

Culinary 83

Chapter 83: Made a Fortune This Time! Let's Call It Dundun!

Lin Xu grew increasingly convinced it was possible. When he left the store, he had checked the points redemption store. At that time, the God of Wealth Divine Artifact was shown as redeemable. The only thing that had changed between leaving the store and now was bringing this cat home.

So... the God of Wealth Divine Artifact priced at 888,888 points in the redemption store was lured away by me just like that?

He hadn't expected that simply feeding a little stray would yield such a reward. He thought back to his failed attempt that afternoon to game the system for points with the cold pig's ear salad.

Lin Xu couldn't help but chuckle to himself.

You won't let me game the system, so I'll just nab a God of Wealth Divine Artifact and bring it home. What a massive win for me!

After his reflection, he suddenly wondered, since I took the God of Wealth Divine Artifact, new items should have refreshed in the special items section, right?

He browsed through the points redemption store. And sure enough, he saw a new item.

[Heartless Iron Hand: Greatly increases the tolerance of the hands to high and low temperatures, redemption price: 888,888]

WOW! This is awesome!

Lin Xu's hands were quite delicate. He hadn't developed any calluses yet and was sensitive to both heat and cold. Since many dishes in the restaurant required flash-frying, it was easy for him to get accidentally burned.

If I could redeem this Heartless Iron Hand, it would probably help a lot. Maybe I could even test the oil temperature with my hand in the fryer like Brother Nao does. Right, I need to work hard and make money. I need to hurry up and redeem this Heartless Iron Hand!

When he arrived at his doorstep, he opened the door and placed the cat on the carpet. The cat looked around before confidently raising its tail and beginning to explore the room.

Lin Xu took out his phone and shot a video of the little guy, posting it to Lin Ji's Food high-end VIP customer group:

"Picked up a stray cat, plan to keep it. Do you guys know what all I need to buy?"

As soon as he posted it, the group chat burst into lively conversation.

Geng Lele: AHHH, so cute! It's so cute I could cry!

Wu Kexin: Bring it to the store tomorrow. It looks so plump I want to cuddle it.

Chen Yan: Brother-in-law, your priority right now is to make money fast to marry my cousin. As for keeping a cat... let me do it for you.

Yue Liyue: Such a chubby cat, can it even catch mice?

Geng Lele: It's so cute, and you still want it to catch mice? Don't you have a conscience?

Yue Liyue: ...

Balding Qiang: How many pet cats these days actually catch mice? It's already good if they don't get scared off by mice... Who changed my group nickname again!!!

The group was lively, but no one there had ever kept a cat, so they didn't know what advice to give.

Just as Lin Xu was about to search on his browser, Shen Jiayue spoke up in the group:

"Such a cute little one!!! Cats need a litter box and cat litter, as that's their toilet. They also need a scratching board and a cat tree for their claws. Moreover, it's best to take a new cat to the pet hospital for a full check-up to prevent any potential illnesses..."

TSK TSK. At crucial times, our classmate Shen is still the most reliable one, Lin Xu thought.

Lin Xu replied, "I'm going to buy those now."

Shen Jiayue sent an emoticon of a kitten digging in cat litter: "I've already bought them for you. The delivery person is picking them up now, so they should arrive in half an hour at most. Oh, right! I'll take the cat to the pet hospital tomorrow morning for a check-up, just in case the little one has any illnesses."

It probably doesn't have any illnesses, Lin Xu mused. After all, this little fellow is a God of Wealth Divine Artifact arranged by the system. But considering it was a stray outside before, a check-up would be appropriate. Just in case there are any parasites like ticks or fleas, this would be a good time to take care of them.

"A check-up is fine, but don't you have to work?"

"I can take a day off; there's not much happening at the office anyway... Oh right, cats usually need to be registered with a name at the pet hospital. What is this cat called?"

What's its name? Lin Xu hadn't really thought about it.

He tentatively suggested, "How about calling it Mimi?"

No sooner had he uttered the name than the group members expressed their disdain.

"Eh, what an outdated name."

"Can't you keep up with the times, Boss Lin?"

Chen Yan suggested, "I think 'Piggy Kitty' is a pretty good name."

Geng Lele immediately jumped in to object, "That name is too insulting! That's an insult to its feline dignity!"

The others also had suggestions, but they either overlapped with the names of internet-famous cats or were too uninspired and old-fashioned.

Shen Jiayue tagged Geng Lele: "You're the smart one, why don't you choose a name?"

Geng Lele agonized for a while before finally proposing a name: "How about... Dundun?"

Dundun?

"That was the name I picked for my younger brother when I was four... However, my parents have been firmly against having a second child to this day, so the name has never been used."

Everyone was speechless. So, the effort invested in the 'main character's' name wasn't a total loss, making her too lazy to come up with one for a 'side character'?

Since nobody else had a better idea, they ultimately decided to call the cat Dundun.

While they were chatting, there was a knock on the door.

"Sir, your delivery has arrived!"

Lin Xu opened the door and saw two delivery people bringing a pile of items: cat litter, a cat bed, cat food, cat bowls, a cat carrier, a cat tree, a scratching board, a litter box, and a cat teaser wand...

WOW! Did she have the entire pet store delivered here!? Lin Xu thought.

Lin Xu moved these items into the room and began unpacking. First, he disinfected the litter box, wiped it clean, then filled it with cat litter. He placed it in a corner of the living room for Dundun to easily use as a toilet. Next, he washed two ceramic cat bowls, using one for food and the other for water. Finally, he took out the cat bed, organized the cat carrier, assembled the cat tree, and set out the scratching board.

All this activity made Lin Xu break out in a sweat.

Meanwhile, Dundun was having the time of its life. One moment it was sharpening its claws on the scratching board, the next it was stretching on the cat tree. It even tasted the cat food, but then contemptuously buried its waste, clearly very picky.

Lin Xu didn't bother with it. He took his change of clothes and went to take a shower.

When he came out, Dundun was already asleep in the cardboard box that the cat bed had come in. Its sleeping posture was still very uninhibited, and it was even purring softly.

The air conditioning in the room was quite cool. Lin Xu, worried the little guy would catch a cold, carefully placed a small blanket over the cardboard box.

「At around four in the morning,」

Lin Xu got up and cleaned the cat litter. Then, he put Dundun into the cat carrier, slung it over his back, and took another litter box and a bag of cat litter to the store.

Since it's a God of Wealth Divine Artifact, it's time for it to demonstrate its wealth-attracting abilities. I also want to see if this highly priced special item is actually worth the points.

He placed Dundun in the store and then rode a shared bicycle to the market to buy groceries. When he returned, he saw several early-rising elderly people gathered at the shop's entrance.

Curious, Lin Xu walked over with his keys, only to discover they were watching Dundun. The little fellow had found a bottle cap from somewhere and was now batting it around playfully on the floor behind the glass door. Its adorable, playful antics made one want to reach out and pet it.

"Young man, is this your shop?"

"What do you sell here?"

"Do you open in the morning?"

"..."

Lin Xu was astonished.

WOW! It started working its magic the moment I brought it to the store! Is this the power of the God of Wealth Divine Artifact?