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Chapter 301: The Illusory Heart! Battle for the Plant-Type Wild Pet Beast!_3

Su Ping was aware of the Beast Tide in Linzhou. It was because of that terrifyingly large-scale Beast Tide that his grandfather had sacrificed his life.

The Beast Tide also resulted in the western suburbs of Linzhou being deserted for so many years.

Although the Beast Master Association and the Legion had completely eradicated the Beast Tide and eliminated the vast majority of wild Pet Beasts, restoring vitality to the area would clearly take time.

"Fire King Company? Wasn't Da Chuan monopolizing it?" Su Ping was surprised.

Dong MUYUN smiled and said, "If it were monopolized, it wouldn't have been their turn. This time, the land auction was released by the Beast Master Association, and this Victory Forest Farm is the main event! Tianyun is also watching closely. A pity, TSK TSK, Dong Mutian, that wastrel..."

Clearly, with competition among the three parties, Tianyun had wanted to monopolize it, while Da Chuan and Fire King Company chose to collaborate. Coupled with their connections to the Beast Master Association, it was only logical that they won the bid. But now Da Chuan had directly sold it all to Pingyun. After going full circle, it effectively landed back in Dong MUYUN's hands.

Truth be told, Su Ping was indeed very interested in it.

Forest Farm!

The area of even a small forest farm wouldn't be inferior to his entire cultivation base; it might even be much larger. After so many years, it was normal for the forest farm's unique environment to have attracted some wild Plant-based Pet Beasts.

It's just... Su Ping's brow furrowed slightly.

Seeming to guess Su Ping's thoughts, Dong Muyun then smiled and said, "Compared to the fierce beast types, Elemental Types, or even the Undead Pet Beasts—which harbor the most malice towards humans—Plant-based Pet Beasts are the mildest type. They exhibit very low aggression towards Beast Tamers, unless attacked first. Conversely, if you can persuade them, they might even willingly let you take them away! This is because, under normal circumstances, with the help of a Beast Tamer Breeder, Plant Types can grow more comfortably and contentedly. Only Beast Tamers truly understand what they like. That's why, in the wild, some Plant-based Pet Beasts might even actively assist Beast Tamers. This was also why the Legion and the Beast Master Association hadn't actively cleared out the wild Plant-based Pet Beasts in this forest farm."

So that's how it is!

Dong Muyun continued, "So, you could use your connections to bring a few Plant System Breeders. The results might be even better! That way, not too many will be snatched away from you!"

"Snatched away?" Su Ping was taken aback.

"People from Fire King Company will be there too. There was a written agreement stating the land could be developed jointly, or terms negotiated afterward. But as for the Plant-based Pet Beasts on the land, it's based on individual ability! Whoever can take them away gets to keep them!"

Dong Muyun actually felt somewhat helpless. As one of the giants in Jianghai, Fire King Company had always specialized in the Fire Element. Yet now, they were not only dabbling in real estate auctions but also had to deal with these Plant-based Pet Beasts.

Hearing this, Su Ping's eyes narrowed slightly. Without a doubt, his interest was thoroughly piqued. If both companies are going to such lengths for this forest farm, there must be something valuable there, right?

He looked at Dong Muyun and asked, "When do we go?"

"It's set for tomorrow. The duration is uncertain. It was originally supposed to start three days ago, but because Da Chuan sold the company to us, it got delayed a bit."

"Good! Pick me up early tomorrow morning." Su Ping was rubbing his hands, eager to get started.

As for bringing Plant System Breeders? He knew some, but he hadn't really given it much thought. When it came to plant synergy, weren't the enhancements and benefits the Forest Wolf, the Wanmu Wolf, provided to Plant-based Pet Beasts far more direct than those from any Plant System Breeder?

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Early the next morning, a bus slowly stopped in front of the Breeder Association.

Three figures stepped down.

It was none other than Su Ping, Dong Muyun, and Li Shu, who had accompanied them.

Upon seeing the group, a voice rang out, "It really isn't easy to get you to ask for help!"

Yang He smiled at Su Ping, who was opposite him. Two figures stood beside Yang He: a young woman in her late twenties, and a middle-aged, bespectacled man in his forties or fifties. At that moment, all three were smiling.

Su Ping also chuckled. "I had no choice, Brother Yang. You're the only expert I know who's even vaguely connected to Plant System Breeders..."

Yang He hurriedly waved his hands. "No, no, no! In front of Teacher Shangguan, I wouldn't dare call myself an expert! Come, Su Ping, let me introduce you."

He pointed to the affable, bespectacled man in the middle and said, "This is Teacher Shangguan Ye, a Senior Breeder specializing in tree-type Plant System, and currently the only Plant System Senior Breeder in Jianghai!"

A Senior Breeder! Su Ping's eyes lit up, and he quickly extended both hands. "Hello, Teacher Shangguan, thank you for coming despite your busy schedule. I'm sorry for making you wait."

Shangguan Ye just smiled, shaking his head and extending his hand. "Xiao Yang told me about your situation. I've heard of that large forest farm in the Western Suburbs but never had the chance to see it myself. Now, thanks to this opportunity provided by you and Miss Dong, I can satisfy my curiosity and see it for myself. I should be the one thanking you."

It was clear that this Senior Breeder, Shangguan Ye, was cultured, courteous, and enthusiastic. Before Yang He could speak again, Shangguan Ye gestured to the woman beside him, taking her hand, and said, "This is my wife, Meng Shan. She's also a Plant System Breeder from Linzhou."

"Hello, Teacher Meng."

"Haha, I've heard President Liu mention you several times before. Now I've finally seen you in person, and you're much more handsome than in the photos. Do you have a girlfriend?"

"..."

Meng Shan was equally enthusiastic.

After all, Shangguan Ye, also a Senior Breeder and Jianghai's only Breeder specializing in rare Plant System types, had heard some rumors about matters in Linzhou, even if he didn't know every single detail. Of course, he wasn't aware of the recent attack. However, he did know that Su Ping was set to represent Jianghai in this year's Breeder contest and was practically guaranteed to be promoted to Senior Specialist Breeder. This was on top of his awareness of Su Ping's connections and resources.

So, when Shangguan Ye heard Yang He's request concerning Su Ping, coupled with his genuine interest in the large forest farm in the Western Suburbs, he agreed without hesitation.

With the help of Shangguan Ye and Yang He, Su Ping felt even more confident.

Indeed, even though Su Ping had his Forest Wolf Troop, which was highly compatible with Plant-based Pet Beasts, he always aimed for absolute certainty in his endeavors. After all, that forest farm was simply too large.

Dong Muyun, standing aside, watched this unfold. Even I might not have been able to invite such a distinguished figure as Teacher Shangguan, she reflected. Unknowingly, Su Ping's influence has truly grown immense.

However, she quickly spoke up, "Everyone, please get on the bus. We have a chef on board who has prepared some breakfast."

Naturally, no one refused.

But after boarding, they were slightly surprised. Now they realized why such a large bus had been brought for just seven people, including the driver.

In the back of the bus, two large wolves were sprawled on the seats, craning their necks and lolling their tongues out as they tilted their heads to observe the new passengers boarding.

One was entirely a lush green, with an ethereal form.

The other was covered in branches, with horns on its head.

They were two massive wolf-shaped Pet Beasts.

One of them, an Elf Wolf, Shangguan Ye naturally recognized, as he even owned such a Pet Beast himself.

As for the other one, Shangguan Ye remembered the rumors he had heard. Looking at Su Ping, who sat across from him, he couldn't resist asking, "Su Ping, is this your..."

Su Ping nodded and rubbed the head of Old Sha, which had leaned forward.

Old Sha's ability, 'Nature's Tongue,' could accelerate the growth rate of Plant-based Pet Beasts, offering them unimaginable benefits. This was Su Ping's key advantage for this undertaking.

After receiving Su Ping's affirmative response, Shangguan Ye's eyes gleamed. He could feel the terrifying vitality emanating from this Pet Beast right in front of him.

This Pet Beast is pure Wood Element! Shangguan Ye thought. Although he was a Plant Type Breeder and owned an Elf Wolf himself, he knew that some animal-type Pet Beasts could also provide significant benefits to the Plant System. Unfortunately, now isn't the right time to ask about these things. The Breeder contest in Magic Capital is just a month away. All information about this Wolf Pet will naturally be revealed then. If I want to study it, or even breed one, I'll have to wait until after the contest.

So, Shangguan Ye could only cast a longing, reluctant gaze at Old Sha.

Dong Muyun watched this scene with a smile, and then she said, "The Victory Forest Farm covers over 1,000 square kilometers and is located on Niujiao Mountain, fifty-five kilometers west of Linzhou. We estimate there are over 80,000 trees and more than 2,000 Plant-based Pet Beasts remaining there!"

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HISS.

Su Ping drew in a sharp breath.

Before, he had thought that his Heart of Woods had already grown quite large. Including the Heart of Water lake and the developed botanical garden, it spanned over fifty square kilometers. But now, it seemed insignificant in comparison.

Having eighty thousand trees was nothing special; ordinary trees had limited value. But these Plant-based Pet Beasts could nurture over two thousand individuals?

However, Su Ping was somewhat astonished. "Da Chuan and Fire King jointly bought this forest farm. What are they planning to do?"

After all, this place was already quite far from Linzhou. It was nominally a western suburb, but it was almost at the edge of Linzhou's boundary. What was the value and meaning of developing it? Just for these Plant-based Pet Beasts? Of course, that was definitely profitable.

"The terrain of Bull Horn Mountain is unique, situated in a strategic location that is easy to defend and difficult to attack. With its lush forest and rocky mountains, it also connects Linzhou City with Shuhua City to the west. Supposedly, Linzhou was planning to construct a new town here before, weren't they?" Shangguan Ye said this.

Clearly, reaching the level of Teacher Shangguan meant having access to information not available to ordinary people.

Dong Muyun also hadn't expected Teacher Shangguan to know about this, and she nodded. "That's right. Because of the previous Beast Tide, many wild Pet Beasts in the area were cleared out. The planners in Jianghai and Linzhou were thinking about developing this area, but..."

At this "but," Su Ping turned to look at her. She gave a slight smile. "However, whether this project can continue is not so certain now."

"Oh?" Evidently, Shangguan Ye was somewhat puzzled by Dong Muyun's words.

"I've heard the Association and the planning department are discussing again. The original plan to develop westward is now shifting to the east of the city," Dong Muyun hinted.

Shangguan Ye and the others present were puzzled. Only Su Ping understood and felt somewhat helpless. Could my own ambush incident really cause a change in the city's development policy? My bad, my bad.

But Su Ping also knew. If this is the case, I need to quickly gather funds to continue purchasing the surrounding land plots. Of course, I have some confidence.

As Linzhou develops eastward, and with the continuous growth of Heart of Woods in the future, it will be more convenient and prosperous, adding a new vitality to Linzhou. A heavy responsibility and a long road lie ahead! To further expand my own Heart of Woods into a Pet Beast playground kingdom that I'll be satisfied with, there's still a long way to go. In order not to let down the city's development, I also need to work hard.

During the casual conversation, the coach left Linzhou's urban area. The vehicle's speed increased quickly, not much slower than the trains running on the railway beside the highway. The journey of a few dozen kilometers took less than half an hour, and they arrived.

This indeed resembled a horn-shaped hill. In front of it was a clearly abandoned manor. The marks of time were evident everywhere, with green vines entwined all around, giving it a strange sort of natural beauty.

Of course, that's the nice way to put it. The less favorable view, looking at this remote place, reminds me of an anime featuring a kid grim reaper I saw in my previous life—about some weekend excursions to suburban farmhouses. The kind where they wouldn't stop until several people were dead.

However, the road in front of the farmhouse was filled with many tire tracks and footprints. Clearly, many visitors had come here recently.

Indeed, as if alerted by the sound of the coach, several figures quickly emerged from the abandoned manor. In fact, a few of them were quite familiar to Su Ping.

From the coach, Su Ping could vaguely make out one of them: the middle-aged man who often fished at his Heart of Water. Is he rumored to be a shareholder of Fire King Company? I didn't expect to have the chance to see him here again today!

As for the others, they were some of the figures he had seen from the stage at the Pingyun ribbon-cutting ceremony. Obviously, they were also some of Fire King's top executives.

The doors opened, and Su Ping and the others disembarked. Leading the welcoming party was the man who had been fishing at his place just a few days ago. "Hahaha, Student Su, good to see you're alright!"

Su Ping was young. During his time at the Heart of Water lake, the group of older men hadn't felt right addressing him as Boss Su or President Su. Instead, they mostly opted for the more affectionate "Little Su," or something similar.

Su Ping also smiled slightly. "I didn't expect to meet Manager Xu here again!"

He glanced around. There were indeed quite a few people from Fire King Company; at a quick glance, there were easily dozens gathered here.

At this moment, Dong Muyun also laughed. "Manager Xu, even though we didn't specify a limit on the number of people, don't you think bringing so many is a bit like bullying us?"

Xu Li chuckled heartily. His gaze swept over the people behind Su Ping, and his pupils constricted slightly. "Miss Dong, you even invited Teacher Shanguan. How could you not let us bring a few more people? Alas, we don't possess the same Energy as Student Su, so we had to seek an advantage in numbers!"

Su Ping didn't mind. Xu Li had been a regular customer these past few days, and Su Ping had a decent impression of him. When it came to interests, naturally, everyone wanted an advantage. But in the end, it all came down to their respective abilities. One shouldn't lose face along with the advantage, nor their composure.

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"It's okay. Dealing with Pet Beasts isn't about having more people!" Su Ping stopped Dong Muyun before he could speak again, saying with a smile.

Xu Li gave a thumbs-up. "It has to be Classmate Su! Impressive!"

Su Ping glanced at him and smiled inwardly. Impressive? Let's see if you're truly impressed or just pretending to be.

However, just then, from the corner of his eye, Su Ping thought he noticed a somewhat different figure. This figure was very familiar; he had spent time with this person daily in the years before. It was none other than Zhou Shuchen, who was currently standing behind Xu Li in the crowd.

Su Ping was slightly startled but didn't pay it much mind. After graduating, Zhou Shuchen had joined the Fire King Company, so his presence here assisting with the event, though somewhat surprising, made sense. Su Ping could even tell that Zhou Shuchen was doing well at the Fire King Company. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been involved in such a project, even just to assist.

But that was all there was to it.

Zhou Shuchen watched his old classmate chatting so freely with Xu Li—a man whom Zhou Shuchen himself hardly dared to greet. Having been battered by society for over six months, Zhou Shuchen wore a complicated expression. Especially after seeing Li Shu, who had followed Su Ping, the recklessness of his younger years made him realize that once you left school, some things and some people became incredibly hard to reconnect with as they once were.

To say there were no regrets would be a lie.

Only after joining the Fire King Company did Zhou Shuchen truly understand that having decent Talent and Pet Beasts was just the first step. He still had a long way to go to become a great Beast Tamer. Being a Beast Tamer wasn't about relying on an initial Pet Beast and Talent alone. In fact, at times, these things might not be that important. Subsequent Cultivation, special Evolution, resource accumulation...

Back then, even though he and Su Ping didn't have a close relationship, they were still classmates. If he had known earlier...

It was just that now certainly wasn't the time for regrets. Su Ping would absolutely not give Zhou Shuchen the chance to regret.

As he entered the estate, Su Ping looked back at the vast landscape. An endless forest stretched into the distance, expansive and boundless. It contained mountains and woods, dense arrays of various wild trees, underbrush, and entwining vines.

However, what he didn't expect was that, right in front of these trees, he would see a grand sight he had never encountered in his life!

Various trees were rooted on the slope not far before him. There were Longevity Banyans whose crowns spread hundreds of meters wide, a single tree forming a forest of its own. There were King Gunpines rising straight into the clouds, towering two to three hundred meters high. There were Flame Morning Glories hanging from the mountainside, fiery red like blazing flames.

At a glance, there were nearly a thousand Plant-based Pet Beasts here.

Are all of these Plant-based Pet Beasts gathered here?

Nearly half of the entire nursery's Plant-based Pet Beasts convened in this place?

Su Ping blinked. He also noticed many people in Fire King Company uniforms at the foot of the slope, handling resources as if negotiating something.

Dong Muyun frowned slightly, while the others didn't pay much attention. Whether it was Yang He or Shangguan Ye, they knew that even if these Plant-based Pet Beasts were amenable and approachable, they would not easily agree to follow humans. Otherwise, wouldn't the threshold for becoming a Plant System Breeder be too low for anyone to enter?

However, why are there so many Plant-based Pet Beasts gathered here?

Seemingly noticing Su Ping's surprise, Xu Li said with a smile, "Previously, this nursery was explored by the Legion. Even the vice president of the Jianghai Beastmaster Association personally told these Plant-based Pet Beasts that a new city was going to be developed here and that people would come to take in these wild Plant-based Pet Beasts. That's why some of them came out of the deep forests."

Su Ping nodded, yet someone else laughingly pointed out, "It's probably not just that. Some of these Plant-based Pet Beasts have reached the Commander Level, but a large portion are still at the ordinary and Elite Level. It's difficult for them to understand human commands and language, so they wouldn't migrate en masse without reason. The real reason these Plant-based Pet Beasts are gathered here is that there might be a high-level presence on this slope, right?"

Shangguan Ye had hit the nail on the head.

Xu Li laughed awkwardly. Realizing that showing off before this person was unrealistic, he revealed the truth, "Correct. At the top of this slope resides a Monarch Level Pet Beast of this nursery."

Monarch Level!

Su Ping's heart skipped a beat. He had thought there was a reason the two major companies placed such importance on this, but he hadn't expected a Monarch Level Plant-based Pet Beast to actually be occupying this place. And it hadn't been taken away by the Legion or the Jianghai Beastmaster Association?

If he could get a Monarch Level Plant-based Pet Beast for himself...

Su Ping's eyes already shone with anticipation.

Dong Muyun, however, remained calm. "Which Monarch Level Pet Beast is it?"

Xu Li offered a rueful smile. He didn't say, but others knew. Shangguan Ye continued with a smile, glancing at the countless Plant-based Pet Beasts on the hill, and added:

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"If I'm not mistaken, it must be a Pet Beast brimming with Life Force, beneficial to the growth of other Pet Beasts in the vicinity. Judging by this situation, it should be a Life Ancient Tree!"

Life Ancient Tree!

Su Ping thought of Qin Xiaoxue's.

Of course, Qin Xiaoxue's Life Ancient Tree was a special mutant. Among the many mutant Pet Beasts, it was also a particularly rare kind.

The Life Ancient Tree is a Pet Beast with Monarch Level Racial Potential. As a Life Series Pet Beast, it's very beneficial to the surrounding plants.

No wonder. That Life Ancient Tree was probably relocated here after hearing the advice of the Beast Master Association. Then, the other Pet Beasts guarding the Life Ancient Tree must have followed along.

Su Ping nodded.

This was good. It saved trouble.

The forest farm was too big—over 1,000 square kilometers, already comparable to the size of a city. Finding those thousands of Plant-based Pet Beasts inside was definitely not an easy task.

The Beast Master Association had laid the groundwork for Qin Chuan. It seemed they had used quite a few connections and a lot of Energy. The trouble was, they got involved in that mess, and it was as if they were making a bridal gown for someone else.

Su Ping's expression was calm, but his eyes had already started scanning those Plant-based Pet Beasts.

Soon, he saw one at the very bottom of the perimeter that he fancied. It was also the most common tree-type Pet Beast. But its appearance was exceptionally unusual.

The tree was short and entirely pink—whether it was the flowers, fruit, or even the leaves, all were pink. Only the trunk was pitch black. This created a very special contrast.

'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile.'

An extremely rare peach tree-type Plant-based Pet Beast with a Commander Level race limit. On this hillside, he had seen only this one.

Its Ability could release various hallucinogenic flower fragrances. The peaches it bore had an indescribably sweet floral scent and were a true luxury fruit on the market.

As a Plant-based Pet Beast, it could condense fruit as long as it consumed Energy. Even without any resource effects to boost it, each kilogram could cost tens of thousands, or even over a hundred thousand. A kilogram contained only two or three peaches, which truly made it a luxury fruit.

However, considering it was from a Commander Level plant body and that Plant-based Pet Beasts took much more effort to restore Energy than other Pet Beasts, it made sense. Also, this 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' was extremely rare.

Indeed, some Beast Tamers who didn't want to venture into combat would spend a fortune to acquire such a 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' sapling. After nurturing it to maturity, selling its fruit would ensure a worry-free life, though compared to the cost, it was uncertain if they would ever earn it back in their lifetime.

This is it!

Su Ping immediately locked onto his target. He didn't need anything too powerful. However, this type of extremely rare, fruit-condensing Pet Beast was undoubtedly his best choice.

So, he directly went with everyone to the hillside behind the estate. San Ha and Old Sha also followed closely, arriving in front of the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile'.

"Su Ping, do you want this 'Peach Blossom Smile'?"

Shangguan Ye, who was nearby, also nodded. This creature was rare and held great nurturing value. Although not strong in combat, its beauty and fruit flavor were considered top-notch.

Shangguan Ye soon frowned slightly. "However, Su Ping, this 'Peach Blossom Smile' isn't so easy to capture. It grows very slowly, so unless under special circumstances, it cannot have too many other plants within a certain range. It has very high survival standards."

Su Ping had noticed this as well.

In front of this 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile', several figures in Fire King Company uniforms were offering Nature Type resources, yet the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' didn't even show its face. In other words, it didn't even deign to give them a proper look. It was like a proud little princess, disdainfully watching these ridiculous servants trying to curry favor with vulgar offerings.

The Fire King Company employees were somewhat helpless. They hadn't expected their first target to be so difficult. They offered resources to it, and that was fine—the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' gladly accepted them all. But when they used Telepathic Communication, telling it that if it came with

them, it would have these delicious treats every day, it stopped paying attention to them. It was as if the tree's motto was to freeload and then turn its back once it got what it wanted.

They knew that too. After all, being a Commander Level Plant-based Pet Beast, its intelligence was already quite remarkable; how could it be so easily deceived?

Indeed, that was the case.

The 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile's' branches and leaves swayed gently. Clearly, it was quite content with the generous offering of resources it had just received.

But how could those resources be available every day? Did these humans think they were fooling an idiot? I, the great Peach Blossom, am not so easily deceived! Without tangible benefits, why would I possibly follow these humans? Besides, staying next to Lord Life Ancient Tree, the endless breath of Life Force it emits is the real deal. It's just a pity there are far too many of these other plants beside Lord Life Ancient Tree. I should even let these humans take away more of those little shrubs. That way, I can enjoy Lord Life Ancient Tree's breath of Life Force all by myself! HOORAY!

As expected, after seeing that the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' ignored them, the humans didn't persist.

The 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' 'hmphe'd' inwardly.

Hmph. As expected, these humans are so practical and utilitarian. I, the great Peach Blossom, certainly won't be fooled by such humans.

However, what the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' didn't expect was that just as this group of humans walked over to those other little shrubs, a few more humans arrived.

And, to be honest, the leader of this new group is quite good-looking... Of course, I have my own principles and standards! A human's appearance obviously isn't the deciding factor for whether I stay or leave. Besides, this human seems a bit poor, empty-handed, offering no benefits at all. That's even less acceptable! Huh? Wait a second... What is this feeling? This human, and that wolf with him... they give off such an inviting aura.

The pink leaves of the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' shook rapidly.

However, this feeling soon became more and more distinct, to the point that the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' started to feel something was very wrong:

This feeling... What is happening? No, this isn't right... My body... my body is starting to feel strange! Did this human in front of me do this? How did he do it? If this continues... Damn it, I can't control it anymore! It's going to... come out!

With a faint sound, a peculiar, all-pink peach fruit appeared on the branches of the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' with a POP, just like an inflating balloon. Then, the entire 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' seemed to wilt suddenly, as if losing all its strength.

However, RUSTLING sounds came from its trunk.

This was the 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile's' voice! Instantly, everyone who had just started to leave turned their heads sharply back.

All the Beast Tamers present who possessed the Talent of 'Telepathic Communication' understood the meaning behind this sound:

"RUSTLE, RUSTLE (Human, you're amazing! Lord Peach Blossom wants to go with you...)"

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"Lady Peach Blossom, I want to go with you..."

The meaning behind this rustling sound left everyone present completely dumbfounded. Blinking, they looked at the new fruit that had just formed on the branch, unable to process what had happened.

Especially the people from Fire King Company, who were simply frozen in place. They then looked at Su Ping and the excitedly swaying, red-crowned Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile with great resentment.

What the hell is going on here?

They had just offered three Elite Level resources and even used a Commander Level resource to tempt the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile, all to no avail. This time, Fire King Company had indeed come prepared with a multitude of items, even carrying two Monarch Level resources, but those were meant for the main event! Above them loomed a Life Ancient Tree! So, for everyone involved, the resources offered for the exceedingly precious Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile were already quite remarkable. Yet, not only did it refuse to leave with Fire King Company, it didn't even provide the slightest feedback.

And now, what the hell is this?

Was the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile seduced by Breeder Su just standing here for such a short time?

Could it be that in this world, some things are just this unreasonable?

At this moment, they had an illusion. They felt like simps constantly groveling before a goddess, offering flowers, gifts, and making grand promises about the good life they'd have if she agreed, all in a demeaning manner. The result? The so-called goddess accepted all the gifts without a word, not even leaving a single sentence. She didn't even deign to give them a glance. Yet, this goddess, who had always been aloof, threw herself into the arms of a rich and handsome man the moment he arrived, opening her heart and even agreeing to go home with him late at night. And the rich and handsome man hadn't done a thing! This was exactly how the people from Fire King Company felt. Bitter. Too damn bitter. Who the hell could they even complain to about this messed-up situation?

Thus, they chose to shift their gaze to other 'goddesses.'

This 'gold-digging' tree simply wasn't worth their continued emotional investment anymore.

At this very moment, it wasn't just them; Xu Li, who had come along, felt the same.

Originally, I was confident, Xu Li thought. Fire King Company was far more prepared than Pingyun, which had newly taken over Da Chuan. We'd also received specific information about this forest beforehand, even sending people to scout it. The aim was to secure the rare plant-based Pet Beasts and, most importantly, the Monarch Level Life Ancient Tree born within this forest! The value of these Pet Beasts is unimaginable. Therefore, to ensure success, Fire King Company truly made a hefty investment. In my view, although Miss Dong from Pingyun and Su Ping indeed hold special statuses and have great prestige, when it comes to Pet Beasts, practical matters trump all. If the resources are sufficient, what can a few Breeders even do? In the end, the resources of this forest will still belong to Fire King.

But at this moment, Xu Li started to feel that something was amiss.

The arrival of Breeder Su, Jianghai's only Plant System Breeder, was one thing. After all, Breeder Su is rumored to have a mysterious background, a considerable heritage, and is highly regarded by the two Chairmen. It was expected they could invite Senior Breeder Shangguan. But what is this current situation? Senior Breeder Shangguan hasn't even made a move yet! Just by Su Ping standing in front of the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile for a moment, this Commander Level plant-based Pet Beast has surrendered? What the hell is this all about?

Yes, at this moment, Xu Li, leading the team, and everyone from Fire King Company had only one thought.

Why, indeed!

Among those present, it seemed only a few knew why.

Shangguan Ye normally wouldn't have known, but his understanding of plant-based Pet Beasts was exceptionally profound. So much so that if he weren't so reluctant to handle some of the tedious matters within the association, he would have had the credentials and opportunity to be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Jianghai Association. Therefore, Shangguan Ye was almost immediately aware of it.

At this time, I feel an indescribable energy fluctuation emanating from that bizarre Old Wolf Su Ping is riding, gradually detaching from the nearby Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile. It was this Forest Wolf that caused it! Shangguan Ye immediately concluded.

But soon after, he fell back into confusion.

Is this the kind of ability a Commander Level Pet Beast should have? Is this creature really the Evolutionary Body of the Forest Wolf I'm familiar with? This makes no sense!

If Su Ping knew their thoughts, he would undoubtedly assert to them that even in the Beast Taming world, science matters. It was by using scientific methods that he had succeeded.

"Are you called Peach Blossom? It's a pleasure to meet you. My name is Su Ping," Su Ping said with a beaming smile, greeting the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile before him.

Its branches swayed gently. Then, a huge Rouge Powder Peach, just formed by condensed energy, was delivered to Su Ping's palm by Peach Blossom.

"RUSTLE RUSTLE (Human... Beast Tamer, this is for you... Lady Peach Blossom likes you very much. That feeling just now, can it come again?)"

Su Ping smiled slightly. As expected, Old Sha's Language of Nature skill is the best lure for plant-based Pet Beasts. It can actively help them grow. For many plant-based Pet Beasts, this is an irresistible joy. After all, it's well-known that plant-based Pet Beasts find it hard to replenish their energy; they absorb energy slowly and grow at a sluggish pace. And every time the Language of Nature skill is used, it's like a huge boost for them!

However, he still shook his head. "If the intervals are too short, it can be harmful to your health. Once a week is best!"

"RUSTLE RUSTLE (Once a week... That's great! Lady Peach Blossom likes that feeling...)"

Su Ping now somewhat understood why, even in the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, the potential of the Wanmu Wolf was so highly praised. It isn't just about their Ability and race limit, but more importantly, the Wanmu Wolf's extremely practical and powerful Skills. I can even imagine that after the Wanmu Wolf is revealed at the Breeder Contest, the price of the Forest Wolf will likely see a significant increase.

Grasping the Rouge Powder Peach, Su Ping didn't think twice before biting into it. His eyes lit up. The taste of this thing truly lives up to its reputation!

"Peach Blossom, thank you! It's delicious, and I like it very much!"

Even if Pet Beasts are intelligent, most of the time, they're much simpler than humans. You should graciously accept what's given and let the giver see how much you like their present. This Rouge Powder Peach is a condensation of the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile's energy. Although called a fruit, it isn't for reproduction or seeding but for consumption by other Living Beings.

So, seeing Su Ping thoroughly enjoying the peach, the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile swayed its branches gently, clearly very pleased.

Meanwhile, Dong Muyun had approached and motioned for Su Ping to mark the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile with Pingyun's emblem. After all, there were too many Pet Beasts here, and it was necessary to mark the ones they subdued.

"Peach Blossom, wait here for a while. Later, I'll take you and your companions back home."

"RUSTLE RUSTLE (Okay... Alright...)"

After placing the Pingyun Company's mark on the utterly compliant Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile, and once Li Shu had taken a few photos and completed the on-site records, Su Ping continued his search for the next 'prey.'

However, as Su Ping was tirelessly searching through the wilderness, Peach Blossom's voice sounded again, "RUSTLE RUSTLE (Su Ping... are you the one taking us away? There are so many of us here... Lord Life Ancient Tree is on the mountaintop...)"

Hm? Su Ping was taken aback. It really is the Life Ancient Tree.

But then again, what Peach Blossom said seems to make some sense, doesn't it? With so many plant-based Pet Beasts lingering in these hills and valleys, and with Old Sha around, the efficiency is certainly top-notch. However, Old Sha can get tired too. Using the Language of Nature skill also drains a lot of Energy. Despite bringing a good amount of Recovery Potions on this trip, my original plan was just to gather some rare and precious plant-based Pet Beasts, as a massive harvest would be somewhat challenging. But if I could directly take the Life Ancient Tree back, there'd be no need for so much trouble, would there? Peach Blossom is right—if I could persuade the Life Ancient Tree directly, wouldn't all the other plant-based Pet Beasts just fall into my hands? Nevertheless, relying solely on Old Sha's Ability and the Elf Wolf's Aura to subdue a powerful being like the Life Ancient Tree clearly isn't feasible. Of course, although I don't know much about the Life Ancient Tree, Shangguan Ye is by my side.

Engrossed in thought, Su Ping was completely oblivious to Xu Li and the Fire King Company members, whose eyes were twitching violently.

As if sensing Su Ping's hesitation and contemplation, Peach Blossom's branches swayed gently once again. "RUSTLE RUSTLE (Su Ping, take this... Lord Life Ancient Tree is very fond of Lady Peach Blossom... If Lady Peach Blossom leaves with you, and since Lord Life Ancient Tree is already considering moving, it will think about it...)"

Su Ping blinked.

The other Fire King Company members, who had just provided resources to Peach Blossom, felt their hearts shatter.

Damn it! Not only is it giving itself away, but now it's going to follow this guy and even give away its 'patriarch' and 'family fortune'? Who are we supposed to complain to? Is being handsome everything?

However, at that moment, as Su Ping extended his hand to accept the pink petal handed over by Peach Blossom, he seemed to freeze on the spot, making no move.

Because just then, the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas in his soul effortlessly unfolded. The next moment, a Catalog he had never seen before slowly appeared before his eyes: the Catalog of the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile.

But I never expected the Catalog of the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile to be illuminated so easily! Su Ping thought.

However, he was then taken aback by the feedback from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, which seemed different this time:

"The Catalog 'Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile' is illuminated. Current Level: 1. Received Origin reward: The effect of the Talent 'Telepathic Communication' has been enhanced (1/10)!"

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Su Ping was even prepared to comprehend a new Beast Tamer Talent.

But at that moment, the information fed back by the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas caught Su Ping off-guard. The illumination of the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile Catalog, the Origin reward granted by the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, wasn't a familiar Talent? However, what was fed back seemed to be almost the same? Talent 'Telepathic Communication' effect enhancement?

As a thought crossed Su Ping's mind, this message repeated itself deep within him.

Indeed.

Yet, Su Ping could also feel that his Ability, this special Talent of Telepathic Communication, didn't seem to have changed much!?

Is it because of the so-called (1/10) notation? Upgrade?

The meaning wasn't difficult to understand. After all, the Catalog Level within the entire Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas could be enhanced.

At this moment, Su Ping recalled what his old man and Commander Zhao from the Legion had mentioned.

Beast Tamer Talents aren't immutable?

In the Dragon Nation, there might be hidden terrifying resources and treasures that could enhance Talent Levels. A Beast Tamer's Talents are what most significantly distinguish them from other Beast Tamers. However, Beast Tamer Talents each have their effects. Some can be applied in combat, while others are used in daily Cultivation. In many cases, the Talent itself reveals a Beast Tamer's potential in a certain direction.

And now, illuminating other Catalogs within the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas could also enhance the Level of already acquired Talents?

Su Ping blinked. Although he hadn't obtained a new Talent, he had to admit, this was even more exciting news for him.

Some Talents are relatively underwhelming. For example, the Rapid Recovery Skill. He currently has the Elf Wolf and countless Magic Potions. This Talent can only be used in an emergency. But if its Level could be enhanced, it would likely be a different story, right? He just didn't know what this Telepathic Communication, this Eye of Truth, would become after their Talent Levels were enhanced.

At that moment, Su Ping turned his gaze back to the Plant-based Pet Beasts spread all over the mountains.

This is a treasure trove!

However, he soon snapped back to reality and held the peach blossom bestowed by the Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile in his hand.

Sure enough, in just that short time, the people from Fire King Company had also reacted. The insight from the peach blossom had indeed jolted everyone. At this moment, the Plant-based Pet Beasts on the slope were one thing, but more importantly, there was that one Life Ancient Tree. A Monarch Level Plant-based Pet Beast could emit life essence and produce Commander-Level Peak resource materials: the Fruit of Life!

As long as that Life Ancient Tree was taken down, dealing with the rest of the Plant-based Pet Beasts would undoubtedly be much simpler. The Life Ancient Tree's very existence was the biggest attraction for these Plant-based Pet Beasts.

With that in mind, some had already summoned flying Pet Beasts and were heading towards the very top of the Cow Horn Mountain slope.

Su Ping didn't have this capability. The little Paperman, Qian Yi, could fly, however. Unfortunately, the little fellow's flimsy body clearly wasn't capable of carrying a Beast Tamer while flying.

But Dong Muyun was obviously no slouch.

Following a peculiar cry of "SKREE! SKREE!", a large, silver-white, dolphin-like fish appeared in midair.

The Space Fish!

A rare Space-based Pet Beast.

After receiving Su Ping's affirmation, a spatial force enveloped everyone except Li Shu, and they instantly vanished from their original spot.

Su Ping had experienced the sensation of spatial teleportation once before. However, it was evident that such short-distance Teleportation consumed a great deal of energy. After just one use, the silver light on the Space Fish's body dimmed significantly.

But now, Su Ping finally saw that silhouette.

It was not a particularly large figure. Yet, when it appeared, everyone couldn't help but direct their gaze towards it.

Su Ping had seen a Life Ancient Tree once before. Of course, as mentioned before, Qin Xiaoxue's Life Ancient Tree couldn't be considered standard.

At this moment, this Life Ancient Tree, standing only ten meters tall with a trunk that about three people could encircle with their arms, gave him a very special feeling. In terms of size and height, the Life Ancient Tree was considerably smaller than the Longevity Banyan and the King Gunpine beside it, which completely overshadowed it. But one glance at it evoked an indescribable feeling, as if it stood at the very center of this forest. There was nothing outwardly strange about it. Yet, its yellowish-green trunk and branches, adorned with verdant leaves despite the onset of winter, perfectly showcased the tree as a vibrant life form.

This was the Life Ancient Tree.

Su Ping didn't dare to rashly activate his Eye of Truth to investigate the specifics of this Life Ancient Tree. That would be a grossly impolite act, and he was genuinely afraid it might cause the Life Ancient Tree to become dissatisfied with him. Moreover, a Monarch Level Life Ancient Tree, possibly even at the Monarch Peak, possessed wisdom no less than any human. Due to its long lifespan and the ages it had witnessed, its experience was likely even more profound.

Sure enough, as Su Ping and the others appeared before this Life Ancient Tree, a human face correspondingly emerged on its trunk. The face seemed exceedingly ancient.

At that moment, even Dong Muyun and Shangguan Ye beside him didn't dare to be impudent. Together, they performed an ancient rite of respect towards this ancient Life Ancient Tree.

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The reason was very simple. At this moment, even they could sense an extremely special feeling and aura emanating from the Life Ancient Tree. This type of aura was definitely not something an ordinary Life Ancient Tree could possess. The tree's strength had probably reached Monarch Peak.

"Human Beast Tamer?"

The muffled voice, surprisingly, did not come through Telepathic Communication but was spoken directly: "Beasts of the Space Element, are you the new masters of this place?"

"Yes, respected Life Ancient Tree elder, I have come here to invite you to relocate to another place. Do you think that would be possible?" Su Ping was forthright, with no intention of concealing his purpose. Since the Life Ancient Tree mentioned being informed by people from the Beast Master Association, it naturally knew the purpose of Su Ping and the others' visit. There was no point in hiding anything now.

And, obviously, the Life Ancient Tree showed no surprise, asking with interest, "Where do you want me to go?"

Su Ping did not conceal anything either, replying directly, "To my personal breeding base. My plant breeding base lacks the presence of a sage like you."

Breeding base... The Life Ancient Tree was slightly stunned, then smiled and said no more.

During this brief exchange, people from the Fire King Company finally arrived. "Life Ancient Tree, our Fire King Company would also like to invite you over," one of them said.

The Life Ancient Tree's 'gaze' shifted towards that figure, its expression calm as it 'smiled' slightly, "That sounds good. I've been here for many years, and it just so happens I want to change places."

This Life Ancient Tree did not resemble a tree so much as a kind-hearted elderly man. However, it was clear that the Life Ancient Tree had realized that the two groups present were not together. It looked again towards the Fire King Company and then at Xu Li, who had arrived late, "And what is the place you are inviting me to?"

"Respected Life Ancient Tree, it's a newly developed plant-based Pet Beast breeding park by the Fire King Company. With your influence, we plan to build the largest plant park in Linzhou. Of course, your freedom will not be restricted, and you will instead become one of the Fire King Company's honored guests! You will receive a salary every month. Of course, human Money is of no significance to you, but it can be exchanged for the resources you need within the Fire King Company," Xu Li replied with a warm smile.

The Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile earlier was one thing, but this Life Ancient Tree, they absolutely could not let slip away. Wild Advanced Level plant Pet Beasts are a precious resource. Most have gentle temperaments and can continuously produce a variety of resources. Although slightly inferior in combat,

they are the favorite kind of Pet Beasts for Life Series Beast Tamers, especially wild ones like this. So, Xu Li directly played his trump card.

He did not wait for the Life Ancient Tree to respond and took out two items from his Beast Taming Space. Within the verdant glow, an aura of extreme moisture was contained. Merely taking them out made the air feel moister. "Life Ancient Tree," Xu Li said, "these are gifts prepared by the Fire King Company for your move, Monarch Level resources: the Yellow Jade Gourd and the Celestial Jade Lotus Leaf."

Everyone's gaze shifted slightly to look at those two items. One was a resource treasure of wood and earth, the other of wood and water. For the Life Series Life Ancient Tree, they were clearly highly nourishing. These two items might even be able to further enhance the power of the Life Ancient Tree.

But the Life Ancient Tree's 'gaze' did not waver, and the withered face on its trunk showed no change. However, it seemed satisfied as it nodded and then, still full of interest, turned to Su Ping, "Little fellow, it seems you haven't prepared anything, have you?"

The voice sounded amused, and Su Ping also smiled, "I know, Life Ancient Tree elder, that you have never contacted human Beast Tamers before, and naturally you wouldn't place much importance on these so-called resources. So, elder, wherever you wish to go, you must have other requirements. Of course, if for some reason you do need some High-level resources, as long as you speak up, I can assure you that whatever you need, I can obtain them all!"

Not even Dong Muyun from the Fire King Company would dare to make such a promise. But Su Ping did! He had channels both through the Breeder Association and the Legion. He could obtain anything he could name, as long as he had enough Points. Even if he didn't, he was certain he could acquire it. Not to mention, Leng Ye's promise was still on the table. Whatever he wanted, Leng Ye could help him obtain it, though using Leng Ye's promise for a Monarch Level Life Ancient Tree seemed somewhat unworthy.

Xu Li, seeing the surprise on the trunk of the Life Ancient Tree, hurriedly said, "Su Ping, you can't just..."

His words were cut off as if his throat had been seized. For in the next moment, Su Ping had taken out something truly precious from his Beast Taming Space, something he had cherished for a long time!

Upon its appearance, the Yellow Jade Gourd and the Celestial Lotus Leaf instantly lost their luster. It was a purely emerald green stone. It was none other than the special item that Su Anyong had brought back to him, the Essence of Nature!

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Emperor Level resource treasure!

The absolute treasure of the Wood Element Life System.

After the radiance of the essence of nature bloomed, even the Life Ancient Tree, which had previously shown no emotional fluctuation, seemed slightly stunned.

It seemed not to have expected that this little one, who did not appear very impressive at first sight, would have such a treasure hidden on him?

However, it soon regained its composure.

But at that moment, a voice rose again. It came from Shangguan Ye, who had been watching the Life Ancient Tree oddly ever since their arrival:

"Su Ping, you were right; this senior Life Ancient Tree indeed doesn't need any resources. If I am not mistaken, your lifespan is nearing depletion, and it has also become very difficult to prolong."

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone present was stunned.

Xu Li's face grew even more rigid.

He looked at the Life Ancient Tree.

The lifespan of Plant-based Pet Beasts is long; lasting hundreds of years is common. How could a special existence like the Life Ancient Tree die so easily?

However, to his surprise, a slight smile appeared on its withered face:

"An impressive little fellow. You must be a Senior Breeder among human Beast Tamers who has done a lot of research on our kind, right? Indeed, I probably only have about one or two years of lifespan remaining."

At this point, the branches of the Life Ancient Tree moved slightly, revealing its somewhat decayed core and the yellowed branches and leaves in its canopy.

In stark contrast to what was visible from the outside, it looked much like a withered husk.

No one had foreseen this situation, including Su Ping.

"This..."

Xu Li was somewhat dumbfounded. If it only has two years left, then the value of the Life Ancient Tree will be practically zero. After all, even constructing the Fire King Company's plant nursery base would take longer than that.

"Elder Life Ancient Tree, is there truly no other way to extend your life?"

The Life Ancient Tree smiled and shook its head. It seemed more at peace and unconcerned than anyone else:

"Twenty years ago, I was seriously injured while protecting these children. Now, after so many years, it's exceedingly difficult to use resources to extend my life, let alone evolve."

It looked at everyone, clearly sensing Xu Li's barely concealed disappointment and Su Ping's contemplative expression.

So, it continued, "This is why, when those humans arrived, I brought the little ones willing to follow me here. In the future, I might not be able to protect them anymore.

This place... after all, is the wilderness. If humans are willing to take in these little ones, I can die without regrets."

As soon as these words were spoken, countless Wood Element Pet Beasts on the hillside seemed to sense something. They gently swayed their bodies, emitting a collective RUSTLE, their unique way of crying out, "Elder Life Ancient Tree..."

For a moment, a sense of melancholy filled the slope.

It was like the wailing of numerous orphaned creatures gathered around a kind old man they were about to lose.

The branches of the Life Ancient Tree also swayed gently.

It seemed to be responding to its children's call.

However, Xu Li, standing to the side, could only sigh helplessly in the end, "Elder Life Ancient Tree, what a pity."

Indeed, such a Monarch Pinnacle-level Plant-based Pet Beast had immeasurable value.

But if things were as it said, there truly was nothing to be done.

Whether the Fire King Company could help the Life Ancient Tree extend its life was one thing; even if it were possible, the cost would likely far exceed its actual value.

Su Ping, however, expressed no judgment, instead falling into deep thought.

He turned his gaze to Shangguan Ye.

Shangguan Ye also just sighed and shook his head.

It's not possible? After all, his understanding of Plant-based Pet Beasts wasn't particularly profound, and he wasn't deeply aware of many situations.

So he looked at Shangguan Ye again.

Shangguan Ye then explained, "Senior Life Ancient Tree's root of life energy has been severed. The energy source for Plant-based Pet Beasts comes from two main places: one is through their 'Photosynthesis' skill, absorbing sunlight, and the other is from the earth, drawing water and nutrients from the soil.

With its root system severed, it can no longer draw nutrients from the soil. It's also very difficult for it to absorb energy from Resource Type items.

Now, relying solely on its branches and leaves to gather light energy is no longer sufficient to sustain the metabolic consumption required by its Monarch Level strength.

To have persisted for so many years, this senior Life Ancient Tree is truly remarkable."

Shangguan Ye was indeed a Senior Breeder specializing in the Plant System. He had quickly explained the Life Ancient Tree's condition; even more impressively, he had discerned so much in such a short time.

Su Ping's brows furrowed slightly. After nodding, he fell back into contemplation.

However, just then, a rustling sound arose on the hillside.

The Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile, originally at the foot of the mountain, had quickly moved to their side. Its trunk glided across the ground; though extremely slow for a Commander Level Pet Beast, its speed was akin to a human running normally.

"RUSTLE! RUSTLE! (Wow... Elder Life Ancient Tree... What happened to you?)"

Looking at this little one, who resembled a princess, the Life Ancient Tree smiled helplessly and shook its head.

"Don't worry, little one. Humans experience birth, aging, sickness, and death, and we are no exception. I saw just now that in the future, you won't have to worry about any dangers in the wilderness while you're within human Beast Tamer territory."

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Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile clearly had a deep emotional bond with the Life Ancient Tree. Even without a face, one could feel the little creature's despair.

Seemingly sensing Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile's sorrow, the other Plant-based Pet Beasts felt the same. The massive Longevity Banyan continually shed its leaves, while the branches of the King Gunpine, towering like spears into the sky, drooped slightly. The other flowers and foliage all seemed to suddenly lose their vitality.

Although Plant-based Pet Beasts are not human and lack the rich emotional spectrum of humanity, when it came to matters of life and death, especially after so many years under the Life Ancient Tree's protection, even a stone would have been warmed. Otherwise, they would not have followed the Life Ancient Tree to this place.

Atop the hillside, Pingyun and the people from Fire King Company seemed somewhat superfluous. Here, they seemed utterly out of place among all the Plant-based Pet Beasts present on the slope.

However, no one had a solution. After all, no one had expected the final outcome to be like this.

Once Shangguan Ye bluntly revealed the secret of its fate, the other Plant-based Pet Beasts seemed to finally understand. They began to bid farewell to this elder, this kin who had protected them for decades.

Under such circumstances, attempting to subdue any of the other Plant-based Pet Beasts would be pure folly. They were in mourning. Trying to coax them away right before their eyes, even if the Life Ancient Tree agreed, would certainly not be met with any kindness from these Plant-based Pet Beasts.

While Plant-based Pet Beasts are generally gentle by nature and not very aggressive towards human Beast Tamers, that doesn't mean they lack the ability to attack. For instance, among Commander Level Pet Beasts, few could match the offensive capabilities of the Flame Morning Glory hanging from the cliff face or the King Gunpine. Even Rouge Powder Peach Blossom Smile had clearly lost its earlier spirit.

Dong Muyun, witnessing this scene, couldn't help but sigh. He gently asked Su Ping, "Shall we leave for now? In a few days, these Plant-based Pet Beasts might recover and accept the Life Ancient Tree's words and its end. Otherwise, trying to take them away now would be impossible. Lingering here would not only be a waste of time but also make us seem out of place and rather annoying."

Xu Li and the others nearby obviously felt the same but had not taken any action, since Dong Muyun and his group hadn't moved. As their eyes met, it was clear they understood each other's intentions and were ready to leave the area surrounded by plants and head down the mountain.

However, just then, Su Ping, who had been silent and lost in thought, suddenly stepped forward from the crowd. This surprised Dong Muyun, Shangguan Ye, Xu Li, and the people from Fire King Company. After a moment's thought, he spoke, his words somewhat awkward and abrupt in the solemn atmosphere, "Excuse me, Elder Life Ancient Tree, would you allow me and Old Sha to try and see if we could make your condition a bit better?"

His voice was not loud, but all the Plant-based Pet Beasts gathered on the hillside could hear him loud and clear. At the same time, the people from Fire King Company, along with Dong Muyun and Shangguan Ye, who had all been ready to descend the mountain, suddenly froze. They stared at Su Ping, who was clearly not joking, and for a moment, they were all taken aback.