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As expected!

Sensing the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas in his mind, Su Ping's attention also locked onto one particular section.

This unfamiliar Catalog was no longer the Forest Wolf that Su Ping was most familiar with, but rather a tall pine tree. Atop the pine tree hung pinecones, but they were bright red, as if they were about to explode at any moment.

Although undoubtedly a Wood Element Pet Beast, the Luozisong primarily featured wide-ranging offensive abilities. The might of a mature Luozisong could be discerned from this particular Catalog entry.

And almost in the next moment, this originally grey-black Catalog slowly started to be rendered from the top down like a drop of water, gradually revealing a sheen. It was like when he had first made a contract with Xiao Qing, lighting up the Forest Wolf Catalog.

Although it was only a simple Level 1, as long as it could be lit up, one could receive the fundamental reward from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas.

Indeed, that was exactly what happened.

[Catalog 'Luozisong' illuminated, current Catalog Level: 1, fundamental reward obtained: Telepathic Communication]

[Telepathic Communication (Beast Tamer ability): Allows one to concentrate and use spiritual power to comprehend the meaning of a Pet Beast's words through mind sensing and to communicate with it.]

Indeed!

Su Ping's eyes brightened; the reward for lighting up a Catalog was still so potent.

This talent skill was as commonplace as Eye of Truth, an ability countless Beast Tamers awakened to. However, it must be said, regardless of how mediocre this talent skill might seem, it was indeed handy!

There's no need to elaborate on the effects of Eye of Truth, but with Telepathic Communication, I can communicate more directly and intuitively with my Pet Beasts. No longer will I need to rely solely on my understanding of a Pet Beast to infer the meaning behind its words. The convenience this brings to my cultivation work is unimaginable.

Moreover, Jin Cheng had actually mentioned before that for ordinary Breeders, the most suitable talent wasn't anything convoluted, but this simple Telepathic Communication.

Communication is the bridge. And communication is also the first step in cultivating Pet Beasts. Undoubtedly, with such a talent, the help it will provide me is beyond imagination.

Without hurrying to test the effects of this ability, Su Ping had already merged his consciousness with the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, and the newly illuminated LuoZisong Catalog appeared completely before his eyes.

[Catalog: LuoZisong]

[A Wood Attribute plant-type Pet Beast, cumbersome to move, but possesses a ranged attack ability rarely found in Pet Beasts of the same level. Racial Skills: Photosynthesis, Pinecone Cannon, Pine Needle Defense, etc.]

[Current Catalog Level: 1 (5/500)]

Known Evolutionary Atlas, special Cultivation:

[None discovered yet]

Preferences, habits:

[High adaptability to living environments, low demands for sunlight and water sources, but correspondingly slower natural growth rate. A high-quality air spirit spring can somewhat accelerate its growth.]

Record Log:

[Encountered and interacted with a common LuoZisong, intimacy met the requirement, Catalogue Experience +5!]

[Subsequently, each day spent with it, Catalogue Experience +0.5!]

[Daily, Catalogue Experience is gained based on the number of such creatures one interacts with, their level, and by enhancing the Biological Abilities of creatures that meet the intimacy requirement. This obtained experience allows one to perfect the Catalog and raise its level.]

The distribution of the Forest Wolf Catalog was identical to this. However, the entries in its Record Log were much shorter, and the Catalogue Experience gained was pitifully scarce, but this was enough.

Given the current situation, I hadn't intended to cultivate this Luozisong to prominence. Merely activating it to receive the fundamental reward from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas is sufficient.

At this thought, Su Ping opened his eyes in satisfaction. He looked at the Luozisong in front of him, which was even more excited.

The Luozisong's body was constantly swaying, "RUSTLE RUSTLE (new... skills... cannonball... happy...)"

This time, amidst the Luozisong's swaying and the involuntary RUSTLE RUSTLE sound it made, Su Ping seemed to grasp the meaning behind its words. However, this perception was still exceedingly faint. He didn't know whether it was because he had just acquired the Telepathic Communication talent, or whether the young Luozisong's Mental Fluctuation was simply too weak to be caught.

Su Ping was like a child who had received an amusing toy, suddenly becoming greatly intrigued. He went nonstop to the Forest Wolf's training area to continue his attempts.

Su Ping, engrossed in his experimentation, achieved a deeper understanding with the Forest Wolf through Telepathic Communication.

Meanwhile, Li Shu, standing beside the furnace, was on the verge of a breakdown.

When he learned the function of the furnace from Su Ping and what he was to do next, Li Shu was excited. *Because before bedtime, during my routine video call check with Dad, I can proudly say that today I finally wasn't doing customer service, scooping poop, or mowing grass! Instead, like a real Breeder, I'm trying my hand at making medicinal herbs, food, or other assorted items for Pet Beasts! Anyway, this is a small step on a Breeder's path of growth, but a giant leap in the significance of my life!*

And when he started pounding the medicine with the pestle while controlling the temperature, after five minutes, Li Shu felt something was slightly off, but it was generally acceptable.

Thirty minutes later, he was still pounding. Apart from some soreness in his neck and arms, it was still bearable overall.

An hour later, Li Shu, whose arms were trembling from controlling the temperature and wielding the pestle, had lost all anticipation and even secretly hoped it would be over soon.

Two and a half hours later, his arms were swollen, and his body was drenched in sweat as if he had been fished out of water. The boiling steam made his head dizzy, and the awful smell of the crushed Wolf Tobacco, which even a gas mask couldn't completely block, was overpowering.

The immense torture, both physical and mental, finally defeated Li Shu, and he fell into a phase of doubting life itself.

If the life of a Breeder is like this, then maybe I should consider giving up. Is this even humanly doable? This work isn't meant for humans, is it? It's definitely for some kind of strength-based, pack-animal Pet Beast, like those mountain-hauling donkeys! Li Shu thought, filled with doubt.

Obviously, if this task were so easy, Su Ping wouldn't be drooling over those three hundred million worth of equipment sent by Vice President Liu.

Although a Beast Tamer's rank progression does enhance the body and improve endurance, it mainly centers around the enhancement of one's spiritual power and the Beast Taming Space. Those with strong physical strength were indeed a minority. And Li Shu, who was merely an ordinary Second Rank Beast Tamer, obviously wasn't up to the task.

However, even with reluctance, seeing the stinking liquid that was starting to thicken in the furnace after heating, Li Shu could only forcibly continue brandishing the pestle and embark on the final phase that was even more torturous than the labor of a load-bearing donkey.

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Li Shu had run away.

Of course, officially, he was just going back to rest for a while. After all, he had been with Su Ping for over a week, and it was time to return home.

Su Ping felt somewhat regretful; such good help was truly hard to find.

But this was also normal. *How was it easy to become a Breeder? If he hadn't grown up with the Forest Wolves at his family's Cultivation base and possessed a cheat-like ability, wanting to become a Breeder would have been an extremely difficult feat.*

When Li Shu's father, Li Senlin, arrived, he was extremely courteous and even wanted to give Su Ping a hefty red envelope, which Su Ping declined.

He had a good relationship with Li Shu. Since Li Shu had helped him for so many days, and even though Su Ping had also helped upgrade Luo Zisong's Level and even taught it the Pinecone Bomb Skill, he had also gained what he wanted. This was already enough, which made Li Senlin quite embarrassed.

Li Shu's departure didn't affect Su Ping too much.

Although he now needed to answer the phone and receive customers himself, the busiest period had already passed. Those Pet Beasts confirmed for Cultivation had their deposits paid, and they had started queuing for Cultivation.

The Heart of Woods, after an initial few days of disarray, had barely managed to get on the right track.

However, Su Ping did acknowledge Li Shu's efforts.

No wonder the kid was exhausted. A large bundle of Wolf Tobacco had been stirred for an entire afternoon. After several hours of refinement, it had transformed into this bucket of dark green liquid, emitting an indescribably foul and peculiar smell. Even Su Ping, when faced with this concoction, wanted to keep his distance.

Nevertheless, an experiment was still an experiment. Despite feeling repulsed, Su Ping carried it out.

Having witnessed the effects of this Wolf Tobacco—and not just its benefits—Su Ping naturally couldn't use his own Forest Wolves as test subjects. Instead, he directly bought several mice for experimentation.

The result left him speechless. The mice not only showed no aversion but, being rodents, actually seemed to quite like it. However, after consuming it, there was absolutely no change or difference in them. In fact, after being fed for two days, they had even gotten fatter.

This left Su Ping somewhat speechless. However, as previously mentioned, he couldn't use his own Forest Wolves as test subjects, nor was he extravagant enough to buy a wolf-type Pet Beast just for experimentation. The Wolf Tobacco experiment could only be temporarily shelved until conditions allowed for it to resume in the future.

After Li Shu left, Su Ping's actions were no longer constrained.

Over the past few days, he had not only completed the Cultivation of the Pet Beast Forest Wolves, resulting in 10,000,000 credited to his account, but after deducting taxes, he was left with a hefty sum of nearly 9,000,000.

It was just a pity that such a large sum of money could no longer stir Su Ping's heartstrings. The absurd 300,000,000 price tag for a single piece of laboratory

equipment that Vice President Liu had mentioned made Su Ping realize that in the field of Pet Beast Cultivation, this amount of money truly wasn't much.

Meanwhile, aside from Woodhead, all twenty-five Forest Wolves, plus his own Xiao Qing, making a total of twenty-six Forest Wolves, had completed the Heart of Woods Cultivation process!

What did this entail? The implications were self-evident.

Although they had all completed their Skill development simultaneously, Su Ping knew that this was just the beginning.

The unique cooperative combat style of the Pet Beasts belonging to the Zhang Wen and Zhang Wu brothers had given Su Ping a new direction and method for Cultivation. The combat of his Contracted Beasts was one aspect. However, if possible, he also wanted to train these Pet Beasts in group combat.

Generally, a Beast Tamer's primary focus was on their Contracted Beasts. The reason was simple: ordinary Beast Tamers couldn't carry too many wild Pet Beasts.

But Su Ping was different. He possessed the Pet Beast Home Talent. As long as the Pet Beasts were not a higher Level than himself and could fit into his Beast Taming Space, he could take them with him. Under such circumstances, coupled with the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas enhancing his affinity with and control over these Pet Beasts, he could definitely try to forge a different path as a Beast Tamer.

However, training methods for group combat were relatively difficult. Su Ping had been actively searching for training methods during this period.

What was slightly regrettable was that the Zhang Wen and Zhang Wu brothers hadn't come by since that one time. He wasn't sure if their family disapproved of such expensive training or if there was some other reason, which Su Ping found somewhat disappointing. If possible, he truly wanted to learn.

However, right now, he faced another matter.

「Nighttime.」

Su Ping had never found the time to visit the Lingxi River area behind the forest before.

Gone were the sunny days with their lush green grass and the healing beauty of the flowing river. Instead, it felt rather eerie. The swaying of the trees and grass created an illusion of ghostly shadows stirring.

Su Ping stood there, with Old Sha and Xiao Qing by his side.

"Is it here?" Su Ping asked softly.

Old Sha, extremely vigilant, scanned the surroundings. Hearing his young master's question, he didn't make a sound but simply nodded.

Over the past few days, the pack's Forest Wolves had made leaps and bounds in their training, and their Skills had improved quite rapidly. In fact, the Vine Strangling Skill, one of the primary Cultivation Skills, of the Elite Ninth Order Forest Wolf had even advanced to the Mastery Level. The effects of Telepathic Communication allowed Su Ping to address the Forest Wolves' needs more precisely, which was a great boon for their Cultivation.

However, he had also come to understand Old Sha's warnings better. Previously, Old Sha had been highly vigilant regarding the Lingxi River. Initially, Su Ping thought Old Sha's senses might be mistaken or that occasionally some Advanced Level aquatic Pet Beasts had managed to break through from the Lingxi River and evolve. Such aquatic Pet Beasts, even if they lurked, rarely attacked creatures on the shore.

However, after acquiring the Telepathic Communication Talent, Su Ping could more directly understand and interpret Old Sha's feedback. Only then did he grasp what Old Sha truly meant.

Over the past few nights, a strange presence had appeared on the banks of the Lingxi River, right in their backyard?!

Su Ping had to take this seriously. If some undetected Pet Beast had truly arrived, any trouble or disturbance it caused would be a huge problem.

However, even after waiting for a full hour, apart from getting a bit cold from the night breeze, they didn't see so much as a hair. Even Old Sha, facing Su Ping's skeptical gaze, visibly showed some embarrassment and surprise—this old wolf was nearly twice Su Ping's age.

Yet, just at that moment, suddenly, in the distance of the Lingxi River, a ripple, almost imperceptible to the naked eye, appeared.

The next moment, a tiny figure emerged from it.

Su Ping hadn't even clearly seen what it was, only catching a glimpse of something snow-white in the moonlight, when Old Sha had already lunged forward!