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The latter sounded quite reliable. After all, if the whole team survived for more than two Xiaoshi, each person would automatically earn one point, meaning five points for the five of them.

Eliminating an entire enemy team would also only yield a mere seven points.

If they were unlucky and one escaped, that was just one point per kill.

However, precisely to address this kind of thinking, the shrinking of the poison circle was designed to make later battles increasingly intense.

If there were more enemy teams in the final circle, the chaotic battle would introduce too many uncertainties.

Therefore, deciding whether to strike first and hunt down other enemy teams, or to simply hold back and wait for the final showdown in the closing circle, was a test of a team's decision-making.

Su Ping was also contemplating. In a situation like this, what should I do? Given the Wanmu Wolf's Traits, my first instinct is actually to just hold back! The Wanmu Wolf's forte is undoubtedly positional warfare. Its ability to create forests can greatly reduce the cost of lying in wait. Although its strength lies in creating forests anytime, anywhere with Skills like Tree Prison and Nature's Tongue, that still requires time, and if I do that, it's too easy to attract the attention of others. Besides, there's one more crucial external factor.

Finally, the massive black screen above slowly lit up.

Even in broad daylight, those black screens were crystal clear.

Su Ping quickly located the Forest Wolf Troop's position.

Upon first glance, Su Ping let out a slight sigh of relief.

Clearly, not all teams could have entered the battlefield through the same entrance.

All positions were random.

Almost all participating teams summoned their Pet Beasts immediately.

The Forest Wolf Troop was no exception.

Instantly, a wave of exclamations erupted across the plaza.

Pet Beast Cultivation was the theme of this competition.

This was evident from the Pet Beasts summoned by all the teams.

Instantly, Su Ping could hear a burst of whispers.

"Damn it, you son of a turtle! You actually let the Iron Arm Ape Group cultivate this Great Strength Vajra Ape? Its melee combat is probably unmatched by many in the entire Legion, huh?"

"Hehe, likewise. The Netherworld Demon Tiger is a rare Dark Element Monarch-potential Pet Beast. You really spared no expense this time, did you?"

"..."

Amidst these whispers, almost all the troop leaders from War Wolf A Division's units, along with Chief Lin, the Political Commissar, and staff officers, simultaneously locked onto the Forest Wolf Troop's position.

It wasn't just them; many in the front row also fixed their gazes on it.

Everyone knew that the young man at the very edge of the front row—seemingly inconspicuous, yet drawing the most attention—was the Forest Wolf Troop’s Breeder.

And he had cultivated a Pet Beast never before seen.

Who wouldn’t want to see such a spectacle?

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Li Hang, the Forest Wolf Troop’s leader, and his teammates summoned their Pet Beasts with hardly a thought, the light of the summoning drawing many gazes.

The next moment, a few figures appeared within the light.

Liu Fuhai narrowed his eyes immediately.

Finally, this new Evolutionary Body of the Forest Wolf was clearly revealed.

The massive Forest Wolf’s fur, like strands of interwoven branches and leaves, cascaded down its back, making it resemble a strange old wolf wearing a straw rain cape.

The spreading branches and leaves formed two small, Y-shaped horns on its head.

Two leaves even dangled from these horns, making it look both cute and inexplicably majestic.

At first glance, viewed from the side, it didn’t look like a Forest Wolf but more like a Kylin draped in dark green fur!

This was the Wanmu Wolf!

In that moment, countless eyes were captivated.

Meanwhile, apart from those in the front row who were already in the know, others scanning the displays finally noticed these peculiar and utterly bizarre Evolutionary Bodies of the Forest Wolf on the Forest Wolf Troop's live feed.

"Huh? What Evolutionary Body is this?"

"Is this the Forest Wolf Troop's live feed? Are there any experts on Forest Wolves here? What kind of breed is this thing?"

"No idea, I've never seen it before."

"..."

Amidst the fervent discussions, one thing was finally confirmed.

This was indeed the Forest Wolf Troop's live feed, but as for what kind of Evolutionary Body it was, truly no one knew.

The consensus was: this was a new type of Evolutionary Body never before seen by the public!

"After the Forest Wolf Troop got thrashed by Unit C's Rock Tiger Troop last time, were they secretly preparing an Ultimate Ability?"

"A new Evolutionary Body... I wonder what its Abilities are?"

"It still comes down to Skills and strength, but judging by its appearance, it can't be weak!"

"Nonsense, if you could analyze actual strength from appearance, you would have joined the scouting team long ago."

"..."

"Holy crap! It's really true!"

Within War Wolf A Division, the Sand Wolf Troop's leader nearly jumped out of his seat when he saw those five figures.

He quickly turned to Zhang Lie,

"Commander Zhang, this thing..."

"Just watch and you'll find out," Zhang Lie said, his mouth curving into a smile.

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At this moment, the five members of the Forest Wolf Troop, who were the focus of countless people's attention, obviously hadn't lost their composure.

Li Da said immediately, "Check the surroundings!"

The environment where the five of them found themselves wasn't ideal; they were on a flat, rocky plain. This battlefield wasn't excessively large, but it certainly wasn't small either. The variety of terrain within it was likely considerable. After all, the participating teams possessed various Attributes. It would be somewhat unfair if certain terrain types were omitted, creating an imbalance due to external factors. However, the entry point was completely random.

Li Da quickly activated his life-signs watch, accessing the bird's-eye map within it.

"Captain, the surroundings are clear!"

Feedback came quickly. Li Da breathed a slight sigh of relief but immediately issued his first command, "According to the plan, head towards the center!"

Li Da pointed directly towards the exact center of this battlefield!

They had agreed upon this strategy in the vehicle on their way, understanding the Wanmu Wolf's advantages clearly. In positional warfare, they were absolutely Unstoppable; the Abilities of five Wanmu Wolves were enough to instantly transform a plain into a vast forest. However, they had to consider the issue of the poison circle. Therefore, in a way, while the center of this battlefield might not be the final zone, it would likely remain trouble-free for a short while. Once they reached the center and established their forest early, they could simply lie in wait for their enemies. The plan was simple, but undeniably efficient and reliable. The only challenge was the possibility of encountering enemies or unknown dangers en route, so speed was essential.

After briefly confirming their bearings, the five mounted their respective Pet Beasts and swiftly headed towards the center.

Seeing this, Su Ping couldn't help but nod. This plan was virtually identical to what he had anticipated.

"They've met, they've met! They've started fighting over there!"

"It's the Thaite Ape Master's Roaring Waters Ape and the War Wolf Division's Ashen Wolf Lord!"

The exclamations from behind made Su Ping turn his gaze to a nearby screen.

The Ashen Wolf Lord... isn't that the Flame Wolf Evolutionary Body from Ding Yan's Cultivation? Su Ping mused. His luck doesn't seem too good, running into an opponent with a counter Attribute right at the start.

However, just as Su Ping's gaze began to shift, a voice sounded close by, "HISS! That's... the Rock Tiger Troop's Earthen Mountain Tiger! Talk about a small world. I heard the Rock Tiger Troop ran into the Forest Wolf Troop last time, didn't they?"

"It really is! Who would've thought? The Forest Wolf's brand-new Evolutionary Body facing an old rival in its very first battle?!"

"This is going to be interesting!"

Su Ping quickly shifted his attention from the Ashen Wolf Lord back to the Forest Wolf Troop.

Sure enough, barely ten minutes had passed before figures appeared in front of the Forest Wolf Troop!

Figures appeared: a man in an earthy-yellow military uniform accompanied by a large, mottled tiger whose camouflage resembled yellow rocks. They looked excited to see the enemy appear. However, upon spotting the peculiar Forest Wolf, both the Pet Beast and its Beast Tamer visibly faltered for a moment.

What in the world is that thing?

But, while they didn't know what kind of Evolutionary Body it was, the identity of the Forest Wolf Troop was still instantly recognizable.

"Well, well, isn't that Captain Li? What a coincidence, huh?!"

It was indeed a coincidence. Li Da laughed too.

Just over two months ago, this bastard led his men to 'eliminate' me, he recalled. To think that in this competition, I'd run into this guy in such a godforsaken corner of the battlefield. And his luck is damn good too, showing up in terrain that perfectly suits his strengths.

Yet, Li Da showed no concern or fear. In fact, at this moment, he was brimming with fighting spirit.

It wasn't just Li Da; Su Ping, watching at this very moment, felt the same way. This was because after they entered the battlefield, a great weight had finally been lifted from Su Ping's mind. He had initially worried that the battlefield might be some kind of Secret Realm or perhaps a mechanical Simulation Space. But it was clearly a purely realistic environment; there were even some wild Pet Beasts roaming about. Therefore, the current weather outside matched the weather within the battlefield.

With this thought, Su Ping didn't immediately turn his attention back to the screen. Instead, he took a leisurely moment to glance up at the sky.

A perfectly clear sky, really nice, he thought. A gentle, refreshing breeze, and the sunlight is just perfect.

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"The Forest Wolf Troop isn't having much luck!"

"That's not necessarily true," another voice countered. "Although the terrain is more advantageous for the Rocky Tiger Troop, it must be understood that the Wood Element has a restraining effect on Earth-type Pet Beasts."

"The Earth Giant Tiger isn't like ordinary Earth-type Pet Beasts," a third spectator mused. "Strictly speaking, the Earth Giant Tiger should be considered Rock Element, which somewhat weakens the Wood Element's suppression. It also depends on the evolutionary quality of each Race!"

Above the stands, a series of whispers rippled through the crowd. Undoubtedly, this debut battle for the Forest Wolf Troop's new Evolutionary Body was attracting far more attention than most other team encounters.

Compared to the unknown Wanmu Wolf, it was clear that more people favored and were optimistic about the Earth Giant Tiger, which held the terrain advantage.

However, Li Da and his companions, visible on the projection, paid no heed to these opinions.

This was a competition, a battle for their respective honors.

At the same time, Li Da and his team could absolutely imagine the intense scrutiny they were under.

This was the Wanmu Wolf's first appearance. They represented not only themselves but also the entire Forest Wolf Troop, and the potential assessment of this Wanmu Wolf Evolutionary Body.

Almost without Li Da needing to issue a command, the four Beast Tamers and their four Wanmu Wolves behind him had already formed a line. Upon careful observation, one could see dark green plant tendrils slowly emerging beneath the feet of these Wanmu Wolves.

They resembled small green snakes appearing on this Shanyuan.

"Attack!" Li Da's sharp command cut through the air.

His companion Wanmu Wolf, Da Zhuang, moved instantly. However, instead of pouncing towards the opponent's Earth Giant Tiger, it retreated directly, and the five Beast Tamers spread out as quickly as possible, trying their utmost to avoid a decapitation strike by the opponent's Earth Giant Tigers.

Almost at the exact moment they acted, the Rocky Tiger Troop also made their move.

The actions of the human Beast Tamers on the opposing side were almost identical. They momentarily merged with their Pet Beasts before retreating. The next instant, as if the very earth shook and mountains quaked, thick rock walls instantly rose to shield all five of them.

In Beast Tamer combat, the Beast Tamers themselves are the most vulnerable points.

Ensuring the Beast Tamer's safety while commanding the battle is a mandatory lesson for all Beast Tamers in practical combat.

And that was precisely the situation unfolding.

These rock walls formed a protective dome, like an inverted giant bowl, enclosing them within.

However, embedded at the top of this dome were several 'eyes' that allowed the Beast Tamers to observe the situation outside through the pitch-black rock.

It seemed, at this juncture, that the Earth Giant Tiger's defensive capabilities surpassed those of the Wanmu Wolf.

Those present here were the elites of the entire Legion.

Moreover, this was the Rocky Tiger Troop, the same troop that had previously crushed the Forest Wolf Troop. How could such an opponent be anything but formidable?

But Li Da and his team were also incredibly swift.

They had a much clearer understanding of their own situation.

The forest manifested by the Wanmu Wolves served as their most effective dynamic cover.

It was infinitely more flexible than the cumbersome rock fortress of their opponents.

In fact, under these circumstances, they merely needed to lead the Wanmu Wolves away. While the Earth Giant Tigers were not slow in this terrain, they would absolutely not dare to pursue them into the newly formed forest!

However, the opponents before them were their 'arch-nemeses.' If they were to simply flee in disarray, they would never forgive themselves, let alone be able to face Chief Zhang Lie and Chief Lin.

Attack!

In that instant, everyone, both within the arena and watching from outside, stared wide-eyed, watching in disbelief at the scene unfolding.

What were they witnessing?

The five Earth Giant Tigers roared, charging towards the five Wanmu Wolves that had already melded into the transforming surroundings.

Yet, where moments ago there was only hard, open ground, now stood a dense thicket of enormous trees that had burst forth, completely dominating the landscape.

The Beast Tamers, led by Li Da, used the towering trees for support, nimbly darting through the branches.

The Earth Spikes summoned by the Earth Giant Tigers erupted from the ground—BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

But try as they might, their attacks could neither reach the Beast Tamers high in the trees nor the Wanmu Wolves, which had vanished completely within the instantly manifested jungle!

In that brief span, the Earth Spikes conjured from rock, the ground indentations, and even localized tremors—all were rendered completely ineffective!

Indeed, on the Shanyuan, the Earth Giant Tigers possessed a significant terrain advantage.

However, when this advantage was utterly negated by the Wanmu Wolves' outrageously powerful Tree Prison and the forest manifested through their Language of Nature, the Wood Element's suppression of the Earth Element reached its absolute zenith!

In the mere span of three breaths, the small Shanyuan had transformed into a dense grove.

This astounding spectacle left not only the members of the Rocky Tiger Troop, still huddled within their stone dome, utterly dumbfounded.

Everyone in the Legion who had come to witness the Wanmu Wolf's capabilities was equally stupefied.

Some might have anticipated the Wanmu Wolf's abilities to be formidable, but no one could have ever imagined they would be so overwhelmingly, unreasonably dominant.

The rapidly proliferating branches, like terrifying giant pythons, snaked towards the five Earth Giant Tigers.

Impossible to defend against!

Due to Attribute suppression, the moment the tree roots burrowed in, the condensed rocks were almost instantly forced apart and shattered from within.

The lead Earth Giant Tiger was instantly ensnared and lifted by the rapidly spreading branches.

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The remaining Mountain Tigers wanted to come to the rescue. However, the well-coordinated teamwork they had developed played a crucial role at this moment.

As the branches ensnared one Mountain Tiger, the two previously hidden Wanmu Wolves materialized before the others out of nowhere.

The branches on their bodies, resembling forest timber, swung with such elegance.

Their effortless leaps displayed an agility completely disproportionate to their size!

The next moment, an invisible force permeated the forest they had created.

Under this force, the few Earth Mountain Tigers felt their stamina depleting even faster.

Run!? If it were under normal circumstances, they could indeed run.

These strange Forest Wolf Evolvers, within this forest of their own creation, had almost no weaknesses.

If they could just figure out a way to leave this jungle and engage in guerilla warfare, they might have a chance of victory.

After all, as had been noted, the terrain here offered them an advantage.

Even if these Forest Wolf Evolvers were formidable, they had their weaknesses; the range and speed of summoning the Jungle Tree Prison were limited.

As long as their Pet Beasts' speed could carry them quickly out of this area, it would undoubtedly cost the opponents more Energy to catch up and continue creating the forest.

By then, they could naturally wear them down.

But how to run?! Their Beast Tamers were still within that protective circle.

If they ran, even though the rocky barriers were extremely solid, they definitely would not hold out for long.

After all, it was the same old story: the Wood Element held an absolute advantage over the Earth Element.

At this moment, had the Beast Tamers become their burdens? But in fact, this was merely wishful thinking on the part of the Earth Mountain Tigers and the Beast Tamers of the Rock Tiger Squad.

Because at this very moment, only those watching the battle from outside through the radar screen knew the truth: if they hadn't fled the jungle the moment it appeared, wanting to run away when things went south later would be absolutely impossible.

On the retreat path through the jungle, two more Forest Wolves stood guard; the forest floor beneath them offered no foothold.

The dense, thick tree trunks had woven the entire jungle into a colossal spiderweb, patiently awaiting prey to stumble into its snare.

At this moment, viewed from above, the jungle presented such a scene. It was a huge forest spiderweb.

The Wanmu Wolves, leaping and bounding tirelessly across branches and trunks, were the 'spiders' holding absolute control.

The outcome of the battle, in the end, concluded without any surprises. The five Earth Mountain Tigers, weakened to their limits under the influence of the Life Magnetic Field and bound by the branches, had no way to fight back.

Naturally, the Rock Tiger Squad, huddled within their rock barricades, were completely exposed to Li Da and his team.

**BANG!**

Li Da and his companions had no habit of wasting words in battle; the moment their opponents appeared, the Wanmu Wolves' attack had already struck.

Simultaneously, the life signs watch emitted a glaring red light. The next moment, a mechanized voice rang out: "Attention Hong Lin, member of the Rock Tiger Squad, Fierce Tiger C Division, you have sustained a fatal attack! You are eliminated! Please restrain your Pet Beast immediately and wait at your current location for a referee to escort you out of the battlefield! Your points are: 0..."

The leader of the Rock Tiger Squad's face paled slightly. He could already imagine their commander's darkened expression and gaze that seemed ready to devour them. However, there was not much he could say at this moment.

With a mixture of unwillingness and helplessness, he could only watch as the Wanmu Wolves slowly retracted the vast jungle, and as Li Da and his companions, grinning, leaped down from the branches.

"Eliminated: Entire Rock Tiger Squad of Fierce Tiger C Division. Points Acquired: 7. Current Points: 7."

The notification from the life signs watch was like a refreshing spring breeze to Li Da and his companions. Their opponents' furious and resentful glares were the sweetest reward for the victors.

"Hahaha, go on, keep boasting now, you lot!" Sun Xiao, standing nearby, gloated at these 'eliminated' individuals, taunting them.

Their side hadn't just avoided taking casualties; they hadn't even suffered injuries. Meanwhile, the opponents were completely wiped out. Such a complete victory was indeed something they had the right to be proud of.

The Rock Tiger Squad members ignored him. What's there to be proud of when you just got lucky and encountered such an absurd Evolutionary Body?

Li Da, who knew what mattered most, said, "Alright, no more wasting time. We're on a tight schedule. Let's move."

Having encountered enemies immediately upon entry, they were unsure if their plan could still succeed.

However, from the very beginning, everything that happened in this battle was undeniably broadcast live for the outside world to witness clearly.

"Such an absurd Evolutionary Body!" someone couldn't help but exclaim.

No one rebutted. At this moment, they all shared the same thought and sentiment. This was simply too absurd.

In just a short period, they had already witnessed the numerous advantages displayed by this Evolutionary Body. They had witnessed its absolute control over the forest. It wasn't just control, but also the ability to shape the forest itself. That was what made it truly rare and valuable.

Previously, Forest Wolves were always considered among the Pet Beasts most reliant on their environment. If they couldn't fight within a forest, the effectiveness and power of their Vine Strangling ability were quite ordinary. Moreover, their growth acceleration ability was, relatively speaking, also quite unimpressive.

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Compared to the Duplication Spell, which aimed for a similar outcome, its actual effects were significantly less impressive.

However, what he had not anticipated was that merely by completing an Evolution, this Forest Wolf's Evolutionary Body would undergo such an astounding metamorphosis.

Even Vice President Liu couldn't help but let out a long sigh at this moment. The fist in his sleeve tightened slightly.

He had somewhat recovered by yesterday. At the same time, he had asked Su Ping about some details of the Wanmu Wolf's Evolution. But when it came to Skills, Liu Fuhai didn't know much at all. After all, Su Ping had said that by tomorrow, he would know, wouldn't he?

And now, watching the situation unfold on the screen, Liu Fuhai truly understood. It even far exceeded his expectations. He could never have imagined. Was the Forest Wolf Evolver that truly came from Su Ping's hands so outrageously strong?

With that thought, Vice President Liu turned his head to glance at Su Ping beside him.

Su Ping's eyes were also fixed firmly on the live broadcast screen, nodding occasionally at the situation depicted. Apparently, he was quite satisfied with this first battle of the Wanmu Wolf.

The duration of the battle wasn't long. From start to finish, it didn't even reach twenty minutes. This was mainly due to the Great Earth Tiger continuously summoning rocks to burst forth from the ground, which somewhat slowed down the weaving of the forest. However, there was one point Vice President Liu beside Su Ping considered. He thought for a moment and said, "Such a combat method seems overly Energy-consuming. Surely, even if the Forest Wolf can gather Energy through plants, it won't be able to sustain this combat method for too long, right?"

Indeed, creating and weaving an entire forest over such a large area would mean immense Energy consumption, even for an Advanced Level Commander Pet Beast. Under such circumstances, their Energy theoretically could not be sustained for long.

Yet, Su Ping simply smiled.

Generally speaking, it indeed couldn't be sustained for very long. But the Wanmu Wolf's most wondrous quality lay precisely in this.

In fact, not only Vice President Liu thought so. At this moment, anyone who had been watching from the beginning shared this thought. Isn't such a combat method too Energy-intensive?

After all, this was a simulated battle royale on a battlefield, not arena combat where simply defeating the enemy would suffice. Injuries and excessive Energy consumption could very likely cause them to lose the initiative in the upcoming battles on the battlefield. Although they had outside supplies, who knew if they would be lucky enough to find them? And who can be certain about luck?

This battle undoubtedly drew many people's attention to the Forest Wolf Troop. Even most beings in the front row locked their gaze firmly on the Forest Wolf Troop.

An Evolutionary Body never before seen in the outside world.

An unparalleled ability to create terrain, strong crowd control effects.

An unrivaled binding force.

Although their direct offensive power and defensive capabilities seemed slightly inferior based on current observations, this was more than enough!

These were all aspects displayed by the Wanmu Wolf.

However, Energy consumption raised a big question mark at this moment.

If this were a Monarch Level duel, then no one would have such significant doubts about the Wanmu Wolf. Because reaching the Monarch Level is a true qualitative change. At that Level, one naturally does not need to worry about Energy consumption in the short term.

But now, it was at the Commander Level. At this Level, using Skills of such scale and frequency necessitated concern about Energy consumption.

However, just as everyone began pondering this doubt and question, many were taken aback. Because at that moment, through the Forest Wolf Troop's broadcast perspective, they clearly saw something in the direction the troop was looking. After the Forest Wolf Troop had traveled for about an hour, they came upon a large lake where a chest was floating on the surface.

And that chest was none other than supplies for this battlefield.

The supplies randomly scattered throughout the battlefield contained a variety of items. But undoubtedly, Magic Potions for Energy recovery were almost always found inside these supply boxes.

At that moment, everyone was slightly stunned. Does the Forest Wolf Troop really have such good luck? They just defeated the Rock Tiger Troop, and now a supply box has appeared?

Then, someone quickly cried out, "No! This is wrong! There's a scheme! Look at the Great Serpent Master's Whirlpython Troop!"

Indeed, following that line of sight, they saw the Water Element Whirlpython Troop's Beast Tamer warriors and their Evolutionary Bodies. They were currently underneath a body of water, observing the situation on the lake's surface through a refracting water mirror, including the approaching Forest Wolf Troop.

A figure beneath the water, along with a massive serpent that seemed to merge with the current, revealed an excited, sinister grin.

"The fish has taken the bait, get ready to close the net!"

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"A supply box!"

All members of the Forest Wolf Troop instantly spotted the supply box floating on the lake's surface.

Li Da furrowed his brows slightly, cautiously glancing around.

It turned out to be a small lake situated in a depression. It was indeed relatively hidden. The existence of an undiscovered supply box in such a place was, theoretically, quite reasonable.

With this in mind, Li Da felt a bit more at ease.

After all, among the various items in a supply box, even something as common as an Energy Recovery Potion could be a lifesaver in many situations. Even if they didn't need one now, who could say what might happen later?

However, after some thought, Li Da instructed, "Stay off the water's surface, Da Zhuang..."

Upon Li Da's order, Da Zhuang focused his mind. A tree branch instantly grew from the shore, stretching out towards the supply box in the middle of the lake.

However, Li Da soon furrowed his brow again.

From his perspective, the supply box wasn't far—only about twenty meters away. Da Zhuang's branch should have easily reached it. Yet, as the branch extended, it failed to touch the supply box. Instead, from his viewpoint, the box seemed to be slowly drifting backward—an eerie sight.

Almost instantly, Li Da realized the danger and shouted, "Not good! It's an ambush!"

Meanwhile, the previously tranquil surface of the small lake suddenly erupted with tumultuous waves. A massive, almost transparent figure emerged from the water, giving Li Da no time to react. The spray from the erupting waves instantly condensed, swirled in the mouth of the illusory, transparent creature, and then shot out fiercely!

Iron Water Cannonball!

The spinning, compressed water cannon ignored the Wanmu Wolf on the shore and shot straight at the Beast Tamer!

There wasn't just one—there were a full five of them!

Almost instantly, information about this strange aquatic serpent surfaced in Su Ping's mind: Hydro Serpent! Racial Potential: early-stage Monarch. An Evolutionary Body of the elite Pet Beast, Whorl Python. Its main Skills include firing Iron Water Cannonballs—highly compressed water elements—and the ability to merge with water sources in element-rich environments, making it extremely difficult to detect with the naked eye...

In this world, all sorts of Pet Beasts and their corresponding Evolutionary Bodies are constantly emerging, Su Ping mused. How could there truly be an invincible Pet Beast Evolutionary Body?

Undoubtedly, at this moment, the Forest Wolf Troop was forced into a completely passive position. This was especially true because the Iron Water Cannonballs targeted the Beast Tamer, not the Pet Beast.

The four members further away were relatively safe, but Team Captain Li Da was now undoubtedly exposed to the Iron Water Cannonballs. If he were hit, his vital signs wristband would almost certainly be triggered immediately. An attack from a long-planned, cunning ambush wasn't going to be easy to dodge, was it?

However, at this critical juncture, Da Zhuang reacted instantly, unleashing its full speed. Its Commandant Ninth Rank body leaped dozens of meters, positioning itself in front of Li Da just before the Iron Water Cannonballs struck.

"Da Zhuang!" Li Da shouted.

Almost without thinking, Li Da saw the massive figure of the Wanmu Wolf freeze on the spot.

Everyone frowned. This was a competition, and injuries were inevitable. After all, it was often difficult to control the intensity of Pet Beast battles. However, if this attack landed, it would cause more than just an injury.

This question arose in everyone's mind. Is this Li Da so desperate to avoid elimination that he'd sacrifice his fully evolved Pet Beast? After all, in their view, if this attack connected, the Wanmu Wolf would be crippled, if not killed outright. Why isn't Li Da activating the protective effect of his vital signs wristband? What is he thinking? Is he really going to stand by and watch the Wanmu Wolf be severely wounded, or even die?

However, just as this thought surfaced, everyone was once again stunned.

It wasn't that the attack was blocked or dodged; the spinning, compressed Iron Water Cannonball indeed struck the Wanmu Wolf's figure. But at this very moment, the Wanmu Wolf underwent a change that no one had anticipated.

The previously agile Wanmu Wolf was now rigidly frozen. Its Y-shaped, antler-like branches atop its head swayed gently, while the foliage extending down its back instantaneously enveloped its body, turning the Wanmu Wolf into a sphere. All previous signs of life from the Wanmu Wolf vanished completely. The encasing foliage extended into the soil beneath its feet, taking root.

BANG!

The Iron Water Cannonball accurately struck the now stationary Wanmu Wolf. And indeed, a spinning crater appeared on its body, right through the covering of leaves. It looked as if an electric drill had bored a hole straight through it.

But upon seeing this 'hole,' everyone was once again dumbstruck.

"What is that?" someone exclaimed in disbelief.

Because the scene unfolding before them was astonishing: the hole didn't reveal bone and organs, nor did any blood flow out. Instead, it looked like a severed tree branch, exposing only woody fibers.

Most uncannily, as the Pet Beast's foliage unfurled, the hole began to heal at a slow yet visible rate!

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What the hell is this?

Countless people looked at each other. Even Zhao Deguang, who was not far away, turned to Liu Fuhai, the authority on the matter. Of course, it was also possible he was looking at Su Ping, who sat unassumingly in the corner next to Liu Fuhai.

"Wooden Body?!"

Liu Fuhai's tone was somewhat surprised, as if he hadn't quite reacted, yet he was certain.

Yes, this was the Wooden Body!

"Wooden Body? Isn't that an Ability only possessed by some Plant-based Pet Beasts?"

A man beside him, who also bore a general's star on his shoulder, spoke up in astonishment.

It was a characteristic Ability of Plant-based Pet Beasts. Any injury on the body of a Plant-based Pet Beast could recover as long as the root wasn't directly damaged; even damage to the stem was of no concern.

After all, Plant-based Pet Beasts were mostly slow.

This Wooden Body Ability served as a Core Technique and a definite reinforcement for many in the Plant System.

The Plant System had no fatal weaknesses.

But the question was, was this wolf part of the Plant System?

Just a moment ago, its frolicking behavior—hopping and leaping in the jungle, appearing and disappearing without a trace—did not resemble a Pet Beast of the Plant System at all!

A pure Wolf Pet with the Plant System's 'Wooden Body' Ability?

At that moment, everyone cast complex glances at Su Ping, who remained composed.

This included Liu Fuhai.

Even from the seats on the other side, where the Breeders of the Forest Wolf Troop sat, some people couldn't help but turn their gaze to Su Ping.

How on earth did this kid do it? Could the Evolutionary Body of a Forest Wolf be so freakishly capable?

They didn't understand.

Among them, those reacting most strongly were Ding Yan, a Breeder from Huaiyang Province, and Rong Qiu, a woman in black from Beiyuan Province.

The former was naturally filled with regret. Why did such a talented Breeder choose to stay in a place like Jianghai Province?

The latter, however, was far more conflicted. Her mouth curled into an indecipherable, complex expression, her eyes not even glancing at her own Snow Wolf Group.

It was as if she had no interest whatsoever in the Snow Wolf Group's performance; her gaze remained fixed solely on the Forest Wolf Troop and Su Ping.

They didn't know what other secrets this Wanmu Wolf harbored.

At this moment, they had come to genuinely respect this young man—someone they had initially resented for being overly favored by Qin Erlong and Liu Fuhai, who had let him sit in the first row.

In the Legion, strength was most respected.

Su Ping's Cultivation talent and the Wanmu Wolf he had nurtured had undoubtedly conquered them.

However, the battle on the screen had not yet ended.

Da Zhuang, with its Mutation: Wooden Body, had entered a wooden state, but its movements hadn't stopped.

On the shore, upon the land, the forest deluge re-emerged!

The other Wanmu Wolves also reacted.

Enraged by the sneak attack, they immediately entered a combat state.

Su Ping slowly exhaled.

The final outcome was still not unexpected.

Even if the Hydro Serpent could enter the water and survive continuously underwater, its Beast Tamer could not.

The Beast Tamer would eventually need to surface for air.

Besides, who said the Wanmu Wolves had no options underwater?

After all, it was just a small lake, barely a kilometer across and not very deep. The five Wanmu Wolves, anchoring their Tree Prisons to the earth at the water's edge, dragged them straight into the lake!

Under the combined effect of the fivefold Tree Prison and the Language of Nature, the entire lake surface became interconnected by branches.

It was still the familiar forest web, only this time it spread across the lake's surface.

The final result was that the Forest Wolf Troop's Points increased by another 7. This was followed by an additional 5 Points for surviving more than two hours.

Although the process this time had been convoluted and the risks high, everyone fell silent once more as they looked at the screen. The massive web of endless branches and leaves almost completely covered the small lake.

Reality had slapped them hard in the face.

They couldn't help but ponder the question that had just arisen.

Doesn't the Wanmu Wolves' Skill activation require Energy expenditure?

This was evident from the battle they had just witnessed.

That Hydro Serpent, by maintaining its presence in the lake and drawing support from the water's Spiritual Power, could ensure rapid Energy recovery.

However, facing the blockade of the forest web, its all-out Iron Water Cannonball attack only managed about twenty-odd shots in succession.

This frequency and number of shots were already quite exaggerated and terrifying.

The power of the Iron Water Cannonball was also extraordinary.

Even those dense forest webs would blast open into large clearings when directly hit by an Iron Water Cannonball.

If those Hydro Serpents could launch attacks as relentlessly as the Wanmu Wolves activated their entangling forest Skills, and if they could have fired just a few dozen more shots, the outcome of the battle would have been truly uncertain.

Even if they couldn't win, escaping unscathed would have been absolutely no problem.

But how could such Abilities be used so easily and carelessly?

Yet, the Wanmu Wolves had managed to do just that.

Even legendary Spirit Saint Level Pet Beasts and Legendary Pet Beasts have to obey the law of Energy conservation, don't they?

But this massive wolf, resembling a Kylin, seemed to utterly disregard the concept of Energy conservation.

Such rampant use of its Abilities, yet it showed no signs of Energy depletion or fatigue.

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Yet, he still appeared as spirited as ever.

Clearly, even these experienced seniors had not anticipated that energy conservation indeed existed, but this energy was not purely from the Wanmu Wolf's internal energy storage, nor was it from food supplements and Magic Potions.

Instead, it came directly from the Sun in the sky.

From the perspective of physics in his past life, the nuclear fusion energy of the Sun was massively absorbed by the Wanmu Wolf, and through Photosynthesis, it was converted. Then, it was utilized with the help of the Heart of Wood.

Fortunately, following that, the Forest Wolf Troop did not leave to set off again.

They rested right by this small lake.

The small lake in this depression was already relatively central in location.

Secondly, though there was sunlight, and the energy of the Wanmu Wolf could rapidly recover,

the fast operation of the "Sunlight Absorption," "Photosynthesis," and "Heart of Wood" Skills that composed the "Solar Formula" placed a tremendous strain on both body and mind.

This, Su Ping had previously felt from Old Sha.

Moreover, just now, Da Zhuang had suffered considerable injuries while helping Li Da to defend against the Hydro Serpent's Iron Water Cannonball, and he needed to turn into a wooden state for recovery.

From any perspective, Li Da's decision not to continue leading the team forward was quite wise.

And so, the first day of the competition entered the night as the sky gradually grew dim.

In just one day, more than forty people were eliminated, close to ten teams worth of members.

And next to the huge live broadcast screen, there was also a real-time points ranking.

Right now, at the top of the leaderboard was none other than the Forest Wolf Troop, which no one had expected!

With a high score of 29 Points, they occupied the top position.

Completely eliminating two teams, that itself was a reward of fourteen Points!

The remaining fifteen Points were awarded for surviving unscathed for six Xiaoshi on the battlefield.

Following closely behind was the group that was previously the favorite to win, the Netherworld Demon Tiger.

They were only three Points behind the Forest Wolf Troop, the reason being that they had let one escape when they had the chance to wipe out an entire team earlier.

After that was the relatively lesser-known but not to be underestimated Shadow Leopard Troop.

The Shadow Leopard shared some similarities with the Shadow Wolf, both being assassin-type Pet Beasts that strike from the shadows.

However, the Shadow Leopard Troop did not fight honorably. Aside from having the Shadow Leopard continue evolving into further Shadow Leopards, they also included the Magic Shadow Leopard, and even the rare Mental Category evolutionary branch, the Soul Eater Leopard.

With five combat groups, their Evolutionary Bodies were not the same, which clearly indicated that they had made meticulous arrangements.

Next was the Great Serpent Master's Niu Mang Troop, whose Evolutionary Body was the Titan Python.

This Titan Python stood out for its blunt force approach, even managing to eliminate the Great Strength Vajra Ape, similarly known for physical strength.

Of course, the price they paid was that they were the only team in the top five to have lost a member.

However, the fifth place was absolutely unexpected to everyone.

It was not any team from another Monkey D Breeder, but rather another team from the Fighting Wolf A Breeder!

It was the previously unanticipated Snow Wolf Group!

The Snow Wolf Group, along with the Forest Wolf Troop and the Sand Wolf Troop, were originally regarded as the bottom teams of the Fighting Wolf A Breeder. However, unexpectedly, they shone brightly in this competition.

Even Su Ping couldn't help but take note of this Snow Wolf Group.

The Breeder of the Snow Wolf Group turned out to be a woman named Rong Qiu who came from Beiyuan Province.

This Evolutionary Body was her own development, the so-called "Cold Water Wolf."

The name of this Evolutionary Body was not very impressive, but its abilities were extremely formidable.

It could infuse toxicity into water, which upon only slight contact, could incapacitate an enemy within moments.

Su Ping watched with a combination of admiration and trepidation.

Poison Type Pet Beasts, that's just how terrifying they are.

On this first day of the competition, Lin Lei, Chief Lin, was absolutely elated.

Among the six participating troops, the Hunting Wolf Group was unfortunate, encountering the ace of the Tiger C Master, the Netherworld Demon Tiger, and was eliminated as a group. The Shadow Wolf Group also met a strong opponent; although they weren't wiped out, they still lost three members.

Even so, Lin Lei did not criticize anyone.

Although it was only the first day, the Forest Wolf Troop had taken the lead on the leaderboard.

The Snow Wolf Group ranked fifth.

Even the Flame Wolf Group and Sand Wolf Group that followed were not low in the rankings.

Needless to say, Lin Lei was overjoyed.

The head of the Monkey D Breeder group, whose teams hadn't made it into the top five, had a face as dark as pitch—needless to say, he thoroughly berated almost everyone who was eliminated.

The battles on the field, even at night, do not stop. On the contrary, there are even some groups that choose to hunt other Pet Beast groups at night.

However, Su Ping didn't continue to watch. For him, after a day of eye-opening observation, he had some new ideas about Pet Beast Cultivation that needed to be organized.

However, most people were still here, in the square, continuing to watch the competition.

After all, those who could be here were not Low-level Beast Tamers. High-Level Beastmasters possessed sufficient physical fortitude, so staying up all night was trivial for them.

But Su Ping absolutely hadn't expected that, besides him, another person too returned to their residence at night, picking up their phone.

It was none other than the Breeder of the Snow Wolf Group that greatly exceeded Lin Lei's expectations today.

It was that Breeder Rong Qiu who also attracted much attention in today's competition.

This Breeder Rong, however, didn't care much about the rankings.

Her entire attention was on Su Ping.

And at this time, just like Su Ping, she returned to her residence early.

She dialed a phone number directly, and the call was quickly connected, a hearty voice coming through the receiver:

"Hello?"

"I've seen Su Ping, and his bred Wanmu Wolf Group!"

Rong Qiu smiled slightly, then lit a slim lady's cigarette, slowly blowing out a ring of smoke.

If Su Ping were here, he would certainly recognize that the voice on the other end of the phone was none other than his unreliable old dad.

And he would probably never have imagined that these two people, whom he would never have expected to know each other, had already met.

Even more so, the reason this Breeder, who gave Chief Lin an unexpected joy, could become their Snow Wolf Group's Breeder might mainly have something to do with Su Ping.

"Hahaha, how's it going?"

"Today's martial contest temporarily in first place, but that might not last past tonight."

"Hahahaha, I've always said, my son's Cultivation Talent takes after me! Truly impressive."

Rong Qiu laughed, almost losing her composure:

"If the kid has such amazing Cultivation Talent, why do you need my help?"

The voice from the phone continued:

"What do you mean 'your help'? We agreed earlier, not you, but the Rong Family!"

"Without me speaking up, the Rong Family wouldn't help," Rong Qiu said calmly.

"Alright, dear Qiu Qiu, just consider it a favor for your team leader. Later, I'll have Su Ping call you godmother... or if you don't mind, stepmother is also fine..."

"Tsk, so indecent..."

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The tranquility of the night meant rest for the people and their Pet Beasts in the military camp after a day of training.

However, for all the remaining combatants still on the battlefield, they couldn't afford to let their guard down—not even a little bit. They had to be even more vigilant.

Because nighttime was when most Pet Beasts were in their element, and it marked the beginning of danger.

As night began to fall, the release of Hypnotic Mist was initiated across the battlefield.

Clearly, for any team hoping to survive such a night unscathed—especially those holed up on the fringes, just trying to accumulate Points—a chaotic battle was inevitable! And indeed, that was precisely what happened.

Across the dark battlefield, the olive-green Hypnotic Mist gradually spread like a fog.

On the fringes, other Beast Tamer groups that had remained quiet until now also began to stir.

The flames of war were kindled. Beneath the cover of darkness, the battlefield became just as chaotic, especially during the first half of the night.

This turmoil, however, seemed to have little to do with the Forest Wolf Troop.

When the contest had first begun, the Forest Wolf Troop had immediately advanced deep into enemy territory, alone.

Now, in this relatively central part of the battlefield—though not its absolute core—by the small lake, most enemies had still not ventured.

The Forest Wolf Troop remained quiet throughout the night. This didn't mean, however, that the other teams were equally still.

Particularly noteworthy were the Shadow Leopard Group and the Black Tiger Group, as both of their Evolutionary Bodies were relatively adept at nighttime operations—especially the latter's Netherworld Demon Tiger, a Pet Beast with the special Dark Element Attribute.

They exploited the advantages of the night to the fullest.

From the first half of the night into the second, they managed to knock the Forest Wolf Troop from its first-place position, causing them to drop to third!

It was incredibly intense! Even the high-ranking officers within the Legion had never anticipated such a fierce outcome!

「A day and a night passed.」

Su Ping awoke, and after freshening up, he returned to the live broadcast plaza for the battlefield. When he looked again, he was momentarily stunned.

Early in the morning, the plaza was still packed with almost as many people as before. Some were even eating breakfast while watching the unfolding events on the large screens, their eyes wide with a tension that seemed to surpass even that of the teams shown.

Su Ping's pupils contracted slightly as well.

Overnight, the Forest Wolf Troop had fallen to third place. But, astoundingly, only nine teams remained on the entire battlefield!

Only a day and a night had passed! In just that single day and night, the officially deployed Hypnotic Mist had only spread across the outer fifth of the periphery. Yet, only nine teams were left on the entire battlefield.

Furthermore, this count of nine teams was somewhat misleading. For example, groups like the Flame Wolf Group and the White Tiger Group only had one or two members left, barely clinging to survival.

Even powerful teams like the Shadow Leopard Group and the Black Tiger Group had suffered one or two losses.

This was enough to show just how intense the fighting had become during that single night.

It was precisely because of this fierce fighting that when Su Ping arrived, many people turned their gazes towards him.

This was because, at that moment, the only team on the entire battlefield that remained completely intact—without a single injury or loss of members, having safely weathered the fiercest battles of the night—was the Forest Wolf Troop.

At this point, the Forest Wolf Troop was only a mere one point behind the second-placed Shadow Leopard Group. Such a tiny gap was practically negligible.

The reason was simple: with all five of their members unharmed, the Forest Wolf Troop earned slightly more survival Points every two hours than the other teams that had suffered losses.

So, even though other teams had eliminated more opponents, the gap between them and the Forest Wolf Troop hadn't widened significantly under these conditions!

Su Ping smiled faintly. Looking at it this way, it seemed the minimum expected outcome for this contest was already a sure thing!

However, just as this thought surfaced, something unexpected occurred—an event that neither Su Ping nor the Forest Wolf Troop on the battlefield could have foreseen.

The time reached 8:00 a.m. Exactly twenty-four hours had passed since the contest began.

The life-sign watches of nearly all Legion members on the battlefield flickered faintly. Then, a notification sound was heard, followed by a message:

[The contest has proceeded for one day and one night and has now entered a white-hot stage. Current detailed Point rankings and information are now public! Available for query at any time.]

[1. Black Tiger Group: 81 Points (Elimination Points: 35, Survival Points: 46) Current Remaining Members: 3]

[2. Shadow Leopard Group: 75 Points (Elimination Points: 23, Survival Points: 52) Current Remaining Members: 4]

[3. Forest Wolf Troop: 74 Points (Elimination Points: 14, Survival Points: 60) Current Remaining Members: 5]

[...]

A series of current rankings appeared before everyone's eyes almost instantly.

In a valley at the center of the battlefield, a man standing beside several giant, pitch-black tigers cursed angrily, "Damn it! The Shadow Leopard Group, fine, whatever! But where the hell did this Forest Wolf Troop come from?"

"Sixty survival Points? Sixty! Did they actually get the maximum? Where the hell have those guys been hiding out?"

It wasn't just the Black Tiger Group; other surviving teams scattered across various locations had all, more or less, suffered losses in their numbers during such a night.

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At this moment, the Forest Wolf Troop, having scored perfect survival points and, to top it off, eliminated two other teams, ranked third. This naturally drew everyone's attention.

Some analyzed the situation, giving credit to this newly emerged battle group. Previously, only the Black Tiger and Shadow Leopard Groups were considered major threats.

Undoubtedly, members of the Black Tiger and Shadow Leopard Groups, setting aside the others for now, broke out in a cold sweat. If this fighting continues, our numbers will soon be depleted. And if this Forest

Wolf Troop keeps playing possum, they might actually snatch victory! Losing a fair and square beast control duel would be one thing, but losing like this? None of us could accept that.

Therefore, the leader of the Black Tiger Group immediately adjusted their battle strategy. We have to take out those sly bastards first! Otherwise, who knows when they'll stab us in the back!

Forest Wolf, is it? The captain of the Black Tiger Group mused, taking an item from his backpack. It was a card slot. He had found this item in a supply box. Supply boxes didn't just contain food to restore stamina and Magic Potions to replenish Energy; they also held various trinkets potentially useful on the battlefield. This was one such item.

The captain of the Black Tiger Group inserted the card slot into his vital signs wristwatch. As expected, a prompt appeared on the watch:

'Black Tiger Group leader Mo He, you have used the battlefield horn, allowing you to broadcast a message up to 120 characters long, once!'

Within less than ten seconds, just as nearly all teams were witnessing their team ranking updates every three minutes, another message came through their vital signs wristwatches:

"I am Mo He, leader of the Black Tiger Group. We can't let the cunning bastards succeed. I can't ask everyone to put aside their differences and unanimously seek out the Forest Wolf Troop, but please, do try to search the wooded terrains! The Black Tiger Group will start searching from the southeast and spread throughout the south. If any brothers nearby are there, please leave first; my Black Tiger Group is going to find out where Forest Wolf Troop is!"

The horn's message broadcast clearly, visible to all teams still on the field.

"Dammit, this is totally against the spirit of martial arts!"

Not only was the Forest Wolf Troop, gearing up for a morning of carnage, taken aback, but even Su Ping, watching from outside the arena, couldn't help exclaiming, "Against the martial spirit!"

Then, he noticed the contemptuous looks from the others. Against the martial spirit?! This is eliminating a public menace! Dammit, it was supposed to be a fair competition, and this Wanmu Wolf actually holed up all night! If this continues, they might actually get away with it!

Almost the instant after the Black Tiger Group leader's message was sent, a few other groups that had also acquired horns from the supply boxes broadcasted their messages!

"The Shadow Leopard Group is also joining in the hunt for Forest Wolf Troop. I'll start from the northwest..."

"My Bull Python Group joins too, damn, those sly bastards can all die!"

"The Mountain Mover Ape Group joins in as well! Starting from the due east direction!"

"The Snow Wolf Group joins..."

Each one joined the operation known as the 'Forest Wolf Troop Hunting Plan.'

However, Lin Lei's expression darkened. Dammit, it's one thing for teams from other divisions to join, but why the hell is the Snow Wolf Group getting involved? Have they forgotten they're all from the War Wolf Division? Although this competition is nominally between individual teams, there's an unwritten rule not to go all out against main teams from your own division. Has the Snow Wolf Group lost its mind?

Of course, the Snow Wolf Group hadn't lost its mind. In fact, they spoke out loudly through the battlefield horn, claiming they were going to search to the north. Yet, the live broadcast clearly showed this group of people had no intention of heading due north. To the astonishment of everyone, they actually made a beeline straight for the very center.

"A bunch of idiots, let them fight it out!" the Snow Wolf Group's captain declared. "The Evolutionary Bodies cultivated by the Forest Wolf Troop are unprecedented; this is internal intel from our War Wolf Division. How would those outsiders know? They all think the Forest Wolf Troop is just a bunch of sly campers, but didn't they see them completely dominate and eliminate two teams? Let them exhaust each other; we'll conserve our strength and snatch the prize later!"

This wasn't a real battlefield within the Legion, where everyone is a comrade-in-arms, ready to take a bullet for one another. This was a competition. And in that case, unfortunately, the first lesson in the Legion is to do whatever it takes to win on the battlefield.

Damn, is the Snow Wolf Group just as shameless as the Forest Wolf Troop? The thought rippled through the spectators. Immediately, everyone watching the live broadcast turned to look at Lin Lei, who, somewhat embarrassed, rubbed his nose.

If one team acts like this, perhaps it's just the captain's fault. But two teams from the same division? It's hard not to wonder what kind of 'principles' Chief Lin of the War Wolf Division has been instilling in these little rascals.

Confronted with everyone's gaze, Lin Lei couldn't hold back, "Why the hell are you all staring at me? What does it have to do with me?"

As it turned out, Chief Lin's frustration was justified. Because at that moment, some spectators shifted their attention to the Black Tiger Group, the first to broadcast. And the Black Tiger Group? Their trajectory wasn't southeast or south, as they'd announced. They too were heading straight for the center.

"Captain? Weren't we supposed to head south to search for the Forest Wolf Troop?"

Black Tiger Group's captain, Mo He, glared, "How the hell did you become a platoon leader in the group? No wonder you don't get promoted despite being so strong. Just go because I said so? We're only three people now. Aside from not being sure to find them, even if we did, what are the odds in a three-versus-five scenario?"

The man who had asked was taken aback.

"Let them go search. We'll profit as the mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind. The cunning guys from the Forest Wolf Troop have indeed reminded me. During the upcoming period, beast control battles are one aspect, ensuring numbers and strength are even more crucial! Let those sons of bitches wear themselves out looking for the Forest Wolf Troop. We'll recover here at the center. One reason is to accumulate Points, and another is that it's very likely small groups with only one or two

people left avoiding the toxic zone will come here while the rest of the intact teams search for the Forest Wolf Troop... HEH HEH HEH..."

"Brilliant!" The man slapped his thigh and gave Mo He a thumbs-up.

"It's just basic tactics," Mo He said. "Alright, now that you get it, let's not waste any more time. Let's move."

A hush fell over the live broadcast plaza. Onlookers, especially the commander of the Fierce Tiger C Division, watched as his 'brilliant' Black Tiger Group also headed straight for the center of the battlefield.

The commander pursed his lips. Indeed, a bit clever, but not very. You damn brat, did you really think that what your pig brain could come up with, other teams wouldn't? Did you think they'd all be idiots and actually go search the periphery for the Forest Wolf Troop?

In fact, it wasn't just the Snow Wolf Group. After broadcasting the 'Hunt Down the Forest Wolf Troop' announcement via the battlefield horns and ostensibly reaching a 'consensus,' none of the other teams that had chimed in actually headed towards the outer areas to search. Instead, every single one of them was rapidly making their way to the center of the battlefield.

This development was something even the top-ranking officers watching from the front row hadn't anticipated. The team ranking display, introduced as the competition heated up, was meant to give the embattled teams a clearer strategic overview. No one could have predicted that it would, under these circumstances, so drastically accelerate the pace and direction of the entire contest.

Because it wasn't long before not only the vast majority of the other teams but even the Forest Wolf Troop—after a brief moment of surprise following their night's rest by the small lake—also began heading straight for the center of the battlefield!

In an instant, the center of the battlefield became the focal point of all attention. Everyone knew that here, the final, decisive battle—which would also be a massive free-for-all—was about to begin, far ahead of schedule!