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Chapter 91: The Terrifying Potential of the Wanmu Wolf!

Zhang Lie stood at a great distance, observing a silhouette that completely baffled him.

What kind of Evolutionary Body is this?

Has a Breeder from the outside world made some incredible breakthrough?

Otherwise, how could it be that he had just emerged from the Legion only to encounter so many mind-boggling events?

It was a gigantic figure, especially when compared to a Forest Wolf.

Its size was immense. When standing erect, its spine was two meters high. Its raised neck and head reached a height of two point six to two point seven meters.

However, this figure was not as heroic or handsome as one might imagine.

Instead, it exuded an indescribable grace and dignity.

Long, branch-like fur hung from its back, covering its body.

It seemed cloaked in foliage.

Above its head, these continuous branch-like growths connected on either side of its ears, forming two actual Y-shaped branches.

The branches were a lush green. In contrast to its towering stature, they created an inexplicably cute effect.

Yet, from the green light endlessly emitted by those two horn-like branches and the dispersing natural fluctuations, one could sense their power.

These two branches were definitely not just for decoration; they might even be the most important source of power for this Forest Wolf Evolver!

The Forest Wolf was a majestic Wolf Pet with azure-colored fur.

At this moment, this Evolutionary Body resembled a wolf-shaped hunter, cloaked in what looked like a straw raincoat made of forest foliage.

From a distance, it hardly resembled a wolf. With its long, branch-like hair dragging on the ground and the two Y-shaped branch antlers, it looked more like the legendary Kylin.

But anyone with a bit of common sense would obviously know that it couldn't possibly be a Kylin!

It was still just a wolf. A wolf that had never been seen before, never been heard of before!

Zhang Lie pursed his lips; he felt goosebumps rise all over his skin, watching incredulously at the colossal figure and the person in front of it.

The surrounding Forest Wolves whined softly, their bodies trembling as if worshipping their king.

This was a new Evolutionary Body! At the very least, it was an entirely new Evolutionary Body that he had never heard of before!

He just didn't know if it was developed by that Breeder himself. If so, then it was truly terrifying!

"AWOOO..."

This time, the howl was not as loud or piercing, but it was more resonant than any before.

Within this somewhat hoarse howl, there was an indescribable and unprecedented excitement.

It had actually succeeded in evolving!

It could feel the surging power within itself, perceive the brand-new Skills and abilities it possessed. And most importantly, the revitalized vigor in its blood, no trace of the decrepit old age!

This sensation, perhaps it had only ever experienced it in dreams before.

And now, the young master before it had turned the dream back into reality!

It gazed at Su Ping, and Su Ping looked back at Old Sha.

That indescribable life force made every cell in Su Ping's body seem to cheer.

Under such stimulation, even Su Ping's spiritual power began to ripple.

His spiritual power, which already faced no true bottlenecks, broke through once more.

It reached the final tier of the Common rank! Common Tenth Level!

Xiao Qing, as its Contracted Beast, was also affected, experiencing an enhancement and reaching Common Ninth Level.

However, Su Ping had no time to focus on these details then; his gaze was fixed intently on Old Sha.

He slowly extended his hand, feeling a plant-like roughness on Old Sha's fur, especially the branch-like hairs cascading from its back.

He could sense the surging power within Old Sha, almost spilling out.

What truly allowed him to relax was that Old Sha's intelligence and personality remained unchanged.

The Wanmu Wolf's Evolution involved too many potential problems and hidden dangers. He had to ensure Old Sha's safety.

And in the final stage of this Evolution, to prevent Old Sha's intelligence from becoming 'woody,' it needed sufficient daily activity and specific training exercises.

However, now was clearly the time to inspect the results.

Thus, with a mental command from Su Ping, the Eye of Truth activated instantly.

Old Sha, feeling the caress of Su Ping's hand, naturally didn't resist Su Ping's scrutiny.

Instantly, all of Old Sha's abilities and changes appeared in Su Ping's mind:

[Wanmu Wolf (Wild)]

[Current Level: Commandant Eighth Rank]

[Racial Potential: Monarch Ninth Rank]

[Skills: Sunlight Absorption (Perfection), Photosynthesis (Perfection), Heart of Woods (Proficient), Tree Prison (Proficiency), Mutated Wood Element Body (Beginner), Language of Nature (Proficiency), Life Magnetic Field (Beginner), Wolf King Majesty (Proficiency)]

Commandant Eighth Rank?! And its Racial Potential has even reached the terrifying Monarch Ninth Rank?

Even though Su Ping had steeled himself, he still involuntarily held his breath.

Monarch Level! That was an upper-tier level of the food chain.

Any Monarch Level Beast Tamer, in any place, would be treated with immense respect.

They also constituted a city's vital high-level strength.

If a Beast Tide attacked a city, the local Monarch Level Beast Tamers, like Su Ping's grandfather Su Zhongguang, would be the primary high-level defense force.

The presidents of Beast Master Association branches in most prefecture-level cities were typically individuals at this level.

Although Su Ping himself was still far from Monarch Level, Old Sha's Evolution, bringing it so close, was undoubtedly a shot of adrenaline for him.

From this day forward, his Heart of Wood Cultivation Base would not be something just anyone could covet. With Old Sha present, even without relying on external influence, the Heart of Wood Cultivation Base now possessed the true power to protect itself!

Most importantly, he had finally succeeded in extending Old Sha's lifespan! If it advanced to Monarch Level in the future, its lifespan would be extended even further. Combined with the Wanmu Wolf's Wood Element Evolution, it seemed Su Ping wouldn't have to worry about Old Sha's lifespan dwindling for a very long time.

This was the greatest significance and true value of the Evolution for Su Ping.

Nevertheless, Su Ping soon refocused his mind, not withdrawing the gaze of the Eye of Truth.

Now, apart from Sunlight Absorption, the Skills developed through later Cultivation, and Wolf King Majesty, all of Old Sha's other Skills had changed, and new ones had even appeared.

He was eager to see the effects and powers of these new Skills.

He wanted to further analyze the combat strength of the Wanmu Wolf Evolutionary Body.

Chapter 92: Arrival of the Tree Realm? Wanmu Wolf Branch Catalog!

Sunlight Absorption, Photosynthesis, and Heart of Woods naturally needed no extra attention.

However, it was still worth mentioning that after this evolution, Old Sha, having evolved into the Wanmu Wolf, had his Heart of Woods advance yet another level.

It had reached the Mastery Level directly.

This speed of leveling up was clearly far from normal.

But now was not the time to delve further into this matter.

Su Ping didn't rush. Instead, he focused the Eye of Truth on Old Sha's first changed Skill, which also seemed to be the primary offensive ability!

[Tree Prison (Proficient): Can summon multiple rapidly growing trees from the ground, entirely controllable and with all the effects of other woods; additionally, can control all other woods within the Skill's range!]

As expected. This Tree Prison was indeed the evolved form of Vine Strangling. No longer summoning vines, but tangible trees that were bizarrely controllable and had the effects of other woods. The implication was simple. These trees, unlike those vines whose energy dissipated and then died, could retain and exert certain effects. They could even alter the environment of the battlefield. Moreover, with the Heart of Woods, Su Ping conjectured that after using this Skill, the Wanmu Wolf could probably siphon the energy from these trees back through the Heart of Woods! Of course, this was just a thought that would require future training to verify its feasibility.

However, Su Ping had another vague idea. He didn't know how many trees Old Sha could summon, but what would the effect be when a group of Wanmu Wolves used this Skill simultaneously?

Su Ping's eyes lit up at once, invigorated.

However, he didn't spend more time on this single Skill and continued to the next one:

[Mutated Wood Form (Beginner): Self divides into animal and plant forms!]

Animal Form: In wooded areas, with an abundance of Wood Attribute, own strength, speed, and agility significantly increase. Can pass through certain wooded obstacles.

Plant Form: Transforms into a tree rooted to the ground, immovable yet with significantly increased defensive power; fatal injuries are nullified, Energy and injury recovery are greatly enhanced. Skill effects are increased.]

[Note: Maintaining the plant form for an extended period greatly affects the vitality of the Wanmu Wolf's body, with a certain chance of permanent petrification.]

At this moment, Su Ping couldn't help but widen his eyes.

This Skill was a true metamorphosis! And worthy of a mutated ability! The different combat modes of plant form and animal form, with the additions to the animal form, would make the Wanmu Wolf an excellent hunter and warrior in the forest. However, the plant form alone, with its nullification of fatal injuries, could be called a Divine Skill; a pity, though, the side effects were indeed too severe, and the Skill would be difficult to train. It served as a life-saving trump card. That was more than enough. Its effects were well-deserving of an Evolutionary Body's Skills. Although not the legendary Super-Rank Skill, it was much stronger than ordinary abilities.

Shaking his head, Su Ping moved on to the next:

[Nature's Language (Proficient): Can accelerate the growth rate of plants and even Plant-based Pet Beasts to a certain extent; can be used on the summoned trees of Tree Prison to enhance their effects, while also condensing the essence of nature to absorb into the body, allowing Tree Prison to undergo certain plant-based changes. After the skill level increases, it has a certain control effect on Plant-based Pet Beasts that are not higher than its own Level!]

This Skill was interesting. First of all, this ability was a major boon for plants, even Plant-based Pet Beasts. If it could accelerate the growth of Plant-based Pet Beasts, that would mean accelerating their Level advancement. At the same time, it could reverse the process, absorbing the trees and making the summoned Tree Prison not just ordinary trees, but also those with absorbed essences. This ability had great potential. Moreover, the construction plan for the Heart of Woods benefited greatly from this boost. In order to fully leverage the effects of the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, Su Ping planned to focus on cultivating Plant-based Pet Beasts next. With Old Sha's capability, the effects could be fully realized, making the Cultivation of Plant-based Pet Beasts even more outstanding. Great Skills! An excellent Pet Beast Race must not only possess powerful combat abilities but also learn to provide resources back to its owner. The Wanmu Wolf was exactly such a beast.

Besides these abilities, there was one final Skill:

[Life Magnetic Field (Beginner): Able to apply effects within its own vicinity and the vicinity of the trees it affects, to weaken enemies' strength, stamina, Life Force, and other such effects.]

Compared to the other abilities, this Skill wasn't as eye-catching. It was a standard combat Skill. However, Su Ping also realized that whether it was Nature's Language or this Life Magnetic Field, their effects could directly influence the Tree Prison. Nature's Language could accelerate the growth, speed, and even the attack capability of Tree Prison. The Life Magnetic Field, more direct, created a weakening magnetic field effect centered around the summoned trees.

Still, Su Ping couldn't help but think about a particular idea. What if a group of Wanmu Wolves used these Skills together? What would be the effect? Within these woods, with life stripped away and the Tree Prisons controlled by the Wanmu Wolves, any Pet Beast that fell into the forest created by them, regardless of whether they were of the same Level or even higher, would likely perish, no matter how many came. By then, would it still be called Tree Prison? No! That would be the descent of a Tree Realm!

It's just a pity there wasn't a legendary Super-Rank Skill. Su Ping couldn't help but feel a little greedy. Super-Rank Skills. They weren't something that could easily appear; they represented an entirely new Domain, as Old Liu had explained in his lessons before. Even Emperor Level Pet Beasts don't necessarily

have Super-Rank Skills. Although Old Sha's Racial Potential had reached Monarch Rank, he was still only a Commander.

Regaining his composure, Su Ping saw the Eye of Truth's effect on Old Sha's abilities disappear from his sight.

Returning to Old Sha's expectant gaze, Su Ping smiled slightly, "Very good, you have succeeded, and so have I!"

Even though he could feel the immense power within himself, Old Sha knew he had succeeded, but hearing it once again from his young master truly put his mind at ease.

However, just as Su Ping was about to speak, instructing Old Sha to try out the effect of Tree Prison on the spot, he was momentarily stunned.

At that instant.

His Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas in his mind finally responded with a new activity!

And this particular response was beyond his expectations:

[The Forest Wolf Catalog has recorded an Evolutionary Body in its atlas branch: the Wanmu Wolf form. Experience Points gained: 800 points!]

[You may now enter the Forest Wolf Catalog to examine the analysis of the Wanmu Wolf form.]

[As the Wanmu Wolf form is a branch of the Forest Wolf's Evolution Chart, the Wanmu Wolf form's Catalog entry has no Level Experience Points. Experience Points gained for it will be reflected back onto the Forest Wolf Catalog!]

Chapter 93: Wanmu Wolf's Battle Style!

Pet Beasts that met the intimacy requirements would receive Experience Points after completing an Evolution, and Su Ping had guessed this much earlier on.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have asked Qin Xiaoxue to let him know when Woodhead was evolving into the Crown Wolf Emperor, as he wanted to witness this top-tier Evolution himself.

However, Su Ping really hadn't anticipated that after completing one Evolutionary Body, the Forest Wolf Catalog would undergo such a tremendous change.

He closed his eyes again, entering the Catalog.

What really shocked him was the current Level and Experience Points of the Forest Wolf Catalog:

[Catalog: Forest Wolf]

[Specializes in using Wood Attribute, part of a powerful Wolf Tribe with strong Life Force. A typical adult Forest Wolf is at Elite Level, with Racial Skills including: Sunlight Absorption, Vine Strangling, Self-Healing, Accelerated Growth, etc.]

[Current Catalog Level: 2 (1,875/2,000)]

After Old Sha's Evolution and adding the 800 Experience Points, the Forest Wolf Catalog's experience had once more exploded unimaginably.

If Su Ping hadn't spent 500 Experience Points earlier to perfect the Accelerated Casting Cultivation, he might have been able to raise the Forest Wolf Catalog to Level 3 by now. Even if it's not possible right now, it's coming soon! Old Sha truly is his lucky star.

With a smile, Su Ping then turned his thoughts to the new line of text that had appeared on the Forest Wolf Catalog:

Unlocked Evolutionary Form:

[Branch Catalog: Wanmu Wolf]

[An Evolved Form of the Forest Wolf, further enhanced by sunlight and the power of natural plants, it possesses immense potential! It's one of the top Evolutionary branches of the Forest Wolf!

With an even stronger control over sunlight absorption and plant powers, its Racial Skills include: Sunlight Absorption, Photosynthesis, Tree Prison, Life Magnetic Field, Language of Nature, Mutated Wood Body, Blinding Technique, etc.]

It's worth mentioning that the Wanmu Wolf even has a Skill Old Sha hasn't learned! Blinding Technique? However, it's probably due to Old Sha's insufficient Level, temporarily rendering it unable to comprehend it.

Beyond these, below were the corresponding Cultivation, Evolution, and log entries, just as with the other Catalogs.

However, most naturally didn't have any significant entries.

Only at the very bottom was a single, thin log entry:

[Successfully obtained Evolutionary Body: Wanmu Wolf. For each day spent with it, Forest Wolf Catalog experience +25 Experience Points!]

Indeed, after Evolution, the Experience Points earned for the Catalog increased.

Su Ping was very satisfied.

It seems the last 125 Experience Points needed for the Forest Wolf Catalog to level up won't require much waiting at all; tomorrow's fixed increase should just about do it! Evolutionary Cultivation is indeed the most vital stage in Pet Beast Cultivation. Even the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas awards the most Experience Points during this process.

However, Su Ping also understood this was because it was the first time completing this Cultivation. Whether he could get even one-tenth of this Experience Point reward the next time he cultivated a Wanmu Wolf remained a complete unknown.

Shaking his head, Su Ping let out a breath and opened his eyes. He couldn't help but smile seeing the majestic Old Sha.

He turned around to glimpse the envious stares of the other Forest Wolves, including his own Contracted Beast, Xiao Qing.

Therefore, Su Ping spoke directly to Old Sha, "Old Sha, use the Skill: Tree Prison!"

"AWOOO!"

The excited howl echoed. The next moment, in less than a second, a tree as thick as a man's waist sprouted on the once-empty meadow, like a giant serpent uncoiling as it reached for the sky.

Simultaneously, swaying branches spread outwards.

In just an instant, the vast meadow was enveloped by dense, entwining trees.

Then, without needing any urging from Su Ping, Old Sha, having Evolved, seemed eager to try out its new Abilities!

Above its head, its two Y-shaped branch-like horns erupted with a verdant glow.

A ripple emanated, and those trees, originally swaying as if they were Tree Demons, seemed instantly invigorated with a shot of adrenaline. They not only thickened several times in an instant but also began winding at an unimaginable speed.

However, at this moment, there were no enemies on the field. So the extending branches and leaves, like those searching for prey, merely kept swaying and shaking, ultimately taking no further action.

Yet, in just this short time, Su Ping had already seen the power it wielded.

Within a radius of less than fifty meters, soil flew about as trees rose up here and there. If it weren't for the chaotic upheaval of the soil, no one would have guessed that this had been a bare meadow just a dozen breaths earlier.

Direct alteration of the terrain, large-area control capability, powerful Life Force and mastery, an absolute advantage within a jungle... This is the Evolved Forest Wolf! This is the Wanmu Wolf!

Another aspect was even more terrifying: although this forest was created by the Wanmu Wolf's Skills, the Forest Wolves possessed the Heart of Woods Skill. This was equivalent to them fighting in a real forest, allowing them to share Energy almost perfectly!

Currently, there's only one Wanmu Wolf. If their numbers increase in the future, the effect will truly be greater than the sum of its parts!

"AWOO~"

An excited howl echoed through the trees.

After nearly half a month, Old Sha finally began to truly move. Bursting forth from the soil, its body was initially stiff, but this stiffness vanished at an extremely fast rate as it regained its flexibility.

Its claws, now even sharper, hidden beneath the cover of the trees, combined with this unimaginable flexibility! This is the effect of the Mutated Wood Body.

The most eerie part was that if Old Sha wished, it could pass directly through those trees—which were right before its eyes—as if using an instant transmission technique. This was much like those Elemental Type Pet Beasts that aren't hindered by their corresponding material.

If Tree Prison is the main combat Skill of the Evolved Wanmu Wolf, then the Mutated Wood Body is its true core Ability!

Upon the land, the shaking trees instantly made the area shadowy and indistinct. Old Sha's figure, along with its claws and the branches that moved in unison, appeared and disappeared unpredictably.

Watching Old Sha move freely through this small forest it had created, Su Ping's heart completely relaxed.

Is this the Wanmu Wolf's basic combat method?

「However, at this moment, within the distant manor.」

Behind the reinforced glass fence, everyone who had witnessed the entire scene from beginning to end was completely dumbstruck.

At this moment, let alone Lao Guan and the Zhang Family Brothers, even Zhang Lie hadn't recovered his senses for a long time. They were transfixed by the terrifying jungle created in an instant; the Evolved Forest Wolf standing atop the trees, surveying its territory, the branches on its head like the twin horns of a Kylin; and the silhouette of the young Breeder standing there—slim yet upright, like the true Wolf King among the Wolf pack.

Chapter 94: The Best Evolved Form! Cooperating with the Legion?

"Su Ping!"

Finally, Guan Qianshan could no longer hold back and asked through the walkie-talkie.

Su Ping turned his head. He had seen Guan Qianshan appear in the distance with his people earlier, but at that time, he hadn't had the leisure to pay attention to them and hadn't cared.

Now that Old Sha had completed his evolution, it seemed there were no major problems or concerns to worry about. It was also a good time for Su Ping to give Old Sha some time to adapt to this new power.

Listening to the voice from the walkie-talkie, Su Ping turned back and took a glance. The distance was too great to make out faces clearly, so he finally walked past the tempered glass enclosure and entered the front area of the manor.

And he finally saw who the visitors were.

"Eh? It's you two brothers? I thought you wouldn't come!"

Once Su Ping recognized Zhang Wen and Zhang Wu, he smiled.

Having witnessed the scene just now, any resentment that the Zhang Family Brothers had harbored had now completely vanished.

A Breeder capable of evolving a Forest Wolf! And what was more, that Forest Wolf Evolver, which resembled a Kylin, was something they had never seen nor even heard of!

If this Forest Wolf Evolver had been developed and Cultivated by the Breeder of his own age before them... They didn't dare to think further. Because that would be just too preposterous.

At this age, there have been Breeders in Dragon Nation's history who could develop Pet Beast evolutions on their own, some even more exaggerated than Su Ping. But the future achievements of any of these individuals were beyond what ordinary people could imagine or come into contact with. Among these people, the most famous today is the Master of the Holy Dragon in Dragon Nation!

At a young age, he had developed a completely new, top-potential evolution path for his Contracted Beast, the Yellow Scaled Snake: the 'Sand-Eating Jiao.' This Sand-Eating Jiao not only possessed an even more absurd and terrifying subsequent evolution path but was also an Elite Level Pet Beast with Monarch-level Racial Potential. Most horrifying and preposterous of all, the Sand-Eating Jiao possessed a Super-Rank Skill!

It was precisely because of this Super-Rank Skill, researched and integrated into the evolved Yellow Scaled Snake, that it became a breakthrough worthy of being recorded in the annals of Dragon Nation's

destiny. What was once a common Elite Level Pet Beast in Ximo, the Yellow Scaled Snake, suddenly became one of the most sought-after Pet Beast choices of those years.

Unfortunately, not everyone is the Master of the Holy Dragon. Very few could achieve the Sand-Eating Jiao evolution, and no one had heard of anyone else developing that Super-Rank Skill.

The Su Ping before them, naturally, could not be compared with the Master of the Holy Dragon, but he already showed glimmers of such accomplishments. Even if these were just glimmers, they were beyond what ordinary people could imagine.

Therefore, any anger they had felt due to the price hike for the Cultivation of the Heart of Woods had long since dissipated like smoke. At this moment, for the first time, aside from their father, the brothers felt genuine respect and even admiration for someone else.

As Su Ping asked his question, the brothers were too embarrassed to speak, especially considering their poor attitude towards Lao Guan. Zhang Lie indeed had a stomach full of questions he wanted to ask, but as the commander of the Forest Wolf Troop within the Beast Tamer Corps, he knew better than to voice certain thoughts.

Guan Qianshan finally spoke up from the side, "Su Ping, these two previously mentioned that you had told them the price for Cultivation is four million..."

Su Ping nodded and smiled. Having seen the Zhang Family Brothers, he had roughly understood the situation. Although he indeed had to count every penny now, he would not go back on his words. "No worries," he said. "If the two of you want Cultivation services, the price I quoted before stands: four million, not a penny more!"

The brothers exchanged a glance and breathed a sigh of relief. Their family indeed had some wealth, but this was still a large sum of money. Their father held a certain status within the Legion. However, the Legion was the Legion; money wasn't a primary concern in its ecosystem, so their family's finances were indeed quite tight.

However, while his sons were still quibbling over such a trivial matter, Zhang Lie had stopped caring altogether.

Heart of Woods? The Skill Heart of Woods is certainly impressive, but how could it possibly compare to that Forest Wolf Evolver they just witnessed?

In just a short period of observation, he had discerned that Evolutionary Body's Abilities.

Increased strength and speed were a given, not to mention its Ability to create a jungle! Whether for individual combat, group assaults, battlefield control, tandem fighting, or collaborative attacks—all of these were perfectly suited!

Wasn't such an Evolutionary Body precisely what he was looking for—the most suitable for the Forest Wolf Troop's elite training of evolved Pet Beasts?

If the Forest Wolf Troop had a few such Evolutionary Body Pet Beasts, wouldn't missions, large-scale battles, and drills be tremendously enhanced?

If they had Forest Wolves capable of creating forests on their own, who would dare say the Forest Wolf Troop was narrowly specialized any longer? Only capable of fighting covertly in the woods? He'd make sure to dazzle those sons of bitches! Even during drills, he'd let them know just how formidable his troop truly was!

As a result, Zhang Lie's gaze upon Su Ping grew increasingly intense. This intensity made Su Ping feel somewhat uncomfortable. It wasn't that Su Ping was overthinking it; Zhang Lie's gaze was simply too fervent.

Finally, Zhang Lie couldn't help but ask, "Young man, what is the name of that Forest Wolf Evolver from just now? Why have I never seen it before?"

"Wanmu Wolf. It's a new evolution of the Forest Wolf, and I've just finished perfecting it," Su Ping responded, glancing at the man. He didn't conceal anything, nor did he elaborate further.

However, this seemed to be enough for Zhang Lie. So, this military man, known in the Legion for his straightforwardness, couldn't wait to ask, "Are you currently accepting orders for the Cultivation of this kind of Evolutionary Body here? How long would it take? And if one desires large-scale Cultivation, is that possible?"

A rapid-fire series of questions left Su Ping slightly stunned. He looked with a bit of incredulity at this uniquely-tempered man and asked, "May I ask who you are?"

Zhang Lie gave a hearty laugh and extended his hand. For the first time, he offered a warmth in his smile that he'd never shown to a youth of his son's age, saying, "Zhang Lie, Commander of the Forest Wolf Troop, Battle Wolf A Division of the Forest Wild Army, stationed in Jianghai Province, part of the Beast Tamer Corps. Breeder Su, would you consider collaborating with the Legion?"

Zhang Lie? The Beast Tamer Corps?

Su Ping blinked. So that was the background of these two. No wonder during their previous battle, those two Little Forest Wolves executed their battle orders so precisely, their fighting strength far surpassing that of ordinary Forest Wolves. That explains it!

Su Ping's interest was piqued as well. "Let's talk in the guest room," he suggested.

Chapter 95: Zhang Lie's Madness, The Incredible Breeder!

Arriving at the reception room, Su Ping asked directly, "Commander Zhang, what kind of cooperation do you have in mind?"

Truth be told, Su Ping had a certain fondness for the Beast Tamer Legions. The stability of the cities where Beast Tamers resided was largely due to these individuals guarding the outskirts, driving away the Ferocious Beasts that approached human society. Although different from his previous life, if a problem arose, the High-Level Beastmasters among the civilians would also take action, but it was always these Guardians who faced the brunt of it first. Moreover, the most crucial point was that his own father had reportedly once served in the Beast Tamer Legion for a period before being sacrificed in a Beast Tide. He subsequently returned home to take over the family business. His father might be unreliable, but from a young age, he had taught Su Ping to hold the proper respect for these Guardians.

Zhang Lie said eagerly, "Here's the situation: the Legion has decided to initiate elite training for a portion of our elite soldiers. I've left the Legion this time to find such Breeders, and if suitable, engage in a long-term partnership with them!"

Su Ping's eyes narrowed slightly, his spirits lifted. A long-term partnership? This was a big business deal!

"Originally, it was supposed to be me, a vice-commander, and an instructor, each searching independently and then comparing our findings. However, it seems that won't be necessary anymore!"

Indeed, it wasn't necessary anymore, not with a brand-new special Cultivation Evolution and, moreover, training for the Heart of Woods Skill. How could other unreliable Breeders compare to this?

Therefore, a thousand words congealed into that one question Zhang Lie had previously asked, "Breeder Su, I absolutely trust your training for the Heart of Woods, and your price is worthy of your ability. But about that Wanmu Wolf just now, I wonder..."

Glancing at Zhang Lie, Su Ping stated frankly, "Firstly, Old Sha's Evolution isn't entirely complete, though there should be no subsequent issues. I also can't guarantee that a future attempt would be successful.

Secondly, Old Sha's Evolution consumed significant resources. If calculated, the cost of this Evolution isn't low. Of course, this might be a special case; generally, it wouldn't require spending so much.

Thirdly, the Evolution's duration is roughly ten to fifteen days. His Racial Potential should be around the Monarch Level!

Finally, although the Evolution is currently successful, as a newly developed type of Evolutionary Body, it still needs observation for a period to ensure stability."

Su Ping answered each point in turn.

Zhang Lie's heart pounded with even more excitement! A Forest Wolf Evolver with the Racial Potential to reach Monarch Level?!

He hastened to nod his head. "MHM, MHM, MHM, I understand, I understand! Breeder Su, you are indeed meticulous. But that's right; this is the hallmark of a Breeding Master. Rest assured, I believe in your abilities. How about we confirm our intent to cooperate now?"

It was clear that Old Sha's earlier appearance had given Commander Zhang a significant shock! All his attention was focused on that Wanmu Wolf!

Su Ping said, somewhat helplessly, "I would, of course, be honored to cooperate with the Legion, but regarding the price..."

Even though his father taught him to respect the Beast Tamer Legion, he couldn't just do charity work, right? Not to mention other things, even if those Sunlight Absorption Skills reached the Mastery Level, they wouldn't require precious Sun Crystals, but they would still need Nature's Lungs. Nature's Lungs aren't expensive, but they still cost over eight million. Of course, if the level of Sunlight Absorption being cultivated is only at the Proficient Level, that's no problem; the cost would likely only be a few million. However, when it comes to price, it clearly needs to be discussed and clarified in advance.

Zhang Lie's fiery enthusiasm suddenly cooled. He fell into thought for a moment, then said, "Breeder Su, the Legion's funds are limited. We can't handle Cultivation like those in the outside world by giving you a direct sum of money! Do you think we could use Battle Merit Points for the exchange instead?"

Battle Merit Points? Su Ping raised an eyebrow. That's not hard to understand. It's like the credits within the Breeder Association, right? Only exchangeable for items within their internal system? Truth be told, for many people, these points are even more precious than actual money. There are many things in the outside world that money can't buy. And within organizations directly under the Dragon Nation, if nothing else, specific resources are absolutely guaranteed to be in sufficient supply. Thinking about it this way, there's no problem. If I need money later, it wouldn't be impossible to exchange them for cash.

With that thought, Su Ping nodded his head.

Zhang Lie also stood up abruptly. "As for the specific cost in Battle Merit Points for each Cultivation, I'm not in a position to decide the exact figures. I need to return and consult my superiors!"

If it were only about cultivating Skills, as the commander of the Forest Wolf Troop, he could definitely make the decision. After all, each troop has an allocation of Battle Merit Points each month, even though they were wiped out in this exercise, causing many of their points to go to others. However, some Cultivation costs can still be reimbursed by the troop itself. But if it involved cultivating an Evolutionary Body, then it was clearly not something he, as the troop commander, had the authority to decide.

Seeing their father's excitement and eagerness, Zhang Wen and Zhang Wu felt an indescribable emotion, even though they already knew Su Ping was remarkable. This young Breeder, Su Ping, was very impressive, but they had never imagined \*this\* impressive. They idolized their father, the commander of the military Beast Tamer troop who protected the nation. Yet, their father was treating this young man, someone their own age, with such deference. To them, it even seemed like he had completely lost his composure!

This was the first time they had seen their father like this. Where had the composed, serious man gone—the father who was strict with his subordinate Beast Tamers and their Pet Beasts, the one called Cold-faced Yama by the rest of the troop? With this current anxious demeanor, he probably wasn't even this frantic when he married their mother, right? Was that Wanmu Wolf really so powerful?

At this moment, the two brothers couldn't help but think of that Forest Wolf Evolver, the one that seemed to have a Kylin's horn. Their hearts pounded!

However, the Evolutionary Body was one thing, but had their father forgotten something else? Their visit this time wasn't to discuss this, was it? It was to find a way to cultivate the Heart of Woods for their Forest Wolf Pet Beasts!

Clearly, the Zhang Family Brothers' silent complaints were not unfounded.

Because Commander Zhang Lie, head of the Forest Wolf Troop, had even forgotten his two sons were still sitting there. After a hurried exchange with Su Ping, he dashed out the door.

As he ran, he pulled out his phone and made a call, "Hello, Sir! I've found an incredible Breeder!"

Chapter 96: Wanmu Wolf's First Training Session!

After glancing at Zhang Lie, who had left in a hurry, and then at the somewhat embarrassed Zhang Family Brothers sitting on the sofa, Su Ping smiled slightly, "It's okay, Captain Zhang has the responsibility of defending the people and the Dragon Nation. It is natural that he might neglect his personal affairs in favor of the greater good."

The Zhang Family Brothers gave Su Ping a slightly strange look. Although the words were meant as comfort, coming from Su Ping, they sounded a bit odd; but after all these years, they were used to it. The awkwardness was purely because they felt somewhat embarrassed towards Su Ping.

However, Su Ping understood this, so he continued, "So, don't worry, you guys can come back anytime when you're free."

The two brothers breathed a sigh of relief and left, feeling helpless.

Watching the brothers walk away, Su Ping then continued to ponder the recent events.

Cooperation with the Beast Tamer Legion?

A month ago, the Legion, the Beast Master Association, and the Breeder Association were all things far beyond his reach. A month later, as he had become a true Beast Tamer and awakened the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas, these things were getting closer to him, even proactively approaching him. Most importantly, one of his wishes and goals was also being fulfilled.

That day, Su Ping felt as if he were in a dream. Everything seemed so unreal.

But after leaving the guest room and returning to the forest area, Su Ping, looking at Old Sha surrounded by the Forest Wolf pack, unconsciously revealed a hint of a smile in his eyes.

"AWOO!"

Feeling Su Ping's return, the wolf pack quickly approached him, surrounding him completely.

Old Sha's body had grown a size larger than before, and its appearance had changed significantly. However, its gaze towards Su Ping was still as familiar as ever. Compared to before, its tongue was no longer that moist but had the texture of tree fruit, making it somewhat difficult for Su Ping to handle its licks.

Nevertheless, Su Ping did not slack off because of this. The evolution of the Wanmu Wolf might seem complete, but in reality, there was one last important phase to go. In the coming days, Old Sha had to not only move and adapt to fighting as a Wanmu Wolf but also undergo other training methods.

"Old Sha! Are you ready to undergo the first training session as a Wanmu Wolf!?"

"AWOO!"

「Ten minutes later.」

Su Ping sat on the lawn, with Xiao Qing lying on his chest. In front of him were several distinct groups. Fifty Forest Wolves were neatly organized into groups of ten. In front of these groups of Forest Wolves, there were five large wooden barrels! Inside the barrels were heaps of the Forest Wolves' favorite meal: tree fruit.

Old Sha's gaze turned incredibly sharp, with a seriousness it had never shown before.

Worthy indeed of the young master who enabled its evolution! It hadn't expected that the training tailored for it would start so soon after its evolution!

Old Sha slowly exhaled. The Y-shaped branches on its head shook slightly, its gaze firmly fixed on those fifty Forest Wolves.

Is the young master expecting it to defeat these little ones as swiftly as possible? Hmph! The young master really underestimates me!

Although Old Sha was serious, it had gained a deeper understanding of its own strength. Not to mention the significant difference in their Great Realms now!

With such a gap, even if it hadn't completed its evolution, it could still thrash these little ones without them having any idea what hit them!

However, just as Old Sha was poised to act, Su Ping finally spoke, "Old Sha, these wooden barrels contain tree fruits of varying quantities!"

"AWOO! Hmm, are these the spoils of war?"

"

Old Sha looked at those tree fruits, its mouth watering as well. Although it had photosynthesis and didn't require much food, it hadn't tasted tree fruits for quite some days.

"Now, in front of you, there are exactly fifty Forest Wolves; among them, sixteen are Elite Level and thirty-four are Ordinary Level!"

"AWOO! Understood, I'll show these little guys how formidable I am!"

Old Sha was brimming with confidence.

"Now, the Ordinary Level Forest Wolves will receive two tree fruits each, and the Elite Level Forest Wolves will receive five each."

"AWOO? Divide?"

Old Sha looked at Su Ping with suspicion. Weren't these spoils of war? Why divide them directly?

"There are five buckets in total, each with a different number of tree fruits. Also, the number of Elite and Ordinary Level wolves varies among the different Forest Wolf squads!"

"So, you need to distribute the tree fruits from these five buckets as quickly as possible. According to the earlier requirement, you must place them into the five Forest Wolf squads, ensuring each wolf gets the correct number of tree fruits!"

"AWOO?"

Old Sha looked puzzledly at Su Ping, who was sitting on the lawn with a serious and earnest appearance, and once again questioned its wolf life.

Is this... the young master's special advanced training for the Ten Thousand Wood Wolf Evolution? Isn't it about combat? Isn't it about defeating these little ones as fast as possible?

Old Sha looked at the tree fruits in the buckets and at the five different squads of Forest Wolves, sorted by Level, and for a moment, couldn't wrap its head around it.

It was somewhat stumped, but when it saw its young master's gaze turning stern, it let out a pained howl. Recalling the rules Su Ping had just explained, it started on the special training.

Old Sha first approached the foremost squad of Wolf Pets, casting a glance over them.

Three Elite Level, seven Ordinary Level. According to what the young master had just said, Elite Level get five tree fruits each, Ordinary Level two. And so...

Old Sha looked at its paws.

Four toes on the front paws, one on the hind paw... three Elite Level, eating five tree fruits each means one Elite Level Forest Wolf eats one paw's worth of tree fruits...

Soon, Old Sha became confused because it realized that the toes on its four legs were not enough to count with!

Three Elite Level Forest Wolves would consume the toes of three paws, the Ordinary Level...

After ten minutes, with eyes red-rimmed, Old Sha squeezed out two tears from the corners of its eyes. This first Ten Thousand Wood Wolf Evolution, which just moments ago resembled a majestic Kylin after completing its evolution, no longer appeared tall and mighty. Instead, it lay on the grass, paws up in the air. Those colorless pupils stared at the four paws raised to the sky.

Damn it! Why does a wolf only have four paws?! Why does each paw only have five toes?! Why didn't the Wanmu Wolf's evolution give it a few extra toes?!

However, thankfully, after racking its brains, Old Sha finally caught on. With a sudden movement, it stood up from the ground, and the next moment, coiled branches appeared from the ground.

It might not have enough toes, but it could use branches as substitutes!

Unfortunately, just as this 'cheating' move was about to start, Su Ping spoke up from not too far away, "No using Skills allowed, only calculation in your head is permitted!"

"AWOO..."

A woeful wolf howl resounded above the Heart of Woods.

Probably no one would have imagined that this first Wanmu Wolf of its kind, which anyone would naturally treasure and coddle upon its appearance, would undergo mathematical permutations and combinations as its very first training.

Chapter 97: Dad Coming Home Tomorrow?

Watching Old Sha's agony, Su Ping was not the slightest bit inclined to compromise or accommodate; he was resolute in carrying out the training plan!

Not just for Old Sha. In the future, upon the creation of new Wanmu Wolves, after completing their Evolution, every single one of them would have to engage in strenuous mathematical operations and bodily recovery.

As the Breeder who had thoroughly perfected the Evolution method for the Wanmu Wolf, Su Ping had also identified the risks and harms of the woodification process in the past few days. Not to mention, after the Wanmu Wolf had completed its Evolution, it would gain a Skill called 'Mutation: Wood Body'. They could freely maintain both animal and plant forms.

Previously, when Old Sha maintained a plant state, the transmission of thought and reaction was quite stiff. If one were to give an example, it was somewhat like a patient in my previous life who initially showed symptoms of a cerebral infarction. Although this condition was completely reversed after the

Evolution was completed, Su Ping still had to ensure that nothing could go wrong. Of course, cerebral infarctions might fundamentally differ from woodification, but physical activity and brain function would undoubtedly decrease the probability of woodification.

Even though these combinations and permutations of basic math problems were already very difficult for Old Sha, Su Ping showed no intention of easing the difficulty.

At this moment, Xiao Qing let out a soft howl.

Su Ping naturally understood what this little fellow meant. Compared to the others, my first Soul Contract Pet Beast seemed to lack presence. Old Sha is now the Wolf King of the Forest Wolf pack and a family member who has been with me for many years. The Paperman is the designated second Pet Beast, bound to the mysteries of the Secret Realm. On the other hand, even though Xiao Qing is a Poison Type Mutation, it's precisely because of this reason that many of the normal Forest Wolf Cultivation techniques can't be directly applied to her. Yet, my affection for Xiao Qing is no different. After all, in this world, a Soul Contract is an even more solid relationship and bond than blood relations. It's just that, as for the corresponding training and Evolution research for Xiao Qing, not to mention making any progress, I haven't even found the right direction.

"Don't worry, you will become as strong as Old Sha in the future, or even stronger!"

"AWOO!"

Xiao Qing responded naively. In those green, shiny eyes was an absolute affirmation of trust in her master.

The day drew to a close, along with the training and Evolution. Finally, after Su Ping had spent the entire day busy, recording the specific evolutionary steps of the Wanmu Wolf in his notebook, he washed up and lay comfortably on his bed.

Despite the exhaustion from the hard work, Su Ping was not at all sleepy; instead, his brain was extremely excited. He had now reached the regular tenth Level and was on the verge of breaking through to the Elite Level, but Su Ping was in no mood for meditation. The experience of the day was too dreamlike. The long-anticipated Evolution has finally been completed.

In his excitement, Su Ping also felt a touch of loneliness. I really want to share this joy with someone right now. The first person Su Ping thought of was undoubtedly his unreliable father. He checked and, to his surprise, Su Anyong's avatar was lit up, clearly indicating he was online.

[Su Ping: You there?]

This time, his father's response was unexpectedly quick, catching Su Ping off guard.

[Su Anyong: ?]

[Su Anyong: Something happened at home?]

[Su Ping: ?]

[Su Ping: Do I seem as unreliable as you?]

[Su Anyong: ?]

[Su Anyong: Looks like it. Let's get one thing straight first—if it's over twenty million, you're on your own.]

Su Ping couldn't be bothered to play guessing games with Su Anyong. The best way to impress Dad is always to be direct.

[Su Ping: But something huge happened! You'll never guess!]

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After waiting for a while, his father didn't ask any further questions. Instead, he remained silent, obviously waiting for Su Ping to speak.

Lying in bed, Su Ping could even imagine his father's "I've already seen through you" expression, making him feel helpless. So, after waiting three minutes, Su Ping couldn't hold it in anymore and sent Su Anyong a message:

[Su Ping: Old Sha Evolved!]

As expected, Su Anyong had been waiting for Su Ping's message. The moment it appeared, he replied immediately. His reply was as succinct as ever:

[Su Anyong: ?]

[Su Ping: I Evolved Old Sha! Awesome, right?]

[Su Anyong: ?]

[Su Anyong: Is Old Sha okay?]

[Su Ping: ?]

[Su Ping: What do you mean? You don't believe me?]

[Su Anyong: I believe you! Whatever my son says is true. So, Master Su Da, what is Old Sha's Evolutionary Body? A Forest Wolf?]

[Su Ping: The Wanmu Wolf! A brand new species that no one has ever achieved through Evolution before. Your son perfected it! Awesome, right!?!]

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This time, Su Ping waited several more minutes, but no messages came through. Just as Su Ping was about to ask again, Su Anyong's belated message finally arrived:

[Su Anyong: Son, I admit I was wrong this time, but I had no choice! Your Second Grandpa was really pressuring me...]

[Su Anyong: I had a feeling you were acting odd that day. Have you been under a lot of pressure recently? All that talk about our Jianghai Province facility being the biggest Forest Wolf breeding center in the Dragon Nation was just an excuse to get you to come home.]

[Su Anyong: It's not necessary! No matter what, our family has some savings. If worse comes to worst, we can sell the Heart of Woods and get out of this business. We'd have enough for both of us to live worry-free for the rest of our lives.]

[Su Anyong: Of course, if you really do have some problem, this money can help me find you a good medical Beast Tamer, or even a Beast Tamer specializing in mental health. I'd go bankrupt if it meant getting you the treatment you need!]

[Su Anyong: I know you're not too satisfied with your Beast Taming Talent, but Talent isn't the only thing that influences a Beast Tamer's future, right? Besides, Talents can change too, can't they?]

[Su Anyong: So, don't feel so much pressure! Really, if we can continue on this Breeder path, we will. If not, it's not worth getting so worked up over.]

[Su Anyong: ^^]

And to think, in all these years, this is the first time I've felt what could be called fatherly warmth and concern from Dad. These words... if it were any other time, or if I really were sick, anyone reading them would acknowledge Su Anyong as a competent father.

Unfortunately, the more Su Ping read, the deeper the lines on his forehead became.

[Su Ping: I'm not sick! The Heart of Woods and the Wanmu Wolf are real!]

Silence ensued for another five minutes, nearly lulling Su Ping to sleep on his bed.

[Su Anyong: Good, good, as long as you're not sick, that's all that matters! If you're not sick, I can thrash you with a clear conscience!]

[Su Anyong: The perfected Heart of Woods and this Wanmu Wolf, you say?]

[Su Anyong: You little brat, pulling my leg! Just wait till I get home tomorrow, I'll show you how 'Bamboo Shoots Stir-fried with Pork' is really made!]

Su Ping had no desire to explain any further, so he simply turned off his phone and decided to sleep.

But then he suddenly sat bolt upright, startled.

Dad's coming home tomorrow?

#### Chapter 98: The Great Military Competition! The Prodigal Father!

Jianghai, in the easternmost part of Linzhou, adjoins the vast West Dragon Lake but lies hidden within a secluded expanse of mountains and forest. This area is considered the outermost region of Linzhou. It doesn't fall within any urban zone and is rarely visited. However, within these mountains and forests, lies a sprawling complex of imposing buildings. High walls and specialized partitions, deep within this primeval forest, clearly indicated the nature of this place. This is a massive Legion base. Although near West Dragon Lake, as a land-based Legion base, it primarily serves as the station for two Jianghai Province land army Legions. Among them was, undoubtedly, the Forest Wolf Land Army.

Within the base, at the command center of War Wolf Division A, two figures were gathered. Judging by their ranks, they were clearly high-ranking officers of War Wolf Division A.

A man in his forties, frowning slightly, sat in a large chair in the center of the room, looking at Zhang Lie before him:

"A kid the same age as your son? A brand-new Forest Wolf Evolver? Heart of Woods?"

The man smacked his lips. "Old Zhang, you hurried back from Linzhou just to tell me you've found such an extraordinary Genius Breeder?"

Clearly, the cautious man standing before him was Zhang Lie, who had appeared at the Heart of Wood Cultivation Base yesterday. After seeing the Wanmu Wolf Evolutionary Body, the leader of the Forest Wolf Troop had barely paused before immediately returning to the Legion. And he had reported the matter to the officer before him.

The man didn't doubt Zhang Lie. He had been Zhang Lie's squad leader when Zhang Lie first enlisted as a raw recruit, so he knew his character well. Zhang Lie wouldn't lie or spout nonsense about such matters. This was also why, after the Forest Wolf Troop had suffered a significant defeat in an exercise against Division C's Rock Tiger Troop, he had been lenient. If any other troop leader had been responsible, he wouldn't have hesitated to, figuratively speaking, throw them to the pigs, or something nearly as severe. But since it was his old comrade, he had only made him write a self-criticism report and, incidentally, instructed him to learn from the experiences of their brother division.

The War Wolf Division specialized in Beast Tamer corps that used Wolf Pets as their primary force within the army. For an army Legion, only a few types of Pet Beasts were suitable, and Wolf Pets were undoubtedly among the most outstanding. They are highly obedient and disciplined. Therefore, Wolf Pet Beast Tamers were the most numerous type of Beast Tamers in the army's land-based corps. Such Wolf Pet Breeders were needed not only by the outside world but even more so internally by the Legion.

However, despite his trust, this all sounded a bit far-fetched, didn't it?!

A kid about the same age as his son, a Breeder? Not only had he cultivated the rare and precious Wood Heart Skill, but he had even developed a new Evolutionary Body. Do you even know what you're talking about, Zhang Lie?

Nevertheless, he knew a thing or two about this soldier who had always followed him and said with a slight frown, "You're a Troop Leader now, with decision-making power over certain matters. I can tell you the truth right now; this isn't a simple issue. General Zhao himself has been dissatisfied for years with the worsening state of talent cultivation within the Legion, and now he sees an opportunity for change. So, in fact, it's not just your Forest Wolf Troop. The entire Forest Wolf Land Army—our division and others—will also be conducting elite cultivation, encompassing Evolutionary Bodies and Cultivation Skills. Moreover, when the time comes, the Legion will hold a grand competition based on the results of

the elite squads' cultivation. Not only I and the other division commanders, but several generals, including General Zhao himself, will be there to observe!"

With that said, the man needed not say more, as he had made himself quite clear. If the Forest Wolf Troop still finished last in the grand competition, it wouldn't just be a humiliation within the division. The entire Legion would know that War Wolf Division A's Forest Wolf Troop was nothing but a bunch of losers! It could even lead to a reassessment at the command center regarding whether the Forest Wolf Pet Beast is still suitable as a main combat Pet Beast for an army Legion-level unit. This could reduce the required number of enlistees. Perhaps in a few years, the Forest Wolf Troop might even be downgraded to the Forest Wolf Company. The consequences of such an outcome would be unimaginable and unbearable!

Upon hearing this, even Zhang Lie was slightly startled; he had not realized the situation was so grave. However, the image of what he had witnessed yesterday at the small Heart of Wood Cultivation Base emerged in his mind once again: the Wanmu Wolf that could summon the jungle, moving unseen within it, terrifyingly formidable.

Zhang Lie gritted his teeth. "Chief, around when will the grand competition begin?"

"This time, it's not a large-scale competition but one for elite teams. However, these won't be the usual ten-member squads, but five-member tactical squads. Therefore, the cultivation period won't be long. It will start in two months, coinciding with the new recruit enlistment! The announcement will be made throughout the entire Legion in two days! I'm telling you this in advance so you can get a head start on preparations!"

After a pause, the man continued, "Simultaneously, the highest Level for the cultivated tactical squad elites must not exceed the Commanding Rank. If they reach Monarch Level, the elite squad cultivation loses its comparative value. Additionally, each Beast Tamer can only summon and use one Pet Beast to fully demonstrate the combat effectiveness of this elite cultivation."

Two months, huh!

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Zhang Lie pursed his lips slightly. In such a short amount of time, he could probably only ask one Breeder to carry out the Cultivation.

Then, could that little guy do it?

However, it was obvious that in this situation, finding another Breeder wouldn't be easy for Zhang Lie.

So, he gritted his teeth and nodded. "Alright! Then, Commander, what about the payment from their side?"

"You can negotiate that. The Cultivation costs can be exchanged for an equivalent amount of Battle Merit Points! Of course, our Legion can't take advantage of them. It's acceptable to give a little extra with Battle Merit Points!

In any case, General Zhao supports it this time. I daren't speak of other follow-ups, but the Cultivation of this elite group of five is definitely no problem!

Even more so, there was some buzz this time: according to the Breeder's Ability and the final ranking in the martial competition, a few honorary military titles would be released!"

Hearing the last sentence, Zhang Lie's pupils slightly contracted.

It seemed there was going to be some major movement from above? Was this small elite Cultivation trial within the division just an appetizer?

With his superior's guarantee, Zhang Lie nodded, said a brief word, then immediately turned and left.

First, he would go to his own regiment, find a few top soldiers—at least at the Elite Peak Level—and then go negotiate terms with that young Breeder Su!

This time's Legion competition was relying on this little ancestor!

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[After spending a whole day in close contact with two Forest Wolves, your Forest Wolf Catalog Experience Points +80.]

[Current Forest Wolf Catalog Experience Points: (1,935/2,000)]

「Inside the airport terminal of Linzhou City.」

Su Ping was checking the feedback from the Myriad Spirit Beast Atlas in his mind with satisfaction while yawning vacantly.

He had been woken up early in the morning by a phone call from his dad, without even having breakfast, and had ended up here.

Obviously, Su Ping had every reason to suspect that Su Anyong had genuinely been scared by him yesterday and had then taken the opportunity to retaliate.

He had been woken at just past six in the morning and hurriedly called to the airport.

But he had ended up sitting there for a full four hours, and it was now almost noon. He had even meditated for a while on the chair, but there was still no word from Su Anyong; even his phone was silent.

Could it be that the plane had an accident?

But that seemed unlikely.

Linzhou, as the capital city of Jianghai Province and one of the central cities in the east, actually had only this one airport.

On Blue Star, in this world of Controlling Beasts, airplanes were no trivial matter.

Moreover, airplanes as a means of transport were beyond what ordinary people could enjoy.

Indeed, the current so-called airport lounge occupied less than even a third of the Breeder Association's area.

Yet even so, there weren't many people here.

That was exactly why.

Even with the Beast Tamer Air Force Legion, it was hard to guarantee absolute safety in the sky.

Flying Pet Beasts frequently appeared in the sky.

Therefore, airplanes weren't things that easily had accidents from minor collisions. They were, in fact, one of the strategic resources.

It was said that every large airplane in the sky was either a Mechanical Pet Beast or a Semi-Mechanical Pet Beast, their Levels far beyond what ordinary people could imagine.

Only in this way could safety be guaranteed when flying.

Because of this, the price of plane tickets was unimaginably expensive.

To travel from Beihai City to Linzhou, an average person would probably have to save for one or two years, forgoing food and drink, just hoping for a discount to afford a single trip. It was a true luxury item.

Of course, it was said that this wasn't even the most expensive and luxurious option.

Even more expensive and luxurious were the 'airplanes' with cultivated space Attributes.

Su Ping had only heard of such things.

Finally, just as Su Ping was preparing to start meditating again, a figure walked over from a distance.

A long cashmere coat with a black and white checkered pattern, intermingled with faint dark gold shades, was clearly made from the wool of the special Pet Beast 'Lucent Gold Sheep,' ensuring both warmth and style. Black sunglasses concealed his eyes, but the lines of his nose and jaw were remarkably sharp and rugged. Combined with his standard build, facial features, and slightly downturned mouth, it was obvious this was a rather handsome middle-aged man.

After scanning the area, the man approached Su Ping, hurriedly took off the coat, removed his sunglasses, and complained directly, "The weather in Linzhou is way too different from Beihai City! Son, take care of this for me—don't wrinkle it, it cost 30,000!"

Su Ping looked speechlessly at his dad, who had been away from home for more than a month. Then, he pretended to look behind him. "Weren't you supposed to find me a stepmom? Where is she? Didn't you bring her back for me to see?"

Su Anyong waved his hand and started walking out on his own. "She was too shy to come. Plus, she thought she should prepare a gift for a first visit, so she decided not to come this time. We can talk about it when we get home."

"Prepare a gift? That's polite, isn't it?"

He really found a stepmom for himself?

Exiting the airport, Su Anyong glanced at his son, who was standing by the roadside ready to hail a taxi, and casually waved his hand. "Why hail a taxi?"

Su Ping turned around. "How else are we supposed to get back? Even though this is a suburban airport, summoning large Pet Beasts for direct riding isn't allowed."

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Su Anyong cracked a slight smile, then a flash of light flickered.

Under the sunlight, a dazzling silver-white reflection appeared before Su Ping's eyes, almost blinding him.

It wasn't just Su Ping; all those coming out of the airport couldn't help but fix their gazes on the object.

"What the fuck?!"

Su Ping blinked, staring at the thing before him, initially at a loss for words. It was a silver-white sports car.

From the awed gasps of the onlookers, one could understand its striking appearance.

And Su Anyong, the center of attention, walked forward, opened the door of the silver-white sports car, and, with everyone watching, put his dark sunglasses on again, looking at Su Ping who still hadn't come to his senses.

"What are you spacing out for? Get in the car!"

It had to be said, although Su Anyong's way of showing off was simple, it was truly and directly effective.

The design of the sports car, and even its slightly hovering base, all proclaimed its value.

The envious, jealous gazes of the passersby and the shocked expression on his son's face clearly pleased Su Anyong.

Su Ping belatedly got into the passenger seat, looking at the smug Su Anyong.

"Is this yours? Where did you get it?"

"What kind of question is that? If it's not mine, is it yours? Cut the crap. \*Super Shadow, home!\*"

The car started. And it even has voice-activated intelligent control? No need for a driver?

"Su Anyong, you haven't done anything outrageous, have you? What kind of rich stepmother could buy you this thing? This has got to be in the tens of millions, right?"

"Country bumpkin!"

With a look of disdain, Su Anyong glanced at his son and then waved his hand.

"Take a look at this: Mechanical Core. Even though it hasn't been successfully activated to become a sentient Mechanical Pet Beast, it's still a genuine intelligent supercar. Tens of millions? The market price is at least two hundred million!"

Su Ping's eyes turned red, and he lunged over, grabbing the old man's throat.

"Old man, is this how you squander money? I've always wanted to buy that extraction compressor and never did, and you spent all that money on this piece of crap?"

"Piece of crap? Buying that compressor would have been the real piece of crap. This car is freaking cool! Just look at these lines, look at the workmanship..."

Su Ping glared at Su Anyong resentfully.

Indeed, he was mistaken. He had actually thought his old man was off doing some serious business. But now, this floating supercar... it didn't look like something acquired through legitimate means.

Meeting his son's gaze, Su Anyong cleared his throat again.

"Alright, this thing has a special and complicated origin. It wasn't bought with money, so rest assured."

"Bullshit! It would be abnormal if it *\*was\** bought with money. Spit it out, what exactly were you up to this time?"

Su Ping scrutinized Su Anyong intensely. Indeed, this thing had a Mechanical Core. It was an autonomous vehicle, requiring no control.

Su Anyong's eyes suddenly turned profound. He took a cigarette out of his pocket, put it in his mouth, lit it, and the car's automatic air ventilation system activated simultaneously.

Seeing Su Ping genuinely curious about this feature, Su Anyong smirked.

"How about that? Isn't it worth every penny?"

Su Ping gave him a sidelong glance.

Su Anyong gave a sheepish chuckle before resuming his profound look, eyeing Su Ping and speaking word by word, "Son, I've actually always had a hidden identity. I'm a very powerful Beast Tamer."

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"This trip to Beihai City wasn't just to find you a stepmother; a big client also sought me out for a major deal! This supercar is their payment! Of course, looking for a stepmother for you wasn't neglected either."

"You? A powerful Beast Tamer? How powerful? Then why are you holed up in a small cultivation center?"

"Naturally, it's to take care of you, my foolish son. As for how strong... maybe just a tiny bit stronger than your grandfather."

Su Anyong blew a smoke ring, his expression one of nonchalance that was nevertheless profoundly deep.

"And now, you've finally come of age, and I can finally rest assured and go finish the things I left undone back then!"

Su Ping's gaze was calm. He nodded.

"I see. I didn't expect Old Su to be someone with a story. Could it be that back then, you were forced by some people, or some circumstances, and that's why you retired to our Heart of Woods..."

"Yes, I didn't expect, Xiao Ping, that you could understand me. If I had known earlier..."

"Understand my ass! You, a powerful Beast Tamer? Why don't you just say you're Haotian Douluo? Don't fucking try that crap on me! Spill it!"

Although he didn't know what Haotian Douluo was, seeing his not-so-clever lie exposed, Su Anyong shrugged sheepishly.

But he soon pulled himself together. "You little brat! Don't push your luck! Questioning me now? I haven't even settled your score yet!"

"My score? What score is there to settle?"

Su Ping blinked, pretending to be clueless.

Su Anyong chuckled coldly, baring his chillingly white teeth.

"I'm telling you, if anything happens to Old Sha, I might not be able to bring myself to kill you, you little rascal, but breaking your legs is definitely on the table. You better remember that!"

Su Ping swallowed, feigning a guilty conscience, and chuckled dryly.

"Old Su, isn't that a bit too harsh?"

Su Anyong chuckled coldly again, this time with an air of certainty, and gave Su Ping an icy stare.

Su Ping seemed to deflate suddenly, whispering, "What if... what I said was true?"

"Heh, if that's the case, I'll call you 'Dad'."

Su Ping looked as if his scheme had succeeded; all pretense vanished, and he smiled.

"Tsk, alright then."

That damn old man! He just took off whenever he pleased, leaving Heart of Woods to me, a fresh graduate. And now he's back, not only inexplicably bringing this sports car but also feeding me such a stupid excuse. Does he think it's still the past? Think I'm an idiot? And now he thinks he's in the right? I told the old geezer before, but he didn't believe me. It made all my attempts to impress him fall flat. In that case, Su Anyong, you can't blame me for what comes next!

Su Ping sneered inwardly.

However, regaining his composure and contemplating the ultra-modern interior of the sports car, along with all the eyes and attention it attracted on the road, Su Ping couldn't help but grin. This thing really is cool. And it suits my temperament perfectly.

He gently caressed its surface; the special metal combined with some unknown type of fine leather texture defined what an Advanced Level feel truly was.

Thus, Su Ping thought for a moment, then under Su Anyong's suspicious gaze, he nodded and said, "Forget about calling me 'Dad'. Just give me this car when the time comes."