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#### Chapter 461 Gamma Ray

#### Huhu~

In the crumbling house, the charcoal in the corner stove is burning quietly, releasing the last warmth of himself in this world. However, after listening to Natasha's words about SHIELD's present situation and the world's need for himself, Dr. Banner was silent, and the atmosphere in the room was a little deserted.

"Doctor, can we go now?" Just when Banner and Natasha were silent, the little girl who had been standing beside him quietly couldn't help but say something.

Because Natasha communicated with Banner in English just now, the little girl couldn't understand and didn't know what they were saying. She just cared about her father's illness. Seeing that Natasha and the doctor didn't say anything for some time, she thought that their conversation was over, so she asked.

#### Call!

After the little girl spoke, Dr. Banner, who seemed to be lost in thought, also closed his eyes. Looking at the little girl in front of him, Dr. Banner felt that maybe this was his life now. What the World and SHIELD needs is actually the Hulk in his body.

However, Banner has been thinking and actually suppressing the guy in his body for a long time now, maybe he should be a respected doctor in such a place and live out the rest of his life with a peace of mind.

"Well, let's go now." Without looking at Natasha who was still standing in front of him, Banner replied in local dialect to the little girl in front of him.

Then, Dr. Banner took his medicine kit and prepared to follow the little girl. Hearing what Dr. Banner said, the little girl had a smile on her face and turned to lead the way. However, at this moment, Natasha spoke again.

"It's just a simple Flu. I have already sent someone to help the little girl's father. And not only her father, but the recent flu outbreak in this small town will be brought under control. Therefore, you don't need to worry about anything. Did you hear what I was saying?" Natasha said unhurriedly when she saw Banner was going to follow the little girl.

Before coming here, Natasha knew that it would not be easy to persuade Banner to go back, so she had already made some preparations. Banner had lived in this town for some time and the most important thing is that she needs to speak clearly and not provoke him.

Of course, she needs to stabilize Banner first, otherwise, no one would dare to provoke Banner if he doesn't want to cooperate.

After talking with Banner, Natasha spoke to the little girl again in the local language, telling her that there was a doctor to help her father. Although the little girl didn't believe her, she nodded slightly when she saw Banner. Finally, she thanked her and ran out quickly.

"Now it's just the two of us. You may be able to hear me out now. I really didn't have any malice when I came here. I just wanted your help." The little girl finally left, and Dr. Banner's other patients have been blocked by SHIELD's Special Team. Natasha looked at Dr. Banner in front of her and said faintly.

## Phoo~

Hearing Natasha's words, Banner put the medicine bag in his hand aside and then sat on the stool. Banner knew that even if he said he did not want to listen, the Agent in front of him would still say what she wanted to say and he couldn't run away without breaking this small town apart.

Seeing Dr. Banner sitting down, Natasha breathed out a sigh of relief. If Dr. Banner really didn't cooperate, the teams she brought could not be sure about Hulk. However, things are pretty good now, and Natasha believes that Dr. Banner changed his decision after listening to what he said next.

"Since you have been keeping tabs on SHIELD, then you must know about the force that has been fighting against us: Hydra." Also sitting down in front of Dr. Banner, Natasha spoke slowly.

Dr. Banner's brows twitched and he didn't answer, but it is obvious that he knew about the situation. When Dr. Banner left the United States, Hydra was still deeply hidden. Dr. Banner did not know that there was such a terrorist organization in the world.

After the Washington incident broke out, the whole world knew that there was such an organization and there were people who believed in Hydra and tried to dominate the world. Dr. Banner was shocked when he heard the news on TV and he began to think that he may have worked for them before without even knowing about it.

"In a battle just a week ago, we eliminated the core figure of Hydra, Red Skull. In the following blow, Hydra was completely wiped out." Although Dr. Banner did not speak, Natasha continued.

"What does this have to do with me?" Dr. Banner asked indifferently when he heard this news. He didn't really care about Hydra at all. If SHIELD planned to let him fight Hydra before then that would still be a reason for Natasha to be here, but Hydra has been wiped out, so why is she here?

"Indeed, we did not require your help in the destruction of Hydra. However, during our fight with Hydra, we discovered that Hydra possesses some technologies far beyond the Modern World.

According to a piece of top-secret information that we have received, those technologies of Hydra come from a special item. And in the final battle, that item disappeared with the death of the Red Skull." Looking at Dr. Banner's eyes, Natasha said seriously.

After Director Fury was removed from his post, Captain Rogers spent a lot of effort to contact Natasha who was executing her mission and explained the current situation to her.

Therefore, the current Black Widow is already on the same boat as Captain Rogers. Although she didn't know about the Magic Cube, she knew about the next level of intelligence, otherwise, she would have no capital to persuade Dr. Banner to go back.

"An item that can upgrade the technology level? What is it?" Hearing this, Dr. Banner finally showed some interesting expressions on his face. In addition to being able to transform into Hulk, Dr. Banner is a genius scientist who is very loyal to science.

"I don't know exactly what it is, my clearance level isn't that high. However, Captain Rogers knows about it. If you ask him then I think he would be willing to tell you." Seeing that Dr. Banner is finally interested, Natasha replied with a smile.

"Well, if Hydra has such an amazing item that can improve the level of their technology then I would be very interested in it, but it has been lost now, why are you looking for me? It would be better for you guys to find that item with so much manpower and material resources" Knowing that his interest was exposed, Dr. Banner didn't hide it and said openly.

"We are indeed looking for that Item but that item was lost in the process of Space Teleportation. We have no idea where it is at all. The only clue we have is that it emits a special kind of ray: Gamma-Ray." Staring at Dr. Banner, Natasha said calmly.

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# Chapter 462 Wake Up

The moment Natasha said Gamma-Ray, Dr. Banner, who was originally very calm, suddenly burst out with powerful emotions, and a faint green light flashed in his eyes.

"Gamma-Ray?!" It was because of an experiment on Gamma-Rays that Dr. Banner became what he is now, and he is still very sensitive to this subject.

"Yes, it is Gamma-Ray. That Object emits very irregular and low-level Gamma-Rays, and only people who know about Gamma-Rays like you can track its current location. So, I was sent here by SHIELD to get your expertise in looking for that Item." Not being frightened by the sudden change in emotion from Banner, Natasha sat upright and continued.

Call!

As if feeling a bit agitated by his actions, Dr. Banner sat back slowly after listening to Natasha's words, his emotions quickly recovered, and the green light in his eyes disappeared.

"Hehe, so that's why you were looking for me. But why do you think that I would even agree to help you? Even if I know Gamma-Ray and am probably the best person in the world, but I think you know what happened last time I experimented on Gamma-Rays. Do you really think that I will go back to do experiments on Gamma-Ray again?" Dr. Banner, who was sitting on the stool again spoke after some time.

"I'm actually just a messenger. I am not very clear about some things. However, I believe that you would be of great help to SHIELD and the World if you return with me. Also, Captain Rogers wants you to come back and he had left the decision to you. You can decide if you want to come or not." Seeing Dr. Banner's attitude, Natasha continued with a calm look on her face.

Banner was obviously interested in that Object, and it was because of Gamma-Rays that Banner became what he is now. Although he is somewhat afraid of Gamma-Rays, he hopes to find a solution to his special situation. Therefore, Banner is only doing his last insistence now.

"Captain Rogers, is that Captain America that has been frozen in the ice for more than 60 years?" Banner doesn't know much about this resurrected American hero. "If you are willing to talk to him then please pick up this phone. I'm done with my Mission and the decision is in your hands." At this point, Natasha's mission has been completed. She puts a cell phone on the table while speaking.

Phoo~

Then, Natasha got up from her chair and walked out without saying anything and left Banner in the house alone.

After Natasha left, Banner looked at the phone placed in front of him. Whether it's SHIELD or any other organization, Banner doesn't want to get involved with them anymore, he just wants to live out his life as an ordinary person.

However, after avoiding all those organizations from all over the world for so many years, Banner also clearly realized that he can't really avoid them forever. Moreover, did he really want to spend the rest of his life living like a Nomad going from one place to another?

Even without Hulk, Banner is a World-Class Scientist, and he does not want his knowledge and talents to be permanently buried.

Finally, Dr. Banner made a decision and reached out to the phone on the table and dialed the only number in it.

"Hello, Dr. Banner, this is Captain Rogers."

"Hello, Captain Rogers, this is Bruce Banner."

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In a secret base of Stark Industries, New York, Lin Rui is nervously watching the situation in the room in front of him. Through the one-way transparent glass wall, Lin Rui could see the person locked inside, Tom Smith, his friend who was brainwashed and transformed into an upgraded Winter Soldier by Hydra.

Since completing the Quest to eliminate Hydra and obtaining a large number of Reward Points, Lin Rui has searched for items that can heal memory and mental injuries in the System Shop. After that, he spent 5,000 Reward Points to exchange for an item that can completely heal Memory and Mental Injuries and remove any brainwashing.

Lin Rui has fed the Medicine to Tom, and now he is waiting nervously for the effect to appear. Although the effects of the things produced in the System Shop are not bad but things like Memory and Spirit are very mysterious aspects and Lin Rui cannot be sure that Tom will be able to recover normally.

"Jackson, don't worry, Tom will recover." When Lin Rui stared nervously at the sleeping Tom in the room, Peter comforted him.

"Well, I think so too. Uncle Smith's family has been looking for Tom for a long time now. The last time I saw Uncle Smith, he already looked haggard. I am worried that they will collapse because of the loss of Tom. So, I need Tom to go home safe and sound." Lin Rui said seriously while clenching his fists.

Phoo~

When Peter and Lin Rui were talking outside the room, Tom lying on the bed in the room showed some movement as his brows twitched before he slowly opened his eyes.

"I...Where am I?" Opening his eyes, Tom seemed to be a little confused, and after scanning his situation, he whispered with some doubts in his voice.

Hum~

Tom, who just woke up, hadn't carefully observed the situation around him, and there was a sudden flood of memories that belonged to him in his mind. The sudden change in his mind made Tom stunned, and then he cried out in a low voice while holding his head.

"Ahhh! My mind!... What are these?! No! It hurts!!..."

"Let me out! Let me out!"

"Who is this?... Is it me?!... Damn it! Jackson!"

As more and more strange and familiar memories flooded into his mind, Tom slowly calmed down, but the expression on his face was constantly changing and he unconsciously shouted out, he seemed to have fully remembered the things he had done as the Winter Soldier.

Huhu!

Finally, Tom, who had completely received those memories, slowly lowered his hands from his head. At this time, Tom was at a loss. It seems that Tom's memories had caused him to change his personality and he was different from the big boy who loved sports a few months ago.

"Jackson? Are you out there?" After sitting quietly on the bed for a while, Tom suddenly turned his head to look at the wall next to him and shouted.

### **Chapter 463 Remember**

When Tom woke up in bed, Lin Rui and Peter outside the room were already paying attention to the situation inside. When they saw Tom holding his head in pain and yelling, Lin Rui almost couldn't help but rushed in to see what happened to Tom. Fortunately, he finally held back, and Tom slowly recovered and calmed down.

Just when Lin Rui and Peter watched Tom and began to guess as to whether he had remembered his previous memories and released from Hydra's mind control, Tom who was sitting up suddenly looked at the glass wall and called out Lin Rui's name.

"Tom! Haha! He finally recovered his memory!" Lin Rui shouted excitedly when he heard Tom call out his name.

Card!

Then Lin Rui had already touched a button on the side of the glass wall. Following Lin Rui's move, the one-way transparent glass wall has now become a Bhimtwo-way transparent wall. Tom, sitting on the bed of the room, finally saw Lin Rui and Peter standing outside.

"Tom, do you remember? Do you remember everything?!" Not opening the door to the room, Lin Rui asked Tom inside through the glass wall.

Hearing Lin Rui's words, Tom's eyes flashed and he finally nodded.

Brush!

After Tom answered, Lin Rui could not wait any longer as he opened the locked door and rushed in with Peter.

"Jackson, I remember! I'm sorry for everything!" Tom said in a deep tone as he looked at his two friends who were rushing inside his room.

Lin Rui carefully stared at Tom's eyes as he stood in front of him. After looking at him for some time, the last trace of alert in Lin Rui's eyes slowly disappeared.

"Welcome back, Tom." Lin Rui opened his arms and step forward as he said this.

Call!

Finally, the two friends hugged each other a week after Hydra was destroyed. Peter stood aside and watched this scene with great emotion. Fortunately, Tom had recovered and is normal again, otherwise, Lin Rui would be carrying this burden in his heart.

"Well, you have just recovered and need more rest. I just saw you in a lot of pain which may be a side effect of your recovery. So you need to rest." Lin Rui continued after hugging Tom. Although Tom now remembers everything but his previously hypnotized spirit still needs to recover slowly.

"No, I want to go home. I remember what happened over the past month. I was like a puppet being manipulated by them to do things that I didn't want to do at all. Now, I just want to go home to see my parents, they must be very worried because of my disappearance." Hearing Lin Rui's words, Tom shook his head and said.

Although his memory of more than a month made Tom feel very painful, he didn't want to stay here anymore. He wanted to go home and see his parents.

"Yeah! I'll go home with you! Uncle Smith should be at home in these two days! If your family sees you safe and sound, they will be very happy!" Since Tom wants to go home, Lin Rui will not stop him, and the Smiths will be happy too. Tom's family is indeed on the verge of collapse.

After talking and leaving, Tom took a rest in this base and changed his clothes before rushing home with Lin Rui and Peter. Because he had just woken up from mental control, Tom had been quiet on the ride, and he just calmly looked at the scenery along the way and no one knew what was going on in his mind.

However, even though Tom did not speak, Lin Rui still has something to say. Because Tom was exposed to too many things this time, it would have been nice if Tom didn't remember those things, but now Tom clearly remembers everything that had happened to him in the controlled phase.

Therefore, it is necessary for Lin Rui to talk to Tom about the precautions. What's more, there's a lot to discuss about Lin Rui himself and League of Defender, and Tom's future life.

"Well, Tom, do you remember what happened in the more than a month you've been controlled?" As he drove, Lin Rui asked Tom, who was sitting in the back seat looking at the scenery.

Hearing Lin Rui's words, Tom who was watching the scenery slowly shifted his gaze back towards Lin Rui, "Yes, I remember it all. I remember every detail, although I would rather I forget all of them."

"So, you..." Lin Rui was a little embarrassed to speak before hearing Tom's answer.

"Jackson, I know what you're going to say. I know who you are, and I finally understand why you suddenly changed so much after entering high school, it turned out that Mirage Knight was you." Tom seemed to know what Lin Rui was going to say and he spoke first.

"Um...I didn't deliberately keep this from you." Lin Rui said embarrassedly when Tom brought it up by himself.

"I understand, if I was you, I wouldn't tell anyone. Actually, do you know why I was tricked into doing experiments by those people?" After experiencing such things, Tom seems to have become a lot more mature. He asked calmly while looking at Lin Rui through the rearview mirror.

"Why? Now that you mention this, I never knew how Hydra found you." Now that Tom remembered everything that had happened when he was under control, Lin Rui finally asked something he wanted to ask.

"Because I already knew who you were! For many nights, when I was suffering from insomnia, I stood by my bed and looked outside in a daze. I saw a figure crawling out of your room and leaving quietly. I thought you were just sneaking out to go to some party until after Mirage Knight became famous in New York, I didn't know that this new Vigilante turned out to be my friend, my friend Jackson Lin who jumped out the window every night." Tom said calmly as he looked ahead.

"So, did you come in contact with Hydra because you knew I was Mirage Knight?" Lin Rui felt uncomfortable when he heard Tom's answer. Originally, he had thought that Tom was tricked by Hydra and it was just a simple accident. But now that he heard what Tom said, Lin Rui realized that there really was a reason for it.

"In fact, I acted a bit stupid at that time, I just wanted to become a Vigilante like you, and fight alongside you, so I trusted those people. If I knew they were Hydra, I would definitely not fall into their trap." Recalling the things he had done, Tom felt he was really stupid. Tom just didn't want to lose his friend. In fact, he had many ways to choose, but he chose the most stupid way.

"Tom, I'm so sorry!" Lin Rui apologized seriously after hearing Tom's explanation of how he got in Hydra.

"It not your fault, I was the one who was stupid. Also, don't worry, I won't talk about anything that happened when I go back. What happened this month, I will treat it as a nightmare, and I won't mention it again." Tom said lightly.

"Actually, Tom, if you still want to become a Superhero, you still have a chance..."

### **Chapter 464 Relaxed Day**

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Tom was stunned to hear Lin Rui suddenly say such a thing. He looked in disbelief at Lin Rui, who was sitting in front of him. Peter, who was sitting in the Passenger seat was calmer.

In fact, the current Tom is a perfect Super Soldier because he has survived Hydra's newly launched Winter Soldier experiment. So, in terms of physical fitness alone, Tom is no worse than Captain America now.

Moreover, with Lin Rui helping him solve Hydra's Brainwashing and Mind Control, Tom has now completely moved away from the rigid Winter Soldier model and become someone similar to Captain American Steve Rogers who is the perfect Super Soldier. Of course, the current Tom is certainly not as good as Rogers now.

So, now that Tom has recovered and has such a strong strength, why can't he be added to the League of Defender? After all, Tom already knows what Lin Rui and the others have been doing, he knew about Hydra and SHIELD. It would be next to impossible for Tom, who has experienced these things to return to his normal high school life.

"Jackson, are you serious? I can become a guardian of New York like you guys?" Looking carefully at Lin Rui's face through the rearview mirror, Tom asked seriously.

"Why not? Don't you want it? Moreover, we are not only the guardians of New York, we will become the Guardians of the Earth in the future." Lin Rui replied equally earnestly when he heard Tom's unconfident question.

Except for Tom's lack of protagonist aura, Lin Rui feels that Tom would be a very good partner. Moreover, now that the League of Defender and SHIELD and X-Men have established a Stable Alliance, but the power of the League of Defender is still a little too weak.

Therefore, it is also very good to have Tom with them at this time, at least he is completely trustworthy.

"I do! I do!" Seeing that Lin Rui didn't seem to be joking, Tom quickly replied.

"I wanted to tell you about this first, and then I will discuss with the other partners in the League of Defender, but I don't think they would mind having one more partner with us." Seeing Tom's excitement, Lin Rui said with a smile.

"Thank you! Jackson! And, Peter, thank you." Tom, who got Lin Rui's promise, didn't know what to say anymore. He didn't expect that after doing so many stupid things, he would get what he wanted. He can now become what he wanted which is to become a Vigilante.

"This is what you deserve, and we also need more partners now." Peter, who had been sitting in the passenger seat responded with a smile after hearing Tom's thanks.

Tom already knows who Spiderman is after he remembers what happened to him while he was under Hydra's control, this information is something that he can quickly retrieve if his memories match up. Now Tom knows why Lin Rui changed so much after he entered High School and why he was so close to Peter and Harry.

"So, Tom, do you have a good reason?" Lin Rui suddenly asked when he saw Tom getting excited.

"Huh? What reason?" Tom asked suspiciously understanding what Lin Rui meant.

"Your reason for missing for more than a month!? Uncle Smith called the police a week after you disappeared, and now he's out looking for you every day. Are you going to tell Uncle and Aunt Smith everything that happened to you while you were controlled by Hydra?" Looking at Tom's suspicious look, Lin Rui, who was driving reminded him.

"Ah! I haven't figured out any excuses to say! What should I do now? How can I explain my sudden disappearance from home for more than a month, or what do I do when I go to school?" Tom was now very worried when Lin Rui reminded him. He couldn't find how to explain where he had been this month.

"How should I know that, just go out and relax. Anyway, there are a lot of teenagers who run away from home in the United States every year. You come back by yourself so that's a positive point in my book." Lin Rui has no good way to deal with this situation, so he can only suggest that.

"That's all I can say if I can't think of anything else. At most, I'll be lectured. At least I'm back." Instead of thinking about making excuses for missing, Tom thought it would be best if he could go home now.

"Well, I think so too. However, this semester is almost over. You can't drop your class just because you wanted to become a Superhero as they won't be agreeing to that." Seeing Tom's appearance, Lin Rui laughed and teased.

"Hey!"

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Just when Lin Rui brought the recovered Tom back home, the other members of the League of Defenders were doing their own things. Harry, one of the Golden Trio of New York Empire State High School, is currently in a meeting with the Board of Directors on the top floor of Oscorp Industries.

The release date for the Gene Therapy Recovery Serum has finally been set. The Gene Therapy Recovery Serum has been tested for so long, and the effects and stability have been shocking.

Once it is officially released, it will definitely bring countless benefits to the Oscorp Industries. As the chairman of Oscorp Industries, Harry's position has become more stable.

As for Daredevil, after defeating and killing his enemy named Kingpin, he suddenly said that he was going on vacation. After carrying the hatred against Kingpin for so many years in his heart, Daredevil was finally able to let go of his hatred now that he had killed his enemy.

So he decided to take a break and enjoy a hatred free time of his life, he would go on a vacation and then come back to work. Every single person in the League of Defender was supportive of Daredevil's decision and the Director of SHIELD Captain Rogers also agreed with him.

So Daredevil took off his Hero Suit and became Matt, leaving New York for his first vacation in years.

Except for Harry and Matt, Deadpool Wade hasn't made much action since he recovered from his serious injuries. After all, he escaped from the jaws of Grim Reaper himself, and Deadpool's attitude and mood changed a little, and he went back to live a couple-life with Vanessa.

Of course, if the League of Defender summoned him then Deadpool will immediately come as he is now a hero!

As for Sky's Eye Jerry, the logistics staff of the League of Defender, after seeing the Advanced Artificial Intelligence like JARVIS, he now has a higher goal.

He seems to be planning to upgrade the League of Defender base with an Artificial Intelligence. While other Vigilanties are doing their things, Jerry is still working hard to contribute to the League of Defender base.

Since Jack knew that Lin Rui was okay, he had run back to the gate of Sanctum in New York again to wait. After many days, no one knew what he had been doing. According to the attitude of Rick and David, Jack should have been accepted as an apprentice sorcerer now and he must have begun his training.

After Hydra was eliminated, every member of the League of Defenders had a rare opportunity to relax or deal with their own affairs. However, such a stable life shouldn't last too long. The World of Marvel is not such a stable world.

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## **Chapter 465 Discovery**

New York suburbs, in Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. The scene here is the same as usual. The Young Mutants with Special Abilities live and study happily in this school.

Under the guidance of the powerful Mutant teachers, these teenagers who are still not able to control their mutant abilities continue to learn to control and use their abilities.

Although many students in Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters will return to their normal life after graduation as their abilities will not cause harm to others after coming under control, which is what Professor Charles has always wanted to achieve.

While the teenagers in the school were studying and playing safely, Professor Charles was using Cerebro in the secret underground base. Although Professor Charles has used Cerebro more frequently in recent times, it is also necessary.

He needs to find the lost Magic Cube, Professor Charles had sent out several X-Men who are good at finding objects to assist Tony's Iron Man in carefully searching for the location where the Magic Cube might have fallen during the transfer process. However, there is still no news as of today.

As for Professor Charles's current use of Cerebro, he is not looking for the Magic Cube. Professor Charles's Powerful Mental Power can only be used to find living things, and it has no effect on finding the Magic Cube.

Professor Charles is now using Cerebro to enhance his Mental Power effect, in order to find Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch who escaped in the battle to eliminate Hydra last time.

Lin Rui has told Professor Charles that Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch are very powerful Mutants. If they can be recruited into X-Men, they will become a strong pillar of support for them.

After the first meeting in Tony's Secret Room a few days ago, Lin Rui revealed a very important message to Professor Charles. That is, the life experience of Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch, they are the son and daughter of Professor Charles's old rival Magneto.

This news is undoubtedly very important to Charles, and it also strengthened Charles' determination to find Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch.

After all, if Professor Charles can recruit Magneto's son and daughter into X-Men, in addition to instantly enhancing X-Men's strength, there will also be many opportunities to ease the relationship between X-Men and the Brotherhood of Mutants.

After all, Professor Charles and Magneto themselves were very good friends when they were young, and they just disagree with the concept of the future development of Mutant Kind.

And now that Professor Charles has found a new future for Mutants, he wants to persuade Magneto to join him. However, based on Charles' knowledge of Magneto, he knows that Magneto is a self-centered person and he may not trust himself so much, and he will not trust this plan to make Mutant's future bright in the future.

So, in order for Magneto to reach an agreement with himself, Charles desperately needs Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch.

However, Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch seem to know that X-Men will not give up searching for themselves, and they have been hiding well since the last time they escaped.

Even if Professor Charles used his Cerebro, he could not find them. However, although he could not find them, Professor Charles found some movement from the Brotherhood of Mutants. Judging from their recent actions, it seems that Magneto is about to make another big move.

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"Who does Erik want to hit this time? Was there really someone behind that Mutants' opposition last time?" Take the helmet off his head. Professor Charles mumbles a little tiredly.

From X-Men's investigations and what Professor Charles learned through the Cerebro in these days, Magneto's actions seem to be related to the last time's events when the Brotherhood of Mutants targeted a Congressman who opposed Mutants.

That Congressman is a more radical congressman who opposes the Mutant Kind. He has opposed Mutants many times in the media. It is this kind of person that makes the survival of Mutants on earth more difficult.

However, when Magneto's Brotherhood of Mutants took action against that congressman, the X-Men still saved the Congressman. If the Brotherhood of Mutants had succeeded, then the people who support this congressman will have a bigger excuse to support the Anti-Mutants Bill, which Professor Charles does not want to see.

The last encounter between X-Men and the Brotherhood of Mutants seemed like a simple offense and defense to Professor Charles. This kind of thing has happened many times over the years since he and Erik parted ways.

However, looking at some actions of the Brotherhood of Mutants, it seems that their actions from the last time have not ended. Magneto seemed to be very persistent with regard to the Congressman who was rescued and it looked like he would be making a move himself.

However, it is only a single member of the Congress, is he really worth it? Although Magneto is very strong and he does belong to the category of Super Mutants that can disrupt the whole world alone.

However, there are many things in this world that can stop or control Magneto, otherwise, the Mutants Brotherhood would not be half-hidden in the dark to this day. If Magneto is caught because of this action then the Brotherhood of Mutants will become a mess, and Professor Charles' plan will also be affected by it.

"No matter what Erik intends to do this time, I have to watch him! Perhaps I can discover the Mutants hidden in the dark from this operation. Hydra's captive Mutants are obviously not the product of their own invention, and I can dig up the names behind their capture from this." Charles will have to take things one step at a time, but he will put Mutants first.

However, compared to fighting with the Mutants Brotherhood and other forces in the world that don't want to see X-Men exist before, Professor Charles is feeling a little easier.

Because he is not only X-Men now. When he established an alliance with the League of Defender and Tony and Rogers, the X-Men had also allied with those forces. So, if Professor Charles needs help, Lin Rui, Tony, and Rogers will not leave him and he can always ask for their help.

If Magneto really wants to do something this time then it might also be an opportunity for Professor Charles. In the past, the battle between X-Men and the Brotherhood of Mutants was almost a loss for the X-Men, but now with the help of his allies, Professor Charles is confident that Magneto can see the truly bright future that Mutants should usher in.

"Storm, you and Blink will go out again. The last location of Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch is in a small town on the edge of the Devers Mountains. Although they should be gone by now, you may be able to find a clue as to where they are going." After considering the situation of Magneto, Professor Charles directly sent a mission to Storm through his telepathy.

### **Chapter 466 Mandarin**

Rumble!! ~

"This is already the third brutal bombing attack in a war zone. In this attack we lost Eight brave soldiers and more than 20 innocent civilians lives were lost..."

"The terrorist named Mandarin has taken responsibility for the bombing and threatened to wage a larger war..."

"In this regard, the spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defense will hold a media conference in the evening and this station will broadcast live on time..."

Just when Lin Rui and others got some easy days because of the elimination of Hydra, there were terrorists in the world jumping out of their caves again.

Although the fighting between various forces in various regions on the earth has not stopped, it has not happened for a while and no one had dared to fight against the American Army and caused huge casualties.

However, the terrorist who claimed to be Mandarin had suddenly appeared not long ago, he possessed a special type of explosive in his hands, and he has successfully carried out several Bombing Attacks. Moreover, the U.S. Military has not found the slightest information about such explosives.

The people in the country are feeling very indignant when they saw the setbacks suffered by the US military on the battlefield. They need the government to provide effective countermeasures. They do not want their sons and husbands to be brutally injured on the battlefield.

With the escalation of the various bombing incidents, many people have begun to demand retribution. And the press conference held at Two O'Clock this afternoon is that the military wants to give the people an explanation. The United States will not tolerate such behavior.

## Phoo~

"JARVIS, bring me a glass of fruit juice." Tony, who had been busy for several days, was very exhausted, and he fell on the soft sofa and ordered JARVIS.

Recently, Tony has too many projects that need to be researched and followed up. In addition to the traditional Iron Man Suits that need to be updated and upgraded, the research and development of the Magical Armor have also been ongoing, as well as the evolved characteristics of Venom that were discovered not long ago.

Taking out any of these technologies is enough to shock the world, but now because of the confidentiality level, Tony can only complete such a large amount of work with the help of a few assistants such as JARVIS and Lin Rui. Tony wanted to make a Clone of himself so that he can finish all these tasks.

"Sir, do you need me to turn on the TV?" JARVIS controlled a robot and gave Tony a glass of fruit and vegetable juice and asked calmly. Tony is indeed tired, but as an Artificial Intelligent, JARVIS will not feel tired.

"Yeah~" Tony agreed indifferently while drinking his juice.

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"We will not allow such behavior. Therefore, our military will send out our latest Armed Forces to the front line..." After JARVIS turned on the TV, it was reporting the Military's Press Conference on the recent terrorist attacks.

The Military's response this time is to send out the Iron Man. Of course, it is not Tony, but he sponsored another Iron Man Armor to the military under pressure from various parties in the United States.

Moreover, the Iron Man Armor is mainly driven by Tony's friend Colonel Rhodes. Faced with the continuous explosions on the front lines, the US Military is finally ready to send out the Iron Man Armor to participate in the war under the pressure of public opinion. However, they changed the name of Iron Man to Iron Patriot.

"Huh? JARVIS, has there been any large-scale war recently? The Military has sent out the Iron Man. We had an agreement before and they can not use the Iron Man Armor to arm conventional military troops.

The Iron Man Armor will not be used for war." Although Tony didn't think anything in the beginning, he became more serious after seeing such reports on TV and then asked JARVIS.

## Brush!

Soon, JARVIS mobilized the intelligence on the terrorist named Mandarin and the recent large-scale bombing attacks. After watching the cruel bombing attacks and Mandarin's unscrupulous face, Tony, who had been busy for some time, couldn't help but become angry.

Tony personally experienced what the war was like, and it was that personal experience that transformed Tony into Iron Man. He swore in his heart that he would protect those civilians from the damage of the war. That's why Tony didn't agree to the use of the Iron Man Armor for the Army's personal use as that would only encourage the US military to be more aggressive in war.

It doesn't matter if they use the Iron Man against Hydra, which is already a Special Organization. After all, the opponent also has a lot of technology and strength that is not inferior to the Iron Man Armor. However, Tony would not agree to the use of the Iron Man by soldiers and civilians.

However, seeing the soldiers and civilians who died in the bombing, Tony felt that it was time for the Iron Man to dispatch. If the military can't handle the Mandarin then he would be steeping in personally.

"JARVIS, contact Colonel Rhodes, I want to know more details." After all, the information on the Internet is available to everyone and it is impossible for the public to know everything about the war, so Tony needs to find an insider.

"Yes, sir." JARVIS has already started to call Colonel Rhodes.

"Sir, I can't connect. Colonel Rhodes should still be in the live broadcast. Today's Live Broadcast includes the showing off the Armed Soldier." A few seconds later, JARVIS's voice came out again.

"Oh, I see him." While hearing JARVIS's answer, Tony had already seen Rhodes on the live TV. At this time, he was wearing the Iron Man Armor which was painted in blue, white, and red, showing it in front of the media.

"Then contact him after the live broadcast is over." Since Rhodes is in the live broadcast, Tony can't disturb him for now. Although Tony can directly contact Rhodes through the Iron Man Armor but it is completely unnecessary at this time.

"JARVIS, what is the origin of this Mandarin? The bombings he had planned has been successful so many times. Is it really some new kind of bomb?" Since he came into contact with SHIELD and learned about some secret things in the world, Tony has become very familiar with these routines. If the bombings had not killed so many civilians, Tony would probably not have cared.

"There is too little information to analyze Mandarin's identity for the time being. For the analysis of the bombing attack, this kind of bomb should be of a different type on the market now and at the research stage." Upon hearing Tony's question, JARVIS quickly replied.

"Well, it seems that I can only learn more after I see Rhodes. JARVIS, I will go to rest for a while and wake me up if something important comes up." Tony who is already tired to a certain extent, rubbed his eyebrows. He stood up on the sofa and ordered as he walked towards the bedroom.

"Yes, sir."

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### **Chapter 467 New Explosive Material?**

In the afternoon of the next day, Tony asked Rhodes out for afternoon tea, in a roadside fast food restaurant in the suburbs of New York. Although Tony is a super-rich man, he also has his own unique taste. The food on the roadside may not be the best but he likes it and Tony also enjoyed the feeling of being recognized on the roadside.

"So what's really going on? With Mandarin. Seriously, Can we talk about this guy?" Sitting on the dining table in the living room of the fast-food restaurant, Tony looked at his friend Rhodes and asked.

"Tony, you know that it's Classified Information." Seeing Tony's appearance, Rhodes said helplessly.

"Of course I know, otherwise why would I be asking you," Tony replied indifferently. As far as Tony was concerned, the excuse of Military Secrets isn't enough to stop him.

"Well, the Military is under a lot of pressure and I have also got many headaches recently. The military released the Iron Man Armor under pressure. We still don't know where the hell this Mandarin came from, it was as if he appeared out of thin air." Knowing that Tony wouldn't let go, Rhodes started to answer.

"You don't know? This seems weird. What about those explosions? You should know that the Stark Industries was originally a Military Weapon Manufacturer. We have a series of intelligent bomb disposal equipment that does not require manual operation at all and is very safe." Listening to Rhodes, Tony raised his brow and continued.

"Those explosions... there have been more than just those three, there have been a total of 13 Incidents, but in order not to cause panic among the people, there has only been news about three.

Moreover, no one can ID a device. There are no bomb casings. We have no countermeasures against those at all." Hearing Tony's suggestion, Rhodes replied with furrowed brows.

It's not that the military doesn't want to use more professional bomb disposal equipment, but they have not even figured out what those explosives are now.

Hearing Rhodes' words, the expression on Tony's face changed. Tony couldn't imagine how many people had died in the thirteen bombing attacks. Moreover, there were thirteen explosive attacks, and the military didn't even know what the explosives were, which made Tony very angry and puzzled.

"You haven't even figured out what the explosives are in the thirteen explosions?! Even if they have any new explosives, don't they leave any residue?" Tony asked directly while feeling very angry.

"No! There was no trace of explosives within the explosion range, there are only injured and the destroyed buildings. Therefore, the military had to announce that they would use Iron Man Armor to counterattack." Rhodes knew the reason behind Tony's anger. He himself was very angry. However, these bombing attacks were indeed very strange and they could not be prevented at all.

"This is really strange." Tony's eyes became more serious when he heard Rhodes' answer.

Although Tony's technology should already be considered the best on earth and he would not really be arrogant enough to think that no one in the world can surpass himself in a certain technology. Because Tony is not the only genius on the earth as he only focuses on Physics, Energy, and Artificial Intelligence.

Although he has some knowledge of other subjects, he did not pay much attention to them. But when it comes to weapons, Tony doesn't think there are things in the world that he can't do anything about.

"That's right! So, if you really want to help, just provide us with a few more Iron Man Armors." Rhodes is just hoping for more Iron Men Armor to counter the Mandarin's undetectable explosion attacks.

"Well, since this matter is so severe, I will consider providing you with a few more Iron Man Armors. However, you have to assure me that you will not use these Iron Mans to help the military intervene on the frontal battlefield." Listening to Rhodes's words, Tony replied seriously after thinking about it.

"Don't worry, I've always been on your side." Rhodes was obviously very happy with Tony's support.

"I believe you, Rhodes. But, do you really don't need my help? You know, I have a lot of resources in my hands. Although these bombing attacks are strange and the military can't even find anything about the explosives, but it may not be a conventional technology product?" After agreeing to help Rhodes, Tony was still interested in that kind of weird explosion.

If it was Tony from before, he wouldn't really think too much, he might just think that this kind of explosive should be a new type of special material that will disappear completely with the explosion.

But after seeing the things in SHIELD, X-Men, and League of Defender, Tony's thinking has been broadened a lot. He understands that there are still many things in the world that cannot be explained by science. If these explosions are caused by people with special abilities then it is normal for the military to find no explosives and the cause.

But because it happens on the battlefield, people with Special Abilities are usually handled by some Special Departments, such as SHIELD. But this incident was still being handled by the military, and Tony raised this question. Tony would not be polite if it was really those people with special abilities who caused these bombings.

"You mean... maybe it's a Mutants or a person with some Superpower?" Rhodes asked in a low voice after hearing Tony's words.

Rhodes did not think about this possibility, but this topic is very sensitive in society. Mutants may be hated by many people in society, but they will not interfere in the war, especially standing on the opposite side of the government, which will make their situation more difficult.

Moreover, the military has also invited someone from a Special Department to test the Bombing Sites and they had concluded that these were not done by the Mutants.

"It shouldn't be. The military has also asked the relevant department to test it. There is no sign of any remaining Mutant Ability." Rhodes replied while shaking his head.

"Isn't it? Then it must be a new type of explosive. If there is any progress, please tell me in time. I am also very interested in this Mandarin." Hearing Rhodes' answer, Tony frowned and said.

"I know, with Iron Man's support, there should be no problem finding this Mandarin." Rhodes agreed.

"Mr. Stark! Can you give me an autograph?" Just when Tony and Rhodes were about to finish talking, two kids ran towards him and looked at Tony excitedly.

"Haha! Of course!" Tony smiled and agreed, looking at the child who admired him.

Then, the little boy put a picture of Tony in his Armor on the table, and Tony also took the little boy's crayons and signed it.

"Thank you! Mr. Stark!"

## Chapter 468 Aldrich Killian

While Tony, Lin Rui, and Peter were busy making the Venom Armed Cloak, the world was still moving.

However, the biggest incident recently seems to be connected to the Mandarin, a terrorist who had suddenly appeared out of nowhere. He not only made many bomb attacks but also publicly declared war in the media. He is a very fanatical militant.

The U.S. military has been fighting against the extremist group led by the Terrorist, Mandarin. The Iron Man has had some success, but it has never found the location of the Mandarin.

The Bombings have continued, and the Military has yet to find any explosives or sources on the Bombing Sites. As it goes on, the pressure on the Military is mounting. The situation has gotten so bad that the U.S. military is already thinking about getting special units to help.

Although Lin Rui has been working with Tony, he also knows the real-time news for today. However, Lin Rui has always been indifferent to this kind of military war. His goal has always been on special characters and events in Marvel World, so he will let the military solve this kind of terrorist matter.

If Lin Rui took any actions for these kinds of thing then he would die of exhaustion. Of course, if he paid any attention to this Bombing attack, perhaps he will be able to remember what this incident represents.

On this day, Tony and Lin Rui are still working in the laboratory and they are carrying out a series of designs and modifications to The Cloak, Tony had already given Pepper full authority to take care of the Stark Industries.

Pepper is a very strong and capable woman so she can take care of the Stark Industries very well, and Tony was also relieved after handing the Stark Industries to Pepper. So, when a handsome man who was familiar with Pepper came to the Stark Industries Building today, Tony didn't know it for the first time.

"Hello, Pepper." The handsome man stopped Pepper who was returning to the office outside the corridor, and said hello with a smile.

Phoo~

"Huh?" Just when the handsome guy was about to walk in front of Pepper, a burly man stopped in front of him. It was Happy. Since Tony transferred the Stark Industries to Pepper to take care of it, Tony also transferred Happy to Pepper as her bodyguard. At this time, Happy intuitively felt some threats from the man in front of him. This guy's eyes were obviously wrong and the way he was looking at her was also wrong.

And the handsome guy didn't continue to walk forward after being stopped by Happy. He just stood there looking at Pepper with a look that said that he was innocent.

"You are?..." After Happy stopped the man, Pepper looked at the handsome man in front and although she has some impressions of this guy, she really can't remember him for a while.

"Killian, Aldrich Killian." Looking at Pepper, Killian introduced himself with a smile.

"Killian? Wow! You look great!" After hearing Killian's introduction, Pepper already remembered who the handsome guy in front of her was, and she greeted him with a loo of surprise on her face.

"You look good, too, long time no see, Pepper."

"Where have you been these years? What on Earth have you been doing?" Pepper was obviously surprised at Killian who suddenly appeared in front of her, so she asked curiously.

"Nothing fancy, just Five Years in the hands of Physical Therapists. And please call me Aldrich." Killian replied with a smile when he heard Pepper's words.

"Uh, you were supposed to be issued a security badge when you entered the door?" Just as Killian and Pepper were chatting, Happy, who had been squeezed to the side by Pepper, suddenly asked.

Happy felt that the guy in front of him was plotting against Pepper. As Tony and Pepper's loyal bodyguard and Iron Man's friend, Happy felt that he had to figure out who this guy was. Moreover, Happy also felt that the guy in front of him looks very familiar.

"Happy, it's okay. We are good." Pepper obviously felt that Happy is making a fuss and said helplessly.

"Really? You sure?" Happy asked again when he heard Pepper's words.

"Yes, I promise."

"Well, I'm just outside, I'm gonna linger."

"Ok."

Finally, Happy left at Pepper's request. But Happy was also sitting on the stool outside Pepper's office. He had to look at the handsome guy and report anything to Mr. Stark in time. He is feeling that this Killian guy was wrong and the way he looked at Pepper screamed danger to him, and he was probably Tony's rival in love.

"It very nice to see you again, Killian, where have you been all these years?" After Happy left, Pepper led Killian into the office.

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"That guy!... I need to contact Mr. Stark." A few minutes later, when Killian was in Pepper's office and had begun to show Pepper his "Brain", Happy sitting outside finally couldn't help it. Because when Pepper was attracted by Killian's brain, they were physically closer in their actions.

Then, Happy took out his tablet. Although Happy doesn't use these things that keep pace with the times, he can still make a video call.

In the underground laboratory No. 4 of Tony Beach Villa, Tony and Lin Rui are doing a Venom Armed Defense experiment, and Peter is doing other experiments on another test table. And while the experiment was going on, Tony's personal phone rang.

"Sir, Mr. Happy is calling." Just when Tony was about to ignore the call because of his focus on the experiment, JARVIS actively reminded him.

"Happy? Okay, receive it." Hearing that it was Happy's call, Tony ordered. Happy is now the bodyguard next to Pepper and the security director of the Stark Industries Building. His call to Tony cannot be ignored.

"Mr. Stark, I have something to tell you." After the call was connected, Happy's big face showed up on the phone, and then his voice came out.

"What's the matter?" Tony asked indifferently as he watched the experiment before him.

"You know what happened when I told people that I was Iron Man's Bodyguard? The people were actually laughing on my face! I had to leave while I still had a shred of Dignity!" Without talking about Pepper for the first time, Happy first complained about the things he suffered in the Stark Industries. The indifferent attitude of those people towards Tony Stark's bodyguard.

"That's it? Happy, you don't need to care about what others think, I know what you are." Tony also knew that Happy might not be calling for something serious so he just followed the conversation.

Lin Rui on the side also heard what Happy said and he wanted to laugh. A burly man like Happy was quite scary and Lin Rui was scared the first time he saw him but the longer he got to know him, the more he felt that Happy is a very funny person. Therefore, Lin Rui later gave Happy a small gift.

"Well, I have another thing to say about Miss Pepper." Knowing that Tony was playing around with him, Happy continued.

"What's the matter?" Hearing Pepper's name, Tony got a little serious.

"I'll go and see where the experiment is going." Hearing this, Lin Rui walked to the side of the laboratory very consciously. Lin Rui was not very good at listening to the affairs between other couples.

"Miss Pepper is now chatting with a handsome, rich scientist guy in the office alone." Looking at Tony, who was alone on the other side of the tablet, Happy said seriously.

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Looking at Happy's serious expression on the phone, Tony knew that Pepper should only be talking with the other guy, but as her boyfriend, Tony still cared a little.

"What are they talking about?" So Tony went on to ask.

"How should I know what they are talking about? Maybe they are talking about a new technology or something, now, that handsome guy is showing her his Big Brain." Hearing Tony's words, Happy glanced at Pepper's office and quickly replied.

"Look at what? His What?!" Hearing Happy's words, Tony was a little surprised. What the hell does he mean she is looking at his Big Brain?

"The guy named Killian put out his brain and is showing it to Pepper." Happy replied seriously while staring at Killian in the office.

"Okay, Happy, you point the camera at Pepper's office. I'll see what they are doing." Tony couldn't imagine what Pepper and that handsome guy were doing just by listening to Happy's words, so he asked Happy to flip the screen of the Camera s that he can see for himself.

However, Happy didn't know how to use a tablet and he couldn't flip the screen at Pepper's office for a long time. Therefore, Tony had no choice but to directly ask JARVIS to help in calling out the monitoring screen of the Pepper office in the Stark Building.

"Mr. Stark, I can tell you with some certainty that this Killia guy wants something and he has a purpose in coming here. We met him before, in 1999." While Tony asked JARVIS to call out the surveillance video, Happy continued to speak on the phone.

"99? Was it the Science and Technology Exchange Conference we had in Switzerland? I have no impression of him." Tony said after thinking about it after hearing what Happy said.

"Yes, it was in Switzerland and of course you don't remember him, he is not a Blonde with a big rack."

"Aldrich Killian..." While talking to Happy, JARVIS has also brought up the monitoring screens of Pepper's office and displayed it in front of Tony.

When Tony saw the situation in Pepper's office, he felt that Happy hadn't made a fuss without any cause. Because the guy named Killian was holding Pepper's hand and helping her off the table. This action seemed to Tony to be very intimate, and Tony, as her boyfriend, felt a little uncomfortable.

"Mr. Stark, Pepper is the best thing that ever happened to you, you can't always treat her like this." On the other side of the phone, Happy kept reminding.

"I don't trust this Killian Guy. He also has another guy with him, he is shifty. Later, I will follow these guys and investigate them, track them, and check their license plates. Anyway, I will take some action." Without getting a response from Tony, Happy continued.

"Well, I already know about this now, maybe they just met and talked with each other. Okay, Happy, I'm still experimenting here, so I'll hang up." Watching the surveillance video, Killian and Pepper were sitting on the side and chatting and Tony spoke before he hung up the phone.

"JARVIS, look up this Killian and find out who he is." After hanging up the phone, Tony then ordered JARVIS.

"Okay, sir."

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Just after Tony hung up Happy's call, Lin Rui also came back from the front. The experiment has ended, and now it's time to summarize the experimental data. However, when Lin Rui saw Tony's face, he noticed something different.

"Tony, you okay?" Lin Rui asked when he saw Tony looking upset. Is there really something wrong with Pepper? There shouldn't be! Lin Rui thought silently in his heart.

"I'm okay, is the experiment over?" Tony shook his head and replied when he heard Lin Rui's words. This Killian guy did affect him a little but Tony was confident in Pepper.

"Well, the experiment is over and the results are being analyzed. However, Venom's defense is stronger than our previous estimates. Moreover, as long as it is provided with enough energy, its various indicators will be enhanced, which is a worthy development and it can further enhance The Cloak." Hearing Tony's words, Lin Rui's attention shifted to The Cloak's research.

"Very well, so The Cloak would be stronger than we estimate! I think it may not be long before the first Cloak appears." Temporarily suppressing Pepper's things in his heart, Tony's attention quickly shifted to the front on the ongoing experiment.

No matter how handsome Killian is, Tony believes in Pepper. However, Tony was still a little unhappy about Pepper being so close to other handsome guys. Maybe he should prepare some surprises for Pepper tonight as today is Pepper's birthday.

While returning to the experiment, Tony thought in his heart and as for Happy's warning about him investigating Killian, Tony didn't really care. Anyway, Tony had asked JARVIS to investigate.

After Happy and Tony had a short talk, Tony knew that Pepper and the handsome guy were chatting alone in the office. Killian had already shown Pepper his brain, and now they were sitting on the sofa talking.

"This is incredible, unfortunately, it also sounds highly weaponizable. As in Enhanced Soldiers, Private Armies, and Tony is not..." After understanding what Killian introduced to her, Pepper Looked at him and said seriously.

With Pepper's knowledge, she certainly knew that Killian's technology was incredible. However, this technology will obviously be used for weaponization. Since Tony experienced the kidnapping, Stark Industries has transformed from a Major Weapons manufacturer to Clean Energy and Smart Systems. Of course, the Iron Man is a special case.

"Tony~Tony~ You know, I invited Tony to work with us more than 10 Years ago but he refused me. But something tells me that now there is a new genius on the throne, one who doesn't have to answer to Tony anymore and one who has a slightly less of an ego." Killian interrupted Pepper before she could finish speaking, and continued to persuade Pepper with his own words.

"It's going to be a no, Aldrich...as much as I like to help you, Unfortunately, I will still refuse." Faced with Killian's pretentious evaluation of Tony, Pepper said nothing for a moment and rejected Killian's idea of ??cooperation. "Well, I can't say that I am not disappointed but as my father used to say, "Failer is the fog through which we glimpse triumph". Although he was rejected, Killian was not depressed at all. He still acted very gentlemanly as he spoke to Pepper.

"That's very deep, and I have no idea what it means."

"Hehe, well he was kind of an idea, my father." The conversation was over here and Killian stood up and said goodbye to Pepper.

"Goodbye." Pepper also politely stood up and said goodbye to Killian.

Then Killian smiled and left. When leaving the office, he also glanced at Happy next to him and then left with his little attendant.

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After Killian left, Happy secretly followed them. Although Killian and Pepper seemed to be having a good chat just now, Happy had his own instincts and he just saw Killian and that little attendant of his as problems.

Of course, Pepper didn't know that Happy is doing this and Tony didn't pay any attention to it because he was doing the experiment before Happy said he wanted to investigate Killian.

And after Happy left after Killian, Pepper has also gone home after she got off from work. Today is her birthday, and Tony said that they would be having dinner together. Although Pepper didn't think that it was necessary as Tony had been busy lately and Pepper could understand.

But if Tony can remember Pepper's birthday and he prepared something special for her then Pepper would also be very happy. Of course, Pepper will not have too many expectations.

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The car she is riding in stopped outside the beach house, Pepper got off the car and saw a huge teddy bear hanging above the gate.

This Teddy Bear was obviously a gift from Tony to Pepper, and only someone like him who had a childlike personality would buy such a gift. Looking at the huge Teddy Bear with a smile, Pepper entered the villa.

When Pepper arrived home, Tony, Lin Rui, and Peter were still experimenting in the basement. Tony did say to Pepper that they would have a romantic birthday dinner together, but people like him would forget everything once they were busy with the experiment.

Tony had asked Peter to hang the big Teddy Bear on the door, but now that Pepper is home, Tony hasn't responded yet.

"Sir, Ms. Pepper has arrived home." Just as Tony was concentrating on sorting out the experimental data, JARVIS's voice suddenly came out.

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Hearing JARVIS's voice, Tony quickly raised his head and glanced at the time. Then, the expression on his face became a little awkward. It was the time he had agreed with Pepper, but he was still unprepared for anything.

"Ah! Mr. Stark, didn't you make an appointment for you and Miss Pepper to have dinner today to celebrate her birthday!" Peter also heard the reminder from JARVIS and hurriedly shouted. The Teddy Bear was hung up by Peter, and Peter knew that today was Pepper's birthday, and Tony had planned a Romantic Dinner with Pepper.

Lin Rui also put down what he was doing and looked up at Tony. Today, the three of them are too focused on experimenting. The Venom Armed Cloak has reached the final step.

If it succeeds, it will be a revolution in Armed Technology. However, what Tony promised Pepper needs to be done. But now, even if Tony goes out, he has nothing to show Pepper and both of them had nothing to eat as Tony even forgot to call the chef.

"Damn it, JARVIS, why are you reminding me now?" Tony said anxiously when he heard Peter's words.

While talking, Tony had saved all the data on his hands. It seems that Tony is going up to meet Pepper now. Pepper had just met a handsome guy today, and Tony can't afford to lose her favor anymore.

However, he still has to find a way to arrange a romantic dinner for Pepper. So, when Tony packed up and got ready to go out, his eyes swept around and finally settled on Lin Rui and Peter.

"You two, now is the time for me to use you!" Tony said seriously as he looked at Peter and Lin Rui who looked at him with dull-filled expression.

Lin Rui and Peter: "Huh?!"

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"Hey! Pepper, you came back a little early today!" Leaping out of the basement, Tony smiled and greeted Pepper, who was sitting on the sofa in the hall.

Just now, Tony made an Iron Man Armor pretend to be him to deal with Pepper in order to delay for some time. But Pepper soon saw through it, and Tony had to hurry up from below. As for the waiting dinner, he would leave it to his luck. He can just hope that the two boys don't let him down.

"If I hadn't seen through it just now then were you planning to fool me with this Iron Armor today?" Pepper said lightly while sitting on the sofa looking at Tony.

Pepper who walked into the house simply glanced at the situation and knew that Tony must not have prepared any Romantic Birthday Dinner for her. Although Pepper didn't expect much at first, she was still a little unhappy to see this. Moreover, Tony used an Iron Man Armor to fool her just now, which made Pepper even more unhappy.

"Haha, I am just trying to surprise you." Tony smiled and said when he heard Pepper's cold tone.

"Surprise? Where? You don't mean the big teddy outside, do you?" Pepper asked in disbelief as she looked at Tony who had already walked in front of her. As much as she knows about Tony, he must not have prepared anything except for Teddy outside.

"Of course not, although that was a surprise. The surprise I gave you is actually..." Tony shook his head when he heard Pepper's words and then took out what was hidden behind him as he spoke.

Brush!

In the next second, a large bouquet of roses appeared in front of Pepper, and she didn't know when Tony had prepared them. However, if she has to guess then it should have been prepared with that Teddy.

Seeing a large bouquet of beautiful roses in front of her, Pepper's face slowly unfolded, and the look in her eyes softened a lot. There are a few girls who don't like flowers and although flowers are not an exquisite gift, for people like Tony, as long as he prepared a gift, it can be considered as very good.

"I like your gift very much." Pepper said with a smile as she reached out to take the Bouquet out of Tony's hand.

"But, what about my Romantic Dinner? Did you ate it already?" With the Roses in her hand, Pepper suddenly asked as she is not planning to let Tony go so easily.

"Haha, of course I have prepared that too. And, this time, your birthday dinner would be different from before. Because what I prepared for you is very special." Tony answered while he sat next to Pepper and began to talk in order to buy some time for the two little guys who were busy, Tony didn't want Pepper's birthday to pass so easily.

"Why don't I believe it?" Pepper said in disbelief while looking at Tony's face.

"Wait and you'll find out. Now, tell me about this Killian Guy and before you say anything. I wasn't watching you, Happy is the one who called me!"

In this way, Tony started to inquire about his possibly "Rival in Love" guy. If he dares to do such an intimate act with Tony Stark's girlfriend, Tony does not intend to simply endure it.

Although Pepper felt a bit uneasy about Tony's question, she explained it simply. Of course, Pepper also told Tony about Killian's plan to cooperate with the Stark Industry.

Sure enough, Tony was very interested in the technology in Killian's hands but he had no plans to cooperate with him because that technology was obviously very weaponizable, and its appearance might not be a good thing for the entire society.

Ten minutes later, when Tony was almost running out of the things to say, he finally received a reminder from Lin Rui that they were ready. The moment Tony received the news, his eyes lit up.

"Let's go, the Romantic Dinner I prepared for you is ready." Tony said with a smile as he took Pepper's hand in his.