

“Dream of Edison”



Inventor Edison (1847-1931) is said to have dreamed of soaring in the sky as a boy. However, at that time he became interested in chemistry, and his mother, Nancy, bought him chemicals and equipment, and he apparently tried to use them to develop medicine. One of them is said to have been a drug that allowed humans to fly. It was a drug with an outrageous idea of generating gas inside the body using helium gas as a hint, and I gave it to a friend. The plan was to use the buoyancy of the gas generated to lift people up.

However, in reality, my friend struggled with severe abdominal pain and started to make a fuss. Nancy, who usually showed understanding to Edison, became furious at this incident and strongly warned against human experimentation. After that, he apparently gave up on becoming a scientist, and his passion turned to learning telegraphy and inventing devices.



However, although Edison gave up on becoming a chemist, he continued to pursue his dream of allowing humans to fly, and in his mid-30s he took on the challenge of developing a helicopter. It seems that instead of turning the shaft of the bamboo dragonfly by hand, it was made to burn gunpowder to rotate the propeller (probably like a rat firework), allowing it to fly through the sky.

However, the gunpowder engine that Edison prototyped exploded during the experiment, and fortunately there were no casualties, but as expected, Edison was

unable to continue the dangerous experiment any longer and reluctantly gave up on the helicopter.

This was 13 years before the Wright Brothers succeeded in flying the first powered airplane carrying humans.