

Am I A God 991

Chapter 991: Sister and Birthday

Milk Tea said humbly, “It’s not only my doing. As Beef Ball played with Noodle daily, he started to imitate him.”

Fish Ball said telepathically to Beef Ball, “Son, learn the skills but don’t learn how Noodle eats curry.”

“What? Fish Ball’s here too?” Zhao Xue’s voice rang from the Dimension Portal. She was in a singlet, shorts, and slippers and greeted Fish Ball as she went towards the cafe cashier counter.

Ning Ning said immediately, “Zhao Xue! What are you doing?”

Zhao Xue took out the cash drawer from the counter and frowned. “Taking money. I used up my pocket money so I came here to get some.”

Ning Ning drummed up her courage and stood in front of Zhao Xue. “No! This is the cafe’s money!”

“It’s alright, I’m Zhao... I’m the boss’ sister. It’s alright to take some money.” Zhao Xue smiled merrily as she shoved Ning Ning aside and took out the drawer. Then she pocketed all the money.

Matcha rolled his eyes. “Zhao Xue... has become the decadent spendthrift of her family.”

“Huh?” Zhao Xue’s ears quivered and turned her head over as she glared at Matcha. “Do you have an opinion on the taking of my family’s money?”

Matcha shook his head like a runaway rattle-drum. “No opinion, I have no opinion. Zhao Yao hid some money under the table rests. You may take them too.”

“You are obedient Matcha.” Zhao Xue took away all the cash in the cafe and Ning Ning hugged Zhao Xue’s leg as she said, “No! I’ll be scolded by my boss! You can’t take the money!”

A yawn was heard from the reclining chair. Zhao Xue became fearful. "Brother's awake?" She flashed and bolted towards the Dimension Portal.

As she was about to enter, she discovered that the portal vanished.

She turned her head and looked in embarrassment at Zhao Yao. "Brother..."

Matcha thought, "I said a lot of things in Zhao Yao's ears but he wouldn't wake up. When the money's missing, he wakes up immediately. Money's indeed important to him."

Zhao Yao looked at Zhao Xue and extended his palm. "Surrender the money."

Zhao Xue smiled foolishly. "Ah? What?"

"Surrender the money." Zhao Yao flashed and activated Time Freeze to get back the money.

Seeing Zhao Yao put back the money into the drawer, Zhao Xue hugged Zhao Yao's leg and pleaded, "Brother! I've no money! I've no money for dinner! Please pity your sister!"

"Tsk." Zhao Yao looked in disdain at his sister. "Want to earn some money? Work in my cafe."

Zhao Xue felt a shiver running down her spine and she backed off ten meters. "I don't want to work for you. Only a fool will work for you!"

Ning Ning was speechless again.

Zhao Xue rolled her eyeballs and said, "How about this? Lend me the money. Once I make money, I'll repay you."

Zhao Yao looked disinterested as he lay on the chair and said, "I'm not lending you any money."

"D*mn." Zhao Xue turned her head and thought, "He has so much money but is unwilling to give a little to his sister. What a miser."

Seeing Ning Ning gloating over her misfortune, Zhao Xue said, “What’re you smiling about? He’s unwilling to lend money to his sister, do you think he’ll give you a raise? He’ll squeeze you dry.”

Ning Ning was speechless again.

Zhao Yao stroked his chin and said reluctantly, “Zhao Xue, what are you going to do next?”

Zhao Xue said, “I intend to go eat a Japanese buffet after taking the money. Are you treating me?”

Zhao Yao frowned as Zhao Xue said, “Yes, the air cleaning machine at Cat Island’s broken and the filter has to be changed. The milk tea in the fridge had to be replenished...”

Zhao Xue spoke as she carried Elizabeth and cuddled her.

“What a sister.” Zhao Yao’s eyelids jumped as he said, “Aren’t you 25 years old? Isn’t time to work and contribute to the family?”

“Work...” Zhao Xue caressed the belly of Elizabeth as she struggled to free herself. Zhao Xue pinched Elizabeth and she showed the whites of her eyes as she convulsed and lay in Zhao Xue’s arms, unable to stop Zhao Xue from caressing her belly.

Zhao Xue pondered and said, “Actually, I have work.”

“Oh? What’s the work?” Everyone looked astonished at Zhao Xue who was drinking milk tea and playing computer games all day at home.

“I’m the National Security Special Assistant,” Zhao Xue said proudly, “My workplace is my home. My work is to stay at home, do nothing and receive twenty thousand dollars of salary.”

Zhao Yao said, “That’s not work. They are giving me face by taking care of you! You are a grown up and still idling at home. Go out and find work to support yourself.”

Zhao Xue sighed reluctantly and buried her head in Elizabeth’s stomach.

“Boss, is Zhao Xue here?” Bai Quan walked out from the Dimension Portal and smiled as he greeted everyone.

Zhao Yao said in surprise, “Bai Quan? Why are you here? Isn’t Cat Wonderland Street busy?”

“We’re here too!” Dust Ball, Red Packet, Cannon walked out of the portal. Red Packet and Cannon picked up the catmint and put it in front of Zhao Yao.

“Zhao Yao! Happy Birthday!”

Zhao Yao was astonished as he glanced at the cats. “I almost forgot...” He had been working day and night in Closers World and time was accelerated. He forgot about the dates in the material realm.

Matcha ran out and gave a wallet to Zhao Yao. “Happy Birthday Zhao Yao! I got everyone to prepare this surprise for you!” He knew that Zhao Yao loved money and got a wallet for him.

Latte ran over and gave some hell notes to Zhao Yao. “Zhao Yao! Matcha told me you love money! I went to Taobao and bought lots of hell notes for you!”

Matcha slapped Latte’s head in fury. “Silly cat!”

“I’m not silly! My IQ’s 90!”

Zhao Yao laughed heartily as he picked up Latte and caressed his head. “Silly boy, you’re as silly as your dad when he was small.”

“Zhao Yao! Happy Birthday!” Fish Ball held a furry cat doll and walked forward. “This doll was made using my son’s shed fur.”

Zhao Xue smiled merrily as she took out a long black pantyhose. “A pantyhose from a beautiful girl for your birthday gift.”

“Get lost.” Zhao Yao knocked his head on Zhao Xue’s head and she covered her face as she groaned in agony.

All the cats on Cat Island arrived. Xiao Yu, Xiao Ming, Black Panther and Uncle Ho came to congratulate Zhao Yao on his birthday. The cafe became crowded but cosy.

Outside the cafe, Sun Jian brought a few burly guys and pointed at the cafe. He said to a fat guy and said, “Brother Shen, that’s the cafe. Their boss should be an apostle.”

“Apostle?” The fat guy smiled coldly. “Aren’t we apostles too?”

Chapter 992: Meal Gathering And Entering

“Aren’t we apostles too?” The fat guy Brother Shen smiled coldly.

His henchman said, “When Brother Shen was in Southeast Asia, who didn’t know of the Double Sword Bull? His opponent drove a trailer truck against Brother Shen and I saw him cut the truck in half.”

All his men gazed at Brother Shen. In the era of superpowers, cutting a truck with a sword was still an astonishing feat.

The fat guy tilted his neck and said, “Brother Shen will help you flatten this cafe.”

Brother Shen brought his men into the cafe.

Sun Jian looked at Brother Shen with admiration. He was the boss of the apostles. Before becoming an apostle, he was stabbed three times but he did not flinch. He waited in the queue at the hospital for his treatment.

After becoming an apostle, he fought with more than twenty apostles alone and rode the bicycle to the hospital to wait in line for his treatment.

He was admired by Sun Jian as the man of men and a super brute.

After getting the help of Brother Shen, Sun Jian was confident he would win the battle.

As they strolled in, a gentle breeze blew by and caressed their cheeks and fluttered their clothing.

Sun Jian felt his adrenaline pumping as if an electric current was passed through his body.

As compared to evil scheming and back stabbings, a direct confrontation may not yield the best results but it was the most satisfying.

Brother Shen kicked open the cafe door and shouted, “Who’s the boss...”

He felt a strong wind blowing towards him before he completed his sentence.

Bam!

A chair broke the sound barrier and smashed into a few pieces as it flew out of the door. It flew past a few of Brother Shen’s men and crashed Sun Jian’s car. The car was badly damaged with numerous dents and holes and looked like a scrapped car.

Swoosh! A line of fresh blood appeared on Brother Shen’s cheeks where the wind had just blown by.

They looked at the flattened car and gaped as they looked within the cafe.

They saw a beautiful lady holding a beer bottle and waving a chair menacingly. She shouted red-faced, “Xiao Ming! Who said I’m a family leech? I’m working every day at home! Do you know that!”

Zhao Xue’s head had cat ears and her back had a tail... She transformed after she got drunk.

Witnessing Zhao Xue’s terrifying power, Xiao Ming broke out in cold sweat and explained anxiously, “No, no, no... You are mistaken... I’m asking you where you are working. So you’re working at home. It’s good to work at home with lots of freedom... Zhao Yao!!”

He ran over to Zhao Yao for help.

Zhao Yao rolled his eyes and said, “Bai Quan, hold her down. Don’t let her drunken stupor make a fool of her.”

Bai Quan smiled as he helped Zhao Xue up. “Xiao Xue, you’ve had too much of a drink!”

“I’m not done yet!” Zhao Xue’s cheeks blushed as she said, “I’ll work tomorrow! I’m going to be an actress! I won’t come back until I get to the Oscars!” She fell to the ground and snored.

Bai Quan shook his head as he carried her to the sofa.

Asleep, Zhao Xue struggled like a drunken tiger. Her fists pounded Bai Quan’s chest like thunder and his face turned pale from the assault.

After restraining her on the sofa, Zhao Xue turned and transformed into a small cat that snored comfortably as she slept.

“She’s noisy and doesn’t know how to hold her liquor.” Zhao Yao frowned at Zhao Xue and said, “She’s snoring like a pig.” He smiled as he took candid pictures of his sister.

Xiao Ming wiped the cold sweat off his head and looked at the destroyed car outside. He shivered unconsciously. “Zhao Yao’s sister... She’s more scary than Zhao Yao... Too violent.”

Black Panther squatted by the side and held a nutrition bar in his hand. He looked at Latte and Beef Ball and said, “Take this happy bar. We’ll be good brothers and share our food and beer...”

Matcha and Fish Ball hurried over and carried Latte and Beef Ball away as they said, “Latte, stay away from this man.”

“Remember Beef Ball, don’t speak with this man.”

Uncle Ho drank a mouthful of beer and relaxed. “It’s relaxing~~Zhao Yao... After our meal, do you have anything planned?” He winked at Zhao Yao.

“No, I’m working overtime.” Zhao Yao took a few more pictures of Zhao Xue and poked her belly playfully.

Zhao Yao turned his head to look at Sun Jian, Brother Shen and his men at the entrance. “Did you say... you are going to flatten my cafe?”

Sun Jian panicked as Zhao Yao’s gang looked more powerful than what he imagined. He looked at the fat guy and asked softly, “Brother Shen? How’s that? Do you have confidence?”

Brother Shen narrowed his eyes and scrutinized Zhao Xue and Bai Quan. “This woman’s combat rating is at least 3000. That man’s even more scary with a combat rating of more than 10000.

With my intelligence and experience, if I fail, at most I’ll be killed. How did Sun Jian antagonize such powerful apostles?”

Brother Shen said humbly, “Misunderstanding, it’s all a misunderstanding. Apologies for imposing our presence on you, I’ll come another day to pay my respects.” He turned and left as Sun Jian gaped.

When Sun Jian turned, he discovered Brother Shen’s henchmen had fled at least 100 meters. Brother Shen scolded, “A bunch of disloyal dogs who didn’t wait for me!”

Zhao Yao smiled and said, “If you stay and work seven days for me, I’ll pretend that nothing happened.”

“Brother...” Brother Shen was about to say something when his eyes became dark. When he recovered, he found himself mopping the floor in the cafe.

“What’s going on? Why am I mopping the floor?” He was stunned and looked at the clock on the wall. “Ten o’clock? We came here at four, five o’clock?”

Brother Shen hugged his head and said with disbelief, “Why? Why didn’t I have memories for the past four to five hours?”

He looked at the clean cafe and thought, “Did I clean this cafe just now?”

Chapter 993: Unlimited Work

As Brother Shen was thinking, a familiar exclamation was heard.

Sun Jian was holding a feces shovel as he asked in astonishment, “Why am I here?”

A few of Brother Shen’s henchmen were wearing aprons and gloves as they stood around in shock.

Brother Shen said fearfully, “Something’s amiss! This cafe’s amiss!”

He decided to leave with his henchmen but when they stepped out of the cafe, their vision became dark and they lost awareness.

When Brother Shen recovered, he was kneeling on the ground and mopping the floor. He felt very weird as though he was proficient in mopping.

“This...” He lifted his head to look at time and it was five o’clock in the afternoon.

“Something’s amiss.”

Brother Shen walked towards the exit and discovered that Sun Jian was also leaving.

When they stepped out of the door, their eyes became dark and light. When they recovered themselves, they discovered it was five o’clock in the afternoon and they were in the kitchen washing dishes.

Sun Jian hugged his head and said, “What’s happening? Why am I not able to remember anything? Why are we washing the dishes?”

“Don’t panic and remain calm.” Brother Shen took out his cell phone and said, “Let me make a phone call...”

The result of the phone call was a loss of consciousness and a blank memory. They appeared the second day in the cafe.

For the following few days when they were awake, they would escape, make phone calls, attack Zhao Yao, attack the supercats... but they would lose their memories and continued their old ways after waking up.

The thing that shocked them was that they were doing house chores in their lost memories and they were highly proficient in housework. They could even close their eyes while washing the dishes and mopping the floor as though they had been doing it their lifetime.

These weird feelings were like a second spirit possessing their bodies and making them do the housework.

The last time that they woke up, they could only recall the events before coming to the cafe.

Time was distorted and memories blurred. Brother Shen was about to go insane.

A few men who tried to escape were stabbed by the Dragon Slaying Saber when Zhao Yao yawned and pointed out his finger. They screamed and stopped escaping.

Brother Shen said in anguish, "How many days have we worked? How many more days do we need to work?"

"This is the first day." Zhao Yao smiled and said, "Don't worry, I'm a man of my words. If you work seven days for me, I'll let you go."

"First day? But... but it seems like a lifetime."

"Check your cell phone. There's the time on it. Would I deceive you?"

Zhao Yao ordered them to work. When they are sleeping, he pulled them into Closers World to do some testing.

After sleeping, they were taken to the Door of Everlasting Life to be killed in order to accumulate the revival chances.

“This is killing three birds with one stone.” Zhao Yao got Caesar to wipe their memories for the past 24 hours. He said to Ning Ning, “Ning Ning, adjust their cell phone date to the 21st.”

As they knew a lot of Zhao Yao’s secrets, he had to properly erase their memories.

To Shen Li and his men, they were made to believe it was their first day of work and they fell into an infinite hell of housework.

Zhao Yao surveyed Sun Jian’s head. “This worker seems to have fallen ill... Why don’t we...”

“Forget it, let them go to the second day to make them happier.” Zhao Yao said to Ning Ning, “Adjust the date to the 22nd. Let them work for the second day. Hmm, I won’t need to erase their memory tomorrow.”

Ning Ning listened obediently as her hair stood on end. She was both excited and scared at the same time.

“Boss is more powerful than what I thought... He’s also more ruthless than what I thought... Perhaps I should stop working here? Wait, did I work here for more than a few years?”

Ning Ning’s smile was uglier than her crying face. “Did I get one month’s pay for working ten years?”

On the second day, Zhao Yao patted Shen Li and Sun Jian’s shoulders and encouraged them, “Congratulations, you are working for the second day. You may leave after six more days.”

Sun Jian and Shen Li were pleasantly surprised. “We have worked for a day.”

“I feel very tired. I realize homework is tiring.”

“Buck up everyone, we’ll leave in six more days.”

Shen Li looked at Zhao Yao with gratitude. “You’re magnanimous. As long as we worked for seven days, you’ll let us go.”

“Yes...” Zhao Yao patted their shoulders and said, “Don’t be too calculative and don’t brood over it.”

“What?” Shen Li looked at his hand and asked puzzled, “Where’s my thumb?”

Bam! Zhao Yao knocked them out and waved his hands as he said, “Call Lucifer. Regenerate them before letting them work.”

After working hard for the past few days, Zhao Yao had designed, developed and tested Closers World for many years. He had completed half the work and he wanted Apple to get Closers World 2.0 online.

Because Closers World was under maintenance for half a year, the previous gamers were starving for the game and they scolded Zhao Yao vehemently. From anticipation, frustration, anger to the final hopelessness, a lot of the gamers were still hoping for Closers World to be online.

When Closers World 2.0’s release date was announced, the gamers’ world became abuzz with Zhao Yao’s emoticons.

With Zhao Yao’s promotion, all major media were publicizing Closers World 2.0.

To publicize and let more people join Closers World 2.0, Zhao Yao created a video channel to introduce the game.

In the video, Zhao Yao smiled and said, “Greetings everyone, Closers World 2.0 is the new version of Closers World. After trying for three minutes, you’ll fall in love with this game.”

Zhao Yao announced that there were no level upper limit in Closers World 2.0. The top ten gamers with the highest levels would receive one to ten billion US dollars per month. There would be no repeat winners so everyone only had a chance to win in the top ten ladder once.

There would also be a Closers World 2.0 group tournament. The first prize was ten billion US dollars.

He also introduced Closers World 2.0's new gameplay, maps, dungeons and models.

The comments exploded with activity after Zhao Yao announced the prize money.

"He's asking for my liver and my life."

"Take this money away and give us the game."

"Save my child!"

Zhao Yao was pleased when he saw the various news on Closers World 2.0. With the support of multiple governments, the special nature of the dreamscape game, the ability of Closers World 2.0 to replace sleep and the attractive prize money, Zhao Yao could imagine how popular Closers World 2.0 would be.

Zhao Yao could not help smiling when he thought about the new design settings.

He developed the game to accumulate the energy for the evolution of his supercats. So he needed more gamers to spend more time and more attention on him.

Zhao Yao could imagine the countless livers that he would be harvesting in Closers World 2.0.

Bam! Zhao Yao looked at the door of the room that was kicked open and frowned. "What's up Zhao Xue?"

Zhao Xue's eyes glimmered as she looked at Zhao Yao and said, "Is the prize money for real?"

"Of course it's real."

"Why are you paying that much for the prize money?"

"Of course I'm not paying," Zhao Yao said. "England, France, the US, Japan and China are paying 100 billions US dollars each every year. It's a paltry sum for them."

“That sounds more like protection money.” Zhao Xue shook her head and looked at Zhao Yao as she asked with anticipation, “You developed the game, do you have a winning strategy?”

“I’ve no winning strategy.”

“How could it be? You designed and developed it!”

“It’s a top-notch game created by me. How could there be a winning strategy?”

Matcha opened the door violently and jumped headlong into Zhao Yao’s arms as he said fawningly, “Zhao Yao! Could you share information about Closers World 2.0 with me?”

Before Zhao Yao replied the door to the room was opened with a bang. Rice Cake jumped on Zhao Yao’s head and shouted, “Zhao Yao! Could I play Closers World 2.0 first?”

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A few days later on the streets of Paris in Europe.

A sleeping Chinchilla, who was sprawled in the sun, shook his body and opened his eyes. His eyes glimmered with spiritual radiance.

“I’ve lost contact with Giggle and Tom for a long time. I wonder what’s up with them.”The Chinchilla shook his head and gazed at the bustling streets and said, “This planet’s not that primitive.”

He jumped down from the window sill and walked on the street as he immersed himself in local French culture.

Suddenly, his ears were up and he turned his head to see a young man on a wheelchair. Looking at the games visor on his head, he said bewildered, “This is... the scent of the power of awareness? The natives could not possible know such stuff. Is it the work of Giggle?”

He squinted his eyes and half an hour later, he appeared in a residence with the games visor. He lay on the bed, started the games visor and entered Closers World 2.0.

Chapter 994: Game And Situation

Chinchilla made use of the games visor and a human's identity to enter Closers World. He discovered he had become a dark, short and fat guy in the Beginner's Village.

Then he looked at the surrounding players and found all of them to be dark, short and fat. They looked different from the humans on Earth.

"Is this a dreamscape?" Chinchilla sensed the situation in Closers World. "Giggle made an awareness country? This is prohibited."

An exclamation was heard from the surrounding and Chinchilla turned his head to see a group of dark shorties gazing at a white clean fat guy walking by.

"D*mn, this guy's white."

"He obtained the pure white skin item."

"This item's a treasure of a level 20 dungeon. The game has only gone online for a few days. He's very strong."

Chinchilla frowned as he could not understand the concept of online gaming. He could not figure out why they were exclaiming.

He did not know that in Closers World 2.0's design, all beginners started as short, fat and ugly. To become beautiful or handsome, they had to conquer dungeons and complete missions to become taller, fairer, more beautiful and handsome.

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In Zhao Yao's cafe.

Zhao Yao was sitting in front of the computer studying the games company's data about Closers World.

"The online gamers had breached 10 million and it's still growing." Zhao Yao nodded with satisfaction. "The servers' capacity have to be expanded. Hehe, with the current trend, it's a matter of time before the numbers reach one billion."

He stroked his chin and thought, "Making Closers World as a dreamscape, I wonder if there's a limit for number of players? Is it able to sustain a billion people's awareness?"

Zhao Yao thought that he should find time to research Closers World's capacity.

He turned to look at Ning Ning and said, "Hey, you've mopped the floor beside me for half an hour. Tell me if you have things to say."

Ning Ning smiled in embarrassment as her eyes glanced at the computer's date and time. "Good, my time was not changed."

After witnessing the endless work situation of Sun Jian and his companions, Ning Ning was suspicious daily as she was worried if she worked for nothing for the day.

She smiled and said, "Nothing, continue with your work and I'll continue with the mopping."

Zhao Yao frowned at Ning Ning as she left. "She's acting weird and mysterious."

Matcha jumped into Zhao Yao's arms and said, "Zhao Yao! Latte's playing Closers World every day. Could you ban his game's account?"

"Yes." Cheese stood beside Zhao Yao and said, "Rice Cake hadn't gone offline for two days. I'm worried she may die of exhaustion."

"Two days online?" Zhao Yao was surprised. "Did she eat, drink or use the bathroom?"

Seeing Cheese nodding, Zhao Yao said, "That's alright if she's eating, drinking and using the bathroom. Closers World's similar to dreaming and has a restorative effect. She will not die of exhaustion."

Matcha said, "If they play computer games daily, won't they waste their talents? If they don't know anything, what are they going to do when they grow up?"

"Yes, exactly." Cheese said, "Zhao Yao, please help. Ban their game accounts."

Zhao Yao shook his head and said, "My games company will not ban game accounts without reason."

Matcha said, "How about duration restrictions? How about half an hour per day for kittens?"

Zhao Yao stroke his chin and thought, "Duration restrictions?"

"Yes." Cheese nodded his head and said, "Cats below five years of age should only be allowed to play for half an hour." He thought, "If Rice Cake could get rid of her internet addiction, she'll have more time to lick my fur and play with me."

"Below five years of age?" Matcha was unhappy as a lot of his friends were unable to access Closers World. "Five year old cats are already halfway in their graves and they aren't adults?"

Matcha looked disdainfully at Cheese. "Rice Cake's quite old. She's no longer a kitten."

"What? What about Rice Cake? She's still a kitten in my eyes."

Zhao Yao waved to interrupt both cats. "Enough. Whether it's human or cats, I won't set duration restrictions. Both of you may leave."

After pondering, Zhao Yao added, "Don't worry, I'll expand the supercats' academy. They'll study during the day and play in Closers World during bedtime."

As Y Academy's marketing officer, Matcha was surprised. "Ah? Y Academy's expanding? Why was I not informed?"

“Hmm.” Zhao Yao nodded and said, “I’ve decided with several large countries to develop supercats’ nine year education. We hope the supercats to start schooling from six months to nine years of age.”

Cheese was speechless.

Matcha was shocked. “D*mn it. Aren’t we stuck in school for most of our life?”

Zhao Yao nodded and said, “Yes, it’s a joy to be in school. Once you are enrolled, you’ll understand. Once you’ve graduated, you’ll be nostalgic of your schooling days.”

Matcha was even more astonished. “We’ve got to go to school?”

Zhao Yao said, “Nonsense. You’re not above nine years of age. Take a few days to study. You’ll need to take the streaming exams for your level.”

Matcha hugged Zhao Yao’s leg with a pitiful face. “Zhao Yao, please don’t let me go to school. I don’t want to study. I want to keep you company every day.”

“No.”

Matcha kept his wits. “If we study, what about the business at Cat Wonderland Street? We’ve to work.”

“I’ve thought about that.” Zhao Yao said, “We are pushing for joyful, quality and a reduced load education. You’ll be dismissed from school at 2:30pm and start work at 3pm until 10pm at night.”

“You study in the day and work at night. Your life would be more fulfilling.”

Matcha cried as he said, “D*mn if I’ll be fulfilled.”

Matcha and Cheese left dejectedly. When they returned to the Extradimensional Belly, they saw Uncle Egg smiling merrily as he said mysteriously, “Someone in your home’s addicted to the internet?”

“Not respecting their father and brother?”

“Getting more rebellious and disrespectful?”

Uncle Egg smiled and said, “With more kittens addicted to the internet and gaming, Roly Poly and I started the Internet Addiction Clinic to treat internet addiction. Do you want to try?”

Uncle Egg’s tail glimmered with blue electrical sparks.

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In the cafe, Diana returned to the material realm from Closers World and shouted at Zhao Yao, “Zhao.... Zhao Zhao Zhao Zhao...”

“What’s happening?” Zhao Yao looked at the Level 22 Diana and caressed her head as he said, “You’re a Level 22 supercat. Be more mature.”

After Closers World went online, Diana’s level skyrocketed. She was immune to 99% of all physical attacks and her power-up factor was 220%.

Zhao Yao estimated that the upgrades were not unlimited. After increasing five levels, Diana would reach a new bottleneck.

Diana shouted loudly, “An alien cat intruded Closers World!”

“What? I have to ban his account. Wait...” Zhao Yao waved his hand and said, “Don’t act recklessly. I’ll monitor him for 24 hours and look at the situation.”

Chapter 995: Spy And Delay

In Closers World, Zhao Yao floated in the sky above the Beginner’s Village. Screens appeared before him, showing the situation of Chinchilla controlling the dark fat beginners.

Diana said, "It's him. After entering Closers World, he triggered the alarm system. He possessed a high power of awareness. I hurried over to observe him. In order not to alert him, I didn't attack or chase him away."

Zhao Yao nodded. "What you did was correct."

The screens in front of Zhao Yao and the defense system surrounding Closers World were his fruits of labor after spending several years in design and development.

Zhao Yao spied on the alien cat and said, "He... doesn't seem anxious or on guard."

He frowned and thought of the reason. "He's not aware of my existence. He might think that the game was created by Giggle. From what they know, there are no humans or cats on this planet that could defeat them."

Though Zhao Yao was guessing, looking at the relaxed sightseeing expression of the alien cat, he was about 80% sure of his guess.

"If that's the case..."

Zhao Yao narrowed his eyes and decided to enter Closers World and spy on the alien cat's level in close proximity.

Zhao Yao hid behind a wall in the Beginner's Village and spied on the alien cat carefully. When he saw the Level 20 indicator above the alien cat's head, he heaved a sigh of relief.

"As expected, he's stronger than Giggle so he appears relaxed in Closers World." Zhao Yao was pleased. "He's not as strong as Diana."

"With Level 22 Diana, in addition to home ground advantage, we should be able to subdue him easily, but..."

Though he was stronger than the alien cat, he understood that to defeat and kill him would alert other alien cats.

From Tom's information, the alien cats in the Milky Way were in a state of disunity but the nearby Short Fur Tribe, the faraway Furless and Long Fur Tribe had the ability to destroy Earth.

Zhao Yao recalled what Tom had told him.

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Tom said, "The Short Fur Tribe is good with their power of awareness. The superpower of distortion of awareness was passed down by our ancestors. The elites are called Short Fur Sages and could make cats like bathing and humans like eating feces with their thoughts. They could also distort the awareness of tens of thousands of people and make them slaves."

"The Short Fur Sages are not the strongest," Tom said proudly. "The strongest cat in Short Fur Tribe is the Whitehand Grandmaster who is 50 years of age. He's a dragon-like celestial cat that travels the Milky Way with ease. He controls millions of cat slaves' awareness with his thoughts."

"The faraway Furless Tribe is good with physical transformation. The furthest tribe is the Long Fur Tribe and it is good with development of strange superpowers..."

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"I'm not a match for the Short Fur Tribe so I can't alert them. I have to delay time and let my supercats evolve to higher levels."

Zhao Yao thought about it and got a hold of Tom. He pointed to the alien cat who was sizing up the cat-eared girls in the Beginner's Village and asked Tom, "Are you able to identify him?"

Tom was tongue-tied.

"Trash." Zhao Yao sighed and said, "That's an alien cat who could be from your tribe. Go and chat with him."

Seeing Tom's excitement, Zhao Yao said coldly, "I'll spy on you 24/7. If you say inappropriate things, I'll castrate you."

Tom nodded with fear and said, "I'll guarantee a good job!"

Tom had been developing Closers World with Zhao Yao for many years and understood his ruthlessness. Moreover, his superpower had reached an unfathomable stage and Closers World was his home. The timid Tom did not dare to resist.

Zhao Yao said, "I've given you permission for social media software. I'll use Wechat to communicate. I'll prompt you what to say."

The alien cat saw a golden-fur cat appearing before him and the golden-fur cat said, "You aren't from this planet? Are you from the Short Fur Tribe? I'm Amakusa from the Short Fur Tribe."

"It's you, Amakusa?" The alien cat said. "I'm Strangle. Do you remember me? I licked your buttocks and taught you how to poop and pee when you were young."

"Uncle Strangle! It's you!" Tom looked excitedly at Strangle but calmed down after considering his situation.

Strangle chided Tom, "Where's Giggle? Did he make this Closers World? Did he know that this is prohibited? What are both of you up to?"

Tom lowered his head and mumbled for a while before following Zhao Yao's prompts and said, "Giggle created this Closers World for our tribe. Other aliens are not able to find us here. With this Closers World, we can upgrade our levels fast."

"Oh?" Strangle wanted to test Tom immediately. When he attacked with his power of awareness, he felt he had knocked into a mountain that was impervious to all attacks.

Strangle was surprised. "Is he able to use Closers World to accumulate power of awareness with ease?"

Tom said, "Giggle and I did it for our tribe. If you're willing, we can use Closers World to increase your power of awareness."

"Oh?" Strangle's eyes lit up.

Zhao Yao sent Tom a short prompt via Wechat.

Tom followed the prompting and said, “Uncle, Closers World was created according to the natives’ games. If you follow their rules and attract their attention, you’ll absorb their mental energy and increase our power of awareness.”

“Why... don’t you try?”

“Okay,” Strangle said. “How do I do it?”

Tom said, “Hmm, you have to create a new avatar like mine.” He pointed to his golden-fur avatar.

After Zhao Yao exposed the existence of supercats, though commoners seldom encountered supercats but supercats were able to live their lives in the open.

The nine year education and work opportunities both in private and civil service were to allow the smooth integration of supercats into human society.

The goal of Closers World was to allow everyone on Earth to play, including supercats.

To attract supercats to play, Zhao Yao specifically created cat avatars.

Chapter 996: Upgrade Lottery Draws and Publicity

Strangle created a new avatar and became a bald and ugly native cat in the Beginner’s Village.

Strangle looked at his avatar with disgust and looked at Tom’s golden fur as he asked, “Why did I become ugly? Why is your fur luminous?”

Tom said, “In Closers World, to attract more attention, the player has to become stronger and more handsome.” He pointed to a Ragdoll cat and said, “You can become stronger and more handsome by completing missions. Later, you can also conquer dungeons.”

“That’s troublesome,” Strangle said impatiently. “Didn’t you create this dreamscape? Why don’t you change the settings in the dreamscape? Why the trouble?”

Strangle only wanted his power to increase but he did not want to complete missions and conquer dungeons.

“The collective dreamscape became stronger and it gathered the countless thoughts of the natives. Even we are unable to make changes.” Tom managed to coax Strangle to try out the game.

Tom brought Strangle to an NPC and Strangle nodded at the Ragdoll cat NPC. “This cat is beautiful.”

Supercats players got to see Ragdoll cats as beginner NPCs while human players got to see cat-eared girl NPCs.

With Tom’s guidance, Strangle completed his first beginner’s mission. His body flashed with golden rays and he was upgraded a level. He also obtained a beginner’s gift.

Strangle said with amazement, “I feel... I’ve grown stronger? Have my power and speed been upgraded?”

Feeling the changes after the upgrade, Strangle tilted his head and said, “I like this feeling.”

He took out the beginner’s gift and asked curiously, “What’s this?”

Tom explained, “This is your beginner’s gift. From now on, every level up entitles you to open the box once to obtain items from it.”

Strangle opened his gift box and it vanished. A golden voucher appeared in front of his chest.

“What’s this?”

Tom said, “This is the beginner’s first gift which is a lottery draw. If you call for the player’s panel and choose lottery, you’ll be able to draw from the lottery.”

“Lottery draw?” Strangle followed Tom’s instruction and saw a large pool appear before him. There were various equipment, skins and pets in the pool and the lottery draw indicator showed one chance for lottery.

Under Tom’s guidance, Strangle activated the lottery draw. The pool spun wildly and a faded card appeared.

Tom studied the card and sighed. “Hmm, it’s N card skin with orange fur.”

“N card skin?” Strangle was bewildered and changed to N card skin with Tom’s help.

Strangle’s body changed from bald and untidy fur to an orange cat.

Strangle looked curiously at his body’s changes and felt better about his new image.

Strangle felt pleasure after the lottery draw and the changing of his skin.

Tom noticed Strangle was silent and was worried that he was unhappy. Tom said, “If you don’t like the orange fur, there are more fur colors, eye color, paw pad colors, tail lengths, wings, head halos and other luminous items in the future.”

Tom knew that the orange skin was the lowest caste level of supercats in the Milky Way, hence it was not popular.

Strangle tilted his head and asked curiously, “How do I get those items?”

“Level upgrades, completing missions and conquering dungeons...”

“I’d like to go straight to lottery draws.” Strangle interrupted Tom and asked, “How could I have another lottery draw?”

“The reward for the completion of a mission is a lottery draw. If you have a level upgrade, the gift box may reward you with a lottery draw.”

Strangle asked, “Where do I complete missions next? Could I level up?” After his pleasant experience, Strangle wanted to level up and have another lottery draw.

Seeing Strangle complete the beginner’s tutorial missions step by step, Zhao Yao heaved in relief. “I don’t see any problems. I’ll let Tom handle Strangle and delay for time.”

Zhao Yao arranged for Diana to continue surveillance on Strangle and Tom while he returned to the material realm. He wanted to boost Closers World 2.0 and let it be even more popular.

Zhao Yao made a phone call to Uncle Ho. “Uncle Ho, have you contacted the people I requested for?”

Uncle Ho smiled and said, “Hmm, Hui, Gu and Xiao Chun have agreed together with other celebrities.”

Zhao Yao nodded with satisfaction and asked, “What... what about that person? Did he agree?”

Uncle Ho smiled wryly as he replied, “You are forcing me to get rejected.”

“Don’t say that. Even a sentence from him is enough,” Zhao Yao said unhappily. “The American President has agreed and will live stream their gaming in Closers World. You’re not getting approval from your side?”

Uncle Ho’s face was full of sweat as he said, “Okay, I’ll try again.”

Zhao Yao called England, France, the United States, Russia, India, Japan and Korea to firm up the details of his publicity campaign.

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In England, Durant said, “It’s Zhao Yao’s phone call. He requested for more than a hundred celebrities, thirty internet celebrities and more than twenty political and business figures to help publicize his game.”

An elder said, “Zhao Yao’s getting out of hand. Did you agree to his requests?”

Durant shrugged his shoulders and said, “Everyone’s familiar with his information. He’s vengeful, petty, greedy and completely lacks principles. If we don’t agree...”

Another elder asked, “What will he do?”

Durant said, “He’ll do anything like flooding London with feces and urine or live stream the feeding of the Prime Minister with feces.”

The elder covered his head and said, “Okay, agree to his terms. There’s no negotiation with him.”

Another elder shook his head. “Humph, what’s this? A feces blackmail?”

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Zhao Yao thought, “With my influence, if I’m not destroying Earth, all requests would be met.”

“I’m only requesting a group of celebrities, internet celebrities and famous elites to help promote Closers World.”

Zhao Yao’s cell phone rang. “Hello? Xiao Jin? You want to help me advertise? It’s not necessary. The people on your side don’t have internet, what’s the use of advertisements? With your resources, improve the internet infrastructure of your home and let everyone get on the internet and play Closers World.”

After hanging up, the cell phone rang again and another person wanted to help Zhao Yao with his advertising campaign.

A few days later, a new round of publicity for Closers World started with a bang.

Everyone discovered a lot of famous people were playing Closers World on social media and television.

Some unknown figures stood in front of the television camera and told everyone about their gaming experience in Closers World.

The publicity of Closers World became very intense. Whether the famous people were playing Closers World or faking it, they caused a lot of people to play the game on an impulse.

Within a few days, a few million people created their avatars in Closers World.

With more gamers in Closers World, the progress bar in Zhao Yao's BOOK accelerated and Diana was upgraded to Level 23. Though the progress was slowed after upgrading, the explosion in gamers made the evolution progress accelerate again.

With the strengthening of his power base, Zhao Yao intended to find out more about the Furless Tribe.

Chapter 997: Alien Planets

"I'm playing Closers World 2.0 and it's a fun, healthy, and wholesome game. Tonight at eight o'clock, if you're game, join me."

Puff!

After looking at the video, Zhao Xue spurted out the milk tea in her mouth and coughed violently.

Zhao Yao walked over silently. Zhao Xue pointed at the person in the television and stammered, "He... he... he, he, he... he's playing Closers World?"

"Not possible. I only asked him to make an advertisement for me." Zhao Yao hesitated and said, "No, he accessed Closers World during bedtime but he didn't play. He only made use of Closers World to save on sleeping time."

Zhao Xue looked astonished at Zhao Yao.

Zhao Yao was pleased and said, "What's the most important job in society? Being a good human. I'm of good character with integrity so I know a lot of people. Do you understand?"

Zhao Xue rolled her eyes as she did not believe a word of his.

Milk Tea came over with a box of tissues above his head. “Zhao Xue, why did you vomit? Is the milk tea terrible? Please wipe yourself.”

Seeing Zhao Xue take a piece of tissue, Milk Tea put down the tissue and took out a piece of tissue to clean the floor stains.

Zhao Yao said gladly, “Milk Tea, you don’t have to do this. Zhao Xue, clean up your own mess.”

Milk Tea said, “It’s alright, I’ll do some work. Otherwise I’ll feel useless.”

Zhao Yao smiled and squatted down as he caressed Milk Tea’s head. “How’s school? Are you used to it?”

Milk Tea said, “Hmm, next week’s formal class. I had a streaming examination yesterday. I streamed to Level 5.”

“Oh, not bad. Keep it up.” Zhao Yao looked at Matcha, who was sprawled on the sofa and asked, “Matcha, what about you?”

Matcha said softly, “Level 3...” He looked astonished at Milk Tea and thought, “Milk Tea’s at Level 5? I’m only at Level 3. School’s not for me.”

“Yes, what about Latte?” Zhao Yao asked, “He’s weaker in intelligence. Is he coping well?”

Latte jumped onto the window sill and bounced as he ran towards Zhao Yao. He said happily, “Zhao Yao, don’t worry, I don’t need to study.”

“What?”

“I didn’t go to the examination.” Latte was pleased as he said, “If I don’t go to the examination, I won’t need to go to school.”

“Incorrect.” Zhao Yao sighed and caressed Latte’s head. “Silly kid. If you don’t take the examination, you’ll start from Level 1.”

Latte was surprised and asked, “I have to go to school?”

Zhao Yao massaged Latte’s head and said, “Don’t worry, the Level 1 cats are silly like you. You’ll have fun with them.”

Latte avoided Zhao Yao’s palm and said angrily, “I’m not silly. My IQ’s 90! I tested it on the internet!” Latte left dejectedly.

He recalled Beef Ball’s words. Fish Ball told Beef Ball that elementary school was used to by adults to torture small kids. The kids had to do homework until midnight. If they could not finish, they let their cats do the homework.

“Don’t I have to do homework until midnight?”

Thinking of his bleak future, Latte became depressed and pondered how to skip school.

Zhao Yao ate his breakfast at home and returned to the cafe. He closed his eyes and his awareness flowed into Closers World.

He focused his mind and various data appeared before him.

“The number of players has reached 20 million. Very good.” He looked at the progress bar in the Book. Diana should be able to upgrade to Level 24.

After pondering, Zhao Yao decided to visit the alien cats’ planet after Diana reached Level 24. He wanted to take a look instead of passively waiting on Earth.

The situation on Earth was good. Closers World was developing steadily, all the countries were peaceful, the supercats were progressing in their lives. Even if Zhao Yao was missing from Earth, it would not create problems.

From Tom’s information, the alien cats traveled in the Awareness Dimension and their awareness descended upon Earth.

Since they could travel here, Zhao Yao could also travel to them.

With Diana's ability, Zhao Yao was able to bring his body over and then set up a Dimension Portal. This would establish a permanent long distance link and he was able to bring supercats who were unable to travel in the Awareness Dimension to travel with him.

Soon it was dark. Zhao Yao exhaled gently. He made sure Tom and Strangle were not creating problems and Diana was still spying on them.

He examined his Book and Diana had upgraded to Level 24. Her progress was slowed down once again.

"Then... Let's begin..."

Zhao Yao vanished into the thin air as he entered the Awareness Dimension.

He traveled according to Tom's instruction. As compared to the speed in the material realm, traveling in the Awareness Dimension was much faster. It was a short while before Zhao Yao came out of the Awareness Dimension and arrived at a strange plain.

Four moons were hanging up in the sky. It was no longer Earth.

Zhao Yao took in a deep breath and found nothing amiss. He extended his arms and the weight was similar to Earth. This was a planet suitable for human's existence.

"According to Tom, this is Short Fur Tribe's home planet."

Zhao Yao sized up the environment. "Though the Short Fur Tribe governed several planets, their numbers were less than humans or cats. As a life form that was imbued with power of awareness upon birth, their reproduction level was far lower than supercats on Earth."

"Hopefully Doomsday hasn't solved their reproduction problem."

"There should be plentiful of aliens on this planet."

Zhao Yao pondered and used the Extradimensional Belly superpower to set up a Dimension Portal.

As he stepped into the Dimension Portal, he saw Uncle Egg extend his electrified paw. Rice Cake, who was tied to a cat dwelling, screamed pitifully. Cheese was at the side looking very worried.

Uncle Egg said, "Don't scream pitifully. I haven't started yet."

Rice Cake said angrily, "I researched this on the internet. It's going to be painful."

Cheese stood at the side and said, "Rice Cake, it's for your own good. We have to treat your internet addiction."

Rice Cake said, "Oooooooooo! Cheese! I hate you!"

Cheese covered his chest as though he was stabbed and fell to the ground.

Roly Poly smiled merrily and said, "Don't worry Cheese, I'll console her. It's going to be alright." He stroked Rice Cake's head and thought, "Can you feel it? Rice Cake's superpower DNA."

Project X said, "Hmm, continue pressing and don't release your paw."

Zhao Yao looked at the cats treating their internet addiction and rolled his eyes. He released Rice Cake's ropes and warned, "It's good to cut back on gaming but don't use electricity for treatment. Do you understand?"

"Zhao Yao's here!"

The cats were shocked and they fled in all directions.

Zhao Yao shook his head and returned to the alien planet. He had set up a Dimension Portal on the alien planet and he could bring himself, cats and humans to travel between the two planets.

After confirming that there was no problem with the Dimension Portal, he chose a direction and started running at high speed.

He wanted to find the inhabitants of this alien planet to find out from them more about the Short Fur Tribe. He wanted to see with his own eyes the levels of the powerful cats of the Short Fur Tribe.

Chapter 998: Cat Slaves

Zhao Yao ran at full speed and the surrounding scenery became a blur. He was like a streak of black lightning cutting through the air, leaving a trail of after-images behind him.

Zhao Yao recalled what Tom had told him regarding the Short Fur Tribe on this planet.

Like the cats on Earth, the supercats of the Short Fur Tribe were lone rangers and did not like living together. The cats on this planet carved out their own territories. When their kittens were grown up, they would be chased out to lead independent lives.

On these territories, the supercats ruled various humans. A portion of the humans borrowed superpowers from the supercats to rule other humans and develop villages and cities. They were called cat slaves.

Zhao Yao understood that it was naive to think that he could lead sneak attacks on these supercat lone rangers from the Short Fur Tribe.

As the supercats had control of the power of awareness, they could travel to any part of the planet in a blink of an eye and support each other.

Because of the existence of the Awareness Dimension, regardless of the distance, they could meet in dreams to communicate and seek help.

The Awareness Dimension was their internet.

As Zhao Yao pondered, he stepped hard and anchored himself on the ground with a loud bang as he gazed at the distant rising smoke.

“Are they humans?”

He moved again but it was not the usual obvious charge but a stealthy and careful intrusion of the unknown territory.

Zhao Yao saw a primitive village that was decorated with teeth of wild beasts. The humans looked dark and strong.

“Is this a human’s dwelling place? It seems that there are no supercats here. It should be one of the villages of a supercat.”

Zhao Yao decided not to show himself. He spat out Roly Poly.

Roly Poly was shocked and squeezed his buttocks. Broken pieces of cat feces fell to the ground as he said in astonishment, “Zhao Yao, what are you doing?” I’m pooing!”

Zhao Yao grabbed Roly Poly’s head and said, “I need invisibility. Get ready.”

Roly Poly was dragged to the nearby village and he said furiously, “I haven’t finished pooing.”

“Poo as we go. Nobody can see us anyway.”

The invisible Zhao Yao walked into the village and he found that most of the humans were female. The men were most likely out working or hunting. He approached an elder.

“Sleep Medusa—Sleep.”

“Nightmare Lord—Dream.”

With the switching of two superpowers, Zhao Yao went into the dream of the elder.

More than a minute later, he returned to the material realm. He was in the dream with the elder for a few months. Not only did Zhao Yao learn the native’s tongue, he also obtained information on the village and the surrounding areas.

“Caesar.” Zhao Yao spat out Caesar and pointed at the elder as he said, “Erase her memories for the past three minutes.”

Seeing Caesar doing his work, Zhao Yao squeezed his chin as he thought, “This is called Cat’s Tail Village and it’s in the territory of the handsome cat Wheatley. Wheatley had dozens of villages like this one and he lives in the nearby Frosted Teeth City.”

Roly Poly asked curiously, “Zhao Yao, Zhao Yao, is this the alien planet? What’s the situation?”

Zhao Yao looked grim as he said, “This planet is called Satol by the natives.”

“On Satol, the cats are rulers. Humans who borrow superpowers and worship cats are called slaves, which are categorized into levels ranging from one to nine stars.”

“On this planet, humans are proud to be cat slaves.”

Roly Poly stared wide-eyed as he said excitedly, “Really?”

Project X was excited in Roly Poly’s awareness. “This is a good place!”

Zhao Yao frowned at the excited Roly Poly and asked, “You are happy? You like this place?”

Roly Poly shook his head like a rattle-drum. “No, no. Why would I like this place? Earth’s better.”

Zhao Yao glanced at Roly Poly and ignored him as he considered his next move.

“Using my lone power to defeat the Short Fur Tribe is too far stretched.” Zhao Yao stroked his chin and thought, “Perhaps I could try disintegrating it from within or even dominate the tribe from within.”

Zhao Yao understood that with his current strength, a direct confrontation with Short Fur Tribe was not possible. Even if they sent out 300 Toms, he was not a match for them.

Moreover, there were more than 300 supercats and the strongest of them was not as simple as Tom.

Pondering over the information gained from the elder, Zhao Yao thought, “This is Wheatley’s territory. They said that he was in Frosted Teeth City recruiting cat slaves. I can sneak in this way.”

A few minutes later, Zhao Yao changed into the village costume and arrived at the Frosted Teeth City’s entrance.

The city did not have walls. To the inhabitants of Satol, cat slaves and supercats are the deciding factor in a conflict. Normal humans are not useful in this case.

Zhao Yao walked in the bustling streets of the Frosted Teeth City and surveyed the surrounding short houses. The appearance looked much like the small towns on Earth and the population was much larger than what he expected.

Zhao Yao used the native tongue to ask a passer-by, “Where can I sign up to be a cat slave?”

After asking around, Zhao Yao came to a large imposing hall, which was the Cat Slave Hall. It was a place for the cat slaves to train and rest while not serving the supercats.

Zhao Yao looked at the most imposing building in Frosted Teeth City with mixed feelings.

“D*mn... I traveled the Milky Way from a faraway planet... to be a cat slave... d*mn...”

A burly man in white robe walked out and looked at Zhao Yao as he asked, “Who are you? What are you doing here?”

Zhao Yao said, “I want to be a cat... cat slave.”

The burly man scrutinized Zhao Yao critically and said, “Not everyone can be a cat slave. Only a person with great potential, meticulous nature and utmost loyalty to the cat is allowed to be one. Are you one of them?”

Zhao Yao frowned and said reluctantly, “I am one of them.”

The burly man nodded and said, “Come in for the test. If you are sure you have the potential, you may become a cat slave apprentice. After the test by Lord Wheatley, you may become a real cat slave.”

Chapter 999: Stuck

The burly man brought Zhao Yao to a small room in the great hall. On the table was a piece of shiny black scarf.

The burly man explained, “This is the Sacred Scarf weaved from the fur sheddings of Lord Wheatley. It contains Lord Wheatley’s residual power of awareness. If you are able to receive it, it will prove that you have the potential of a cat slave. The more you receive, the higher your potential.”

“Oh, that’s how...” Zhao Yao thought. “The previous elder knew that aspiring cat slaves had to register in the Frosted Teeth City but did not know the detailed procedures. The cat slave potential should be similar to the Earth’s apostle potential. I don’t think I have this potential. No, the Earth’s apostles could not directly receive power of awareness or detect the presence of power of awareness. This should be the exclusive potential of the Short Fur Tribe’s human...”

“Anyway, I’ll have a try.”

Zhao Yao said, “What should I do?”

“Put your hand on it. The Sacred Scarf will have a different reaction for different receptions of the power of awareness.”

Zhao Yao pressed his palm on the scarf.

The scarf did not move an inch and there was no noticeable effect.

The burly man shook his head and said, “It’s a pity, you do not have the potential of a cat slave. You are destined to be a normal human.”

Zhao Yao frowned as he did not like the result. His eyes glimmered as his power of awareness flowed into the scarf.

The Sacred Scarf flapped violently as if it detected intrusion of other power of awareness and wanted to expel Zhao Yao's energy.

The burly man's eyes lit up. "Oh? The power of awareness came out from the scarf? You do have potential after all."

Moments later, he shook his head. "The Sacred Scarf only moved a little and it meant that the power of awareness that flowed out was little. Though you have potential but it's very little."

He lifted his head and looked at Zhao Yao and asked, "What's your name?"

Zhao Yao replied, "Guang Yu."

The burly man nodded and said, "Guang Yu, follow me. I'll tell you how to train."

Zhao Yao felt like it was similar to a school. He had to attend classes and training in the day and could go home at night. Breakfast and lunch were provided free of charge.

"You can call me Black Dune. I'm the Cat Slave Hall's trainer," The burly man said. "You'll begin class tomorrow and learn the basic skills of a cat slave like taking care of cats, combing fur, preparing cat meals and control of the power of awareness..."

The burly man did not guard against Zhao Yao as all the power was concentrated in the cats. All rebellions were meaningless. After being controlled by the Short Fur Tribe, no rebellion could possibly happen.

When Zhao Yao heard the training program, he rolled his eyes in his heart. But when Black Dune mentioned the control of power of awareness, Zhao Yao's eyes lit up.

The control of the power of awareness was one of the goals of Zhao Yao. Compared to the Short Fur Tribe, Zhao Yao's understanding was simple and inferior. For example, Giggle's creation of Closers World was a use of the power of awareness. Zhao Yao spent tens of years using Diana's superpower to change the contents but he was unable to change the structure of Closers World.

As for the battle tactics using power of awareness, Zhao Yao was only half-schooled in the use of awareness. He depended on pure brute force of using high level power of awareness to defeat Giggle and Tom.

Sneaking into the Cat Slave Hall was easier than what Zhao Yao expected. After being informed of the class schedule, he left very pleased with himself.

Seeing Zhao Yao leave, the other trainer smiled and asked curiously, “Another new recruit? How’s his potential?”

Black Dune shook his head. “His attitude isn’t bad but with his potential, I think he’s destined to clean feces.”

As his progress on Satol was good, Zhao Yao returned to his cafe on Earth happily. He received news from Diana that Closers World was encountering instances of being stuck.

” Closers World’s stuck?” Zhao Yao went to the official forums and saw lots of complaints about dropped lines, the game being stuck and long delays.

Zhao Yao messaged Diana, “When did it happen?”

“After the online players breached 20 million, the instances of the game being stuck became more serious as if Closers World could not sustain the load.” Diana said, “Strangle, whom Tom was accompanying, was not willing to play after the game was stuck. What shall we do?”

Zhao Yao thought about it but did not panic. He calmly issued orders. “Stop all new registrations and let Apple restrict the number of people online. If the numbers reach more than 20 million, form a queue... hmm, say it’s from me.”

After the measures were taken, the internet was abuzz with more complaints.

“Despotic rules!”

“Zhao Yao’s loaded, why can’t he get more servers? He’s a scrooge!”

“My queue number is in the tens of thousands. Please Master Zhao, add more servers.”

Zhao Yao looked at the comments and nodded with satisfaction as he created another wave of attention. He pointed at one of the IDs and said, “Ban the ID of the player who called me a scrooge.”

Although he got a wave of attention after restricting the number of players, Closers World’s stopped expanding in number. It was not good for evolution progress.

He looked at the progress bar. After Diana reached Level 24, her progress slowed down. With the current 20 million players, she required ten days to reach Level 25. After that, it would require a month to upgrade.

Zhao Yao had no idea why Closers World would get stuck at 20 million players. He had no idea how to increase the player limitation of Closers World.

He spent most of his time on improving the contents, however, Zhao Yao did not know the low level structure and optimization of Closers World.

After consideration, Zhao Yao asked Tom but he did not know.

Tom said pitifully, “I’m only a kitten. The awareness country’s a deep subject, I haven’t learned about it.”

Zhao Yao shook his head. He asked Tom a few times but he did not know the principles or usage of Closers World.

Zhao Yao thought that he had to go to the Cat Slave Hall to see if he could learn something relevant.

“Okay, go and accompany Strangle. Remember, we’re always watching you.”

Tom shrunk his head and ran towards the nearby Strangle, who was sniffing the NPC Ragdoll cat. Strangle stood up and asked, “Tom, let’s go conquer the dungeon. I’m still lacking a paw glove weapon and I could complete the dungeon mission.”

Chapter 1000: Start of School

The next morning, the Extradimensional Belly was abuzz with activity.

The supercats ran hurriedly to eat breakfast, clean their feet, and wash their faces.

“Quick! Hurry up!” Roly Poly shouted, “This is the first day of school. Nobody’s to be late.”

“Wah!” Rice Cake cried as she hugged a scratching board and wailed, “I don’t want to go to school!”

Cheese said, “Let’s go Rice Cake. If Zhao Yao sees you like this, he’s going to be unhappy.”

Rice Cake wailed louder, “Why should kittens go to school?”

Cheese consoled her, “Don’t cry Rice Cake. School’s fun and you’ll get to know other kittens. It’s fun to play together...”

“You kidding me!” Rice Cake grabbed onto the scratching board for her life and wailed, “Ooooo! Fish Ball told me yesterday that he rather die than to study in elementary school. He said there’s no playing in school and they serve horrible food!”

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“Fish Ball, what are you doing? Get down immediately!”

“No! If you force me to go to school, I’ll jump down!”

“Schooling’s not that scary...”

“Are you fooling me? I’ve been doing level three to level five homework! You are trying to fool me again?!”

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Uncle Egg came up and looked at Cheese who was biting Rice Cake's leg and dragging her out. Uncle Egg said, "Enough. Let me handle this."

Uncle Egg's paws flashed with electrical sparks. He touched Rice Cake lightly and she convulsed before falling to the ground.

Uncle Egg curled his claws and said, "Carry her off." Caesar and Lion Head came up and lifted Rice Cake before proceeding to the Dimension Portal.

Gaia, who was calmly playing his cell phone game at the side, witnessed Rice Cake being electrocuted and brought away.

Gaia scoffed, "Naive kitten, you thought you wouldn't need to go to school by hanging onto the scratching board? Silly Rice Cake, you're too petty."

Ares said to Gaia, "Gaia, stop playing. Get ready to go to school."

Gaia sneered and said, "My leg is broken. I can't go to school."

"Ah?" Ares looked in shock at Gaia.

Gaia showed his leg that he had purposely broken the night before and said, "The bone's broken. I'm taking medical leave." He thought, "If I don't have to study, what's the deal with breaking my leg. If I don't have courage, how will I become a professional player... Oh! What are you doing?"

Ares used the Deflective Field to carry Gaia and said, "Zhao Yao said, as long as you're able to breathe, you have to study."

Latte hid in an internet cafe. He looked at the video from inside the Extradimensional Belly and witnessed Gaia being captured to go school. He said proudly, "A group of silly cats with IQs lower than 90. They won't be able to catch me today."

Latte intended to say he had a cold and fever due to cat virus so he was unable to go to school.

When he woke up, he predicted the outcome so he abandoned his previous plan. Instead, he escaped from the Extradimensional Belly and hid in a nearby internet cafe.

Latte's eyes lit up after watching halfway. "Almost time. They're coming, I have to leave."

The Star Cats Anthony brought along Arthas, Volcano, and the other cats to the Antarctica.

The Pallas cat Lightning secretly took a Red-Eye plane to the Pallas country to seek asylum.

Kun Wu and Doll landed on the moon...

As the Extradimensional Belly was abuzz with activity, Zhao Yao took two buns and yawned as he walked into the Extradimensional Belly.

Seeing the busy supercats, Zhao Yao recalled his memory. "Is this the first day of school? Hehe, there will be lots of absentees."

Zhao Yao understood that with the official exposure of supercats in the public eye, letting the supercats receive education and integrate peacefully into society, studying was an effective method, especially for house cats and stray cats.

Bai Quan walked reluctantly to Zhao Yao's side and said, "Boss, only half the supercats went to school. The other half used their superpowers to play truant."

Zhao Yao smiled as he nodded. The supercats were used to eating and playing daily so it was weird if they went to school obediently.

He looked at his Book that showed two new missions:

Mission: Study Power of Awareness

Mission Objective: Study the uses of the power of awareness and find a way to expand Closers World's limit

Reward: 30% of evolution progress

Mission Penalty: None.

Mission: Start of School

Mission Objective: Find and capture all the supercats that played truant

Reward: Every supercat captured is worth 500 experience points

Mission Penalty: None.

Zhao Yao was pleased with the two new missions, especially studying the power of awareness, which was his most important goal. The icing on the cake was the 30% increment in evolution progress. This was the first mission with evolution progress reward.

Zhao Yao had to depend on two avenues to increase his power and protect Earth from Short Fur Tribe.

The first avenue was to develop his catmint business and take a larger market share. With the monthly draws, he would be able to obtain powerful items and strengthen his items like the Cat Prince Costume and the Dragon Slaying Saber.

The second avenue was to gain experience points and the energy from Closers World to obtain evolution progress so that his supercats could upgrade and boost his power.

The first avenue had Bai Quan, Uncle Ho, and Dust Ball doing the job while Zhao Yao waited for the end of the month lottery draw.

The second avenue required him to go to Satol to study the use of power of awareness and the increase of Closers World's limit for players so that his supercats could upgrade their levels rapidly.

Roly Poly heard Bai Quan and Zhao Yao's conversation and said fawningly, "Zhao Yao! I'll help you capture them. The Royal Cat Police Force can be tasked to do it."

Zhao Yao glanced at Roly Poly and thought, “The mission requires them to be captured and doesn’t need me to do it. I’ll let Roly Poly try first.”

“Okay, Roly Poly, you’ll be in charge of capturing the supercats that skipped school.”

Roly Poly swung his tail excitedly. After Zhao Yao left, he said to Project X, “Good, we can obtain the superpower DNA while capturing the supercats. Is your method useful? Obtaining a bunch of superpowers is not really useful.”

Project X said, “Don’t worry, all your superpower DNA came from me.

Didn’t Rice Cake’s superpower DNA increase your power and let you go through wall while you were invisible?

Once we obtain more superpower DNA, I’ll be able to upgrade your invisibility superpower like configuring a super weapon. I’ll integrate all the superpowers together.”