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Nyx's first kiss landed on the golden lion's head.

Nyx waited, but nothing happened. She then focused on Theon's mouth.

She thought. "If kissing the head didn't work, maybe kissing the lips would:

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Unlike humans, lions didn't have the concept of kissing. They usually used licking or muzzling to exchange smell as a form of intimacy. Nyx gave a light kiss, which meant little to the lion, but Theon didn't know why his heart suddenly started racing.

When he regained his senses, the lioness had already been taken away by his brother.

Black Mane raised a paw and pressed Nyx down, lowering his head to lick her face and body continuously. His actions were gentle, but his posture seemed a bit domineering and fierce.

He didn't understand the sour emotions in his heart, but Nyx could see through it. He was jealous.

As a beast. Felix was nowhere near as good at hiding his emotions as he was when he was a Beastman; all his feelings were displayed in a very obvious way

The golden-haired lion was even more straightforward and honest, charging up without hesitation to fight for it. "I'll do it. She wants me to lick her."

These words and actions further ignited Black Mane's jealousy.

The two male lions let out threatening roars at each other.

A few bold, fearless honey badgers watched the spectacle from nearby.

They thought, 'Could these two male lions, who usually have a good relationship, really be falling out over this? Just for a little stray lion cub?

Nyx was also startled. She thought, The two of them usually coexisted harmoniously at home, sometimes even coming to my bedroom together; how could they be fighting over something so small now?

Nyx said, "Stop. Don't fight."

Both male lions' attention was drawn to Nyx, and the tense vibe slightly eased as they both looked at her. "Which one do you

Want more?"

With both pairs of amber-colored beast eyes fixed on her. Nyx felt an overwhelming pressure and curled up helplessly, feeling weak and pitiful

She tried to stay neutral and whispered, "I like both."

The males didn't make things difficult for the fickle female.

They didn't need her to choose between them; just hearing her say she liked both of them made them feel better, and they stopped pressing her further.

Nyx's soft belly was exposed, and she was relentlessly licked by them, feeling utterly helpless.

The scene looked quite strange to the animals watching from the sidelines.

Even lionesses with cubs wouldn't lick their offspring with such overflowing affection.

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But these were two male lions. They had picked up an unrelated cub and were raising it with so much care, completely delving their instincts.

Such bizarre events had never occurred on the vast grassland before.

In the afternoon, a few small birds gathered on a tree, chattering gossip.

"I saw it with my OWN CYTA,

Those two male lions fed the best meat to the lion cub"

"Really!"

"I saw it too"

Why are they being so nice to her?" The gossiping birds tilted their heads in confusion. "Could the lion be their lost biological cub

"Of course not" the gossiping bird immediately denied it. "They're not even fully mature yet. Where would they get a cub from? Even if it were their biological cub, no other male lions would pamper it like they do. Besides, that lion obviously escaped from the Red Mountain Pride."

"Red Mountain Pride?" Alion's roar suddenly sounded from below the tree.

The little birds shivered and looked down, only to see the two male lions they had been gossiping about standing side by

side

"No need to run away; we just want to ask you a few questions. Felix said, soothing the panicked little birds. These little birds were always gossiping and knew everything if they wanted information, they could almost always get the answers from them.

The golden-maned lion was eager to ask, "Do you know who Theon and Felix are? Where are they now?" Even though they didn't say anything, the lions were actually bothered by the way the lioness addressed them.

She showed them complete affection and dependence, but that was mostly because she had mistaken them for Theon and Felix.

Just thinking about it left both males feeling uneasy. It was as if they had become substitutes for other lions.

If their encounter with Nyx had been nothing more than a brief meeting, and they parted ways as strangers, they wouldn't have minded so much. But now, having decided to take care of her, they were filled with more conflict.

They thought. What if, while we are taking care of her, the real Theon and Felix suddenly show up? Would they take Nyx away from us?

As impostors, they were no match for the real deal, and they knew they couldn't hold onto Nyx's heart.

So, they decided to take action. They would find the real Theon and Felix, challenge them, and drive them away so they would never dare to approach Nyx again

While Nyx slept soundly after eating, the two males quietly set out to gather information.

The little birds, sensing the intense fighting spirit from the two lions, exchanged nervous

glances.

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"Never heard of them."

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They had lived in the area for generations and had never heard of lions by those names, nor had any other animals outside the lion species.

"We can go ask elsewhere for you, the little birds promised.

After letting the birds go, the two males moved on to the next group. They searched the area for a long time but couldn't find any useful information.

They didn't dare venture too far, as Nyx was still resting in the thicket. After much hesitation, they reluctantly

gave up,

If we can't find any information, it means they're not nearby, and at least for now, they won't be coming to take Nyx away?" Felix said, trying to calm the anxious Theon. "We can keep looking"

Just as they were talking, a sudden rumble of thunder echoed through the sky.

The two males were startled and immediately quickened their pace, but no matter how fast they rushed, they were still step too late.

By the time they returned to the thicket, the torrential rain had already drenched Nyx, turning her into a soaked little

creature.

Nyx opened her eyes in confusion as the hurried males gently picked her up and moved her to a large, raised rock to shelter her from the rain.

Most animals on the grassland weren't afraid of rain and didn't need to seek shelter.

But this rain had come so suddenly and heavily that a weak little cub like Nyx could easily lose her body heat if drenched. A small illness could be fatal for her.

Nyx huddled under the rock, shaking her head to try and dry herself off. Her body was soaked, and her fur clumped together, making her look very disheveled. She felt uncomfortable and couldn't help but sneeze. The males looked at her with deep concern. They thought, "Could she be getting sick?"

Unfortunately, bad premonitions often proved accurate.

By midnight, the rain continued, and Nyx suddenly spiked a fever.

In just a short time, her small body was burning with fever, trembling uncontrollably.

Hearing her labored breathing, the two males felt an unprecedented anxiety and unease, as if their hearts were being torn apart.

Theon kept licking the lioness' head, hoping she would get better soon. They thought, "Please, please don't let

her stay sick

like this.

On the grasslands, countless lives were lost every day, and they had seen other animals succumb to illness. "Stay away from her. Don't get too close," Felix said after a long, silent hesitation, pulling Theon away. "Don't you remember? Upstream by the great river, there was a little leopard that got sick, and it caused its entire litter of brothers and sisters to die, even the mother was involved." Felix's voice was quiet, but Nyx,

barely conscious, still heard his

words.

She thought the contagiousness was so high and the fatality rate so severe, that little leopard most likely had

some kind of plague.

She wanted to argue for herself, to say that it wasn't a plague but just a chill she caught, and it wasn't contagious. But she didn't have the strength to speak and could only curl up helplessly.

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Felix didn't understand what was contagious or not. He was just worried that Theon might get sick from being near her, which was natural. She didn't blame him.

Half-conscious, she felt a hot body pressed up against her again, enveloping her and licking her repeatedly

Nyx curled up in the warmth of the lion's embrace, gradually stopping her trembling, feeling less cold.

"Theon." She whispered softly, barely managing to open her eyes a crack.

To her surprise, she saw Black Mane. Felix?"

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In an instant, Nyx's emotions were indescribably complex.

She had told him to abandon her and stay away, yet he had stayed by her side all along.

Even with his memory lost, Felix was still as stubborn as ever, yet soft-hearted. He clearly feared that getting sick would be contagious and possibly fatal, but still, he risked it all to warm her up and lick her fur.

"Felix. Nyx softly called out.

"I'm here," Black Mane immediately responded. He insisted on shielding the small female from the wind and rain with his body, never leaving her side.

"Where's Theon! Nyx looked around but couldn't see the golden-haired lion, unsure of where he had gone.

"He's gone to find some herbs to cure you," Black Mane comforted, gently licking her forehead. "Once you eat these herbs, you'll get better."

Those words were meant to comfort Nyx, but also to comfort himself. He was also scared, feeling empty inside, unsure of what would happen.

Just imagining Nyx dying in front of him made him unbearable. If Nyx could get better, he would gladly bear her sickness himself.

Around them, various small animals watched the situation while gossi

"She seems like she's about to die."

"Better stay away from her."

"Honestly, why is he still hugging her?*"

In the vast grasslands, survival of the fittest.

The mortality rate of lion cubs was always high, and lionesses would even abandon weak cubs.

A cub like this, weak and sick, would most likely be abandoned even by its own mother. Yet these two male lions still refused to give up.

In the pitch-black night, the golden-haired lion ran through the rain without stopping, holding a bunch of wild herbs and flowers in his mouth, exhausted but determined as he returned.

Looking at those plants, Nyx was amazed. She hadn't expected him to actually find herbs to treat her illness. Even with his memory lost, Theon was still a clever lion.

She struggled to get up and nuzzled his body in gratitude, picking through the herbs and eating the ones that seemed most suitable for her condition.

As a carnivore, these herbs tasted awful to Nyx, but she still closed her mouth and swallowed them, not wanting to waste Theon's efforts.

She wanted to get better as soon as possible.

After a moment of thought, she extended a small paw and sketched some other herbs on the ground. "Please help me find

these tomorrow.

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She had once mocked how pointless the preparations before the trial seemed, but now they were coming in handy,

Fortunately, she had learned many survival skills beforehand, knowing which life-saving herbs could be found in this tropical grassland.

While skewering. Nyx quietly explained to Theon where each herb might grow

Theon nodded commmoudy

He couldn't wait and even wanted to go find them immediately, but Nyx stopped him, insisting he wait until morning.

As the first light of dawn appeared and the rain began to subside

When Nys opened her eyes, a neat pile of herbs was already arranged in front of her

"You're awake?" Felix, who hadn't slept a wink all night, had been nervously watching over her. He immediately noticed she had woken up "Would you like to eat some meat list? Or some grass?"

Nearby. Theon, who had been out again early that morning gathering herbs, was napping

Though exhausted, he slept lightly, quickly opening his eyes at the slightest noise.

"Nyx, I found the herbs you wanted," he said.

He had run back and forth several times, finding everything she needed—nothing was missing. "But are you sure these are

While working. Theon had been filled with enthusiasm, but once he paused, his rationality returned, and he realized he might be wrong

He and his brother had never seen any animal get better by eating these herbs. How would the small lioness know? She is so young and has little experience, he thought.

Theon even worried if the herbs were poisonous. He had tested them by making a few rabbits eat them, and then secretly tried them himself, confirming they were safe before offering them to Nyx.

The poor rabbits had escaped with their lives, hiding nearby and muttering angrily. Tch, damn lion."

I've never tasted grass that bad before."

"How could something like this possibly cure an illness?"

"Just wait to die from the sickness."

Even the rabbits wouldn't eat that grass, but Nyx took bite after bite willingly.

Watching her struggle to eat the grass, the two male lions felt heartbroken.

"I'll go hunt" Felix stood up, wanting to bring Nyx something tasty to ease the bitterness in her mouth. "What do you want to eat? A wildebeest? Zebra Antelope?"

Even if Nyx wanted to eat an elephant or a giraffe, he would do his best to try.

But Nyx didn't make any unreasonable requests. She didn't want to burden her mates any further. "Anything is fine. Zebra,

then

She thought hunting a zebra might be a bit easier.

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As Felix's figure disappeared into the distance, Theon sneakily moved closer, taking his place and pulling Nyx into his

embrace.

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That annoying brother of his wouldn't let him get close to the lioness, saying he might catch her illness, yet he had held her all night.

Nyx could read his resentful expression and smiled helplessly.

Felix had always been like this-caring for her deeply but also protective of Theon, wanting to shoulder all the risks himself.

"Don't worry. I'll be fine soon, she rested her head on Theon's paw, smuggling close to him affectionately.

It was just a common cold. Even without medicine, she could pull through, but with it, she'd recover faster. Nyx closed her eyes, continuing to rest. Getting plenty of sleep would help her recover.

But the onlooking animals clearly didn't think so. Seeing Nyx briefly wake up, eat the grass, and then fall back asleep, they all assumed she was surely going to die, sighing in pity.

"Fine? How could she be fine!"

"Poor lioness, she only had one good day."

"Well, at least she'll go on a full stomach."

"If she lives too long, the male lions might not keep feeding her. Better to die now than starve later."

"What's the point of eating that awful grass! She should've saved her appetite for more meat."

"Exactly. Who actually believes that nonsense can cure anything?"

After her nap, Nyx felt noticeably better. Before even opening her eyes, she heard whispers around her, speculating about her impending death.

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Nyx held back for a while but finally couldn't take it anymore. She opened her eyes and quickly got up.

The small animals seemed startled by her sudden movement, and the chatter stopped abruptly.

Nyx was about to argue with them when she looked up and saw Black Mane returning from his hunt. Instantly, she forgot everything else and wagged her tail happily, ruming toward him. "Felix!"

Hearing her call, Black Mane quickened his pace. As Nyx had requested, he had hunted a zebra for her.

An adult zebra was enough to feed two large lions and one lioness,

Like the day before, the most tender and nutritious parts were reserved for Nyx. Only after she was full did the two males start eating.

In the animal world, being able to eat and drink was a sign of strength and health.

The two male lions wished they could feed Nyx the entire prey. When she said she couldn't eat anymore, they were somewhat disappointed.

Nyx lay on the ground, her little belly bulging, feeling a bit overwhelmed. She didn't want to become a lioness who died from overeating. That would definitely become an eternal topic on the savannah.

After filling her stomach, Nyx felt much better.

Despite the disbelief of the onlookers, she was visibly recovering and would soon be back to her lively self. The sudden rain and illness seemed like a test from the Heavenly Law. Vaguely, Nyx felt that the bond between her and her mates had deepened.

The warm sunlight bathed the grassland, casting a golden glow.

Nyx ate and slept, content to be a little lazy bug under the care of her mates.

The surroundings grew quieter, with fewer whispers.

Seeing Nyx recover, the two male lions relaxed and could finally focus on other matters. They warned the gossipy animals around them not to spout nonsense in front of Nyx.

Those who couldn't hold back their chatter had to move further away to gossip.

Stories about Nyx spread far and wide across the savannah, though she remained unaware.

She also didn't know that the two male lions were still determined to deal with Theon and Felix. To them, Theon and Felix were hidden rivals, like thorns in their sides that they couldn't ignore.

For many days, whenever they had free time, the male lions searched for information about Theon and Felix. The birds who had promised to help did their best but found nothing, returning dejectedly.

With their extensive network, such a failure was rare.

The male lions began to consider another possibility. They thought, 'Could those names have been made up by the lioness? Afraid of being killed, did she pretend to be close to me?'

Over the days, they had grown accustomed to being called by those names and had even started to accept them as their

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Nyx was momentarily stunned, and then found both funny and frustrating She never thought he was old.

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At first, Pelox had been concerned, but once he understood her, he no longer mini

Now, after losing his memory and becoming a hom, he was worrying about it again

I know you're not old Don't misunderstand Nyx molded, soothing him

This not that I musuisderstood you.” Felix coughed lightly, denying it. He couldn't quite explains his feelings

He didn't want to be treated differently by Nyx. He just wanted to be her real mate, like the real Felix. He couldn't pinpoint why, but it just didn't feel right.

Aber struggling for a while. Felix shook his head and gave up. “Forget it. Think whatever you like?

He ended the conversation, deciding to ask Nyx one last time. "Nys, who exactly are Theon and Felix!"

Theon also perked up his ears, waiting intently for Nyx's answer.

Nyx looked confused thinking. "Theon and Felix-aren't they right here?"

From the moment they met, she had been calling them by those names, and they had always responded. She thought, Why are they asking now! Do they think I have mistaken them for someone else?

She pondered hard, scratching her head. Explaining everything from the beginning would be too dithcult and beyond a lion's understanding. It might even be considered cheating by the Heavenly Law

After some thought she could only vaguely summarize. “I came to this world to be with my mates forever. Theon and Felix

are my mates"

Hearing this, the two male lions were stunned, unable to believe their ears. "Y-you..."

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Nyx was a tiny little cub, and she was already thinking about hating her mates. It should have seemed ridiculous, but for

frustratingly some reason, the two males felt their hearts pounding wildly

After a long silence, they tried to ignore that strange feeling and shook their heads. "You're still too young to be thinking about finding a mate

Or rather, they thought she shouldn't be thinking about it

Lionesses had very limited choices when it came to mate

They typically didn't have the opportunity to choose the male lions they preferred. Instead, they remained in the pride, passively waiting for the male leaders to change. Throughout their lifetime, they may have had multiple mates, but they couldn't anticipate staying with one of them permanently

Thinking about this, the two male lions couldn't help but feel irritated and frowned, "When you grow up, if you still want to stay with us, you can remain in our pride.

They would give her the right to choose, and they would do their best to live long lives, protecting her always, "Tride!" Nyx was stunned. "Are you two going to become the leaders of a pride?"

She thought the three of them would continue living like this until the trial was over. But she had forgotten that Theon and Felix were now beasts with no memory of their past.

Their instincts as male lions would drive them to fight, claim larger territories, and sire more offspring.

And right now, she was just a little cub, with no reason to stop any of that from happening.

"Of course!" Theon said confidently. "We're going to defeat the male lions of the Great Valley Pride and become their leaders.

As everyone knew, the Great Valley was the most fertile territory on the savannah, filled with abundant prey. Every young male lion saw it as a goal, but only the strongest lion king could conquer the Great Valley Pride.

Theon and Felix were confident about this. But when they looked down, they didn't see joy on the lioness' face.

Instead, she hung her head, looking a little down

"What's wrong, Nyx? Theon didn't understand.

They were going to claim the best territory and catch the best prey for her. They thought, 'But why isn't she happy?'

Felix, trying to understand her feelings, thought she might be worried they would leave her behind to go fight for territory. He reassured her. "We won't challenge the lion king right away. We'll wait until we're adults."

By the time they were adults, Nyx would also be a sub-adult, with some survival skills, and wouldn't feel as insecure as she did now

Nyx didn't say anything. Conquering a pride was one thing, but having cubs with other lionesses was a whole different problem for her.

Still, it was too early to worry about that. They still had some time before they reached adulthood.

She thought, 'Maybe before I could even think of a way to stop them, Theon and Felix would change their minds on their

own.

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Trusting her mates, Nyx quickly adjusted her mood.

The question of who Theon and Felix really were came to an end

The thought that the lioness could belong to them forever made the two males even more motivated to hunt. They tirelessly went out to hunt every day, bringing back all kinds of food for Nyx.

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Even though they had lost their memories, their strength was ingrained in their bones. Even as sub-adults, they never failed in the hunts

There wasn't another lion cubs on the entire savannah living as comfortably as Nyx

Even the cubs in the Great Valley Pride couldn't guarantee fresh prey every day, but Nyx never ate leftover meat or went hungry

The two males spoiled her to no end, sometimes feeding her twice a day and even catching her midnight snacks.

In just two or three months, Nyx had ballooned in size.

Seeing this glossy, chubby lioness, the other animals could hardly believe she had been raised by two male lions. It was truly unbelievable.

The strange story spread far and wide, reaching at least the animals living nearby.

The two brothers, with their black and golden manes, who were seen as future lion kings, had picked up a little cub from the fleeing Red Mountain Pride and had since become obsessed with raising her, no longer engaging in fierce battles with other males

It was a disgrace to the pride of male lions.

Gradually, other rogue males began to challenge them.

The first time Nyx saw her mates fighting other males, she was terrified. But after seeing it a few times, she grew calmer.

Theon and Felix fought off every challenger, whether they came alone or in groups, proving why they were considered future lion kings

The rogue males came with confidence but left in defeat.

They should be thankful Theon and Felix weren't bloodthirsty, or they would have lost their lives, becoming stepping stones for the future lion kings' fame.

After dealing with a few waves of challengers, life returned to peace.

Nyx lived under the protection of the two males, spending her days eating, drinking, playing, and sleeping without a care in the world

Sometimes, she felt like this trial was like a special vacation, similar to the holographic games she had played before, but with a stronger sense of reality.

The males had gone hunting again, and Nyx stayed behind to wait.

Spotting a patch of flowers in the grass, she picked two and happily held them in her mouth, planning to give them to her mates when they returned.

But when she looked up, she was startled and took a few steps back. An adult lioness was standing silently nearby, staring straight at her.

The flowers fell to the ground as Nyx darted into the bushes.

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"Why are you running the lioness asked, sounding confused. "Don't you recognize your mother?"

Nyx suddenly realized the lioness did look familiar.

She crept out of the bushes and looked up at the lioness, confirming that she was indeed like her mother. "Why are you here. Mon

Although this was near the Red Mountain Pride's territory, lionesses usually didn't leave the pride alone.

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"I came to see you" the lioness said with a complicated look. "I heard you were adopted by two sub-adult males. I wanted to

see if it was true

Only after seeing it with her own eyes could she believe it

After the tragedy that day, she never thought she'll see her cub alive again, let alone being raised to well-

better than she could have done herself.

"It's true" Nyx nodded. "They've gone hunting now

"Isn't it dangerous for you to leave the pride alone, Mom" Nyx moved closer and nuzzled the lioness.

She liked this mother. If her mother hadn't risked her life to hold off the male lion that day, she wouldn't have

escaped.

"It's fine," the lioness said gently, nuzzling her back. "Black Scar is busy fighting. He won't notice."

Black Scar was the new male leader of the Red Mountain Pride. Nyx had mixed feelings about him. He had killed her siblings and forced her to flee, so of course she hated him. But rationally, she knew it was just the

nature of lions.

When a new male takes over a pride, he kills the previous leader's cubs to encourage the lionesses to mate

again.

"Your aunts are already pregnant with Black Scar's cubs, the lioness said calmly. "He's been patrolling the territory a lot lately.

"Those two sub-adult males have been hunting in our territory. Black Scar feels challenged and has been

fighting them

"This isn't the first time, and Black Scar hasn't won once," the lioness said with a sigh. "Thankfully, they only fight him and don't kill him."

The pride couldn't handle another leadership change so soon, especially since the lionesses were already

pregnant again.

Nyx gave an awkward smile. She wasn't sure if her mates were doing it on purpose.

They had entered the Red Mountain Pride's territory multiple times just to hunt better prey, but possibly also

to teach Black Scar a lesson for her sake.

Nyx suspected her mother had come to complain about them.

She said seriously, "I'll talk to them and make them tone it down."

"What?" The lioness was shocked. "How dare you try to control them? Listen, don't defy them. You need to

keep them happy.

"They're male lions. No matter how good they are to you now, they could kill you in a moment of anger. The lioness looked at her naïve cub with worry and sadness.

She knew that male lions had no maternal instincts. Raising a cub was just a whim for them. "They won't

willingly raise you.

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"You need to learn how to hunt," the lioness advised Nyx. "If they abandon you, you'll have to survive on your own."

A cub abandoned during its early years had little chance of survival. But if it learnt some hunting skills, its chances improved slightly.

The best scenario would be if the males raised her a bit longer before abandoning her, giving her a chance to join a pride.

But even to join a pride, she would need to know how to hunt. A pride wouldn't support a lioness who couldn't hunt.

Nyx flattened her ears. Although she believed her mates wouldn't abandon her, her mother's words made sense. She couldn't continue lazing around like this.

During her cubhood, she could rely on her mates to provide for her, but if she had to live here until adulthood, she needed to learn to hunt as well.

The lioness was about to give a few more reminders when she suddenly lifted her head, catching a scent on the wind. She quickly turned and ran off, saying, "I have to go now. I'll come see you again when I can."

Her figure disappeared quickly. Nyx lifted her little head and looked around, spotting the two male lions returning from their hunt, running toward her.

"Was someone here!" Felix asked as he approached, catching the scent of another predator, likely an adult lioness.

He immediately grew alert, dropping the prey and scanning the surroundings.

Theon also hurried over to Nyx, carefully inspecting her from head to toe.

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"My mom came by earlier, Nyx admitted without hiding anything "She came to check on on me.

"Your mom?" The two male lions tensed at first but then relaxed.

Even if the lioness had come, Nyx couldn't return to the Red Mountain Pride just yet, so they didn't have to worry about her being taken away.

Realizing this, the two male lions became more tolerant and even planned to provoke the Red Mountain Pride a few more times in the future.

By intruding into the Red Mountain Pride's territory, they could not only hunt better prey but also beat up Black Scar, who had nearly killed Nyx before.

Now, there was another benefit-they could create opportunities for Nyx's mother to visit her more often.,

Seeing how well they had cared for Nyx, her mother would surely be satisfied and more willing to leave Nyx in their care.

Felix secretly planned the next fight in his mind but casually asked Nyx, "What do you want to eat tomorrow? Buffalo or warthog?"

They were already thinking about the next meal before finishing the current one, which explained why Nyx had grown so plump.

Nyx wasn't picky. "Anything is fine."

After becoming a lion cub, perhaps because she had experienced hunger, she found everything delicious. After a full meal, drowsiness began to set in, Nyx struggled to keep her eyes open and instructed the two male lions, "When you go hunting tomorrow, remember to wake me up. I'll go with you."

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She wanted to observe the hunting process, learn the theory, and then practice on smaller prey later.

As she made plans in her mind. Nyx gradually succumbed in sleep.

When she woke up, the sun was already warming her back.

The surroundings were quiet, and the two male lions were nowhere to be seen.

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Nyx scrambled to her feet, looking around in disbelief. She couldn't believe Theon and Felix had ignored her request.

She had clearly told them she wanted to join them for the hunt today.

They hadn't even woken her up

Not long after, the two male lions returned from their hunt, only to find a sulking lioness waiting for them.

They panicked, unsure how to handle the situation, and immediately dropped their prey to comfort her. "What's wrong, Nex Don't you like the buffalo we caught today? We'll go catch something else for you." Such doting behavior from male lions was unheard of on the savannah. Many curious animals were secretly watching the

They sked, thinking. Being cared for like this and still daring to throw a tantrum—this lioness has quite the nerve. But it all because the two male lions had spoiled her. They circle around her, doing everything they could to cheer her up

"Why didn't you take me hunting?" Nyx couldn't be cheered up.

She thought, Do they think I would slow them down? Or have they simply forgotten my request?"

The two male lions finally realized the issue and hurriedly explained, "You were sleeping so soundly"

Seeing the lioness so deeply asleep, they couldn't bear to wake her. "Tomorrow-no, tonight. We'll take you with us tonight."

They didn't really understand why Nyx suddenly wanted to join the hunt, but since she had made the request, they were more than willing to fulfill it.

At dusk, the sky was painted red by the setting sun, casting a golden glow over the grassland, like a grand and serene.

The branches swayed, and the shadows danced,

Nyx perched on a large rock, finding the perfect vantage point to watch her mates hunt.

The two male lions were working together to hunt a wildebeest.

Startled, the herd of herbivores stampeded, kicking up clouds of dust. They ran for their lives but were no match for the lions speed.

Theon and Felix coordinated seamlessly, isolating one prey from the group before launching their attack with sharp fangs.

In just moments, the hunt was over.

Nyx's heart raced. She sharpened her claws, eager to try it herself. The instincts of a predator were awakening within her.

When the male lions returned with their prize, she jumped down from the rock and ran to them, mimicking their movements-stalking, charging, and pouncing at their necks.

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Of course, she didn't actually bite down hard. She didn't even reach them, as the size difference made her miss.

But the male lions finally understood her intentions. "Nyx wants to learn how to hunt?"

They exchanged glances, feeling a bit guilty. They had been so focused on feeding Nyx that they had neglected to teach her hunting skills. An experienced lioness would have started the lessons much earlier. They thought first step in learning was observation. "Nyx, starting tomorrow, we'll take you hunting with us every day"

Recalling how they had learned to hunt as cubs, the two male lions began taking Nyx along on their hunts, letting her observe the process closely.

After a few days, they felt she was ready and found a group of rabbits for Nyx to practice on

Coincidentally, these were the same rabbits Theon had caught for testing the grass earlier.

They never learned their lesson and often lingered nearby to watch the drama, only to be targeted by the

lions again.

Nyx focused on the largest male rabbit closest to her.

She crept forward silently, judging the right moment before launching her attack.

Compared to before, her body was no longer weak. She had gained strength, and her speed and stamina had

improved significantly.

But she still failed.

The rabbits that dared to live near lions were experts at escaping.

After a frantic chase, Nyx came close several times but ultimately couldn't catch the rabbit, watching it

disappear into its burrow.

Failure was normal for a first attempt. The males encouraged Nyx to try again.

Since the rabbits were now on high alert, they moved to a different area and found another target for Nyx to

practice on.

But whether it was because Nyx was naturally bad at hunting or the initial failure had shaken her confidence, she didn't succeed after several attempts.

Exhausted and panting, she collapsed on the ground, and Theon gently pulled her into his embrace.

"It's okay. Nyx." Felix licked her fur. "Take your time.

It didn't matter to them if she never learned to hunt. "We're willing to take care of you forever."

This wasn't just sweet talk to placate her-it was the truth..

As male lions, not only did they raise cubs, but they were also willing to provide for an adult lioness. It might sound absurd, but they didn't care.

Nestled against her mates' strong bodies, Nyx felt an overwhelming sense of security. She suspected this was another test from the Heavenly Law. But she refused to give up.

Even if her mates were willing to care for her indefinitely, she was determined to learn how to hunt.

She canceled playtime and cut her sleep in half, dedicating herself to relentless practice.

Her previous failures weren't in vain. She calmly reviewed her mistakes and identified areas for

improvement.

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Instead of chasing rabbits, she used plants as practice targets, repeatedly adjusting her approach.

The rabbits, emboldened, mocked her from a distance

Just give up

"Stupid lion!"

you can't even catch us, you'll starve to death someday!"

The male lions let out a threatening roar, and the rabbits immediately trembled, shut their mouths, and

retreated into their

But when the male lions went out to hunt and were temporarily absent, the rabbits became bold again.

A large gray rabbit even hopped out of its burrow, teasing Nyx, "Come and catch me! You can't catch me!"

Nyx narrowed her eyes and licked her claws.

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After taunting for a while and seeing no reaction from Nys, the gray rabbit grew bored.

Just as it was about to hop back into its burrow, Nyx suddenly pounced.

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After countless attempts and practice, she had gained full control over her body, able to maximize her strength and speed.

In an instant, she unleashed terrifying speed, pinning the gray rabbit down and locking its throat with her bite. The mocking sounds stopped abruptly.

The male lions happened to return from their hunt and were stunned by the scene. After recovering, they were overjoyed.

The gray rabbit let out a desperate and regretful scream. Being killed by a lion was one thing, but to die at the paws of a clumsy lioness, becoming her first catch, was humiliating

The other rabbits scurried deeper into their burrows, not daring to show their faces, fearing they might be next.

Nyx proudly carried the gray rabbit to her mates and presented it to them. "This is for you.

Though it wasn't enough to fill their teeth, it was her first catch, and it held special significance.

The two male lions couldn't bear to eat it. After some thought, they released the trembling gray rabbit and sternly warned it, "You'd better work hard to stay alive. Don't you dare move away."

This way, Nyx's gift to them would remain, and they could see it every day.

The gray rabbit, having narrowly escaped death, scurried back into its burrow.

It wanted to move away but was afraid of being hunted down by the lions, so it had no choice but to live in constant fear.

To make matters worse, none of its mates sympathized with it. Instead, they mocked it.

"Serves you right!"

"Who told you to go out and provoke them?"

"Lions are still lions! Who 2

"You deserved it"

gave you the courage to go outside?"

With her first success, Nyx seemed to have unlocked a new level. Although she didn't succeed every time afterward, her failure rate decreased significantly.

Her prey was no longer limited to rabbits. Early in the morning, Nyx began her training, chasing a small warthog.

Just as she was about to catch it, her prey was suddenly snatched away

Nyx skidded to a halt. She looked up and saw an unfamiliar sub-adult male lion holding her warthog in its mouth.

Unlike Theon and Felix, this lion wasn't particularly handsome. His mane was only partially grown, short and stubby, making him look awkward—a common appearance for sub-adult male lions.

Despite his somewhat comical appearance, he posed a significant threat to the lioness.

Nyx grew wary and slowly backed away.

"Are you Nyx?" the lion asked, returning the warthog to her. "Don't be afraid. I mean no harm. Can you take me to Theon

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Along with the gossip, the names of the three lions had spread far and wide. Though hard to pronounce, they were memorable and quickly replaced the more common names like Black Mane and Golden Mane.

The lion's voice sounded young and lively, like a cheerful big boy.

But Nyx couldn't relax. Her fur bristled with tension.

As they stood in a standoff, two furious roars echoed, and Theon and Felix canse charging over, radiating killing intent.

A hight was imminent. Even one-on-one, this sub-adult lion was no match for either Theon or Felix, let alone both of them

at once.

Though he was a well-known rogue lion with considerable fighting skills, he was completely outmatched this time.

Just before his throat was bitten, he hastily pleaded, Tim not here to fight! I'm here to form an alliance with you!"

During his time as a rogue lion, he had often heard the names Theon and Felix. Their gossip was interesting, and their strength was said to be top-notch, so he decided to seek an alliance.

Male lions preferred to ally with strong mates.

"My name is Curled Ear. I may not be as strong as you, but I'm no weakling," he introduced himself.

Though it sounded boastful, he wasn't lying.

In the past. Theon and Felix might not have rejected a new ally. But now, they exchanged a glance and refused without hesitation. "We don't need an alliance. Leave

For Nyx's safety, they couldn't allow a potentially threatening male lion to stay.

As male lions themselves, they understood the aggressive nature of their kind.

Besides themselves, they didn't trust any other male lion.

Curled Ear couldn't believe he had been rejected so outright. He wanted to argue, but Theon and Felix bared their fangs in warning "Leave now."

Reluctantly, Curled Ear walked away, glancing back every few steps. But he wasn't ready to give up.

He thought a lion aiming to dominate the savannah needed allies. He must have scared their lioness, leaving

a bad first impression. If he showed enough sincerity and improved his image, they would surely accept him.

In the afternoon, Nyx woke up from her nap in the flowers and caught the scent of meat in the air. She opened her drowsy eyes and saw a waterbuck.

The prey was fresh, still steaming. But Theon and Felix were nowhere to be seen, and she didn't know where they had gone.

Nyx slowly approached the waterbuck, deciding to wait for her mates to return before eating.

Not long after, the two male lions returned, carrying another prey.

Nyx was confused. She thought, "Why have they caught so much?"

Before she could ask, the two male lions' expressions darkened. "Did that guy come back again?"

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"Who?" Nyx sniffed the air. "Curled Ear?"

She wasn't a real lioness, so she wasn't used to identifying animals by scent. For other lions, it was a passive

skill, but she had

to actively use it.

Seeing her confusion, the male lions relaxed slightly. Noticing she hadn't touched the waterbuck, they felt even better

"Don't eat this, they said, carrying the waterbuck away and tossing it aside.

After finishing their meal, they planned to find Curled Ear and give him a beating, warning him never to approach Nyx

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While secretly making plans, they tore apart their own prey and fed it to Nyx as usual.

Though Nyx had grown quite a bit and could eat on her own, they had grown accustomed to feeding her and didn't suggest changing the routine.

Nyx thoughtfully glanced at the discarded waterbuck.

Having an extra ally wouldn't hurt her mates. They weren't the type to exclude others.

She guessed they had refused Curled Ear and were so wary because they feared he might pose a threat to her. But so far, Curled Ear seemed friendly toward her.

If her mates wanted to dominate the savannah in the future, having more allies would reduce the risks.

After some thought, Nyx cautiously suggested, "Should you consider accepting Curled Ear's alliance?" Before she could finish, the two male lions froze, staring at her in disbelief.

The smell of jealousy filled the air. "Why? Do you like him? He just hunted for you once, and you already like

him?"

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Facing their sudden accusations, Nyx blinked innocently, completely baffled. She could smell the jealousy, strong and sour.

The males in her family were all prone to jealousy, but they usually kept it hidden, never showing it so openly.

After becoming beasts, their thinking had become more straightforward, and their expressions of emotion were more direct, making them seem clumsy yet endearing,

Nyx found herself both amused and frustrated. She thought, "How could I possibly like a random lion?"

She wanted to defend herself, but from what she knew about her mates, once they got jealous, no amount of explanation would work. She'd have to find another way to calm them down.

But right now, she was still just a cub, and trying to soothe them was easier said than done.

After thinking for a while, Nyx decided to go straight to the point. "I don't like him. I only like you two.

To boost the two male lions' confidence, she rattled off a list of reasons. "You saved my life, you didn't leave me when I was sick, you catch me food every day, protect me

The Heavenly Law had temporarily sealed the males memories but left their love for Nyx intact.

Driven by their feelings, they repeatedly went against their instincts for her, doing extraordinary things. No matter what anyone else said, they were entirely obedient to her.

Even if Nyx lost her beauty or didn't have the mental power they depended on, their feelings remained unchanged.

This was the kind of unwavering love that could last forever.

On this vast prairie, Nyx only loved them.

The air was completely still

Nyx's comforting words worked perfectly, and the flames of anger in the two male lions' hearts were suddenly doused. They stood there, frozen.

Calming down, they began to reflect and regretted their earlier attitude. They'd unfairly questioned the young lioness.

In fact, they had no right to interfere with who Nyx liked.

But just thinking about their lioness possibly liking another lion-maybe even more than them-could one day follow another male lion to form a pride made them feel miserable.

"Don't overthink it. I just thought it could help you two. Nyx patted their big paws. "I heard that the leader of the Great Valley Pride is a trio of brothers, and I'm worried you two might be at a disadvantage."

She originally wanted to live with just her two mates, but when she found out they wanted to compete for the position of lion king, she didn't mind accepting new members.

She trusted Theon and Felix's strength, but she also didn't want her mates to get hurt.

It was always good to have an extra hand.

Nyx's gentle explanation made the two male lions feel even more embarrassed. "Sorry, Nyx."

the ally situation, think it over

Nyx wasn't mad at them. "It's okay, no need to apologize," she shook her head. "But about the ally s carefully."

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For male lions, finding the right allies was crucial.

Apart from her mates, other lions were just ordinary lions to Nyx. She didn't think about them at all. But Theon and Felix didn't know the full story.

The thought of other male lions hunting for Nyx made them feel an intense sense of crisis. It lingered in their hearts, not going away.

They brought the waterbuck to meet Curled Ear.

Facing the two furious male lions, Curled Ear was confused, not understanding why they were returning the waterbuck This was a gift for you. Why aren't you eating it?"

He was trying to show them goodwill in this way. And he had learned from last time. This time, he quietly visited, not disturbing the lioness who was sleeping.

He thought is plan was perfect but was once again cruelly rejected.

"Don't show up in front of Nyx again," the two jealous male lions warned sternly.

Just because Nyx wasn't interested in him now didn't mean she wouldn't be later. They were going to nip this problem in the

bud and not allow Curled Ear to make himself noticed in front of Nyx again.

The two male lions kicked Curled Ear out mercilessly but still felt it wasn't enough.

They worried Nyx might still be thinking about the waterbuck she hadn't eaten, so in the evening, they went hunting again. bringing back a better waterbuck for her, hoping to treat her to a bigger meal.

Stimulated by the competition, Theon and Felix worked even harder to hunt, determined to get the fattest prey for Nyx to show her they were the best.

Nyx lived carefree, eating well every day, and by the time she was two, she had become a very beautiful sub- adult honess.

She had received plenty of nutrition during her growth period, and though she was still young, her body was almost as strong as an adult lioness. Her lighter-colored fur was thick and soft, and she radiated health and vitality,

Under the sun, the lioness sprinted swiftly, helping the two male lions chase prey. Her graceful figure was full of strength. causing many stray male lions to be captivated.

Though the sub-adult lions hadn't fully matured, they were already capable of reproduction and aware of their sexual instincts

The onlooking male lions' gazes made Theon and Felix feel irritated. They let out earth-shaking roars, warning the others to

stay away.

They protected Nyx as if she were their most precious possession.

Once, a bold stray lion tried to flirt with Nyx when they weren't around, and they made an example out of him, almost ripping his life away.

Their ferocious reputation spread throughout the entire prairie, and aside from Curled Ear, many other stray male lions

to seek an alliance.

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Every one of them was rejected.

"We don't want to ally anyway. We don't care. Some of the rejected lions muttered sourly

"Look at them, they're so pathetic, getting pinned down by a lioness. It's ridiculous.

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"If we team up with them. I can't stand living like this

"Two full-grown male lions, catching prey, but they always let the young lioness eat first. It's beyond absurd."

"All they care about is that lioness. They've completely forgotten about conquering the Great Valley" "They're too busy hunting for the lioness every day. If this keeps up, they'll probably forget how to fight." Half of what the males guessed was true.

Although Theon and Felix hadn't forgotten how to fight, they really had lost interest in the Great Valley Pride. The dreams they had when they were younger faded the longer they lived with Nyx.

They were nearing adulthood, their bodies at their peak, yet they still hadn't made a move toward the Great Valley.

They were waiting until the dry season arrived. Unlike previous years, this one was a rare, extreme drought.

The heat was unbearable, the temperature kept rising, and the greenery of the land faded early. Herbivores began migrating

Nyx looked at the dry riverbed and felt a bad premonition in her heart. She quickly climbed to a higher spot and scanned the distant horizon.

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The more she looked, the more serious her expression became

"We have to migrate too, Nyx said, quickly running to Theon and Felix, her tone urgent.

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Even though there seemed to be more prey around now because the herbivores were migrating, it wouldn't be long before they all disappeared.

If they got lost in this false abundance, they'd soon find themselves in a food shortage. More importantly, they needed

water.

The riverbed was already dry. If the temperature kept rising, all the animals left here would die of thirst.

Lions rarely migrate with their prey, but Theon and Felix didn't object in Nyx's suggestion.

They trusted Nyx completely, and without hesitation, nodded and said, "Alright, let's go now."

Even if Nyx's judgment was wrong, it didn't matter. They could treat it as a carefree wandering trip. As long as the three of them were together, it didn't matter where they went.

Nyx hesitated for a moment. "Wait for me. I'll visit the Red Mountain Pride first."

She wanted to warn the lionesses.

For over a year, they had lived near the Red Mountain Pride. Whenever her mother and aunties could, they'd come to visit her, and sometimes, when they had time, they'd bring small prey as gifts.

Nyx didn't need the food, but she could feel their concern for her. For animals, this level of care was rare.

The leader of the Red Mountain Pride, Scar, had gotten used to being taunted by Theon and Felix. He now ignored their provocations and turned a blind eye to the lionesses often wandering outside their territory.

When Nyx entered his territory, he didn't even bat an eye.

It wasn't because he trusted Nyx, but because he was afraid that if he looked at her too long, he'd anger the two terrifying sub-adult males, and they'd beat him up.

The pride was resting under a tree.

When the lionesses saw Nyx, they were surprised. Hearing her say they needed to migrate shocked them

even more.

This year was definitely hotter than usual. But to ask the pride to leave their long-time territory and move upstream to find water was a tough decision.

There were still young cubs in the pride, and they couldn't just pack up and leave like Nyx and the others. Nyx tried to convince them, but she couldn't change their minds, so she had to leave first.

The scorching sun baked the earth.

The vegetation had been devastated. The lush grasses from the rainy season were now all withered, and the land had lost its vitality. The prairie was gradually turning yellow.

Without rain, even the ground cracked into deep lines, and everything looked desolate.

As they traveled, Nyx carefully judged the direction

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She avoided the swamp and pits where the water had dried up and tried to take the shortest route.

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Theon and Felix followed her mustingly, acting like her little sidekicks, ignoring the mocking laughter from other males.

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At first, the wondering home doesn't care about them only following out of curiosity. But soon, they realized that Nyx's chosen route was brilliant. There was no danger, and prey was plentiful along the way.

They forgot all about their pride and dignity and followed Nyx closely.

Given the special situation, even though Theon and Felix were annoyed, they didn't chase off the tag alongs.

With Nyx leading the way, their migration went smoothly. Even so, water was still scarce, and they hadn't had a drink for

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Every time they hally hod a small waterhole, before they can get close enough to take a drink, it's completely drained by the herbivores. The animal hooves turn the waterhole into a muddy pit, and the lions can't drink from it anymore.

The little bit of water they get from the blood of their prey isn't enough to solve the problem.

The two male hous, who had better stamina, were still showing signs of impatience. Nyx was feeling terrible, her spirits low and exhausted.

She was both tired and thirsty, collapsing onto the ground in sheer fatigue.

Just hold on a bit longer, Nyx the two male lions paced around, anxious. "Didn't you say we'll reach the Great Valley by tomorrow at the latest"

The Great Valley was located upstream, the destination of their migration.

The two male lions wished they could just carry Nyx, but she wasn't a cub anymore, and thus they couldn't manage it.

After a while of pacing. Felix came up with an idea. He crouched down. "Nyx, get on my back."

It was rare to see one lion carrying another, especially two males carrying a female.

The two male lions grit their teeth, taking turns to carry the lioness on their backs.

They were thankful that their backs were wide enough to carry Nyx steadily, making sure she wouldn't fall off.

Watching this scene, even the wandering male lions tell silent, no longer able to mock them.

They didn't really care much about others, but at that moment, they felt a deep sense of shock.

In a hon pride migration, the weak are eliminated. If you can't keep up with the main group, you're left to survive on your

The nature of beasts was fundamentally selfish In times of difficulty, they would do everything they could to j own strength. Not even a male lion would do this for a female, and not even a lioness would go so far for her cubs.

The three lions stuck together, helping each other as they pushed forward, taking turns and pressing on. By nightfall, with the scorching sun gone. Nyx had regained a little strength. She quickly got off Theon's back, "Are you guys tired?" she asked, and then immediately realized it was a dumb question, feeling embarrassed. The two male lions didn't complain or ask for credit. They shook their heads. "Not at all."

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When they saw Nyx perk up again, they were happier than anything. No matter how tough or tiring it was, their joy eased their exhaustion.

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Taking advantage of the dark night, they pushed on, and by the next morning, they finally saw the light of hope.

"Is that the Great Valley?" Nyx didn't need to climb to see far anymore; she could already spot the greenery. After so long without water, the thirsty animals rushed to the water source, crowding together desperately to

drink.

Theon and Felix stood guard around Nyx, pushing through to the edge of the water, only to find that the water here was a bit dirty.

The other lions didn't mind the dirt, but Nyx had always been a particularly clean lioness.

After a brief hesitation, her thirst overcame her cleanliness, and she lowered her head in surrender.

"Don't drink. Nyx. Before she could even lick up a mouthful, the two male lions stopped her.

They had their eyes set on a cleaner water source further into the oasis.

That was the territory of the Great Valley Pride.

Theon and Felix exchanged a glance and pulled Nyx along, "Come on, we'll take you to drink cleaner water."

Nyx was still confused about what was going on.

All she could think about was drinking, and as soon as she saw the clean, clear, flowing water, she eagerly

ran towards it.

The two male lions stayed close, watching over her, staying alert while also drinking

As the three lions entered the territory, their unfamiliar scent quickly attracted the attention of the Great Valley

lions.

It wasn't until she heard the roar of adult male lions that Nyx snapped back to reality.

She turned around and saw three male lions charging toward them, and Theon and Felix immediately stood ready to fight Don't come near, Nyx!"

In battles between male lions, females rarely get involved, but Nyx was different. Theon and Felix knew her well and sternly warned her not to get close to the fight.

Nyx froze in place.

From a distance, she saw a few figures on the other side. It was the lionesses of the Great Valley Pride, watching the battle coldly.

The male lion leader of the Great Valley Pride often faced challengers, but they had never seen such strong

opponents.

Two young male lions were going up against three mature lion kings and were actually gaining the upper

hand.

Nyx held her breath, not daring to move. She didn't just hesitate to charge in, she was even careful about making big movements, afraid that her actions might distract her mates and cause them to get caught.

The sounds of the lions fighting drew a crowd of onlookers. When they realized it was Theon and Felix challenging the lion king, everyone was stunned.

They thought, 'Have they seriously not forgotten their goal of conquering the Great Valley Pride?' Looking at the two fierce male lions, the wandering male lions who had badmouthed them couldn't help but tuck their tails and lower their heads. They felt ashamed.

The fight didn't last long.

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In front of everyone, the lion king couldn't hold on and chose to run away, giving up his dignity to avoid death.

The two brothers he abandoned immediately lost morale, and they were quickly defeated as well.

Seeing that the outcome was decided. Nyx hurried over and checked Theon and Felix from head to toe.

Luckily, they only had some minor injuries, just scratches, nothing serious.

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She affectionately rubbed against them, about to breathe a sigh of relief, when she saw the group of lionesses from the Great Valley walking toward them

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The change of leadership in a lion pride was a very normal thing, and the lionesses had long gotten used to

it.

The Great Valley Pride didn't have any cubs right now, so the lionesses didn't mind switching to a new male leader. They welcomed the strong young lion who defeated the old king.

The highest-ranking lioness stepped forward and introduced herself, "Hello, I'm Yaya"

As she spoke, she lowered her head and tucked her tail to show submission.

The other lionesses approached, and a few lively young lionesses curiously tried to nuzzle the new lion king and exchange

scents with him.

Before Nyx could stop them. Theon and Felix tensed up, like they were facing a huge danger, quickly barking away

They looked at Nyx in panic. "Nyx"

Male lions don't have the word "loyalty" in their

the pride and sometimes go outside the pricabulary. They naturally see themselves as the mates of all the lionesses in

find other females.

But Nyx clearly saw the intense anxiety in Theon and Felix's eyes, as if they were worried she might misunderstand.

She breathed a sigh of relief.

The young lionesses, still not understanding the situation, thought the male lions were playing with them and, undeterred. tried to approach again

This time. Theon and Felix reacted faster, growling threateningly. "Don't come closer

As Nyx grew older, the two male lions had started to think of themselves as her potential mates.

The names Theon and Felix had become inseparable from them, and they obviously belonged to Nyx.

They didn't like other male lions getting close to Nyx, and as soon as they saw those lustful gazes, they became extremely agitated.

If they put themselves in the lionesses' shoes, they naturally wouldn't accept any other females getting close to them either.

Anyway, apart from Nyx, no other lioness, no matter how beautiful or strong, could ever attract them. Compared to leading the pride, they would rather just be with Nyx like before-hunting together, resting together, the three lions being the closest of mates.

“Come back, my cutie pies, Yaya ordered, and the young lionesses slunk back to her side.

They were confused by the rejection. "They don't seem to like us."

Yaya was older, more experienced, and had gone through two previous male lions. This was her third.

She was much calmer than the younger lionesses. The new leaders aren't familiar with us yet. They'll need time to get used

to us.

Actually, there was no need for them to get too familiar.

The relationship between male and lionesses was ultimately just a mateship for survival and reproduction, not about

emotions.

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When the former lion king lost, the lionesses of the Great Valley weren't sad or nostalgic because they were very pleased with the new king

"They're still too young, not fully mature yet, Yaya said calmly and with certainty. "Once the next rainy season comes, and it's time for reproduction, they'll naturally warm up to us

“Let's go,” she called to all the lionesses. “It's time to hunt”

Just before they set off, Yaya thought for a moment about whether to bring along the young lionesses that the male lions had brought

But from a distance, she saw the two male lions flanking Nyx, the vibe between them intimate, and decided against it.

She thought. It's better not to disturb them for now. Let's wait until they're more familiar with each other

Nyx didn't notice the lionesses leaving. She was focused on checking her mates wounds, deciding whether they needed any medicine.

The two male lions had just been through a herce battle and were in an extremely excited state, eagerly rolling around with her on the ground releasing their pent-up emotions.

After a while. Nyx finally managed to get them to calm down.

She shook out her fur and climbed onto a rock to look around.

The Great Valley truly was as rich and fertile as the rumors said—lush vegetation, plenty of prey, a real paradise.

Whether in the rainy season or the dry season, this place always pulsed with life.

The two male lions tightly followed Nyx, sticking close to her as they enjoyed the view. "Nyx, did you like it here?"

If Nyx wanted to stay, they would have to work hard to keep their position as lion kings for a bit longer, maybe even a lot Jonger.

If Nyx didn't want to stay, they would leave with her.

After the dry season ended, they could return to their old home or just wander around the savannah.

No male lion liked to wander. But with Nyx by their side, they never felt like they were wandering.

"Let's wait until this dry season is over, Nyx said, unsure of what to do.

Standing on the tall rock, she could see far off in the distance, watching the lionesses from the Great Valley Pride hunting, chasing a herd of zebras

It was then that she suddenly felt hungry.

After traveling all night yesterday, Nyx's stomach had been empty. She had just gulped down some water to fill up, and now she felt a bit uncomfortable, swaying

Male lions could easily go days without eating, but as soon as they heard Nyx's stomach growl, they couldn't sit still.

"Let's go hunt," they insisted, telling Nyx to stay and rest.

After seeing how weak Nyx looked yesterday, they had gotten really worried. They were honestly concerned she might be

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On the migration route, countless animals fell every day-both herbivores and carnivores. In the face of nature's cruelty, all creatures were equal.

After a brief mourning, their mates moved on, forgetting them as they continued their journey.

But Theon and Felix couldn't accept the thought of Nyx leaving them. They couldn't even imagine that kind of

scene.

They had already claimed the best territory, and now they needed to hunt hard to keep Nyx strong and healthy.

The two male lions immediately set off, and Nyx, unable to argue, stayed behind and waited.

She watched them leave, and then turned her attention back to the lionesses working together to hunt.

The lionesses of the Great Valley Pride were all well-fed and strong, very skilled at hunting. They worked together smoothly to trap and corner their prey, and soon enough, they brought down a zebra.

When they returned, they were surprised to find only Nyx in the territory. They thought, 'Where has the King

gone?

Normally, the lion king ate first when the pride fed. Now that the prey was back, but the lion king wasn't here, the lionesses looked at each other, unsure of what to do.

"Go ahead and eat, don't wait for them," Nyx said, hopping down from the rock. "Theon and Felix are out

hunting too."

The lionesses were even more confused at this. They thought, 'Male lions hunting? It is normal for wandering male lions to hunt, but aren't they part of the pride now?'

The male lion king did sometimes hunt, but that was usually for bigger prey.

Normally, their job was to patrol the territory and drive off intruders.

"If the lion king isn't eating, can we start?" a young lioness asked in a low voice, clearly eager.

No. Yaya answered cautiously.

She was still not sure if the new male lions in the pride would hunt for themselves. It was more likely they

were marking their territory. That, she thought, was what the newly crowned male lion king was supposed to

do.

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Seeing the lionesses standing by the kill without touching it. Nyx felt a little helpless.

Animals' minds were simple and stubborn, and it was hard to change their way of thinking,

Luckily, Theon and Felix, knowing she was hungry, came back really quickly.

They were carrying an impala, and with practiced ease, they tore it apart and fed her the tender, nutritious parts. "We couldn't find any cattle nearby, so we'll eat impala for now. We'll go further out later and get you some buffalo"

They were supposed to hunt buffalo, but they ended up with an impala instead. The two male lions felt a little guilty.

They wanted to make sure Nyx was well-fed, but they weren't familiar with this territory yet, and they were worried about coming back too late and making her suffer from hunger. So, after some thought, they decided to grab whatever they could close by

Nyx was definitely hungry. Living with Theon and Felix, she hadn't felt this kind of hunger for a long time. She devoured the meat in a hurry, and finally, she felt like she was alive again. Her stomach felt much better. She nuzzled the necks of the male lions. "You guys should eat too; stop just feeding me."

Even though she was used to being fed, she wasn't a cub anymore and could eat on her own.

The feeling of hunger was no fun, and she remembered her mates were probably hungry too, so she urged them to eat together.

As she urged them, she thought of the lionesses in the Great Valley waiting for Theon and Felix to come back and start the meal. She quickly looked up to check.

The lionesses were standing still, completely stunned. Even the youngest and hungriest lioness had stopped making noise, forgetting about the zebra and standing there in a daze. Everything in front of them seemed like an unbelievable illusion.

The gossip about Nyx, Theon, and Felix had been spreading across the plains. The lionesses had heard about it, but they had dismissed it as nonsense and laughed it off. But now, seeing it with their own eyes, they still couldn't believe it was real.

They thought, 'Male lions hunting and letting the lionesses eat first!

Yaya was so shocked, she couldn't say anything. She had thought this lioness was just fooling her.

Nyx didn't understand why they were frozen, thinking they wanted to eat the wildebeest. She thoughtfully tore off a chunk of meat and asked, "Do you want some?"

They were going to be living here for a while, and these lionesses were their closest neighbors. She should try to get along

with them.

ty more than that would be too much.

Giving them a small piece of meat was no big deal, but any

Theon and Felix ate a lot, and Nyx didn't want to cut back on their food just to make nice.

When she hunted later, she could send any extra prey to these lionesses as a gift.

Yaya snapped out of it, looking at the piece of meat Nyx tore off. She hesitated, not daring to take it.

She carefully watched the male lions' reactions and realized they weren't angry at all, as if they didn't mind Nyx casually sharing their catch.

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After hesitating for a while, she gathered her courage and took the wildebeest meat, and then tore off a piece of zebra meat and exchanged it with Nyx.

This way, they both benefited and strengthened their bond.

"You can eat now," Yaya called to the other lionesses to start their meal.

After waiting for so long, she finally understood. These three weren't normal lions, and their relationship wasn't the usual one between male and lionesses.

At least so far, their new lion king had no interest in them and just wanted to stay with this lioness called Nyx.

It was unclear if things would change when the rainy season came.

The migration was a success, and everything was settled.

Nyx and her mates temporarily settled in the Great Valley. They were still living the same life as before.

Every day, they hunted together, and when they slept, the two male lions would cuddle up tightly to Nyx, sandwiching her between them.

The lionesses in the Great Valley observed for a few days, saw they weren't going to eat with them, and began hunting and eating on their own, occasionally exchanging gifts with Nyx.

They didn't have to feed the male lions, and the territory was safe with strong male lions guarding it.

This sense of security was even better than the lionesses had imagined.

Compared to when the old lion king was around, their lives had become much more relaxed.

During the dry season, countless herbivores gathered at this oasis, and the prey was more abundant than ever. Hunting

became easier too.

Carnivores gradually migrated here as well.

Outside was noisy, but within the Great Valley lioness territory, it was very quiet.

With Theon and Felix guarding the area, no one dared to cause trouble, but outside, fights broke out almost every moment.

Nyx lay on a big rock, observing the surroundings. She saw a cheetah's kill being snatched away by lions, but the cheetah dared not protest.

On the other side, seven or eight rogue male lions fought over prey, and the scene was chaotic. Nyx also saw the Red Mountain Pride.

Nyx blinked, stunned. She thought the Red Mountain Pride hadn't migrated, but it turned out they had come as well.

The journey had been too tough. The lionesses from the Red Mountain Pride had barely managed to avoid casualties, but they had lost two of the eight cubs. Even Black Scar, the male lion, looked terribly skinny, and all the lions seemed weak and

exhausted.

When they reached this oasis, they ran into the Great Valley Pride returning from a hunt, and they looked even more miserable next to the strong, energetic lionesses from the Great Valley.

The little lions, unable to resist their hunger, stared wide-eyed at the scent of meat. Even the adult female and male lions. couldn't help but fix their gaze on the returning lion pride from the Great Valley, their eyes following them the whole way.

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"Nyx, this one's for you, Yaya said, holding a small antelope in her mouth.

This was an extra piece of loot from today, a return gift for the small wild boar Nyx had given them last time.

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Lately, Nyx and the others had been exchanging gifts like this, and their relationship had become much closer. But the male lions still didn't participate in their socializing and remained as aloof as ever.

When Nyx returned to the male lions' side, they immediately became attentive, cuddling her and licking her fur. "We'll go hunt a big antelope for you later."

Not only were the male lions jealous, but Theon and Felix were also jealous of the lionesses. They worried that

if Nyx got too close to the females, she might abandon them to hunt and sleep with them instead.

Feeling the pressure, the two male lions cling tightly to Nyx, acting all clingy and needy.

Watching this scene, the lions from the Red Mountain Pride froze in place. They thought, 'Isn't that the territory of the Great Valley Pride? Why is Nyx there? The lionesses from the Great Valley Pride are so friendly

with her.

As they were lost in thought, Nyx had already walked over with the small antelope and called out to the females, "Mom,

Auntie."

"Drink some water and eat something," she said generously, sharing the small antelope with them.

A single small antelope wasn't enough to fill the hungry pride, but it would help them regain some strength and increase their chances of a successful hunt.

The females didn't refuse, but after eating a little, they stopped. They felt too embarrassed to finish it all.

"Eat up: it's fine," Nyx said, not bothered by the food. "Theon and Felix will go hunt antelopes for me later." The lionesses looked up at her, unsure of how to respond.

She had joined their pride, but now she was still being cared for by the male lions. They weren't just any wandering males anymore; they were the kings of this territory.

They were still willing to hunt for Nyx, and that was fine. But the lionesses were worried. They thought, 'What if, when the breeding season comes, and those two male lions have cubs of their own, Nyx's position would

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After much hesitation, the lionesses decided not to voice their concerns. They didn't want to spoil Nyx's good mood.

They didn't finish the remaining antelope but called the little lions over to share it with them.

Black Scar also wanted to eat the meat. But since Nyx was here, he didn't want to provoke those two terrifying young lions. He reluctantly walked off a little farther.

Watching the little lions devouring the meat, the females sighed, "If only we had listened to you back then.

Nyx had warned them, but they had hesitated and hadn't followed her to migrate in time.

The very next day after Nyx left, the river around their territory dried up completely. The sun beat down, evaporating all the water, and the once lively grassland turned silent.

Without water to drink and no prey around, their hope for rain vanished. They had no choice but to leave their territory, following the migrating herd, traveling day and night.

In such extreme conditions, with a long journey ahead, the mortality rate for the little lions was very high. Luckily, the little lions of the Red Mountain Pride were already old enough to survive independently, or the survival rate would have been even lower.

Thinking of the two little lions that had fallen behind, the females looked gloomy. Nyx nudged them with her head, silently offering comfort.

Soon, the females cheered up again. "We need to go hunting."

They had finally reached this oasis, seeing a glimmer of hope for survival, so they couldn't afford to slack off. The females went hunting, and Nyx stayed behind to look after the little lions for a while.

These little lions were only about seven or eight months younger than her, but they didn't eat as well as she did, so they looked much smaller and still had the appearance of cubs.

They had been secretly groomed and played with by Nyx since they were little, so they were very familiar with her and sweetly called her name.

Nyx patiently played with them until the females returned from hunting, and then she said goodbye and happily ran back to her mates. Reuniting with the Red Mountain Pride, she was in a great mood.

Seeing her so cheerful, the two male lions spoke with a hint of jealousy. "You actually came back? Well... it's good you came back."

Hearing this, Nyx felt a little odd.

For a moment, she felt like Theon and Felix were like housewives waiting for their husbands to come home, while she was the carefree man about town.

She wanted to laugh but held it back, instead gently flattering them. "Of course I came back, no other lion out there is going to hunt big antelopes for me."

Hearing her say that, Theon and Felix instantly felt that their worth had been recognized, and their mood lightened.

They were off to catch a gazelle for Nyx. They were going after the biggest one.

Nyx smiled as she watched them go. Although her mates were a bit too possessive, she didn't feel repelled by

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When they were in human form, they were easy to handle, but now that they'd lost their memories and turned into big lions, they were kind of clumsy, and with just a few words, she could manage them. It was really cute.

The oasis wasn't lacking in gazelles or other prey.

The Red Mountain Pride had successfully hunted a wild boar.

Black Scar had eaten his fill, and now it was the lionesses' turn to feed.

Nyx's mother, Sasha, looked up and saw Theon and Felix heading out to hunt.

It seemed Nyx hadn't lied to them.

Those two male lions were really willing to keep taking care of her, even though she'd already joined the pride, and they were still hunting for her.

No matter what happens later, at least right now, she was living well.

Sasha's anxious feelings calmed a little, and she buried her head in the meat.

Due to migrating late, the Red Mountain Pride had arrived too late and could only settle on the outskirts of the oasis for

now.

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Lions were good at adapting, and after a few days, their lives got back on track.

Nyx occasionally visited them, bringing little gifts to spoil them.

As a lion, she didn't have a phone or an Intelligent Brain to mess around with, so her entertainment options were pretty limited.

Although she didn't feel too bored when she was with her mates, getting out and about always lifted her mood.

In the past, the two male lions would follow Nyx wherever she went, always by her side.

But now, they had the responsibility of guarding the territory and had to stay home, waiting for her to come back once she was done playing.

They thought, 'Being a lion king isn't all it is cracked up to be..... It might be better to let another lion take that position.

"Nyx, after the dry season, we should leave this place," Theon suggested.

Nyx got confused. Actually, she didn't think staying here was so bad.

Felix gently licked her cheek. "Life was freer before, don't you think? When it was just the three of us."

Nyx thought for a while and nodded. "Alright."

Staying here meant the male lions, as kings, had to face endless fights to protect their territory.

During the dry season, they'd stay here to survive, but when the rains came, leaving wouldn't make life harder.

By then, they wouldn't have to rush like they did during migration. They could take their time, wander around, and explore the vast grasslands.

She didn't have much attachment to the territory, and neither did Theon and Felix, so it seemed perfect for some travel and new experiences.

With Nyx's approval, the male lions were overjoyed.

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In the evening, they worked hard to hunt and brought back a wild buffalo to celebrate.

The three lions had a big meal, and then went to the river to clean themselves up. They picked a big, leafy tree to rest under.

With their eyes closed, Theon and Felix skillfully used their tails to swat mosquitoes away from Nyx. It had become a habit, like a little skill they had developed over time.

Nyx was free from many annoyances and comfortably lay there, quickly falling into a deep sleep.

Late at night, the roar of the male lions echoed across the sky, followed by the growls of the lionesses, throwing everything into chaos.

Countless animals were disturbed.

Herbivores and weaker carnivores fled into the distance, while some fearless predators went the other way, heading toward the sounds to see what was happening.

Nyx was startled too. She suddenly opened her eyes, jumping up in a hurry. "What's going on?"

The two male lions woke up first, already on alert, positioning themselves on either side of her to protect her.

The source of the noise was far away, but Nyx listened carefully, and her face turned grim. "It's the Red Mountain Pride. Something happened to them."

She could recognize the voices of her mother and aunts, but she couldn't make out exactly what they were roaring about.

"Don't worry." Felix immediately reassured her. "I'll go check it out."

He gave Theon a glance, signaling him to stay in the territory, to stay with Nyx and keep her safe, while he rushed toward the sound.

Nyx chased after him, wanting to go with him, but was stopped by Theon. Reluctantly, she stopped and shouted, "Be careful!"

She definitely cared about the safety of the lionesses and cubs in the Red Mountain Pride, but nothing

mattered more than her mate's safety.

Felix let out a low growl in response.

Maybe it was the roar of the lion king that gave a sense of deterrence, or maybe the incident was over, but the noise over there gradually died down.

Nyx's mind started to wander even more. She couldn't help but pace around the territory, feeling restless.

The lionesses from the Great Valley Pride woke up, coming closer and gently rubbing against her to comfort

her.

They knew about Nyx's connection with the outsider lion pride, so they really understood how she was

feeling.

The evening breeze blew, and the hot summer wind carried the faint scent of blood.

Along with it came the news from over there. A few birds flew back and forth, chirping away like news reporters. "Black Scar's dead."

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An alliance of three stray male lions invaded the Red Mountain Pride and killed Black Scar. The next step, naturally, was to kill all the cubs.

The lionesses of the Red Mountain Pride were incredibly unlucky. They had already lost one batch of cubs, and now, after all this effort to raise this new batch, they were about to lose them too.

Nyx's nerves tightened to the extreme.

That childhood memory, which didn't truly belong to her, surged up, and she couldn't help but tremble all over.

Theon, who wasn't good with words, didn't know how to comfort her, so he just licked her forehead gently, over and over again. He thought, 'Don't be afraid. I'm here, and no one can hurt you'

Not long after, the birds brought more news.

"The cubs aren't dead."

"Felix made it to the Red Mountain Pride.

"Those three dared to challenge him."

The stray lion alliance had successfully killed Black Scar and, drunk on their victory, began to believe they could defeat the lion king, relying on their numbers.

Even the birds thought they were overestimating themselves.

Sure enough, a few more birds flew over soon after, reporting the outcome of the battle.

"They won."

"Felix won."

"As expected of the lion king-one against three."

The birds were absolutely certain; this was the fiercest lion they had ever seen.

Nyx climbed to a high place and looked out. She saw Felix's large, graceful figure moving through the night, with a group of lions following him.

All the lionesses were there, and she let out a relieved sigh.

And none of the cubs were missing. Her tense mood suddenly relaxed. She jumped off the large rock, leaned against Theon, and together they waited for Felix to return.

But as he got closer, Nyx noticed the bright red on his body, and it hit her like a thunderbolt. She rushed toward him.

"I'm fine, Nyx," Felix stood tall, letting her check him. "It's not my blood. I'll wash it off by the river later." Compared to the former lion king of the Great Valley Pride, those three were a bunch of amateurs. Beating them had been a piece of cake.

He wasn't hurt, but there was a lioness who had been injured. Felix hesitated, looking at the injured lioness, unsure how to tell Nyx.

In the silence, the scent of blood grew stronger and more noticeable, impossible to hide.

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Nyx looked at Felix's serious face and could also smell something unusual. She stiffened and turned her head to meet her mother's gaze.

Stunned for a moment, she didn't have time to check on her mother's injuries before she turned and ran. "I'm going to find some medicine."

"Nyx." Theon hurriedly followed her, staying close by her side, ready to be her bodyguard.

During this time, Nyx hadn't been aimlessly running around. She had already found several places in the territory where medicinal herbs were growing.

There were hemostatic, anti-inflammatory, tissue regeneration-promoting, and fever-reducing herbs.

Once she found the right spot, she started gathering them quickly.

To other animals, this scene looked like she was struck hard and suddenly went crazy, pulling up grass wildly.

The lioness' eyes showed a hint of guilt.

She wasn't a good mother, she hadn't protected little Nyx properly before, and now Nyx was worried about her, which had led to this.

Sasha knew that some grasses were special and could heal injuries and diseases. If the injury wasn't too bad, those herbs could help with recovery. But if it was serious, there was nothing to do but wait for death to

come.

"My leg is broken. There's no saving it," her voice was heavy, full of pain, a reminder to Nyx.

In this vast prairie, no animal that broke its leg ever healed. Most of them died within days, and even if they were lucky enough to survive, they could never hunt again, never take care of themselves. In the end, death was inevitable.

Upon hearing this, Nyx paused for a moment. She set the herbs aside and bent down to check the lioness' injury.

She believed the bone was definitely broken.

But the break was clean, not shattered. As long as it was set and rested for a while, it could heal completely.

"It's not a big deal; it can heal," she comforted Sasha while looking for the right wood and vines to stabilize its

leg.

Watching Nyx busy herself, the lioness looked at her suspiciously.

Nearby, the other lions from the Red Mountain Pride and the Great Valley Pride were also confused.

They all thought Nyx had lost her mind and was talking nonsense.

They thought, 'She thought she could heal a broken bone with just two pieces of wood, some vines, and a few herbs?'

Nyx didn't notice the skeptical looks around her. She kept her head down, carefully applying the medicine, setting the bone, and putting a splint on, when she suddenly heard Sasha apologize, "I'm sorry, Nyx. I regret not protecting you back then."

he hadn't protected Nyx's siblings as well.

This time, it was because she fought to the death to protect the cubs that Sasha got hurt. She had her leg bitten off by an invading stray male lion.

No matter what, she never wanted to see her cubs die one by one in front of her.

She didn't regret getting hurt for the cubs.

Now, thinking she was as good as dead, she wanted to share her feelings with Nyx, to say the apology she had been holding

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in for so long. She finally felt much lighter, like she had dropped a heavy stone from her chest.

Nyx looked up and rubbed her head against the lioness' neck. "It's okay, mom."

She didn't think Sasha was at fault.

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Even if Sasha had desperately tried to run with the cubs, fleeing their territory, it would have been hard to keep them alive, and even harder to keep them safe. It might have led to the death of both mother and cubs.

Nature was that cruel. Sasha was in pain too, but she had no choice.

"Alright. From now on, don't get your leg wet and try not to move it." Nyx changed the subject, giving Sasha some instructions. "And these herbs, you need to eat some every day to prevent infection and inflammation in

the wound."

After treating the injury, another serious issue arose. The new male leader of the Red Mountain Pride was defeated by Felix before he even officially took the position, meaning Felix was technically their new leader. But if they followed Felix and settled in the Great Valley, they feared the lionesses there would have any

objections.

Suddenly, Yaya spoke up and took the initiative to accept them, "Hello, I'm Yaya. From now on, we're sisters in the same pride.

The Great Valley territory was vast and abundant. There was no problem in supporting a few more lionesses

and cubs.

Adding new members would only make their pride stronger.

Yaya had a good first impression of Sasha and was willing to live with her. Plus, she had a bit of selfishness in

it.

During the day, she had overheard a conversation between the lion king and Nyx, learning that they didn't want to stay in their territory and planned to leave during the rainy season.

In fact, the territory was never short of male lions eyeing it. Once they left, another new lion would quickly take

the throne. But having seen a truly powerful lion king, Yaya wasn't willing to let them go.

With Theon and Felix around, their territory would definitely be safe. They would even hunt for themselves

and wouldn't need the lionesses to support them.

She thought, 'Where else in the world could you find such a great lion king?'

Yaya knew that Sasha was Nyx's mother and that Nyx had strong feelings for the Red Mountain Pride. If they accepted them and let them stay in the Great Valley, maybe Nyx would want to stay too.

As long as Nyx stayed, the two male lions would surely stay with her.

Yaya felt the lion kings were just like simps.

"Don't get involved in the hunting until your injury heals," she told Sasha. "Listen to Nyx, rest for a while, and

you'll get your leg back to normal."

Whether or not Nyx stayed depended on Sasha's life, and Yaya cared a lot about that.

Even though she didn't have much hope, she still wanted to try her best.

Not far away, two young lionesses were avoiding the Red Mountain Pride, muttering to each other.

"Has Nyx lost it? Is Yaya crazy too?"

"Her bone is broken, how could it possibly heal?"

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Yaya scolded them, "Shut up, you two."

After being scolded, Amy and Wendy, the two young lionesses, pouted, "We were just saying the truth."

There had been lions in the Great Valley Pride who died from broken legs.

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One of their younger brothers had been like that, his leg bitten off by a crocodile. He had a fever that night and passed away a few days later.

"If her leg could heal, I would-I'd go get her a wild buffalo," the two young lionesses boasted.

They didn't believe that those green, bitter herbs could really help.

They thought it was just extra suffering, eating bitter herbs before dying-better to eat some tasty meat while they could.

The more emotional they got, the louder they spoke without realizing it.

Nyx raised her eyes and looked at them.

Immediately, the two young lionesses froze, quickly shutting their mouths as they realized how inappropriate their words had been.

Thankfully, Nyx didn't hold it against them. She silently turned her head and returned to Theon and Felix's side.

She knew the two young lionesses didn't mean any harm. They had no ill intentions toward Sasha.

They weren't cursing her, they were just skeptical about the herbs working and had blurted it out without thinking.

The other ones, including Sasha, didn't speak up but probably thought the same thing in their hearts.

In truth, Nyx wasn't completely confident either.

Sasha's injury wasn't a small one-her leg wasn't the only thing broken, she had several other bites too. The bone could heal, but the wounds might get infected, and she could still die at any time.

Even though Nyx had a lot of veterinary experience, there wasn't much she could do without proper

resources.

The plains were harsh, with no advanced medical equipment or even basic antibiotics from Earth. She had done her best, cleaning Sasha's wounds and getting her the herbs for healing and eating. The rest was up to Sasha's own strength to survive.

Theon hugged Nyx while Felix helped fix her fur, which was a bit messy from running around earlier.

"She'll be fine," they both said at the same time, their voices full of certainty, even more confident in Nyx than she was in herself.

Nyx was the smartest lion, and since she could treat herself when she was young, she would definitely heal this injury too.

Hearing her mates' gentle whispers, Nyx felt reassured and slowly relaxed, closing her eyes.

In the middle of the night, she woke up suddenly. After everything that had happened, she was physically and mentally exhausted. Once her tense mind loosened, she quickly fell back to sleep.

Theon stayed by her side the whole time, and Felix went to take a bath, cleaning the blood off him. He returned with a mist

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of water around him, offering Nyx a bit of coolness as she slept.

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It was just getting light. Nyx still had Sasha on her mind and opened her eyes early,

She carefully moved away from her mates, not wanting to wake them up. But the two male lions had already woken up before she was even fully awake.

"Where are you going, Nyx?" Felix asked lazily, opening his amber eyes and rolling over to pull her back into his arms.

The newly awakened lion spoke with a sensual, throaty voice, his chest pressed against Nyx's, vibrating slightly.

Nyx shook her ears uncomfortably. "I'm going to check on mom."

A whole night passed, and Sasha's condition was stable for now.

Its body temperature was normal, and its breathing was steady.

It was just that it had lost a lot of blood, so it didn't have much energy, and its body felt weak.

"How is it?" Yaya asked nervously.

Nyx's expression softened, and his tone became relaxed. "It's good. The chances of recovery are very high." The lionesses formed a circle, all looking at Sasha with disbelief.

From their experience, Sasha should be burning with fever right now, and its consciousness was probably unclear.

But it only looked a little weak, and the bleeding from its wounds had already stopped. It didn't seem as badly off as they had imagined. It almost looked like what Nyx said-it could recover.

The two lioness exchanged a glance and swallowed nervously. They thought, 'They aren't really planning to catch a wild buffalo, are they? They don't have the strength for that. Why could they recover even after being so badly injured?'

'Could those weird flowers and plants really be useful?? If we'd known, we wouldn't have boasted so much.' With these thoughts, they looked worried and regretful.

"Yaya, let's go catch a wild buffalo," they muttered to each other and then cheerfully surrounded Yaya. "No, we're not catching a wild buffalo," Yaya immediately saw through their plan.

They figured that if they just followed the group and caught a wild buffalo, they'd have kept their promise. She thought, 'Dream on. It isn't going to be that easy.'

Yaya decided to make things a little harder for them and teach these two loose-lipped lionesses a lesson. "What does Sasha like to eat?" she turned to ask the lionesses from the Red Mountain Pride.

"Waterbucks?" Although they'd been living together for a while, the lionesses from the Red Mountain Pride weren't entirely sure what Sasha liked.

Most of the time, they didn't get to choose; they ate whatever they caught.

Yaya nodded confidently. "Okay, then we'll go catch waterbucks."

The lionesses didn't hunt every day. They had just hunted yesterday, so there was no need to hunt again

today.

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But to take care of the injured and provide nutrition, Yaya cheerfully led the group to hunt.

Despite grumbling about their bad luck, the two lionesses, Wendy and Amy, eagerly followed Yaya's lead to hunt.

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They genuinely hoped Sasha would get better. Of course, they thought it would be even better if they didn't have to catch a wild buffalo.

The lionesses from the Red Mountain Pride were very grateful to Yaya and the Great Valley Pride, and they showed extraordinary bravery during the hunt.

Even though it was their first time cooperating, they quickly fell into the rhythm of the Great Valley Pride.

With the two prides merged, there were so many lions that one waterbuck wasn't enough. The lionesses brought back two waterbucks.

"You two go feed Sasha," Yaya instructed Wendy and Amy. "From now on, Sasha is your responsibility to take care of. As long as you take good care of her, you don't have to catch wild buffaloes."

Upon hearing this, the two lionesses felt like they'd been pardoned. Without any hesitation, they happily tore

off a piece of meat and headed straight for Sasha.

Nyx stood on the big rock, watching them for a while.

Although these two lionesses were a bit careless, they were surprisingly competent when it came to taking care of the injured. They were very reliable.

They not only fed Sasha meat but also somehow managed to get large leaves to carry water to her.

Lions that could use tools were, of course, clever, but leaves weren't exactly the best containers. Water spilled along the way, and they could only carry a little bit at a time.

But the two lionesses were incredibly patient, taking turns running to the river and tirelessly bringing water to Sasha until she was full..

When they finally took a break, they stayed by her side.

After being so carefully looked after for a while, Sasha's condition visibly improved.

Nyx changed her bandages and cleaned her wounds every day, doing everything he could to reduce infection

and inflammation.

Thanks to her strong physical condition and excellent luck, she managed to pull through. Aside from the broken leg that still couldn't move, the other wounds were mostly healed.

Even Sasha herself found it unbelievable.

She had no idea where Nyx had learned such skills.

As her mother, she didn't know these things, nor had she ever taught her. Even the two male lions didn't seem

to know as much as she did.

Sasha couldn't figure it out no matter how much she thought about it.

Regardless, surviving was, of course, a good thing.

After Nyx declared that Sasha was out of danger, she was elated for days. But once the excitement wore off and she looked at her still-immobilized, unusable broken leg, her mood darkened again.

She thought, 'What is the point of surviving? A crippled lion, unable to participate in hunts, is nothing but a

useless burden,

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"Don't overthink it." Wendy and Amy reassured her cheerfully. "Worst case, we'll just take care of you

forever?

They had been looking after Sasha all this time and didn't find it difficult at all. It was meant as comfort, but to Sasha, it only made her feel worse. Her mood remained low.

Right now, the pride had no real survival pressure, and giving her an extra share of food was no trouble.

But once the rainy season arrived and a new batch of cubs was born, when Wendy and Amy became mothers themselves, caring for her would no longer seem so easy.

If an emergency happened and food became scarce, not only would she be unable to contribute to the hunt, but she would also have to shamelessly rely on others, becoming a burden to the pride.

As Nyx changed her bandages, Sasha spoke in a low voice, "Nyx, don't lie to me. Will my leg really heal?"

She suspected Nyx was just saying it to comfort her.

Nyx lifted her head, met her gaze, and nodded. "Of course, it will."

Before, she hadn't been entirely sure, but now she could answer with confidence.

Sasha's leg was healing steadily, though bone recovery took a long time.

"Before the rainy season comes, your leg will be back to normal," Nyx promised after careful consideration.

Sasha was skeptical. But having a deadline at least gave her something to look forward to. No matter what,

she thought life had to go on.

The lionesses of the Great River Valley pride were skilled hunters and generous in nature. They had provided for Sasha for months without a hint of impatience.

Wendy and Amy also remained devoted to their care. They had gotten used to the responsibility and were genuinely prepared to take care of Sasha for a lifetime.

Over time, Sasha slowly came to accept her disability. She started learning about different medicinal herbs from Nyx and no longer spent her days wallowing in despair.

One morning, Nyx assessed Sasha's recovery, then gently removed the wooden splints and vines that had been holding her leg in place. "Mom, you can try walking normally now."

At first, Sasha froze in stunned disbelief, wondering if she had misheard. "Walk? Really? On all four legs? You're not joking. are you, Nyx?"

Wendy and Amy immediately started shouting in excitement, loud enough to draw the attention of the entire

pride.

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Sasha lowered her gaze to her leg. She had already learned to move on three legs-it wasn't fast or stable, and she couldn't hunt, but she could stand to eat and go to the river for water without needing Wendy and Amy's help.

As for her once-broken fourth leg, she had almost forgotten what it felt like to move it.

"Don't put too much pressure on it at once, take it slow Nyx guided her.

Sasha tried to take a step. Out of habit, she put all her weight on three legs, keeping the fourth curled up, limping awkwardly.

A wave of disappointed sighs rippled through the crowd.

Hearing those sighs, Sasha panicked, stumbling forward and nearly falling.

Nyx swiftly stepped in to support her. She said nothing, nor did she rush her—she simply waited patiently for Sasha to adjust on her own.

Leaning against Nyx, listening to her steady and strong heartbeat, Sasha gradually calmed down and tentatively placed her injured leg on the ground.

There was a little discomfort, but it wasn't nearly as painful as she expected.

Her leg, unused for so long, was stiff, and walking on four legs was slower at first than on three. But as she kept moving, she picked up speed.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Sasha's walking speed actually became just like any other lion's, and her posture returned to normal. She looked no longer limping at all.

Excitement surged in Sasha's brain, and a bright light sparkled in her eyes. She walked around restlessly, not even wanting to stop.

She had truly recovered. She hadn't become useless after all.

The gloom on her heart suddenly dispersed, and she couldn't help but laugh. She even wanted to run and jump.

"Wait, don't run just yet." Nyx stopped her. "Recover for a few more days, take it slow."

Rehabilitation wasn't something that could be done in a day. It had to be gradual, and the leg couldn't be pushed too hard

too soon.

This time, Sasha trusted her completely, her eyes sparkling as she nodded repeatedly. "Okay."

She would listen to everything Nyx said.

The other lionesses were stunned, unable to recover from the shock for a long time.

After a while, Wendy and Amy screamed and rushed toward Nyx. "Nyx, you're amazing."

The other lionesses were a bit more composed, but they felt the same inside. They thought, 'It is incredible. A leg that was broken could actually heal like this.'

Before this, they had never heard of anything like it.

The lions' excited roars attracted more small animals who came to watch.

Seeing the limping lioness now walking normally on four legs, they couldn't believe their eyes.

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The birds on the branches, who had witnessed everything, chattered non-stop, telling everyone what had happened.

The news spread quickly.

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In just two days, the whole oasis had heard the shocking news about the lioness' recovered leg and also about Nyx's name.

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Actually, Nyx had already been quite a famous lioness, but her name was mostly associated with Theon and Felix as their subordinate. This time, though, she made a name for herself, and even stories from her childhood were brought up again.

"Nyx was always super capable since she was little." The birds spread stories about Nyx everywhere. "When she was a little cub, she got really sick, burning with fever, and it was her who directed 'Theon to find her grass to help her get better."

For animals, a fever was actually a dangerous thing, especially for young cubs. It almost always meant death was imminent.

Nyx had survived thanks to her knowledge of healing with plants. It was incredible.

In no time, Nyx's reputation as someone who could heal both injuries and diseases spread far and wide.

Wherever she went, there were countless eyes following her.

Feeling those eyes on her, Theon and Felix became extremely vigilant. They took turns patrolling their territory several times a day, and when they had free time, they stayed close to Nyx, never leaving her side.

Their strict vigilance kept anyone from daring to approach.

A rainstorm came down, signaling the end of the dry season.

After so long without rain, Nyx joyfully ran around in the light drizzle, but was quickly grabbed by two male lions and brought under the shelter of a large rock.

"I'm not a little cub anymore. I don't mind getting wet," she grumbled, not happy about it.

Felix didn't listen and immediately pulled her into his arms, gently licking her head. She wasn't a cub anymore.

But the time when she had been sick as a cub had left a lasting scar on the two male lions. As soon as they saw her in the rain, they panicked.

Nyx understood their fear and only muttered a few words, and then obediently lay under the big rock to stay dry.

Listening to the soft rustling noise of the rain, with her mates on either side keeping watch, she felt peaceful and soon fell asleep.

In a drowsy haze, she didn't know how much time had passed, but she suddenly heard someone calling her name from the

rain.

The voice sounded familiar and was getting closer.

Suddenly, Theon had rushed out. Then, a sound of a lion fighting echoed.

Her drowsiness disappeared instantly, and Nyx quickly opened her eyes. "Theon."

She squinted and looked carefully, realizing that the lion fighting with Theon was one she actually recognized.

"Nyx, I'm Curled Ear. Do you remember me?" asked Curled Ear. It had been a while, and Curled Ear had grown past the awkward juvenile stage, his thick mane fully grown, turning him into a young and handsome lion.

But right now, he was in a messy situation, desperately trying to avoid Theon's blows while shouting at Nyx, "Save my brother! Please! He's dying. Find him some herbs to heal him!"

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His plea was so heartfelt that Nyx couldn't help but soften.

She hurried toward Theon, calming him down, and then looked up at Curled Ear. "What happened to your

brother?

With the conditions so poor, she wasn't sure if she could help with every illness.

"I don't know," Curled Ear stammered, panicked. "He was fine earlier, but suddenly collapsed"

Nyx was a bit confused.

"Let's go check on him," she urged. "Hurry, lead the way."

Curled Ear couldn't believe it.

Cautiously, it watched Theon and Felix, seeing that they didn't stop Nyx from leaving the territory, so it bravely

ran ahead to guide her.

Nyx followed. Felix quietly trailed behind her.

They didn't want to interfere too much with Nyx's freedom, but they couldn't help but worry about her going

alone into another lion's territory.

Lion lives were on the line, so Curled Ear ran as fast as it could.

Fortunately, Nyx was in good shape and kept up, following him until they reached a large tree.

Curled Ear had grown up but still didn't have his own territory and was still wandering around.

"My brother and I were going to wait for the dry season to pass and then claim some land," he said, sounding

downcast.

He thought, 'We have finally found a like-minded ally and formed an alliance, only for him to possibly be lost

like this?

Nyx followed his gaze and saw a strong lion, gasping in awe.

Though he didn't compare to Theon and Felix, he was still much more majestic than a normal lion, a rare and handsome

one.

Without Theon and Felix as exceptions, this lion would've been the next king of the plains. But now, he was lying on the ground with his eyes closed, twitching faintly.

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Curled Ear let out a sad roar. "Aman."

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He and Aman were closer than brothers. When they first met, it was Aman who had saved him from a buffalo herd after a failed hunt, and they'd formed an alliance ever since, wandering together.

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If their bond wasn't so strong, Curled Ear wouldn't have risked his life charging into the lion pride of Great Valley to ask Nyx for help.

"He's not dead; stop making noise," Felix said coldly, suppressing Curled Ear. "Don't disturb Nyx."

Feeling threatened, Curled Ear immediately fell silent, sniffing softly. His eyes remained fixed on Nyx, placing all his hope in her. If Aman died, he truly didn't know what to do next.

Nyx circled around and carefully examined the poor lion, and then looked up at Curled Ear. "What has he eaten recently?"

"Wild boar and rabbit." Curled Ear thought hard. "He also caught a bird, but didn't eat it."

Nyx looked around, her gaze settling on some mushrooms growing near a decayed stump. "Did he eat those?"

She initially suspected Aman was poisoned, and after checking, she didn't find any snake bites on him, so she suspected food poisoning.

There were many poisonous plants on the plains, but lions didn't typically eat grass and weren't that foolish. Either Aman had eaten a poisonous prey, or, out of curiosity, had consumed something toxic.

After this rain, a bunch of mushrooms had sprouted everywhere. Many were harmless, but some were poisonous, and it was hard to tell just by looking-this was the most likely source of the poison.

"No," Curled Ear said, looking confused, "We know not to eat these things."

Mushrooms were never on the lion's menu, and they weren't hungry enough to eat something bad.

Without thinking, Curled Ear denied it, but then suddenly remembered something and widened his eyes. "Wait a minute. Maybe he ate one. When Aman was catching the rabbit, he accidentally bit a mushroom, but I didn't notice if he spit it out."

Curled Ear ran towards a clump of yellow mushrooms nearby, looking completely harmless. "This one."

With just one glance, Nyx was sure-it was indeed poison.

She quickly scratched some shapes of plants on the ground with her claws and urged Curled Ear, "Hurry and find them. Once you do, feed them to him right away."

The herbs she drew were all easy to identify. As long as Curled Ear wasn't foolish, he wouldn't make a mistake.

After briefly parting from Curled Ear, Nyx ran back to her territory and pulled up some other herbs.

When she returned to Aman's side, Curled Ear was already back, desperately stuffing the herbs he found into Aman's mouth

Fortunately, Aman hadn't lost consciousness completely and could barely open his eyes, swallowing the bitter herbs.

"Feed him more," Nyx said, putting the herbs she brought aside and urging Curled Ear to finish feeding Aman the ones he had found.

Curled Ear did exactly as she said, not daring to stop for even a moment.

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Then, Aman suddenly started vomiting, violently, which startled Curled Ear. He turned to Nyx, his eyes filled with panic.

"It's fine; it's normal" Nyx reassured him calmly, "Feeding him these herbs is to make him vomit,"

After Aman had vomited most of what was in his stomach, Nyx asked Curled Ear, "Can you carry him?"

"We'll take him to the river to drink water: Curled Ear looked a little troubled.

He wasn't as big as Aman, so while he could move with Aman on his back, he was stumbling and unsteady. "I'll do it," Felix said, stepping in to take over.

Curled Ear suddenly understood why Felix was the king here,

Watching Felix carry the burden with steady steps, Curled Ear hung his head, swallowing nervously.

He had once dreamed of challenging Theon and Felix with Aman, but now, looking back, it seemed ridiculous.

After a round of intense vomiting, Aman started to regain some awareness. When they reached the river, without much prompting from Nyx, he instinctively bent down and began drinking large gulps of water.

"Eat a bit more of this," Nyx said once he couldn't drink any more, offering him more of the herbs. Remembering the disgusting, bitter taste and the pain of vomiting, Aman hesitated, but when he met Nyx's dark, gleaming eyes, he couldn't bring himself to refuse and ate as told.

After a few bites, he immediately vomited it all out again.

After repeating this a few times, Nyx finally decided it was enough. Aman's face had turned ashen.

She watched as Aman shook his head when he saw the next batch of herbs she offered.

"Eat it," Nyx said firmly, her tone unyielding in the face of his resistance.

Under her intense gaze, Aman stiffened, lowered his head, and reluctantly picked up a few herbs, chewing them with a pained expression.

It was gross.

Seeing him obediently take the medicine, Nyx softened her tone. "Don't think you're fine just because you've thrown up. You still need to eat some detox herbs, rest for a few days, and drink plenty of water every day."

She didn't just warn Aman; she also reminded Curled Ear to make sure he kept an eye on the patient and ensured he took his medicine.

Curled Ear nodded enthusiastically, gazing up at her with complete admiration. "Thank you."

Just by making him throw up the toxic stuff, Aman's condition visibly improved. At least his stomach wasn't hurting so much anymore.

Aman hadn't eaten too many poisonous mushrooms. Thanks to the timely rescue, Nyx's fears of severe liver and kidney damage didn't come true.

With his tough constitution and will to live, Aman didn't die and gradually began to recover.

Nyx ran around for a few more days, found more detox herbs, and went to check on Aman.

"How have you been feeling these past few days?" she asked Aman.

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Hearing her voice, the lion, lying down, suddenly opened his eyes and stared at the small lioness in front of

him, his gaze full of gratitude and admiration, unable to look away,

He didn't snap out of it until he heard Felix's threatening growl, shuddering slightly. "I'm, I'm fine"

He finally confirmed it was not a dream. He thought, 'So Nyx really did come to see me.

Over the past few days, his dreams had been filled with the beautiful figure of the lioness.

Sometimes, she would gently scold him to eat the herbs, other times she would speak softly with him, and occasionally, she would simply lie quietly beside him, keeping him company.

Even though it wasn't the rainy season yet, some unexplainable thoughts kept lingering in his mind.

Nyx, completely unaware, pointed seriously at the herbs she had just brought and reminded Aman, "Eat two of these every day, don't forget."

"Okay," Aman said, once again lost in thought, staring at her.

Felix shot a cold glare, and a growl rumbled in his throat, warning again.

Hearing the sound, Nyx turned to look at him, thinking he couldn't wait any longer. "Let's go, Felix. Let's go

hunting."

They had been busy digging up herbs all day, so they were definitely hungry by now.

Seeing her pure, innocent face, as though she didn't even realize Aman's feelings for her, Felix sighed in relief

and felt much lighter.

This happy feeling lasted all the way until the next morning.

The cool, dewy drops fell onto Nyx's nose, and she stretched out in the arms of her mates, shaking her fur comfortably as she woke

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The male lions looked down at her, thinking she was adorable no matter where they looked, and they just couldn't get enough of her. "Nyx, what do you want to eat today?"

Before Nyx could answer, two other male lions suddenly roared from the edge of the territory, calling her

name.

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Following the sound, Nyx saw Aman and the one with the floppy ears.

There was a fresh buffalo lying on the ground.

"This is for you, Nyx," Aman said softly. "Thank you for saving me."

The young male lion was no longer the messy sight he'd been when they'd first met.

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Now, he stood tall, the morning sun shining on him, his fur glimmering healthily, and he exuded a wild, captivating charm.

Nyx couldn't help but look at him a little longer.

Even though she'd been a lion for two years, Nyx still thought of herself as Beastmen, and when it came to regular lions, she simply admired them without any other thoughts.

But Aman got excited when he noticed her lingering gaze. He thought, 'Is she interested in me, too?'

One defining trait of a lion was its confidence. Young male lions, in particular, became especially restless as the rainy season approached, their minds clouded by surging hormones and wandering thoughts.

Their eyes met, and as Nyx felt the growing heat in its gaze, even she—no matter how slow—finally realized something was off.

She took a step back, glancing at Theon and Felix, who had followed her over. She thought, 'No way!'

The two male lions were practically radiating jealousy and anger, glaring at Aman and the one with the floppy ears, like they were ready to tear their rival apart at any second.

Nyx rushed over to them, trying to calm things down before things exploded. She rubbed against them on the left, kissed them on the right, and moved her tail up and down their backs. Her efforts weren't in vain.

The desire to fight left the male lions' minds. They took turns hugging Nyx tightly and coldly glared at Aman and the one with the floppy ears, as if marking their territory.

The overwhelming pressure from the lion king was enough to make every lion tremble in fear.

Ordinary male lions wouldn't dare challenge a lion king for a mate, but Aman wasn't ordinary. Despite the pressure, he stood there, sweating, but he didn't back down.

Nyx spoke up, "No need to thank me. You can take the buffalo back. I don't accept it."

When she was human, Nyx would always think carefully and find a reason to turn someone down, but as a lion, it was simple. She could afford to be a bit more willful.

"I only eat prey that Theon and Felix catch for me," Nyx declared calmly.

In an instant, Aman was deeply hurt.

Theon and Felix, on the other hand, immediately brightened up, purring happily.

That one sentence repeated in their minds countless times, and they looked around, wishing the gossiping birds weren't nearby, as they would have loved for them to witness this moment and spread it across the whole savannah.

Nyx turned down another male lion. She only liked them.

"We'll go catch you a buffalo," the two male lions said happily as they set off, clearly excited that hunting for Nyx was such an

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honorable task.

Nyx followed them, leaving Aman's protests behind.

Watching the three lions leave together, looking so close-knit, Aman stood frozen, unable to move, for a long time.

This was the first time he felt such a strong sense of defeat.

"Let's go." Curled Ear said helplessly, picking up the buffalo in his mouth. "I told you, they won't allow another lion between

them.*

All he'd wanted was an alliance, but they'd been driven away. Theon and Felix had warned him sternly not to get close to Nyx.

And yet, Aman still foolishly tried to court Nyx. He really had a death wish.

If they were able to leave here alive today, it was all thanks to Nyx stopping them in time.

When Nyx returned from hunting, she noticed that Aman and the one with the floppy ears had already disappeared, and the buffalo was gone as well, so she let out a relieved sigh.

However, there was a commotion from the other side. She looked up and saw the lionesses chasing after the three young cubs, trying to drive them out of the territory. "Move it! You guys have grown up."

Nyx suddenly realized. The three young lions being driven away were all males, already sub-adults. They couldn't stay in the territory anymore, so they had to go out and wander, until they claimed their own territory.

But clearly, they were still attached to their mother and couldn't bear to leave the comfortable life in the Great Valley. They were reluctant to go.

"Hurry up and go." The lioness threatened them. "If you don't leave, the leader will kill you."

The young lions didn't believe it at all. "That's not true, mom. The leader isn't even trying to chase us out."

If Theon and Felix hadn't been so slow to act, it definitely shouldn't have been the lionesses who were dealing with these sub-adult males.

"You guys should leave," Felix spoke up.

Theon also let out a roar.

They didn't want to chase these guys away, but they were so focused on staying close to Nyx that they had completely forgotten about them.

The rainy season was approaching, and these half-matured ones couldn't stay in the pride anymore. Inbreeding could happen.

The two male lions felt the stirrings of restlessness in their bodies, shook their manes, and became a bit anxious.

They were about to reach full maturity.

This was supposed to be their first rainy season to participate in breeding.

The hormones the male lions were releasing were a special signal to the females in the territory to get ready.

The females in the Great Valley Pride were excited, but the females in the Red Mountain Pride had mixed feelings.

This rainy season, the leaders were going to mate with the females and have their own cubs.

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They thought, 'What about Nyx?'

Although Theon and Felix definitely wouldn't abandon her and drive her out of the pride, her status had dropped so much that she would surely struggle with the strong sense of loss.

But Yaya was optimistic. She could see clearly that the two male lions had deep feelings for Nyx, far beyond

what a lion should feel. Such deep affection wouldn't just disappear because of the birth of cubs.

"We're just borrowing the leaders to have some cubs. Once it's done, we'll return them to you," Yaya said openly to Nyx.

Yaya thought it was completely normal, nothing wrong with it.

If it weren't for breeding, male lions would prefer to stay with their brothers, and lionesses would rather live with

their sisters.

Once the breeding season was over, they could raise their own cubs, and the leaders could continue their little world with Nyx.

Nyx went speechless. She didn't know how to respond to Yaya.

Actually, she was a little worried. She thought, 'What if Theon and Felix think the same way? That would be awful. If we couldn't get through this, the trial would definitely fail.

With anxiety in her heart, Nyx couldn't eat properly or sleep well for several days.

Her mates' symptoms of their breeding season became more and more obvious. They stuck to her all the time, frequently roaring to declare their dominance over the territory, puffing out their chests and lifting their heads in front of her to show off their strength, trying to court her.

Hearing those deep lion roars, the females in the territory couldn't hold back anymore.

Yaya boldly approached, eager to try.

This situation was different. The leaders were already mature, and they were clearly very eager for the females. They probably wouldn't keep avoiding or rejecting them like before.

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Before Yaya could get any closer, the two male lions had already noticed her approach.

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They thought she was coming to find Nyx, reluctantly moving away a little to give Nyx some space for interaction.

Yaya was confused

She quickly chased after them, lay down on the ground, rolled a few times, and lifted her tail.

Such an active invitation, even the most clueless male lion should understand it.

However, Theon and Felix didn't rush toward her as she had imagined. Instead, they kept backing away, even hiding behind Nyx

Yaya went speechless. She thought, "What the heck is going on with these two?"

The air was thick with the scent of hormones. She was sure she hadn't misjudged. The two male lions were clearly eager for breeding

If it were any other lion, it would have already gone after the lioness, but this one was waiting for her to come to him.

She thought, "Wait... no, they've definitely been bothering the lioness. It's just that Nyx is the only one they've been bothering

Realizing this, Yaya suddenly understood and was speechless for a while. She had never seen such a strange lion. As for mates, male lions do have preferences.

Strong yet gentle lionesses were often the most sought-after mates for males. But to find a lion who ignored all the lionesses and fixated solely on one young, subadult lioness-there was no other like him on the plains.

Don't you want cubs?" Yaya couldn't help but ask directly.

It was in animals nature to reproduce, and male lions instinctively had the desire to spread their seed across the whole

savanna.

However, when it came to cubs, the two male lions only thought of how Nyx used to love playing with the cubs of the Red Mountain Pride, sometimes even neglecting them.

"We don't want them, they answered decisively and without hesitation.

Considering that the lionesses might want cubs, Theon brought up their previous plan again. "We'll leave the Great Valley pride:

Once they leave, other male lions will naturally fight for the territory and choose a new leader.

Yaya's eyes widened in shock. She thought, "They don't want the territory or cubs-what do they want?"

After weighing the pros and cons, she tried to persuade them. "Don't leave. I won't bother you again."

"I promise, they won't bother you either." She turned and looked at the other lionesses in the pride.

If even she was rejected, the other lionesses had no chance.

She said that, but deep down, Yaya still held onto a small glimmer of hope.

The rainy season was long, maybe one day, they wouldn't be able to hold back.

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For male lions who didn't get to mate, the mating season was torment.

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Theon and Felix increased their patrols of the territory. Occasionally, they would fight each other, venting their restlessness, or dive into the cool river to find a moment of peace. Even so, they still showed no intention of approaching any lionesses.

Days passed, and the lionesses of the Great Valley pride had no choice but to accept the reality and give up. Yaya gazed at their direction from afar and shook her head helplessly.

Although she didn't quite understand their feelings, she admired how they could defy the instinct to reproduce for the sake of their convictions.

Taking advantage of the two male lions going hunting, Nyx searched around for herbs to help cool them down, hoping to ease her mates' discomfort a bit.

She lowered her head, focused on searching, and wandered to the edge of the territory, when she suddenly heard a familiar voice calling her name. "Aman?"

Looking up and seeing the young male lion, she quickly took a few steps back, eyes filled with caution. "What do you want this time?"

It was the rainy season, and Aman was now an adult male lion, his body radiating the scent of mating, and his eyes betrayed his longing.

"I'm going to fight for the territory," his voice was hoarse as he stared at Nyx. "Nyx, will you come with me?" "No." Nyx rejected him flatly.

She had already rejected him once before, and now he had come again.

Seeing her firm rejection, Aman deflated like a punctured balloon. He hadn't expected much, but he wasn't ready to give up, so he thought he'd try one last time before leaving.

He said, "I see. I'm not as good as Theon and Felix, and I can't find a territory like Great Valley."

Nyx's rejection was natural. Between Theon, Felix, and him, any lioness would know who to choose. As he spoke, Aman's mood grew darker.

Nyx couldn't bear to see a lion with such spirit fall into despair, so she softened her tone and comforted him. "You're already strong. With Curled Ear, you'll definitely find a suitable territory. I'm not rejecting you because you're not good enough."

Aman perked up his ears, waiting for Nyx to explain, when suddenly, they heard an enraged roar from the other male lions.

With the sound of fast running cutting through the air, he saw two furious lions leaving their prey behind and charging toward him, their aura so fierce it felt like they were going to kill him.

Aman took off running.

The lion was aggressive, but he wasn't eager to die. Faced with an opponent he couldn't defeat, he naturally chose to run

away.

If he really wanted to face Theon and Felix head-on, he wouldn't have waited for a time when they weren't around to try and stir trouble.

Aman ran for his life, with Theon and Felix hot on his tail.

They were already in a bad mood, and now this lion had the nerve to provoke them at a time like this, crossing a line they couldn't ignore.

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Seeing Theon and Felix about to blow up like a pair of ticking time bombs, Nyx rushed to catch up. While running, she called their names.

Suddenly, the two lions came to a screeching halt.

Nyx wasn't prepared and crashed into them, her eyes widening as she saw what was happening. "Yaya?"

Hidden among the bushes, several lionesses were having a secret meeting with the male lions, including lionesses from both the Great Valley pride and the Red Mountain Pride.

Caught red-handed, the three male lions panicked and took up a battle stance, though it was clear they had no real intention of winning.

Nyx took a closer look and recognized them-they were the former king of the Great Valley Pride, the ones they had driven out earlier.

She never expected that Yaya would rekindle a relationship with them.

Nyx glanced at Yaya and noticed she was also nervous. She seemed calm on the surface, but her legs were

shaking like crazy.

The situation was incredibly awkward.

Aman stopped running, panting and standing some distance away, clearly trying to enjoy the spectacle.

It had only been teasing Nyx a little, but got no response, and now these three had gone and given Theon and

Felix a major betrayal.

It was clear which was more important.

They'd definitely deal with these three first, and then probably wouldn't bother chasing Aman anymore.

Confident in this, Theon and Felix snapped back to reality and charged again.

Aman didn't have time to react and was pinned to the ground, letting out a confused and pained scream.

He thought, 'Why are they beating me up instead of the lions that have really crossed the line?'

The other lions around were just as stunned.

It was Nyx who finally couldn't stand it and spoke up, "Stop now. It didn't do anything to me; it's leaving right

now."

Since it was Nyx who had saved Aman's life, the two male lions reluctantly let Aman go, giving it a cold, warning look. "If you want to stay alive, just get out of here."

Aman didn't hesitate, running off without looking back.

Once his figure disappeared, Theon and Felix slowly turned their heads.

The remaining three male lions swallowed nervously. They thought, 'Is it our turn?'

Honestly, they really didn't want to fight these two. They'd fought once before, and their confidence was nearly

shattered

If it wasn't for how unbearable the mating season was, and how they couldn't resist Yaya's temptation, they would never have dared to provoke them.

"Let's go," one of them suggested. "We won't do this again, we promise."

Before he could finish speaking, Theon and Felix turned toward Nyx, casually saying, "You guys do whatever

you want."

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They weren't interested in mating with these lionesses, nor were they going to stop them from having cubs

with other males.

The lionesses and the male lions exchanged stunned looks, barely able to believe what they were hearing.

Yaya was the first to snap out of it, suddenly understanding Theon and Felix's mindset. At the end of the day,

they just didn't

care.

From the start, they hadn't seen the lionesses in their territory as mates, so they didn't care who they had

cubs with.

But if any male lion dared to mess with Nyx, even if nothing happened, they'd get hunted down by the furious

lion king.

Realizing this, Yaya grew bolder.

She kept in touch with the lionesses and the male lions, meeting up outside every day, and eventually started

bringing male lions back to the territory to test the waters.

It turned out that Theon and Felix genuinely didn't care.

Even when they saw the lionesses and the male lion interacting intimately within the territory, they acted as if

they didn't notice, completely ignoring it.

Only Nyx knew that they were, in fact, somewhat affected.

Those images and sounds disturbed their minds, making the already restless males even more agitated.

They clung to Nyx on either side, their body temperatures rising noticeably.

Nyx nuzzled their foreheads affectionately, feeling sorry for them. Truthfully, she wasn't a cub anymore-she could comfort them if she wanted to.

After hesitating for a while, she lay down and, imitating what Yaya had done before, slightly raised her tail.

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Almost instantly, the two male lions excitedly pounced on her, gently nipping at her neck and tail.

Nyx could hear their hearts pounding loudly in their chests. She closed her eyes, feeling both nervous and embarrassed

But whether it was because the two males hadn't coordinated their actions or for some other reason, after a long wait, things didn't progress further.

Nyx secretly peeked at them with one eye.

Despite their overwhelming desire, they still held back, not intending to do anything to her. They simply stayed close, holding her.

Adolescent lionesses typically don't participate in reproduction. Though they've outgrown their fragile cub stage, they aren't fully mature yet.

"No rush, Nyx," Felix said hoarsely. "We'll wait until next year."

Nyx was stunned. "But the rainy season is still so far away."

She thought, 'Would we really endure like this until then?'

"It's fine." Theon held her tighter. "This is enough for us. We're already satisfied.*

They were Nyx's chosen mates, destined to be with her forever. No matter what, they would never harm her.

A gentle, cool breeze swept by. At first, scattered raindrops fell, and then the rain gradually intensified, enveloping the savannah in a misty haze.

The green grass sprouted tender shoots, and everywhere was filled with vibrant life.

The lionesses and the male lion created new lives in this spring rain.

Meanwhile, Nyx slept soundly beside her mates, the three lions huddled closely together, forming their own little world.

This peaceful state lasted only a few days before the territory returned to quietness-the three male lions had disappeared.

Curious, Nyx went to investigate.

Hearing her question, Yaya lazily rolled over. "I chased them all away."

"The cubs are already on the way. What use do we have for them now?"

Being with them was solely for reproduction.

The lionesses desired to bear cubs with stronger males, so Yaya's first choice had been Theon and Felix.

But since they weren't interested, she couldn't force them and had to settle for her ex-mate instead.

"If they stayed, we'd have to hunt and provide for them," Yaya said matter-of-factly. "Of course, I had to drive them away."

Nyx thought that made sense.

In Yaya's eyes, all male lions were tools—including Theon and Felix. They were useful tools for defending the territory without requiring the lionesses to hunt for them.

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"When you have cubs, I'll help you raise them." Nyx offered, not minding being a tool lion herself.

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Lion cubs were incredibly adorable. When she first came into this world, she had even spent days admiring her own fur.

"Sure!" Yaya nodded happily.

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By the end of the rainy season, over a dozen cubs had been born in the territory.

As their due dates approached, the lionesses temporarily left the pride, hiding away to give birth alone. They only returned with their cubs after a month.

Nyx brought a waterbuck to visit, with Theon and Felix following behind her.

The cubs were curious about everything, but the lionesses were on edge.

Only after confirming that Theon and Felix showed no aggression toward the cubs—who weren't their own—did the lionesses finally relax.

Yaya, in particular, was bold.

She handed over its cubs directly to Nyx, fulfilling Nyx's wish to play with the little lions and freeing herself up.

After having fun outside, she came back and was surprised to find that Nyx had taken great care of the cubs. Those mischievous little ones were all well-behaved in front of her. She couldn't help but be amazed. "Nyx, how do you manage to handle the cubs so well?"

Yaya thought, 'If I remembers correctly, Nyx has left her pride at a young age and has been away from her mother. She hasn't learned anything from others, nor has she ever had cubs. Even if lionesses are naturally good with cubs, it shouldn't be this easy for her.

Nyx stammered. She didn't know how to explain. The truth was, she had given birth to two cubs herself. "Maybe it's just instinct," she muttered, "Theon and Felix are also really good with cubs."

"Yeah, I guess so." Yaya nodded thoughtfully, accepting the explanation. She mused, 'If even male lions could raise foreign cubs under certain circumstances...

With Yaya leading the way, other lionesses started eagerly bringing their cubs to Nyx.

Nyx, with her twenty-plus years of experience in raising cubs, had become trustworthy, and the number of cubs around her grew. She quickly became the head of the nursery.

Every day, she had a blast squeezing the fluffy little lions, using her position to her advantage.

The lionesses, with a bit more free time, were also able to take a breather and were quite happy.

Only Theon and Felix weren't happy.

Their time with Nyx had been taken up, and they were really annoyed. But they didn't want to take away her hobby, so t just had to deal with it.

This was way harder than the male instinct during the rainy season.

Whenever they had free time, they would cuddle with Nyx and lick her fur. This sweet moment lasted them until the next rainy season.

A year later, Nyx had grown a bit more mature, and the hormones of an adult lioness made both male lions dizzy with

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attraction.

Realizing they needed some alone time, the lionesses tactfully took their cubs away.

The little lions, reluctant to leave Nyx, threw tantrums and rolled on the ground.

"No!"

"I don't want to leave!"

"Nyx!"

"I want to hear Nyx tell stories!"

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The lioness, impatient, swatted them on the head with her paw. "Shut up. Nyx has more important things to do, she doesn't have time to play with you."

The little cubs, overwhelmed by the harsh scolding, drooped their heads and quieted down.

"Mom is so mean."

"Nyx is better."

When the lioness wasn't looking, the cubs snuck to Nyx's usual spot but found she wasn't there.

They searched everywhere but couldn't find her, and not long after, they were caught and dragged back by

their mother.

"Where did Nyx go?" the little lions, still teary-eyed from being scolded, asked while looking for her.

"I told you already, she's very busy lately," the lioness casually replied.

As for what she was busy with, it wasn't something that could be explained to cubs in a few words.

Along with Nyx, two male lions had also disappeared.

Even though they tried to avoid the pride, the lionesses knew exactly what the males were up to.

Sending the clingy cubs off to play, Yaya smiled teasingly, "Hope Nyx is alright."

In lion prides, it was usually one male lion with several females. But for Nyx, she had to handle two of the most powerful lion kings. The outcome was easy to guess.

Beneath the beautiful acacia tree, the two male lions affectionately rubbed against Nyx, asking ceremoniously,

"Nyx, can we stay with you forever?"

Nyx looked up and kissed them. "Yes."

In her drowsy state, Nyx felt the weight on her body lighten. She turned her head, thinking she might be

hallucinating.

The two male lions had vanished, and in front of her were two familiar human faces.

Nyx's gaze froze on their chests.

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The marks on the chests of the two males began to glow.

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In some inexplicable way, Nyx felt that her soul was now linked with theirs. No matter where they went, they would always appear before her, guided by fate.

Theon and Felix also seemed to feel something.

They tightly embraced Nyx, who had regained her human form, and whispered, "Nyx."

Along with her human form, her memories returned, and everything from the past three years came flooding back.

The trial had been passed.

The males' emotions were even more stirred up, and they couldn't help but lift Nyx's face, continuing to kiss her deeply.

Perhaps the Heavenly Law didn't want to disturb them, and only after everything had ended did Nyx feel the scene in front of her flash and return to the familiar home.

All the mates were there.

She was still immersed in the lingering sensation from earlier, her face slightly flushed, blinking in confusion, not quite understanding what had just happened.

Looking down at the Intelligent Brain, she realized only about half a minute had passed.

There were no traces left on her body from the mates, her pale skin flawless.

The experiences from before felt like a dream. She thought, 'Is that world real?'

As soon as she thought of this, the answer from the Heavenly Law automatically appeared in her mind.

It wasn't a dream. Everything was real.

Their souls had crossed into a world specially created for them, and after passing the trial, they left.

After they left, the world would continue to function. The projections they left behind would continue living according to their behavioral patterns.

Nyx let out a deep sigh and softened her expression. She looked up at Theon and Felix and shared a smile with them.

"Nyx?" The other males were still unsure of what had happened.

But they quickly sensed her emotional shift and followed her gaze toward Theon and Felix.

The uncle and nephew pair were still lost in the joy of passing the trial, unable to stop themselves from transforming into their beast forms and roaring wildly.

They rarely got this carried away. Theon even ran outside to sprint around in circles.

Even Felix, usually indifferent, was grinning like a young lad, puffing out his chest to show off the mark on his torso.

Seeing the noticeably different mark, the males couldn't help but exclaim in awe. "This is?"

After a moment's thought, they realized, and with envious looks, they turned their attention to the uncle and nephew.

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These two had actually passed the trial.

"Can you share some tips?" Zayne pushed his glasses up his nose

Since those who had completed the trial could communicate with them, he logically figured the challenges they faces might have been different.

The Heavenly Law wouldn't give Theon and Felix a cloned-book test and allow the others an open-book one

But having some shared experience would definitely make them feel more at ease

Nyx shook her head. "Once the trial begins, you're likely to lose your memory

Even if she shared her experience, it wouldn't really help

However, since they would lose their memory, sharing her experiences wouldn't count as cheating

Thinking back on these three years, Nyx's desire to share was overwhelming. Her eyes lit up as she began telling her mates stories, starting with the time she turned into a lion as soon as she opened her eyes. She subconsciously glossed over the difficulties, like being bullied by hyenas, getting sick in the rain, and the hardships of migrating during the dry season, focusing instead on the happy times spent with Theon and Felix.

However, from her every word, the males could tell that the trial was not something easily overcome.

The pampered female, who lived a life of comfort, must have faced many hardships fring on the vast graslands for three years.

As she spoke, Nyx unknowingly drifted off to sleep,

Though time had stayed still in the real world, her soul had been tested for over three years in another world, and her spirit was inevitably exhausted.

Her mates lovingly stroked her hair and gently carried her back to the bedroom

The moment she touched the soft, comfortable bed, Nyx rolled over and snuggled into the warm blanket

After three years of sleeping on the grasslands under the open sky, she truly missed her bed.

Theon and Felix instinctively stayed by her side.

This time, they didn't need to take turns keeping watch, nor did they have to chase away mosquitoes for Nyx. They could embrace her in peace.

Watching the vibe between the three of them seem even closer than before, as if nothing could ever separate them, the other males couldn't help but feel jealous.

They all wanted to become Nyx's closer mates as soon as possible.

Nyx had rested for two days, eaten a lot of small cakes, and played with some cute cubs. Now, she was fully recharged.

"Should we continue the challenge?" she suggested to her mates.

The males were already eager.

But thinking about how Nyx had been running around in another world for three years, and had only rested for two days, they reluctantly suppressed their impulses and persuaded her, "Take a bit more time to rest.

Even if she didn't need to rest for years, at least a few months to recharge her mood would be good.

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Nyx, however, shook her head, feeling that there was no need at all.

To her, those three years felt more like a vacation in another world with her mates.

Sure, there had been some small issues here and there, but most of the time had been happy moments. It wasn't some tragic experience that needed a lot of time to recover from.

She could see the longing in her mates' eyes, and she, too, wanted to link up with them all as soon as

possible.

Seeing her so determined and her mental state clearly fine, the males hesitated before reluctantly agreeing.

Nyx closed her eyes. A strong feeling of detachment washed over her.

Her consciousness entered her body, and her nose twitched as she smelled the rich fragrance of grass. Nyx's first reaction was confusion.

She thought, 'Have I returned to the grassland?'

She opened her eyes and looked down, her heart sinking.

Before this, she had always thought that being reincarnated as a weak, helpless, homeless lion was already a hellish start. But now, she finally understood that things could get worse.

Staring at her clearly rabbit-like paws, Nyx almost burst into tears. All of her mates, every single one, were carnivores. She had become their food.

Just as she was in despair, the light above her suddenly dimmed, as something blocked it.

Nyx trembled while looking over.

There were wolves. But they weren't Zayne or Erik; they were two unfamiliar wolves.

They parted the grass she had been hiding in, staring at her with interest. "Look, a rabbit."

"Tch, a little small. But still, it's edible."

"Let's catch it and add it to the meal"

One of the wolves opened its mouth, ready to snatch her up.

Nyx quickly dodged and ran for her life.

She didn't dare to look back, but she could hear the wolves chasing her, and her heart was racing, almost

jumping out of her throat. She tripped over her own feet and fell.

Seizing the opportunity, one of the wolves pressed a heavy paw on her.

Nyx curled into a ball, eyes shut tight, praying desperately for her mates to come and save her.

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In an instant, Nyx's eyes brightened, as if she saw hope.

She struggled with all her might, shouting. "Zayne!"

The wolf's paw loosened, and she heard the two wolves muttering in confusion, "Oh, it's a beastman. Why didn't you speak earlier? I thought it was just a regular rabbit. Almost ate a person."

Nyx froze, her body stiffening.

After going through the first trial, she had assumed that all trials would involve taking on the form of an animal. She never expected that she could actually turn into a human.

With this in mind, even if she were to become a small rabbit at the bottom of the food chain, it wouldn't be a big problem

anymore.

Nyx let out a long sigh of relief, only to have her ears gently pinched.

She shivered and looked up with her adorable little face, meeting a pair of cold, scrutinizing gray-blue eyes. "How do you know my name?" Zayne was shirtless, his face painted with mysterious patterns, and his neck adorned with several bone necklaces that clinked together as he walked.

The two wolves in front of him were extremely respectful, addressing him as "Shaman."

"Where did you catch her?" Zayne crouched down, holding the little rabbit in his hand.

She was indeed a tiny rabbit, small and soft, and he instinctively loosened his grip.

The two wolves gestured, leading him to the grass where Nyx had initially hidden. "Right here."

This was the edge of the tribe's territory, uninhabited but patrolled.

They were supposed to be on patrol today, but they had neglected their duties to chase a rabbit, which led to Zayne's questioning.

The two wolves hung their heads in guilt.

"I'll let it slide this time," Zayne said, deciding to be lenient since they admitted their mistake. "But if it happens again, your patrol rewards will be halved."

The two wolves were immensely grateful and thanked him repeatedly. They had thought their rewards would be completely forfeited this time.

After dealing with them, Zayne turned his full attention to the little creature in his hand. He thought, 'Such a suspicious little rabbit of unknown origin.'

His name was rarely spoken directly even within the tribe, yet this little rabbit had called him by name right away.

Zayne racked his brain but was certain he didn't know any rabbit beastmen. "Who sent you? What do you want from me?"

Faced with his cold interrogation, Nyx couldn't think of how to respond.

After stammering for a while, she finally managed to say, "Um... I'm your mate."

Hearing such an outrageous statement from the soft little voice, the two patrolling wolves immediately perked up, their eyes gleaming with curiosity.

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Zayne's cold expression faltered, his ears turning red as he coughed awkwardly Bonnet

He suddenly realized that the creature in his hand was a female, and a fe like bolding a fire protan watoto desple but didn't dare, so he crouched down and placed her back on the ground.

"Drive her out of the tribe," he ordered the two wolves, shaking off the strange feeling

Despite being from different tribes and species, the two wolves treated the female beaman with mose respers that before

However, they were more loyal to Zayne and eagerly carried out his orders to reform themselves.

"Zayne?" Nyx looked at him in disbelief.

She didn't get a chance to explain and was chased around until she was completely funderet og truck of where she had come from and how to get back.

The little rabbit drooped her ears, curling up into a ball, feeling utterly dejected

It was a rough start for her. She never expected that after finally meeting Zayne, he would beatlesby time ka sexy fox, she had no idea what to do.

Outside the tribe was a dangerous jungle.

The little rabbit was so absorbed in her sadness that she didn't notice the approaching danger

A wild fox had locked onto its prey, stealthily closing the distance.

By the time Nyx heard the noise, it was too late. She looked up, frozen, as the fox pounced on her with il tem

In a flash, a low growl from a wolf echoed through the air.

Hearing the angry roar, the fox was terrified and fled, abandoning its easy prey.

A large snow wolf rushed to the little rabbit's side, nudging her with its paw. "Why didn't you run? Weren't you good an running away earlier? Was this your plan? To lure me here and save you?"

Even though he saw through the little rabbit's scheme, he couldn't help but fall for it

Zayne was both annoyed and embarrassed. "What exactly do you want?"

Hearing this barrage of questions, the still-shaken Nyx felt even more wronged. L.. I didn't mean to. I didn't even know you were nearby. Were you following me?"

Being caught secretly following her, Zayne felt a level of embarrassment he had never experienced before. He didn't know why he had done such a thing.

Driving a suspicious individual out of the tribe was a perfectly normal decision, but the little rabbit's look of disbelief lingered in his mind, making him feel inexplicably uneasy. He couldn't help but sneak after her.

The snow wolf ran off without a word, transforming back into his human form behind a tree. After putting on his fur skirt and ornaments, he returned and picked up the little rabbit.

Holding the soft little creature, his mind was a whirlwind of conflicting thoughts, but in the end, he decided to take her

home.

As soon as he stepped into his cave, Zayne felt much more at ease. He set the little rabbit down on the table, only to find her curled up and motionless. He was instantly alarmed.

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Fortunately, Nyx smacked her lips and rolled over. She was just asleep.

Watching the little body rise and fall with each breath, Zayne regained his composure, letting out a sigh of relief and wiping the sweat from his forehead.

He thought, 'How could there be such a troublesome little rabbit? Does she even understand her situation? A captured prisoner, yet she has the audacity to fall asleep in my hands!

Zayne gritted his teeth, wanting to pinch her soft flesh to wake her up and teach her a lesson about reality. But as soon as his hand touched her, he instinctively softened his grip, gently stroking her instead.

Remembering that she was a female beastman, he awkwardly pulled his hand back.

Nyx wasn't actually that tired. She had just been so comfortable in Zayne's warm hands that she couldn't help but doze off.

After a short nap, she woke up.

Not far away, Zayne had been watching her and noticed her stirring immediately.
“Awake?”

While the little rabbit was asleep, he had come up with a plan to deal with her. He tapped the stone table to get her attention.

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