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## Life of a Forest Ranger

Dear diary,

In the morning, I woke up before dawn and prepared breakfast. After eating breakfast, I got dressed in my forest ranger gear and for equipment I brought an infrared camera and a machete to get through the forest.

While I was patrolling around the forest, I stopped illegal poachers and checked on infrared camera traps that would be silently triggered as animal passes. Also, I was protecting the wildlife and the landscape.

When I saw the pandas, some of them were sleeping, some were playing with each other and the rest were munching on bamboos. Most of them were baby pandas and they all looked so cute! There was even one who was climbing a tree. As a forest ranger, it is tough and tiring because having to wake up before dawn and patrolling around the forest indeed require a lot of energy.

It's not really dangerous as long as you're careful with what you are doing, but sometimes forest rangers can slip and fall if they aren't careful when patrolling. Moreover, in the forest there are also many wild animals we must be careful of. In the end, it is definitely worth the effort.

I think my work can help preserve the pandas because patrolling against poaching, illegal logging and encroachment can really help them survive longer. Also, the birth rate of pandas is very low, which, combined with habitat loss and poaching, makes the species a special focus of conservation.

It's important to protect pandas from poachers because by protecting pandas we're helping to safeguard the broader environment. Pandas play an important role in the forest ecosystem where they live. Pandas help China's bamboo forests by spreading seeds and helping the vegetation to grow. Pandas themselves are also economically and culturally valuable as they're the national symbol of China and generate significant economic benefits for local communities through ecotourism and other activities.

I do think China has invested a lot of resources preserving pandas. The Chinese government has set 13 panda nature reserve areas and in partnership with WWF (World Wild Fund). It has also developed bamboo corridors to link pockets of forest allowing the pandas within them to move to new areas and find more food and meet potential breeding mates.

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