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The doorbell at Heart of Woods's gate rang. Half a day passed, but not only did no one open the door, there wasn't even a footstep to be heard from within the compound.

A middle-aged man stood under the scorching sun before the motionless gate, occasionally catching a foul whiff from the yard, which made him grimace.

What on earth was this young master doing at home?

The visitor was none other than Manager Guan from the neighboring Yun Tian Pet Beast Training Center. The day before, his chairman had sent him to invite this young master over to discuss renting their Forest Wolves. Yet, Manager Guan had been standing at the gate all morning, assailed by nothing but strange odors drifting from the base, without a glimpse of anyone.

Before the chairwoman's arrival, his life had been comfortable; he could even drop by to chat and shoot the breeze with Su Anyong when he was free. But ever since this "queen" had arrived, Manager Guan dared not show a hint of negligence. Even though he'd been standing there all morning, as long as he was sure Su Ping was home, he couldn't return empty-handed. He knew the chairman's temper all too well.

Thus, Manager Guan stood there, ringing the doorbell for three solid hours. He'd had no lunch, not even a sip of water. Finally, as Manager Guan stared with mounting anticipation, hurried footsteps at last approached from the other side of the gate.

THUD.

The gate, a seeming barrier between two worlds, finally swung open for Manager Guan.

However, before Manager Guan, eyes welling with tears, could look at this young master whom he had seen a few times, a wave of stench so overpowering washed over him that he instinctively recoiled several steps. Braving the eye-watering odor, Manager Guan looked at a somewhat sheepish Su Ping.

Why wear a gas mask on such a hot day? What on earth have you been concocting in there, kid? Could it be some kind of biochemical weapon? Well, the smell is certainly potent enough.

"Uncle Guan? What brings you here?"

"What have you been up to, lad?" Manager Guan couldn't help but complain. "You took so long to open the door; I was about to call your dad."

Su Ping scratched his head. *What else could he be doing?* Of course, he was continuing his work on the Magic Potion. After seeing Xiao Qing's growth and improvement, as well as Little Ones' efforts, Su Ping, as their master, naturally couldn't slack off, could he?

The weakest Little Forest Wolf was named Little Ones.

Now, after toiling away for a good part of the day, he had just placed three new vials of Heart of Woods Magic Potion into the cooling box. He hadn't even removed his protective gear when he finally noticed the doorbell.

"Is there something you need?"

Given the overwhelming stench, Manager Guan had no desire to step inside for a proper chat with Su Ping and got straight to the point, "Lately, the training field is running short on training beasts. How are your Forest Wolves? The price is negotiable!"

As soon as business was mentioned, Manager Guan's expression turned serious.

"Uncle Guan, are you looking to rent or to buy?"

Su Ping trusted Manager Guan's words. The Dragon Country Beastmaster Association and official authorities had clear regulations: Beast Tamers were not permitted to engage in Pet Beast battles in public areas except under special circumstances. Damaging public facilities or the natural environment could lead to detention for 7-15 days, depending on the severity. If the circumstances were serious, the penalties could be increased accordingly. Battling at one's own home was an option, but Pet Beast battle Skills were incredibly varied and often destructive, so most ordinary people lacked the proper facilities. Consequently, Pet Beast training and battlegrounds were a fairly lucrative business, naturally requiring a supply of Pet Beasts for paid sparring sessions.

Manager Guan thought for a moment and said, "We're primarily looking to rent. Of course, if you have some of good quality, we could consider buying a few. Also, I don't know if your father mentioned it, but we at Yun Tian are interested in this piece of land..."

But Su Ping interjected directly, "Uncle Guan, I'm aware of that. However, such a significant matter can't be settled quickly. Let's discuss it another time. As for the Pet Beasts, renting is fine, but selling them probably isn't an option."

"Ah..." Manager Guan looked troubled. "Little Su, we are truly sincere. In this suburban area, besides Yun Tian, there are absolutely no other buyers who would offer such a large sum for this vacant land."

Su Ping merely smiled.

Looking at the young man before him, Manager Guan felt a sense of helplessness. *Why did this kid seem even harder to deal with than his wily old father?*

"Alright, when you have some free time, let's sit down and discuss this properly. Yun Tian is genuinely sincere. For now, let's talk about renting the Forest Wolves. Your father has worked with us before. For an Ordinary Level Forest Wolf, the rental fee is 300 yuan per day. For them to participate in a Pet Beast battle, it's 500 yuan per battle, win or lose. As for Elite Level Forest Wolves, the minimum rental is 1,000 yuan a day, and the Pet Beast battle price is the same. Of course, every Forest Wolf will be insured..."

However, before Manager Guan could finish, Su Ping cut in again, "Uncle Guan, I'm truly busy today. How about this: in a couple of days, if you haven't sought me out, I'll come find you for such a good deal. I'll visit in person, how does that sound?"

Looking at Su Ping's smiling face, then at his fully equipped state, and smelling the persistent stench emanating from Heart of Woods, Manager Guan, who had waited for over three hours, could only nod.

Having wasted the entire morning and achieved nothing, Manager Guan could already imagine his chairman's fury upon his return.

However, Su Ping really didn't have the leisure to worry about others. After closing the gate, he returned to the living room, took a shower, and then, while stroking Xiao Qing, sank into thought.

Earning money! That was indeed the most pressing issue.

The reason was simple: Heart of Woods did have some resources. There were a few leftover materials for making Magic Potions, but only enough for four doses. He had

used them all up today. To continue producing the Heart of Woods Magic Potion, he needed to find a way to earn money.

Lao Guan had certainly been fair. The offered price was quite good. There was high demand for Ordinary and Elite Level sparring Pet Beasts, so the rates were decent. Su Ping was quite satisfied; after all, he needed to engage his Forest Wolves in Pet Beast battles to properly train them and solidify their foundations. Others paying to use his Pet Beasts meant he could get sparring partners for free and even earn money—no one would refuse such a good deal.

But it still wasn't enough!

The materials for a single dose of Heart of Woods Magic Potion, even at cost, would add up to at least two hundred thousand. If he relied solely on renting out Pet Beasts, it would take a very long time to gather enough for Magic Potions for the twenty-plus Forest Wolves he now had.

However, thinking of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas in his mind, Su Ping clearly couldn't, and wouldn't, wait that long.

The issue was, how could he get his hands on such a large sum of money?

Indeed, the saying 'poverty for scholars, wealth for warriors' holds true. And in this world, when it comes to Controlling Beasts, every aspect involves spending money! To cultivate outstanding Pet Beasts, countless resources were needed, flowing away like water.

How to get the money? Su Ping fell into deep thought.

Chapter 12 - 12 Pet Beast Fostering, Breeding, and Training Services!

Pet Beast Breeding Bases generally have just one business model: selling newborn Pet Beasts.

The Forest Wolf, possessing decent combat strength and being a likable type of Pet Beast, has Elite Peak Racial Potential. Although not the highest, it's still quite good for ordinary people.

However, this path was not one Su Ping wanted to take.

Although his own family's business was precisely this, due to the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, Su Ping still preferred to raise these home-bred Pet Beasts himself. On one hand, having invested his feelings, he found it hard to part with them. On the other hand, he naturally wanted to rapidly improve the Level of the Forest Wolf Catalog.

Comparing the money from selling with the rewards from the Forest Wolf Catalog's World Origin, Su Ping knew which was more important. *After all, making money isn't limited to a single method.*

Therefore, there was only one thing to do. Currently, Su Ping's biggest trump card was the perfected recipe for the Heart of Woods Magic Potion. Only this could bring him significant money in a short time.

Of course, Su Ping wouldn't be foolish enough to directly sell the Magic Potion. Given the public order standards of the Dragon Nation, and the countless absolute decrees by the Beast Master Association and the Breeder Association against such actions, robbery and plunder were unlikely to happen directly. However, the high replicability of Magic Potions indeed made them prone to drawing unwanted attention.

After all, this was a precious Magic Potion guaranteed to awaken the Heart of Woods. If he took it to the Breeder Competition, he could probably place in the top five, making Heart of Woods famous worldwide! *It was, however, too early for that; Su Ping preferred to make a fortune quietly.*

So, instead of selling the Magic Potion, he could provide foster training. Though it seemed similar, with the end result still granting the precious Skill of Heart of Woods to the Pet Beast, easing into it by increasing the threshold could reduce a lot of unnecessary attention.

A batch of Heart of Woods Magic Potion cost just 200,000 in materials. But if he let wealthy Beast Tamers who had contracted Forest Wolves choose, two million, or even three to four million, wouldn't make them blink. They would even pay up more readily than anyone else!

This truly was an extremely profitable business. It was no wonder those recognized by the Breeder Association as Senior Breeders, or even Breeding Masters, were unimaginably wealthy. Large conglomerates and corporations were eager to support them.

If they managed to develop new Magic Potions or breeding methods, the profits—multiplying tenfold, or even dozens of times more—were indeed tempting.

Thinking of this, a determined glint flashed in Su Ping's eyes. Money was always paramount for beast taming. With money, he could quickly train all twenty-plus of his Forest Wolves, achieving a standard closeness Level with them, and then elevate the Level of the Forest Wolf Catalog even faster.

With money, he could buy Pet Beasts of other basic forms to light up the remaining Catalogs and thus gain rewards. He could even purchase incomplete Magic Potions for corresponding Pet Beasts and perfect them using Catalogue Experience, further

training Pet Beasts. He could even achieve the Evolution of Xiao Qing and the rest of the Forest Wolves!

To accomplish all of this, money was undoubtedly needed!

After all, in the current situation, this was the only avenue to make money quickly. As for truly selling that large plot of land next door that his family rented out? Su Ping clearly hadn't considered it.

It was a legacy left by his grandfather. His unreliable father had never entertained the idea, so naturally, he wouldn't either.

With that in mind, Su Ping took out his phone and dialed a number while eating dinner.

「In the center of Linzhou City.」

Inside an office building, a middle-aged man sat behind a solitary desk. He was the editor-in-chief of the Linzhou City Beast Express. He had the typical build of men his age, and his plump cheeks hinted that he must have been quite a looker in his youth. It was just that time had left its marks, along with a shining bald spot. As the editor-in-chief of the largest beast taming network and print media in Linzhou, Li Senlin had a lot on his plate.

However, the ringing of his personal phone still caught his attention. Unsurprisingly, it was his son, Li Shu, who didn't bring him much peace of mind.

"Hello, Dad?"

"What is it? Did your Luozisong (Pine) break another plant pot again?" Li Senlin asked irritably.

"Dad! Piney is very well-behaved now, and it's clearly because your flowerpot is too small."

"Alright, cut the crap. If you have something important to say, say it quickly." Li Senlin's tone was somewhat fiery, which was unavoidable. There was still one advertising slot left for the week, and with the development of machinery and online self-media in recent years, it was normal for some local media to grow more slowly.

"Dad, I'm talking serious business! I'm here to introduce a client to you today!"

Li Senlin was stunned. He glanced suspiciously at his phone; it was indeed his son's number, and the voice was indeed his son's. *What on earth was his son talking about?*

This unlucky kid! It's good enough he's not causing trouble, and now he's bringing me business?

"Hehe, I have a classmate who wants to place an ad with you. He's already sent me the deposit."

Actually introducing business?

Old Li raised an eyebrow. "Your classmate? What kind of ad? Listen here, the Linzhou Pet Beast Express caters to the whole of Linzhou City and mainly publicizes positive, uplifting Pet Beast news and advertisements. Those ads seeking high-quality Pet Beasts for breeding can't just be published willy-nilly!"

"It's not those. My buddy, Su Ping, wants to advertise his family's Pet Beast Breeding Base."

"Su Ping?" Before Old Li's eyes, an image of a handsome, composed young man, unlike his peers, slowly formed.

"Yes! His family has a Forest Wolf breeding base by Lingxi River."

Forest Wolf? A gleam couldn't help but appear in Old Li's eyes. Although he was an Elite Level Beast Tamer, he had only barely made the breakthrough. Due to his age, he hadn't passed the Beast Tamer exam back then. He wasn't really a Combat Beast Tamer, but his first Pet Beast was a Forest Wolf. Even now, it was one of his closest family members.

"Fine. It's rare for you to have a reliable friend. What's the ad?"

"I sent it to you, take a look yourself. I'll hang up now; I need to chat with Su Ping about a gathering at their place in a few days."

The call ended. Li Senlin finally saw the text message his son had sent earlier, and he saw his son's classmate's so-called advertisement.

Very soon, however, Li Senlin's expression became extremely strange.

[Heart of Woods Forest Wolf Breeding Base undertakes training and breeding services for Forest Wolves, with a chance to quickly cultivate the cherished Skill 'Heart of Woods' in Forest Wolves! Those interested can call: 138*****, or visit to inquire. Heart of Woods Forest Wolf Breeding Base address: South side of Lingxi River Station, outskirts of Linzhou City.]

Looking at this advertisement, Li Senlin was silent for a good while. Not passing the Beast Tamer exam was his lifelong regret.

But, having a Forest Wolf as his first Pet Beast, he had a very special affection for them and naturally knew just how powerful and rare the Skill 'Heart of Woods' was for Forest Wolves. Yet, how many breeding bases specialized in this in the entire Jianghai

Province? There were quite a few nationally renowned large-scale breeding bases! Even those breeding bases wouldn't dare to make such a claim!

Indeed, he had thought too highly. Appearances are deceiving. With his son's character, could he really know any reliable people?

This kind of ad certainly attracted attention, but would anyone actually believe it?

However, after looking at the advertisement fee that was transferred along with the ad, Li Senlin shook his head. *Oh well, it's just an ad, and the kid didn't claim he could definitely help a Forest Wolf comprehend the Skill. Even if it did cause some trouble, it wouldn't have anything to do with them.*

With that thought, Li Senlin didn't dwell on it further.

Meanwhile, on the other end, Su Ping finally hung up after an eager chat with Li Shu. The last bit of his money had been sent over as the advertising fee.

He just hoped the ad's effect wouldn't disappoint him.

With that thought in mind, he glanced at the already slightly darkened sky outside and finally perked up. *Those three bottles of the final Heart of Woods Magic Potion must have cooled down by now!*

He would keep one bottle as a backup and for seed capital. The remaining two bottles would be for Little Ones and Xiao Qing to try!

Chapter 13 - 13: Methods of Cultivating Poison Type Mutations?

In the medical room, the fully recovered Little Ones excitedly watched the Magic Potion vessel in Su Ping's hand.

It recognized it. This was the thing that, after their king had consumed it, had instantly made him much stronger. The master of their king, standing right before it, truly hadn't deceived it!

Clearly, Little Ones was not as finicky or intelligent as Old Sha. Or rather, Little Ones, stimulated by Xiao Qing's contemptuous gaze earlier that morning, now craved power above all else.

Su Ping didn't hesitate. He took out the gel-like Heart of Woods Magic Potion and tossed the medicinal-scented, jelly-like substance directly into Little Ones' mouth.

Su Ping had to admit he did have some ulterior motives; otherwise, he wouldn't have let Little Ones try out the effects first. And the result did not disappoint him.

A low growl sounded, and the scene from that morning reoccurred. However, unlike Old Sha's brief transformation, Little Ones' current change lasted for a full ten minutes.

Emerald starlight scattered, adhering to Little Ones' body.

Even Xiao Qing, looking at this previously insignificant rival, showed a trace of solemnity in its small eyes. It sensed a dangerous aura from this opponent it had once easily defeated!

Indeed, that was the case. The Wood Element Energy in the air began to condense. However, instead of Vine Strangling tendrils appearing, the slowly opening eyes of Little Ones revealed that its body had grown slightly larger.

This is... another Racial Skill of the Forest Wolf, Accelerated Growth?

The next moment, before Su Ping could get a good look at Little Ones' changes, the Forest Wolf Catalog provided feedback and a prompt:

[Associated Pet Beast successfully acquired Skills: Heart of Woods, Accelerated Growth. Level promoted. Catalogue Experience +10 points!]

The experience gained this time was much less. It was unclear if this was because Little Ones' Level was too low, or if the repeated use of the Magic Potion had caused the Forest Wolf data acquired by the Catalog to become repetitive.

However, Su Ping wasn't in the mood to care about that at the moment. His Eye of Truth looked at Little Ones as it was now:

[Forest Wolf (Wild)]

[Current Level: Ordinary Sixth Stage]

[Racial Potential: Elite Tenth Stage]

[Skills: Sunlight Absorption (Beginner), Accelerated Growth (Beginner), Heart of Woods (Beginner)]

Just as expected!

A look of joy appeared in Su Ping's eyes. Little Ones' Level had also advanced, and the degree of promotion was so significant that he hadn't even imagined that a single bottle of this Heart of Woods Magic Potion could directly elevate Little Ones from Ordinary Third Rank to Ordinary Sixth Stage.

As expected of a Magic Potion formula perfected by the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, and as expected of a Magic Potion made by me, the future Breeding Master! Su Ping was very satisfied and pleased with himself.

Before he could properly indulge in his self-satisfaction, his sleeve was tugged.

As expected, it was Xiao Qing. Seeing this rival it hadn't taken seriously—whose strength and aura had surpassed its own in such a short time—Xiao Qing became restless.

"WHINE... WHINE..."

Looking at his own rather unimpressive Pet Beast, Su Ping laughed, "Don't worry, would you ever be shortchanged?"

He opened the vial of Heart of Woods Magic Potion he had prepared. Xiao Qing, facing the Magic Potion whose pungent odor Old Sha had desperately avoided, swallowed it in one gulp.

The same faint green glow lit up, enveloping Xiao Qing in twinkling points of light. However, Su Ping's breathing became somewhat rapid at this moment.

It would be a lie to say I wasn't nervous; otherwise, I wouldn't have chosen to let Little Ones have a small taste first.

But although Little Ones had succeeded, Xiao Qing was not like the other Forest Wolves. Xiao Qing's Poison Type bloodline mutation already set it distinctly apart from them. The Heart of Woods Magic Potion was primarily Wood Attribute, and whether it would cause any other reactions in Xiao Qing was still unknown.

Su Ping had long prepared for stomach lavage and had medical treatments ready in the medical room. He watched unblinkingly as Xiao Qing slowly began to change.

The same verdant specks of light covered Xiao Qing's body. Waves of power radiated from it.

Time ticked by. Beads of sweat began to form on Su Ping's forehead. Little Ones had taken ten minutes to consume and digest the Magic Potion. However, fifteen minutes had now passed for Xiao Qing. Yet, the verdant light spots on Xiao Qing not only showed no signs of fading, but their color gradually deepened. The original emerald green transformed into a darker, forest green. It somewhat resembled the original color of the Heart of Woods Magic Potion.

Su Ping grew restless. He kept his Eye of Truth almost constantly active, his gaze firmly locked on Xiao Qing. However, even the Eye of Truth could not completely analyze Xiao Qing's current condition. Fortunately, the life-monitoring instrument to the side showed

Xiao Qing's vital signs remained perfectly stable, allowing Su Ping to breathe a small sigh of relief.

Finally, just when Su Ping was growing quite impatient, the dark green specks of light seemed to suddenly complete their settling. A howl, neither loud nor retaining the immature, whimpering quality of its previous cries, resounded in the medical room.

The light spots disappeared, and Xiao Qing reappeared before Su Ping.

However, this time, before Su Ping could properly use the Eye of Truth to examine Xiao Qing's changes, the Forest Wolf Catalog was a step ahead, providing the most unique feedback!

[Successfully enabled the associated Pet Beast to acquire the Skill: Mutated Poison Wood Heart. Its Level increased, Racial Limit raised. Catalogue Experience +50 points!]

[Preliminary analysis of the Poison Type Mutation in the Forest Wolf has been conducted. Consume 50,000 Experience Points from this Catalog to forcibly analyze the cause of the Forest Wolf's poison bloodline mutation and obtain the Cultivation method for this Mutation.]

Feeling the feedback from the Forest Wolf Catalog within the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, even Su Ping blinked, momentarily unable to process it all.

Isn't this a bit too much information to take in at once?

However, previous feedback from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas had mentioned it was possible to analyze the cause of Xiao Qing's mutation. There was a certain chance of deciphering the bloodline mutation's cause by spending daily time with Xiao Qing to gain Experience Points. Su Ping hadn't expected this day to arrive so quickly.

Although the glaring cost of 50,000 Catalogue Experience Points is quite steep, it's still something to look forward to, isn't it? If I could master the Cultivation method for the Forest Wolf's Poison Type Mutation, then my future expertise in the Cultivation and research regarding the Heart of Woods might truly make me, as my unreliable old father said, easily number one in Jianghai Province, or even the entire Dragon Nation!

However, 50,000 Experience Points are still a long way off.

Suppressing his excitement, Su Ping was even more eager to observe Xiao Qing's changes after consuming the Heart of Woods Magic Potion.