few rare beasts with comfortable fur, wealthier households would purchase, which would in return increase the price for such beasts.

Protection garments out of wild-ranked beasts were also useless as normal grade-1 weapons could slash through them like butter.

Nevertheless, a wild beast carcass could get up to 25 Credits if one was extremely lucky, which was already a decent bounty for such weak beasts if one assumes that normal workers earned 1500 Credits per month on average, considering that they didn't do anything special.

Through Jason's mind rattled many thoughts, while he researched Martial arts instructors.

In the end, he found an interesting website with many martial arts video clips online from Martial Heaven.

Martial Heaven is an online platform that was even approved by the federation.

The Website provided online instructions about all kinds of martial art techniques including martial arts about every kind of element.

After registering an account with his ID and inputting his rank and other information, a selection window popped up, where Jason could select the weapon he wanted to use.

If he wanted to, Jason could even include what type of elemental affinity the martial techniques should focus on.

Furthermore, Jason could also select his requirements and much more information.

Registering at Martial Heaven cost 100 Credits a month which was a fair price because Jason saw a few hundred free Videos included in his membership.

Looking through the Videos Jason found out that most of them were like tutorials leading to a playlist of pay to watch Videos.

After that, Jason wanted to throw a fit but he was reminded again that most martial arts were uploaded by normal common people trying to make some pocket money while sharing their tips and tricks.

Searching through some free videos Jason found a whole free playlist about a technique provided by the federation he was already familiar with.

[Azure feisty Ape]. Looking at the first sequence Jason found out that he had remembered everything correctly but there was a small problem.

Jason couldn't clearly see the mana flow through the holographic screen.

It felt somewhat blurred and focusing his eyes on the mana flow, his eyes began to hurt slightly.

There wasn't anything he could do about it so he just binge-watched the videos one after another without focusing his gaze at the mana flow.

Even then Jason made huge progress by only seeing the instructions made by the middle-aged Instructor in front of the camera.

'Seeing that is definitely better than solely surveying the mana flow" Jason thought and many hours passed unknown to him.

He was still lying on his bed re-rewatching the Instructions about the Azure feisty ape technique when he heard a cracking next to him.

The Mana stones that were previously thick dark blue color turned into brighter blue and looking at the amount of mana stored inside them Jason was astonished.

More than half of the stored mana was used up and the egg began to shake violently, while small cracks started to appear on the shell.

Jason's mood heightened immediately, as the atmosphere turned delightful when the cracks deepened.

The shell burst open, only to reveal a small puffed up owl chick with small tipsy eyes, looking at Jason with its black button-like eyes.

After shacking of the remaining eggshells it looked at the mana stones before it toddled towards Jason as fast as it could, throwing itself into his embrace.

Jason felt the owl chick's happiness inside himself as they shared each other's emotions, turning himself even more happy as he already was.

Holding the fist-sized chick, Jason remembered that he had to give it a name.

'Is it a boy or a girl??' Jason wasn't sure which gender the owl cub belonged to as an thought was transmitted into his mind, telling him that the owl chick was a female.

Thinking about a few female names, he told the little owl chick some of them, but Jason felt that she would reject each of them.

If he had to be honest, his naming sense was horrible, probably even worse than the worst name generator humanity had.

After a long time, Jason's head began to hurt slightly and he subconsciously entered the soul world inside his mind.

He saw a small feeble string struggling to stay strong between the snowflake owl's soul print as Jason saw an illusionary forest, moon, and a cloaked archer hunting something.

Connecting all together a single word appeared in his mind 'Artemis'.

Without knowing what's going on in his small soul world or how he could think of such a name the small owl chick chirped delighted and Jason felt that she liked this name.

"So it's Artemis." Jason thought smiling lovingly at his soulbond.

The color she radiated was not as feeble as before and much stronger which made Jason even happier but he was still unable to decipher the color somehow.

It felt as if each color was inside it but also somehow not.

Luckily Jason found out about the mana deficit and Professor Gray's theory was also valid so Jason had no reason to be sad.

It was only afternoon, but Jason felt extremely exhausted while his whole body ached when he fell asleep while holding Artemis in his hand.