

Crossing 731

Chapter 731: First Meeting!

Right after Ling Lan returned to her own room, her already freezing cold expression became even colder. Although she knew her father wouldn't let anything bad happen to her, she still felt uneasy by the fact that things were out of her control. She felt somewhat defeated.

As expected, she couldn't be like her father Ling Xiao, a person able to control everything within a grasp of his hand. She circled around the small living room, seemingly in deep thought for quite a while. She then decided to still find her father to ask what was going on.

"Little Four, help me contact..." Right as Ling Lan was about to ask Little Four to contact Ling Xiao, she suddenly had a thought that maybe Ling Xiao couldn't contact her since he would have contacted her by now.

It was clear that the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee was sent by the military, He Xuyang's off-putting behavior also proved it was not known to the 23rd division. They came to do a private investigation, catching all of them off guard.

In the military, the disputes between the different factions were ongoing. Ling Lan thought about the havoc she had caused in Soldier City. Shouldn't the military be in chaos because of that event? Maybe that could be why all the different factions are sending out their people in the shadows. Maybe the request to investigate her was just a smokescreen, and their actual target was actually Ling Xiao?

Ling Lan had a lot of thoughts swirling in her mind, which made her really anxious. She knew if her father had received any information about the current situation, he would have already made a move. Did her father's enemies discover something off about her father's movements, so they decided to test out the waters with her?

Conveniently, 250 Ace Mecha Clan appeared during this time, from being a useless mecha clan to a top 10 mecha clan in their first land clearing mission. It was indeed easy for people to formulate intricate conspiracy theories about her father situation. It seemed she needed to be more careful and shouldn't let anyone know of her and her father's relationship. Otherwise, even if she eventually took the position of regiment commander through sheer merits and achievements, it would still cause heavy damage to her father's reputation, giving his opposition a chance to attack her father. Perhaps, her father not contacting her directly was also because of this issue.

Ling Lan had a few conclusions after minutes of circling around the living room. Currently, her relationship between her father must continue to be only a normal working relationship between a general and an ace mecha clan's regiment commander. She should only be a normal officer working under her father. This might lessen his worries so he could make moves whenever he wanted to.

Although Ling Lan knew that the top brass of the military definitely knew the truth, but they probably had some sort of agreement, and wouldn't actively announce the relationship between her and Ling Xiao. Their confidants might also know something, but would definitely not dare to let any of that information leak out.

It meant that on her side, she would just need to be careful to not let the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee find out her relationship with her father.

A bone-chilling breeze suddenly blew across the small living room. She predicted the reason why the higher-ups of the military had sent the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee to investigate the 23rd division privately, was to find out about her relationship with her relationship with Ling Xiao and then to publicly announce it? Of course, it didn't eliminate the possibility that they wanted to give her father a bad name. It seemed her father's public image had made the higher-ups envious of him.

Now, they wanted to catch her off guard and have her make mistakes to show them her weak point for them to use it to their advantage... they severely underestimated her.

With that thought in mind, Ling Lan sat on the sofa in the living room with a well-thought-out plan, her lips perked as she sneered. What could they do if she contacted her father?

"Little Four, contact mom and make sure no one discovers you." Alright, let's see what you can do, God of the virtual world, Little Four. Compared to Ling Xiao, Lan Luofeng was a smaller target.

"Understood, Boss." Little Four's expression had hints of excitement. Only at these moments, he wouldn't feel sleepy and would be full of energy. Additionally, he could finally speak to his warm and kind mother.

"Hmph, just as Boss had predicted, these bastards actually dare to monitor mother's communicator. If I was to let you find me, then how could I still stand around Boss? This position of number one underling can only be kept if I am capable."

The petty Little Four traveled pass the surveillance of these people while memorizing their information. After this event blows over, he planned on finding them one by one to make them pay.

Lan Luofeng, who was sitting in the office's sofa while looking at her communicator, suddenly saw a string of small words appear on it. The words made her display a smile on her face. She stood up with grace and walked towards Ling Xiao, who was looking through documents at the other end of the room. Then, she sat down beside him.

Ling Xiao raised his head in surprise as he saw Lan Luofeng sitting beside him. In the past few days, Lan Luofeng didn't give him any good looks. He didn't think that today she would actively move closer to him. Is she forgiving him? Ling Xiao knew he had done many things recently that went beyond what Lan Luofeng could endure. Thus, he didn't dare to have any opinions about Lan Luofeng's treatment towards him.

"Ling Xiao, I have something I need you to do. Do you have time?" She showed her communicator discretely and shook it in front of Ling Xiao. The message on it made Ling Xiao smile.

"If my wife needs me, I'll make time even if I don't have time!" Ling Xiao held Lan Luofeng's hand to gesture to her that he had already sealed off his office. No one would be able to eavesdrop on them. As for hackers... since his daughter told him she would take care of it, then it wasn't a problem he had to worry about.

Lan Luofeng glared at Ling Xiao. If it wasn't for the fact that her daughter was looking for Ling Xiao, she wouldn't give him the time of day. He actually agreed for those bastards to investigate her baby girl. If she didn't make him sleep on the floor for a month, she would no longer call herself Lan Luofeng.

Ling Xiao didn't know his pitiful days hadn't ended yet. He hugged Lan Luofeng lightly, then pushed on the connect button on Lan Luofeng's communicator. A five or six old little kid jumped out and smiled like a little doll, wearing a red outfit and was very festive. Lan Luofeng loved this little kid the moment she laid her eyes on him.

"Hello mom and dad, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ling Little Four. From now on, I will be your son" Little Four's smile was cute, and his expression was sparkling with excitement. This was the first time he talked with mom and dad. He didn't know whether they liked him or not.

Little Four, who was always full of confidence, began to doubt himself. He looked at Lan Luofeng and Ling Xiao with a sad look. Ling Xiao didn't feel anything but Lan Luofeng thought it was very cute. If Little Four wasn't just a virtual entity, Lan Luofeng may have already held him in her arms and kissed him a few times before letting him go.

"So cute!" Lan Luofeng held her face with her hands and shrieked, heart shapes started forming in her eyes. As expected, Lan Luofeng couldn't resist the charm of a cute kid.

"Where's Ling Lan?" Only the handsome and dignified Ling Xiao was reliable and instantly went looking for the main individual in the incident.

"Boss is on the line. It's just I wanted to say hello to mom and dad first." Little Four showed a pure smile. That pure expression of ass-kissing made Ling Xiao's hairs stand up on end. He instantly had a bad feeling about Little Four. Where did his daughter find this little punk? He actually dared to lure in his wife... Ling Xiao felt sour.

It had to be said that, Little Four's cute appearance made Lan Luofeng and Ling Xiao have two different impressions. Ling Xiao felt Little Four was too cute and didn't have anything that was like a man. His impression of Little Four was definitely not very good.

Little Four didn't know Ling Xiao's thoughts at that moment. After being satisfied, he immediately moved aside. On the virtual screen, Ling Lan's cold and calm face appeared.

"My Baby Lan" Before Ling Lan could say anything, Lan Luofeng couldn't control her emotions as she shouted with her reddened eyes. Her daughter, who she originally could have held in her arms, must face trials and tribulations by herself because of her and Ling Xiao's mistake. Now, she could only watch as her daughter suffer while unable to do anything to help.

"Mom, I'm fine." Ling Lan could only comfort Lan Luofeng first. However, when Lan Luofeng wasn't paying attention to her, she glanced towards her father. Her glance was blaming him as to why he hadn't comforted his own wife, making her face a crying mom all the time.

Ling Xiao could only show a pained expression as he smiled bitterly. Could he tell her that he couldn't do anything about Lan Luofeng? Wouldn't that affect his dignity as a father?

Ling Lan was only just criticizing him and Ling Xiao still thought he had dignity? That was funny. Ling Lan already knew her father couldn't do anything about her mother. If he could do something about her

mother, would he have been kicked out of his own home and become Ling Lan's personal bodyguard? Did he actually think that as a general, he had nothing better to do?

Some things were better not mentioned because Ling Lan still wanted her father to have some semblance of dignity left in case he needed it.

Ling Xiao was pitiful. He still didn't know that with his daughter, his image was no longer dignified... He thought he had faked it well all this time.

Lan Luofeng knew that it wasn't the time to be emotional. She forced herself to stop crying and smiled, "My Baby Lan, your father's here. If you feel wronged, talk to him." After saying that, she pulled on Ling Xiao to let him speak.

Ling Xiao actually wanted to talk with his daughter for a while, but he still coughed and said in a dignified tone, "Ask me whatever you want."

Ling Xiao knew of his daughter's personality. She definitely wouldn't ask for help. She was definitely asking about things she couldn't figure out herself.

"Have they found out anything?" As expected, Ling Lan went for the main topic right off the bat. She could only think of a way to go against the opposition if she knew what they were here for.

Ling Xiao half-smiled and glanced at Ling Lan. This made Ling Lan frown. Her father's expression meant it was her fault that these issues occurred? What mistake did she make? Ling Lan couldn't help but think where she had made an error.

"In the 6 months' time, you haven't been able to subdue everyone in 250 Ace Mecha Clan. That's a fail," said Ling Xiao.

Ling Lan had a realization, "Did someone from my clan complain to the military?" That was the only possibility for the military to send people here and catching her father off guard.

"Do you get it now?" Asked Ling Xiao.

"The people who I took with me for the land clearing mission are probably fine. Those who could have issues are only those left in the headquarters." Ling Lan quickly determined the list of suspects. This would explain why the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee of the military would come to 250 Ace Mecha Clan to investigate. The person who reported it to the military was definitely within 250 Ace Mecha Clan. If someone from the land clearing mission reported it, then they probably would have been kept at Soldier City to be investigated and not be able to return to their base camp.

Chapter 732: Interrogation!

"To be honest, you're pretty lucky. If you didn't cause the dispute between the 3rd Division and 13th Division, making all of the factions in the military fight over positions which caused them to not have any expendable resources to investigate you, you might have been told to stay in Soldier City for the investigation. If you were really held back in Soldier City, it would have been much more difficult for you to get out of this situation." Ling Xiao rejoiced at the fact that Ling Lan had created a scene. It was originally supposed to test the waters of the military, but he didn't think it would help them reap so

many benefits and also accidentally helped her out of a crisis-like situation. Now that she had returned to the 23rd division, it was more difficult for the opposition to lay a hand on his daughter.

The coldness in Ling Xiao's expression seeped through his joyful facial expression. If those people dared to betray his daughter, then that meant they were ready to give up everything.

"Do you know what they had reported you on?" Ling Xiao realized Ling Lan hadn't asked him about this.

"The military is usually careful but they still sent the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee, so it's probably my training methods." Ling Lan didn't need to think and knew that only this would cause people to denounce her.

"Do you know what the name of the crime is?" Ling Xiao smiled. If his daughter could take only such a short time to realize the problem, it meant that she was a sensitive and intelligent person. Even if she was to face other traps and plots against her in the future, she would be able to handle them.

In actuality, the reason why Ling Xiao hadn't contacted Ling Lan wasn't because he was afraid that their relationship would be exposed. What could happen even if they were exposed? Who was Ling Xiao ever afraid of? He wanted everyone to know that he has a capable and special child.

In short, Ling Xiao used this situation to test Ling Lan's problem solving skills. After all, if Ling Lan continued to live within the military, as she climbs the ranking ladder, these plots from different powers would be countless. She must get used to them for her to live in the military. Ling Xiao was very satisfied with Ling Lan's performance this time.

"Probably being violent and violating human rights or something like that," Ling Lan said nonchalantly. Ever since she decided to use this method to forge these mecha operators into sharp blades, she was already prepared that she would be met with a problem like this.

"Do you have any plans to resolve it?" Ling Xiao raised his eyebrow as he asked. Knowing the problem but without the capabilities of providing a solution was also a fail grade.

"It's simple, just don't admit to it," Ling Lan smiled coldly. At that moment, other than the witness statements of those mecha operators who betrayed her, the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee would be hard-pressed to find any other hard evidence against her. How could she leave any evidence if she had already thought that an outcome like this might happen? The video footage were all destroyed by Little Four. Without capabilities similar to Little Four, they were impossible to recover.

"Don't let the number of mecha operators' witness statements get past 10% of the clan's population. Otherwise, even if they don't have evidence, the opposition can still make a case." Ling Xiao reminded.

"Don't worry, I have a way around it." Ling Lan smirked. The game had begun. She was already going to send away those conniving and sly individuals from 250 Ace Mecha Clan after she completed the land clearing mission. She didn't think that they would actively give her an opportunity to let her cast them away in public...

Ling Lan didn't know whether she should mock them for thinking they were smart or pity them for causing their own demise. She only hoped that they won't regret what they had done.

After talking for a short while afterwards, Ling Lan said goodbye to her mom and dad. At that moment, Ling Xiao suddenly asked, "Who was that little punk at the beginning?" During the three months that he was alongside Ling Lan, he never saw a little kid with her. Ling Xiao remembered that intelligent A.I., Meng Lan. Did that Ling Little Four come from the same place as Meng Lan?

Ling Lan was originally planning on telling the truth, she suddenly had a playful thought. She straightened her face and said in a serious tone, "Dad, after so many years, shouldn't you give this little brother an official identity?"

"Ling Xiao?!" Lan Luofeng, who was full of smiles while watching the two of them talk to each other, had her eyes went bright red instantly and began to scream after hearing Ling Lan's words.

"Nonsense!" Ling Xiao had a pained expression. He angrily glared at Ling Lan and quickly comforted his wife to not listen to Ling Lan's nonsense.

"Mom, I love you. And Dad, be safe!" Ling Lan's expression showed a hint of playfulness. Lan Luofeng, who originally thought Ling Xiao had done something to betray her, instantly understood that it was Ling Lan's prank. She felt angry and happy at the same time. It seemed that Ling Lan had felt something wrong was going on between Lan Luofeng and Ling Xiao. Thus, Ling Lan gave her a chance to let out her anger.

"She really is my little sweetheart!" Lan Luofeng thought as her eyes began to redden, but it returned to its original large fiery eyes in an instant. She shouldn't waste her daughter's goodwill.

As for Ling Xiao, he was suffering and happy at the same time. He both loved and hated his daughter's prank, and didn't know whether he should cry or laugh.

After hanging up the call, Ling Lan's smile disappeared and returned to her cold expression. She quickly washed-up and changed into a clean major uniform. At the same time, she ordered Li Lanfeng and Li Shiyu to accompany her to the meeting hall to fight a weaponless battle.

Faced with these kinds of plots, traps and maybe even lying with a straight face, the conniving and sly Li Lanfeng was more suitable than the virtuous Han Jijun.

As for Li Shiyu... back then, the reason why her father sent her to 250 Ace Mecha Clan now became her weapon for counter-attacking. Ling Lan even thought that maybe from the very beginning, her father had already prepared everything for her. He was just trying to see whether she will use it or not.

Ling Lan smirked. If this was her father's test, then she would let her father know she wasn't some useless heir.

Not long after, Ling Lan led Li Lanfeng and Li Shiyu, who had prepared thoroughly, to the meeting hall. As they were walking there, Ling Lan told them about her predictions and why they had come to 250 Ace Mecha Clan. The two of them also made their preparations and walked into the meeting hall full of energy.

The Disciplinary and Investigation Committee had expressions of dissatisfaction when they saw Ling Lan bringing two majors with her. Ling Lan didn't pay them any heed and immediately sat down at the main seat. Li Lanfeng and Li Shiyu also sat down beside Ling Lan, without any regard for the others. They would, of course, not give the opposition any good looks since they didn't come here to be peaceful.

After Ling Lan showing that she was the master of the place, she gestured the opposition to sit down and speak. Only the senior colonel, who was sly and conniving, wasn't affected and kept smiling, the others were more or less angered by Ling Lan's attitude. Especially the young major, with his expression becoming more twisted.

Li Lanfeng scanned around the room, and knew the senior colonel would be the most difficult person to deal with. He took a deep breath and focused. He must fight a brilliant battle for himself and Ling Lan.

On the side, Li Shiyu had his eyes somewhat closed. Before his regiment commander throws him into the fray, he would only be a bystander and wouldn't participate in the battle from the beginning.

"You seem quite busy, Regiment Commander Ling. You made us wait for a very long time." Before Ling Lan could say anything, the young major jumped out and spoke loudly.

"Of course, our regiment commander is a commander of a clan. He is much busier than major like us who don't have actual power." Li Lanfeng said while smiling. Although it seemed he was mocking himself, he was actually mocking the young major. The young major could not find a proper rebuttal, so the stress started building up in him which almost made him faint.

"Actually useless!" The senior colonel, who led the team, cursed internally at the fact that his subordinate was useless. His expression however didn't change as he nodded and smiled, "Indeed. Major Ling has made many achievements at such a young age, resulting in being a regiment commander at such a young age. Perhaps you are a genius that General Ling has set his sights on. Your future is limitless, Major Ling."

Ling Lan had her eyes half open and didn't respond, making the senior colonel feel awkward for talking to himself. He couldn't help but insult Ling Lan in his head for being a sly bastard.

His words were actually a trap. No matter how Ling Lan responded, they would be able to continue to question her. Now that her lips were tightly sealed and wouldn't say anything, the senior colonel couldn't continue to ask questions. Even if it was the confident senior colonel, he still couldn't help but feel demotivated from the defeat he took at the very beginning of the interrogation.

The entire meeting hall was silent. Ling Lan's group of three came to this meeting with the thought of speaking only when necessary. They won't actively speak to the opposition to let the opposition find a chance to question them. Thus, they calmly held the teacup Lin Zhong-qing had brought and drank from it slowly. This extremely calm demeanor made the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee irritated.

The only way to get through Ling Lan's defenses was to make her panic, increasing the chances of her making a mistake, waiting wasn't an option. Those from the committee knew that they weren't given much time. If they couldn't find hard evidence in the required time, they could only return without achieving anything. Just as Ling Lan had thought, they only had a small amount of people speak and make witness statements. They didn't have actual evidence and the amount of witness statements were not enough to make a case...

After thinking about this point, the senior colonel sighed internally. There were clearly so many people who had stayed back at the base camp, but in the end, only less than 10 individuals were willing to expose their regiment commander's abusive training methods. The others, no matter how much they

questioned, threatened or tricked them, they still couldn't make the others say anything. This made the senior colonel admire this young regiment commander's methods of being able to make his subordinate not dare to speak a word in a short time.

However, the more the situation continued on, the more he wanted to rip off Ling Lan's facade. He definitely couldn't let this violent individual rise up the ranks. If that happened, there would be more soldiers going through inhumane training methods. The senior colonel's eyes flickered, and a strong will showed within them. Wasn't this the reason why the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee existed?

The senior colonel threw a glare at this confidant. A lieutenant colonel, who was a subordinate of the senior colonel, spoke out in a formal and cold manner, "Regiment Commander Ling, we've looked through your files. You are a new recruit who just entered the division this year. You're still short a few days for an entire year. Please explain how did you manage to jump the ranks from being a new recruit to a regiment commander?"

After hearing him, Ling Lan raised her eyes and smirked, "I thought the documents have it clearly written down. Did you not read it?"

Hearing this, the lieutenant colonel instantly shouted, "Ling Lan, please correct your attitude. When I'm asking you, you must answer."

Ling Lan frowned and spoke with a hint of confusion, "Mr. Senior Colonel, are you here to question about things? Or are you here to interrogate me?"

They want to scare her? However, Ling Lan was quite daring. Otherwise, she wouldn't cause so many troublesome situations to occur, causing her father to have headaches when he cleans up after her. Ling Lan knew it all very well. She was indeed not a naughty child.

Chapter 733: Loggerheads!

The senior colonel was frustrated. With the current amount of evidence, he couldn't register this case to court. Hence, he could only ask her for questioning and not interrogate her. These two terms meant similar things but there was a huge difference between them.

Initially, he thought he could scare the evidence out of Ling Lan since she was young and inexperienced. Yet, she was surprisingly well-seasoned. A single sentence from her placed them on the passive side.

Since Ling Lan asked, the senior colonel had to reply. "This is just a questioning. My men are just too passionate about their job. If they did anything wrong, please forgive them."

Ling Lan gave a cold smile. "Since they are part of the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee, they should know what they should do and what shouldn't. If they do not, they shouldn't be able to sit in this position." Ling Lan looked at the fierce-looking lieutenant colonel. She said indifferently, "Lieutenant colonel, what do you think?"

The lieutenant colonel's face twitched. He suppressed his anger and didn't reply to her. He must not be angered by Ling Lan. If he did, Ling Lan might be able to derail the conversation for it to not be about her, in that situation, the loss would outweigh the gain.

The senior colonel felt he needed to speak up now. He pulled the conversation back to the main topic. "Regiment Commander Ling, we have seen your data. However, there are some doubts we would like you to clear up."

Ling Lan glanced at the senior colonel calmly. The senior colonel didn't wait for Ling Lan's reply and immediately asked her, "Regiment Commander Ling, after you entered the 23rd division, you didn't undergo the three months long recruit training camp. May I ask why?" Injured? This was not a good reason to escape from the recruit training camp. There must be something going on.

Li Lanfeng heard this questioned and scoffed. The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee looked at him angrily. The senior colonel controlled his temper and turned to look at him. He said with a tinge of unhappiness in his voice, "Major, is there anything wrong with my question?"

Li Lanfeng coughed. He smiled and replied, "The reports clearly stated the reason why our regiment commander didn't undergo the recruit training camp. Our Regiment Commander Ling was injured at that time. As for how he got injured, it's written there too. The 23rd division headquarters gave him a special dispensation so he didn't need to undergo the recruit training camp. I don't understand why you feel the need to ask this question when the answers are written so clearly. If you suspect there is something wrong with the documents, you should ask the headquarters."

"I just want to hear the reason from Regiment Commander Ling directly." The senior colonel was furious after listening to what Li Lanfeng said. F**k, I've never seen such an uncooperative soldier.

"Of course, you can. However, our regiment commander can refuse to answer such meaningless questions." Li Lanfeng smiled gently. He was not afraid of the senior colonel's intense gaze.

"The Disciplinary and Investigation Committee will report your actions to the higher authorities. If you continue to not cooperate with us, don't blame us for being merciless." The lieutenant colonel could no longer control his anger.

"Please do it." Li Lanfeng waved his hands indifferently. His calm expression made the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee feel even more indignant. They didn't expect to meet such huge resistance the moment they started their investigation.

"Regiment Commander Ling, please remember that you are a soldier. You should cooperate with us and help us with our investigation." The senior colonel slammed the table and glared at Ling Lan furiously. His gentle expression and friendly demeanor had disappeared.

"Senior colonel, our regiment commander would not be sitting here wasting his time, listening to your accusations if he didn't want to cooperate with you." Li Lanfeng slammed the table too and glared at the senior colonel coldly.

F**k, you are in our territory. If they allowed themselves to be bullied in their own territory, they should just dissolve their mecha clan.

Ling Lan sat in the middle of the confrontation like an ice statue. She ignored the argument that was happening and sipped her tea nonchalantly. Leopard is performing well, I must give him a thumbs up later. As expected, it's relaxing to have someone at the front-end fighting for her. I need to nurture him more in the future.

Ling Lan found Li Lanfeng's usefulness and decided to use it shamelessly.

The senior colonel glared at Li Lanfeng for a long time. In the end, he backed down first. He looked at the calm Ling Lan and reprimanded her, "Regiment Commander Ling, is this how you treat your guest?"

Ling Lan looked down and blew her tea elegantly. She took a sip and replied indifferently, "Senior colonel, if you want to ask, ask something that isn't written in the reports. Let's not waste each other's time." She raised her eyebrows slightly and looked at the senior colonel.

"Our mecha clan needs to be on the battlefield soon. Every minute we are wasting could be put to better use. One minute of training could increase our chance of survival in the battlefield. Let's not waste time, indirectly killing people."

You are a murderer! The senior colonel screamed in his heart. Those people said he had killed two mecha operators heartlessly. However, no information could be found even after they searched through the entire database of the 23rd division. It was as though the two mecha operators never existed.

The senior colonel didn't know he had found the truth. The greed for merit blinded him, causing him to oversee this possibility.

The senior colonel took much effort before he managed to control his anger. He no longer waited for them to make a mistake. He could tell the three majors were very experienced people. It would be difficult dealing with them. Just like what Ling Lan said, he should stop wasting each other's time and go directly to the point. Even if he didn't get any information, it was better than getting angered by them like this.

"According to what we know, you brutally killed two people when you first became the Regiment Commander of 250 Ace Mecha Clan. This was the reason why your men reported to us that you didn't have the capabilities to be their leader."

Ling Lan raised her eyebrows. "Who said that?"

"We have enough evidence to prove that you were vicious towards your men when you were just appointed as a regiment commander. You killed two people, Regiment Commander Ling, if you confess now, you may still have a chance to get a lighter sentence." The senior colonel stared at Ling Lan. He directly threw this question at her so that she would get agitated. That way, she might show them some loopholes.

Confession will place you in jail while resistance allows you to go back home for the new year. This was a saying used in her past life, and it speaks the truth.

Ling Lan wanted to go back home for the new year. There was no change in her expression as she firmly replied with a calm face, "I didn't."

"Didn't? You are lying!" The young major who had been controlling his anger and watching the questioning from the side sprung up furiously and shouted at Ling Lan.

"I'm lying? Where is your evidence then? Who are the people that died? What are their names? Where are they from? When did they enter the military?" Ling Lan threw a flurry of questions to the other party.

The other party was speechless. They didn't have any relevant evidence but this caused them to suspect even more that someone was protecting Regiment Commander Ling behind the scene by destroying all the evidence against him.

"Since you can't show any evidence, should I suspect that you are trying to frame me?" Ling Lan glanced at the officers intently. The officers lowered their heads, not daring to look at Ling Lan directly.

"What is done by night appears by day! Regiment Commander Ling, the people that accused you are from your own mecha clan, not us." The senior colonel gave a cold smile. He refuted Ling Lan's words.

Ling Lan had nothing to respond to this query. Someone from her mecha clan complained against her. Whether the complaint was true or fake, she couldn't refute it.

The Senior Colonel was delighted. He finally managed to gain the upper hand in this confrontation. He waited to see how the other party would respond.

Li Lanfeng smiled. He finally entered the trap. He waited so long for this moment.

Li Lanfeng gave a gentle smile and answered calmly, "Senior Colonel, those people that accuse our regiment commander, are they the people who stayed back at the base?"

The senior colonel narrowed his eyes. He looked at the smiling Li Lanfeng and pondered over his intention for asking this question. He couldn't find what the other party wanted to do, so he decided to be safe and remain silent.

The senior colonel smiled and looked at Li Lanfeng, without replying to him.

Li Lanfeng didn't seem awkward after he got ignored. He nonchalantly continued on, "You all should know that there are different levels of mecha operators in a mecha clan. Some are good, some are bad. This time, our regiment commander brought all the capable soldiers on this mission. Those that are left..." Li Lanfeng appeared to be sad and disappointed. He clicked his tongue to show his unhappiness. "Actually, our regiment commander had made a decision, that if these mecha operators couldn't pass the test after he comes back from this mission, they would be moved to normal mecha clans or be sent out of the military."

The senior colonel got a shock when he heard that. He said without thinking, "You can do that?" When he came, his superiors had told him what kind of mecha operators were in 250 Ace Mecha Clan...

Li Lanfeng appeared stunned by the senior colonel's expression. "Why can't we do that? An excellent ace mecha clan should only keep the best mecha operators. Those that didn't meet the requirements would be cut."

He was trying to confuse truth by mixing it with falsehood. They were being incredibly disrespectful towards these mecha operators who achieved many merits before. The senior colonel was furious but he controlled his emotions. He signaled his assistant to hand him the folders with information about the mecha operators of 250 Ace Mecha Clan.

He took the documents and slammed it in front of Li Lanfeng. He said coldly, "I've read through the background of all the mecha operators in 250 Ace Mecha Clan. They are excellent mecha operators from

other divisions. How can they be not capable? Are you trying to send them away just because they don't listen to you?"

Li Lanfeng didn't flinch (Well, he was wearing a mask so even if he did, they wouldn't be able to see it.). He took a folder out and pushed it towards the senior colonel. He said with a smile, "Being outstanding in the past doesn't mean they will remain outstanding. Why don't you take a look at the documents inside this folder first?"

The senior colonel took out the documents from the folder curiously. It contained the past results of these mecha operators. He was shocked. The results were terrible. The senior colonel knew these mecha operators were forsaken by their past division, so it was normal to have such results.

The documents felt like a hot potato in his hands. These documents alone were enough to refute his statement that these mecha operators were excellent. However, if he showed his hand now, would he get used by them? The senior colonel's mind worked furiously.

The senior colonel saw the three majors staring at him, waiting for his reply. He then thought of something. "Everyone has their lows, we should be more patient towards them." Even if they wanted him to show his hand, he wouldn't do it.

"Senior colonel, you are right. The military has its rules but we are not heartless. However, these mecha operators had been like this for a few years. We need to be responsible to the other soldiers. We can't let them continue like this. It is unfair to the other soldiers who are fighting hard at the frontline, who are working for their benefits while these operators just stay at the base doing nothing, but mope around and obtaining the same benefits as those who are working at the frontlines." Li Lanfeng tapped on the document in the senior colonel's hand, signaling him to look carefully.

The senior colonel's expression changed. He knew what these mecha operators were like. Is the other party forcing him to state his intention? Then, he remembered what the commander had said when he came to the 23rd division. He sneered. "They have many achievements during their time in the military. Even if they can't regain their powers, we should still not give up on them. Are you trying to deny their merits? Do you want the soldiers in the military to be disappointed in us?"

"Senior colonel, is there a misunderstanding?" Li Lanfeng was elated when he heard the senior colonel finally stating his true intention. He pretended to be surprised and explained himself, "I'm just saying that we need to be responsible for them since they can't go back to their old days and control a mecha, we should send them to where they truly belong. Letting them stay in 250 Ace Mecha Clan is just harming them."

"Isn't this..." The senior colonel stopped talking abruptly. He was shocked to realize that he had walked into the other party's trap. 250 Ace Mecha Clan was a forsaken ace mecha clan. However, it was not an official status. If the 23rd division wanted to reorganize 250 Ace Mecha Clan and Ling Lan carried out this mission on an order, then there would be no problem at all.

As the regiment commander of an ace mecha clan, he had the right to send those underperforming soldiers out from his clan. The senior colonel turned pale. He let down his guard and got fooled by the other party.

Chapter 734: Weakness!

“Whether the mecha operators from 250 Ace Mecha Clan are kicked out or not has nothing to do with our investigation. Don’t try to change the topic, Regiment Commander Ling, our leader has spoken clearly just now. Your men accused you of using violent means and killing mecha operators in your mecha clan. We would like you to give an explanation for this accusation.” The assistant beside the senior colonel realized that the situation was going against them, so he tried to turn the tables around.

Ling Lan looked up indifferently and replied, “I’ve made myself clear just now. Who did I kill? Where is the evidence? I hope that you can show them to me.”

The lieutenant colonel gritted his teeth and tried to beat around the bush. “You don’t have the right to know some things.”

“In that case, I have to suspect that I’m being framed!” Ling Lan gave them a look of contempt. If they had evidence, then there would be something wrong.

The lieutenant colonel fumed in anger. If they had solid evidence against him, why would they be sitting here and questioning him?

The lieutenant colonel couldn’t win against Ling Lan but his words caused the senior colonel to calm down. He decided to change his method of asking. He tapped his index finger on the table, attracting everyone’s attention. Seeing the confident look on their senior colonel’s face, the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee felt at ease. On the other hand, Ling Lan and her comrades turned vigilant when they noticed that their opponents had regained his composure. They prepared themselves for his attack.

The senior colonel was satisfied with the pressure he had created. He looked at Ling Lan and said slowly, “Let’s not talk about this matter first. I have something I would like to ask you. Why don’t you give it some thought about why do you think your men accused you of such matter?”

When facing this kind of sly criminals who would not confess to their crimes until the last moment, it was useless to lay out everything clearly in front of them. He was fooled by his own experience. He thought that the other party was easy to deal with since he was young, immature, and had only entered the military recently. He didn’t put much thought in his plan so he acted rashly. That was why he met so many obstacles. However, it was still not too late.

The senior colonel viewed the three people in front of him as his greatest opponents now. He no longer dared to underestimate them.

Ling Lan was on her guard. As expected of someone who was sent by the military headquarters, he was definitely a difficult opponent as no matter what her answer was, it would be turned against her.

Ling Lan took her teacup and pretended to think about this question. The senior colonel didn’t interrupt her. He waited silently for her reply.

“Senior colonel, I have some thoughts about this question, maybe I can discuss it with you now.” Li Lanfeng was a sensitive person. He sensed that this question was a trap so he instantly opened his mouth.

The senior colonel turned to look at Li Lanfeng. He pretended to be interested in what he was saying. Ling Lan will not speak for himself now. F**k! The senior colonel hated Li Lanfeng for interrupting him. However, he couldn't show it on his face. He signaled for Li Lanfeng to speak.

Li Lanfeng smiled. He ignored the glares people were shooting at him and calmly said, "Senior colonel, you should know that an ace mecha clan provides much better treatment to their mecha operators compared to normal mecha clans. This is not just a change in quantity, it is a change in the quality of living too. Anyone with a brain will know what is the better option. Unfortunately, some people just do not have the ability to enjoy this treatment. Our regiment commander is a fair person, he will not let useless people get what they shouldn't."

As he spoke, he looked at Ling Lan with his eyes full of respect. If Ling Lan was not firm enough, her expression would have changed under the intense and eerie gaze of Li Lanfeng. It is so scary.

Li Lanfeng's speech and expression almost caused the senior colonel to vomit out blood. Regiment Commander Ling is fair? Those mecha operators are useless people? How can he say such lies so uprightly? It seems like he really underestimated these young people.

Li Lanfeng knew that he shouldn't get too overboard. He could already feel Ling Lan's intense desire to punch him in the face. He retracted his gaze. Although he wanted to become Ling Lan's confidant and close friend, he didn't want to become her punching bag... Li Lanfeng wasn't a masochist.

Li Lanfeng sighed after he retracted his gaze. He gave a disappointed and sympathetic look. "They knew that they don't have the ability to stay in 250 Ace Mecha Clan but they were not willing to let go of their current way of living. This caused them to turn crazy. It's reasonable that they chose to frame our regiment commander." Li Lanfeng started his retaliation.

"Frame?" The senior colonel narrowed his eyes. Seemed like the other party had made their preparation. They were indeed hard to tackle.

"That's right, they framed us! Those mecha operators don't have the capabilities to enjoy but they wanted to enjoy the benefits and treatment of an ace mecha member. They didn't want to give up the benefits so they wanted to use this method to prevent our Regiment Commander Ling from chasing them away..." Li Lanfeng's smile had disappeared. His cold eyes and firm tone showed how angry he was. His intent gaze stabbed the hearts of the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee. They lowered their heads and avoided his gaze.

Li Lanfeng knocked on the table with his right hand as he continued. "If you all believed them and decided on the verdict without making the proper investigation, they would succeed in their plan. The regiment commander that comes to replace Regiment Commander Ling would turn a blind eye to them to prevent this from happening to him. By right, only the best mecha operators could enjoy the benefits of being in an ace mecha clan. Yet, these useless people took advantage of their positions. This is a humiliation to all the ace mecha masters. You are tricked by these useless people. We can't allow that to ever happen."

Li Lanfeng's words caused those people who didn't know the truth to feel angry towards the mecha operators, who provided them with witness reports. They started to suspect that the mecha operators

were lying to them. Only those that knew what 250 Ace Mecha Clan really was, knew Li Lanfeng was just talking nonsense.

Unfortunately, they couldn't refute him directly. This situation had happened to a normal ace mecha clan before. They settled many similar cases before.

Li Lanfeng's upright and just speech caused a commotion among the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee. This is bad. The senior colonel immediately replied, "These mecha operators fought in wars before and are experienced soldiers. They wouldn't do this kind of thing for their own benefit."

Li Lanfeng sneered. "What criminal is a criminal from birth?" Everyone knew what he was trying to say.

The senior colonel almost fainted from anger. Li Lanfeng was outrightly suspecting them, ever since the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee was formed, no one dared to question their actions directly in front of their faces. It was like giving them a slap on their faces.

The senior colonel glared at Li Lanfeng. He gritted his teeth. However, Li Lanfeng was not afraid. He looked back at the senior colonel firmly.

After training with Ling Lan, the force of presence this senior colonel exuded was nothing to him.

The senior colonel looked at the calm Li Lanfeng and felt demotivated. Where did these young people come from? Even when facing high-ranked and experienced officers like them, they maintained their composure. They never flinched when they attacked them. Instead, they retaliated powerfully. Were they really framed? For the first time, the senior colonel suspected himself.

The major couldn't control himself anymore when he saw his leader being speechless. He sprung up and shouted. "Do you have evidence to prove that they had framed you?"

Li Lanfeng looked at him with contempt. "Do you have evidence then?" They didn't have any evidence and yet, they dared to come to their territory and incriminate them? Do they think that 250 Ace Mecha Clan was easy to bully?

The argument went back to the same point again. The senior colonel knew that this was their weakness, so he wanted to beat around the bush and get more information out from the other party. However, they were too composed. They knew their strength and what could bring them more benefits. Hence, they kept talking about the points that gave them advantages.

The major was frustrated when Li Lanfeng talked back. He spoke without thinking. "Since you said that they are useless and they framed you because they stand the thought of you having the possibility of chasing them out of the military, why don't you prove to us how capable your mecha operators are?"

They were all mecha operators disregarded and sent out from their own divisions. He didn't believe that the difference between their capabilities would be so stark. If they were able to discover that the useless mecha operators were on par or even better than the capable mecha operators, they could prove that Ling Lan used unscrupulous methods to rule over her mecha clan. This way, even without evidence for the crime of killing her mecha operators, they would be able to take her away.

As long as they were able to bring Ling Lan back to the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee, they would be able to control what happened after that. The major's eyes were filled with hatred. He must destroy Ling Lan.

Ling Lan wanted to laugh when she heard what the major said. Isn't he helping her? As expected, the worse thing was not meeting a powerful opponent, it was having a stupid teammate.

The senior colonel looked hesitant when he heard what the major said. He had thought about this too, but since 250 Ace Mecha Clan had managed to become one of the top ten mecha clans during this land clearing mission, so he didn't dare to mention this. He was afraid that he would lose terribly.

The senior colonel's expression changed. In the end, he chose to cut off all means of retreat. Truth be told, he didn't believe that all the 250 mecha operators in 250 Ace Mecha Clan had regained their ace mecha operating skills. These people had been diagnosed by professional military doctors. How could they be healed by this new regiment commander?

If it was that simple, 250 Ace Mecha Clan would not have been formed in the first place. The senior colonel felt that this was quite possible so he nodded. "He is right. Since you said that those mecha operators who framed you are useless, you can invite them to have a battle with those capable mecha operators and let us see the difference in them."

Ling Lan touched her teacup and went into deep thought.

The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee were elated when they saw that. As expected, this was their weakness.

"Don't you trust your mecha operators?" The senior colonel resumed his smile.

Ling Lan thought for a moment before replying, "That is possible. However, there are too many people in 250 Ace Mecha Clan. It will take a long time if we let everyone participate in the battle. The preparation will be hard too. Why not we choose a few representatives from each side?"

The truth is, you want to choose the few most capable mecha operators, right? Since there are so many useless mecha operators so they had to be a few that managed to recover. All the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee believed that this was her real intention. Their eyes lit up. The major was excited, he could already sense the merits coming towards him.

"You are right." The senior colonel smiled brightly. The tension between the two parties disappeared.

The major was frustrated when he saw his superior agreeing to Ling Lan.

Before Ling Lan could say anything, the senior colonel continued, "How about this? We will randomly choose someone from the capable and useless category. We don't know their real strengths so this would be a fair decision."

The senior colonel smiled. He tried to detect any signs of agitation from the other party but Ling Lan's expression didn't change at all. The senior colonel was disappointed.

Ling Lan knew what the senior colonel was trying to do. Unfortunately, she was really not afraid. The results of the mecha operators were all real. Those that were capable went along with her for the mission while those useless ones continued to train at the base.

Since the other party wanted to get a slap in the face, Ling Lan would not stop them. She nodded indifferently, "That is fine too."

The senior colonel felt uneasy when Ling Lan agreed so readily. However, he quickly threw this uneasiness to the back of his mind. He trusted himself, maybe Ling Lan just wanted to try his luck.

Chapter 735: Casting Aside All Considerations!

The senior colonel and his assistants carefully chose three people out of the 200 mecha operators on Ling Lan's side. They purposely excluded Yang Mingzhi, Liu Furong, and Gu Dongyang from the list of choices, as they knew that these three people had already bowed their heads down to Ling Lan.

The senior colonel thought they must have received some benefits from Ling Lan, and in turned regained some of their abilities. If not, arrogant people like them would not listen to a major who was much younger than them.

The three people they chose to compete against had unfamiliar names. Then, they chose the three strongest mecha operator based on the past achievements from the 50 useless mecha operators, one of them was even an ace mecha master with a title.

The senior colonel felt that no matter how weak a titled ace mecha master had become, he should still be stronger than a normal ace mecha master.

Ling Lan took over the name list. She looked at it and smiled. She didn't know if the senior colonel was unlucky or lucky, but the three people they chose to compete against were among the group that had the best results. On the other hand, the three people they chose to represent them were among the ones who had the worst results.

Even if I don't want to slap them in the face, it's impossible now! Ling Lan sighed. She passed the name list to Lin Zhong-qing who was serving them tea.

As the Head of Logistics, Lin Zhong-qing had the ability to prepare this battle within the shortest period of time.

Ten minutes later, Lin Zhong-qing came back and nodded at his Boss.

Ling Lan stood up. The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee got a shock, they thought Ling Lan wanted to escape, but instead, she said, "The battlefield has been prepared. Would you all like to watch the match with me or stay here and wait for the results?"

The senior colonel stood up hurriedly. "Of course, we would watch the match with you." He must not let Ling Lan out of his sight. If Ling Lan escaped, it would be difficult for them to catch him again even after they got enough evidence.

Ling Lan didn't know what the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee were thinking. Even if she knew, she wouldn't care, she never had the thought of running away anyway.

Hence, Ling Lan, Li Lanfeng, Li Shiyu, Lin Zhong-qing, and the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee came to the training ground.

The training ground of 250 Ace Mecha Clan was technologically advanced. The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee were surprised to see such advanced facilities in an untitled ace mecha clan. Some of them started to suspect that 250 Ace Mecha Clan was an important ace mecha clan to the 23rd division.

Unconsciously, those people that didn't know the truth were starting to believe what Li Lanfeng had said. They couldn't believe that such a wealthy and powerful ace mecha clan was a retirement home for useless mecha operators. This didn't make sense to them.

The senior colonel looked at the six people who were preparing for battle and frowned. The spirit of these six people was entirely different. Three energetic and motivated mecha operators stood on the right side, and the three on the left looked fine but compared to the three on the right, their aura was much weaker. Their gaze kept shifting around too, seemingly uneasy about the environment they were in. The senior colonel suddenly felt uneasy about a thought that suddenly came into his head. He shouted, "Where is Senior Colonel Kang Lincheng?"

A person on the left raised his hand up high. "I'm here."

Kang Lincheng's eyes lit up. He knew these people must be from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee, as he already met them a few days ago. He turned around and looked at the cold and calm Ling Lan. His heart sunk. Did they fail to apprehend that monster?

Kang Lincheng had enough of this suffering. He had to endure the pain from the agents and from the brutal training every single day, being constantly on the edge of death. Every time he managed to open his eyes the next morning, he would curse his 'good' luck, to him, this luck wasn't good at all. This 'good' luck caused him to experience what it was like to be in a living hell, and never being able to escape.

As he was about to reach his limit, a plan suddenly came to his mind and he started to commence his plan. Fortunately, this time God seemed to be on his side, their vicious and heartless regiment commander went on a land clearing mission with the main team, leaving only a few people in the base. Without the surveillance from those powerful guards, Kang Lincheng managed to advance through his plan rather smoothly. He succeeded in persuading a few mecha operators who equally hated Ling Lan and worked together with them to send their accusations to the military using special means.

Kang Lincheng didn't believe the headquarters of the 23rd division. He suspected that the 23rd division headquarters was the one who sent Regiment Commander Ling to clean them up. He would not walk into their trap.

In these past few days, he kept waiting for the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee to appear. He thought when they appeared, Ling Lan would definitely be dead or at least be taken away to military prison. Yet, he was standing in front of him all fine and proper while he was being summoned. Does he know what I did?

Ling Lan asked Lin Zhong-qing to secretly tell the three mecha operators from their side that the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee suspected the results of their test. The three mecha operators were extremely furious for being doubted against. They decided to show those bastards their true power.

They were once well-respected ace mecha masters. After falling from grace and picking themselves up again, they were much more sensitive to other people's derision.

Ling Lan was constantly looking for more ways of improving the abilities of her mecha operators. Since the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee serve themselves up on a silver platter, she would, of course, not be rude and reject it.

The competition would a test that was based on the seven basic training of a mecha operator. The passing marks were the same as the benchmark provided by the military. The 250 Ace Mecha Clan followed the benchmark of the military so the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee couldn't find anything amiss with them.

The result of the competition was just like what Ling Lan had expected. The three capable mecha operators passed the test with flying colors, proving the results they got were true. As for the three useless mecha operators, all of them failed, including the one that had a title.

The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee were stunned by the results, especially the senior colonel and those that knew the secret of 250 Ace Mecha Clan. They looked at Kang Lincheng in disappointment and scoffed.

Since other people can revert back to their old form again, why can't you? You have a title. Kang Lincheng understood what they were thinking from just the look of their faces. His face turned red, clearing showing the amount of frustration he had.

He hated the Federation. It only knew how to use them and never consider their future. He had been fighting for 10 years. Why couldn't he retire?

In reality, the Federation had created many plans for those mecha operators who got tired of fighting and wanted to retire from the military. The Federation allowed those mecha operators to apply for retirement and would supply them with a place to stay and a stable job. Of course, the pay and treatment would not be the same as they were in the military but the Federation would still give them rewards based on their merits. They would not let their past mecha operators lived a hard life.

However, Kang Lincheng didn't like the retirement plans the Federation had planned for him. He felt that the Federation owed him more. He wasn't willing to give up the treatment he received in an ace mecha clan as the benefits given to an ace mecha clan was the best.

To escape from being on a battlefield ever again, he pretended he was mentally traumatized by the war. That way, the division had no choice but to continue providing for him until the end of his days. When the 23rd Division was formed, the division he was in threw him into the 23rd division to get rid of him and a few other useless mecha operators. Kang Lincheng was happy at this result. He believed that General Ling Xiao would continue providing for them in order to not disheartened the soldiers that just entered his division. His commander knew this, and that was why he sent them to this division.

Kang Lincheng expected Ling Xiao to be a gentle and patient person. However, this was not true. He was more vicious and brutal compared to other generals. After bearing with them for five years, he decided to clean them. He even sent a bold and heartless major to torture them to death.

Kang Lincheng regretted his actions. If he didn't come to the 23rd division five years ago, he would still be able to live his carefree life. He would not lose his face in front of the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee too.

Ling Lan didn't care what these useless mecha operators were thinking. From the moment they accused her, she had given up on them.

She looked at the senior colonel calmly. "Senior colonel, what do you think?"

The senior colonel felt his face burning. The truth had been laid out in front of him. He felt that a single wrong decision would cause him to lose entirely. He sighed. "Regiment Commander Ling, seems like I need to reexamine the truthfulness of the accusation." He still didn't want to admit defeat.

The major that hated Ling Lan looked at them in disbelief. When he heard what his leader said, he thought his leader had given up on the investigation. He got agitated and said instantly, "Did you torture them brutally because they couldn't meet your expectations?"

The senior colonel glared at him. At first, he felt that this major was young and motivated so he was suitable to be on the frontline. Now, he was just a stupid teammate.

Ling Lan decided to ignore the major since the Senior Colonel of the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee had decided to take a step back, she didn't need to argue with this small figure.

However, the major became more confident when Ling Lan didn't reply to him. He wasn't willing to return to the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee just like this. From the gazes of his comrades, he knew that nothing good would happen to him after he comes back. If he took a gamble now, he might still have a chance to earn some merits.

The major plucked up his courage and decided to make one last-ditch effort. He cast aside all his considerations and said everything on his mind, "If you are really innocent, why are there so many accusations? Framing you? This word is just humiliating the mecha operators."

The major looked up and told the secret that all the higher authorities knew. "Other people might not know where these mecha operators come from but I do. Every one of them has achieved many military achievements. They are well-respected seniors, so their characters can be trusted. They are weak now because they were traumatized during battles. Thus, the military has the responsibility to provide for their future. They were sent to 250 Ace Mecha Clan in the past so that they could retire peacefully here. However, you disobeyed the orders of your superiors and made them undergo brutal training so that you can gain merits for yourself. You punished the people that didn't listen to you cruelly. You are a criminal!"

The people that didn't know the truth let out a gasp. They started discussing among themselves. They didn't expect the normal-looking 250 Ace Mecha Clan to have such a history. Did Regiment Commander Ling really do all these brutal things for his own gains?

Kang Lincheng was elated. Seems like the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee is preparing to take down Ling Lan.

The senior colonel knew that things had gone out of hand after the major had said that. When he talked to the major before this mission, he told him the secret of 250 Ace Mecha Clan so that he could be more confident about this mission. However, this young fellow just said this secret out blatantly...

But who knows? This might be their chance to finally corner that criminal. Even if the argument failed, he could just push all the blame to the major. Hence, the senior colonel kept quiet. He looked at Ling Lan and wondered how he would respond to this.

Li Lanfeng saw that the other party finally said the secret and threw a glance at Li Shiyu. He should come out now.

Li Shiyu smiled. He coughed and said, "Hello everyone, let me introduce myself. My name is Li Shiyu. I'm a specialist military doctor from the hospital at 23rd division headquarters."

"Li Shiyu? This name sounds familiar." The senior colonel remembered when he was reporting his work to his superiors, he heard the dean of the military headquarters' hospital chatting with them. The dean was commenting that it was a pity that they didn't manage to scout a talented military doctor into their team, and the name of this talented military doctor was Li Shiyu.

He had a strong impression of this name because he was the only person who rejected the recruitment from Flying Dragon Special Forces. It caused a commotion among the Federation at that time. Many officers knew of this name.

"Major Li Shiyu, the military doctor who created the newest model of restorative agent. I have long heard about you!" The senior colonel gave a sincere smile. People at their level could offend anyone but a military doctor. No one knew when they would require their help to save their lives. The higher your position was, the more fearful you were of death.

Chapter 736: Devil In One's Heart!

Li Shiyu smiled brightly. He looked at the major and gave him a gentle smile. "I can answer your queries. I came to 250 Ace Mecha Clan under a secret order from the headquarters. They wanted me to examine the mecha operators from 250 Ace Mecha Clan again."

Li Shiyu's smile got deeper as he continued. "The specialists from the division headquarters and the military hospital felt that time heals many illnesses. After five years of relaxation here, there should be some changes in the mecha operators' conditions. The specialists and mentors in the hospital hoped the mecha operators could regain their abilities again. At the same time, they believed that these heroes who fought their way out of the battlefield do not want to continue being useless baggage to the Federation. They will constantly think of ways to try and regain their power again. No matter what state they are in, as a military doctor, I must help these heroes stand up again. Thus, the military hospital decided to send a military doctor every five years to 250 Ace Mecha Clan to examine these mecha operators to give them a new verdict on their condition. They do not want to miss the best time window for each mecha operator's recovery."

Li Shiyu's words made the actions by the 23rd division and the military hospital seem noble. The senior colonel felt a sense of danger, even if they made a mistake in handling the mecha operators, they could use this reason to push the blame onto others.

"This is the fifth year. After much discussion, the military hospital decided to let me take on this mission. This was a sign of their trust, and that is why I came to 250 Ace Mecha Clan. I have to thank Regiment Commander Ling for helping and cooperating with my work. He never tried to explain himself even when he was misunderstood." Li Shiyu gratefully saluted to Ling Lan.

Ling Lan saluted back expressionlessly. She seemed to be saying that this was her job and she should do it. Their interaction showed the other people that they were on the same status level and that Li Shiyu was not under Ling Lan.

"Facts proved that the headquarters had foresight. When I came to 250 Ace Mecha Clan, I realized many mecha operators showed signs of improvement. When I reported this back to the headquarters and the hospital, my superiors were elated. They ordered me to continue observing them and treat them."

"Youth knows no fear. The specialists and mentors agreed to my proposal. They decided to let me lead a team to be in charge of the treatment of the mecha operators in 250 Ace Mecha Clan." Li Shiyu was full of respect and gratefulness to the mentors in the military hospital. He respected how they ensured that there were no loopholes in the plan. Even if there was, they would cover it up and make sure that they didn't have to worry about not having a path of retreat.

At first, he thought this act was meaningless. Now, he felt that the headquarters was giving them protection. They were just too weak and couldn't handle such huge drawbacks.

"Oh, right. This treatment proposal was sent by our division hospital to the main military hospital, and it received approval." Li Shiyu added on.

The senior colonel's heart dropped. He never expected the military headquarters to have a hand in the treatments of these mecha operators. He was already going to give up on earning any merits from this case due to Li Shiyu's status, but now with the military headquarters having a hand in this, it would be better for them to stay further away from this case.

Since the other party had gained approval from the military headquarters, they couldn't touch Li Shiyu even though they suspected him. They had to confront the military headquarters if they wanted to do it, as the main military hospital was a part of the military headquarters. Only their superiors from the Military Law Department had the right to give an order to investigate them. The Disciplinary and Investigation Committee didn't have the right to do that.

Li Shiyu didn't care how frustrated the other party felt when they heard his words. He smiled gently and continued. "Fortunately, my treatment worked. Most of the mecha operators regained their abilities. Of course, I have to thank the mecha operators for cooperating with me for the treatment."

Li Shiyu was like an angel now, gentle and kind. The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee started respecting him. This person saved more than 200 experienced ace mecha masters. 200 ace mecha masters might not be a lot when compared with the total number of ace mecha masters in the Federation but this proved that his treatment was effective. If any mecha operators fall under the

same state as them, they wouldn't have to be forced out of the Federation anymore. His treatment could save millions of manpower for the Federation.

An experienced and capable ace mecha master was hard to groom, as there was only one such person among ten thousand mecha operators. Losing one was still a great loss to the Federation.

What Li Shiyu said stunned everyone, even the major sighed. He knew he couldn't turn the tides around anymore.

However, this did not mean that the major had given up. He had already lost everything but he couldn't accept the results. He started to speak without thinking. "This doesn't explain why some of the mecha operators accused him of tormenting them. You are covering up for him. You two are on the same side!"

The senior colonel was speechless. What the major said made sense but after Li Shiyu came out to explain everything, it meant that they no longer had the right to question them. It was stupid for him to keep pestering them.

The Federation was stringent towards violent behaviors by regiment commanders but towards military doctors, they turned a blind eye. All the high ranked specialist military doctors would do some illegal things. The Federation knew this however they didn't stop them. Some illegal actions were even done under the orders from the higher authorities. The Federation was clear that in order for military doctors to improve their skills, experiments were necessary.

Li Shiyu had healed 80% of these useless mecha operators back to their old form. This success rate was enough for the Federation to completely ignore his forbidden actions. If he had killed 10 or 20 people to get this result, the Federation would try its best to cover it up for him, the process of getting the result wasn't important compared to the actual result.

Not only that, Li Shiyu was acting on the orders of the headquarters. If they continued accusing him, wouldn't they be questioning the headquarters' decisions, his position might be taken away because of that.

The senior colonel dared to offend anyone but a highly acclaimed military doctor. Exceptional regiment commanders could be found everywhere but military doctors who could create miracles were rare.

Hence, he decided to abandon the major, as his status was more important than the so-called camaraderie.

Li Shiyu smiled when he heard the major's accusation. The aura around him continued to be warm and harmless. To the senior colonel, the smile was a devil's smile. Unfortunately, the major had lost his composure and couldn't see this. He still had the hope that he could win this argument.

"I will report your accusation to the main military hospital. They will personally explain it to you," Li Shiyu replied calmly. The major's face turned pale. He had regained his senses now. If the main military hospital stepped in, he would be the one that needed to explain himself. His career was gone now.

Li Shiyu ignored the major who was forsaken by the senior colonel. He said to the senior colonel, "Since your men voiced out his concern, I feel that you should take a look at these documents. Then, you will know why someone wants to frame Regiment Commander Ling."

He passed the documents regarding the performance of the 50 useless mecha operators during their treatment as well as his final verdict on their condition to the senior colonel. The details of the treatment were not written inside to prevent any leakage of information, as some people might use the information to harm the mecha operators.

The senior colonel flipped through the documents. The first thing he saw was the verdict on Kang Lincheng's condition. He read the report, and his heart palpitated furiously as he continued reading through the whole report. This report was enough to destroy Kang Lincheng's future.

Seems like Ling Lan and his men wanted to clean up the mecha operators that didn't listen to them. If they sent this document to the military hospital, Kang Lincheng would definitely be chased out of the military. He might even be put under house arrest to maintain the reputation of the military.

Evil! The senior colonel continued to flip through the documents. Everyone that accused Ling Lan all had similar verdicts. Their situation was bad. However, those that didn't actively participate in this were given a path of retreat. Those mecha operators thought that they did everything secretly but in actual fact, their opponents saw through their entire plan.

Impressive! Even when he was not in his base, he was still monitoring over it carefully. He had control over his entire base and knew what to do when a situation arose. The senior colonel respected Ling Lan for this, at the same time, he regretted his rashness.

With just one step, he lost everything. If he had been more cautious after receiving the statements of accusation and didn't come to find Ling Lan before obtaining more evidence, would the situation be different?

Frankly, the senior colonel was thinking too highly of Ling Lan. At the start, she was indeed caught by surprise.

However, the senior colonel gave her enough time to prepare. When he gave her time for her to wash up, Ling Lan made use of this time to calm down and ask her father for information about what had happened. Furthermore, the furious Little Four used his powerful search engine to find those people that betrayed 250 Ace Mecha Clan. As long as you did something, there would be traces left behind. As long as there was something left behind, Little Four would find it.

Since they knew who the betrayers were, Ling Lan would not forgive them easily. She passed the list to Li Shiyu immediately. Li Shiyu was angry too. The two of them had put in so much effort so they could stand up again. How dare they betray them?

Soon, he came up with those documents. Li Shiyu looked amiable on the outside but inside he was not. If not, he wouldn't have gotten the nickname, Dr. Frankenstein.

The senior colonel really made a big mistake this time. If the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee wasn't so eager in bringing Ling Lan back, they might have succeeded... okay, that was nonsense. If they did succeed, they wouldn't be able to bring her back either. Ling Xiao would kill anyone who possessed a threat to his daughter.

Li Shiyu ignored the senior colonel's trembling hands and smiled. "I have already sent a copy of this to the headquarters." He would not let these people have a chance to escape. After a while, they would be taken away. As for where they were taken to, it was not of his concern.

The senior colonel's hand stopped moving. He looked at Kang Lincheng pitifully. Kang Lincheng's heart dropped when he saw the gaze. He got agitated. Did they lose to Ling Lan? What does that look mean?

The senior colonel had no time to consider his feelings. He held the document tightly and ordered his men to go back.

"Leader!" The major shouted unwillingly.

"Shut up! Go back with me!" The senior colonel looked at him with a cold face. Is he not done with embarrassing himself? Stupid pig!

The senior colonel decided he would kick this young man out of his position the moment he went back. This major would no longer be able to climb high in ranks anymore. No matter how hard he worked, his future was bleak. The people forsaken by the military had no future unless they met someone powerful who was willing to help them.

The people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee arrived confidently and left dejectedly.

Ling Lan sent them off with cold eyes. She said to Li Shiyu, "Thank you for taking the blame."

"It's fine. I have to thank you for recommending me to the higher authorities. It allowed me to obtain more resources." Li Shiyu's eyes glinted. He needed power and reputation. He needed more people acknowledging and helping him. This was the only way he could obtain more resources to treat his eldest cousin brother.

This was the devil in his heart. He would never be able to let it go unless he solved it.

Li Lanfeng looked at them with a complicated expression. He glanced at Li Shiyu secretly and looked down. He seemed to be thinking deeply about something.

Chapter 737: So?

Ling Xiao had been waiting for the good news at home. He finally heard that the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee left dejectedly, and to prevent them from being embarrassed again, they called the headquarters immediately and asked for a military ship to immediately send them away from Planet Southcrest.

Ling Xiao now knew his daughter must have destroyed them brutally, so he quickly asked his daughter about the juicy details of what had happened. When he knew that his daughter made use of his best hand, he was delighted. As expected of his daughter. Ling Xiao started praising his daughter to the sky.

Ling Lan's prank broke the tension between Ling Xiao and Lan Luofeng. They started becoming lovey-dovey again, so Ling Xiao was in a good mood. Hence, his subordinates had a good time too.

For the past few days, Ling Xiao had been constantly releasing a cold aura. The officers around him couldn't handle it. They felt that they were living in an ice age. It was freezing.

The entire 23rd division received many resources from the land clearing mission, so they managed to grow even more rapidly. Many people were envious of them but when they saw the dejected people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee leaving, they suppressed their desires to create trouble. Ling Xiao could put up with them offending him once but if they continued to provoke him again and again, he would definitely take revenge.

Ling Lan passed this crisis smoothly. For a period of time, 250 Ace Mecha Clan remained peaceful. After Kang Lincheng and his group were taken away by the law enforcement team of the 23rd division, the 40 remaining mecha operators were awakened from their delusions. 250 Ace Mecha Clan was no longer the hopeless mecha clan they knew.

All the mecha operators who got thrown into 250 Ace Mecha Clan were once famous. Besides those that had given up on themselves entirely, no one liked being chased out from their mecha clan. They had their pride. Thus, when they saw Regiment Commander Ling showing his hand, they got flustered.

They felt lucky that Regiment Commander Ling gave them another chance. If they were unable to reach the standard of an ace mecha operator within a month, they would either be sent to normal mecha clans or be given the option to leave the military.

They no longer had a fluke mind. Without the black sheep like Kang Lincheng, these mecha operators managed to reach the minimum criteria for the test and got to stay at 250 Ace Mecha Clan. Ling Lan felt that these mecha operators had not unleashed their full potential yet, so she raised the level of their training again. The mecha operators cried. They understood what living hell was like.

They wanted to faint and escape the training but the military doctor in charge of them was exceptional. One syringe was enough to wake them up and be energetic again. Oh my god, this demon could go to the military hospital. What is he doing here?

At night, whenever the mecha operators were about to sleep, they would curse a person called Li Shiyu. Why didn't you go to the military hospital? Why? F**k, why didn't you go there? Are you going to go there soon? Sob, Dr. Frankenstein, Major Li, Granddaddy Li can you go to the military hospital? Please?

Heaven might have heard their curses, so after a while, the military hospital passed a summon to Li Shiyu asking him to report the results of the treatment to them personally. When Li Shiyu left the base, there was a huge uproar. It almost caused a massive earthquake.

This was the only way the mecha operators could show their excitement. Finally, they could pretend to faint.

Did they succeed? Well, who knows?

Ling Lan was clearing some documents in her office when someone knocked on her door. A familiar voice was heard. "Regiment commander, are you free?"

Ling Lan didn't even look up. She said directly, "Come in, Lanfeng. Even if I'm not free, I will be free for you."

Ling Lan heard the hesitation in Li Lanfeng's voice. From the way he spoke, she predicted that he was going to ask her some personal things. Li Lanfeng was a proud person. If he came to ask her for help, it meant that he couldn't solve it himself.

Her comrades were important to her so she wouldn't let them face their problems by themselves. Although Li Lanfeng had entered her team after the military academy and had only worked together for a year, the time spent in the Virtual World, the sincere and pure relationship they had, was enough for Ling Lan to consider Li Lanfeng as her confidant. This relationship was different from her relationship with her childhood buddies like Qi Long, but she still treasured it very much.

Li Lanfeng sat on the sofa in the living room. He lowered his head in deep thought. Ling Lan made two cups of hot tea in the pantry and placed one in front of Li Lanfeng.

This job should be done by her adjutant but Ling Lan didn't like having one. She didn't like having someone unfamiliar around her. The training in the learning space made it hard for her to trust anyone staying beside her all the time.

Of course, she trusted her childhood companions and was willing to show her back to them. However, an adjutant was like an officer's assistant or butler. The future prospect for this position was not good, so Ling Lan didn't want to affect her comrades' future by having them work as her adjutant.

Her personal secret also meant that she couldn't have an adjutant. Hence, Ling Lan didn't have one. She had to do most things on her own.

Ling Lan took her teacup and sat down on the sofa on the right side of Li Lanfeng. She sipped her tea slowly and waited for him to speak.

Li Lanfeng took the teacup instinctively but didn't drink it. A few minutes of silence passed by. Li Lanfeng sighed. He placed the teacup back on the coffee table and leaned against the sofa. He cupped his hands and rubbed his thumbs, symbolizing his confused state of mind. It was different from his normal calm expression.

"Tell me what you are thinking. You have already lost your composure, so you will not be able to make the most optimal decision. If you trust me, share your thoughts with me. I might be able to give you some of my opinions on the matter." Ling Lan put down her teacup helplessly when she saw Li Lanfeng's actions.

Li Lanfeng raised his head. He wanted to give her a grateful smile but he couldn't. He sighed. "I don't know how to explain..."

Ling Lan looked at Li Lanfeng sincerely. She waited for him to continue.

Li Lanfeng grabbed his head in frustration. Besides his grandfather, no one in his family knew that he wanted to change his destiny. None of them knew what he was going through. However, he didn't know that his younger brother, who didn't know the truth, would sacrifice so much to help him.

If he was going through some hard times, then it was still fine. But with how things were going now, he was going to reach his goal soon, so Li Lanfeng didn't need his help anymore.

If the truth was revealed, Li Lanfeng might lose his younger brother! He was a selfish person but the things his younger brother did for him over the years truly made him guilty.

"I lied to him for so many years." Li Lanfeng looked up and gave a bitter smile. "Although I didn't do it on purpose at the start, everything that happened after that put me in a difficult position. IN the end, I'm unable to explain myself..."

"You want to explain to him but you are afraid that he wouldn't understand, right? That is why you don't know what to do." Ling Lan raised her eyebrows. F**k, why does his situation sounds so familiar?

"You understand me well. Yes, I want to explain to him but I don't know how to. Everything started with me. But before I knew it, the lie had started growing exponentially..." A cigarette would be perfect for the situation now. At the start, he didn't have the intention to continue to lie for so long. However, over the years, he continued on the lie until the lie he made started to take deep root in their relationship. Especially in these few years, he couldn't pick up his courage and tell him the truth, shattering his whole conviction, basically telling him what you have done over the past decade was useless. I am a coward!

Ling Lan's hand trembled when she heard this. Is Li Lanfeng probing her? Maybe? The things he said, isn't it referring to her?

"Boss, don't worry. Let me check his information first." Little Four noticed Ling Lan's agitation and immediately consoled her. He didn't expect one of his Boss's comrades to be so sharp. He couldn't underestimate him.

Ling Lan calmed down and pretended to listen to Li Lanfeng carefully.

"So, do you think you should explain or not?" Ling Lan threw a question at Li Lanfeng to see what he was thinking.

"If I don't explain, the truth will still be exposed in the end. Once the other person realized it himself, the situation will turn for the worse, right?" Li Lanfeng asked with uncertainty.

Is he warning her? Ling Lan glanced at Li Lanfeng coldly as she pondered over his words.

"Will the situation be better if you explain it?" Ling Lan asked again.

"I don't know!" Li Lanfeng shook his head. He really didn't know what the results might be. "I might be scolded terribly, and he might forgive me in the end or he might treat me as a complete stranger from then on."

Does this mean that he doesn't know how to accept the truth? Ling Lan rubbed her chin thoughtfully. Does this mean that he just suspects her but can't confirm his suspicions yet? Is he just talking about himself? Is she thinking too much? However, lying from birth, not having the intention at the start but being deliberate in the end... wasn't it talking about her? This was too much of a coincidence.

Ling Lan had thought about what would happen if her secret was discovered. However, since her comrades didn't find out after so long, she forgot about this problem. Now that Li Lanfeng brought it up again, she got flustered. She lost her coolness in that instant. She couldn't predict if he was probing her.

Ling Lan looked up and saw Li Lanfeng staring intently at her. She felt nervous. After some time, she said, "Actually, this is a gamble. It depends on how strong your relationship is with the other person as well as how important you are to him."

Ling Lan was lucky that her face could remain expressionless no matter what state of mind she was in.

She started thinking carefully. If her gender was exposed, what would be the consequences? Would they leave her in a fit of anger? Would they stay back and continue working hard with her?

However, this world was biased against women. It was hard for a woman to gain recognition in this era. Maybe, her comrades would feel ashamed that she was a woman.

Ling Lan started frowning when she thought about this. Her mood turned bad. F**k, this bastard Li Lanfeng. Why did he remind her about this?

"Gamble?" Li Lanfeng repeated the word. He was deep in thought.

"You must be confident that you are important to the other person. You must trust that even if he is angry at you, he will forgive you. If that is the case, you can take the gamble." Ling Lan spoke her true thoughts unexpectedly. Is it possible?

Although Ling Lan trusted her bond with her comrades, she didn't dare to take a gamble.

Li Lanfeng pondered for a long time. In the end, he gave a tired smile. He had his answer. He just didn't have the confidence.

Is the relationship formed when they were young, strong enough to have him forgive him? He was thinking too much.

Li Lanfeng appeared confused for a moment. Soon, he regained his composure and said, "Thank you, Ling Lan."

As expected of his rabbit. You are the only one that can clear my thoughts! I did the right thing to look for you.

Li Lanfeng, was it really right of you to look for Ling Lan? Li Lanfeng didn't know the pressure he placed on Ling Lan. He was just grateful that she helped him make a decision. He should just let time settle this matter for him.

"Thank me? What did I say?" Ling Lan asked nervously. What does he mean? Did I reveal myself just now? Did he catch it?

Li Lanfeng smiled. "You didn't say anything..."

Thank you for protecting my pride.

The smile was glaring to Ling Lan. She gritted his teeth. "So."

With her cold face and cold aura, it was easy for people to feel that this was a statement instead of a question.

Chapter 738: Monster From Flying Dragon Special Forces!

“So... nothing happened.” Li Lanfeng smiled. He accepted Ling Lan’s opinion. If that was the case, he would pretend nothing had happened.

So, his probing session ended? Ling Lan was relieved. But, what does he know? Ling Lan was troubled by this question.

From then on, Ling Lan started to think about Li Lanfeng more often. Of course, this was not because of their relationship was good. Ling Lan just wanted to know whether this idiot knew her secret or not.

If he knew, she must kill him! Kill him! Kill him! Important things must be said thrice.

Li Lanfeng took his leave under Ling Lan’s death glare. However, he suddenly turned back. “Oh right, leader, I forgot something.”

Ling Lan’s heart dropped. He hasn’t given up yet? Is he probing her again? Or does he plan to show his hands?

Ling Lan stared at Li Lanfeng sharply as she waited for his final move.

Sob, why is rabbit giving him so much pressure today? He seems like a huge monster preparing to gobble him up. Li Lanfeng felt a chill down his spine.

“Erm, I would like to take some time off.” Li Lanfeng quickly said his request. He felt that if he stayed here any longer, he wouldn’t have the courage to ask for it anymore.

“Why?” Ling Lan raised her eyebrows. What is he trying to do? Is that a threat? Is he trying to blackmail her?

“I have something to settle at home, so I need to be away for a month,” Li Lanfeng replied honestly.

“Boss, agree to it. That way, I can find his true identity.” Little Four had never really looked up Li Lanfeng’s background before, so until now he only had some basic information on Li Lanfeng. The data from the moment he was born to the age when he entered the military were stated clearly, but Little Four didn’t believe it. Li Lanfeng had such strong spectre abilities. How could he have such a smooth life? There must be something wrong with this information.

“Fine. When are you preparing to leave?” Ling Lan felt what Little Four said made sense so she agreed to Li Lanfeng’s request.

“I’ll need three days to finish the things I have on hand.” Li Lanfeng predicted the time he needed to finish all his current matters.

“Okay. Don’t forget to register when you leave.” Ling Lan waved her hand.

After Li Lanfeng left her office, Ling Lan started thinking about this matter seriously. Suddenly, she said, “Little Four, shall we take a break too?”

Little Four’s eyes lit up. “Are we going to follow Li Lanfeng?”

Ling Lan gave Little Four a look of contempt. "Follow him? We are on a break. If we meet him, it will be just a coincidence..."

"Okay, I understand." Little Four saw the dangerous look his boss was giving him and cleverly decided not to expose her.

If she didn't find an answer to this matter, she would not be able to feel at ease. Also, the base was running smoothly now. Nothing would happen even if she left for a few days. More importantly, this was a good chance to test her comrades too. After all, they need to become leaders themselves in the future.

Just like this, a few days after Li Lanfeng left the base, Ling Lan left too. She gave some orders to the team leaders and Lin Zhong-qing. To prove that she was not following Li Lanfeng, she asked Little Four to hack into the system to choose an easy mission for her to do on Planet Azure.

In the training center of the Flying Dragon Special Forces, many young soldiers were working hard with their training. Some people surrounded a youth's optical supercomputer and were discussing among themselves.

"I heard that our team leader asked Brother Tang to take on a mission the military gave us. Do you know what that mission is?" A youth whispered to the person beside him. He heard some rumors but he was not sure about the details.

"It's a four-stars disguise mission. They needed a young person to act as the disguise, but the mission is too dangerous for the average soldiers. Thus, to prevent them from dying needlessly, they gave us the mission." The youth in front of the optical supercomputer seemed to know some details of the mission so he started explaining.

"As expected of Brother Tang, the first mission he received is a four-stars mission." The people on the scene looked enviously at the sole person training in the training center. He was the most powerful monster of the Flying Dragon Special Forces, Tang Ningyu.

"Of course, Brother Tang is the strongest in our special forces. Only he has the ability to take on this mission," the young person in front of the optical supercomputer said. The person these people were jealous of, was his Boss. At that moment, he saw a message on the optical supercomputer and said hurriedly, "It's time for the missions to be refreshed. Don't talk to me. I must help Brother Tang get this mission."

All the missions were distributed by the military. The people below would then choose the mission they wanted. Even if the military made the decision to give this mission to Flying Dragon Special Forces, they still had to follow this procedure. If not, they wouldn't be able to credit the person who completed the mission. This procedure was to prevent people from abusing their own position by distributing missions only to their own men.

Plus, no one would be able to take on this mission. As the criteria for taking on this mission is quite stringent. The criteria were the person had to be in a battle team that was rated four stars or above, his physical skills must be above the peak stage of Qi-Jin and his rank must be higher than a Lieutenant Colonel. Most importantly, he must be 23 years old or below. These requirements were set specially for Tang Ningyu. They couldn't think of anyone else that was able to match all these criteria.

It should be known that no matter how talented a person was, the highest military rank one could get when one just entered the military was a senior captain, and would only be able to rank up to a major three years later. If he wanted to rank up to a lieutenant colonel, that would be another huge obstacle. The Federation wouldn't let a person rank up to a Lieutenant Colonel unless he spent at least ten years in the military. The Federation would only give an exception to monstrously talented people like Tang Ningyu or someone who had received many military achievements.

Anyways, these criteria would be impossible to match unless you were Tang Ningyu. Besides Ling Xiao, there was no other person in the entire Federation who would be able to match this at his age. Thus, the people from Flying Dragon Special Forces were confident that this mission would eventually fall into their palms.

The people from Flying Dragon Special Forces didn't know that there was another prodigy, Ling Lan, in the 23rd division who ranked up to a lieutenant colonel at a young age. You could say that she was lucky. As Ling Xiao couldn't stand the fact that his daughter was being questioned, so the moment the people from the Disciplinary and Investigation Committee returned to the headquarters, he sent a request to let Ling Lan rank up to a lieutenant colonel.

Although the speed of her progress was a little too quick, the Federation agreed to his request. They wanted to pacify Ling Xiao as well as to compensate Ling Lan. Of course, her outstanding performance during the land clearing mission was already enough for her to rise in rank. This was the main reason why the headquarters didn't reject his request.

Ling Lan had all the factors of success. Because of this, Little Four chose the wrong mission for her.

"Haha, it's out." The youth's eyes lit up when he saw the Planet Azure mission. Just as he was about to accept the mission, he realized that the mission was not reacting to his clicks.

"What's happening?" The youth said as he continued clicking on the mission.

Suddenly, the page refreshed. The remarks for the planet Azure mission changed from green, which meant that it was free, to red, which meant that it was taken.

"Did I get it?" The youth was stunned. He hadn't entered his boss's number yet though. Did the headquarters programme it so that once they clicked on the mission, Boss Tang's details would be entered automatically?

This was the only reason the youth could think of. He shouted hurriedly, "Boss Tang, did you receive the mission?"

Tang Ningyu frowned. He didn't sense any vibration from his communicator. However, to prevent any oversights, he stopped his training and took a look at it.

As expected, there was no message. Did someone else take this mission? Tang Ningyu thought of another possibility. He walked over to the youth, and the youth immediately gave up his seat.

Tang Ningyu stood in front of the optical supercomputer and saw the red letters. He knew that the optical supercomputer wouldn't make a mistake. The only possibility was, someone else took the mission.

“Fast!” Tang Ningyu’s eyes turned dark. He didn’t expect that there was another lieutenant colonel who was of similar age as him. How did that person climb up to this position? Did he have a powerful background?

Tang Ningyu remembered what his mentor told him. His mentor once said that not all prodigies of the Federation would come to the Flying Dragon Special Forces. Hence, he shouldn’t aim to be the strongest in the Flying Dragon Special Forces, but instead, should aim to be the strongest in the Federation.

“No matter who this person is, I must know more about him. Someone like Ling Xiao might not appear again but I still can’t underestimate him.” A competitive spirit flashed past his eyes. He instantly contacted his team leader and told him that another person had already taken the mission. He asked his team leader to have the Federation send the mission again.

He must take a look at this person. He hoped that he would not disappoint him.

In the Logistics Department of the headquarters, a lieutenant general was listening to the report from his subordinate.

“Resend the mission? Do the Flying Dragon Special Forces really think that they are irreplaceable...” The lieutenant general gave a cold smile.

“However, that mission was specially assigned to the Flying Dragon Special Forces,” his subordinate replied carefully.

“That is because no one expected another monster to appear.” The lieutenant general remained expressionless. However, deep inside, he was elated. Those people from the Flying Dragon Special Forces were too arrogant. They always looked down on other people. It made him furious just thinking about them.

Also... the person what took the mission... it must be his child. He remembered the events that caused a commotion in the Federation.

“Should we reject them?” The subordinate asked with a troubled expression. The commander of the Flying Dragon Special Forces was not someone he wanted to offend. He was afraid that the other party might charge into their office and choke him to death. If that happened, people like them would have a hard time.

“Why should we reject them? Since the Flying Dragon Special Forces wants to take this mission, let them take it. One additional person is always a good thing.” The lieutenant general smiled coldly. He wanted to see how powerful that monster from the Flying Dragon Special Forces was. Can he defeat the son of the biggest monster, Ling Xiao?

“Yes, lieutenant general!” The subordinate’s eyes glowed. Sob, his lieutenant general is such a nice person. He didn’t make things difficult for them.

“Oh right, they hope that we can give them some information about the person who accepted the mission...” The subordinate suddenly remembered the commander’s request.

“Get out! Ask that person to get out too!” The lieutenant general shouted. He chased his subordinate out of his room.

The subordinate rushed out of the room with cold sweat dripping down his forehead. He regretted saying that sentence. Their department was only in charge of sending out the mission. The mainframe was the one who controlled the details. They didn't know anything.

The lieutenant general had the power to check the details but why would he do it for someone he wasn't familiar with? Also, the lieutenant general's relationship with the commander of the Flying Dragon Special Forces wasn't too good. The subordinate slapped himself. He was too hurried just now so he got confused.

"They don't know?" Tang Ningyu turned serious when he saw the message. Even his commander couldn't get any information. Seems like my opponent is quite powerful.

"Let me meet you on planet Azure then." Tang Ningyu looked at the mission on his communicator.

At the spaceport on Planet Azure, a child-like young man hugged a soft white ball while sitting on a chair at the resting area. He looked frustrated. There was also a suitcase beside him. He must be from somewhere far away. For some reason, he stayed at the spaceport and didn't enter Planet Azure.

"Boss, forgive me!" In Ling Lan's mindscape, Little Four cried and hugged Ling Lan who was furious. She was preparing to teach Little Four a lesson.

"Why did you choose such a troublesome mission?" Ling Lan wanted to kill Little Four. She just wanted to stalk Li Lanfeng, so she just needed a simple mission that could be done quickly, but instead, Little Four chose a four-stars mission for her.

A solo four-stars mission was much harder than a four-stars team mission. It was probably extremely dangerous and domain realm masters might even appear. Normally, she would be fine with this mistake. However, now, she didn't have the heart to do it. Damn it!

"I'm sorry, boss. I didn't take note of the details of the mission. I saw Planet Azure and just accepted it immediately because I was afraid someone would take it." Little Four cried loudly. He felt that Ling Lan could handle anything so he didn't focus on the details.

He didn't expect such a high-level mission to appear on the third-rate planet, Planet Azure. This was why he got careless.

Chapter 739: Pei Shaoyun!

In reality, Little Four was rash and reckless because he underestimated how difficult Planet Azure's missions could be. From the many missions distributed from the military, it would be difficult for there to be one in Planet Azure. Thus, once Little Four saw a mission popped up for Planet Azure, he was so excited that he didn't think before he went and grabbed it.

Ling Lan knew very well she couldn't blame Little Four for this mistake. If she wasn't so eager to go to Planet Azure, Little Four wouldn't have done anything like this. In the end, her plan to stalk Li Lanfeng might fail. She might even meet Li Lanfeng, which in turn, make her not able to continue her lie.

It was just that this mission was too much of a hassle. She actually needed to pretend to be a transfer student for a Scout Academy... adding both her lives together, she was almost 50 years old. An auntie

level old lady actually needed to pretend to be a 10th grade teenage cadet? After thinking about this point, Ling Lan felt a little bit nauseous. She resisted the urge to drag Little Four out of her mindscape and ruthlessly give him beating on his little behind.

“This mission’s criteria are really specific. Was it specifically made for me? No, I came to Planet Azure really spontaneously just for Li Lanfeng. Taking this mission was really only a coincidence. It seems that this mission wasn’t supposed to be given to me. Then, who is it supposed to be for?” Ling Lan hugged the soft and fluffy Little White while sitting on a chair in deep thought.

“Boss, after we accepted this mission, the military sent out another similar mission. Then, it was instantly accepted by someone.” Little Four felt that Ling Lan was thinking about this and quickly added.

“Do you know who accepted it?” Ling Lan asked.

Little Four raised his head proudly, “Of course. When I saw another similar mission being sent out, I made a note to pay attention to it.”

He suddenly began to make faces, “Boss, it was a person from Flying Dragon Special Forces from your mission to activate your battle team. However, I didn’t continue to dig deeper to find out who it actually was.” The Flying Dragon Special Forces had a large group of hackers. Although Little Four would mess with them when he had free time, this time was official business. Little Four still remembered Boss had told him to not make too big of a scene. Thus, he didn’t go too deep into the system of the Flying Dragon Special Forces.

“Since they have made their own arrangements, then we’ll just take it as a free vacation.” Hearing that the military had added another similar mission, Ling Lan felt relieved instantly. She decided that if the other person could complete the task successfully, then she would only be there as a bystander. Of course, if the other person was to be met with some difficulties, then she would help out. After all, she also accepted the mission. She couldn’t do nothing and just take merits from the other person’s hard work.

Ling Lan took a look at her mission details. The military had sent her a forged identity document. The document would prove that she was a descendant of a small family with a weak-minded personality, unable to continue in the two star Central Scout Academy and could only be transferred to the three star Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure, and she was supposed to be in the 10th grade.

“This personality is really different from my own, the difference is like between heaven and earth.” Ling Lan smiled bitterly. She sighed at the fact that her luck wasn’t that good. It should be known that the identity was given to them randomly by the mainframe.

“Not sure what kind of identity the mainframe would give the person from the Flying Dragon Special Forces,” Ling Lan thought.

“Boss, do you want me to go find out?” Little Four quickly jumped out and was ready to do a good job to retake his position as the top underling of his Boss.

Ling Lan angrily glared at him, “Stop making a scene. We must not cause too much havoc. That would be the best situation.”

“But, if there are only two 10th graders transferring, then it’s possible for the other person to easily find out who I am.” Ling Lan frowned as she realized this issue.

Hearing Ling Lan’s concerns, Little Four immediately went through the list of this year’s transfer students for the Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure. He discovered there were actually 20 students transferring this year to Planet Azure. It turns out, in the past few years, many students got into better schools after going to the Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure. There were even people who had gotten into military academies. This made a continuous stream of 10th graders coming and going from the Central Scout Academy. If it wasn’t for the fact that the higher-ups had made a rule that a Central Scout Academy could only have 20 transfer students in a year, it was possible that the other students from other scout academies and those who had money and some family background would try their best to be transferred to the Central Scout Academy.

When Ling Lan heard Little Four telling her about this, she knew that the other person wouldn’t find her so easily among the 18 other students. Ling Lan was relieved and thus would continue to regard this mission as a free vacation. She even felt pity for the two students who were substituted by her and the person from the Flying Dragon Special Forces...

The Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure was the largest Scout Academy on the planet. In the past few years, the Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure had made great achievements. For example, 11 years ago, they broke the record for number of obstacle mission taken by a Central Scout Academy. Also, 8 years ago, one student managed to get into the top class First Men’s Military Academy, causing an uproar.

Afterwards, the students at the Central Scout Academy were like the coming of spring where they continuously got into famous academies within the Federation. There were even many students who got into military academies. Although those military academies were normal ones and weren’t the top ones in the Federation, they were still military academies. After graduating from the military academies, then entering a division, these students would have a larger head-start than the common students.

As the performance of the school started increasing, it made the Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure an academy which everyone wanted to go to. The young cadets who missed out on other Central Scout Academies, would fight for these 20 spots every single year.

Today, the Central Scout Academy had opened its doors very early in the day. It wasn’t to welcome returning cadets as those cadets had already arrived at the academy three day prior to its opening, nor it was to welcome first year cadets as those cadets had already finished filling out their documents for the academy. It was to welcome the twenty 10th grade transfer students.

There were already a few people standing in front of the huge door of the academy. It was the 10th grade valedictorian, Yu Zhengyuan, and his team members.

“There’s actually no one in sight. It seems that all of the transfer students this time are quite arrogant.” One member said with discontent.

Those who could be one of the 20 transfer students were definitely not common folk. They either had some sort of ability or their families had a lot of money or power. Every year, these 20 transfer students

would always cause an uproar among the factions within the academy. At least, in the past three years, the 10th grade valedictorian had been taken by these outsiders each year.

Another member thought about this and couldn't help but look their captain, Yu Zhengyuan, with a worried look on his face.

Yu Zhengyuan smiled lightly, "If they are stronger than me, then they can take it, as long as they don't hinder my application to a military academy." For Yu Zhengyuan, being valedictorian was just the icing on the cake. He didn't care whether he lost the position or not. Back then, he had already set his goal on entering one of the top military academies. He knew it would be a hard goal, but he wouldn't give up for him as he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his idol.

The reason he didn't care about the title of valedictorian was because his idol was not the valedictorian when he had gotten into the First Men's Military Academy.

"Oh, there's movement!" One member's ears suddenly began to wiggle. If anyone from Lingtian Battle Clan was there, they would know that this person definitely had awakened an innate talent that had something to do with his ears.

After the member said that, nine hover cars in a line formation quickly flew towards them from afar. They immediately stopped directly opposite of them, where the hover car stop was at. Nine people stepped out from the cars one after the other, with each car having one person stepping out from each of them.

"They either don't come or come in droves." Seeing the situation, one member couldn't help but snort coldly. It seemed that the cadets at the academy weren't friendly towards the transfer students.

"Stop talking. Let's finish our mission first." Yu Zhengyuan stretched his arms and legs, then with his hands in his pockets, he walked towards the nine individuals.

"Transfer students?" Yu Zhengyuan walked in front of the nine individuals and asked.

The nine of them were originally using their expressions to fight against each other, neither of them bowing to anyone or even saying hello. After hearing someone walking towards them and then asking whether they were transfer students, they knew that these people were sent by the academy to welcome them. They shouted almost in unison, "Yes!"

However, after answering, the nine of them began to glare at each other angrily once again. Everyone one of them were recalcitrant which made Yu Zhengyuan feel helpless.

"Um, you guys should go to the academy to register. If you don't make it there on time..." Yu Zhengyuan half-smiled and only reminded them. Even if they wanted to see who was more capable, they should still first register their identity as a student in the Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure.

After receiving Yu Zhengyuan's reminder, the nine of them no longer cared about each other. Yu Zhengyuan then told them one of his team members would lead them to register themselves. There were still 11 people who hadn't arrived, so they still needed to continue to wait at the door.

The nine individuals disappeared after passing through the door of the academy. Right after, another five hover cars arrived. This time, the atmosphere wasn't as bad as before. One of the transfer students

had a warm and sincere personality. When he knew Yu Zhengyuan was the one who would lead them to register themselves, he began to happily call him Elder Brother Yu, which instantly made Yu Zhengyuan's team members warm up to him.

Seeing this, Yu Zhengyuan shook his head. Warming up to someone without really knowing them was not a good idea, but he couldn't tell that to his team members now, he could only wait to remind them once they return back to their home.

Before Yu Zhengyuan lead them in, he heard the sound of another hover car coming from afar. Another hover car stopped at the stop. Once the door opened, a small white ball jumped out from the hovering car...

Everyone was entranced by this scene in front of them. Then, they saw a thin body crawling out of the hover car with a backpack on his back...

Crawl? Everyone instantly had a confused expressions on their faces. Afterwards, they saw that person bending over as he pulled out a large luggage bag from the car. They instantly were even more perplexed. Is that guy a transfer student? He seems so weak.

The person used all of his might before finally pulling out the big luggage bag and then stood up straight. The white ball suddenly jumped up and sat on top of the person's shoulder. At that moment, everyone realized that the white ball was actually an unknown living organism.

Is that a pet? Is that person not a transfer student? If so, why did he come off his hover car here? Did he get off at the wrong stop? Everyone had question marks floating above their heads. It should be known that they had never seen a Scout Academy cadet who took their pets to school before.

That youngster, who still had a baby face, stood there with his fully red face from using all of his strength, automatically catching the attention of everyone. He was a handsome and intelligent-looking boy. Although his face made them unable to accurately pinpoint his gender, everyone still automatically made their own assumptions on what his gender was.

The person wiped the sweat off his forehead. As he raised his head, he saw Yu Zhengyuan and the others. His eyes flickered instantly and immediately moved the large luggage bag towards them.

Yu Zhengyuan couldn't endure watching him struggling any longer, he turned to signal at his team member. His team member quickly went up to help. He originally looked down on the person for having such a weak and frail body, but after taking the luggage bag, he understood why he was struggling so much. The large luggage bag was actually around 100 to 150 kilograms, arousing his curiosity of what's inside.

Of course, this kind of weight was not an issue for him. However, he guessed that this young man's strength was low. Looking at his weak and frail body, he also knew that perhaps the young man was also lacking in places other than strength.

"A transfer student?" As that person smiled shyly, Yu Zhengyuan's voice also became much more mild-mannered.

Hearing this, the young man nodded. Seemingly afraid that Yu Zhengyuan wouldn't believe him, he wanted to take out the transfer documents from his backpack. Seeing the young man's clumsy

movements and awkward expression, Yu Zhengyuan pitied him. He quickly said, “You don’t have to take it out now. You’ll be fine if you take out at the registrar office in the academy.”

Hearing this, the young man scratched his head shyly and smiled timidly. He was innocent to the point where no one would be able to refuse if he asked for something.

Yu Zhengyuan softened up and actually introduced himself, “I am a 10th grade student, Yu Zhengyuan. What’s your name?” This difference in attitude towards the young man made the other transfer students who hadn’t left have weird looks on their faces.

“Hello Elder Brother Yu, my name is Pei Shaoyun!” Even when the young man said his name, he still said it shyly. This made Yu Zhengyuan become somewhat worried about him. How could this person pass the welcoming event prepared for these transfer students. Yu Zhengyuan knew very well that the welcoming event was prepared to take these transfer students down a notch. Now, he hoped that his fellow cadets would be less merciless after seeing how harmless Pei Shaoyun was.

At that moment, the member who was holding Pei Shaoyun’s large luggage bag, had some questions and asked, “Shaoyun, what’s in the bag? Why is it so heavy?” The young man seemed to be so harmless and weak. This made the member lower his guard, causing him to use Pei Shouyun’s given name when he was calling him, making them seem closer than before.

Pei Shaoyun scratched his head and said timidly, “I like to design miniature things, so I brought a set of tools and electronics for making things. Those are indeed very heavy. I’m really sorry for burdening you.”

“Oh, so that’s why.” In their Central Scout Academy, there were many cadets who liked to make miniature things. They also had different kinds of tools. However, there were definitely no tools that were this heavy.

“Hey Little Jin, you will help Shaoyun register and then lead him to his accommodation,” Yu Zhengyuan said. He thought that if he let Pei Shaoyun drag the luggage bag by himself, it might take him forever before he finished registering.

“Okay captain.” This team member whose name was Little Jin did not complain about the order Yu Zhengyuan had given him. When he first saw Pei Shaoyun, he could already feel that this weak young man had an affinity with him.

Just like that, Little Jin led Pei Shaoyun and five other transfer students to the registrar office to register.

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Only five transfer students hadn’t arrived yet. After they waited for a while longer, they saw a hover car flying hurriedly over, it suddenly screeched its tires, stopping exactly at the bus-stop across from them.

The car door flung open. A muscular person jumped out from the door, wearing a black T-shirt and a pair of military pants with a military belt. With his bronze-colored skin, he looked handsome and friendly.

He looked at Yu Zhengyuan, and then walked over calmly with a gentle smile. "My name is Gu Zhengrong. Are you my classmates?" He introduced himself simply. His straightforward personality caused Yu Zhengyuan to have a good impression of him. He replied, "Yes, my name is Yu Zhengyuan. I'm in charge of bringing you to the registrar."

Gu Zhengrong was about to reply to him, but he sensed something coming towards him so stopped himself from talking. As he was lifting his head, four private hover cars flew towards them. Yu Zhengyuan looked at the time on his communicator. Those must be the four remaining transfer students.

Those four students seemed to have powerful backgrounds just by looking at their cars.

Four young men with four distinctly different auras slowly walked out the cars, the auras were cold, gentle, passionate and lastly sinister respectively.

Yu Zhengyuan looked at the four people. This year will be quite hectic..

The four of them scanned Yu Zhengyuan and his team members. They rejected their servants' offers to help them and personally brought their suitcases over.

They arrived in front of Yu Zhengyuan around the same time. The four of them looked at each other. The gentle young man smiled. He politely sidestepped to let the three people move forward first. The passionate man laughed and took a step back.

The cold-looking youth and the sinister-looking youth exchanged glances with each other. The sinister-looking youth smiled and waved his hand, signaling the other party to move first.

The cold-looking youth nodded at the sinister-looking youth to thank him. Then, he turned to Yu Zhengyuan and said, "Leng Hanfeng, transfer student. Nice to meet you." This person remained cold from the start to the end, even his name sounded cold.

The sinister youth felt that too and snickered at him. Leng Hanfeng glared at him. The sinister-looking youth replied, "I'm sorry. My name is Meng Shaoran. Nice to meet you."

Sparks ignited when their eyes met. These two people had become enemies before they even entered school.

Yu Zhengyuan's head was throbbing. He could already feel his plan to quietly prepare for his upcoming exams failing. This batch of transfer students were all formidable characters. At that moment, the gentle-looking youth said, "My name is Su Pei. Nice to meet you."

"Xiao Yiqiu!" Just as Yu Zhengyuan was about to introduce himself, the passionate young man interrupted him. Yu Zhengyuan had no choice but to swallow his words. He felt frustrated.

Ah! They are indeed a troublesome bunch! Yu Zhengyuan was not stupid. He knew Xiao Yiqiu interrupted him on purpose.

Gu Zhengrong couldn't stand it anymore, so hurriedly introduced Yu Zhengyuan. "This is our classmate, Yu Zhengyuan. He will be bringing us in for registration. I'm a transfer student too. Nice to meet you all." He raised his right hand.

Su Pei looked at Gu Zhengrong right hand. He raised his hand slowly and held it. Then, he instantly let it go. On the other hand, Xiao Yiqiu held it firmly and forcefully shook it two times to express his enthusiasm.

Gu Zhengrong retracted his hand and placed it behind his back, before shaking it a few times. Seems like Xiao Yiqiu's handshake had caused him some pain.

Gu Zhengrong did this secretly so almost no one saw it. However, Yu Zhengyuan and the four who just came noticed this small action. They responded very differently in reply to his actions. They felt happy, pity, contempt and grateful.

Just like this, Yu Zhengyuan finished his mission. When he got back, one of his team members asked him who they should take notice of.

Yu Zhengyuan thought about it carefully before replying, "If you want to find a friend, you can consider Gu Zhengrong. If you want an opponent, look for Leng Hanfeng. Xiao Yiqiu is someone you never want to offend. Su Pei will not bother us if we don't find him for trouble. As for Meng Shaoran... I'm not sure about him yet, I need to observe him further. Everyone else can be ignored."

The team member refuted. "Shouldn't you look for someone like Pei Shaoyun for a friend? He looks like a simple-minded person and will never backstab us."

Yu Zhengyuan looked at them with disdain. "Sometimes, you can't make friends based on their personalities. Instead, you should look at their capabilities. If they are not capable enough, you might be harming him and yourself if you befriend him."

"Why?" The team member couldn't understand why he should do that. Why must he look at other traits when he was just looking for a friend? When did their team leader become so snobbish?

Yu Zhengyuan's expression turned complex. He seemed to be thinking about something. He sighed and said, "There are many people who don't like us in school. If you want Pei Shaoyun to have a peaceful life at school, treat him as a stranger." No one would touch this pure and harmless young man as long as he doesn't belong to any factions.

This was the first time Yu Zhengyuan didn't want someone to be pulled into the battle between the various factions.

Yu Zhengyuan's words caused his team members to fall into deep thought. They decided to leave Pei Shaoyun alone. They should find their next candidate among the five transfer students.

The distribution of the accommodation at the Central Scout Academy on Planet Azure was done by the mainframe of the school. The living conditions there were not as good as the Central Scout Academy on Planet Doha as there were no villas. Every student lived in an apartment. Each apartment had four students living in it. Everyone had their personal room and bathroom with the kitchen, dining room, and living room being shared.

Little Jin brought Pei Shaoyun for registration. He decided that since he already sent him there, he might as well send him all the way. Thus, he brought him directly to his apartment, 1027.

Under Little Jin's guidance, he placed the door's chip into his communicator. From now on, he could enter the room just by scanning his communicator on the door.

The moment he entered the apartment, he saw the luxurious decor and the expensive pieces of furniture. He was shocked.

Little Jin saw this and felt proud. "Shaoyun, this is not bad, right? This is our best apartment. Only people from the special class and transfer students like you can live here."

Pei Shaoyun nodded. "It's better than my place." He touched his chip and looked at the four closed doors. The communicator on one of the doors suddenly lit up and beeped.

"That is my room." Pei Shaoyun rushed forward happily. He pushed the door gently. A room about 20 square meters was revealed. All the necessary equipment could be found inside. Everything inside screamed high-class. Pei Shaoyun was extremely satisfied.

Little Jin didn't stay any longer after completing his task. He bided farewell and left. When the door closed, Pei Shaoyun's smile instantly disappeared. His aura turned cold. The temperature in the room dropped immediately.

"I wonder if the person from the Flying Dragon Special Forces will be one of my roommates. I'm anticipating it!" Pei Shaoyun smiled. His smile got brighter and soon, it warmed up the entire room.

The white round ball on his shoulder suddenly started jumping happily. It seemed to be excited too.

"Little White, you must remember that you are just a harmless pet. Don't reveal your feral side." Pei Shaoyun picked up the white ball and looked at it threateningly.

Little White wanted to rebel against her. However, in front of his Boss's frightening gaze, it could only bow down to her. It screeched sadly to show that it had understood her.

Sob, it was finally out from that hellish planet but its Boss still wouldn't allow it to eat to its heart content. What a bad Boss! Little White bit its tentacles sadly and looked up at the sky, relenting itself to its fate. It relaxed its body and allowed Ling Lan to squeeze it to her heart's content.

That's right. This harmless and shy young man was Ling Lan in disguise. Just as Ling Lan was focused on squeezing Little White, she heard the door opening. Three people walked in.

One had a cold aura, one was sinister-looking, and one looked handsome and refreshing. The sound of them walking in surprised Ling Lan. She looked up in surprise. When she saw the three of them, she gave them a shy smile and said in a low voice, "Are you three staying in 1027 too?"

The sinister-looking youth looked at Ling Lan playfully. He held up his hand and showed her the chip. "If there is nothing wrong with this chip, I should be staying here. My name is Meng Shaoran. What about you? Are you my new roommate?"

The cold-looking person heard what Meng Shaoran said and replied, "Leng Hanfeng!"

Ling Lan knew that must be his name. However, she pretended to be uncertain. The handsome young man couldn't bear to see her like this so he explained, "That is his name. My name is Gu Zhengrong. Nice to meet you."

Ling Lan appeared embarrassed. She gave a shy smile and said, "My name is Pei Shaoyun. Nice to meet you all."

"I didn't expect our roommate to be you." Meng Shaoran was sized up Ling Lan. "Interesting. Very interesting. Haha, my father asked me to be transferred here but it won't be boring any longer I guess."

Ling Lan pretended to be scared by Meng Shaoran's evil look. Leng Hanfeng clicked his tongue in response. Gu Zhengrong pretended to move casually and blocked Meng Shaoran's light vision of Ling Lan.

Meng Shaoran sneered. He didn't say anything. He grabbed his luggage and walked to his own room.

Leng Hanfeng entered his room too. Ling Lan pretended to be agitated. She seemed to be wondering if she provoked these two people.

Gu Zhengrong quickly consoled her. "It's fine. Their temper is like that. You'll get used to it. However, they both don't like each other. Don't enter their fight."

Ling Lan quickly nodded. Gu Zhengrong smiled when he saw how obedient Ling Lan was. He wanted to pat Ling Lan's head but Ling Lan evaded his hand instinctively. After that, her face turned pale. She looked as though she realized that she did something wrong. Gu Zhengrong shook his head when he saw her frightened state. "Why are you so timid? If you don't like your head to be touch, just say it. There is no such thing as compromising in the Scout Academy."

Ling Lan bit her lips and nodded slightly. She looked at Gu Zhengrong gratefully. "You can return to your room now as there are no other plans today. Have a good rest. I'll call you when it's time for lunch."

"Okay. Thank you, Brother Gu," Ling Lan replied obediently.

"Are you calling me brother now?" Gu Zhengrong smiled. "Do you think I'm older than you?"

Ling Lan smiled shyly. She said in a soft voice, "Brother Gu is good at taking care of people. You must be older than me." No way. I've lived two times and am almost 50 years old.

"Haha, you're right. I was born on the first day of the new year. There is probably no one older than me in this school. Since you called me Brother Gu, I'll take care of you from now on." Gu Zhengrong didn't reject her. Ling Lan's face and her fake personality made her appear too harmless, and since she did not appear to be a potential opponent of his, Gu Zhengrong didn't mind taking care of her.

Just like this, the four people met each other. After a simple introduction, they went back to their own room.

"Little Four, do you think the person from the Flying Dragon Special Forces is among the four of them?" Ling Lan couldn't come to a decision. All their physical skills were at the optimal peak of refinement. However, physical skills could be suppressed. She couldn't use this as a gauge. Besides Gu Zhengrong, she only met the other two people for a short while. She couldn't get more information from them.

"I'm not sure. They are all very interesting." Little Four was not certain.

The cold-looking person had the arrogance of someone from the Flying Dragon Special Forces. However, if he was disguising himself, he shouldn't be that obvious. On the other hand, this kind of simple disguise might work even better.

Meng Shaoran was sinister and seemed hard to deal with. It was also a good choice for a disguise. It was unpredictable and would attract less suspicion.