

## Am I A God 76

### Chapter 76: Shower (2)

The doors and windows were shut which meant that the cats did not escape from the apartment.

“I guess the four of you can just hide here for the rest of the day?” Zhao Yao said with a sarcastic tone, “But if I managed to find you, your punishment would be much worse than a simple bath.”

Roly Poly, which was hiding underneath the sofa, trembled in fear when he heard Zhao Yao’s voice.

Roly Poly shouted at the other cats via telepathy, “What are we going to do now? Zhao Yao is going to kill us if he finds us.”

“What are you afraid of?” Matcha replied, “There is only one of him against the four of us.”

“But he’s not any human; he’s Zhao Yao!” Roly Poly protested violently, “Look at yourself, your legs are shaking so badly that you cannot even stand still, and yet you talk like you’re so high and mighty!”

“Stop talking,” Elizabeth, which was hiding behind them, interrupted, “Even Zhao Yao will find it hard to locate us with my power of illusion combined with Roly Poly’s power of invisibility. We just have to hide here.”

“I’m not going to surrender without a fight!” Dust Ball was screaming at the top of her lungs as she was cradled in Zhao Yao’s arms. She could not escape despite how much she struggled. Zhao Yao calmly brought her to the toilet.

When the first drop of water made contact with Dust Ball’s fur, she exploded in continuous shrieks and howls as she desperately fought against Zhao Yao. It was just a simple shower. However, in her eyes, bathing was as good as getting slaughtered. Her dreadful howls were etched at the back of the supercats’ heads.

Zhao Yao shook his head as he saw the anger emanating from Dust Ball's eyes after the shower. It seemed like she wanted to kill him.

Roly Poly's body started to shake even more violently when he heard Dust Ball's screams.

"Dust Ball, you are such an idiot, why did you even bother fighting against Zhao Yao? You should have gone into hiding with the rest of us!"

Matcha was shaking all over his body as his eyes flashed with indignance and anger. He announced, "We cannot continue hiding like this, we must start retaliating against Zhao Yao with all that we have! Are we going to be cowards for the rest of our lives? It's time to defeat him and make him our pet!"

"But..." Elizabeth stammered as she tried to convince Matcha against it.

Matcha continued, "Zhao Yao has lots of money in his bank. After defeating him, we can withdraw the money from his bank, and I'll buy you a VIP membership so you can watch Game of Thrones without the annoying ads! You can watch all sorts of movies online!"

Elizabeth's breathing turned rapid when she heard Matcha's proposal.

Matcha turned around to Roly Poly, "As long as we defeat Matcha, you can eat anything that you desire. You can have Macdonalds for breakfast, KFC for lunch and even Burger King for dinner. No one can stop you."

Roly Poly's eyes instantly turned red as if he was a starving cat which had not eaten for the past few days.

Matcha was also engrossed in his imagination and thought, "I can buy all of the game skins in Mobile Legend!"

"Defeat Zhao Yao and become his owner!"

"Make him our slave!"

“Eat fried chicken every day!”

“Buy diamonds in Mobile Legends.”

“Watch movies without ads!”

All three cats experienced an adrenaline rush as they were getting ready for a showdown against Zhao Yao.

However, at the exact moment, a giant invisible hand had grabbed onto Roly Poly’s body.

“What happened?” Roly Poly’s body froze temporarily as a disastrous thought flashed through his head.

Immediately, Roly Poly was pulled by the invisible hand out from underneath the sofa.

“Meow!” Roly Poly continued screaming to no avail. Upon witnessing this, Matcha and Elizabeth immediately fled the scene. The fighting spirit that they had displayed had vanished.

Both cats started to engage in a frantic discussion via telepathy.

“What happened? What was Roly Poly captured by?”

“It must have been Zhao Yao. He used my power of invisibility to hide and went around searching for us!”

Both Matcha and Elizabeth found a new hiding spot underneath a cabinet. Before long, they heard Zhao Yao’s voice inching towards them again.

“So you’re still not coming out? Matcha? Elizabeth?”

Suddenly, the entire room turned into total darkness except for the two cats.

“Sh\*t!” Matcha knew that it was a bad sign.

Zhao Yao had cast an illusion on all the living matter in the room. In their eyes, all the non-living matter had been enveloped in pitch darkness.

Only Elizabeth’s power of illusion could counter Zhao Yao’s power. She immediately turned Matcha and herself invisible to prevent Zhao Yao from seeing them.

However, the cats’ silhouette had a distinct contrast to the darkness which they were surrounded in.

“Finally found you!” A massive hand came flying towards Elizabeth. At the moment when Elizabeth was caught, Matcha had already teleported away. He had used his power of time freeze to make his escape.

So you think you can escape?” Zhao Yao sneered. Suddenly, many Zhao Yao appeared out of thin air and dashed towards Matcha altogether.

Matcha was terrified as he tried to escape from the countless Zhao Yaos. Zhao Yao had carefully positioned the fake Zhao Yaos in a manner that Matcha would avoid them and run straight to the real Zhao Yao’s hands.

He had finally captured all four supercats and decided to bathe all four of them at one go.

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Bam! A meaty paw slammed on the glass door in Zhao Yao’s shower. Roly Poly opened his mouth to let out a scream before getting dragged back by Zhao Yao. He was frantically scratching against the floor as shower gel was poured onto his fat belly.

“I don’t care! I’m not getting a bath!” The world turned into a standstill after Matcha’s thunderous roar. Before he even managed to take a step out of the shower, Zhao Yao had already stopped him.

“You don’t have a choice,” Zhao Yao replied as he poured bath gel onto Matcha’s back.

Meanwhile, Dust Ball was busy sucking all the water into her belly.

“Dust Ball! Do you know how expensive is our utility bill?” Zhao Yao retorted before he activated Elizabeth’s power and took control of Dust Ball’s body.

Elizabeth looked at the water all over her body and fear flashed across her eyes immediately. Out of the four cats, Elizabeth was the most afraid of water.

After two hours of struggle, Zhao Yao finally managed to bath the four supercats. He heaved a sigh of relief as he finished blow-drying the last cat.

The four cats dashed into their individual corners the moment they were released from the toilet. They began grooming themselves as they licked the fur on their body. Zhao Yao started to laugh as he knew that this process would take at least an hour. It might even take Elizabeth 2 hours for her long fur.

Zhao Yao’s smile turned brighter when he saw the experience pointed gained.

Roly Poly offered the least resistance during the process, and Zhao Yao earned twenty experience points from him. Even though Dust Ball struggled aggressively against Zhao Yao, her tiny frame was quickly restrained by Zhao Yao. Hence, Zhao Yao earned another thirty experience points.

Elizabeth did not stop struggling even after she was captured. She began to use her illusion and even vomited during her bath. Zhao Yao had to clear up everything. Her long fur required Zhao Yao to spend the longest time to blow-dry her. Zhao Yao earned forty experience points from it.

Bathing Matcha was definitely the hardest out of the four. Whenever Zhao Yao was distracted by the other cats, Matcha would use his power of time freeze to escape. However, Zhao Yao managed to restrain him every time. From this, Zhao Yao earned fifty experience points.

Apart from the 180 experience points earned from the eighteen stray cats, Zhao Yao earned 140 experience points from his supercats, which totaled to 320 experience points. With the power of the “2X Exp Card”, the experience points skyrocketed to 640 instantly.

Suddenly there were new changes in his BOOK:

Book: lv 2(1066/1000)

He had two choices: either level up his BOOK or add the points to Matcha and level up Matcha instead.

## Chapter 77: The Decision

Zhao Yao was in a dilemma.

If he upgraded either Matcha or Elizabeth, there would be a significant increase in his combat power.

If he upgraded his BOOK, he would be able to wield the third power. He was definitely not adding Roly Poly's ability which could be easily replaced by Elizabeth's power of illusion.

However, Dust Ball's power would be handy. It was a power which Zhao Yao craved for.

Furthermore, a lvl 3 book would allow Zhao Yao to earn the power of "Two is better than one" from Elizabeth, which meant a boost in strength, speed, and agility.

Elizabeth was a larger and physically stronger cat than Matcha. Hence, the effects of 'Two is better than one' would be even more pronounced.

But the increase in his combat power would not be as noticeable as directly upgrading Matcha.

Zhao Yao's lips curled into a smile when he saw the words on his mission panel.

"Oh yeah, I still have my main missions. My main missions are currently at level 3. The reward for adopting the third supercat is five hundred experience points. With the effect of "2X Exp Card" in play, I would instantly receive one thousand experience points."

"In other words, I would be able to upgrade Matcha after I upgrade my BOOK."

Zhao Yao immediately upgraded his book by tapping the upgrade button on it. He immediately felt an enhancement in his sensory abilities. He also felt a familiar presence in the air. Part of Elizabeth had been injected into his body.

Boom! All the cells in his body seemed to have exploded simultaneously.

When Zhao Yao regained consciousness, he was already drenched in sweat and was kneeling on the floor. The other cats were staring at him curiously.

Matcha asked, “Zhao Yao, are you menstruating?”

Dust Ball dashed forward, “I’ll take you down since you are sick.”

“Get lost,” Zhao Yao slapped Dust Ball across her face and sent her flying towards Matcha.

Zhao Yao took a deep breath before he struggled to stand again. When he took a look around the room, it was like looking through a 4K television screen.

With the bonus strength of ‘Two is better than one’, Zhao Yao not only experienced an increase in speed and strength, his sensory abilities were enhanced to the point that was beyond human.

When a fly flew across his eyes, his improved sensory ability allowed him to track the fly’s movement as if it was in slow-motion. With a swing of his hand, he already had the fly firmly clenched in his fist.

When he loosened his grip, the fly escaped from his clutches and continued to fly in the original direction.

With a twitch of his nose, he realized that he could differentiate the scents between Matcha, Elizabeth, Dust Ball, Roly Poly and Mango.

He did a backflip, cartwheel, somersault, and handstand before he returned to his original position. His reaction was similar to when Peter Parker discovered his power.

“The increase in strength is just a small part ... The most important thing is the improvement in my sensory abilities, nimbleness, agility, and flexibility. This would be a great boost to my combat strength.”

There was a smile on his face as he put his new “body” to the test. Even though his strength was still comparable to the average human, his nimbleness, agility, and flexibility had greatly surpassed them. He could perform stunts that only acrobats and gymnasts were capable of.

The writings on the book changed again.

Book: lv13(66/2000)

Zhao Yao heaved a sigh of relief when he saw the number, “Thankfully the experience points required did not increase by ten times again. 2000 experience points were still manageable.”

“The next thing to do is ...” Zhao Yao turned his head to Dust Ball and fixed his eyes on her.

The palm-sized black cat noticed Zhao Yao’s stare and knew something was wrong. She stood up and tried to escape but found herself trapped in Zhao Yao’s hands in a flash.

“Stupid Zhao Yao! Let go of me!”

Zhao Yao caressed the fur on her belly. After using the shampoo, the fur was softer than usual. They felt like black silk in his hand.

“Don’t you feel so much more comfortable after the bath?” Zhao Yao placed his finger in Dust Ball’s mouth and said, “Quick, bite me.”

Dust Ball stopped struggling and looked at Zhao Yao with a suspicious look, “What evil plans are you hatching?”

“No evil plans,” Zhao Yao continued, “Bite me; I thought you have always dreamt of biting me?”

Dust Ball shut her lips because she knew that Zhao Yao had hatched an evil plan in his head. Even when Zhao Yao pressed his finger to her lips, her lips remained tightly shut.

Zhao Yao was left with no choice but to activate Elizabeth’s power. He took control of Dust Ball’s body and bit his finger.



With the bite marks freshly imprinted on Zhao Yao's finger, Dust Ball had been officially registered in the BOOK, and she had become Zhao Yao's third supercat.

Zhao Yao also earned 1000 experience points for completing his main mission.

His book now wrote:

Book: Lv3(1066/2000)

Pet(3/3):Dust Ball

Grade:Lv1(0/10)

Loyalty: 30

Power: Extradimensional belly, it could absorb all non-living matter within the radius of 5 meters into another dimension. It could absorb up to 1.5 ton of non-living matter in a day. Living matter could choose to enter the dimension if they wished to.

"Extradimensional belly? That's a cool power." Zhao Yao started smiling when he was reading the description of his new power.

It was time to test it on the cup in his kitchen. He finally succeeded after failing three times consecutively.

Everything was as per described in the BOOK. By opening his mouth, he could trigger his power by thinking about it. In an instant, everything which he would like to absorb would be sucked into his extradimensional belly.

Because it was a shared power between Zhao Yao and Dust Ball, objects they absorbed were transported to the same dimension.

This meant that he was able to expel the items which Dust Ball had absorbed and vice versa.

The words beneath the main mission changed again. To reach level four on the main mission, he had to adopt a fourth supercat. The reward for this task would be five hundred experience points.

Looking at the 1066 experience points available in his BOOK, Zhao Yao decided to add ten points to Dust Ball, upgrading it to level 2. It chose the option which would allow Dust Ball to increase the capacity of her extradimensional belly to absorb 3 tons worth of items.

Currently, Zhao Yao had 1056 experience points left in his BOOK.

Both Matcha and Elizabeth were level 3(168/1000)

Meanwhile, Dust Ball was level 2(0/100)

Zhao Yao thought about it for a moment before he allocated one hundred experience points from the BOOK to Dust Ball, upgrading it to level 3. From the options available, Zhao Yao chose to increase the reach of her power, stretching the radius to 8 meters.

Instantly, Dust Ball had leveled up from level 1 to level 3. The remaining experience points from the BOOK were enough to upgrade either Matcha or Elizabeth to level 4.

Looking at the BOOK in his hand, Zhao Yao did not hesitate and pumped the remaining experience points into Matcha.

Instantly, the experience points available in the book had plummeted to 124. However, Matcha had leveled up to level 4 (0/2000)

Chapter 78: Level Up

Level 4 Matcha had a new ability branch which Zhao Yao could choose from.

The first ability was Time Explosion. Every day, it allowed Zhao Yao to double the duration of the longest time freeze once.

The second power was Time Distortion. This allowed Zhao Yao to recover from the injury he had sustained completely. However, it could only be activated once per day. It could also be activated passively if Zhao Yao died.

Zhao Yao knew the danger present in Jiangmen City and immediately chose Time Distortion. Even if he were killed by someone from the cat thief organization, he would automatically be revived. It was as good as a game bug.

Zhao Yao was exhilarated to have this power; it was as good as having two lives.

Zhao Yao felt so much more confident to deal with the bad guys in Jiangmen City after acquiring the power.

“Hmm, I should probably use Matcha’s ability for the majority of the time, since it can guarantee my safety. The other abilities should be left to Elizabeth and Dust Ball to control.”

After the series of upgrades, Zhao Yao had acquired time distortion, “two is better than one” from Elizabeth, increased the capacity and reach of Dust Ball’s extradimensional belly, and upgraded Dust Ball to level 3.

This series of updates had made Zhao Yao far stronger than before.

Zhao Yao could not help but laughed when he saw the loyalty level on the BOOK.

Dust Ball’s loyalty was a meager 30 points, and both Matcha and Elizabeth’s loyalty had dropped by three points. This was possibly due to the shower saga.

Zhao Yao treated this very seriously as it would affect the success rate of Zhao Yao activating the cats’ power.

Zhao Yao understood that the cats would be somewhat depressed after their baths. Hence, he decided to cheer them up by rewarding them with some canned food. He hoped that his bribery would be able to salvage the loyalty points lost.

Elizabeth and Matcha rushed over to Zhao Yao, eagerly anticipating the canned food in his hands.

They have grown sick of eating cat rice every day and were excited to see a change.

Even though cat rice was beneficial for their health, it was natural for them to grow sick of it. The canned food in his hands immediately bought over Matcha and Elizabeth's hearts.

Matcha instantly devoured the contents of the canned food.

Elizabeth muttered as she polished off the food. A crisp and clear voice rang in Zhao Yao's head, "Don't think I have forgiven you for just this food. I abhor bath. If you ever make me do it again, I'm going to control you and make you run around naked."

"Eat slowly, have you forgotten about your glass stomach?"

Seeing the contented looks on their face turned Zhao Yao's lips into a smile. The loyalty points for both Matcha and Elizabeth had both reverted to 100.

"It's so easy to bribe them. Even though Elizabeth would not admit it, she had already forgiven me," Zhao Yao thought as he glanced over to Roly Poly and Dust Ball which were on the side.

Roly Poly was genuinely uninterested in the canned food, but he was not Zhao Yao's target.

Dust Ball was still angry over Zhao Yao's actions and was unwilling to come over. However, Zhao Yao knew how to handle it when he saw her nose twitched from time to time.

He brought over the turkey mutton can and presented it to Dust Ball.

Dust Ball was extremely fidgety, and it was evident that she had a difficult time controlling her body.

Zhao Yao placed the can right below her nose and stared at Dust Ball, "You don't feel like eating?"

Dust Ball glared at him which reminded Zhao Yao of a pit viper's slit-like pupils. After taking in a few deep breaths, the anger which emanated from her eyes intensified.

Zhao Yao shook his head and understood that Dust Ball was still throwing a tantrum and was unwilling to eat it in front of Zhao Yao. Hence, he left the canned food there and left.

After Zhao Yao's departure, Dust Ball tried to control itself for another one or two minutes. However, she gave up and swallowed everything inside the can. She was so happy that she grinned from ear to ear.

Zhao Yao was hiding behind the door when the scene unfolded. He went to check his BOOK but was disappointed to find out that her loyalty had only increased by one point.

"This is too slow," Zhao Yao scratched his chin as he remarked. He thought, "I must come up with something to find out what Dust Ball likes."

He then fished out the old phone which Matcha used. Since Zhao Yao changed to his new iPhone, he had passed his current phone over to Matcha. Currently, no one was using Zhao Yao's old phone. Zhao Yao decided to hand it over to Dust Ball and taught her how to operate the phone.

However, Dust Ball did not seem interested in the phone. After using for a while out of curiosity, she gave up on the phone and started playing with Mango.

Compared to Matcha and Elizabeth which were domestic cats, stray cats like Dust Ball preferred sports and outdoor activities.

Zhao Yao pondered over Dust Ball's possible interests.

The next day, Zhao Yao brought the cats to the cat café. He began assembling the newly-delivered automatic self-cleaning cat litter box with Shi Yu.

There was a few more furniture which would be coming in today. Once they were in, Zhao Yao could open the café for business the next day.

Shi Yu asked Zhao Yao while she was cleaning the countertop, "Baiquan ... does he know about the existence of supercats?"

Zhao Yao thought about it and replied, “Hmm, he doesn’t. You can just treat him like a regular cleaning lady.

“Huh?” Shi Yu continued, “In that case, you need to give him a salary.”

“Nope, he’s a very kind-hearted individual. He volunteered to do this,” Zhao Yao replied. He had never considered giving Baiquan a salary.

Since inviting him over the previous time, Zhao Yao had lent Roly Poly’s power of invisibility to him every day. The confidence Baiquan had in Zhao Yao allowed Zhao Yao to transfer even more power as the day passed.

As long as Baiquan reported to work, Zhao Yao would technically have an assistant who possessed the power of invisibility.

Even though they had made a pact never to commit any crimes with his power, Zhao Yao was confident Baiquan would be able to earn some money without doing anything illegal.

Suddenly, the doorbell rang, and a red-haired woman entered. She wore a gold-rimmed glass, and her waist was as thick as a water barrel.

Zhao Yao raised his head and replied, “I’m so sorry, but we only open for business starting from tomorrow.”

“It’s okay, I’m just here to take a look,” the red-haired woman pushed open the gate and entered the hall as if it were her café.

Zhao Yao commented, “I’m so sorry, but you have to put on the shoe covers before entering.”

The woman seemed a little annoyed and said, “My shoes aren’t dirty, I don’t think there is a need to put on the shoe covers.”

A frown appeared on Zhao Yao’s face as he retorted, “You will pollute the environment in the café. Go and put on the shoe cover before you enter.”

The woman finally relented, albeit a little unwillingly, as she walked back and put on the shoe covers from the cabinet.

Zhao Yao continued, “There is some hand sanitizer on the cabinet. You also have to disinfect your hands.”

The woman groaned and mumbled, “How troublesome.”

Meanwhile, Zhao Yao thought, “It seems like I have to install a lock on the gate.”

The woman walked around the hall and looked at the cats which were crawling along the kitty expressway and playing in the kitty tower. She nodded her head and asked, “Oh, so customers can have a cup of coffee while playing with the cats.”

Shi Yu sensed that Zhao Yao was getting a little impatient and replied on his behalf, “Yes. You can play with the cats as long as you order one cup of drink.”

The woman continued nodding her head and commented, “I also have cats at home. However, the cats at your café are all stray cats. There are only a handful of pedigrees. What’s so fun about this?”

Zhao Yao seemed irritated by her response as Shi Yu laughed awkwardly and replied, “They are all rather affectionate, they are as affectionate as pedigrees.”

The woman did not seem to agree with Shi Yu’s words as she walked towards the bar counter and saw the menu on the wall.

She gasped and commented, “It’s so expensive. This is as good as daylight robbery.”

## Chapter 79: Open for Business

The menu included the prices for beverages such as Latte, Caffè Americano, Caffè Mocha and other commonly seen drinks.

However, the prices were a few time more expensive than usual cafes. The price range was between 100 RMB and 120 RMB.

The woman pointed at the menu and remarked, “Are you guys crazy? One cup of coffee for 100 RMB? Is your coffee made of gold?”

Shi Yu wanted to explain the reason behind it, but Zhao Yao was growing extremely impatient. He stated, “This is the average price for a cup of coffee in a cat café. The money that you pay is not only for the coffee; you are also paying for our service and the opportunity to play with the cats.

If you can’t afford it, it simply means you are not our intended customer. You may take your leave.”

“You!” That was not the answer the woman had expected. Her face turned red then purple and shouted, “You’re just trying to cheat our money! The stray cats in your café can be found all over the neighboring districts, and you expect me to pay 100 RMB for that? You might as well go and rob a bank instead! I will never buy coffee from your café...”

“Get lost.”

The woman’s lips curled in disgust after hearing Zhao Yao’s words. A glimmer of red light flashed across his face. Suddenly, the woman felt as though she had lost control of her body and she started walking towards the exit of the café involuntarily.

Shi Yu did not notice the anomaly with the woman. She just smiled and commented, “I don’t think that’s the best way to treat your first customer.” After all, she had one year of experience in the sales sector. Zhao Yao’s disrespectful treatment towards the customer was an out of bounds behavior for all salesperson.

Zhao Yao shrugged his shoulders and replied, “It’s okay, and people like her will never come to our café and buy anything from us. If any customer comes in with a similar attitude, just chase them away.”

Shi Yu laughed in response, but she thought, “No businessman will ever chase a customer away.”

After taking a few steps out of the cat café, the woman had regained control of her body. She stared at her body in shock, “How did I ... How did I walk out of the café? Was I possessed?” She turned around and stared at the café behind her. She wanted to return and reason with Zhao Yao but gave up the thought eventually.



“Hmm, his business will not be here for long. Why should I even bother reasoning with him?”

She then continued walking towards the shopping mall.

Shi Yu focused on the menu and realized that what the woman said did make some sense. She told Zhao Yao, “Zhao Yao, is our price a little too expensive?”

“How is this expensive?” Zhao Yao continued, “Our coffees are freshly brewed, and you get to play with 22 cats. This experience is definitely worth more than 100 RMB.”

Shi Yu was left speechless by Zhao Yao’s response. She scanned the boxes of Nestle coffee lying on top of the bar counter and thought, “You don’t even have a coffeemaker, and how are you ready for tomorrow’s grand opening ...”

After this period of interaction, Shi Yu began to understand Zhao Yao a little better.

Zhao Yao was quite a miser when it came to minor things in his café, contrary to how he behaved when he bought his house and car.

However, she did not know that the bulk of Zhao Yao’s saving had evaporated because of the money he had spent on his cats.

Shi Yu’s face curled into a smile, as she proposed, “How about we do some promotional event? Maybe we can offer our beverages at a discounted price or even have a buy 1 get 1 free promotion?”

“We don’t need it,” Zhao Yao immediately shot down the suggestion, “I’m telling you, the price in our café will only go up and never go down. I’m going to do a stock check on our ice inventory. In the future, if the customers order any chilled beverage, add as much ice as possible.

Hmm, try to increase the temperature too. That way, they will be more inclined to buy a chilled beverage.”

Shi Yu was astounded by what she had heard, and she secretly agreed with what the woman had mentioned earlier.

“We truly are a café which is out to cheat the customer’s money.”

However, Zhao Yao did not agree with it. He understood the power of Celestial Beats and how much comfort it would bring to the customers. It was like having a fire to keep you warm during the cold winter.

Your organs, skeletons, and muscles would be freed from the pressure of working day and night, and finally, be allowed to rest. Zhao Yao knew that everyone would love it.

However, he was afraid that Celestial Beats might attract too much unwanted attention.

Hence, he began writing a few words on a giant cardboard.

Shi Yu curiously went to Zhao Yao to take a peep at what he was writing. She could not help but rolled her eyes when she saw the content.

It wrote:

This shop employed the state-of-the-art technology from MIT. By combining the Chinese principle of Leiyin and the magnetized marrow and nano-bones present in the cat’s body, the cats were able to radiate an electromagnetic wave which would be beneficial to your health.

The human body would be exposed to this radiation when you are playing with the cats. It would improve your immunity, endocrine system, and your physical health condition. You would feel like you had reborn after leaving our cafe.

Shi Yu did not believe a word Zhao Yao wrote and thought, “Isn’t this pseudo-science? I’m sure he made all this up, even an elementary student would see through his lie.”

However, Shi Yu did not care about it. In her eyes, this was the government’s effort to prevent the apostles from committing any atrocities. He could continue doing whatever he liked as long as he did not hurt anyone.

An idea suddenly sprang in Shi Yu's head, "Wait, Zhao Yao is an apostle; don't tell me this is his ability?" She suddenly grew very curious as to what his power was, which made Zhao Yao so confident about his cat café's business.

"Maybe he has the power to brew a perfect cup of coffee?"

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Meanwhile, the red-haired woman had stepped foot in another café on the other end of the shopping mall.

It was far superior to Zhao Yao's café in terms of its furnishing, size, ambiance, equipment and even the service of the staff.

When the woman entered the café, it was packed with customers. 7 or 8 college students were even queueing up for their coffee.

This café had been the most popular café in the college town. Its modern design coupled with a wide variety of coffee that was reasonably priced had attracted teachers and students over in drove.

The woman chuckled as she saw the bustling business in the café. She was the owner of this café.

A waiter approached the woman and asked, "Ms. Mayer how is our competition?"

"It's just a café run by a bunch of rookies, they will last for at most three months," Ms. Mayer replied nonchalantly, she continued, "Furthermore, and our styles are opposites, so there's nothing for us to worry."

Chapter 80: Profit

The next day, Zhao Yao's cafe was officially open for business.

He was in the store by early morning, along with Shi Yu and Baiquan. The three of them were wearing the tailor-made, albeit cheap, black-and-white uniforms he ordered from TaoBao.

It was at exactly eight a.m. that morning when an update appeared in the mission panel.

Monthly Mission: Grand Openings Require Hard Work Too

Objective: Make a profit from the cat cafe by the end of the month

Reward: Gain 100 experience points for every RMB 50,000 profit earned (all points will be added to your account at the end of the month)

Punishment: None

Zhao Yao's face lit up as he read through the new mission details. This was an excellent opportunity to earn money and experience points at the same time.

The best part? This was not some one-off mission. It was a recurring one, which meant that he could be raking in lots of cash and points every single month.

It was perfect.

"Thank God I kept the operating costs low," he smiled.

His gaze surveyed the cafe until it landed on Elizabeth, who was elegantly perched on the highest platform of the kitty tower. Her eyes were glued to the television show lighting up her phone screen.

"Elizabeth," he started, "Turn on Celestial Beats now, won't you? Do that whenever you're here. Fill the entire cafe."

"Got it," Elizabeth replied.

With an irritated swish of her tail, a wave of inaudible beats gradually fanned across the cafe, reaching every nook and corner.

The effect was instant. The mood in the cafe was lifted. The air was transformed with an almost ethereal and other-worldly lightness.

Everyone could feel it. Baiquan, Shi Yu and Zhao Yao were washed over with a sense of relaxation like they have never experienced before. Each particle in their bodies was dancing with unadulterated joy. Every ounce of stress was released from them into the air, where it evaporated into nothing.

“It’s the Hell Aura again!” Baiquan beamed.

Having become a frequent visitor at Zhao Yao’s home, he had grown accustomed to the aura and enjoyed bathing in its glow.

He once asked what exactly this feeling was. Zhao Yao responded that they were experiencing Hell Aura, which made you stronger the more you spend time in it.

Of course, Baiquan had no idea that this was a complete lie. Zhao Yao had fabricated it to motivate him to work harder at his house duties.

“Ah, I get Master Zhao’s master plan now,” Baiquan pondered, eyes shining with excitement, “He’s opened a cafe here to corrupt college students and spawn thousands of demons! He truly is a cut above my Troll-faced Devil.”

Like Baiquan, Shi Yu was deep in thought as well. The bliss brought by Elizabeth’s Celestial Beats had eased all the tension pent up in her body. A goofy grin was plastered on her face. At that moment, she understood why Zhao Yao described the cafe that way on the board by the entrance.

She moved towards Zhao Yao, smile still in place.

“So, this is the power of your supercat?” she asked quietly.

Zhao Yao nodded with a grin.

“Yes. Don’t tell anyone,” he put a finger to his lips.

Shi Yu nodded in response, her eyes falling onto Matcha, Roly Poly, and Elizabeth. The three of them had arrived at the cafe today with little backpacks swung across their tiny shoulders, each holding a mobile phone. Anyone could see that they were not just normal cats.

As she watched them, she could not help but wonder if Zhao Yao had more than one supercat.

“Could all three of them be supercats?” she thought.

She was determined to observe them and find out.

Dust Ball had completely evaded her attention because it had no interest in mobile games and needed no bag to carry a phone.

Right now, it was busy sniffing around the cafe and rubbing its body against walls, chairs, and tables to mark its territory. These were behaviors it picked up as a stray cat. It had spent so much time on the streets that it could not lose these habits long after being awakened.

Its territory marking spree was soon interrupted by Zhao Yao, who started briefing all the supercars through their collective consciousness.

“Remember, do not use your powers openly when you are interacting with customers. Do not show that you are intelligent. And finally, please, please, please, do not use your phones when there are people around. Treat the customers well,” he said firmly.

“No scratching. Definitely no biting,” he continued, then turned to Elizabeth, “Elizabeth, you’re in control here. If someone’s about to attack a customer, stop it.”

After the lengthy reminder for the cats, Zhao Yao directed his attention to Baiquan and Shi Yu. He assigned Baiquan as the cashier and Shi Yu as the barista. The two of them worked out how to wait on the customers among themselves.

With everything ready to go, Zhao Yao could finally slump into a seat at the corner and watched the cats played.

For the next 30 minutes, that was all he did. Not a single customer crossed the threshold and stepped foot into the cafe.

The three of them sat in three separate corners with absolutely nothing to do.

“C’mon guys, chins up! Business is bound to be slow on the first day. There’ll be customers soon enough,” Shu Yu said bracingly.

Zhao Yao was not worried either. He was completely confident in the irresistible draw of the Celestial Beats.

There were other things he had to think about.

Whipping out his tablet, he lay it on the table before him and opened a web browser. A map of Jiangmen city appeared, peppered with various markings. Lines of text appeared when you mouse-over each one.

“Terrifying ghost captured on camera in East Garden...”

“Carnivores spotted partying in the zoo...”

“Theft at St. Michael’s Hospital...”

Zhao Yao had created this map to consolidate the supernatural events he found from combing through blogs and online forums. He needed to collect intel in order to track the gang of cat thieves that had been causing quite a stir in his city. He might as well get started now since there were no customers to tend to.

After all, this was the mission he had neglected as he busied himself with the cat cafe business. It was time to pay more attention to it.

“If only Inspector Ho would tip me off about what’s going. He’s bound to know more about that gang of cat thieves than I do,” he thought, rubbing the bottom of his chin absent-mindedly, “But there’s no way he’ll share that kind of info with me.”

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Two hours later, a girl with short hair passed the cafe.

She was wearing a cat t-shirt beneath her suspender romper.

The girl was Yan Xiao Qing, a sophomore at one of the colleges nearby. She had decided to drop by the shopping strip because there were no classes today.

Her eyes shone with excitement when she crossed Zhao Yao's cafe.

"Cat Haven Coffee House?" she wondered, taking a second look, "Could this be a cat cafe?"

The combined growth of cat ownership and social media usage had caused an explosion of adorable, funny, and sometimes downright amazing, cat photos and live streams online.

This was great for students like Xiao Qing, who loved cats but could not have one because of strict dorm rules. She liked them so much she needed an outlet to release it. Watching and gushing over cat videos helped with that a little. Visiting a cat cafe to play with actual cats was way better.

Unfortunately, the nearest cat cafe was hours away, so she resorted to feeding the strays around her neighborhood.

Until now.

Xiao Qing pushed the door to the cafe gingerly to reveal a magnificent scene.

Cats were everywhere. They were rolling around on the floor, chasing each other, or lounging on pieces of furniture.

She could not help but grin.