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Taya was awakened by the noise, and slowly opened her eyes to see an endless expanse of white – a white ceiling, white walls, white floor, and nothing else.

The bright white light from the ceiling was blinding, and as she raised her hand to shield her eyes, she heard the sound of handcuffs moving. She looked over and saw Johnny lying next to her.

Taya pushed Johnny, wondering if he had offended Erebus's people. Johnny had been injected with a much heavier dose of sedatives, and despite her efforts, he didn't react. She looked around the room, which was all white and had two white beds, looking very clean and tidy.

She didn't see any electronic devices as Holden had described, so they must have been hidden somewhere.

She got up from the floor and sat against the wall, waiting quietly for Erebus to announce the rules.

But after waiting for a long time, she realized that no one was coming, and there wasn't even a door. However, to her surprise, Erebus had brought her suitcase into the room as well.

When she saw her suitcase in the corner, she subconsciously touched her stomach. She didn't feel any discomfort from the sedatives, so Erebus's people must have shown mercy towards her.

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She couldn't understand it, but regardless, she was **now** in the place where Griffon had disappeared, and she believed she would see him soon.

She just didn't know what to say to him when she saw him. Should she tell him they finally had a pup, or just say, "Honey, I miss you"?

As she thought about this, she moved her hand from her stomach to the shiny white floor, hoping to see Griffon soon.

Just then, Johnny, who was lying next to her, stirred slightly, pulling her attention back to him. He **was** groaning in pain and holding **his** arm.

Taya moved her hand to touch him, and Johnny opened his eyes to see **her** white **face**. She asked about the key to the handcuffs, and Johnny, still groggy, searched for **it** but only found a gold leaf. He couldn't find the key and was confused as to where **it** had gone.

His handsome face showed a hint of confusion, and his sleepy eyes were filled **with** bewilderment.

"Strange, I remember the key was definitely here, how did **it** disappear?"

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The entrance of the operating platform **is** equipped with gears. that match the gears on the edge of the gold leaf in order to be placed inside.

Taya and Johnny realized that the gaps along the edges of each golden leaf were different, and it turned out to correspond to the entrance.

Johnny touched the console and looked left and right again, finding no problems before nodding to Taya.

Taya took out the golden leaf and inserted it into the entrance **of** the operating platform as instructed.

At the moment of insertion, the gear began to rotate, followed by another electronic sound.

“Identity confirmation successful, inviter number – Group **2**, Group **7**, new player code – Lion”

The electronic sound fell, and the console vomited out the golden leaf again. Taya picked it up and glanced at it. The front of the cash leaf **was** already engraved with the words ‘lion’, and there **was** another small numbered number next to it **-2-7**.

**That was to say**, the person who invited her to Erebus had a code number of **2-7** on Erebus, so they gave the player a new code name based on the other person’s code number, representing that she belongs to the player under the name of

2-7.

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But his laziness seemed dumbassish to Taya.

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She endured impatience and lifted Johnny’s suit jacket to help him find the key.

“You probably didn’t bring the key”

“Impossible”

Johnny furrowed her brows and flipped through the layers and pockets again, but still didn’t find any.

“Someone from Erebus must have taken my keys”

He clenched his fists in anger and said, "These bastards, it's best not to be found by me, otherwise I'll kill each one I see."

Taya frowned and said, "They even brought my box, can't they just take your keys."

"What?"

Johnny looked at Taya with a surprised expression on his face.

**Taya** raised her chin towards him and said, "Over there."

Johnny followed her gaze and happened to see a **box** in the corner.

He couldn't believe it: "Even the box is allowed to come in, **why**

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Apart from the key, everything else on his body was also searched, such as his phone, shrink knife, poison, tracker, and other defensive items, all of which were missing.

Electronic devices would naturally be taken away, Taya didn't care, but if the key to the handcuffs was taken away, wouldn't she have to be tied to Johnny all the time?

Johnny seemed to be aware of this and looked at Taya, who happened to be looking at him. The two of them looked at each other and then moved away.

They leaned against the wall, and after a long silence, Johnny slowly opened his mouth and said, "Do you have a knife in your

box?"

Before entering Erebus, she spilled a pile of cash because of Johnny. After entering Erebus, he lost the key again, causing them to be tied together now.

Taya naturally had resentment and didn't want to talk to him at all, but out of politeness, she responded to him, "No."

Johnny asked again, "Do you have any other tools

Taya glanced impatiently at him and said, "There's nothing, don't ask anymore."

Johnny lowered his eyes and stared at the handcuffs. After a while, he silently said, "I want to go to the restroom."

Taya took a deep breath, suppressed all her emotions, and coldly said, "Hold on."

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speaking and looked around the room, only to find two invisible doors.

Holden once said that Erebus respects the invitee, so there were basically all the necessary physiological equipment available.

Before the game started, he didn't have to worry about what Erebus will do to them. The only thing to worry **about** was how to open this damn handcuff.

He tugged at the steel hard handcuffs and bit them with **his** teeth. Unable to open them, he forcefully pulled Taya to the room to search for tools.

Two invisible rooms next to each other, one was a shower room. and the other was a restroom. Apart from the dazzling white. shower nozzle and toilet, there was nothing, not even a window.

After turning around, Johnny kicked the wall **in** anger and said, "When I find them, I will definitely chop them into meat sauce.

Taya took a deep breath to suppress her anger, "Think of a way to open this first."

Johnny became impatient and said, "If I knew how to open it, wouldn't I even be able to use the restroom?"

Taya was currently a pregnant woman with sensitive emotions. and unable to control her temper. She also sent out her spleen and says, "I don't care, if you don't open this, Don't go to the restroom again."

Speaking of this, Johnny's original needs were suddenly awakened, "Could you please make some sense? It wasn't my

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Taya scolded him, "If it weren't for your bad idea, could we be tied together

Johnny was just about to answer when a mechanical electronic sound suddenly came from the room:

"Dear players, welcome to Erebus. You are requested to place the Golden Leaf on the console and confirm your identity."

The voice fell to the ground, and two entrances similar to inserting bank cards popped up on the wall.

Taya and Johnny temporarily stopped the civil war and walked up to the control desk.

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need to number. Was it true that Erebus's behind the scenes was not just one person, but a group of people, so they needed to divide the numbers and invite the players they want to invite? What was the purpose of doing this?

Just as she was puzzled, Johnny also put the golden leaf inside, and soon an electronic sound came from the console.

“Identity confirmation successful, inviter number – group 1, number 4, player new code – Dumbass”

Johnny remained silent for a moment, took out the ejected golden leaf, confirmed that it was engraved with ‘idiot’, and slowly moved her gaze to the golden leaf in Taya’s hand.

“Why is your code name a lion and mine a Dumbass.”

“It’s probably your inviter who thinks you’re a bit... so.”

“Shit!”

Johnny was so angry that he threw away the golden leaf and angrily looked **up**, searching for the camera everywhere.

“Inviter of group 4, you shit.”

The two groups of people in black sitting in front of the big screen looked at each other and then chuckled softly when they

**saw** this scene.

“Venom, the person you selected matches the code you distributed very well.”

Venom, hidden beneath the mask, was about to speak when he

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two groups of men, number 9, and suddenly got up quickly.

He lightly tapped his finger on his forehead with one hand, looking lazy and casual, but actually feeling thoughtful.

As Johnny angrily cursed **at** the inviter of group 1, number 4, another electronic sound came from the room.

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"Players, please keep your Golden Leaf safe. Golden Leaf needs to be verified for identity in each round of the game."

After being stunned for a few seconds, Johnny bent down helplessly and picked up the thrown goldenleaf again.

"Now we are releasing the game rules. This time Erebus has changed the rules. Firstly, in the game field, only four spaces will be opened temporarily, with nine rounds of games per space. Each round of the game will gradually increase the difficulty starting from choosing between two. Players can only choose a game in one space. Once selected, it cannot be changed. **or** exited, and must continue until the game ends."

"In each round of the game, there are rewards and punishments. There are two options for rewards. The first option accumulates from 5 billion dollars, and the second option is unlimited. The punishment ranges **from** small to large, from birth to death, and the death method is not limited."

"Repeated, players who lose will die."

"Once again, the player who loses will die."

"Please confirm whether you want to continue. For players.

who choose to continue, please put the Golden Leaf back on the

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click Continue, and for players who choose to leave, please also put the Golden Leaf back on the console, click Quit."

"Players who choose to give up, please sign the confidentiality agreement, and Erebus will send someone to escort you safely away."



After listening, Taya and Johnny looked at each other.

“They had changed the rules, this gradually increasing difficulty game had a very low chance of winning. Do you still want to continue?”

Johnny asked Taya, hoping she could consider it clearly. After all, this was not just for fun, but Taya didn't hesitate and put the gold leaf on it, then quickly press the confirm button.

“No matter how difficult it is, I must stay here until I find **him**.”

Her stubbornness infected Johnny, and he also put the golden leaf on it and quickly pressed the confirm button.

After confirming each other, electronic sounds came in

**succession**

“2 groups of player 7, Lions confirmed.”

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1 group of player 4, Dumbass confirmed.”

Taya carefully glanced at Johnny, his face turned black **with** anger, and his clenched fists were secretly exerting force.

“From now **on**, in addition to helping you find him, I also need to find the inviter for Group 4.”

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He wanted to tear off the label of 'Dumbass' and firmly stick it on the inviter!

Taya withdrew her gaze and stared at the control console without saying a word, mainly afraid of setting herself on fire.

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They remained silent and waited for ten minutes before the wall next to the console suddenly separated from the left and right sides, and the external environment of Erebus suddenly appeared in front of them.

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Taya and Johnny saw the door open, took a step forward, and as they were about to step out of the room, two red lines aimed at their forehead.

“Players who have not chosen to leave, please return to your room, otherwise you will be shot immediately.”

Taya’s heart froze and quickly pulled Johnny back a step, the red line on her forehead disappeared in an instant.

“It seems that they are monitoring us.

Johnny swept in the direction of the red line and looked at the eye—catching **wall** in the distance like

a snowy mountain. It was too far away to see where the surveillance was. All she **knew** was that they had already been fully monitored when they stepped into this area.

“Next, pay attention to what they say.”

Taya nodded and the two of them were inside the infrared **range**, surveying the environment outside the room.

There was **a** corridor outside, with rows of neat rooms on both sides, The interior of each room was the same, and the door

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Their room **was** number **9**, opposite them. The door over there was also number 9, and the man inside **was** looking at them in surprise.

“Why are you two people?”

“We came together.”

Taya responded briefly, while Johnny was disdainful. He glanced at the man and moved her gaze directly to room 10 opposite, where there was a middle-aged man in gorgeous attire, his hands in his pockets, looking at them from afar.

He didn't know **why**, at first glance at this man, Johnny had a bad feeling.

Perhaps it was because the man looked too scary, with several terrifying scars on his face, and his eaglelike **sharp** eyes gave him an indescribable sense of ferocity.

The key was that he still stared at Taya, although he couldn't tell what the purpose was. Anyway, the look in his eyes **was** strange and eerie. Taya **was** a bit scared when she saw **it**, and instinctively lowered her head.

However, **in** the moment she lowered her head, a tall and majestic body suddenly blocked in front of her, casting a thick silhouette under the white light. Taya hid beneath this silhouette, avoiding the terrifying gaze of the middle-aged man.

Players in each room were looking at each other's surroundings. and the people in the room, as well as those who chose to **give up**. After seeing the door open, they followed the electronic- sound prompt and quickly stepped out of the room.

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Before they came, most of them didn't know the rules. After receiving the Golden Leaf, they came out of curiosity to see what kind of casino Erebus was. Now, after listening to

he rules and knowing that they would die, they didn't want to gamble their lives, so they chose to leave.

"Hello."

The middle-aged man in room 10 suddenly shouted at Johnny and Taya.

"Why do you stay here, you don't look poor."

Johnny, who protected Taya behind her, raised his eyes and looked coldly at the malicious man in room 10.

"**So** why are you staying here?"

The middle-aged man leaned against the door and spoke calmly.

"I have cancer and I am incurable. Let's see if we can find a miracle here."

"I also have a terminal illness and want to **play** with exciting things before I die."

**The** topic seemed to open **up** like **this**, and Taya and the room next door also began to hear voices.

"I lost all **my** wealth and came to get a huge bonus."

"I just love gambling, and whenever it's an exciting casino, **I'll** give it a try."

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"I am wanted for murder, and if I go back, I will also die. It's better to choose an interesting way to die."

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"I offended a boss, and if I go out, I will be pursued and killed."

So, the people who came here were either wealthy individuals. with terminal illnesses seeking stimulation, gamblers on the brink of death, or murderers. There were basically no normal people, except Taya and Johnny.

As the group chattered and discussed, the door of the room. closed again, indicating that the person who had chosen to give up had left.

The people sitting behind the scenes, seeing their chosen inviter choose to give up, threw away their signs one after another.

“It’s really useless. I lost before I even started.”

“I have advised you to invite more people, so that the odds are lower.”

“But the chips are bigger, I don’t want these bastards to win over my things.”

“You have always been cautious in your actions.”

When group 1 and group 2 were talking with each other in black, a female voice suddenly sounded.

“Where is Cobra from Group 2?”

The two groups of people immediately stopped joking and looked at the position of Group 2, 9th, empty.

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At the same time, Taya’s console suddenly popped up a note of **paper.**

The font above was printed, with a few words printed on it: ‘Get **out** of here’.

**Taya** furrowed her brow slowly. Who asked her to leave?

Johnny saw the note and seemed to have guessed something. He quickly grabbed it and stuffed it into his pants pocket.

As soon as he inserted it, a three-dimensional mechanical male voice suddenly sounded from the behind the scenes console.

Room 9's surveillance screen suddenly goes black. Who was operating in the dark

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The people in black remained silent and looked towards positions 2-9.

Room 9 was in charge of Venom's people

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The first group of black clad people were about to say that Cobra from the second group was missing when they were interrupted by a female voice.

The female voice, clearly trying to protect 2-9, intentionally shifted the blame onto Venom.

Venom didn't say a word, only gave the other person a cold glance.

"Venom, please have your people immediately go to the detention room and be investigated."

The mechanical sound disappeared, Venom put down his overlapping long legs, got up and walked down from a high position, pausing slightly for a moment as he crossed positions.

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The commanding aura is quite intimidating, but the woman in position 2-7 is wearing her hands around her chest, looking forward without even raising her head.

“You wait.”

Venom dropped this, stepped down the **steps**, and walked

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As the two passed by, they glanced at each other.

“You are one step late.”

The program on the Erebus console was difficult to decipher, and although Cobra was a bit late, he was quite capable.

At least he could turn off the surveillance screen of the player room, even if the time was short.

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The man named Cobra didn't pay any attention to Venom and walked back to the viewing area.

Venom turned around and stared at Cobra's tall figure, narrowing his eyes slightly under the mask

He stood for a while and arrived at the program room. After successfully verifying his palm print and iris, the door of the program room opened.

He went in and asked the person in black who was responsible for the program in Room 9 to immediately go to the detention room and then return the same way.

At the same turning point, Cobra was standing there waiting for him.

Upon seeing it, Venom walked slowly over without speaking first.

The other party doesn't intend to make him speak, just say a few words.

"Go down there."

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Cobra's voice was very low and his words were concise, but Venom knew what he was saying.

He looked up at the surveillance and tapped the Morse code with his fingers on the side of his pants.

"The game has started, and none of us have permission to continue unless we crack the 1-1 program."

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Cobra seemed to understand the message he was conveying and wanted to ask anything else.

Venom instinctively glanced at him and then glanced up towards the surveillance direction.

Cobra understood, nodded at him, turned straight around, and quickly left

Venom stared at his back and slowly curled up the corner of his lips. If this kid were in Group 1, it would be great.

In room 9, Taya stared at Johnny, while the other person shook his head and signaled her not to speak.



Realizing that they were under surveillance, she stopped speaking and instead began to wonder in her mind who had made her leave?

The only possibility that came to her mind was Griffon and Zack.

But they came in **as** players and would only be controlled by Erebus, unable to become Erebus's manipulators.

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However, no matter who it was, this note was passed on too late. She had already confirmed it and couldn't leave again.

As Taya pondered, the electronic sound rang again:

"Players who stay, please start selecting the game area.

Electronic sound drops, and on the wall next to it, an electronic screen appears, displaying game introductions in four areas,

Taya and Johnny are still handcuffed together, so they must have chosen the same area, but which area should they choose?

Pup period, youth, middle age, old age, the names of these spaces are quite casual.

"Could it be the difficulty level of the corresponding game?"

"So let's choose by name, Pup period space. It feels simpler, should we choose this?"

Taya pointed to the lower right corner plate while soliciting Johnny's opinion.

"In old age, actions are already very slow, and intelligence is also deteriorating. Perhaps the space for old age is simpler."

**Taya** thought for a moment and felt that Johnny was also right.

Then choose old age.

After the two had finalized, simultaneously click on the confirmation button at the bottom of the screen.

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About a few minutes later, the electronic sound rang again.

Pup period space, difficulty two stars.

Youth space, three stars in difficulty.

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Middle age space, difficulty four stars.

Old **age** space, difficulty level five stars.

Taya slowly lifted her cold eyes and looked **at** Johnny.

The other party quickly moved away after touching her line of sight.

“Next time you ask me to choose anything, I won’t choose **it**.”

“Do you think there’s another chance?”

They picked the most difficult one as soon as they came **up**, and it’s not certain if they can survive nine rounds of the game.

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Johnny lowered his head and apologized to her in a low voice.

“Sorry old **age**

**Taya** wanted to complain, but when she touched his gaze, she suddenly thought of Griff on.

Every time he did something wrong, he always kept a low voice and apologized to her.

She didn't say anything in the end, just glanced at him and continued to stare at the control console.

"Now, players, please go to the selected area."

The electronic sound disappeared, and the door reopened. However, after opening it this time, it was not the scene we had just seen, but an upward staircase.

**The** white light, projected from above the four stairs, resembled the intersection of heaven.

"Players, please come to the selected area within one minute."

"Those who do not **arrive** on time will be shot."

"Repeat, those who do not arrive on time will be shot."

Now let's start the countdown, 60, 59, 58."

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They quickly took a step and walked towards the stairs, taking a total of four turns, equivalent to crossing the space of Pup period, youth, and middle **age** and directly entering the elderly space.

When they arrived at the fourth floor, many people had already arrived, about ten of whom were chatting with each other.

One of them was a richly dressed Scar Man, who raised his eyebrows slightly when he saw the two of them coming up.

“Why are you two still wearing handcuffs?”

This statement attracted other players, and everyone turned to **Taya** and Johnny.

“You’re not supposed to be tied up, are you?”

“Isn’t this game a voluntary participation?”

Johnny was used to being arrogant and lazy to talk to these people.

Taya, on **the** other hand, was cold and standing aside.

A few men suddenly lit up their eyes when they saw Taya’s face and figure.

“Hello, beautiful, have you have been kidnapped by this man?”

Taya remained silent.

“Hey, **you** look quite proud, I don’t know how it feels to play- with you.”

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foot and aiming it at the man’s lower body, kicking him hard.

“Ah –.”

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The man who was kicked off guard suddenly covered his lower body in pain and fell to the ground, howling loudly.

“Clean your mouth.”

After Johnny finished warning, he kicked him hard a **few** more times until he kicked the other person to beg for mercy, and then he stopped kicking.

Other players, seeing Johnny's irritable temper, settled down and dared not look at Taya with colored glasses again.

Taya, on the other hand, raised her eyes to Johnny, who was dragging her, and suddenly felt his back gradually becoming more majestic.

"Thank you."

"So you're not angry with me anymore?"

Johnny lowered her fan-shaped thick eyelashes and stared into Taya's eyes, shining with a sparkling anticipation.

Taya nodded lightly.

Johnny saw that she was no longer angry and curled her lips, revealing a happy smile.

"Dear players."

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At the moment when the electronic audio system started, the originally empty floor slowly rose to the four grid game hall.

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"Each game hall has three positions, with a square white table in front of them."

"Across the table, there is a square red table."

"There are four game halls that appear in front of you now. Please choose your own game location."

Taya and Johnny, before taking a step, the people next to them rushed to seize the good seats.

After being snatched by this group of people, only Game Hall 4 remained.

Taya and Johnny looked at each other and walked over, while Scar Man followed their steps.

Johnny had just stood in position when she saw Scar Man following her and instinctively furrowed her brow.

“What are you doing with us?”

The Scar Man spread out his palm.

“There are only twelve people in total, four game halls, each with three positions. I don’t have to choose anymore.”

Johnny was speechless and could only guard against him, as their positions were quite close together.

Johnny remained twelve percent vigilant, and Taya also rose to

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After all, in such a place, the heart of guarding against people was indispensable.

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After the players had selected their respective positions, the mechanical sound sounded again:

“Please insert the invitation card into the console and confirm your identity.”

There were **two** small openings on the desktop, and the console popped up. Johnny stared at the console, some of whom didn’t want to insert a card.

“Please insert the card within five seconds. Those who have not completed it will be shot.”

After a curse in her heart, Johnny took out the golden leaf and inserted it into the console.

"The player with the code name 'Dumbass' has been confirmed."

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The Scar Man next to him, hearing his code name, immediately laughed back and forth.

"Did you offend the inviter **by** giving **you a** stupid code name?"

Johnny clenched her fists and stared at the scar man who laughed until his stomach hurt.

"Shut **up**."

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Johnny **was** so angry that he swung his fists and rushed towards him. Scar Man quickly retreated a stepback.

"I won't laugh anymore."

The Scar Man raised his hands to surrender, and Johnny turned. to face the control console, holdingback the raging anger.

Taya carefully glanced at Johnny, but she wasn't worried that Johnny would get angry because of thecode name.

But she didn't expect Erebus to start the game directly after publishing the rules, and during this time,she didn't know how much time it would take, nor did she know if Johnny could resist the urge to go tothe bathroom.

However, Johnny, who was extremely angry, had long forgotten about wanting to go to the restroom and now wished to catch Group 1, Group 4, and vent his anger.

When they each had their thoughts in mind, the mechanical sound of the fourth floor space echoed again:

“Players, before the first round of the game begins, I’ll release the game’s win or loss mechanism.”

“Rewards for the first round of the game: first option, 5 billion dollars **bonus**, second option, running a horse.”

When playing electronic music, the clean and tidy desktop becomes a screen, displaying bonuses and horse racing videos.

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Taya still didn’t understand what running a horse was. After seeing the video, she quickly moved her eyes **away** and looked at Johnny.

He was expressionless, staring at the group of naked women dancing on horseback, as if he didn’t feel anything about it.

The Scar Man next to **him** was just like the men in other game halls, excited and whistling, only Taya couldn’t adapt and lowered her head.

“Am I not the only female player here?”

“Then you can choose a bonus after you win.”

Before Johnny could answer Taya’s question, he was interrupted by the Scar Man.

“How do you know she will win?”

Taya couldn’t help but ask Scar Man, who was quite elegant and spread out her palm.



When she looked suspiciously at Sear Man, the screen image disappeared and slowly presented other images, while the electronic sound reappeared.

“The punishment for **the** first round of the game will be for our robot Mech X to remove one arm from the player.”

The screen demonstrated how the robot Mech X could instantly tear **off** a player’s arm.

Taya moved her gaze away from the screen and looked at the red

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If these players made the wrong choice, the robots behind the red gate would come out and take off their arms.

It wasn’t until this moment that these players felt nervous.

But Erebus didn’t give any players a chance to buffer and started the game directly.

“First round of game starts now.”

After the mechanical sound was played, the screen on the desktop faded and four black boxes quickly popped up.

“The question for the first round of the game, which box is the apple in?”

“Players, please make a choice and press the number keys to confirm.”

“Players who have not made a choice within five minutes will automatically admit defeat.”

Players who heard the rules clearly took a step forward and stared at the square box.

“The number keys **are** located above the black square box. After making a selection, press the number keys above **to** confirm.”

After the game started, the entire game **hall** was constantly surrounded by the ticking countdown sound.

**In** this urgent environment, everyone began to be cautious.

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At the same time, mechanical sounds **also** sounded in the behind the scenes viewing area:

“Please start betting.”

The black clad people sitting on the luxurious sofa all picked up their hands to bid the money to the invitee.

After Venom placed his bet on the invited player ‘Dumbass’ and ‘Scar’, he looked towards positions 2-9.

Cobra, who was sitting straight on the sofa, didn’t make **any** movement, just stared at **the** screen.

Venom stared at him for a moment, then slowly moved his gaze away and repositioned it on the bigscreen.

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Taya carefully glanced at Johnny, but she wasn’t worried that Johnny would get angry because of the code name.

But she didn't expect Erebus to start the game directly after publishing the rules, and during this time, she didn't know how much time it would take, nor did she know if Johnny could resist the urge to go to the bathroom.

However, Johnny, who was extremely angry, had long forgotten about wanting to go to the restroom and now wished to catch Group 1, Group 4, and vent his anger.

When they each had their thoughts in mind, the mechanical sound of the fourth floor space echoed again:

"Players, before the first round of the game begins, I'll release the game's win or loss mechanism."

"Rewards for the first round of the game: first option, 5 billion dollars **bonus**, second option, running a horse."

When playing electronic music, the clean and tidy desktop becomes a screen, displaying bonuses and horse racing videos.

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Taya still didn't understand what running a horse was. After seeing the video, she quickly moved her eyes **away** and looked at Johnny.

He was expressionless, staring at the group of naked women dancing on horseback, as if he didn't feel anything about it.

The Scar Man next to **him** was just like the men in other game halls, excited and whistling, only Taya couldn't adapt and lowered her head.

"Am I not the only female player here?"

"Then you can choose a bonus after you win."

Before Johnny could answer Taya's question, he was interrupted by the Scar Man.

“How do you know she will win?”

Taya couldn't help but ask Scar Man, who was quite elegant and spread out her palm.

When she looked suspiciously at Sear Man, the screen image disappeared and slowly presented other images, while the electronic sound reappeared.

“The punishment for **the** first round of the game will be for our robot Mech X to remove one arm from the player.”

The screen demonstrated how the robot Mech X could instantly tear **off** a player's arm.

Taya moved her gaze away from the screen and looked at the red

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If these players made the wrong choice, the robots behind the red gate would come out and take off their arms.

It wasn't until this moment that these players felt nervous.

But Erebus didn't give any players a chance to buffer and started the game directly.

“First round of game starts now.”

After the mechanical sound was played, the screen on the desktop faded and four black boxes quickly popped up.

“The question for the first round of the game, which box is the apple in?”

“Players, please make a choice and press the number keys to confirm.”

“Players who have not made a choice within five minutes will automatically admit defeat.”

Players who heard the rules clearly took a step forward and stared at the square box.

“The number keys **are** located above the black square box. After making a selection, press the numberkeys above **to** confirm.”

After the game started, the entire game **hall** was constantly surrounded by the ticking countdownsound.

**In** this urgent environment, everyone began to be cautious.

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At the same time, mechanical sounds **also** sounded in the behind the scenes viewing area:

“Please start betting.”

The black clad people sitting on the luxurious sofa all picked up their hands to bid the money to theinvitee.

After Venom placed his bet on the invited player ‘Dumbass’ and ‘Scar’, he looked towards positions 2-9.

Cobra, who was sitting straight on the sofa, didn’t make **any** movement, just stared at **the** screen.

Venom stared at him for a moment, then slowly moved his gaze away and repositioned it on the bigscreen.

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**In** contrast to the carefree spectators above, the players below **in** the so-called “Hell Game Zone” werehovering over the number **keys** 1-4, trying to save their arms.

The countdown sounded like a death knell, causing them to break out in cold sweats but not daring to take the first step.

Everyone was watching the players in other game rooms, wanting to see which player would make the first choice and whether they would get their arm chopped off by the robot Mech-X like in the **video**.

They were all quite scared. Only the player who had verbally harassed Taya earlier, being more hot-tempered, tapped number key 3 after watching for a while.

The moment he tapped it, the four black boxes simultaneously opened, **but** unfortunately there were **no** apples in boxes 2-4. The red apple was clearly in box 1.

“Damn!”

He had just cursed when the words “You Lost” instantly appeared on the red door across from him. At the same time, the robotic arms of Mech-X reached out swiftly from inside towards

him.

He turned and ran, but his reaction **was** a beat slow. Plus **a** human could never outrun a machine. So before he got more than a **few** steps, the robotic arm grabbed him back.

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chopping it off in one clean cut, with blood splattering

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everywhere. The cut was smooth and neat without any shreds **of** flesh.

The moment Mech-X chopped at his arm, a piercing pig-slaughtering shriek echoed throughout the senior center, sending chills down everyone’s spine.

His game room 3 was right across from Taya and the others. Seeing him writhing in pain on the ground, reaching out with his left hand to grab his severed arm, Taya's heart started pounding furiously.

Although this guy was quite hateful, such punishment was overly cruel. What was even more terrifying was that they would soon face the same punishment after making their choices.

As Taya clenched her fists with a pale face, Johnny's steady **voice** sounded in her ear, "Don't be afraid."

She slowly lifted her eyelashes to look at Johnny. Seeing the resolute look in his **eyes**, she relaxed her trembling hands and suppressed **all** fear to calm herself down.

The black boxes didn't reveal any flaws. In this situation, they could only rely on intuition and luck. But she wasn't sure if her intuition and luck were correct.

As she stared at the black boxes indecisively, Scarface next to her seemed to hear a certain number. He quickly glanced at the monitor, then at a specific time, leaned in close to whisper:

"Lion, choose 2. Dumbass, **you** choose **1**."

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suspicion. But after giving them the numbers, Scarface slapped the 1 key.

The moment he tapped it, the words "You Live" instantly appeared on the red door across from him, meaning he had chosen correctly.

"Trust me!"

Scarface didn't give them a good impression. Plus Taya had been lured into this game by Tara, so how could they know if Scarface **was** sent by Tara to harm them?



After all, the mastermind behind Erebus emphasized the rules and wouldn't allow their own people to cheat during the game. But if someone was planted in, the mastermind wouldn't know.

If Scarface was sent in advance by Tara, then following his words could get their arms chopped off in the first round.

Johnny thought about it and realized the only way to test if Scarface was sent by Tara was to take a risk himself. In any case, it was blind choosing.

"Taya, I'll go first. If I'm wrong, just listen to him directly."

Before Taya could stop him, Johnny tapped the opposite number to what Scarface specified-

Number 2.

As Scarface looked on in shock, the words "You Lost" instantly appeared on Johnny's red door.

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suddenly looked up, and inside the red gate, as expected, he extended two robotic arms and rushed towards him at an

extremely fast speed-

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Just as the two arms were about to grab Johnny, Scarface lowered his voice again and said, "Serpentine movement!"

Johnny **now** completely believed Scarface **and**, dragging Taya, quickly ran out of the game room using the serpentine movement.

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The mechanical arms not only could move **in** a straight line but also could turn. Under Johnny's skillful control, they extended infinitely and turned endlessly.

Mech—

X's program was clearly set to chop off an arm before retracting. Otherwise, Mech—X would continue to chase him until it chopped off his **arm**.

Unfortunately, Taya was handcuffed to him, and she didn't have the strength to keep running.

She thought about using Mech—

X's steel blade to cut the handcuffs, but the blade was too wide, and the handcuffs were too close to their arms. It was too dangerous and not worth **the** risk.

In addition, Mech—

X's program was set to only be effective when it touched a human body, so this plan **was** quickly dismissed in her mind. She could only grit her teeth and run with Johnny while thinking of other ways.

Seeing that the two were gradually losing their strength, Scarface **quickly** rushed to the opposite game room and

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put the severed arm into Mech—X's hand.

Tasting the blood, Mech—X quickly retreated back into the red door.

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Johnny's danger was instantly resolved, and Taya's heart, which had been in her throat, also suddenly relaxed. Only the man was left cursing on the ground.

As for the other players who had not yet made a choice, they all followed suit after seeing their actions.

In game room 4, only **Taya** had returned and had not yet pressed the number key. When the others tried to rush in to grab her, Scarface and Johnny kicked them out.

Under the protection of the two men, Taya quickly pressed the number 2 key as Scarface had previously suggested, and the **red** door in front of them indeed displayed the words "You win."

Seeing these words, Johnny breathed a sigh of relief and his suspicion of Scarface turned into trust. "Why?" he asked.

Scarface just shook his head at him, and Johnny knew they were being monitored, so he didn't ask anymore questions.

"The first round of the game **is** over. Please select your **rewards**, victorious players."

Five minutes later, the mechanical voice sounded again, and the screen on the table displayed two reward options.

Taya **and** Johnny both chose the first option, a 5 billion reward, while Scarface chose the second.

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"Players, please retrieve your invitation cards and proceed to the Gate of Life and Death."

After the electronic voice disappeared, the black box on the console retracted, and a gold leaf popped out.

Taya and Johnny retrieved the gold leaf and, before entering the gate, looked at Scarface who was following closely behind.

Not only did Scarface help them, but he also knew which box the apple was in, indicating that he had received the information in advance.

Or, after the game started, someone passed on accurate information to him based on the countdown numbers.

If that's the case, it meant Scarface knew the person behind the scenes.

Johnny remembered the note that popped out of the console when Taya operated it. Could it be Griffon?

Impossible.

If it were Griffon, he would have stopped them before they entered, instead of sending Scarface to help them from the side.

He wouldn't have waited until after they entered, **or** even confirmed the game, to pass a note telling them to leave.

Johnny thought that if Griffon were still alive and had the ability to go behind the scenes, then that note was from him. Griffon must have seen their images on the monitor and found a way to **pass** them a note to leave, but it was too late.

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As for Scarface, he appeared in the room before the game started, indicating that he entered as a player and assisted them from the beginning.

Under the all-around surveillance, Johnny couldn't ask Scarface alone, so he could only wait for a noisy environment and an opportunity to lean in and ask a few questions, just like Scarface had told them what to choose earlier.

In the backstage viewing area, the four game screens closed, showing the win—lose interface and the betting amounts.

Out of the 18 invited people, only Venom's invitees had won big, and naturally, people were suspicious of him.

"Venom, your two invitees cooperated quite well. Could they have known each other beforehand?"

"Yes, especially the Sear, he knows how to avoid risks. Isn't **he** the one you planted in advance?"

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Hearing these questions, Venom casually smiled. "If I remember correctly, the rules for the game area are set by 1-2. You are questioning whether 1-2 broke the rules by revealing the game area's rules to me in advance, so that I could insert Scar in order to win your chips?"

1-1 to 1-

3 were the founders of Erebus. To ensure the fairness of the invited players' bets, the rules of the game area were managed by 1-2. Each round had different rules, and only 1-2 knew them.

"You should be very clear that I am only responsible for transporting the invited players and monitoring the player rooms. I have nothing to do with the game area. Don't talk nonsense in the future, so as not to tarnish 1-2's reputation."

After Venom's words hit the mark, he gracefully stepped down the steps.

As he passed by **2-**

**9**, Cobra slowly raised his eyes to look at him. In that moment of eye contact, it seemed like they reached some kind of agreement.

After the game area closed, the manipulators were free to move around. Venom returned to his residence, took off his mask, and

sat down on the sofa.

There was a knock on the door from outside. Venom picked up his mask, put it back on, and then opened the door.

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what brings you here?"

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Venom sat on the sofa, lit a cigarette, and looked at the man who came in without saying a word.

The **man** remained silent, and Venom didn't rush him. He

slowly played with the burning cigarette **in** his hand through the mask...

After a while, the man walked up to him and sat down

across from him. He tapped the table, using Morse code to communicate. "I can't speak, so I can only communicate with you this way."

Even if there were no monitors in the room, there were some things he couldn't say out loud. Venom knew his situation and didn't mind, nodding to indicate that he should continue. "Did you arrange the Scar?"

Venom paused with the cigarette between his fingers, and a hint of killing intent appeared in his eyes behind the mask. "So what?"

Cobra's fingers continued to lightly tap on the table. "I want to know, how long will you protect Johnny?"

Venom's eyes darkened again, and he instantly extinguished the cigarette he was playing with. "Why should I tell you?"

Faced with Venom's distrust, Cobra hesitated for a few seconds, then directly took off his mask. After seeing who the other person was, Venom furrowed his brow, seemingly surprised that Cobra was the man.

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addressed each other based on their assigned numbers.

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The closer to 1-1, the higher the level. For example, Venom, 1-4, was the first to join Erebus and is second only to the three founders.

Originally, Venom was a powerful figure in Erebus, but after **two** new members joined, 2-7 and 2-

8, a man and a woman with a **list** of S's members, they contacted the three founders and pushed him out of the spotlight.

Now, all Venom could do was transport the invited players and manage the monitoring rooms for the players.

Otherwise, when 2-

7 slandered him today, he wouldn't have been so passive that he could only say a harsh word.

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