#### Crossing 1011

# **Chapter 1011 Trouble!**

The young man instantly jumped up from the sofa after hearing the word 'chimera' and leaped towards the window in one step. He saw Miss Seven down below and instantly gritted his teeth, "Tang Yingying. Didn't she go travel the world? Why would she come here?"

"Traveling the world and ending up here is quite normal. Especially when she familiarized herself with Li Yinfei." Seeing Tang Yingying and Li Yinfei familiarity with each other, he could tell that the two of them had definitely not known each other for just one to two days. The sinister young man half-smiled towards the man beside him, "Are you going to go say hi to your younger cousin sister?"

"We're here for a mission so we shouldn't expose our identities. I only hope this girl doesn't cause any trouble for me," said the man in dismay.

"I mean, it's fine if you meet up with your younger cousin sister. But, you will need to use your identity as a master of the Beitang family," the sinister man suggested.

"Don't cause trouble for me. We only got our identity so we can enter Mailer Fa with our leader as his assistants." The young man glared at his companion. "Plus, when I entered the Flying Dragon Special Forces, I no longer have any connection with that family. I'm just Tang Ningyu from the Flying Dragon Special Forces."

It turns out, these two people were actually Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran. Their trip to Mailer Fa this time was because they had received orders from the higher ups. They were told to disguise their identities as assistants of a chairman of a merchant group and sneak into Mai'er Fa to investigate the reason behind Magic Ace Mecha Clan's annihilation 15 years ago.

Although the battlefield where the Magic Ace Mecha Clan's tragedy occurred wasn't in Mai'er Fa's star sector, it actually begun from here... It was just the military didn't know what Magic Ace Mecha Clan had done 15 years ago to cause them to be killed and in the end become completely wiped out in a public star sector.

Tang Ningyu frowned. He looked towards Tang Yingying, who was playing around and having fun, and said in dismay, "Chaoran, looks like you'll have to work a bit harder. I have to go outside less during this time, in case I encounter Yingying and cause big problems to our mission."

As they were speaking, Tang Ningyu's eyes were fixated on Little Yang. Little Yang, who had his head down as he followed Tang Yingying's group, gave him a feeling that he wasn't a stranger. However, he wasn't too familiar with his younger cousin sister and her entourage. Thus, he decided to ignore Little Yang

Mu Chaoran saw Tang Ningyu's questioning gaze at Little Yang. Mu Chaoran couldn't help but send a glance at Little Yang again but this time, he didn't have the same familiar feeling he had at the beginning. The feeling Little Yang gave him was like a stranger. This made him doubt the feeling of familiarity at the beginning

Mu Chaoran couldn't help but laugh silently. Ever since Planet Azure, his senses were very off. When he saw people who spoke or acted similar to his younger brother Shaoyun, he would feel that slight sense of familiarity.

He didn't think that Shaoyun's death caused a huge void to appear in his heart... Mu Chaoran remembered what his team leader had told him. If he wanted to get stronger, he must quickly fill this void. Otherwise, it would become a roadblock that would hold him back from achieving his peak.

'As expected, Shaoyun was knot in his heart!' Mu Chaoran sighed in his mind. He put his hand out and pushed a button on the window for effects. The transparent window slowly began to turn black, cutting off all of the excitement from the outside. This made the VIP lounge return to its original peace and also allowed Mu Chaoran come out of the flashback of Pei Shaoyun in his mind.

Little Yang, who had his head down the entire time, raised his head as Mu Chaoran darkened the windows. He then slowly and silently looked towards the window on the second floor.

'Who knew that I would actually meet up with people I know here and they're both troublesome people...' Little Yang thought in dismay.

It turns out, Little Yang was Ling Lan in disguise. She wanted to use Tang Yingying and Li Yinfei to successfully infiltrate the central location of Mailer Fa's casino.

The reason she made such plans was because Mailer Fa would have guests at the central area to sign the guest book, and these guests must have their own personal invitation letters. Of course, Ling Lan could get her hands on an invitation letter, but the letters could only be used by the person named on the letter. Even if she managed to get a letter, without the actual person with her, she still wouldn't be able to get in. Thus, when Ling Lan thought of how to perfectly infiltrate this place, she got word that Li Yinfei was invited to do the opening ceremony. With that, she decided to hop on their backs and let them take her into Mai'er Fa.

Afterwards, Ling Lan purposely provoked two mafia groups to fight against each other. She then disguised herself as someone that was being chased and barely got away with her life. After encountering Miss Seven, she activated her spiritual power and hinted towards Miss Seven for her to save her...

The reason Elder Sister Nuo was so concerned about her was also the results of subconscious hinting. From the very beginning, Ling Lan had prepared to enter Mailer Fa with them. It was just every step was made so it seemed that it was Miss Seven and her group's decision and not something Ling Lan forced upon them.

Her originally perfect disguise had some flaws that were seen through by Mu Chaoran because when he looked towards her suddenly, Ling Lan couldn't restrain her force of presence. Luckily, she was above Mu Chaoran's physical stage so she was able to hide her presence quickly. This was also why when Tang Ningyu looked at her, he didn't have a familiar feeling. It was also because of this reason, Mu Chaoran thought his senses were off which allowed Ling Lan to have a chance of not exposing herself.

Ling Lan took back the glance she threw towards the second floor and silently looked towards the perverted blond young man who was greedily staring at Li Yinfei and Miss Seven. Although Mu Chaoran

and Tang Ningyu were troublesome, she wouldn't be exposed as long as she was careful to not let them discover her. She could even use them to her advantage. However, the real problem was this person...

Ling Lan closed her eyes and brushed away the coldness in her eyes. If that person was to make a move on Li Yinfei and Tang Yingying that them couldn't handle, Ling Lan decided that she would personally lend a hand!

This wasn't because Ling Lan had a heart of saint but rather because Ling Lan had her own morals. She must return the favor since she borrowed Li Yinfei and Miss Seven's influence to enter Mai'er Fa. The least she could do was to not let anything happen to these two ladies during their time on Mai'er Fa.

Although Mailer Fa was a well known casino city, it was still relatively safe. At least in the casinos, there wouldn't be anything like rape or kidnapping women. Li Yinfei and Miss Seven played their hearts out for the entire night. As their servant, Ling Lan also followed them for the entire night. This trip opened her eyes and let her understand all of the tricks for different casino games.

Despite Mai'er Fa being publicly known as the fairest casino, it didn't factor in the fact that all the dealers were gambling masters. These dealers knew very well how to take all the money from the guests' pockets. When these dealers met with other experts, they would politely invite them to the upper floors where the guests could participate in higher stakes and higher level gambling games.

As expected, dealers are always the winners!

# Chapter 1012 A Liking!

After she had lost down to her last 10,000 chips, Miss Seven saw Little Yang's interest in the game. She then handed the chips to him and said, "Our luck was terrible and we lost almost all of the round. This is the last round so I'll let you bet." Miss Seven, two of her maids and Li Yinfei's group, won small amounts on the first two rounds, then kept losing afterwards. They had already lost to the point of no longer having any interest to gamble.

"Ah, I-I-I ca-can't." Ling Lan shook her head furiously as though she was surprised by the 10,000 chips.

"Stop being a sissy. If our lady told you to go, then you go. If you lose, she wouldn't ask you pay it back." Elder Sister Nuo wasn't pleased with Little Yang's cowardliness and instantly pushed Little Yang towards a betting table.

This table was betting on 'Big' or 'Small'. It seemed Elder Sister Nuo was afraid Little Yang didn't know how to gamble so she pushed him towards the easiest table.

"I-I won't h-have to pay it back, right?" Little Yang stuttered as he spoke. If he lost, he wouldn't be able to pay it back.

"No, but if you win you don't get a share either," Elder Sister Nuo said in an annoyed tone.

"O-Oh, t-t-then I'm betting now." After hearing her words, Little Yang breathed a sigh of relief. He held the chips in his hand as he looked at the many choices on the table with a face full of confusion.

"Place your bets quickly, the round is about to start." The dealer smiled as he reminded. When he saw Little Yang, he instantly knew Little Yang was a newbie who had never participated in gambling before.

"How do I get the most money?" Ling Lan pretended to not know and asked.

"That ,of course, would be betting on specific numbers or betting on the dealer to take all or lose all." Smiled the dealer. 'As expected, this kid is just a newbie who likes money.'

Ling Lan was seemingly thinking about which option would give her the most money. At that moment, the other guests around the table were all telling her to hurry up.

"If you don't bet, I'm going to start the round. You can wait for the next one." The dealer didn't care and was about to not wait for dumb little boy.

"Ah, I'm not going to wait, I'll bet this one." Ling Lan was seemingly anxious from all the hurrying and instantly tossed in the 10,000 chips. She originally wanted to toss it into the part where the deal would win against all, but it accidentally landed on the part where the number '7' was at.

"Ah, I tossed it wrong." Ling Lan cried out.

"If you want to change it, I can still let you change it." The dealer was surprisingly nice.

"If the bet leaves the hand then its set in stone. Mr. Dealer, you can't just let him do that just because he's a newbie," a few of the guests were unhappy and began to yell.

The dealer wasn't affected and only smiled at Ling Lan.

Ling Lan pretended to be scared by the other guests beside her and immediately shook her head, "I-I-I'm not c-changing it."

"Really not changing?" Asked the dealer.

Ling Lan saw the other guest around the table having an expression like they were about to gobble her up. She shook her head furiously to show that she wasn't going to change it.

The dealer shouted helplessly, "Round start." He opened the cover and there were three dice. Two were on '3' and one was on '1'. It was exactly '7' points.

"Ah, Little Yang, you won." Elder Sister Nuo jumped up in excitement. Even Miss Seven and Li Yinfei clapped their hands because they were happy. They finally won, and it was a 10-fold return, letting them earn 100,000 instantly.

The dealer handed the chips to Ling Lan using his ruler and smiled, "Boy, your luck is quite good. Do you want to play another round?"

Ling Lan held the chips she had won and shook her head, "No more gambling, no more gambling."

"Why? Your luck is so good right now," said Elder Sister Nuo.

"My daddy said that nobody will have good luck all the time. A person should definitely stop when they are winning, in case they use up all of their luck." Ling Lan replied sternly and earnestly. "Winning 100,000 is already by my luck skyrocketing through the roof. If I keep playing, I will definitely lose."

Elder Sister Nuo still wanted to say something, but Miss Seven seemed to have understood something and stopped her, "We've played all night and should rest. Let's just call it a night."

After her lady spoke, Elder Sister Nuo politely replied with 'Yes' and no longer forced Little Yang to continue to gamble.

"Um, milady, these are for you." Ling Lan handed Miss Seven the chips in her hand.

"You won them, why are you giving them to me?" Miss Seven asked with smiling eyes.

"Elder Sister Nuo said that I would only bet and the result has nothing to do with me," Ling Lan replied earnestly.

"But it was because of you that we won. Shouldn't you take some money for your hard work?" Miss Seven asked with a half-smile.

"My daddy once said I shouldn't be greedy for things that don't belong to me. It'll just create problems." Ling Lan decisively chose to be an obedient child who always listened to her father. If Ling Xiao knew these words that Ling Lan were speaking right now, he would definitely bawl his eyes out. Unfortunately, the real Ling Lan was usually obedient on the surface and rebellious on the inside, making Ling Xiao unable to do anything about it.

Seeing Ling Lan's earnest expression, Miss Seven knew Little Yang was speaking from his heart. She then reached out with her hand and took the chips, purposefully leaving one in Ling Lan's hands.

Ling Lan immediately shouted, "Milady, you missed one."

Miss Seven smiled, "That's your reward."

"But it's not my money." Ling Lan's honesty made the maids beside Miss Seven almost want to beat him up.

"I am your master. Your performance today was very good, so I gave that to you as a reward. Didn't your daddy ever teach you that your work should be compensated?" Miss Seven replied with a full smile on her face.

Being so familiar with the wars within the family for power, Little Yang's morals of not taking things of others and only give to others through the kindness of his heart, made Miss Seven like him a lot. Originally, she was only sympathetic towards Ling Lan's situation, but now, she was actually starting to like Little

Yang.

'Perhaps I should take of Little Yang in case those disgusting and savage individuals on the starship were to bully him.' Miss Seven secretly made this decision.

The dealer's eyes had a hint of approval as he saw Little Yang decisively take the money and leave. It was very rare to see someone who could maintain a clear head under the lure of money and knew that leaving after a good round would be a better idea. He hoped that Little Yang could hold on against all lures of possible profits during his time on Mai'er Fa and not lose his morals.

Nothing happened during the rest of the night. In the morning of the second day, Li Yinfei received an invitation from Duke Edward. Li Yinfei knew very well that she had definitely caused this duke to have

the thoughts of conquering her. Although Li Yinfei had entered the entertainment industry, she didn't want to become someone who socialized in this way so she decisively refused the invitation.

Despite the fact the Li family had determined that she had secrets she couldn't reveal to the public, the elite family's dignity was not allowed to be stepped on. On the surface, she was under the Li family. This was her background that gave her the confidence to refuse these powerful nobles.

"What? That woman refused my invitation?" After learning that Li Yinfei had rejected his invitation, Duke Edward's expression turned sinister. "A low-class singer actually dares to refuse to serve me..."

Duke Edward had hint of anger in his eyes. He felt his dignity was being trampled on by a singer, who he looked down upon. This humiliation must be repaid by Li Yinfei herself.

"My duke, please be patient for the time being. Li Yinfei was invited by Mailer Fa. During this time, she definitely would be protected by them. We can't risk offending Mai'er Fa just because of this," Luo Lin carefully comforted.

As the stand-alone gambling planet, Mailer Fa never leaned towards the other preying nations. Its strength was unfathomable and terrifying. It would be a stupid idea to offend or provoke them at this time when they were at their most alert.

# **Chapter 1013 Divine Secrets?**

Although Edward seemed impulsive, he still knew about the powers behind Mailer Fa. Hearing Luo Lin speak of it, he nodded in agreement. However, he ordered that once Mailer Fa's guards were to leave Li Yinfei's side, they would make a move. When that happens, he would definitely humiliate that woman. If she was obedient, he wouldn't mind marrying her as one of his wives. After all, he had never seen any woman as beautiful as Li Yinfei. Just her beauty was enough to make his heart throb.

After returning to the regular guest rooms, Ling Lan held the 10,000 dollar chip in her hand as she slept under the envious gazes of the other servants.

"Little Four, did you take control of the casino's mainframe?" Ling Lan, who seemed like she was fast asleep, was actually in her mindspace asking Little Four about the situation.

She didn't expect that Mailer Fa's casinos were not connected on the same mainframe. Instead, they had their own virtual worlds. Even if they were to stay in a guest room, they still wouldn't be able to infiltrate it. They would only have a chance to enter the mainframe if they enter the casino. Ling Lan was lucky that she had Little Four who could silently infiltrate the mainframe. Even imperial level hackers might be discovered by them the moment they hack into the mainframe.

There were even two imperial hackers standing guard for a standard casino atrium. Mailer Fa had indeed lived up to its name, as the powers they wielded were abundant and bottomless.

"I've pretty much got it fully controlled, other than a few core locations that I can't get into." After seeing that there were so many imperial hackers on guard, Little Four also became more careful with his actions.

Above imperial level hackers were god-class hackers. Legend has it that these god-class hackers were considered gods in the virtual world. After playing around in the virtual world for so long, although Little

Four hadn't encountered these legends, it was still possible for the existence of such hackers to be in Mailer Fa because there were no less than 10 imperial hackers in the main area of the casino.

Little Four didn't forget what his boss had told him. Thus, if it wasn't completely necessary, he wouldn't go and touch those core locations that were clearly heavily guarded.

"Not bad. We still can't figure out how deep the rabbit hole goes for Mailer Fa. We should be careful first. Don't touch on the core locations for now. Controlling the other regions are enough for us to use. Little Four, help me surveillance Mu Chaoran and Tang Ningyu. Check what they're here to do," ordered Ling Lan. She didn't believe that these two people were here on vacation. Although the restrictions of the Flying Dragon Special Forces were not as strict as standard divisions, they still wouldn't allow their soldiers to take a vacation in a casino so there was no doubt that they were here on a mission.

"Understood, Boss." Little Four began to investigate Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran.

Soon, Little Four had found out why they were here, "Boss, they're here to investigate how Magic Ace Mecha Clan was wiped out."

Ling Lan's heart skipped a beat, "Something that wasn't investigated in 15 years, but yet they began to investigate it after those people, who kept the Liu and Wang family under surveillance, died..."

"Boss, could it be the person standing behind those people?" Little Four said excitedly. He loved digging up the truth.

"That's a possibility. Someone who could control the Flying Dragon Special Forces... This person definitely holds a high-ranking position." Ling Lan frowned. Captain Liu's enemies were really not that simple.

"Could it be the Third Marshal?" Little Four asked.

"Other people can be greedy, but the marshals will never be like that." Every since Ling Lan read the distribution of power regarding the marshals, she eliminated the three marshals as suspects.

"Why?" Little Four didn't understand.

"Every marshal has the power to command one god-class mecha. As long as the mecha operator had indeed advanced to god-class level... Marshals on the other hand were unable to become top-level mecha operators so they wouldn't need the mineral to build a god-class mecha. If they were to acquire the mineral veins, other than making money, there wouldn't be much to benefit from it. If the marshals wanted money, there were many factions, merchant groups and elite families that will be willing to give it to them without asking for anything in return so the marshals didn't need to take this risk. Plus, if they did it they will have to completely wipe out a legendary titled super mecha clan. No matter how this was looked at, it wouldn't be beneficial for them," Ling Lan explained.

"Why can't marshals become top-level mecha operators?" Little Four didn't understand this point.

"Marshals exist to control everything, while god-class mecha masters are the ultimate weapons of the country. The two would develop in two different directions. In order to not mix up the two groups, the Federation had a rule known to everyone. The highest level marshals were allowed to reach was the ace level. Once they advance into the imperial level, they must give up their position willingly..." After saying

that, Ling Lan had a thought, "There is still one possibility for a marshal to not care about the consequences and try to take the mineral veins. That would be this marshal had suppressed his level to not advance into the imperial level. This suppression of many years might let him already have a chance to peek at the god-class level. In order to not expose this secret and still become a god-class mecha master, he would want to create a god-class mecha for himself in secret..."

"No, although he can restrain himself purposely and fool those of the same level, he still wouldn't be able to fool those one level above him, and the three marshals all met up with dad before. If one of them had reached the imperial level, even if they were to suppress their level, they still wouldn't be able to fool dad unless they have special method..." Ling Lan began to rebut her own statements.

"Looks like I have to immediately notify dad and tell him to be careful. I should tell him to find a chance to get close to the three marshals and see if something is actually off. I hope it's not what I'm thinking." Ling Lan's face turned cold. If that was the case, then her father was in danger. In order to make sure their secret doesn't get out, these people would definitely take out her father, who had the biggest chance of seeing through their disguise. It was no surprise, since her father was the only god-class operator in the Federation who always appeared near the marshals.

After feeling his boss's worry, Little Four also began to worry for Ling Xiao, who was currently in the Federation's military office center. He didn't dare to delay any longer and quickly sent all of Ling Lan's guesses to Ling Xiao.

Ling Xiao, who was currently within the military headquarters, had been busy arguing, plotting and scheming against the military's other factions and higher-ups in order to reap more benefits for his division and Ling Lan. When he received Little Four's encoded message, his eyes widened in surprise.

"Someone among the three marshals may have advanced into a god-class operator? Is that even possible?" Ling Xiao thought about the times he met up with the three marshals and didn't feel that there was anything odd.

'Is Lan'er worrying too much? Or maybe she was right, someone may be helping them block off the divine secrets?'

God-class mecha operators were not like Ling Lan had previously thought. Not only could they operate god-class mechas and have keen senses, they also could peek into the realm of the divine... There was definitely ways of making him unable to sense anything. If he couldn't sense something odd, then there must be someone helping block off the person's divine secrets.

"Empyreal Zhuge?" Ling Xiao's finger lightly tapped on his desk. Only Empyreal Zhuge had this type of capabilities. It seemed that he had to investigate the current generation's God Machine of the Zhuge family, as only that person had the ability to cause him to not be able to see the truth.

### **Chapter 1014 Notification!**

"Is the world going to change?" Ling Xiao's gazed deeply towards the window. Suddenly, his expression steeled and he contacted Ling Lan's communicator.

Ling Xiao knew that no matter where Ling Lan was, she would have the ability to not expose herself.

Although Ling Lan continued to tell him that she had awakened talents of a hacker, Ling Xiao could tell

that it was not the case. However, his daughter was older now and had her own secrets so he just pretended to not know. He would wait for the day when his daughter would willingly tell him or perhaps never tell him in this lifetime.

Soon, Ling Lan picked the call on her communicator. Ling Lan showed her scar-filled face on it which made Ling Xiao's expression darken.

"Dad, you're looking for me?" Ling Lan didn't care about that part of her face and was not saddened by it in the least.

Ling Xiao knew that it wasn't part of the disguise, but rather because Ling Lan didn't care about it. He sighed once again. He raised his daughter poorly. Girls should put their looks first. Perhaps for Ling Lan, it was the most unimportant feature for her.

Seeing Ling Xiao sigh, Ling Lan knew that it was because of the scar on her face. She couldn't explain to him that her face was going to return to normal soon.

That was because after a few days, Planet Juhao's local products and resources would be publicly auctioned off by the Federation. The representatives of the three chemical product corporations that she had told Little Four to develop in the past few years were sent to the auction. In order to confuse others, these three corporations were planning on buying all of the local product from Planet Juhao.

Of course, Nuwa agent's main component must be acquired. After thinking about this, Ling Lan didn't know what Little Four was thinking in the beginning. This Little Four just randomly created three corporations who dealt with the same products. He also made these three corporations compete to the death which caused them all to become enemies with each other. All three of them wanted to destroy the competitor and didn't know that their boss was actually the same person.

However, it was because of this that Ling Lan was able to arrange everything perfectly. If the plant wasn't paid any attention by others, she would arrange for a smaller company to buy it secretly. If it drew the attention of other companies, the three large corporations would make a move. This would create competition between enemies, with neither of them willing to give in. In turn, causing the price to rise up exponentially and scare off others who want to take the product.

This way, no matter which of the three corporations brought the components, she wouldn't worry about obtaining Nuwa agents.

Of course, Ling Lan had already thought of the reason to explain why she needed large amounts of that plant. Her military doctor, Li Shiyu, had long discovered that the useless bits left from experiments could still be used. By adding in some standard ingredients, the bits could be used to create a top of the line skin care products that could help women stay young and age slower.

In this world, the money of women and children were the easiest to acquire! Even in this intergalactic era, these wise words from Ling Lan's previous life still rang true.

Ling Lan didn't want her father to continue to worry about her face that was going to recover soon. She thought for a moment and then decided to tell him everything, "Dad, don't worry. My body's recoverability is increasing. It will disappear after a while."

The earnest look on Ling Lan's face made Ling Xiao know that she wasn't lying to him. Having been worried about Ling Lan's scars for a long time, Ling Xiao finally had a large smile on his face.

Seeing Ling Xiao's expression become less worried, Ling Lan smirked slightly.

As expected, her decision was right!

Despite telling Ling Xiao everything honestly would increase the risk of her secret and Li Shiyu's research becoming exposed, she still believed that it was worth the risk to comfort her father, who blamed himself for her injuries.

Ling Xiao didn't ask Ling Lan how she was going to recover. He only told Ling Lan to be more careful and not be injured again. Ling Xiao was afraid that if she were to injure herself again, she would become a vegetable in the end.

Ling Xiao knew very well that there was definitely a special reason for a person who had lost their recoverability to regain it.

However, since his daughter didn't want to tell him, why should he ask? Plus, he didn't want to receive the method of recovering for the injuries from operating above one's level... Ling Xiao knew very well that this was a Pandora's box. Once it opened, there would be many troubles coming their way.

Ling Xiao continued to ask Ling Lan why she had the thought that one of the three marshals hid their level. Ling Lan then told him what she had discovered, along with how the Flying Dragon Special Forces had moved out to investigate Magic Ace Mecha Clan from 15 years ago. She also included the mineral veins in her explanation.

Ling Lan probably couldn't hide the fact of existence of the mineral veins anymore since the Flying Dragon Special Forces had been sent here. Ling Lan sighed in her mind and thought it was unfortunate. She then decided to tell her father about the mineral veins.

Back then, that person wanted to put the mineral veins into the public after discovering he couldn't take control of Liu Furong. But, he suddenly changed his mind and didn't want others to acquire the secrets of the mineral veins anymore. He would rather destroy it than to let others have it.

Instead of the Flying Dragon Special Forces finding out that the mineral veins were taken by her and misunderstand as Ling Xiao and her wanting to take it for themselves, it would be much better if she handed it over willingly and let her father ask the military for the merits they rightfully deserved.

It wasn't because Ling Lan didn't trust Liu Furong. Instead, it was because there were too many people who knew about it. She had to hand over the mineral veins since she couldn't kill off everyone who knew about it.

Luckily, there was still the Soul Society. Ling Lan originally thought the materials at the Soul Society were no longer important. She didn't think that after going around in a circle, she still needed to go to the Soul Society for resolving the issues with Little Four and the instructors' bodies.

What she rejoiced was that she still had Xia Qingyi as a backup.

Ling Lan thought frustratingly. If the mineral veins did not need to be handed over, she would just mine out a bit and resolve the issue of Little Four, Little Blossom and the instructors' materials for building their bodies. However now, she needed to start from scratch again.

"So, you're in Mai'er Fa." After hearing Ling Lan explain the information regarding the mineral veins, Ling Xiao instantly understood where Ling Lan was situated at currently.

"Yes. I just want to know whether Liu Furong's words are true or fake." Ling Lan, of course, wouldn't tell her father than she wanted to secretly mine the vein...

Ling Lan, who usually held a stern expression on her face, now couldn't help but blush for a moment. Luckily, there were many scars on her face. The slight redness was not obvious among the red scars.

"Lan'er, you're too impulsive." Ling Xiao's thoughts were focused on the danger his daughter was in and didn't see that Ling Lan was embarrassed. He frowned and said, "Even the Federation don't dare to provoke Mailer Fa... These mineral veins have been preserved on Mai'er Fa and not excavated is probably because of this reason."

"I even suspect that Mai'er Fa knows about the mineral veins. That's why they opened the casino city there." Ling Xiao didn't believe that Mai'er Fa's faction wouldn't first investigate this planet before building their gambling hub.

"They are probably afraid it will be discovered by other nations and cause them to be attacked because of the immense profits there, so it's better for them to pretend to not know anything, secretly hide the mineral veins and slowly excavate it," Ling Lan said while in deep thought.

# **Chapter 1015 Embarrassment!**

"Back then, the mine investigators were quietly allowed to enter probably because Mai'er Fa was afraid it was too obvious and it will draw too many people's attention. Then afterwards, that case with the mine investigators being wiped out made Mailer Fa have a reason to prohibit more mine investigators to enter..." Ling Xiao thought about the situation deeper than Ling Lan, "There's also another possibility that it's a trap."

"A trap?" Ling Lan didn't think the mineral veins could be a trap and was stunned. "Dad, you're saying the mineral veins could be faked?"

"The mineral veins could be real or fake. However, as for Magic Ace Mecha Clan meeting their end accidentally and somehow obtaining the map to the mineral veins... That seems too much of a coincidence. Although there's the saying that coincidences make history, this was still too much of a coincidence and has its own unexplained issues." Ling Xiao explained to Ling Lan.

Ling Lan began to think more deeply about it. Her original thought of Magic Ace Mecha Clan accidentally getting caught in the situation was pushed behind her head.

"If this trap was planned for Magic Ace Mecha Clan... Then, who would want to wipe out Magic Ace Mecha Clan?" Ling Lan's eyes glimmered.

"I will find Senior Colonel Liu and ask about the details," Ling Xiao said decisively. "Lan'er, leave this to me. Don't meddle in it anymore."

Someone so cold-blooded and calculating who could flick his finger while plotting to destroy a titled super mecha clan, wasn't someone Ling Lan could go against at her current level. Ling Xiao didn't want Ling Lan to take any risks.

"Understood, dad." Nodded Ling Lan.

She wouldn't cause trouble but if trouble was to look for her, she wouldn't retreat either. Ling Lan's eyes became cold for a split second. She didn't know why, but she always felt that she had no chance of getting not involved in this incident. Ling Lan didn't want Ling Xiao to worry so she didn't tell him what she felt.

Ling Xiao saw that his daughter was obedient for once and let out a soft sigh of relief. Knowing his daughter, he knew that she would do as she said. If she said she wouldn't meddle with it, she would not meddle with the incident with the Magic Ace Mecha Clan and the mineral veins.

After being relieved, Ling Xiao thought for a moment. Then, he finally said the real reason he called Ling Lan.

"Lan'er, I called you today because I wanted your thoughts on something," Ling Xiao's expression became stern.

Seeing this, Ling Lan earnestly replied, "Ask away, dad."

"I want to know your honest thoughts about this." Ling Xiao's eyes stared at his daughter intently. He didn't want Ling Lan to tell him anything other than the truth.

Ling Xiao's unusual seriousness surprised Ling Lan. She didn't know why Ling Xiao would talk to her in this way. Perplexed, she asked, "Dad, what do you want to know?"

"I just want to know whether your thought of leaving the military is real or is it to just keep the promise you had with your mom?" Ling Xiao asked what he wanted to know.

Hearing this, Ling Lan frowned slightly and stopped to think seriously for a moment.

Everything she had done in the past two years was for the promise she made two years ago. She took troops into the battlefield last year in hopes that before she left, her comrades would be able to get used to war. All in all, she was worried about the comrades she had grown up with...

If it was possible, she hoped that her mom would give her three years, five years or even longer. That way she would be able to arrange everything better and protect her comrades until they could hold their own. Plus, if she were to leave now, her heart wouldn't be at peace.

Ling Lan unknowingly spoke out what she was thinking under the gaze of Ling Xiao.

Hearing this, Ling Xiao's expression became cold. Even if it was only a projected image on a screen, Ling Lan could still feel an intimidating gaze from the image.

Ling Xiao's snapped, "Ling Lan, I'm asking you for what you want, not what you want to do for others."

"Ask yourself, did you really join the military to be beside your friends? Are you not the least interested in it? Or perhaps, you hate the military, hate the battlefield, bloodshed, and wanted to be far away from this kind of life?"

Ling Xiao's question went straight into the depth of Ling Lan's heart. Ling Lan didn't know what she wanted to do.

Back then, in order to not let Ling Xiao's merits be taken away by the Ling family, Lan Luofeng lied that Ling Lan was a boy and took everything that originally belonged to the two of them, causing Ling Lan to have no choice but to pretend to be a boy. When she was sixteen, it was originally possible for her to regain her femininity. However, because of Ling Xiao's return, she had no choice but to continue to pretend to be male and enter the First Men's Military Academy. This decision made it so that she had to enter the military for some time.

When she entered the military academy, Ling Lan had already accepted the fact that she would be a soldier in the future. She didn't reject the idea. It wasn't because she liked it. She just had never thought about whether she was willing to do so or not. She only felt that it was something she should do.

Hated being a soldier? Ling Lan shook her head. She definitely didn't hate being a soldier. Even now, soldiers guarding their own nations would be granted honor and merits. Hated the bloodshed? Ling Lan had probably already gotten used this type of life. If she was to return to a peaceful life, she wouldn't become used it easily. Thus, when she felt she was actually going to leave the military, she didn't stay at home. Instead, she chose to create a mercenary team and adventure into the galaxy. She was no longer the simple little girl from her previous life, who only hoped to have a healthy body and be able to move about freely.

Ling Lan seemingly returned to the battlefield on Planet Haijiao. She could feel the feeling of her blood boiling when she piloted her mecha and fought with enemies. Ling Lan couldn't help but clench her fists. She really wanted to step into a mecha once again and fight against enemies...

"Dad, I like the military. I want to become a soldier." Ling Lan finally saw through what her heart wanted. Standing beside her friends and becoming a soldier because she had no choice, were all excuses. These were all there to fool herself. In reality, she wanted to become a soldier, piloting mechas, moving around the galaxy, and expand her nation's influence.

"So you don't want to leave the military?!" Ling Xiao smirked. She was definitely his daughter.

"I don't want to anymore, but what about the two year promise I made with mom?" Ling Lan tossed out this question to Ling Xiao, for him to resolve.

"Women have nothing to do with a man's decision..." Ling Xiao said nonchalantly.

"Women! Haha!" Ling Lan half-smiled as she looked at Ling Xiao. Did her dad forget that she was also a woman?

Ling Xiao also realized it and had a slight change in expression. He then said, "In that case, you will be taking over 250 as a stand-alone clan when you return."

Then, he hung up the communicator.

Ling Xiao watched as Ling Lan's face disappeared in front of him. Then, he punched the table in frustration, "How could I forget that she is my daughter and not my son! She and her mother are usually in cahoots with each other. I'm doomed. When I return home, Luofeng will definitely kick me out. I just hope that it won't be too long!"

No, for his own livelihood, he definitely couldn't let his daughter tell those words to his wife.

Ling Xiao contacted Ling Lan once again. On the screen, Ling Lan's confused expression showed up, "Dad, what's up?" He just hung up so why did he contact her again? Could it be he had forgotten to say something? When did her heroic father become so forgetful?

"Lan'er, those words just now, don't tell your mother. Understood?" Ling Xiao gave a stern warning as a father and then quickly hung up the communicator once again.

He didn't even dare to see his daughter expression, as it was so embarrassing for him. Ling Xiao had his head down helplessly on his desk. At that moment, he didn't have a hint of the heroic figure of being a general or a god-class operator.

Ling Lan looked at the now black screen once again with a complicated expression on her face... In the end she helplessly sighed, "No surprise, my mom is the bane of my dad's existence!"

### **Chapter 1016 The Game Is Starting!**

In a six-star hotel, two people were chatting in a room.

"Yiqiu, we're busy with the preparations for the assessment of the Flying Dragon Special Forces. Why are we wasting our time here?" A warm and gentle voice asked with a hint of curiosity.

"Su Pei, although we want to enter the Flying Dragon Special Forces, we can't let them govern our lives forever," a lazy voice was heard from the handsome young man on a sofa. The fingers on his right hand were dancing in the air. A silver light flickered faintly on his fingers. "Don't be too nervous. It might affect your performance. It's better to play hard and work hard."

These two people were Ling Lan's schoolmates during her mission on Planet Azure more than a year ago. They were Su Pei and Xiao Yiqiu.

Su Pei scoffed in response. "No matter how much you need to relax, you shouldn't have come to the casino, right?" He was fooled into coming here by Xiao Yiqiu. When they were deliberating on what to do for their holiday, he was told by Xiao Yiqiu that they were going to a faraway planet to have a short break from the military.

Xiao Yiqiu laughed. "What is a better place to relieve your stress?"

'That is kinda true.' Su Pei thought and his anger of being fooled slowly died down. Plus, he knew Xiao Yiqiu wouldn't harm him so there must be a reason why he wanted them to come to a well-known gambling hub.

"Did you bring me here to watch the mecha tournament?" Su Pei asked.

Although their mecha piloting had improved significantly, battling in the virtual world and battling in the real world was vastly different, and they had both reached a bottleneck in the former. They now needed

more experiences in real battle or gain experiences from monitoring other people's battles to improve their skills. If not, they wouldn't be able to achieve a breakthrough for a very long time. This was what caused Su Pei to feel agitated about their lack of preparedness for the assessment.

Xiao Yiqiu clenched his right fist in happiness and smiled brightly, "Su Pei, you finally noticed it."

"However, that's not all." Xiao Yiqiu changed his tone. "We're participating in it too."

Su Pei frowned. "Yiqiu, what do you mean?" The Su family forbade their descendants from gambling

Xiao Yiqiu knew the rules of the Su family very clearly so he understood why Su Pei was acting up. He smiled and explained, "I won't make you break rules. Here, take a look at this."

He flicked his fingers and a small black plate flew towards Su Pei.

Su Pei grabbed the black plate easily. He opened his hand and saw that it was a miniature chip. Without needing Xiao Yiqiu to say a word, Su Pei gently inserted the chip into his communicator and an image of an invitation slowly appeared in front of him.

The words on the invitation stunned Su Pei so he took a while to react. His entire body started trembling in anger. He was planning to hold his anger in but he could no longer control his anger anymore. He turned around and shouted angrily, "Xiao Yiqiu!"

A leather whip materialized in his hands and it slashed towards Xiao Yiqiu who was lying lazily on the sofa.

The whip slashed the sofa forcefully. A deep scar formed on the sofa. But, Xiao Yigiu was not there.

"Su Pei, don't be angry. I'm participating too. Take it as if you're accompanying me." Xiao Yiqiu quickly slammed his door shut after he finished saying his piece.

Su Pei looked at the closed door helplessly. The mainframes in Mailer Fa were very advanced. Even in the same suite, if the door was closed by the person inside the room, the people outside the room would never be able to open it. There were only two ways to open a closed door either opening it by force or by hacking into the mainframe. However, doing any of these two actions would be seen as a provocation towards Mai'er Fa. They would be punished accordingly.

Su Pei couldn't vent his frustrations at Xiao Yiqiu anymore. He looked at the electronic invitation again and smiled bitterly. He didn't expect Xiao Yiqiu to be so bold. He actually went to participate in the mecha tournament and while doing so, his good friend also helped him to register.

That's right, this invitation was for the mecha tournament on Mai'er Fa. Su Pei and Xiao Yiqiu wouldn't be spectators this time. They were participants.

After Xiao Yiqiu hid inside his room, he retracted his smile before it turned into a cold sneer.

"The game is starting!"

The next day, the two young miss didn't stay in the casino. They came to the biggest trading center in Mai'er Fa for shopping. Ling Lan followed beside them quietly. She was the human shopping bag holder for Miss Seven.

"This, this and this. Pack them up for me." An arrogant voice resounded through the entire shop. Miss Seven looked over curiously.

It was a handsome young man. Of course, in this era, no one looked bad. The young man noticed people frowning at him, and he, in turn, glared at them. When he saw Miss Seven and her group, the arrogance on his face disappeared and instead was replaced with an expression of surprise.

The young man rushed towards Li Yinfei and said in an excited but deep voice, "Miss Li."

It wasn't a question. It was a statement. Although Li Yinfei had put on a disguise, she was unable to fool people with sharp eyes.

There were two men hovering behind the young man. When they saw Li Yinfei and Miss Seven, they held their foreheads in their palm helplessly and muttered, "Trouble."

Ling Lan looked at the two people behind the young men. Her innocent smile froze too. In her heart, a word popped out: Trouble.

Li Yinfei seemed used to such a situation. She smiled and nodded as a reply.

The young man seemed rash but he was very thoughtful. He knew that exposing his idol now would cause trouble for her so he didn't make any other sound. He just stayed beside Li Yinfei excitedly. It seemed like no one would be able to pull him away.

"Cough, Young Master Lin, Chief Lin is waiting for you." Mu Chaoran coughed to remind his stubborn young master who was enchanted by beauty.

When Tang Ningyu saw Miss Seven, he immediately hid among the crowd. If his identity got exposed by his cousin, his plan would go down the drain.

Since Tang Ningyu wasn't here, Mu Chaoran had to persuade the young master himself. They were Chief Lin's assistants so only the two of them were able to hold this stubborn young master back.

"It's still early. There's no need to go back so soon." Young Master Lin replied impassively. He turned around and looked at Li Yinfei. His attitude turned a 180. "It's my pleasure to meet Miss Li here. This must be fate. How about this? You can get whatever you want Take it as my gift to you."

Li Yinfei frowned when she saw Young Master Lin's attitude. He acted like someone who suddenly became rich overnight.

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However, as someone who had befriended many elite families and powerful people, Li Yinfei was a professional at interacting with such people. She didn't like this young man but she didn't outwardly show it. She just smiled gently and said, "Thanks for your kind thoughts. We still have things to do, so we can't stay for long. Why don't I find you again when I'm free?"

Young Master Lin looked disappointed. But, he didn't want to cause trouble for his idol so he replied, "In that case, let's meet again soon. This is my name card. Please remember to contact me again." He took out a gold and shiny name card from his pocket and passed it to Li Yinfei respectfully.

'Unsurprising for a new come up!' Li Yinfei hid the disdain and contempt in her eyes. She smiled and took the name card. Then, she nodded at Young Master Lin before leaving with Miss Seven and their group.

Ling Lan walked passed Mu Chaoran. Once again, she crossed paths with Mu Chaoran and Tang Ningyu. They just didn't know it.

Mu Chaoran watched as Li Yinfei disappeared from his eyes. Tang Ningyu quickly appeared beside him.

"What do you think?" Tang Ningyu asked in a low voice.

Mu Chaoran said calmly, "If you have a chance to contact your cousin, ask her to leave Li Yinfei."

Others might not have seen the contempt and disdain in Li Yinfei's eyes, but he saw it. Although Young Master Lin didn't have a good character, the way she jeered at someone who acted respectfully towards her showed how heartless she was.

Tang Ningyu had the same thoughts too. He nodded. He was worried. As the direct descendant of an elite family, it was hard to have a close friend. He didn't want his cousin to befriend the wrong people.

After Ling Lan left Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran, she came to a name-brand clothing shop in the trading center with Miss Seven. As she was waiting patiently in the shop, she saw a familiar person walking over.

Ling Lan felt speechless. If meeting Mu Chaoran and Tang Ningyu was fate, then this person might have purposely followed her. No wonder he listened to her obediently when she asked them to leave on Planet Shanghai. He was waiting for her here.

The person who came was wearing a plain metal mask that covered half of his face. Although Ling Lan's face was filled with scars, it was unable to fool her comrades who grew up with her. What's more, this person was a shrewd person to begin with.

The masked person walked over elegantly. He walked passed Ling Lan and chose an expensive diamond collar bar. Then, he asked the attendant to pack it for him.

From the moment he entered the shop to the time he walked out, he only spent three minutes. Besides the smile he gave Ling Lan when he entered the shop, he never looked at Ling Lan again.

However, Ling Lan knew why he appeared in front of her. He was just informing her that he was here. He didn't need to disturb her any more than that. She would be able to find him if she wanted to with hacking skills.

"Li Lanfeng!" Ling Lan gritted her teeth. As expected, she shouldn't have let down her guard on Planet Shanghai.

When they came back from the Chaotic Lands, Ling Lan noticed that her comrades seemed restless. However, the rules of the military couldn't be broken easily. Li Lanfeng cared about it so he still had to go back. She just didn't know what method he used to get out of the military again.

"That person must be from an elite family too." One of Miss Seven's maids looked at Li Lanfeng's back intently.

"What elite family?" Miss Seven and Li Yinfei had finished trying out clothes, so they heard what the maid said and got curious.

The maid quickly told her young miss what had happened. Miss Seven knocked her maid's forehead and teased her, "What an idiot. Anyone who comes to Mailer Fa is not always rich or powerful."

"But, most people looked like that Young Master Lin," the maid answered weakly.

"That's because you met too few people in your life." Miss Seven covered her mouth and laughed. She remembered the funny Young Master Lin too. Anyone who had eyes could see the mythical beast on her maid's clothes. If they knew about the elite families of the Federation, they would know what this symbol meant.

Li Yinfei smiled too. But, in her heart, she took notice of the young man the maid was referring to. In order to mesmerize the maid of a first-rank elite family, the young man was not someone simple.

In the middle of the night, Li Lanfeng, who had been waiting for Ling Lan to contact him, finally received a call from her.

Li Lanfeng let out a deep exhale through his mouth before he calmly picked up the call. A cold and familiar face appeared on the screen. It was filled with scars but he still recognized Ling Lan.

"Why are you here?" Ling Lan went directly into the main topic.

"A four-star mission." Li Lanfeng smiled. Although the military made a decision for Ling Lan, they still had to reward her men. As the leaders of the ten small teams, Li Lanfeng, Qi Long, Zhao Jun, and a few other people jumped ranks and became colonels due to their outstanding performance on Planet Haijiao. Even people who performed normally, like Li Yingjie and Xie Yi, got promoted to a lieutenant colonel.

Yang Mingzhi became a major general of the Federation. He was the only general-rank officer in 250 Ace Mecha Clan. Liu Furong got suppressed by his hidden enemies so he didn't get promoted. He maintained his rank as a senior colonel. Since their regiment commander's merit wasn't ascertained yet, the ultimate rank of her comrades was still uncertain.

"Four-star mission? That's dangerous." Ling Lan frowned. It looked like Li Lanfeng snatched any mission that allowed him to get into Mai'er Fa without bothering about the difficulty of the mission.

"You're here, right?" Li Lanfeng smiled. He had already decided to follow Ling Lan from the start and ask her to help him with his mission.

"What mission?" Ling Lan was unhappy but she couldn't leave her comrade in danger.

"To investigate the truth behind the destruction of Magic Ace Mecha Clan." Li Lanfeng smiled. This mission was difficult but it wasn't a total waste of time. This was something they wanted to know too as it was Liu Furong's hope.

Ling Lan's teeth went sore when she heard this.

"Haha, Boss, Li Lanfeng snatched the Flying Dragon Special Forces' mission too." Little Four suddenly realized what happened and started laughing.

"You don't have to tell me. I know." When she heard that Li Lanfeng's mission was the same as the mission of the two people from the Flying Dragon Special Forces, she knew what had happened.

In order to find a reason to come to Mai'er Fa, Li Lanfeng immediately snatched the mission without looking at the detail. Just like last time, the Federation had to give out the mission again so that the people from the Flying Dragon Special Forces could take it up.

This mission was specially created for the Flying Dragon Special Forces but after the team leaders of 250 Ace Mecha Clan received their merits from the battle on Planet Haijiao, their status was the same as the two people from the Flying Dragon Special Forces. Hence, it was normal that Li Lanfeng was able to snatch the mission.

### **Chapter 1018 Not Lose Again!**

In the middle of the night, even in the busy casinos in the city of the night, didn't have many people left inside. Only those people who were addicted to gambling and were unwilling to leave were left behind.

In a blind spot of a safe passage in the office district of a casino, a figure stood there silently like a statue

A red light flashed passed him. Someone appeared beside him suddenly.

"The interference device is on. We only have 60 seconds," the figure said softly.

The statute-like man turned alive when he heard this. He nodded. A purple light blinked and disappeared.

The person that came later flew into the central control of the casino followed by the flash of red light.

In the control center, a middle-aged man stared intently at the multiple images on the screen. He was afraid that he would miss something on the surveillance cameras.

"T2-G9, everything is normal. Based on similar data, everything is normal." The staff member beside him reported his findings.

"Watch them carefully. The higher authorities told us that someone will sneak in these next few days." The middle-aged man didn't relax after hearing what his staff member said. He just reminded his workers to be more careful.

"Yes!" All the staff members shouted in unison. They started attending to their jobs with even more care. If they made a mistake after they got reminded, they would be dead.

The two figures that sneaked into the office district dashed all the way. They didn't stop at all. They seemed to know where their destination was.

There was a metal door at the end of the passage.

The two people shifted to the two sides of the door. They entered the blind spot of the surveillance cameras again.

This was their final destination. Their most difficult task was to open this door without alerting the guards. The other people who took this mission before them all got caught here.

The man with a cold aura saw a surveillance camera looking at the door shifting away. The surveillance camera on the other side started shifting to the door. In an instant, he flicked his fingers and a transparent paper flew out of his hand before landing on the metal door.

Since they dared to come, they had made ample preparations.

The tiny transparent paper blinked. The numbers 'o' and '1' started shining. They disappeared in a second and the paper turned transparent again. The people watching the surveillance cameras could see the paper.

When the two surveillance cameras changed their positions again, the sound of the door opening was heard. A small crack formed on the door. Without any reminder, the two of them turned into two flashes of light and entered the crack.

They were so focused on sneaking in that they didn't notice that when they entered the door, a black and a blue aura floated in after them.

"Head, there's something weird with the door." The staff member watching the surveillance cameras noticed something wrong with the door and shouted hurriedly.

"Are they here?" The middle-aged man got excited. Waiting was the worst kind of torment. Since they were there, things would be easier.

"Activate all the defensive systems in the central district. Let's see how they would pass through all that," the middle-aged man ordered his staff. He didn't understand why Young Master Rong ordered him to do this. If it was him, he would send all the powerful people in the organization to kill these intruders. However, Young Master Rong was his superior. The higher authorities also ordered him to listen to Young Master Rong. Thus, although he had qualms about the decision, he still followed Young Master Rong's orders.

He then reminded Young Master Rong that the people he had been waiting for were here.

Xiao Yiqiu, who was lying on his bed, felt his communicator vibrating. He opened it and smiled.

"I lost the other time. This time, I won't lose

again."

"Knock knock..."

Someone knocked on his door.

Xiao Yiqiu was shocked. The only person who could knock on his door was Su Pei. Why was he looking for him in the middle of the night?

He opened the door. It was indeed Su Pei. He was looking nervously at him.

"What's wrong?" Xiao Yiqiu asked helplessly.

"The mecha tournament will start tomorrow. We will be participating too. I'm too nervous to sleep. I want to chat with you." Su Pei seemed nervous about the competition tomorrow.

"Su Pei, if you get so nervous now, how are you supposed to handle the Flying Dragon Special Forces' assessment?" Xiao Yiqiu's smile disappeared. He turned serious.

Su Pei was stunned. This was the first time Xiao Yiqiu showed him another expression besides smiling. It was the first time he saw such a serious expression on Xiao Yiqiu's face.

Ever since Xiao Yiqiu got saved by the people from the Flying Dragon Special Forces, he turned more oppressive and controlling, even Su Pei started listening to him.

Su Pei felt that it was because he had matured after undergoing so many obstacles. During the time Xiao Yiqiu got abducted by the mysterious organization, he must have experienced much torment. Hence, he matured instantly overnight. Su Pei never asked Xiao Yiqiu what he went through at that time. He was waiting for Xiao Yiqiu to tell him voluntarily after he put everything behind him.

As his best friend, this was the only thing he could do. Before his friend's wounds were healed, he didn't want to uncover the wounds and injure him again.

Su Pei decided to wait patiently but he felt helpless too. If he was stronger, he might be able to help Xiao Yiqiu with his internal conflict. This sense of helplessness pushed Su Pei to become stronger. He knew that Xiao Yiqiu's dream was to enter the Flying Dragon Special Forces. He couldn't help Xiao Yiqiu with anything so he decided to accompany him as he moved towards his dream. He would become his most trustworthy comrade.

Many thoughts went through Su Pei's mind in that instant. Yes, if he couldn't control his nervousness now, how could he continue to accompany Xiao Yiqiu? The assessment of the Federation was the hardest assessment in the Federation. The mecha tournament was nothing compared to it.

Many young and promising young man was filled with courage and ambition when they took on the assessment. In the end, they still failed. Su Pei had looked at the results of the assessment in the past few years. Only one in ten thousand participants passed the assessment every year. In some years, there was no one that succeeded.

If they really wanted to enter the Flying Dragon Special Forces, they needed to take every chance to improve themselves. If not, everything was just empty thoughts.

The nervousness on Su Pei's face slowly disappeared. He regained his calmness and gentleness again. He smiled at Xiao Yiqiu. "I understand. Yiqiu, thank you." He turned around and went back to his own room.

Xiao Yiqiu smiled at Su Pei's back before slowly closing his door.

# **Chapter 1019 Passing Through Obstacles!**

The moment the door closed, Xiao Yiqiu's smile disappeared. He grabbed his hair forcefully. He used so much strength that he actually pulled out a bunch of his hair. The pain caused his expression to turn hideous.

"Damn it. Su Pei, you can actually affect me. Is this my emotions or Xiao Yiqiu's emotions?" Xiao Yiqiu was like a caged wild beast. His gaze turned vicious.

"I must think of a way to get rid of this threat." Xiao Yiqiu finally managed to control his emotions. His face turned calm again and the viciousness in his eyes disappeared before turning cold again.

After the purple and red light entered the door, they were stunned by what they saw. There were no guards on duty patrolling behind the door. There was just a passage behind the door. A surveillance camera was placed every ten steps from each other.

The two people were in a daze. The people that came to investigate this place told them that there were guards behind the door. Why couldn't they see any?

They waited patiently for one minute and nothing changed. They thought that the people inside made different arrangements and they just coincidentally came at the time when they changed their shifts.

The situation wasn't certain but they couldn't stop their plan. The red light figure took a step forward first.

Suddenly, he felt a sense of danger. He flew back instantly. The walls beside him opened, revealing numerous muzzles.

"Oh no, we got found out." The red light figure exclaimed in surprise.

The two people wanted to get out of the door but the door behind them was shut tightly.

The transparent paper that was stuck on the door had been found by a staff member. It was peeled off successfully.

"Enjoy the last moments of your lives." The staff member outside could imagine the sad ending of the intruders.

When the door closed, the two people knew that they were trapped. They had fallen into their opponent's trap. Mailer Fa had already discovered what they were trying to investigate.

The purple light figure took a deep breath. He said calmly, "Our actions might have been discovered by them long ago."

"Now..." The red light figure understood this too.

"Let's get past this mess."

They made the decision simultaneously. There was no path of retreat so they could only move forward. That was their only chance of survival.

They were in their domain elemental form but they stopped using it now. Their body was revealed. During such dangerous moments, it was useless to waste too much energy on their domain territory. It was a suicidal act.

Two black gowned men appeared in the passage. The two of them hid under many layers of clothes. Nothing that could give their identity away could be seen. They were wearing animal masks on their faces too.

These cheap animal masks could be found in many stores on Mai'er Fa. It was hard to find out their identities from their masks.

"Interesting." The middle-aged man looked at the two intruders who didn't appear flustered when they were found. They didn't try to break open the door forcefully but instead, chose to pass through the obstacles in front of them for a chance of survival.

"The first obstacle, Ultimate Blockade, is enough for you two to handle." The middle-aged man was confident about his defensive system.

The two black gowned men exchanged glances with each other. They acted simultaneously. Two lightning bolts and two fire dragons shot out of their hands. One side of the wall was engulfed in flames while the other was electrocuted by lightning bolts.

The calm middle-aged man was shocked when he saw this scene.

Screams of agony could be heard amidst the heat from the flames and the crackling sound of lightning. The two of them stepped on the ground and shot towards their side of the wall when they heard the screams.

There were still people behind the walls that were still able to fight but these people weren't enough to stop two domain realm masters. In a blink of an eye, the two black gowned men reached the end of the passage.

There were two doors on each side of the passage. One of the men in black gown shouted, "Left!"

The two of them broke the door and entered.

"Lightning and fire element?" The middle-aged man's expression started turning serious. He didn't expect the intruders to be domain realm masters with the lightning and fire element.

He pressed the alarm. Instantly, the alarm within the core district rang. The people walking inside rushed into the room closest to them and shut the door.

Almost immediately, no one was walking in the core district. When the alarm stopped ringing, the entire place turned quiet.

The two men saw multiple passages after they entered the door. However, all the rooms within the passages were shut tightly. One of them found a room and tried to open it. Lightning struck the door but the door was not damaged at all.

"It's made from the same material as the first metal door. It's not afraid of heat or lightning." The man informed his comrade in a low voice.

This was why they walked further in when they found out they couldn't escape through the first door. When they used their powers on the walls, they tried to open the door at the same time. However, even after the walls got damaged, the door remained intact.

They could use their energy to destroy the entire building to break apart the defensive mechanism on the door. But, if they did that, the actual powerful person guarding Mailer Fa would be alerted. This person was not just a half step imperial realm formidable warrior. He was a real imperial realm formidable warrior, one of the nine imperial realm formidable warriors in the human race, Sword Monarch.

This person wasn't someone they could provoke. They remembered what their leader reminded them before they left.

"Continue moving." Since they couldn't go out, they had to move towards the darkness inside. They didn't believe that they couldn't break through one of the many doors.

The two of them passed through many dangerous obstacles. They walked through the maze-like area using their intuition and their efforts finally paid off. They finally managed to destroy a wall.

They were elated but stunned too. They stopped in their tracks and glanced at each other before walking in.

They knew that it was a trap but they still had to go in. After passing through so many obstacles, they knew that their opponent didn't want to kill them. They were just teasing them. They didn't want to become their toys. Hence, they decided to meet their opponent directly and understand what their intention was. That was the only way they had a chance of escaping this place.

It was a suite. They saw a living room and a person was sitting on a luxurious sofa while drinking tea. He was around 60 years old. He didn't look surprised at their appearance. He put down his teacup and said calmly, "You are finally here. Have a seat."

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The two black gowned men exchanged glances with each other. Then, they walked calmly to the sofa and sat down opposite to the old man.

The middle-aged man suddenly appeared beside the old man. He looked intently at the two black gowned men. The two black gowned men felt their hearts drop.

The force of presence this middle-aged man was exuding was as strong as them. The most frightening thing was that they couldn't feel the strength of this old man. It was clear that these two people in front of them were enough to give them a hard time. Plus, this was their opponent's headquarters so there would most definitely be even more powerful people around.

Cold sweat started pouring down the faces of these two black gowned men. They knew that it was almost impossible to escape this time.

The moment their emotions went out of control, the two black gowned men bit their lips and the pain caused them to calm down.

They were on their guards. This old man's domain concept must be related to one's mind. That was why he was able to affect their emotions and almost cause them to lose control of himself.

The old man turned serious when he noticed that the two people recovered from his mental attack. As expected, the people sent by the other party were not easy to deal with.

The living room remained silent for a few seconds. The old man opened his mouth first. "You came here to investigate what happened to the Magic Ace Mecha Clan 15 years ago?"

The two black gowned men were shocked. They didn't expect their opponents to know their motives and even asked them about it directly.

The old man smiled when he received no answer from the other party. "I know that you came from the Flying Dragon Special Forces too."

The two people felt their hearts dropped. Was there a traitor among them? How did they know their identity?

The old man didn't give them the answer they wanted. He skipped the topic and went on to the next one. "Actually, I can tell you what happened to the Magic Ace Mecha Clan. However, our young master wants to play a game with you. If you win, we'll tell you what you want to know. If not, you'll be dead. You won't need to know anything."

The old man sounded calm as though he was having a casual conversation. However, his words were filled with killing intent.

"What game?" One of the black gowned men asked coldly. Their lives were in the hands of their opponents now so they had to listen to them.

"Bam! Bam!"

The old man didn't reply. He just clapped his hands twice. Then, the damaged door suddenly closed and the entire living room shook. The living room started falling down.

This living room was actually a lift.

The lift started moving the people down. Soon, a giant hole could be seen in the room.

Two figures suddenly appeared near the hole.

"What do we do now?" One of them looked at the deep hole and turned to look at his comrade.

"Since they attracted the attention of Mailer Fa, let's go to the control room," the other person coldly replied.

The two of them disappeared from the spot. In a blink of an eye, they arrived at the control room.

The people in the control room were all staring at the surveillance images so they didn't know that there were two intruders behind them.

"Weird, why is it so cold? Did the temperature system malfunction?" One of the workers tucked his neck as he wondered to himself in puzzlement. He was always very sensitive towards the temperature around him so he felt uncomfortable at the sudden drop in temperature. He turned to look at his colleagues to see if they felt the same. But, they didn't seem to have noticed anything. He frowned and murmured to himself, "Am I too sensitive?"

Just as he was considering whether he should check the thermostat, an invisible puff of steam entered the mainframe.

"Boss, we succeeded," Little Four shouted happily as he had finally entered the mainframe of Mai'er Fa.

This was the first time he went up against such a powerful mainframe. The real mainframe of Mai'er Fa was situated in the control room. The other optical supercomputer outside the control room had its own individual mainframe. However, he couldn't access the Mai'er Fa mainframe through them.

This was why Li Lanfeng and Ling Lan decided to take the risk to enter the core control system. Little Four had experimented many times and found out that they could only get the information they wanted if they enter the real mainframe.

"Copy all the information about the Magic Ace Mecha Clan." Ling Lan ordered.

"Yes, Boss." Little Four started collating all the information about Magic Ace Mecha Clan and downloaded them quickly.

Huh? After downloading everything, Little Four looked through the other information in the mainframe and noticed that there were many things inside he didn't have.

Little Four was a fanatic of data. When he saw something he didn't have, he got excited and wanted to collect them. He felt that since he already hacked into the mainframe, it was alright to take some other data away.

Little Four, who never met any difficulties in terms of hacking, thought so naturally. He started downloading the secret data.

Suddenly, the alarm rang in the control room.

A middle-aged man who was asleep in a place that looked at a warehouse opened his eyes suddenly. "There's a hacker who is as powerful as me. Interesting.."

An old man in a meditation room opened his eyes too. Two invisible sword aura shot towards the wall opposite him, forming two deep scars.

The staff in the control room jumped up when they heard the alarm. Someone shouted, "Someone is hacking into our mainframe. Find him!"

"Retreat!"

Ling Lan knew that Little Four had touched something heavily guarded by Mai'er Fa when she heard the alarm. She sensed an unprecedented sense of danger so she decided to retreat immediately.

On the other side, the lift had stopped. Just as the old man was about the lead the two black gowned men into the arena, his expression changed. He shouted furiously, "We're fooled!"

The two black gowned men didn't know what was happening but they knew that this was a good time for them to escape.

Almost simultaneously, they turned and attacked the old man and the middle-aged man.

A sea of flame and an occasional crackle of lightning could be seen.

The old man and the middle-aged man saw this powerful attack and activated their domain. They wanted to stop this frightening attack.

Finally, the two forces collided. However, the energy from their opponents was very oddly weak.

"You want to escape? Not that easily!"

The old man was the most powerful among the four of them. He instantly detected the real intention of the black gowned men. They were trying to use this attack as a cover-up so that they could escape.