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## A Day in the Life of a Forest Ranger

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Weather: Sunny

Dear diary,

I set out to patrol the forest of Sichuan province in the morning of April 24, 2020 at 5:00 AM. We needed to bring a GPS tracker, which is a radio-frequency identification device that can be used to track animals in the wild. Along with the GPS tracker, I brought a pair of binoculars, a flashlight and an extra battery for the flashlights.

After separating with the main group, I immediately started looking for signs of pandas around my surroundings. Though no progress at first it was normal for someone with this job to not expect anything at the start. I took my usual route to check and send back the video recording from the infrared camera to our main base for signs of panda activities. As always I was expecting nothing as usual at first but surprisingly the main base contacted me an hour and a half later to tell me about panda activity around my area. I quickly took off and followed the direction of the infrared camera my GPS tracker was pointing at. After a while of cutting through bushes and branches, I could finally catch a glimpse of pandas ahead of me. I slowly approached them so as not to spook them. I could spot a nest with two pandas inside (one female and one male). After many months of searching, it felt as though all of our efforts paid off! I soon contacted the headquarters about our exact location and soon more help came.

I think the day of a ranger is really physically tiresome. It takes lots of effort physically and mentally to handle the job of a ranger. Although it is dangerous in the wild facing the wild animals or even some evil poachers, at the end of the day being able to save an endangered species melts all the hardship away.

As a being sharing this Earth with other living beings, I myself have a duty to preserve the state of our planet. Although I can't do a lot, I believe I can donate to charities that are meant to help researching and protecting wild pandas as a means to help the pandas. It's also important to protect them because they're an endangered species. Panda population has been dramatically reduced in the past century due to habitat destruction, hunting and poaching. China spends about 255 million dollars each year for the protection of pandas. As pandas were considered a national treasure, they have been doing everything in their power for preserving pandas. We should also do everything in our power to protect our Earth. After all, there is only one Earth that we share.