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One was the bored Vice President Liu, and another was Ding Yan, the Senior Breeder of the Flame Wolf and developer of the Ashen Wolf Lord, whom Su Ping had encountered in the Legion a few days prior.

The last one, Su Ping only found familiar. He was likely one of the Intermediate Breeders from when Vice President Liu had given a lecture. However, Su Ping had no significant interaction with him, knew little about him, and didn't even remember his name clearly.

"The Flame Wolf's temperament is volatile, so to approach and command it, one needs a profound understanding of its habits."

"Here in Jianghai Province, Teacher Liu once discussed the simplest method of bonding with a Flame Wolf..."

In the partitioned room, a Flame Wolf Breeder from Jianghai Province was chattering incessantly to the Breeders from Huaiyang Province who had come for the exchange.

However, the Junior Breeders from Huaiyang below clearly weren't paying the slightest attention.

Because the teacher leading their team this time was a Senior Breeder of the Flame Wolf, speaking of these matters in front of him was like performing a sword dance in front of Guan Yu.

Even Vice President Liu hadn't developed his own new Evolutionary Body for the Flame Wolf. So, in their hearts, when it came to expertise on the Flame Wolf—aside from other Pet Beasts—it was better to listen more to their own teacher.

Neither Tian Xinghuo, the Breeder sitting at the head of the table, nor Vice President Liu cared much anymore.

This exchange, supposedly for sharing ideas, was in reality an opportunity for the Breeders from Huaiyang Province to show off.

But it had to be said, some promising young talent had indeed appeared this time.

The young man with sword-like brows and star-bright eyes, who had previously spoken of the Forest Wolf's low cultivation value, was particularly noteworthy. He was a disciple of an equally high-ranking Senior Breeder from Huaiyang Province.

Reportedly, he had successfully cultivated the 'Temperature Elevation' Skill for a Molten Canine.

Had the success rate not been so low, perhaps this 19-year-old lad could already have become an Intermediate Breeder over in Huaiyang Province.

There were one or two others in the team with similar achievements, but their contributions weren't as valuable or significant as the Molten Canine's 'Temperature Elevation' Skill.

Previously, Vice President Liu had been quite envious of Huaiyang Province for producing so much promising young talent. But now, Old Liu was indifferent. He regarded these youngsters with a calm, detached gaze, as if observing a passing breeze.

The gap between one genius and another is even greater than that between a genius and an ordinary person. In his heart, ten thousand of these so-called cultivation geniuses didn't amount to a fart when compared to Su Ping.

Ding Yan seemed to feel the same way. Since returning from the Legion, he had lost the desire to show off, and his attitude toward the Jianghai Province Breeder Association had somewhat improved.

It was only these youngsters he'd brought along who clearly hadn't realized what had transpired. They still carried an air of superiority, not particularly caring about the Breeders from Jianghai Province.

A bunch of little brats who have yet to be battered by society and have never seen a real genius. Look at Su Ping. He possesses such talent and ability, yet not a trace of arrogance. His entire focus is on the cultivation of Pet Beasts.

After such reflections, when they looked back at these youngsters, everyone adopted a more laissez-faire attitude.

The current situation was no different. However, as Old Liu was teasing the Flame Wolf at his side, he glanced up and was momentarily taken aback. His eyes lit up when he saw two figures outside the high-temperature glass.

He quickly stood up, briskly opened the door, and let Su Ping enter.

"Su Ping, what brings you here?"

Before Old Liu could speak, Ding Yan, who had also noticed Su Ping, spoke up.

All eyes turned to the two newcomers.

They recognized Sun Chaoju, the Intermediate Breeder of Forest Wolves, who was with the newcomer. He had spoken to them about the pros and cons of the Forest Wolf before, but they had been utterly uninterested.

The person next to Sun Chaoju, however, was a young man around their age.

Does our Teacher Ding know him? And to be so enthusiastic? Didn't their teacher say that these Breeders from Jianghai Province were all incompetents, only good at infighting, petty individuals with no ambition?

Su Ping smiled slightly. "Senior Ding is here too. I have something to discuss with Old Liu."

"What is it?" Old Liu asked with a smile, glancing at Ding Yan from the corner of his eye. Little bastard, still dare to look down on us Breeders from Jianghai Province?

"I'm working on an experimental project, and I don't have many wolf-type Pet Beasts at my place. So, I came to our association to borrow some Pet Beasts for the experiment. I'd also like you to take a look to prevent any accidents."

An experiment!?! Not only did Liu Fuhai's eyes light up, but Ding Yan's did as well. Wolf-type Pet Beasts—obviously, this was an experiment involving wolf-type Pet Beasts.

Vice President Liu laughed heartily. "Just this? Come on, I'll take you to get the Pet Beasts. Let's go to my lab!"

Old Liu was inwardly excited. This cheeky youngster finally remembered him, a Senior Breeder of Wolf Pets at the Breeder Association! At last, he could be of use.

After a quick word of instruction to Tian Xinghuo, Old Liu, practically buzzing with impatience, was ready to lead Su Ping away, completely ignoring everyone else behind him.

Meanwhile, Ding Yan, fidgeting beside him, ultimately couldn't hold back. Under the astonished gazes of all the Junior Breeders from Huaiyang Province, he spoke up,

"Uh... Su Ping, do you need any help from me?"

Su Ping was taken aback. He turned his head to look at Breeder Ding and, after a moment's thought, said,

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"Sure, it's not a big deal anyway. Brother Ding, you can come too if you want!"

Indeed, it wasn't a big deal. The experiment with the Heart of the Wolf required all other Wolf Pets to give it a try, naturally including the Flame Wolf, along with various Magic Potions and resource combinations for consumption.

The more people helping out, the better they could understand any situation that might arise.

Moreover, Su Ping had another purpose. The effect of the Heart of the Wolf could work on any canine-type Pet Beast.

When the time came to start a company with Dong Muyun, the demand from individual households was one aspect.

More importantly, the demand from Breeder Associations everywhere, and Cultivation bases for canine-type Pet Beasts all over—their consumption would be the bulk of it.

The more people who knew, the greater the demand would be when the time came—it would be like advertising.

Therefore, amidst the two men's excited gazes, Ding Yan didn't even bother with the other Junior Breeders, who were looking at him helplessly, and followed Su Ping, leaving the Flame Wolf base behind.

As for Liu Fuhai, he deliberately lingered at the back. After everyone left, he cast a meaningful glance at Tian Xinghuo, who couldn't hide his grievance and longing.

Tian Xinghuo wanted to go too!

He was also in the 'Jianghai's Wolf' group chat and naturally knew exactly what Su Ping had accomplished.

After the Breeder Competition at the end of the year, this guy would be the youngest specialized Senior Breeder in Jianghai Province!

And now, this man seemingly had another new discovery—who the hell didn't want to be the first to witness it?

But as Tian Xinghuo watched Teacher Liu leave, he seemed to have understood something. Once only he and the remaining Breeders from Huaiyang Province were left in the base compartment, he cleared his throat.

"Quiet down and continue to familiarize yourselves with the Flame Wolf..."

Clearly, the scene just before had left everyone baffled.

At this, the young man with sword-like eyebrows and starry eyes, who was a leader among them, couldn't help but ask, "Um, Teacher Tian, who was that student just now...?"

Hearing this usually proud youth—who didn't take other Breeders seriously and always acted superior—address him as 'Teacher,' Tian Xinghuo smiled slightly, "Oh, that? Su Ping is an Intermediate Level Breeder from our Jianghai Province Breeders Association. He just graduated last summer, I believe. Ah, young people these days are really more and more impressive..."

"Tsk, there's no choice but to accept one is getting old..." Tian Xinghuo said in a reflective, almost indifferent tone.

Just graduated this year?

Intermediate Level Breeder?

The young man and the other Huaiyang Province Breeders, who fancied themselves as having extraordinary talents, exchanged glances.

"Um... Breeder Su, what Pet Beast and Cultivation Skills does he specialize in?" the young man with sword-like eyebrows and starry eyes asked, a bit unconvinced.

"Forest Wolf. As for Cultivation Skills, it's the Wood Heart Skill. I've even heard that Breeder Su's success rate with cultivating the Wood Heart Skill in Forest Wolves is extremely high; he has almost never failed..."

Instantly, the young man clenched his fists, his eyes filled with disbelief.

Although he had dismissed the Forest Wolf as nothing special last time, he knew that there were no weaklings among any of the Elite Peak Pet Beasts.

He, and they, had to admit that Su Ping—seemingly younger than most of them—indeed seemed to be more outstanding than all of them.

However, that wasn't the end of it. Pausing, Tian Xinghuo then continued, "However, you shouldn't feel too inferior, because Su Ping is simply not from your world, nor from mine. A few days ago, I heard that Breeder Su independently developed an Advanced Level Evolutionary Body of the Forest Wolf. He will probably go to represent Jianghai Province at the Breeder Competition at the end of the year.

"By then, he will be promoted to Senior Breeder. So, don't compare yourselves to Breeder Su; it's pointless. Some people are just not from the same world as ordinary folks. Alright, continue with your Cultivation of the Flame Wolf."

This simple sentence left everyone frozen in place.

Tian Xinghuo, however, didn't care. Although Teacher Liu had told them not to spread the word widely, Ding Yan was a witness. After going back, he would certainly share the news with Huaiyang Province. For now, revealing this served his purpose, so there was nothing wrong with it.

But everyone else was already silent.

Don't feel too inferior... not from the same world... comparing with him is pointless...

Usually, others used these words to describe them, but now, these words were used to compare them to another peer.

They found themselves at a loss for words.

Because if what he said was true, perhaps that person really wasn't from the same world as them?

However, before long, Tian Xinghuo once again spoke in a bland tone, "Of course, being with outstanding Beast Tamers and Breeders can make you more outstanding. Huaiyang Province is good, but I'm afraid it lacks geniuses like Su Ping, right?"

"If you have time, Su Ping might occasionally come to give a lecture and share his Cultivation insights. Of course, that privilege is reserved only for Breeders affiliated with the Jianghai Province Breeders Association.

"Over here in Jianghai, we're also recruiting some talented Breeders. If you're considering transferring to the Jianghai Association, there are benefits waiting for you..."

Tian Xinghuo looked at these young Breeders, who were deep in thought, finally revealing his intention.

Poaching? What's the big deal? Everyone does it!

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The departing Ding Yan was clearly unaware that the new Breeders in Huaiyang Province were undergoing a 'life and death' trial.

He had enthusiastically followed Su Ping into the laboratory.

There, he heard about the results of Su Ping's latest experiment.

"This time, it's to test the effects of a new Magic Potion I've developed over the past two days. It's called Heart of the Wolf, and it's primarily designed to help wolf-type Pet Beasts digest Magic Potions and absorb resources more effectively. It's a special kind of adjunct potion. However, its exact effects still need to be tested, so all of our Association's wolf pets might be used for the trial. Also, do you have any other Magic Potions or resources that show effects shortly after absorption? I can pay for the experiment, and if there's any loss..."

Su Ping hadn't finished speaking when Ding Yan eagerly interrupted, "What's a little expense? If the Jianghai Breeder Association won't cover it, our Huaiyang Breeder Association will..."

Old Liu shot the man a disdainful look. That bastard truly never missed an opportunity to poach talent.

Old Liu waved his hand dismissively. "The Jianghai Breeder Association really isn't short on this kind of expenditure. Xiao Sun, go notify all the major canine bases to send two experimental subjects each to Laboratory 002, along with the corresponding Magic Potions and resources."

Sun Chaoju nodded, took out his mobile phone, and walked out. He returned shortly after. "Teacher," he reported, "they will be delivered in three minutes. However, the Shadow Wolf base has no spare Pet Beasts at the moment. Mu Hang borrowed them for his breeding base and hasn't returned them yet."

Mu Hang was the Shadow Wolf specialty Breeder who had been with Sun Chaoju when Su Ping first attended Liu Fuhai's class.

Missing one wasn't a huge deal.

However, Ding Yan clicked his tongue, and Liu Fuhai's expression soured. "What's going on here?" he asked. "Where is Mu Hang? What if this adjunct Magic Potion happens to conflict with the Shadow Wolves?"

Sun Chaoju scratched his head helplessly and replied, "Teacher, Mu Hang has been a bit busy lately and made a quick trip to Magic Capital. I'll call him in a bit, though, and have the people from his breeding base return the Shadow Wolves."

Su Ping also hurriedly waved his hand. "It's no big deal, one less won't hurt."

Old Liu's expression softened slightly. With nothing else to do, he followed up on the conversation, "What did he go to Magic Capital for?"

Sun Chaoju glanced at Ding Yan beside him, but this action only irritated Liu Fuhai more. "Spit it out!" he snapped. "That little rascal is thick as thieves with you. If you don't tell me, who else can I ask?"

Only then did Sun Chaoju speak softly, "Teacher, his father has returned. He's in Magic Capital!"

At these words, Liu Fuhai's expression subtly changed. The previous indifference wavered slightly, but he simply nodded and said no more.

Su Ping, watching this, became interested. Could this Breeder Mu Hang have an even more profound background?

However, he didn't press further, noticing from Old Liu's expression that he didn't want to discuss the matter extensively.

Instead, Ding Yan, who was standing nearby, suddenly smiled faintly and remarked, "Is that the renowned Senior Undead Breeder Mu Yu from over thirty years ago? I heard that due to some incidents, he was sentenced to three years in prison. After his release, he changed his nationality to the Eagle Country. I'm surprised he's back in the Dragon Nation..."

As soon as these words were spoken, a ripple of emotion flickered in Liu Fuhai's eyes, as if this name held great significance for him.

However, the name had an even greater impact on Su Ping; he was momentarily stunned upon hearing it.

It was far too familiar to him.

It belonged to none other than the author of the Paperman Breeding Journal that Sun Chaoju had given him—the Senior Undead Breeder who started with full confidence, then eventually lost his composure in a fit of anger, leaving behind evaluations like "disgrace to the Necromancy System" and "a trash, defective Pet Beast that shouldn't even be considered part of the Necromancy System."

So this Breeder was still alive? Judging by that journal, Su Ping had been quite certain he had passed away long ago!

He hadn't expected that Mu Yu was not only still alive but also Mu Hang's father.

On reflection, it made sense. Su Ping hadn't made the connection before, but the surname Mu wasn't very common. Since they both came from the Jianghai Province Breeders Association, it was indeed highly probable for Breeders with the same surname to be related.

However, compared to the ever-smiling Mu Hang, Su Ping didn't hold that Senior Undead Breeder in high regard.

In fact, he felt a strong aversion.

To experiment with Paperman evolution, Mu Yu had even gone as far as conducting soul-devouring experiments.

Such experiments not only violated morals but also the laws of the Dragon Nation.

He's in Magic Capital? And he joined the Eagle Country?

A thought crossed Su Ping's mind, but he still did nothing.

Clearly, no one wanted to continue the topic after Ding Yan brought it up, so Ding Yan said no more. Just as the atmosphere became slightly awkward, the Breeder Association staff acted quickly.

Two Snow Wolves and two Sand Wolves were the first to be delivered.

Along with these Pet Beasts came two bottles of Magic Potion and two special resources.

The resources were Ice System hexagonal snowflake crystals.

The two bottles of Magic Potion were relatively common strength-burst Magic Potions.

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After consumption, it would increase a Pet Beast's energy burst power for a certain period.

The hexagonal snowflake crystal was an Elite Level Ice System resource. When consumed by a Snow Wolf, it would partially transform the snowflakes in its 'Wind Snow Homecoming' skill into hexagonal ones, thereby enhancing the skill's power.

Everyone snapped back to reality. Su Ping then retrieved the box containing the Heart of the Wolf potion from his Beast Taming Space.

He took out two prepared vials of the Heart of the Wolf Magic Potion.

He then went directly to the testing ground.

The preliminary test was very simple.

Vice President Liu brought the Snow Wolf and the Sand Wolf to the laboratory's energy impact test post.

Under his command, a howling sandstorm from the Sand Wolf struck the test post.

A line of text soon appeared on the screen behind the test post.

[Wind, Earth Element skill attack, assessing skill as: Sand Assault (Sand Wolf), Pet Beast's own Level: Elite Sixth Rank, estimated Skill Level as: Proficient Level, skill attack power intensity: 94]

[Wind, Earth Element skill attack, assessing skill as: Sand Assault (Sand Wolf), Pet Beast's own Level: Elite Seventh Rank, estimated Skill Level as: Proficient Level, skill attack power intensity: 101]

Why don't I have this thing?

Su Ping blinked. This device is quite convenient!

The attacks from the two Sand Wolves were almost identical in power. Next, without Su Ping needing to say more, Vice President Liu, who had already devised a testing method, gave Su Ping a meaningful glance.

Su Ping passed a vial of the Heart of the Wolf potion to the Elite Sixth Rank Sand Wolf and had it consume it.

AWOOO~

An extremely excited howl came from the mouth of the Elite Sixth Rank Sand Wolf.

Visibly, in less than a minute, the Sand Wolf's powerful digestive ability allowed it to completely assimilate the Heart of the Wolf potion.

Old Liu had already administered the two prepared vials of Energy Burst Potion to both Sand Wolves.

BOOM!

Under the enhancement of the Energy Burst Potion, the auras of the two Elite Sand Wolves became terrifying.

Especially the Elite Sixth Rank Forest Wolf, which had consumed the Heart of the Wolf Magic Potion; its eyes even began to turn red.

It began to pace back and forth, excited and even agitated.

Fortunately, Old Liu's spiritual power kept it restrained, so nothing untoward occurred.

Meanwhile, at his command, the two Sand Wolves launched their attacks at the test post again!

[Wind, Earth Element skill attack, assessing skill as: Sand Assault (Sand Wolf), Pet Beast's own Level: Elite Sixth Rank, estimated Skill Level as: Proficient Level, skill attack power intensity: 141]

[Wind, Earth Element skill attack, assessing skill as: Sand Assault (Sand Wolf), Pet Beast's own Level: Elite Seventh Rank, estimated Skill Level as: Proficient Level, skill attack power intensity: 133]

The data feedback displayed on the screen once more left everyone present slightly stunned.

After consuming the Energy Burst Potion, it was clear that the skill power of the two Sand Wolves had increased explosively.

Normally, this Low-level Energy Burst Potion would increase power by approximately thirty percent.

Without a doubt, the power unleashed by the Elite Seventh Rank Sand Wolf was correct.

However, the power of the Sand Assault from the Elite Sixth Rank Sand Wolf seemed off!

Considering its previous power was only 94, even accounting for data fluctuations, this increase was a bit too much.

A single Energy Burst Potion had actually increased its power by a full forty percent! Compared to a normal Energy Burst Potion, this was an additional ten percent increase in power, meaning the Heart of the Wolf enhanced the potion's effect by over thirty percent!?

The increase might not seem that large, especially considering the Heart of the Wolf could be even more expensive than an Energy Burst Potion.

However, it was important to remember this was merely a straightforward, observable test.

Normally, no one would be foolish enough to use the absorption-enhancing effect of the Heart of the Wolf Magic Potion on a mere Energy Burst Potion.

The latter was just a Low-level potion with a temporary effect.

But what if it were applied to Magic Potions for Cultivation Skills, increasing Realms, accelerating growth, or even those that help a Pet Beast achieve Evolution?

With the Heart of the Wolf as an auxiliary potion, wouldn't it be equivalent to adding an extra half-dose effect to any Magic Potion consumed?

What did this imply? The answer was self-evident.

Vice President Liu blinked, suppressing the turbulent emotions in his heart. He hurriedly commanded the excited Sand Wolf to attack again. Multiple tests were needed to truly ascertain the effect.

And sure enough, the effect became clear:

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"How is its power still increasing?" Sun Chaoju complained from the side. Su Ping and Vice President Liu, however, understood.

This was a natural increase occurring as time passed, with the potion still in its absorption phase.

Once the potion's effects fully manifested and then began to wane, the power level would naturally decrease again.

Nevertheless, the effectiveness of the Heart of the Wolf was undeniably confirmed on the Sand Wolf—and it was a significant confirmation at that!

This time, no instructions were needed. The trial of the Magic Potion continued, and next, it was undoubtedly the Snow Wolf's turn.

The steps were the same, the process was the same, and ultimately, the results were the same.

In fact, the results were even more astounding than those from the Sand Wolf moments before.

Consuming the hexagonal snowflake was fundamentally intended to enhance the power of the Snow Wolf's 'Wind Snow Homecoming' skill.

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But in reality, a true qualitative change couldn't be produced. This 'qualitative change' referred to a Mutation of Skills, like enhancements, observable under the Eye of Truth. Instead, it merely increased the power of the snowflakes in Wind Snow Homecoming, turning them into so-called hexagonal snowflakes. This increase could also be observed on the Energy power testing stakes.

However, testing was ultimately almost unnecessary. This was because the Snow Wolves that had consumed Heart of the Wolf, when compared to those that hadn't, not only advanced one Level themselves after using the hexagonal snowflakes, but the Skill Level of their Wind Snow Homecoming also increased by one Level. From its previous Proficiency, it had impressively advanced to the Proficient level.

Perhaps this particular Snow Wolf possessed better innate Talent than the other. Regardless, the effects of the Heart of the Wolf were undeniably demonstrated from another angle. That was enough.

Next, Hunting Wolves, Flame Wolves, and even Forest Wolves were brought in.

However, with each attempted experiment on a Wolf Pet, the gleam in the eyes of the few people present grew brighter. It works! It all works!

These three relatively common types of wolves, after using the Heart of the Wolf, all showed a significant increase in their absorption of resources and Magic Potions. Although this effect lasted for only a brief ten minutes, that was sufficient. After all, the preciousness of such effects and Abilities was not determined by their duration!

The three onlookers' gazes towards Su Ping were peculiar, yet intensely fervent. Why did this kid manage to create such a huge stir in such a short time?

As Breeders of Forest Wolves and Wolf Pets, they truly understood the significance of the Heart of the Wolf. It meant that with this item, the Cultivation of many Wolf Pets would become relatively simple! There would be no need to consider absorption efficiency or tolerance when using various resources and Magic Potions. Furthermore, resources and Magic Potions could unleash effects far exceeding their inherent potential. This was simply an indispensable supplement for any Wolf Pet Breeder! It even held considerable significance for enhancing the strength of wolf-type Pet Beasts!

Nevertheless, the three suppressed their excitement, because next to be tested were Thunder Wolves, Moon Wolves, and even Evolutionary Bodies like Fear Wolves and Desert Wind Wolves. Not only that, but other canine Pet Beasts like Gigantic Howlers and Magma Hounds were also included in the trials.

Although there were some fluctuations in the effects, according to the tests conducted by the three, the impact on Fire Element and Thunder Element types was generally moderate. However, other canine Pet Beast types, such as Wood Element, Earth Element, Water Element, Ice System, and Wind System, showed considerable improvements.

Furthermore, Su Ping observed that although a period of physical and mental exhaustion followed after the initial excitement from consumption wore off, there were no instances of a reduced Realm. Clearly, the Heart of the Wolf, which he had spent many days developing, had perfectly resolved all such potential drawbacks. It had become a supplementary Magic Potion truly suitable for widespread use by the populace!

The testing continued from morning until dusk, and most canine types were proven to experience exceptionally remarkable improvement effects. Then, before Su Ping could even speak, Ding Yan, one of the impatient trio, eagerly asked, "Su Ping, when can the 'Heart of the Wolf' be mass-produced? What will its price be? The Huaiyang Province Breeder Association can preorder five thousand vials every month..."

"Su Ping, my Wolf Den's volume is smaller, but I'll also need about one hundred vials each month..."

"Xiao Ping, we have quite a few Wolf Pets in Jianghai, and the demand for the Heart of the Wolf is also very urgent..."

Although I had anticipated that business would be good once the effects of the Heart of the Wolf were demonstrated, I didn't expect it to be \*this\* good! How has this sideline research project seemingly turned into a goose that lays golden eggs?

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"Dong Muyun, where have the Hydro Barriers for the Crescent Lake project gone?"

At dusk, in the offices of Tianyun Group, Dong Mutian questioned furiously.

Dong Muyun simply glanced at him indifferently.

"The sale of Hydro Barriers is handled by Tianyun Materials, a company within Tianyun Group, and it's unrelated to the real estate subsidiary. Naturally, if the Crescent Lake project wants to use them, the real estate company needs to make an offer and purchase them from Tianyun Materials!"

"But..."

Dong Mutian was seething. Before he took over, were things ever this complicated? They were all part of the same group. What did it matter if some material fees were owed?

The real estate company's profits were relatively slow, unlike the rapid and lucrative income from selling Pet Beasts, resources, and materials, but it was a long-term business. In such cases, it was only reasonable for the other subsidiaries to offer some support.

However, after he took charge, things had clearly become more complicated.

Subsidiaries of the same group, having to pay first before getting the goods?

Even working with external companies wasn't this stringent, was it?

Yet, it was clear Dong Mutian had no alternative. He quickly sat down and said softly, "Xiao Yun, why bother? This is all for the family..."

Before he could finish his sentence, Dong Muyun's phone suddenly rang.

Dong Muyun had no inclination to bicker with him. She glanced at her phone, and her eyes lit up.

She didn't hurry to answer but looked at Dong Mutian.

"I have some matters to attend to. If you have nothing else, I won't keep you."

With that, she picked up her phone and walked into the inner office.

"Hello? Su Ping!"

Watching Dong Muyun's retreating figure, a dark look flashed in Dong Mutian's eyes, yet he felt helpless.

He could only leave in frustration, but just before he did, his brow furrowed slightly.

Su Ping? Who is that?

Dong Muyun paid no mind to her elder brother's thoughts. Listening to the voice on the other end of the phone, Queen Dong, who had worn a frosty expression for days, broke into a smile as radiant as a blooming flower.

"Good, good, I'll be right there. Just wait for me."

「At the entrance of the Breeder Association building.」

Su Ping stood with Sun Chaoju.

"Are you sure you don't want your brother to take you?" Sun Chaoju asked.

"I'm sure. You should get back to your business. I've arranged for someone to pick me up!" Su Ping replied with a smile, declining Sun Chaoju's enthusiastic offer.

However, Sun Chaoju wasn't foolish enough to leave immediately; he could afford to wait a little longer.

"I'll keep you company for a bit. I really can't figure out how your mind works. This Heart of the Wolf, if it could be mass-produced, would probably be even more lucrative than the Wanmu Wolf's cultivation and evolution!"

Sun Chaoju opened his mouth, actually wanting to suggest further cooperation with Su Ping.

Unfortunately, he knew his own limitations. To quickly popularize the Heart of the Wolf Magic Potion, distribution channels weren't the main issue; the most critical factor was production capacity.

Among Pet Beasts, beast-type Pet Beasts had the largest and broadest appeal. While wolf-and-dog-type Pet Beasts might not be the most used among beast-types, they would undoubtedly rank among the top three—not just in third place.

One could only imagine how vast the market for the Heart of the Wolf was.

Su Ping wasn't paying much attention to these matters. While waiting, he finally voiced the question that had been lingering in his mind all day.

"Brother Sun, Mu Hang's father—is he the owner of that Undead Breeder's diary you gave me last time?"

Sun Chaoju nodded. "Yes, that's Senior Undead Breeder Mu Yu! I didn't expect that after so many years, he would return from across the ocean."

"So he's still alive. I thought..." Su Ping mused.

Sun Chaoju glanced at Su Ping and then said in a lower voice, "The affairs of Breeder Mu Yu were somewhat taboo in the early years. He was said to be a friend of Teacher Liu, but... as you might have seen in that diary, Mu Yu used cultivation methods that were not permitted by law and was eventually discovered, arrested, and imprisoned. After his release, he contacted some spies from across the ocean and chose to leave our Dragon Nation, joining a place where Pet Beast cultivation is more 'free.' It's a wonder what he's come back for this time."

Su Ping nodded. "That Mu Hang..."

"Mu Hang himself doesn't really like Undead-type Pet Beast cultivation; he's starkly different from his father. That, I can assure you," Sun Chaoju stated firmly.

It was clear he trusted his friend considerably.

"By the way, didn't you say last time that you wanted to research that Paperman? How's that coming along?"

Clearly, Sun Chaoju didn't want to dwell on the previous topic.

Su Ping scratched his head. "There's been a bit of progress!"

Sun Chaoju pursed his lips, then looked at Su Ping quizzically. "Su Ping, tell me the truth. Have you already evolved the Paperman?"

Su Ping was startled. Before he could speak, Sun Chaoju continued, "Last time, when you mentioned the Wanmu Wolf, you also said there was 'a bit of progress.' Is your definition of 'a bit of progress' different from my understanding of it?"

Su Ping smiled helplessly. "This time, it really is just a bit of progress."

It was indeed just a bit of progress: he had merely researched another Racial Skill of the Paperman, one that almost no one had discovered. And, following this direction, the probability of achieving its evolution was extremely high.

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But after all, it hasn't evolved, has it?

Sun Chaoju didn't think too much and nodded in agreement.

It makes sense. Su Ping has been busy with the Legion's affairs recently. The Paperman must really be just a whim of this brat... right?

Standing at the entrance of the Breeder Association's compound, finally, after more than ten minutes, a red sports car slowly approached from a distance.

Su Ping's gaze was fixed on the vehicle.

The mechanical sleekness was indeed impressive, and combined with the red color, it exuded an indescribable sense of wildness.

However, to his surprise, the car stopped not far away, executed an elegant turn at the intersection, and pulled up in front of Su Ping. Dong Muyun, wearing sunglasses, lowered them slightly. Her charming eyes lifted as she looked toward Su Ping, who was squatting by the roadside.

"Get in!"

"Alright!"

Su Ping ignored Sun Chaoju's strange expression beside him and excitedly got into the car.

Damn it! No wonder he didn't want me to give him a ride. So this was the sweet deal he had lined up? Good heavens, a mechanical intelligent supercar? Could this kid Su Ping actually be a kept man?

Sun Chaoju shook his head, but his brow furrowed slightly. That woman in sunglasses—why did her eyes look so familiar when she revealed them?

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"Got a new car?"

Su Ping looked at the red mechanical sports car. "Is it made by Mechanical Core?"

"Hmph."

Dong Muyun didn't answer, just hummed lightly.

"Do you guys at Tianyun make these things too? I should get one someday!" Su Ping said with admiration.

That old fellow Su Anyong's Super Shadow still lingered in Su Ping's memory.

But Dong Muyun didn't dwell on this and quickly asked, "We'll talk about that later. How's the Heart of the Wolf coming along?"

Su Ping directly pulled out a small document bag from his chest.

Dong Muyun softly instructed, "Red King, enter intelligent driving mode. Destination: Heart of Wood Cultivation Base in Linzhou City!"

Only then did she hurriedly take the document bag.

Inside the bag were the certification documents issued by the Breeder Association today.

The content of the certificate was very straightforward.

[After testing and verification by the Jianghai Province Breeders Association, the 'Heart of the Wolf' Magic Potion auxiliary formula has shown a significant enhancement in resource absorption for wolf-type Pet Beasts, with effects ranging from 20% to 40%! No special adverse reactions have surfaced. Thus, it is certified for market production!]

In addition to this official document endorsed by the Breeder Association, there was another similar file.

[Patent application for the 'Heart of the Wolf' Magic Potion formula. This formula is held by 'Su Ping.' Any use requires authorization from 'Mr. Su Ping.' Violators will be prosecuted under Dragon Nation law...]

Two certificates: one, an official document backed by the Breeder Association; the other, the patent for the Heart of the Wolf. All settled.

From now on, the Heart of the Wolf could be openly launched on the market. Advertisements could be run, and all users would be free to try it.

However, upon seeing these items, Dong Muyun was completely stunned. She frowned and said, "Su Ping, I know you have a good relationship with the Breeder Association, but certificates like this aren't issued so lightly. The effects of Magic Potions can't be exaggerated; otherwise..."

Clearly, a 20% to 40% absorption enhancement was preposterous.

Dong Muyun's first thought was that Vice President Liu, who had a good relationship with Su Ping within the Breeder Association, had intervened and exaggerated the medicinal effects.

However, before she could finish, she saw Su Ping's calm gaze.

Dong Muyun swallowed her words and looked at Su Ping with a puzzled expression. "Is this for real?"

"Of course! The potency varies according to the respective Pet Beast's Attribute. The effect is slightly lower for Pet Beasts with Thunder and Fire Attributes. Additionally, while the effect for Commander Level Pet Beasts and above is relatively lower, the enhancement still remains at a minimum of around 20%... However, I haven't tried it on Monarch and Emperor Level Pet Beasts yet; I estimate the effect might decrease further. If possible, you can give it a try when you have the means."

Dong Muyun blinked and then sharply asked the next question, "What's the cost of this Heart of the Wolf?"

Su Ping did some quick calculations in his mind. Wolf Tobacco is practically free, and even purchasing it in large quantities wouldn't be very expensive. However, the other resources required to be blended with the Heart of the Wolf—to balance its potent nature and prevent any decrease in the Wolf Pets' Realms—do incur some costs. For instance, Grass Sap and Hollow Bamboo.

Su Ping thought for a moment and said, "The cost of one bottle is probably around thirty thousand."

In the Heart of Woods' Magic Potions, the most expensive ingredient is the Honey Extract Bee's stinger. The rest of the resources themselves aren't that pricey. All things considered, a cost of about thirty thousand is relatively reasonable.

"Thirty thousand..." Dong Muyun's eyes began to sparkle. Thirty thousand...

Dong Muyun was already calculating. For such an effective auxiliary Magic Potion, people would willingly pay three hundred thousand, perhaps even one million three hundred thousand! However, there's a difference between individual retail purchases and wholesale production; pricing strategy is crucial. The pricing must guarantee substantial profits while also ensuring it's affordable for the average Beast Tamer! Regardless of the final price, Dong Muyun knew she had truly discovered a hen that lays golden eggs!

Her eyes firmly fixed on Su Ping, Dong Muyun suddenly pounced and planted a kiss on his face.

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Su Ping was dumbfounded. He looked at Dong Muiyun, who was flushed with excitement, a mix of indignation and exasperation filling him.

"What are you doing?!"

Dong Muiyun looked at Su Ping, who resembled a bashful bride, and let out a hearty laugh. "Why so shy, huh? Miss Qin isn't here right now..."

"Pah! What does she have to do with this?"

Su Ping wiped the lipstick marks and saliva from his face with a look of disgust.

Dong Muiyun didn't seem to mind. She looked at Su Ping with sparkling eyes. "When shall we establish the company? Tell me, how much of the shares do you want?"

Seeing the excited Dong Muiyun, Su Ping had reason to suspect this woman had been waiting here for him.

"You tell me," Su Ping said.

"Fifty percent, how about that? You provide the formula, and I'll handle the initial investment, production, distribution channels, product stocking, raw materials, labor, premises, and all other issues!"

It had to be said, Dong Muiyun wasn't really being greedy. Fifty percent was just for Su Ping's name and the Heart of the Wolf formula. However, with only the formula, he wouldn't need to worry about any other aspects.

From a certain perspective, this was indeed a reliable offer. With such an arrangement, Su Ping could continue being a hands-off boss.

But... Su Ping pondered for a moment before saying, "I want sixty percent!"

Seeing Dong Muyun slightly furrow her brow, as if about to speak, Su Ping added, "You don't need to say anything; I know what your concerns are. However, with your forty percent stake, you will still have full administrative control over the company, effectively wielding the managerial authority of all shares, including my sixty percent. The only difference is that you won't receive dividends from my portion. Also, if I conduct further research and develop something marketable, the company will also handle its production.

"I won't ask for additional equity then! Besides, with my influence, securing large orders from the Beast Master Association and the Breeder Association won't require too much effort on your part!"

Hearing this, Dong Muyun pondered for a moment, then said with a sigh of resignation, "With the effectiveness of Heart of the Wolf, there's really no concern about sales channels..."

"Exactly," Su Ping cut in. "So, there's no need to emphasize your contributions in that area. Besides, even if sales channels aren't a concern, can you secure orders from the Legion?"

At this, Dong Muyun's eyes lit up again. She stared intently at Su Ping. "You have a way to sell Heart of the Wolf to the Legion?"

The Legion! They're the real big spenders! Dong Muyun knew this better than anyone. Even if it meant slightly less profit per unit, the Legion lacked nothing: not material resources, not Pet Beasts, and certainly not special privileges. Establishing a partnership with the Legion would mean their fledgling company could firmly establish its footing in Jianghai, and even across the entire Dragon Nation! But this was incredibly difficult. She knew this all too well from past experiences. The Legion rarely collaborated with external organizations. Pet Beast breeding, resource allocation—the Legion had its own mature, self-contained system for all of it. It was incredibly difficult for outsiders to get involved. If Su Ping actually had such connections, then things would be different.

In truth, Su Ping wasn't one hundred percent certain either. However, from recent events, he had gleaned some understanding of the situation. The Legion's cultivation system was isolated from the outside world and entirely self-contained. This internal isolation had unfortunately led to severe corruption. Consequently, Dragon Nation had initiated reforms within the Legion, including outsourcing a portion of its cultivation needs. The recent Legion tournament was a direct result of these reforms.

Now, given the effectiveness of his Heart of the Wolf, there was no reason for the Legion to refuse, was there? After all, his relationship with Chief Lin of the War Wolf Alpha Division was still quite decent.

"I can't guarantee it one hundred percent, but I'm reasonably confident. Is that acceptable?" Su Ping asked.

Forty percent of the shares... And she would still retain full administrative autonomy.

Dong Muyun nodded.

Su Ping's promises: cooperation with the various Breeder and Beast Master Associations, a partnership with the Legion... And on top of that, his commitment regarding future inventions. Thinking it over, Dong Muyun suddenly realized that perhaps the most valuable condition of all was Su Ping's commitment not to demand additional equity for any new research or inventions he developed that the company subsequently commercialized. That might just be the most crucial part. After all, how old was Su Ping really? To have achieved such a high standard of cultivation and made such astonishing discoveries at his young age... Who could possibly predict what he'd achieve in the future?

"Accepted! Completely accepted!" Dong Muyun immediately slung an arm around Su Ping's shoulder and whispered in his ear, "So, my dearest partner, how would you like me to thank you?"

Su Ping paid no attention to the woman whispering seductively beside his ear. He ran a hand over the car's blood-red metallic interior and said, "Didn't I mention it earlier? Just get me one of these big toys. It'll save you the trouble of always having to pick me up."

Dong Muyun's expression stiffened. Is my charm really less appealing than this cold, lifeless hunk of metal?

Instantly, all her earlier excitement vanished. She glared at Su Ping. "What kind would you like?"

"Black. Black looks cool! But not solid black, of course..."

Su Ping didn't mind Dong Muyun rolling her eyes at him. He recalled Su Anyong's teachings: When negotiating an exchange of benefits with a woman, the greatest pitfall is allowing other feelings to interfere. Once a relationship takes a romantic turn, complications invariably arise. Smart women will leverage such a development to demand greater concessions. Therefore, at times like these, one must not be swayed. Even if one were to be swayed, they should choose a foolish, lovesick type. Of course, the same principle applies in reverse.

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"How much will we price the Heart of the Wolf then?"

"You decide. You don't need to ask me about something like this. You should be able to find people with significant market expertise who can determine its maximum possible price."

Su Ping waved his hand dismissively.

"You really are ready to be a hands-off manager, huh?"

A helpless expression crossed Dong Muyun's face, but inwardly, she felt a touch of joy. "What's our company's name going to be?" she asked.

"You decide!"

"Hmm... let's call it Pingyun Company!"

Su Ping looked at Dong Muyun skeptically. Could it be that this woman didn't get a perfect score in Chinese on her college entrance exam? Or is this just how company names are decided?

Dong Muyun said confidently, "What's wrong with the name? Pingyun suggests 'rising high into the clouds with ease,' and it's also a combination of the founders' names—how great is that?"

Actually, now that I think about it, that does make sense, Su Ping mused. So, he simply nodded, not wanting to bother with it further.

After dropping Su Ping off at his front door, Dong Muyun didn't even come in for a visit, leaving immediately, full of drive and determination.

This woman said that within a few days, she would sort out the company registration, premises, and supply issues, and then get the factory running at full speed.

Clearly, for Dong Muyun, this was her own true venture, holding a completely different significance than her involvement with the Dong Family's business.

Su Ping could understand Dong Muyun and was quite satisfied with her. This woman had talent, ability, and connections. He, on the other hand, possessed the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas. In the future, there would likely be many discoveries resulting from it. The Heart of the Wolf was merely an unexpected bonus from perfecting the Heart of Woods Magic Potion and discovering the special properties of Wolf Tobacco, to say nothing of future possibilities.

He definitely didn't have the time or inclination to manage it himself, nor was he cut out for it.

Professional matters should be left to professionals.

Thinking of this, Su Ping subconsciously wiped his face again. Damn it, that woman's mouth is just too forward. I'll need to be on guard in the future.

With that thought, Su Ping returned to the Heart of Woods.

However, it was clear that neither the departing Dong Muyun nor Su Ping, who reluctantly entered the Heart of Woods facility, noticed that on the road not far away, a tiny mechanical electronic eye, disguised as a large-winged dragonfly, was observing the scene that had just unfolded. It clearly projected the image of Su Ping getting out of Dong Muyun's car and Dong Muyun's departing figure onto a screen.

「At this moment, in the Linzhou City Center.」

Inside Dong Mutian's office at Tianyun Group, Dong Mutian was squinting as he watched the scene unfold on a screen before him. He had sensed something was off about Dong Muyun earlier.

Su Ping? That's obviously a man's name. What kind of man could make my sister look like that?

A smile crept across Dong Mutian's lips.

So that was it, he mused. Lately, there seemed to be some discrepancies at Tianyun Group. And Yuntian Resort... after investing so much, she just gave it up?

Although Dong Muyun considered him a good-for-nothing, even a good-for-nothing like Dong Mutian could review the accounts after taking over Tianyun Properties. Back then, Dong Mutian had always assumed his sister had some kind of plan or strategy in mind. After all, when it came to business talent, Dong Mutian actually quite admired his half-sister.

But now, it seems things aren't as I thought, huh? So that's what it is! Wonders never cease! Dong Muyun, oh Dong Muyun, so even you have days when you're thinking about men? And you've even started keeping a toyboy?!

With this thought, Dong Mutian felt as if his opportunity had suddenly arrived.

His eyes sparkled with excitement and ambition.

He then took out his phone and dialed a number.

"Hello, Dad..."

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"What? Your sister is very close to a young guy?"

The man's voice on the other end of the phone showed shock for the first time.

But it quickly returned to calm. "That's great! If Xiao Yun has that intention and can find a place to belong, that's good for her too! I sent you to Tianyun to learn management experience from your sister, not to gossip about everything under the sun."

"Heh, Dad, it seems it's not about her finding a place to belong. That young guy seems to be kept by my sister! And she treats him really well!" Dong Mutian hinted meaningfully.

The voice from the other end fell silent again, somewhat helplessly. He had seen the sibling rivalry but was powerless to intervene, especially since his elder son had not lived up to expectations. The Dong Family had exerted a lot of effort to keep him in the Legion, but he hadn't made a name for himself and, worse, had been ousted for a minor infraction. Now, he could understand his daughter's feelings.

However, the business of the Dong Family was important, so he proceeded to ask, "What happened?"

"Previously, Dong Muyun, under the name of Tianyun Real Estate Company, leased a large plot of land around that young guy and built a bunch of resort-style combat bases. Then, more than a month ago, she gave it all to the young fellow, free of charge, seemingly not earning a penny from him. Of course, whether she got anything else in exchange, who knows..."

Also, the other day, she directed a batch of Water Element barriers intended for my real estate project at Crescent Lake from Tianyun Material Company to that same guy. She used the lowest price and even wrote an IOU, essentially getting them for nothing."

"Dad, isn't my sister harming the interests of our Dong Family and Tianyun Group by spoiling her little lover?"

"..."

There was silence on the other end of the phone once more, which lasted a long while before he responded, "It's normal for your sister to be resentful because of your arrival. Whatever the case, true or false, you shouldn't pursue these matters any further, and the family won't either."

However, in the following period, I'll have Dong San accompany you. If Yun'er keeps acting like this, I'll have Dong San remind her at the appropriate time."

Dong Mutian's expression brightened. "Yes!"

The phone call ended, and excitement flashed in Dong Mutian's eyes. Perfect, with Dong San accompanying him, he could personally observe what his dear sister and that freeloader were up to, which would surely convince their father.

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Su Ping felt he was the world's biggest sucker.

Perhaps other Breeders and Beast Tamers didn't realize what two thousand Forest Wolf Catalog Experience represented. It meant that Su Ping needed to spend several hours with each of fifty to sixty Forest Wolves, for a continuous half-month, to accumulate that much. Although he had quite a stockpile of Forest Wolf Catalog Experience, two thousand was still a lot.

Was it all to be wasted?!

Indeed, having returned to the Heart of Wood Cultivation Base, Su Ping didn't idle around.

However, his two main research approaches had hit a bottleneck.

Old Sha's Heart of Woods still had quite a way to go to break through from Proficient to Perfection.

As for the Papermen, although they had made progress in their Realm upgrades and Skills enhancement, they hadn't reached the pinnacle of transformation, let alone Evolution.

It was hard to make any breakthroughs in these areas in the short term.

So, Su Ping turned his attention to the Cultivation of the Forest Wolf (Senlang type) and Elf Wolf!

Although the evolutionary potential of these two might not match that of the Wanmu Wolf, it was still something to do. Cultivating new evolved species would allow me to accumulate more experience in Pet Beast Cultivation, he thought.

Thus, he spent the two thousand Forest Wolf Catalog Experience as if they were water, refining the evolutionary steps for the Forest Wolf (Senlang type) and Elf Wolf.

And then, what did he see?

The refinement for the Forest Wolf (Senlang type) had cost eight hundred Forest Wolf Catalog Experience, yet looking at its refined Evolution method, Su Ping couldn't even spot any difference in the steps at first glance!

[Forest Wolf: An advanced evolutionary species of the Forest Wolf, with decent Ability and a further extension of the Forest Wolf's strength. However, it didn't stand out in any particular aspect, as it was an Evolution through natural growth.]

[First (Preparation) Stage: Forest Wolf must reach Elite Fifth Rank and be older than 1 year!]

[Second Stage: Consume an Elite Level Wood Element Energy enhancement resource and, after each Level up, consume a resource of the same type.]

[Third Stage: After the Forest Wolf reaches Elite Tenth Tier, consume a Commander Level Wood Element resource to begin Evolution.]

That was it.

That was the Evolution process for the Forest Wolf (Senlang type).

It was ridiculously simple.

Compared to the complicated and intricate Wanmu Wolf, this Forest Wolf's Evolution was straightforward, to say the least.

However, Su Ping's eight hundred Forest Wolf Catalog Experience only served to add one detail to this Forest Wolf's Evolution, within its second stage: 'Each Level breakthrough interval must be less than a month; other resources are also applicable for accelerating Level advancement.'

And that was it.

Who wouldn't know that a shorter Evolution time is better?!

But when compared, the Wanmu Wolf indeed offered better value than this Forest Wolf.

It was just that evolving a Forest Wolf (the base Linlang type) with better Talent [e.g., into a Wanmu Wolf] incurred a slightly higher cost compared to evolving it into this Forest Wolf (the Senlang type).

The Elf Wolf was slightly better.

[Elf Wolf: A special Forest Wolf Evolver, with decent evolutionary potential and further mastery over the Life Attribute. It can be preliminarily used on other living beings, a rare Life-healing class Evolution; simultaneously, it has achieved a certain degree of initial Elementalization.]