

Beast Taming: the More the Better

Chapter 17 - 17: The Top Match Forest Wolf! Linzhou Has Such a Breeder?

Su Ping's father, his family's unreliable old man, had once told him: "Women will only hinder your future in Controlling Beasts. But rich women are different; they'll buy you a better Pet Beast."

Su Ping acknowledged the truth in his father's words.

As for Qin Xiaoxue before him, Su Ping believed in his judgment. Her background was likely anything but ordinary.

However, after seeing the Forest Wolf she called 'Woodhead,' Su Ping knew he regretted it.

He regretted having refused Qin Xiaoxue's offer to name a condition, just to show off.

Forest Wolves differed from one another.

For instance, the one following them.

This was an adult Forest Wolf as tall as Su Ping's chest—a giant.

Uncommonly majestic, its eyes were filled with disdain and arrogance for everything around it.

The Eye of Truth gave Su Ping the most direct understanding.

[Forest Wolf (Contracted - Others)]

[Current Level: Elite Tenth Stage]

[Racial Potential: Elite Tenth Stage]

[Skills: Sunlight Absorption (Proficient), Vine Strangling (Proficient), Self-Healing (Beginner), Accelerated Growth (Proficient), Armor of Wood (Proficient), Wood Spike (Proficient), Forest Concealment Technique (Beginner)]

Not only had this Forest Wolf mastered all its Racial Skills, but it also possessed three additional ones.

Especially the Forest Concealment Technique. While its rarity didn't match Heart of Woods, it wasn't far off.

What kind of luxury, top-tier Forest Wolf is this?

The cost of raising such a beast could probably buy several Commander Level Pet Beast cubs.

That's just too wasteful!

However, Su Ping also understood something. This Miss Qin before him was by no means fixated on just the Forest Wolf; rather, she had already prepared which Evolutionary path the Forest Wolf would take.

Su Ping shook his head, showed Qin Xiaoxue around his breeding facility, and explained the final details, "The Cultivation will take about five days. During this time, as the Pet Beast's owner, you may only see it once a day. If you're worried, you can stay next door. If you sense through the Soul Contract that Woodhead is in any danger, you can come over immediately."

Listening to Su Ping's detailed arrangements, Qin Xiaoxue nodded. She always believed in trusting those she employed and not using those she distrusted.

After signing the contract and settling all arrangements, she instructed 'Woodhead' to behave and then left directly.

Seeing the mechanical sports car summoned and then vanishing in a flash, Su Ping felt a tinge of envy.

But looking at the proud 'Woodhead' beside him, Su Ping revealed a hint of a smile.

For him, simply administering a Magic Potion to the Pet Beast would be considered completing the Cultivation.

However, now that he finally had a test subject, Su Ping naturally wanted to experiment. For example, could he incorporate a Forest Wolf contracted by someone else into his own Forest Wolf Catalog?

Although it didn't mean much; after all, raising Experience Points would mainly depend on nurturing it in the future.

But there was no harm in trying.

Seeing Su Ping's beaming smile, Woodhead lifted its proud head and glanced with disdain at this weak human Beast Tamer trusted by its owner.

As Su Ping extended his hand, it instinctively tried to evade. However, without it noticing, a majestic wolf exuding Wolf King Majesty suddenly appeared beside Su Ping. Woodhead shuddered and didn't dare to dodge again.

"Good boy! Behave!" Su Ping said.

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Qin Xiaoxue, who had left, obviously didn't know that her Pet Beast had become someone's test subject.

Now, that extremely mobile mechanical sports car, even slightly levitating due to magnetic suspension, had left the suburbs of Linzhou City and arrived at the city center.

It stopped in front of a central building.

This building was located in the best area of Linzhou, yet no one dared to poke their nose into its affairs.

This was because, atop the building, a golden Divine Dragon coiled and hovered.

To one side were five large characters:

Beast Master Association!

Next to these large characters was a line of smaller print:

Jianghai Province Branch.

Having put the sports car back into her Beast Taming Space, Qin Xiaoxue's face turned ice cold. She rode the elevator to the top floor, arrived in front of an office, and kicked the door open.

BANG!

Behind the large desk in the spacious office sat a very well-maintained old man. He was startled by the dull thud of the door being kicked open, so much that the tea in his cup spilled out.

Looking at the spilled tea leaves, the old man winced. His gaze, filled with unrestrained icy killing intent, fixed on the newcomer. However, it softened in an instant, and he coughed a few times, "Xiao Xue, why are you back? Didn't you go to Shuhua City?"

Qin Xiaoxue sneered and sat down on the sofa opposite him, crossed her legs, and said nothing, just watching the old man.

Faced with his granddaughter's murderous gaze, the old man's eyelids began to flutter rapidly.

Finally, as the old man grew restless, Qin Xiaoxue spoke, "Qin Erlong, you're quite something now, helping outsiders scam your own granddaughter?!"

The old man blinked. Seeing Qin Xiaoxue suddenly stand up and fiercely slap her hand against his desk, spilling more tea from the cup, he quickly said before he had time to fret, "What happened?"

"Tell me! What benefits did that damn Wolf Den Breeding Facility give you? They took three million from me, not only failed to teach Woodhead 'Accelerated Casting,' but also made my Woodhead have diarrhea for three days! Qin Erlong, if you don't give me an explanation today, I'll go back to the Magic Capital and have the old madam see justice done!"

Seeing his granddaughter's fury, and as if he thought of something even more terrifying, the old man quickly said, his voice filled with righteous indignation, "What? That Old Liu! How is he managing his duties as Vice President of the Breeder Association, recommending such unreliable people? Xiao Xue, you wait! Watch your grandfather get justice for you! I'll have that damn Wolf Den Breeding Facility shut down!"

With that, the old man immediately reached for the phone, clearly about to make a call.

But Qin Xiaoxue snatched it directly from him, saying, "You old coot, do you take me for some spoiled brat who bullies people? We signed a contract before the Cultivation. Your granddaughter isn't someone who can't afford to lose or welch on a deal.

"What's the point of calling them now? If word gets back to the Magic Capital, do you want me to become a laughingstock?"

The old man wore a bitter expression and said helplessly, "Then what do we do now? The Evolution path for the 'Crown Wolf Emperor' you want to cultivate requires the Forest Wolf to master eight Skills just to begin. Now..."

Qin Xiaoxue hummed proudly, "On my way back, I found another breeding facility. They claim they can help my Woodhead cultivate 'Heart of Woods.' Don't worry about that for now. You introduced the last one, so you should at least offer some compensation for my emotional distress, right?"

The old man's eyelids began to twitch wildly. Sure enough, Qin Xiaoxue immediately noticed the fragrance of the tea in his cup.

Just the scent was enough to clear her head and soothe her heart.

"Tsk, tea from the Spiritual Ancient Tea Tree!"

The old man chuckled awkwardly and hastily tried to put away the nearby jade box. However, facing his granddaughter's icy stare, he reluctantly offered it.

"Hmph, that's more like it. I'll let it go this time."

After his granddaughter left, satisfied with her shakedown, the old man breathed a sigh of relief. Then, his brows furrowed slightly once more.

What did my dear granddaughter just say?

She found a breeding facility that could help a Forest Wolf comprehend Heart of Woods?

Isn't that utter nonsense?

After giving it some thought, the old man still picked up the phone.

Is there really such a breeding facility and Breeder in Linzhou? Why haven't I heard of it before?

My granddaughter, so hot-tempered yet actually a bit straightforward and simple... she hasn't been tricked, has she?

Chapter 18 - 18 Catalog Upgrade! Forest Wolf LV2!

"Uncle Guan, I've really been quite busy these past few days. In a couple of days, I'll definitely come by personally," Su Ping said helplessly in the reception room to an even more helpless Manager Guan.

"Xiao Ping, look at this. How many days has it been? It's summer vacation now, and aside from students like you graduating, quite a few Beast Tamers from various places have also returned to Linzhou. Business has been good lately, and we're really running short of Low-level Pet Beasts. How about this? I'll take the initiative and increase the previous price by twenty percent. How's that for a deal?"

If this had been before, Manager Guan's offer would have really tempted Su Ping. After all, aside from the money, it would also allow his Pet Beasts to gain real battle experience, which was beneficial no matter what.

But these days, he simply didn't have the time. He had devoted all his energy to Woodhead.

This was, after all, a deal worth several million.

How much could leasing Pet Beasts possibly earn him?

Seeing Su Ping's steadfast attitude, Manager Guan felt helpless.

Was he really here for something as trivial as leasing Pet Beasts? Tianyun Group's influence in Jianghai Province was significant. Leasing some Low-level Pet Beasts shouldn't be a problem, right? The reason he was maintaining this relationship with Su Ping was to butter him up for the subsequent purchase of this land deed. Alas, this kid seemed to be more troublesome than Su Anyong.

Manager Guan had a premonition that it would be quite difficult for his company's chairman to achieve his goal smoothly.

Shaking his head, Manager Guan could only leave in resignation.

However, just as he stepped out of the Heart of Woods, Manager Guan saw a woman wearing sunglasses also coming in. Manager Guan nodded in recognition, realizing it was a guest who had been staying at their place these past few days, and he didn't think much of it.

The person who had arrived was none other than Qin Xiaoxue.

Qin Xiaoxue, despite her carefree personality, was not actually foolish. To leave her Pet Beast so far away, she, as the owner, wouldn't be able to respond in time if something happened. Besides, it was merely a matter of a few days.

And it must be said that the rural area around Lingxi River, although not as convenient as the city center, possessed a kind of bucolic beauty that's hard to come by.

"I didn't expect your small patch of land to be so in demand, is it?" Qin Xiaoxue said to Su Ping with a laugh.

Indeed, Qin Xiaoxue had been visiting frequently these past few days. Although she would only see Woodhead once a day, strictly adhering to the requirements, she spent quite a long time lingering in the Heart of Woods. Su Ping had grown somewhat familiar with this mysterious young lady of esteemed background. However, today he really wasn't in the mood to entertain her properly.

The reason was simple: in the days he spent on Cultivation, aside from his time with Woodhead, Su Ping had not been idle with the other Forest Wolves at all!

Since the moment Su Ping had activated the Forest Wolf Catalog and taken full control over the Heart of Woods, so many days had passed. And as of today, all of his Forest Wolves, except for one last one, had reached the required intimacy level and had been added to the Forest Wolf Catalog. At the same time, the Experience Points on the Forest Wolf Catalog were at 499/500!

In other words, if he spent one more day with these Forest Wolves, the Forest Wolf Catalog would be able to level up to LV2! Alternatively, if that last one—the highest-Level one apart from Old Sha, the one that had reached Elite Ninth Order—managed to achieve the required intimacy Level, then Su Ping, who had been longing and yearning for this day, could finally fulfill his desires.

At this moment, how could he possibly care about Qin Xiaoxue? If it weren't for the fact that he'd known Uncle Guan for many years, that Uncle Guan had a good relationship with his father, and that he needed to give him some face, Su Ping wouldn't have even spared ten minutes to deal with him.

"I'm busy today. Just take a look at your Woodhead and then head back," Su Ping said, waving his hand dismissively. Then, without paying further attention to Qin Xiaoxue, he dashed toward the forest.

Looking doubtfully at Su Ping, who seemed even more hurried than herself, Qin Xiaoxue wasn't bothered. She glanced at Woodhead through the monitor. These past few days, Woodhead had been frolicking in the woods with the Wolf Pack, showing no intention of training—just eating and drinking. Not only had it not been mistreated, but Qin Xiaoxue even felt the little fellow might have gained a few pounds. *Perhaps it was just her imagination?*

Shaking her head, Qin Xiaoxue didn't bother further. She had previously signed a contract with Su Ping, so if he failed to fulfill it, it was his loss. All she needed to ensure was that her Woodhead hadn't sustained any injuries.

With Su Ping gone, there was clearly no point for her to stay, so after looking for a while, she went back to the adjacent Yuntian Resort. Compared to Su Ping's Beast Taming base, the resort's environment and scenery were much nicer. When she had nothing better to do, Qin Xiaoxue indeed liked to take a few extra rounds there.

However, she had never visited the main building—a huge structure occupying a large area, which also housed the main Pet Beast battle arena. Today, with nothing particular to do, Qin Xiaoxue casually walked towards it.

In the main building's arena, there were public battle spaces where Beast Tamers of various strengths were engaging in Pet Beast battles. However, to Qin Xiaoxue, they all seemed rather amateurish. Most were either graduates who hadn't undergone systematic Beast Taming and combat training or prospective Beast Tamers who had not passed professional assessments. Compared to the battles at the Magic Capital Advanced Beast-Taming Academy, these were far inferior.

Qin Xiaoxue had no interest in such fights.

However, just as she was about to leave the building, she paused, her peripheral vision, behind sunglasses, glancing towards the side. The middle-aged man who had just been

with Su Ping was now servilely following a woman. The woman was exceptionally beautiful, and even Qin Xiaoxue had to admit that she exuded something known as feminine charm. Most importantly, the woman's aura... Qin Xiaoxue thought for a moment and found a comparison: it was somewhat similar to the aura her father exuded.

Seemingly noticing Qin Xiaoxue's scrutiny, the woman turned her head and glanced over, then didn't give it another thought. Qin Xiaoxue, however, furrowed her brows tighter after seeing the woman's face; she suddenly felt a sense of familiarity.

But before she could take a closer look, the woman entered a private elevator. After the woman went in, the middle-aged man, standing at the elevator entrance, whispered, "Chairwoman, Su Ping still disagrees and shows no intention of relenting."

As the elevator closed, the voice disappeared as well.

Qin Xiaoxue stopped in her tracks and removed her sunglasses, her deep black eyebrows furrowing even tighter.

Chairwoman? Did that man's visit to Su Ping have something to do with her? And that woman... she looked so familiar!

Remembering the man's words, Qin Xiaoxue pondered for a moment before taking out her phone.

Meanwhile, Su Ping, obviously oblivious to these events and in no mind to concern himself with them, rode atop the last Elite Ninth Order Forest Wolf, affectionately feeding it the canned meat he had made according to the "Breeding Manual"—a favorite of the Forest Wolves.

Finally, under Su Ping's meticulous care, a message appeared in the Forest Wolf Catalog of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas in his mind:

[Adult Forest Wolf discovered, intimacy level meets requirements, Catalog Experience +15!]

[This Forest Wolf is an adult. Subsequently, each day spent with it will yield +1 Catalog Experience for the Forest Wolf Catalog!]

[Forest Wolf Catalog Experience Points: 514/500! Experience Points meet the Catalog upgrade requirements. Would you like to upgrade?]