

Beast Taming: the More the Better

Chapter 36: Chapter 36 Who is this old man? Intermediate Level Breeder! (Third update, seeking votes)

"How about that? Not only did I arrive at your doorstep and didn't even know to call you, but even old man Liu didn't know either! Humph! I told you, it's because your signboard is too high and your phone number font is too small! It's not my fault!"

Listening to Qin Xiaoxue's extremely quick yet inexplicably proud voice, Su Ping blinked.

What is she doing? Is she trying to make up for me saying her brain isn't always working right this morning?

However, hearing her say that, could it really be my problem?

"If you say so, then it must be. But when you were looking for the place, you should have seen the advertisement, right? I left my phone number on the ad too."

"I was driving at the time, and it was already a hassle trying to navigate. How could I remember such a long phone number? Then I forgot it when I got to the door."

"Oh, see? Just as I said..."

"AAAAAH! Do you still want your money or not? I'm the client now!"

On the other end of the phone, Vice President Liu, watching Qin Xiaoxue's face crumble as she tried to justify herself, had no idea what Miss Qin was discussing with Su Ping.

But, come to think of it, he really had never seen Miss Qin like this before.

At this thought, Vice President Liu felt a bit emotional. If that kid really could handle this Miss Qin, that would be truly remarkable.

However, he quickly shook his head.

Qin Erlong is one thing, but that person from Magic Capital... how could they be so easily handled?

Nevertheless, these matters had nothing to do with him. His current task was to deliver Su Ping's Intermediate Breeder certificate to him as soon as possible, and that would suffice.

With this in mind, he quickened his pace to keep up with Qin Xiaoxue's steps.

On the other side, after hanging up the phone, Su Ping couldn't help but laugh and shake his head.

Before he could dwell on Qin Xiaoxue's angry yet helpless expression, Jin Cheng approached him again.

After glancing at this Breeder, Su Ping didn't refuse. He saved the phone number of the Intermediate Breeder named Zhao Huaihai into his contacts. Then, he continued to ask, "By the way, what are the requirements for the Intermediate Breeder assessment?"

This question made Jin Cheng pause slightly. *You kid, you haven't even passed the Junior Breeder assessment, have you? You want to run before you've learned to walk?*

However, Su Ping was clearly out of the ordinary, so Jin Cheng nodded and said, "That's very difficult. It's not only a test of a Breeder's experience and skills, but it also requires mastering Skill Cultivation specific to corresponding Pet Beasts. Moreover, the success rate for Cultivation Skills cannot be below fifty percent. This is the most rigid requirement."

"It's also the most difficult part. I'm best at Crimson Fang Tiger cultivation, but I've never learned the method for them to acquire skills, so I've never been able to attempt the Intermediate Breeder assessment."

Su Ping raised an eyebrow. "So, how does a Breeder learn and acquire these kinds of Skill Cultivation methods?"

Glancing at Su Ping, Jin Cheng said with some emotion, "It's simple. Either you research and develop it yourself—though achieving that is incredibly difficult, and those who do have a high chance of becoming a Senior Breeder!"

"Alternatively, you can pay a high price to purchase some Magic Potion formulas and use them to increase the cultivation success rate. However, the price of each skill-learning Magic Potion formula is unimaginable!"

"Finally, you can become an apprentice. You can go to some Intermediate or Senior Breeders to apprentice under them and learn their cultivation methods. However, this is also very difficult. After becoming a Breeder, half or even more of your earnings must be given to your master for their teachings. And without your master's permission, you cannot pass on the knowledge to others..."

As he said this, Jin Cheng's gaze seemed a bit lost, but it quickly firmed with determination. "Of course, I'm with Fire King Company now. Here at Fire King Company, as long as my performance meets the standards, I've worked for ten years,

and I complete certain company targets, I can also apply to learn some Skill Cultivation techniques!"

Speaking of this, Jin Cheng glanced at Su Ping. "Su Ping, although Fire King Company primarily deals with fire-attribute Pet Beasts, resources, and items as its main business, its power in Linzhou City is undeniable, as you surely know. It even has a certain influence in Jianghai Province!"

"If you want to join Fire King Company, it's not impossible. With the company's backing, becoming an Intermediate Breeder in the future probably wouldn't be too difficult."

Su Ping smiled. "I don't have any such plans for now. If I need to in the future, I'll definitely find you, Brother Jin."

It had to be said, after chatting for a bit, Jin Cheng had given him a pretty good impression.

Although he was somewhat arrogant towards others, he answered all of Su Ping's questions without holding anything back.

This was especially true for the basic information about Breeders, which was very helpful and significant for Su Ping, allowing him to gain a deeper understanding of what being a Breeder entailed.

The differences between Breeders are vast.

Putting other things aside, just the fact that they specialize in cultivating different Pet Beasts and excel in different fields and directions already creates enormous differences.

And it was at this moment, at the end of Su Ping's gaze, that two familiar figures finally appeared.

Qin Xiaoxue and Vice President Liu arrived.

The former was as energetic and hurried as ever; Su Ping had no idea what she was busy with all day. *But then again, it's normal for a rich woman to be busy.*

Jin Cheng followed Su Ping's gaze. Of course, he recognized at a glance that the woman in sunglasses at the front was the mysterious Beast Tamer who had just summoned the Life Ancient Tree.

However, at this moment, Jin Cheng frowned slightly and turned his attention to another figure.

This balding old man... he looks somewhat familiar, doesn't he?

Jin Cheng saw Su Ping walk over. He naturally wouldn't be so tactless as to butt in, but his gaze remained fixed on the balding elder, and he sank into thought.

He was quite confident in his memory. Jin Cheng was certain he had definitely seen this old man somewhere before.

Where had I seen him before?

Jin Cheng scratched his head, momentarily perplexed.

Could I have misremembered?

Jin Cheng frowned. However, before he could think further, Su Ping, who had walked up to them, greeted President Liu with a smile, "President Liu, hello. You could have just called me, and I would have gone to the Breeder Association myself. It's too much trouble for you to make another trip."

President Liu?

Jin Cheng blinked. He looked again at the bald, smiling old man, and the image slowly merged with a fleeting glimpse from his memory.

It was like a flash of lightning streaking through his mind.

Before he could react, the figure that had once been so lofty in his memory spoke with an extremely amiable and smiling expression, "How could that be acceptable? I made a promise. Otherwise, Miss Qin might accuse me of not keeping my word, right?"

"But it's just you, Little Su, who doesn't seem to care much about this Intermediate Breeder certificate. If it were anyone else, they'd probably be incredibly anxious by now, hahaha."

Su Ping also smiled.

However, at this moment, none of them noticed Jin Cheng standing not far behind Su Ping, his expression numb and dumbfounded, as if he'd been struck by lightning.

Chapter 37: Chapter 37 He is the Best Forest Wolf Breeder! (Four more for votes)

An Intermediate Breeder Certification?

Vice President Liu?

Su Ping?

Intermediate Breeder Certification? Vice President Liu? Su Ping? To Jin Cheng, these three terms seemed utterly unrelated, like apples and oranges.

Just ten minutes earlier, Su Ping had kindly inquired about the assessments for the Junior Breeder certification. At the same time, he didn't even seem to know how to begin approaching the subject.

However, ten minutes later, Jin Cheng witnessed such a scene.

Ah, so that's who this bald old man is!

He had once attended a class at the Breeder Association, and this very man had been the lecturer. He was one of the few High-Level Beastmasters in Jianghai Province and, concurrently, a specialized Breeder for wolf-type Pet Beasts.

Note, wolf-type, not just Forest Wolves. The category of wolf-type Pet Beasts included not only the Forest Wolf but also more basic ones like the Sand Wolf and Snow Wolf, among other varieties.

The fact that he could become a specialized Senior Breeder for wolf-types, needless to say, made him far more remarkable than an ordinary Senior Breeder.

So, this man was not just a Senior Breeder but also the current Vice President of the Jianghai Province Breeders Association. In Jianghai Province, describing him as 'high-ranking and powerful' was by no means an exaggeration.

Previously, Jin Cheng had only heard him lecture some Junior Breeders, and his courses weren't something just any Breeder could get into.

Yet now, Vice President Liu, the Senior Breeder, had appeared right here.

He appeared before Su Ping, and what did he say? He had come in person to present Su Ping with an Intermediate Breeder Certification?

Is that even reasonable?

For a moment, Jin Cheng was bewildered. *I don't know if Su Ping's status is so significant that it could make Vice President Liu ignore the Breeder Association's regulations and pull strings like this, or if Su Ping, this little rascal, has been feigning weakness to fool me all this time!*

With a look of grievance, Jin Cheng turned his eyes towards Su Ping.

Feeling his gaze, Su Ping intuitively looked back and met Jin Cheng's reproachful eyes.

He certainly understood why and merely smiled, turning to Vice President Liu beside him. "Old Liu, this is Breeder Jin Cheng from the Breeder Association. Although he's only a Junior Breeder, he has a solid grasp of theory. I've just had a very enlightening conversation with him."

"Oh?"

Vice President Liu turned a beaming gaze toward an even more bewildered Jin Cheng. The latter instantly stood bolt upright, his face flushed with excitement, then, like a rigid puppet, he bowed deeply. "Hello, Teacher Liu! I attended your course on 'The Obedience of Wolf-Type Pet Beasts and the Breeder's Guidance towards Wolf King' at the beginning of the year."

Vice President Liu's expression didn't change. He had lectured many times. The Breeder Association regularly had Intermediate Breeders and the two Vice Presidents conduct courses for Junior Breeders. Each session was attended by several hundred, sometimes nearly a thousand people. Countless Breeders even came from other cities in Jianghai Province—how could he remember them all?

However, thanks to Su Ping's introduction, Old Liu feigned a scrutinizing look at Jin Cheng, then nodded thoughtfully. "I see. I do have some impression of you. Not bad."

In the entirety of Linzhou City, how many Junior Breeders could earn such a 'not bad' from him?

Instantly, Jin Cheng felt thrilled, as if he had just taken a stimulant, and quickly responded, "Yes! I'll continue to work hard!"

Vice President Liu shifted his attention from Jin Cheng back to Su Ping, continuing with a smile, "I've delivered the item. Su Ping, you're now a registered Intermediate Level Forest Wolf Specialized Breeder with the Jianghai Province Breeders Association. Your breeding base and the professional skill training information for Heart of Woods have also been recorded with the Breeder Association. This is far more effective than any advertisement. If you make money, kid, don't forget to treat this old man to a meal! Of course, I believe in your talent and abilities. This isn't the end for you. Keep it up."

Su Ping also nodded. "Thank you for your compliments and help. I will continue to work hard."

Vice President Liu was naturally assured. "In that case, I have some other matters to attend to, so I won't stay with you young people any longer. However, regarding the bet you made with Xiao Sun, make sure to have me witness it when the time comes. I'm really looking forward to it!"

"Yes! Rest assured, we will definitely not forget to have you as a witness then."

Having received a satisfactory response, Vice President Liu turned to Qin Xiaoxue, whose attention was not on him but fixed on the Xiao Qing that Su Ping hadn't put away. "Miss Qin, I'll take my leave then."

Qin Xiaoxue waved her hand impatiently, her gaze not even shifting.

Vice President Liu didn't mind. He smiled, nodded towards Jin Cheng as well—who looked back astonished—and then finally turned to leave.

Previously, Su Ping had given him the impression of being young and brash. This time, however, Vice President Liu discovered that this young fellow also had a gentle and modest side.

Not bad, not bad at all.

However, at this moment, another person present was not feeling so lighthearted. Jin Cheng watched Su Ping, who had just opened the brown paper bag in his hands, with complex emotions.

The object taken out of the brown paper bag was none other than a certificate bearing Su Ping's photo and a blue badge representing the Breeder Association.

Blue, in contrast to his white one, represented an Intermediate Breeder.

It was also one of Jin Cheng's greatest dreams.

Yet, his greatest dream was now clutched in the hands of this brat before him, who was scrutinizing it while muttering discontentedly, "That's it? Isn't this just made of ordinary metal? They couldn't even bother to use some high-quality metallic resources to craft it. There's no sense of honor or ceremony at all!"

Seeing this brat complaining even after getting a good deal, Jin Cheng almost couldn't resist punching him.

I can't even tell if this guy is showing off or genuinely complaining.

But the certificate and badge represented so much. So much, in fact, that he didn't even know what to say to this young man who had just been chatting so casually with him.

Earlier, when Jin Cheng and Su Ping had been discussing Breeder matters, there weren't many people around them. Zhou Shuchen had already resumed battling on the stage with some other classmates he was on good terms with, and Zhang Guowei hadn't pried too much into their affairs.

So, although many had seen a bald elder approach Su Ping, not many knew exactly what had transpired, except for two people.

These two were none other than the Zhang Family Brothers, Zhang Wen and Zhang Wu, who had been waiting for their Pet Beasts to recover.

The Zhang Family Brothers, being Forest Wolf Beast Tamers themselves, could naturally sense the strength of Xiao Qing and Little One. Upon hearing that Su Ping was from Heart of Woods, the facility next door that specialized in training Forest Wolves, they had wanted to visit. However, after Jin Cheng told them Su Ping wasn't even an ordinary Breeder, they began to have doubts.

Now, the situation had changed so quickly. The elderly man who had appeared out of nowhere had said some other confusing things. Besides, as outsiders, they hadn't felt it was proper to get too close to listen. It left the brothers uncertain about what to do.

Seizing the opportunity, Zhang Wen approached Jin Cheng and asked quietly, "Excuse me, Senior Breeder, is Su Ping's breeding level any good? My brother and I are thinking of finding a training facility to improve our skills, but we haven't decided yet."

This question snapped Jin Cheng back to reality. He looked at the retreating figure of the young Beast Tamer, who was being led away by Qin Xiaoxue to squat and chat in front of the mutated Forest Wolf. Jin Cheng's gaze became extremely complicated.

He recalled Vice President Liu's words.

The Heart of Woods' Forest Wolf skill cultivation? No wonder he could become an Intermediate Breeder! And an Intermediate Breeder who received his certification personally from President Liu, no less! I know all too well what the skills from Heart of Woods represent. If I, Jin Cheng, were the Breeder who had mastered the cultivation of the Crimson Fang Tiger's 'Heart of Fire' skill, I'd be revered like an ancestor at Fire King Company!

Suddenly, looking at the Zhang Family Brothers who were asking with nervous curiosity, Jin Cheng finally said gravely, "Him? He might be the best Forest Wolf Breeder in Linzhou, or even all of Jianghai Province."

Chapter 38: Chapter 38: Gaining Initial Fame! Reminder from Qin Xiaoxue! (First update, please vote)

Breeder Association.

Compared to the Beast Master Association, the Breeder Association's location was slightly off-center, not in the middle of the city, but it occupied a larger area. Moreover, besides buildings, there was also a vast experimental area. Beyond that, the most bustling area was undoubtedly the reception hall up front. This hall was so spacious it was almost as big as a typical airport terminal. After all, Linzhou is the capital city of Jianghai Province and one of the core cities in the southeast region. Here, numerous Breeders of all levels came to learn, and various Beast Tamers also came to conduct

their affairs and look for compatible Breeders for collaboration. At the same time, the Breeder Association was also the largest Advanced Pet Beast sales and training facility. Many Intermediate and Senior Breeders held positions here, and within the association, they could have a laboratory of their own. This place represented the Pet Beast breeding center of Linzhou and was one of its most important buildings and locations. Its importance was clear.

Today was no exception.

In the lively hall, people bustled about. Many Beast Tamers were at the windows, checking information on Breeders specializing in certain Pet Beasts and trying to get in touch. Others, guided by staff, were entering the various training facilities behind, looking for suitable Pet Beasts.

However, at this moment, a broadcast resonated across the vast hall. The content was quite simple, yet it made everyone turn their ears to listen closely, because the broadcast began with a very distinctive piece of music. As expected, after the music came the exclusive message:

"Congratulations to Su Ping from the Heart of Woods base for becoming the 932nd Intermediate Breeder registered with the Jianghai Provincial Branch of the Breeder Association. Intermediate Breeder Su Ping specializes in Forest Wolf breeding..."

As the broadcast sounded, the largest LED screen in the reception hall also displayed images, providing information about the Heart of Woods. For a moment, envy filled the eyes of many Breeders. Becoming an Intermediate Breeder was a dream for so many. However, this message soon left many people completely stunned. As the images and broadcast continued, the specific details about this newly promoted Intermediate Breeder became known:

"What the hell? An eighteen-year-old Intermediate Breeder? Isn't he just fresh out of the Basic Academy?"

"Could there be some foul play? I've been assessed for so many years and still haven't passed the Junior Breeder assessment. How can a little brat pass the Intermediate Breeder assessment?"

"What's so impossible about it? Breeders aren't like Beast Tamers, who can only become one after awakening their Talent. Haven't you seen? His family runs a breeding base. He's been exposed to it since childhood, and with Talent, it's normal! But that Cultivation Skill..."

"Heart of Woods! That's quite interesting..."

Instantly, the entire hall was abuzz with discussion. Almost everyone knew that in the outskirts of Linzhou City, a special Pet Beast Breeding Base had emerged, along with

such a young Intermediate Breeder. Moreover, his Cultivation Skill was the rare Heart of Woods. Although many held doubts, the endorsement from the Breeder Association undeniably sparked great interest in this unknown and special place. After all, Linzhou City was known as the largest origin place of Wood Element Pet Beasts in the Dragon Nation, and the Forest Wolf was one of its representatives. For a time, Su Ping's name was on everyone's lips.

At this moment, the Genius Breeder recognized by the Breeder Association, Su Ping, dragged his exhausted body home after six o'clock in the evening. After returning the equally drained Forest Wolves, some of whom were still nursing unhealed wounds, to the forest, he finally heaved a sigh of relief as he collapsed onto the sofa.

Qin Xiaoxue, who was nearby, shook her head. "I really don't get you. The rental fees you earn in a day are so meager. Is it really worth pushing yourself this hard? Or is your physical condition just too poor, like some delicate puppy?"

Su Ping was too tired to even retort to Miss Qin's remarks and merely shot her a glance. *She has no idea.* After all, since her return, she had only been amusing herself with her Xiao Qing. But when had he, Su, the great Breeder, had a moment's rest all day? Commanding all the rented Forest Wolves, coordinating them, attending to the injured ones, and ensuring no Forest Wolf disobeyed his commands—he hadn't stopped for a single moment. Besides, this job truly wasn't something an ordinary person could handle.

Fortunately, there were rewards. If nothing else, of the sixteen Forest Wolves, a full three had experienced breakthroughs in their Skill Levels today! *Thinking of the astonished looks from the Beast Tamers he had battled,* a smile curled at the corner of Su Ping's mouth.

That's right, just within a single day, three Forest Wolves had their Skills break through. Although all of them had merely progressed from Beginner to Proficiency—the most basic Level—it was still enough to prove that in such combat, the improvement and breakthrough of Skill Levels were indeed swift. That was the very essence of practical combat.

However, engaging in such battles while also renting out Pet Beasts was indeed too taxing. So much so that Su Ping no longer had the energy to supervise the Self-Healing Skill training in the evening. *At this thought, he began to feel as though the effort might not be worth the gains.*

He shook his head helplessly. *Even though it's not ideal, Su Ping resolved, this Pet Beast rental business will either have to wait until I can hire people to manage it without my direct involvement, or I'll have to cut back on such arduous tasks in the future.*

In the past, Su Ping chose to rent Pet Beasts from Uncle Guan for actual combat training instead of having his own Forest Wolves fight each other. This was not only to

hone their ability to face other Pet Beasts in battle; a major reason also involved medical and venue considerations. At Yun Tian's place, there were Earth Element Pet Beasts specifically responsible for repairing the venue after battles. Without them, just dealing with that would have been exceedingly difficult.

Now, Su Ping began to think. *Perhaps I should reverse my strategy. I could rent some Pet Beasts to serve as my sparring partners, along with Beast Tamers whose Pet Beasts can restore the venues. At least then I wouldn't be so drained that I have no energy for anything else. It's just a matter of spending some money, right? Although I'm short on money now, that doesn't mean I will be in the future. Old Liu sounded so confident. Surely he can introduce some business to me, right? If I could secure another hefty payment like that last one, perhaps I could then consider buying some different types of Pet Beasts and fully explore the potential Abilities of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas.*

As Su Ping was lost in these delightful fantasies, Qin Xiaoxue suddenly spoke up, "I've got something to tell you. Aside from renting Pet Beasts, has that Manager Guan been asking you for anything else recently?"

Hmm? Su Ping raised his eyebrows, turning to look at the serious Qin Xiaoxue.

Chapter 39: Chapter 39 Tianyun Group's Acquisition? Dong Muyun! (Second release, please vote)

"That's right. The deed to the Yuntian Resort Pet Beast Combat Vacation Village is my family's, and Uncle Guan has always wanted to buy it."

Su Ping straightened up, not hiding anything. After spending some time with Qin Xiaoxue, he had come to understand her better. Although this young lady had a fiery temper, she didn't resort to many underhanded tricks.

At this point, Su Ping even made a hand gesture indicating a number. "He even offered this much."

Qin Xiaoxue glanced at it. "I advise you not to sell it! Don't sell it, no matter how much they offer!"

Looking at Qin Xiaoxue's serious expression, Su Ping was taken aback, then chuckled. "Am I stupid? Of course, I'm not going to sell!"

This time, it was Qin Xiaoxue's turn to be startled. Seeing Su Ping's demeanor, she looked surprised. "What, do you also know something about the inside story?"

But Su Ping shook his head. "I don't know why, but it's not hard to guess. When I was still in school, Manager Guan mentioned wanting to buy our family's deed to my dad a few times. My old man might not have been the most reliable, but he knew what was

important when it came to certain things. It's only been a few months since my dad passed away, and I took over all matters for Heart of Woods. How many times has Manager Guan come knocking? Including today, in less than ten days, he's brought this up with me no less than three times. Ostensibly, he's renting those few Forest Wolves of mine, but in reality, every time he brings up buying the deed, offering not just money but also many other arguments. I don't know what he's so anxious about, but no one in this world is a fool; no one makes a losing deal. His price is fair, and his investment is indeed substantial, so buying the deed might seem reasonable. Still, something doesn't feel right to me."

Those were Su Ping's true thoughts. If it were someone like Zhou Shuchen or Li Shu, fresh graduates faced with such large sums of money and seemingly reasonable motivations, they might have jumped at such a good opportunity.

But unfortunately, Su Ping wasn't one of them.

An overly eager buyer never means a good deal for the seller. Su Ping believed he understood this principle, and he figured Uncle Guan understood it too. The latter was likely just taking advantage of his youth and lack of social experience, and hadn't resorted to harsher methods yet.

However, he understood this, but how had Qin Xiaoxue guessed? Judging by her tone, it seemed she knew even more than he did.

So, he looked at Qin Xiaoxue, whose eyes were filled with a complex expression. "Sister Qin, do you perhaps know some insider information?"

Qin Xiaoxue's complex look faded. She glanced at this composed young man, who didn't seem like a typical fresh graduate, and said irritably, "Now you remember to call me sister?"

After glaring fiercely at Su Ping, Qin Xiaoxue continued, "My grandfather hasn't been able to find out the exact details, but do you know who's behind Yuntian Resort?"

"Who?" Su Ping asked eagerly, not minding her attempt to build suspense.

"Tianyun Group. Have you heard of it?"

"HISS!" Su Ping drew a sharp breath.

Yuntian Resort... Tianyun Group... The names were just reversed, but he'd never connected them before. The reason was simple: the disparity between them was too vast.

Perhaps Yuntian Resort had some strength, but compared to Tianyun Group, it was insignificant. Even the Fire King Company, where Jin Cheng was and where Zhou

Shuchen had signed the contract earlier that day, was leagues behind Tianyun Group in Jianghai Province.

This was a true local behemoth in Jianghai Province. Its industries were wide-ranging, encompassing Pet Beast real estate, medical services, conventional resource sales, and various other civilian sectors. It even wielded a certain degree of influence in the eastern part of the Dragon Nation.

Could such a behemoth truly be connected to that middle-aged manager next door, the one whose smile reminded him of a chrysanthemum?

However, Su Ping would never doubt Qin Xiaoxue's words.

In other words, Tianyun Group was behind Manager Guan. They were the ones who truly wanted to buy his family's land deed!

Although Pet Beast real estate was indeed one of Tianyun Group's main businesses, Su Ping found it hard to believe that, under normal circumstances, they would invest so heavily in this suburban location.

Especially since Qin Xiaoxue then added, "Also, a few days ago, I was next door at your place. After that Manager Guan returned from your place, he reported your answer to someone. And that someone was the Chairwoman of Tianyun Group: Dong Muyun."

Dong Muyun.

The name wasn't entirely unfamiliar to Su Ping; he occasionally heard it mentioned on television news. But he had never actually seen her.

Hearing Qin Xiaoxue's words, Su Ping frowned again.

Tianyun Group was enormous. If it were just one of their projects leading them to buy his family's land deed, that would be somewhat normal. But what if the Chairwoman herself was involved? What if she was personally inquiring about it?

Su Ping quickly asked, "If she really wants it, there must be many ways she could force me to sell the land, right?"

Although he didn't want to sell, such powerful figures naturally had numerous resources. They could even potentially leverage official power to enforce a compulsory sale.

Qin Xiaoxue nodded. "That's exactly the point. From beginning to end, no word has gotten out. My grandfather doesn't know anything, and perhaps even within Tianyun Group, not many are aware. I've been using my connections to investigate these past few days but haven't found anything concrete. They've kept it under wraps, and their reluctance to use forceful measures might also stem from this."

Having said that, Qin Xiaoxue let out a sigh. "So, I'm just giving you a heads-up. There's something fishy about this. You should be careful."

"Thank you." This time, Su Ping's thanks were sincere. Although he had suspected there was more to the situation, he hadn't realized the full extent of the implications.

In response to his gratitude, Qin Xiaoxue seemed a bit embarrassed. She waved her hand and said hurriedly, "Oh, it's nothing. Besides, Woodhead is here with you, right? I'm still counting on you to help Woodhead improve further, beyond just Self-Healing. Anyway, it's getting late. I'm heading back."

Watching Qin Xiaoxue's hurried departure, Su Ping glanced at the time. It was only six o'clock. How was it late?

But he didn't dwell on it. He opened his computer and typed 'Tianyun Group' and 'Dong Muyun' into the search bar.

'Tianyun Group is a modernized...'

He promptly closed the generic company introduction and focused on Dong Muyun. Even online, there wasn't much information available on her; there was only a single side-profile photo.

In the photo, the woman wore sportswear and seemed to be jogging. It was clear she had a slender yet curvaceous figure.

But Su Ping wasn't concerned with that. Instead, he focused on her biography.

Other details aside, what captured Su Ping's attention was the information about her rumored Pet Beasts. The information indicated that Dong Muyun was a Beast Tamer of at least Monarch Level.

Furthermore, her main Pet was a unique creature known as the Sky-Swimming Fish.

While this Pet Beast wasn't particularly noted for its combat prowess, one of its attributes was especially noteworthy: It was a rare space-attribute Pet Beast!

Staring at the information about Dong Muyun on the screen, Su Ping fell into deep thought.

Chapter 40: Chapter 40 The Future of the Heart of Woods, The Figure in the Night (Three Updates)

DING DONG...

The doorbell rang.

Su Ping frowned. Since someone had arrived without prior notice, he could only drag his exhausted body to open the door.

Two familiar figures arrived as dusk settled.

It was none other than the Zhang Family Brothers, the twins he'd met during the day.

"It's you guys, please come in!"

Although still very tired, Su Ping mustered his energy and led the visiting guests into the living room.

"I don't have much to offer for drinks. Please make do with this."

Su Ping got two bottles of Coke.

He did have some tea and a drink-making machine, but he truly lacked the energy to properly host them at the moment.

Clearly, the brothers hadn't come for such trivial matters. After a quick 'thank you' from the older brother, Zhang Wen, he promptly asked,

"Um..."

"Just call me Su Ping."

Zhang Wen then blurted out,

"Su Ping, what specific services do you offer for Forest Wolf training? You do have a business license and all that, right?"

Although Jin Cheng, who seemed quite knowledgeable, had given Su Ping extremely high praise during the day, the brothers still needed to see for themselves before they could be certain.

After all, Pet Beast Cultivation is no small matter.

Besides the huge expense, what's most important is that it could affect their future!

So, the caution displayed by the Zhang Family Brothers was understandable.

Su Ping simply smiled,

"Don't worry. If your Pet Beast dies due to my Cultivation methods, you won't need to sue me. I'll turn myself in."

With that, Su Ping's expression turned a bit more serious,

"However, the Cultivation I offer here is different from other places. The skill I cultivate is the Wood Element's rare skill, 'Heart of Woods.' You should understand the value and significance of the Heart of Woods.

"Therefore, the cost for successfully cultivating this skill in one Pet Beast is 4,000,000. If it's not successful, the materials fee is 1,000,000. Aside from that, I also offer skill level enhancement Cultivation, but I don't have time to take on that service at the moment.

"In a while, if you come back, I'll also offer Cultivation for the Forest Wolf's Accelerated Casting, but I haven't decided on the specific pricing yet. If you're the first to try it out then, I'll give you a discount."

Su Ping said this as if he were offering them a great bargain.

That's right, Su Ping raised his prices!

Having experienced the recent events, Su Ping had gained a deeper understanding of his own abilities!

Just consider the Heart of Woods skill! Sun Chaoju dared to openly ask for 3,000,000 for Accelerated Casting, non-refundable whether successful or not. Compared to him, I'm much more conscientious.

For the service this ability warranted, the price was actually a bit low.

If it really succeeds, its value is beyond monetary measure.

This is the value of knowledge in the Beastmaster Society!

Besides, things are different now than they were a few days ago!

The current Su Ping is a genuine Intermediate Level Breeder officially registered with the Breeder Association!

With this price, who knows how it might change in the future.

However, it was clear that the Zhang Family Brothers standing before him were not fools with deep pockets like Qin Xiaoxue. Even though it was apparent that their family wasn't short of money, they certainly weren't the sort to casually throw away millions.

The two exchanged a troubled look. After a moment of contemplation, the elder brother, Zhang Wen, spoke up,

"Su Ping, can't you give us a little discount?"

The recently graduated young man was clearly not skilled at haggling; his cheeks even flushed a bit after he spoke.

But Su Ping shook his head,

"Sorry, but I also bear risks."

Seeing Su Ping's firm stance, the brothers said,

"How about this, can we discuss it with our family and give you an answer in a few days?"

Su Ping smiled,

"Of course. I wouldn't dream of forcing a sale."

Relieved, the brothers left.

Meanwhile, Su Ping sank into thought. It wasn't about the discount. In fact, even if the two of them paid outright, Su Ping wouldn't be able to cultivate the Heart of Woods for their Forest Wolf yet.

The resources and materials he had purchased were still in transit and would take some time to arrive.

Su Ping was deep in contemplation. He had never thought of just being satisfied with the status quo. Becoming a Breeder was naturally a goal, but not primarily for making money. After all, no matter how amazing a Breeder or how respected a Breeding Master, they couldn't compare to a true high-level Beast Tamer.

Only mastering extraordinary taming powers was Su Ping's true pursuit and dream.

His Cultivation ability was a means to indirectly enhance his own strength.

The appearance of the Zhang Family Brothers was neither the first nor would it be the last. It was foreseeable that as his abilities and reputation grew, there would be an endless stream of customers. He didn't want to lose the time he had to train his own Pet Beasts.

So, should he find some assistants in the future or, like other Pet Beast Breeding Bases, set up a complete assembly line?

Blinking, Su Ping decided it would be necessary in the future.

It wasn't just about the money. At a Pet Beast Breeding Base, he would have the chance to interact with many Pet Beasts at any time. This could help the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas level up faster, thereby accelerating his own strength improvement.

As for money, it would be earned regardless.

His Cultivation skills were certainly much stronger than those of the deceiving Breeders on the market, right?

Shaking his head, Su Ping dragged his tired body and called the Forest Wolves back to him.

Their Self-Healing training couldn't stop.

However, the Forest Wolves that had fought during the day were allowed to rest properly. Only those few that hadn't participated would join today's training.

After arranging all this, Su Ping resumed pondering the issues he had been considering.

However, after only a short while, Su Ping, who hadn't rested well to begin with, succumbed to his exhaustion and slowly drifted into a deep sleep.

In front of the woods, some of the Forest Wolves rested, while others spontaneously joined the training.

Thus, the rest of the vast Heart of Woods Pet Beast Breeding Base was deserted.

And at that moment, just behind the Heart of Woods' forest, at the boundary adjoining Yuntian Resort and the banks of the Lingxi River, a faint ripple slowly materialized in the darkness of the night.

This was a unique spatial fluctuation.

Then, from within this subtle ripple, a tiny figure appeared seemingly out of nowhere. It tilted its head, looking around with some confusion.

However, it quickly concealed its form and vanished once more.

Not long after, Old Sha, who had been watching the Forest Wolves train in front of the woods, seemed to stiffen. He looked towards the Lingxi River, sniffed the air, and a puzzled expression crossed his face.