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## **Guardian of the Forest**

I set off to the forest at 6:00 am, so I woke up at 5:00 am to prepare my gear such as Type S6 assault rifle, M20 Tokarev pistol and also a Russian Chicom rig holding three 7.62\*39 mm magazines in magazine pouches. I also brought three magazines for my pistol and also a rucksack with MRE's and water that could last an entire day.

After prepping my gear, my squad mates and I hopped on a pick-up truck and proceeded to the forest. After we arrived, we walked to the pandas we were assigned to guard. Whilst we were guarding, we heard a sudden popping sound in the distance as the tree near the panda was hit and some debris fell down. We instantly turned to the place where the popping sound was made and fired in the direction where the bullets came from. Another member of my team and I flanked the poacher and shot at him. We shot him in the arms and legs, so he could not escape from our grasp. We successfully captured the poacher and brought him to the Chinese police. This job is tough and dangerous but it is worth it.

I think it is important to protect the pandas from poachers, because if they are all wiped out, the rules of nature will become chaotic and unstable. This might even leave other animals that rely on pandas to survive endangered.