

Marvel 971

Chapter 971: Meeting

While Scott was being flown by Flying Insect 256, experiencing various flight maneuvers amidst heavy traffic. Lin Rui and Bucky were enjoying drinks at a nearby bar. When the Flying Insect 256 flew away, Lin Rui, who was sipping on barley wine, displayed a slight frown.

“Is something bothering you?” Bucky, who had noticed Lin Rui’s expression, asked.

“No, it’s nothing. Scott just flew by from outside. It looks like he’s already spoken with the other person,” Lin Rui responded to Bucky’s inquiry.

Under the induction of the Insight Technique that Lin Rui has been releasing, Scott, who has become ant-sized, is seen riding on the back of a small flying insect on the road, being swept up and down by the air current driven by the traffic.

For Scott, the experience of flying a flying insect for the first time should not be comfortable.

Bucky asked skeptically, “Fly over?”

Lin Rui confirmed, “Yes, on the back of a small flying insect.”

Bucky was speechless.

Lin Rui knew that Scott was now flying on an insect to reach Dr. Pym, but he chose not to act. He had already given Scott a communicator for them to stay in touch, and as long as Scott has the device, Lin Rui can always locate him. If Scott ever needs help, Lin Rui will step in.

Lin Rui took a sip of the mediocre barley wine and exclaimed with mixed emotions, “Looks like our journey will never be peaceful!”

He was holding a blue cube in his left hand, which resembled a Magic Cube. After regaining his memories, Lin Rui had retrieved the cube that had fallen with him and Bucky. Although Bucky was curious about the cube, Lin Rui had no plans to explain anything about it.

During the battle in Asgard against Malekith, Lin Rui had accidentally triggered a space energy disturbance in the Magic Cube. Now, the cube was calm and appeared to be a normal toy.

If Lin Rui wasn’t familiar with the use of the Magic Cube and didn’t sense the vast space energy within it, he would have thought it had been switched.

Lin Rui whispered to himself as he ran his fingers over the surface of the Magic Cube, “With my current power, I can only create basic space energy waves, and I can’t create a stable space portal.”

The Magic Cube is the spatial Infinity Stone among the six Infinity Stones in the universe, and if Lin Rui can master its power, he would become a super-powered being comparable to the Ancient One. However, it is not yet known when that day will come.

Bucky, who was sitting across from Lin Rui and drinking beer, didn’t respond, but a hint of helplessness could be seen in his eyes.

If Lin Rui hadn't stumbled upon these things, they would have left the city by now. Bucky didn't voice this, though. He had nothing better to do, and finding these interesting things with Lin Rui was a unique experience.

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Huh Huh~

After 256 flying insects circled around nearby buildings, almost making Scott sick, they finally entered Dr. Pym's villa. The insect 256 landed smoothly on the first-floor living room, flapping its wings a few times as if telling Scott to hurry up and disembark.

"I... can't handle it! I'm going to be sick!" Scott reluctantly climbed down from the insect's back while fighting off nausea.

"Scott, this is my battle suit. Don't you dare throw up in it!" Dr. Pym's warning echoed in Scott's ear as if sensing his current state.~

Regardless of Dr. Pym's voice in his ears, Scott, who fell from the back of the little flying insect, lay on the floor of the living room and began to retch.

Buzz Buzz!

As Scott was about to throw up, his body rapidly expanded and then shrank back to its original size. His helmet then popped off on its own. Unfortunately, the helmet was off only after Scott had already thrown up on the ground.

"Vomit!....."

Scott, feeling dizzy from the flight on the insect, lay on the ground and vomited for two minutes before turning over, still looking pale and motionless.

The ten-minute flight of the 256 Flying Bug was more intense than any roller coaster and more thrilling than aerobatic stunts. Despite Scott's good physical condition, he was unable to handle the unpredictable flight.

Da Da Da ~

As Scott lay on the ground, breathing heavily and feeling ashamed, he heard the sound of high heels tapping against the floor, getting closer. With some difficulty, he opened his eyes and turned his head toward the source of the sound.

A pair of slender, jade-like legs came into view. Upon seeing the legs, Scott was momentarily stunned before slowly lifting his gaze upwards.

Snapped!

Just as Scott's gaze was moving upward, a black shadow suddenly swooped in and struck his eye directly.

“Ow!” Scott cried out in pain from the impact.

“Serves you right!” A female voice spoke out in response to Scott’s cries.

It was Hope, and it was her legs that Scott had just been admiring. Given her negative first impression of Scott for his inappropriate gaze, it was understandable that Hope would take action.

Call!

Hearing Hope’s voice, Scott, who was lying on the ground, covered his eyes and slowly got up. No one would be happy that he was attacked for no reason.

“Hope, okay, he didn’t mean it.” Just as Scott got up from the ground and looked at Hope, Dr.Pym had already walked over from behind her and said.

“Hmph!” Hearing Dr.Pym’s words, Hope snorted and turned her head away.

At this time, Scott finally saw the two people standing in front of him clearly. Needless to say, the person who hit him with something just now was the beautiful woman with a disdainful look on her face, and the person talking to him in the Antman suit should be the kind-looking old man.

“Hello, Scott Lang, it’s great to finally meet you. I’m Hank Pym,” Dr. Pym greeted Scott with a smile on his face.

Chapter 972: Cooperation

Upon hearing Dr. Pym’s introduction, Scott turned his gaze away from Hope’s attractive features. However, upon realizing the significance of the name Hank Pym, he was once again taken aback.

“Hank Pym?! You’re the founder of Pym Technologies!!” Scott exclaimed in surprise, snapping out of his trance as he gazed at Dr. Pym.

“It appears someone in this city still recognizes me,” Dr. Pym replied with a smile, upon hearing Scott’s outburst.

“This is my daughter, Hope. I apologize for her earlier rude behavior. I trust she won’t cause any more trouble,” Dr. Pym said, introducing Hope and offering a polite apology.

Hope was clearly displeased with her father’s apology, but she kept quiet. Scott, on the other hand, was extremely flattered. He had expected to confront a mysterious organization but never imagined it would be the founder of the renowned Pym Technologies. To hear an apology from him in person was truly an honor.

“Oh no, it’s fine, no need to apologize!” Scott quickly replied, waving his hands. Despite the bruises around his eyes, he had no intention of pursuing the matter further after Dr. Pym’s apology.

“Good, now that everything’s settled, let’s have a chat. Come on, let’s have a drink and take a seat,” Dr. Pym said with a smile, walking towards the small dining room next door.

Hope walked over to Dr. Pym after glancing at Scott, who finally caught up with his helmet in hand. Scott stood in place, taking a moment to compose himself after being overwhelmed with excitement.

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"Take a seat, Scott. This trip shouldn't have been comfortable," Dr. Pym said as he gestured for Scott to sit across from him as he himself was already seated.

"Sorry about that, Dr. Pym. It's my first time taking a flight on a flying insect and I got a little nauseous," Scott said, settling into the chair with embarrassment after throwing up in the living room.

"It's fine, no need to worry. Just clean it up before you go," Dr. Pym said calmly as he stirred his coffee with a small spoon.

Scott was momentarily taken aback by Dr. Pym's nonchalance but then realized he had every right to be asked to clean up after himself. "Sure, I'll do that," He said.

"Let's have our coffee then. Do you want sugar?" Dr. Pym asked, putting down the spoon.

"Yes, I'll have a piece, thanks," Scott replied, trying to appear relaxed despite the awkwardness.

"Never mind, I'll pass on the sugar," Scott said as he watched the two ants move a sugar cube toward him on the table. He was captivated by their behavior and the strange experience of riding on the flying insects.

"How did you do it?" Scott asked, turning to Dr. Pym who was sipping his tea.

"Do what?" Dr. Pym asked, looking up at Scott.

"How do you control these ants and the flying insects?" Scott asked with genuine curiosity, pointing to the ants on the table.

"It's quite simple, actually. I use this brainwave device to emit electromagnetic waves that stimulate their nervous system, allowing me to control their behavior," Dr. Pym explained, gesturing to a device in his ear that resembled a hearing aid. He was open about his methods and technology.

"What an amazing technology!" Scott couldn't help but sigh with emotion at Dr. Pym's answer.

Being a master's degree holder in electrical engineering, Scott couldn't even fathom the level of advancement in this technology. He felt that he still had a long way to go.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Dr. Pym said with a smile, noticing Scott's surprised expression.

"What about the Ant-Man suit? That's a pretty miraculous thing, isn't it?" he added, reminding Scott of the suit that allowed people to shrink to the size of ants.

"That's the Ant-Man suit I designed to work with Pym Particles. When you wear it, you won't experience any tearing while shrinking or growing," Dr. Pym explained, nodding and speaking with a casual tone.

"Pym Particles?! That's incredible!" Scott couldn't help but be amazed by everything he had learned in the last few minutes. The information he had learned was more exciting than anything he had experienced in his life.

“Now that you’ve agreed to work with me, let me explain the details of our collaboration. As you know, I am the founder of Pym Technology. Do you know who currently runs the company?” Dr. Pym continued.

“Darren Cross, also a brilliant mind,” Scott replied.

“Ha, he’s just one of my former pupils,” Dr. Pym chuckled.

During the conversation, Dr. Pym informed Scott about Darren Cross’ intentions to create his own Ant-Man suit and his ambitions.

Dr. Pym also explained that their plan was to stop Darren Cross and prevent him from completing his experiment by stealing the Ant-Man suit. Given Scott’s background as a thief, he was considered the ideal candidate for the job.

“So, do you understand why I asked you to cooperate? As long as our plan is successful, you would be able to save the world.” Dr. Pym finally explained the situation to Scott.

“Speaking of which, this Darren Ross is indeed a genius. He developed the Pym Particle and the Antman suit without your help.” Hearing what Dr. Pym said, Scott first praised Darren Ross.

“Of course, if he really intends to use the Antman Suit to participate in the war, of course, I am willing to stop him with you. However, shouldn’t the Avengers be notified of this kind of thing first? They should be professional at this?” Scott proposed, with some hesitation, to notify the Avengers.

“Oh! I established Pym Technology solely to keep my technology from ending up in Stark’s hands, and collaborating with the Avengers is out of the question now.” Dr. Pym stated firmly with a stern expression, in response to Scott’s proposal.

After the creation of the PymParticle, Dr. Pym resigned from his position at SHIELD due to conflicts with others, despite previously working alongside Howard Stark.

As a result, Dr. Pym is not open to cooperation with Tony Stark, the son of Howard Stark, despite the passing of decades. The relationship between Tony Stark and SHIELD remains unclear so he doesn’t want to include them.

Chapter 973: Plan

Actually, if there wasn’t any real conflict between Dr. Hank Pym and Tony Stark then the Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division (SHIELD) would have been informed about this situation beforehand.

This would have prevented Darren Cross from quickly gaining the upper hand and taking control before he could fully research the Ant-Man suit.

By keeping SHIELD in the loop, the organization could have been able to intervene and stop CCross from pursuing his dangerous intentions.

However, Dr. Pym had valid concerns as in the past, some of the old members of SHIELD had potentially tried using his Pym Particle and Ant-Man suit technology for military purposes.

For Dr. Pym, it’s essential to ensure that the current leaders of SHIELD do not have similar intentions.

So informing SHIELD about their actions against Darren Cross in order to stop him might not be a favorable solution for Dr. Pym, as it would also increase the risk of SHIELD acquiring the technology and using it for their own purposes.

Of course, these are Dr. Pym's own ideas, but the present-day SHIELD is vastly different from the past. If Captain Rogers and Tony Stark learn of Pym Particles and the Ant-Man suit's existence then they'll likely show interest.

However, they wouldn't align with someone like Darren Cross or force Dr. Pym to surrender the technology. In any case, Tony and his allies already have an abundance of advanced technology to study, and while the Ant-Man suit isn't too shabby, it wouldn't interest them that much.

"Hm..." Scott was at a loss for words upon hearing Dr. Pym's explanation.

"The PymParticle and Ant-Man suit technology is not just focused on looks like the Iron Man suit, it has the ability to alter reality," Dr. Pym added while downplaying Tony's technology.

"Scott, I need you to carry out this plan," Dr. Pym stated firmly, fixing his gaze on Scott.

"Then why not send your ants?" Scott asked.

"They're just ants, Scott. They can accomplish much, but they still require a leader, someone like you," Dr. Pym replied.

"Uh... but I'm just a thief," Scott retorted.

"Hank, I stated months ago that I should complete this plan. I am familiar with the suit's operation and understand Cross's intentions. I am the best suited for this task," Hope, who was sitting across from Scott, interjected, using Dr. Pym's name directly.

"No! When we make our plan, you must stay close to Cross," Dr. Pym firmly rejected Hope's proposal.

"But..." started Hope.

"Quiet! Scott, come with me," Dr. Pym interrupted, standing up from his chair.

"Oh," Scott, sensing the tension between Dr. Pym and Hope, quickly rose to his feet and followed Dr. Pym.

Dr. Pym led Scott to the villa's underground secret room where Scott saw some of Dr. Pym's secretive experiments over the years, including an ant farm designed for nurturing ants.

"Scott, you have seen that Hope is disappointed with me, but you are different. You have a chance to choose a new path and become a hero in your daughter's eyes. A hero dad," Dr. Pym spoke seriously while taking a can of red Pym Particles from the safe.

Scott's eyes lit up at Dr. Pym's words. The reason his ex-wife wouldn't let him see his daughter was that he was not a good role model. If he could stop Darren Cross and save the world, his daughter would surely admire him. This thought filled Scott with passion.

"We're not just saving our world, we're saving theirs," Dr. Pym continued, sensing a change in Scott's demeanor.

“Damn it!! What do I need to do?” Scott exclaimed.

“Scott, I need you to become Antman.” Dr. Pym persisted.

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Two days later, after mastering the basic control of the suit and the ability to command various ants, Scott was ready for the final stage of his Antman training. He needed to retrieve a signal camouflage prototype from a Stark warehouse in northern New York that Dr. Pym had invented while he was still with SHIELD.

Early one morning, Scott boarded a plane to New York with his three ant teams. Meanwhile, Lin Rui, who had been searching for Scott for the past two days, had also discovered his location.

“What’s going on? Why did Scott suddenly move to that location?” Lin Rui whispered, observing Scott’s position on the confederate armband on his arm while watching a movie with Bucky.

However, Lin Rui soon realized where Scott was headed. If Lin Rui’s memory serves him right, the location Dr. Pym sent Scott to is no longer an almost abandoned warehouse. Instead, it has been refurbished by Tony Stark and transformed into a secret base for the development of E-grade aerospace fighters. This means that the level of defense there is now much stronger than it used to be.

“Would you like to say hello to JARVIS?” Lin Rui wondered silently as he gazed at the light spot representing Scott on the ally armband that was moving swiftly.

Due to Lin Rui’s involvement, the security level at the location Scott needs to infiltrate is several notches higher than in the original movie. As the most pivotal E-grade aerospace fighter that marked the era of the great voyages in outer space, Tony’s protection of this secret base is the highest, and even ants cannot penetrate it.

Hence, Lin Rui is deeply concerned that Scott’s mission may fail this time. And since Tony and others are unaware of Antman’s existence, they might view Scott as a hostile intruder. In that case, Scott’s actions as a newly minted Antman could be highly dangerous.

“Let’s see what Scott can do first. Maybe he’ll succeed? It could be viewed as a trial of Tony’s base. If Scott really infiltrates successfully, it means Tony needs to upgrade his security again,” Lin Rui concluded, choosing to let Stark take the first step.

The mission that Scott is undertaking is not only a challenge for him but also a test of the security measures in place. If Scott, who is still in the process of learning how to be Antman, can easily infiltrate Stark’s heavily defended base, then it would mean that the base needs to be strengthened.

With this thought in mind, Lin Rui quickly typed on his ally armband. He had already set up a message on Scott’s communicator. In the event that Scott is unable to complete the mission and is in peril, the message will be instantly triggered to ensure his safety.

Chapter 974: Invading The Stark Base

Rumbling~

Scott, along with three ants, was standing on the deck beneath the cabin of the plane flying towards New York at an altitude of almost 10,000 meters.

"It's freezing! Dr. Pym, couldn't you have made the battle suits with better heat insulation?" Scott couldn't help but voice his complaints about the cold temperature. He was disappointed with the poor warmth retention of Antman's battle suit.

"We're reaching our destination, get ready to jump off the plane," Dr. Pym reminded Scott, ignoring his complaints.

"Got it!" Scott replied loudly and organized the ant team to move toward the edge of the deck.

"A team, let's go! B team, let's go! C team, let's go! Anton, don't make me nauseous this time," Scott said as he rode on the back of the ant named Anton.

Hoo!

In the next moment, Scott and Anton Ant, along with the three ant teams, leaped out of the cabin and took flight. The passengers on their way to New York would never know about the small group's daring jump.

Huh Huh~

Scott was gripping the rope on Anton's back as he controlled three ant teams in their rapid descent. They were quickly flying to their destination, but when they passed through the clouds, Scott was shocked by what he saw. According to Dr. Pym's information, there should have been an abandoned warehouse beneath the clouds, but instead, there was a brand-new high-tech base, vastly different from what he had expected.

"Uh... There seems to be an issue with the mission's destination," Scott reported quickly after seeing the complex base below.

"This isn't right," Dr. Pym exclaimed upon hearing Scott's report and viewing the video sent back by the ants in front. He was also surprised by the unexpected situation.

"Mission is canceled, Scott, return!" Dr. Pym decided to cancel the mission after realizing the destination had completely changed.

"I can try," Scott countered, unwilling to simply retreat and continuing to fly towards the base below.

"Scott, don't be reckless! We have other options!" Dr. Pym warned, but Scott had already flown over the base and was not leaving.

"He'll lose the suit," Dr. Pym worried.

"He'll lose his life," Hope added with a small dose of fear in her voice.

Dr. Pym and Hope simultaneously spoke in the secret underground room of the villa after witnessing Scott recklessly enter the new base. While Pym is more concerned with Antman's suit technology and Hope with Scott's safety, their worries were in the background as Scott had already entered the base.

Hoo ~ Pū!

Scott jumped off Anton's back while flying to the roof of a building in the base, which was a warehouse. He rolled twice to absorb the landing impact, then quickly stood up and surveyed his surroundings.

"I landed safely, and I have reached my destination." After scanning around, Scott continued to report.

Dī Dī Drops!

As Scott completed his report, a blaring of sirens echoed through his helmet, signaling an imminent danger. He quickly realizes that his location has been compromised, as he sees a frame of weapons emerging on the roof of the warehouse.

The weapons were equipped with long muzzles and were aimed directly at Scott, who was caught in the line of fire. It was evident that he had been detected and was now in immediate danger.

"Damn it! We've been spotted!" Scott cursed under his breath as he saw the weapons pointed in his direction. Realizing that he had been discovered, he sprang into action and started to maneuver in an effort to avoid the incoming fire.

Pū Pū Pū!

Just as Scott leaped away from his previous location, three laser beams shot past where he had just been standing. The defense system of Stark's base was incredibly advanced, detecting even the smallest of movements, and Scott's presence was not going unnoticed. With no orders to the contrary, the base's defense system would carry out the most thorough plan to eliminate the perceived threat.

Scott let out a shout of terror as he felt the power of the laser beam pass by him. "Ahhh! I'm under attack! It's a laser beam!" he cried.

Dr. Pym's voice boomed in the background, "Scott, the mission is canceled! Leave immediately!" as he saw the reaction of the base to Scott's presence.

The training session had exceeded all expectations, and the defense system of Stark's base had exceeded the limit of what Scott could handle. It was uncertain whether he would be able to make it out alive if he tried to leave now.

The training this time has completely exceeded the original expectations, and the base defense system of Stark has exceeded the limit that Scott can handle. It is not known whether he can save his life if he leaves now.

"Hank! We can't just sit by and watch Scott get hurt, contact the Avengers right away!" Hope urgently instructed Dr. Pym as she watched Scott struggle against the laser beam attacks on the monitor.

Dr. Pym had the ability to directly contact SHIELD and could make this situation clear, potentially saving Scott's life.

However, even if he acted immediately, the process of informing Tony and receiving orders from him would take time, and Scott could be severely impacted by the defense system of the base by that point. It was a race against time to save Scott and they couldn't afford to wait.

Pū Pū Pū!

“Ahh! I need to hide! I need to hide!” With laser beams hot on his trail, Scott frantically raced towards the edge of the roof, dodging the incoming fire.

Meanwhile, Dr. Pym and Hope were growing increasingly concerned about Scott’s safety in the background, but Scott had no time to think about that as he focused on evading the relentless attack.

Brush!

Without hesitation, Scott jumped off the roof the next moment. The laser beams chased after him, but Scott plunged straight into the grass in front of the warehouse. The tall grass proved to be a hindrance to the laser beams’ targeting system and Scott was momentarily able to breathe a sigh of relief.

However, he knew that he couldn’t stay in the same spot for too long and needed to come up with a plan to escape the dangerous situation.

Swipe~

Just as Scott caught his breath and was considering whether to give up the mission and make a run for it, he heard the sound of an aircraft engine in the air.

Looking up, he saw two tall soldiers with tactical goggles, dressed in combat gear, flying towards him on Hoverboards, weaving through the tall grass like towering trees.

This added another level of complexity to the already dangerous situation and Scott realized he needed to act fast to escape.

“Dammit! Who are these guys?!” Seeing the two formidable warriors, Scott broke out in a sweat.

As Dr. Pym continued to shout for the retreat plan to be canceled, Scott watched as the two giants slowly landed on the grass not far from him. Their tactical goggles constantly scanned the area, leaving Scott feeling even more exposed and vulnerable.

Chapter 975: The Powerful Defense of Base

Scott was carefully concealed behind a cluster of tall grasses, confident that his small stature would keep him invisible from the opposing party. He whispered into the communication device, “Don’t worry, Dr. Pym. They won’t spot me just yet.”

However, just as he finished speaking, one of the soldiers suddenly turned his gaze toward Scott’s hiding place and spoke, “Hey! I can see you.”

Startled by the unexpected discovery, Scott exclaimed in shock, “Oh no! He can see me! He can hear me!” The young ant-sized hero was no longer confident in his ability to remain hidden and feared that his cover was blown.

Boom~Boom~Boom~

As the two soldiers approached, their footsteps caused the ground to shake, and Scott could feel the tremors getting closer and closer. He was filled with a mixture of fear and uncertainty, but he knew he had to act fast.

In a split second, Scott made a bold decision, "Alright, let's say hello to them. I'll have to think on my feet." And with that, Scott stepped out from his hiding place and bravely approached the two soldiers, ready to face whatever challenges lay ahead.

Buzz buzz!

In an instant, Scott activated his Pym Particles and grew back to his normal size, which startled the two soldiers and caused them to draw their weapons, aiming directly at him.

"Whoa, whoa! I'm not a bad guy, I promise!" Scott frantically waved his hands, trying to calm the situation.

One of the soldiers, still wary of Scott's sudden appearance, asked, "Then who are you?"

"I am Ant-Man," Scott declared, trying to sound confident despite the weapons pointed at him.

However, the soldiers looked at each other blankly and responded, "Ant-Man? We've never heard of that." Scott realized that he might have a difficult time explaining himself and his abilities to these unfamiliar soldiers.

"Uh, I'm here to save the world. You know, like Captain America and the others. I need a piece of high-tech equipment from your warehouse, and I'll take it and go." Scott stumbled through his explanation, feeling embarrassed by his own words.

The two soldiers in front of him stared at Scott, taken aback by his bold statement. They were familiar with Captain America and other heroes, but the ant-sized guy standing in front of them claiming to be a hero seemed far-fetched.

"Did he just introduce himself?" Dr. Pym asked with a dumbfounded expression on his face.

"Yes, he said he was Ant-Man." Hope added with the same expression on her face.

Back at the underground laboratory in another city, Dr. Pym and Hope looked at each other in disbelief, wondering what Scott was up to this time.

Zizizi~

"Frank, what's the situation over there?" Just as Scott raised his hand to show that he meant no harm, the two soldiers received a call from Tony Stark.

In this altered scenario, it's not Falcon who is sent to stop Ant-Man, but two well-armed soldiers instead. Since Tony has not fully joined SHIELD, Falcon has no obligation to help him guard the warehouse. But, the guards arranged by Tony himself were no less capable, as they were two of the Winter Soldiers that were recovered from a Hydra base in Siberia.

After freeing Lin Rui's friend Tom from Hydra's control, Tony has been working to rehabilitate the remaining Winter Soldiers. Now, except for one whose brain was severely damaged, the others are capable of living normal lives. However, with the passage of time and the changes in the world, they cannot simply return to their old lives.

At Tony's suggestion, they joined his private team, evolving from the Hydra's Winter Soldier to Iron Man's Iron Man. Although they have not yet been granted the privilege of using Iron Man suits, they are equipped with Hoverboards and exoskeleton armor, making them nearly as formidable as Falcon.

"Mr. Stark, the intruder has been located and is being apprehended," Frank replied promptly to Tony's inquiry.

As he spoke, Frank and his companion approached Scott, their hands outstretched to grab him. But just as they were about to make contact, Scott suddenly shrank in size, slipping through their grasp and escaping into the grass.

"Hey! I already said I'm not a threat, why are you trying to arrest me?" Scott yelled, clearly upset with their actions.

Ignoring Scott's protests, the two warriors continued to pursue Scott as he scurried through the grass. With his Antman abilities to shrink and grow, Scott was forced to engage in his first formal battle with his opponents.

Boom!

Pū Pū Pū!

As Dr. Pym and Hope watch the battle from a different angles, they can't help but feel uneasy each time Scott is hit by the two warriors. Despite their desire to help, there seems to be no viable option for them at this time. Contacting SHIELD is no longer necessary as the misunderstanding has already taken place.

Another person observing the battle is Lin Rui, who is located in a different city. From the moment Scott broke into Tony's secret base, Lin Rui was aware of what was to come. This is because Lin Rui played a role in the creation of the base by providing the blueprint of the E GRADE aerospace fighter.

"It seems that these recovered Winter Soldiers are performing well. They are now able to assist Tony in guarding the base," Lin Rui thought as he monitored the situation through the communicator he left on Scott.

Despite not having the advantage of being able to shrink, Lin Rui remains vigilant about the battle between Scott and the two warriors.

"However, these two Winter Soldiers have not yet shown their full potential. Although Scott can cause double the damage while shrunk, he is unlikely to pose a significant threat to them. They can continue to hold him off. In the end, Scott will be captured soon enough. After all, Ant-Man's suit doesn't seem to have any special attacking weapons," Lin Rui mused, recognizing Ant-Man's limited offensive capabilities.

Boom!

As expected, right after Lin Rui finished his thoughts, Scott grew larger from the ground and threw a punch at Frank, but was instantly caught by Frank with both fists. Frank then fired two beams of electromagnetic energy from the exoskeleton armor on his arms, which encased Scott's arms.

“Shoot!” Scott cursed under his breath as he saw Frank’s actions. Being trapped by the electromagnetic energy would likely prevent Scott from shrinking any further.

Chapter 976: Intrudes

Brush!

In such a critical situation, Scott’s locked right hand suddenly loosened, and then a small metal device fell out of his palm.

Boom!

The next moment, this small device suddenly grew countless times between Scott and Frank, squeezing Scott and Frank away abruptly. However, when Scott and Frank were separated by the suddenly enlarged metal device, the electromagnetic energy wave had already touched Scott.

Zila!

Scott, who backed away quickly, only felt his body go numb, as if he had been electrocuted. Just when Scott was about to keep shrinking to avoid another Iron Man’s attack, he found that he couldn’t shrink anymore. The electromagnetic attack just now really affected the function of the Antman suit!

“Dr. Pym! The quality of your battle suit is not good!!” Scott shouted while hurriedly throwing a few metal darts of the same kind as before.

Buzz buzz!

After being thrown out, those metal darts quickly grew bigger and hit Frank and another Iron Man, temporarily stopping their attack. Still, if Scott doesn’t get smaller next time, he’ll be caught soon.

“This is a strong electromagnetic interference on the suit. It will take a little time to repair itself. Hold on!” Hearing Scott’s words, Dr. Pym reminded him loudly from his helmet.

“How much time is one hour!? I’m about to be caught! If I’m caught, you remember to redeem me!” Hearing Dr. Pym’s reminder, the body yelled speechlessly.

“Don’t worry, the Antman suit has a self-destruct system, you won’t be caught.” I don’t know if it was intentional, but Dr. Pym then said something that made Scott feel cold.

Scott: “...”

“It seems that we still have to rely on ourselves!” Scott couldn’t count on Dr. Pym who was far away in another city, and Scott looked at Blink thinking about how to resolve the critical situation at this time.

Pūchi!

The next moment, Scott, who was standing there, suddenly opened the helmet of the Antman suit, and then stretched out his hands facing the two Iron Man warriors who had already opened the enlarged darts.

“OK! OK! I surrender! I surrender!” Scott shouted loudly while raising his hands. Isn’t it time to delay? He believes this is the best way to stall for time.

Seeing Scott's appearance and hearing him yelling to surrender, Frank and his companions walked over quickly with expressionless faces. However, they have no intention of using deadly weapons any longer. The battle just now was very short, and Scott didn't use any powerful weapons, so the two Iron Man warriors didn't think about hurting Scott's life, they just wanted to grab him. Moreover, Tony Stark would be interested in his ability to zoom in and out.

"This guy, Scott, is definitely not going to be captured so easily. He must have other plans." Just as Scott was standing there with his hands outstretched, waiting for Frank who came over to handcuff him, the man in another city The corners of Lin Rui's mouth turned up slightly and he muttered in his heart.

"Squad A!" Sure enough, when Frank grabbed Scott with flashing electromagnetic energy in his hand, Scott suddenly shouted.

Hearing the words that Scott suddenly shouted, Frank and the partners around him were stunned for a moment. Is there another team like Scott hiding here? ! However, there were no other reminders in the monitoring system of Frank and his partners.

buzz buzz~

Just when Frank and the same were warning, a group of flying ants flew out of the grass on the ground and rushed directly to the heads of Frank and his partners. It got into the tactical eyepiece when Frank and his companions were not prepared, which caused them a lot of trouble.

"It's ants!" Frank shouted loudly while shaking his head and trying to shake the ants off his head.

And when Frank and his companions were stopped by the flying ants of Team A, Scott also noticed that the Antman suit that had just expired had recovered to normal again.

So, Scott quickly put his helmet back on, and the next moment he was already shrunk.

"Anton Ant!" Shrunk Scott shouted, and Anton Ant who was wandering nearby flew over quickly.

Hoo hoo!

Jumping directly on the back of Anton Ant, Scott took advantage of this rare opportunity and quickly flew towards the warehouse in front. With the size of Anton Ant and Scott at this time, they can just fly in through the gap in the center of the gate.

"Damn it! Intruders have broken into Warehouse No. 5 in Area D!" After Scott rode Anton Ant and flew into the warehouse, Frank and his partners, who finally got rid of the Flying Ants of Team A, couldn't help cursing.

The entire base exists for the research and manufacture of E Grade aerospace fighters. The place where Scott broke into is not only a warehouse, but also a production line, which is used to manufacture E Grade aerospace fighter Elite parts. These things belong to Stark's most elite secrets, and if they are stolen by others, it may bring about unimaginable disasters.

"Mr. Stark! We need support! Intruders have already broken into Warehouse No. 5 in Area D!" While running towards the warehouse, Frank also quickly reported to Tony.

“Well, I see. I have already activated JARVIS’s third-level defense. It is impossible for the other party to leave with our research materials.” After Frank finished his report, Tony’s voice rang in his ears.

Tony didn’t expect the base to be invaded. Stark’s base had been useless decades ago, and it was only recently rebuilt for the manufacture of E Grade aerospace fighters. Moreover, the opponent actually entered the warehouse under the obstruction of two powerful Iron Man men. If the other party really got the information of the E Grade aerospace fighter, then Tony would not mess around.

“Who the hell? A technology that can zoom in and out? Why do I feel like I’ve heard of it somewhere?” Just after Frank and his partners entered the warehouse, Tony in the Scott Industrial Building in downtown New York looked at the surveillance screen in front of him. murmured in a low voice.

However, even if the other party could really become as small as an ant and run around, Tony still had a way to make him unable to leave that warehouse. Unable to fight, Tony directly activated the all-round laser net with no dead ends to cover the warehouse inside.

“The earth is getting more and more lively!” Looking at Frank and another Iron Man who had entered the warehouse to look for Scott on the monitoring screen, Tony murmured to himself in an inexplicable tone.

Then, Tony was in the background watching how the intruder would do things in this warehouse. At this moment, a total of three people are watching Scott’s final training as Antman.

Chapter 977: Not Possible To Evade

Huh Huh~

“Anton, fly over there.” After landing in the warehouse, Scott dismounted from Anton’s back and then directed him to head in a different direction.

As Anton followed his orders and flew off, Scott started to navigate the warehouse with caution. The base had undergone significant changes, rendering the blueprint provided by Dr. Pym useless for Scott’s purposes. It was now up to him to locate the signal-masking device.

Click ~ Click ~

But as Scott peeked out from his hiding spot, he was taken aback by the highly advanced and fully automated production line in front of him.

As a professional electrical engineer, he was momentarily unable to comprehend the purpose of the components being manufactured on the conveyor belt. However, his instincts told him that these parts were significant.

“Could this be the secret factory for Iron Man suits, but these parts don’t look like it,” Scott whispered as he tiptoed along the beams of the warehouse.

Despite being intrigued by the manufacturing process of the E-grade aerospace fighters, Scott did not lose sight of his objective. He was searching for Dr. Pym’s signal-masking device. However, there was no

sign of it in this warehouse. Undeterred, Scott scoured the roof, hoping to discover a small storage room or something similar.

As soon as Scott entered the warehouse, Dr. Pym was unable to keep watching the live feed and could only track Scott's whereabouts through the positioning and communication system on the Ant-Man suit. If Dr. Pym had also witnessed the production of those E-grade aerospace fighter parts, he would have been even more shocked than Scott.

Tony Stark, located in the Stark Industries building in downtown New York, saw Scott moving cautiously on a beam through the warehouse's surveillance system. If not for the powerful weapons in the warehouse that could potentially damage the production line, Tony would have ordered JARVIS to activate the automatic defense system and eliminate the tiny ant, Scott.

"Frank, seal off the exits. I'll have JARVIS initiate the third-level decontamination protocol," Tony's voice suddenly echoed in Frank's and his team's ears.

"Understood," Frank and his teammates swiftly retreated toward the warehouse door upon hearing Tony's instructions.

The third-level decontamination is the most advanced cleaning process in the warehouse, capable of removing particles hundreds of times smaller than ants. It was clear that Tony did not want Scott to roam freely in the warehouse any longer.

Huh Huh~

Just as Frank and his team reached the exit, a white mist began to emit from various locations within the warehouse. The mist consisted of tiny cleaning particles that attached to dirt and debris, breaking them down into microscopic particles, and then removing them completely. The decontamination protocol was meant to thoroughly clean every inch of the warehouse and leave nothing behind.

"Shit! What is this?!" Scott, who had been sneaking around the roof, immediately detected the white mist as it spewed out from the warehouse. Instinctively, Scott realized that this was not a good sign and that it posed a threat.

Huh Huh~

As an ant-sized entity, Scott could see that the white mist was comprised of tiny water droplets. When the mist passed through an area, it decomposed any tiny substances in its path and improved the air quality. As Scott watched the mist decompose a fiber-like substance, he became nervous and worried.

"So merciless! How can I avoid it? Will the defense mechanism of the Ant-Man suit be able to block it?" Scott thought in a panic as he backed away.

Huh~

Finally, the white mist reached Scott. He didn't dare to test the power of the mist by using the defense mechanism of the Ant-Man suit. Instead, he made a quick decision and ran toward the edge of the beam.

"Whoa!" In a split second, Scott leaped off the beam, successfully evading the descending mist.

Brush!

“Is hiding the solution?” As Scott jumps from the rooftop, Tony observes through the surveillance screen with a hint of amusement on his lips. Although he doesn’t necessarily have to kill the intruder who broke into his secret base, Tony can’t simply let him go after seeing something he shouldn’t have seen. His goal is to capture Scott and determine which group he belongs to and what his purpose for invading is. Furthermore, Tony is intrigued by the shrinking technology.

“Tony is pretty ruthless, he won’t really kill Scott, will he?” Through the communicator on Scott’s body, Lin Rui also roughly understands his current situation, so Lin Rui is considering whether to send out the message to make Tony stop.

Boom!

As Tony was enjoying himself and Lin Rui was filled with concern, Scott, the central figure, had already touched down. Upon landing, Scott returned to its original size and immediately conducted a quick scan of the surrounding area, as if searching for a way to escape.

However, the thick white fog surrounded Scott from every angle, leaving no room for escape. The only possible exit, the warehouse gate, was guarded by Frank and his associates, making it impassable. To make matters worse, Scott had yet to locate the item it had come for.

It appeared that Scott had no means of escape. As Scott gazed at the warehouse door, Frank and his companions made no move to approach. They simply stood there, watching Scott with a look of amusement, as if they were enjoying a performance.

“Hmph! Do I really have to use that?!” As the white mist closed in and the warehouse became visible, Scott cast a final determined look and spoke.

“What’s he going to do?” Upon hearing Scott’s words, Lin Rui was filled with curiosity.

Click!

In the next instant, Scott quickly retrieved two small metal darts from his waistband and aimed them at the fully automated production line in front of him. With a swift motion, he threw the darts with force.

Boom!

As they flew through the air, the two small metal darts rapidly increased in size, crashing into the functioning production line with a loud noise. In a bold attempt to break the deadlock, Scott had devised a plan to destroy the production line in the warehouse.

Chapter 978: Laser Net

Hoo hoo!

Frank and his companions were stunned as they watched Scott’s metal darts make an impact on the production line. The potential damage to the warehouse would be significant if the production line were to be destroyed. Despite their attempts to stop him, Frank and the others were powerless to intervene once Scott had thrown the darts.

“This guy!” Tony, who was observing the scene through a monitor, was also shocked by Scott’s actions. It was clear that this intruder was intent on causing damage.

Despite the potential financial loss, Tony was not one to let Scott off easily. He had plenty of money and losing a production line in a warehouse would not be a significant blow. However, if the production line were destroyed, Tony would certainly be incensed and would not hesitate to take action against Scott.

Brush!

After throwing the metal dart, Scott chased after the dart that had grown bigger. After rushing out two steps, Scott jumped up. While jumping up, Scott quickly pressed the button on his left hand.

Buzz Buzz!

In the next moment, Scott had shrunk to the size of an ant. At this time, Anton, who was hiding just now, just flew over to support Scott.

“Anton! Follow me!” Scott shouted, grabbing onto the rope attached to Anton’s back.

The enlarged metal darts had shattered the vacuum seal of the production line, and Scott’s intention was to quickly enter it. He couldn’t believe his plan had worked. By breaking into the production line with Anton, the white mist could freely flow into the area, providing a clear view of the entire destroyed production line.

Rumble!

As Tony made no further attempts to stop them, the two enlarged metal darts struck the vacuum seal of the production line, tearing two large holes in it as Scott had hoped. Without hesitation, he flew through one of the openings and into the production line.

Huh Huh~

As Scott flew through the production line on Anton, he took the opportunity to gather information on the high-tech equipment being manufactured there. The data he was collecting would be highly valuable and could potentially offset the loss of the signal camouflage device he was originally sent to retrieve.

Lin Rui, who was watching the situation unfold from another city, was in awe of Scott’s audacity. He couldn’t help but wonder how Tony would react to the destruction of the production line. Despite the significant loss, Lin Rui was aware that Tony was not someone to be trifled with and may take severe action against Scott.

As the situation progressed, Lin Rui believed there was no further need to continue. Tony then took the initiative and scanned the entire warehouse with a high density of laser beams, ensuring that Scott could not escape no matter where he fled. Unless he entered the Quantum Realm, he would not be safe from the impact of the laser beams.

“Frank, you two go out, I’ll take care of it here. This intruder has gone too far, and he can’t be allowed to keep running. He should pay for what he had done.” Sure enough, when Lin Rui frowned and muttered in his heart, Tony had already notified Frank in a serious tone.

“Yes,” Frank replied, swiftly acknowledging Tony’s orders, and he and his companions turned around without hesitation, opened the door of the warehouse, and walked out directly.

Based on Tony’s words, it was clear that he was prepared to handle the situation with a strong and decisive approach. Despite the intruder appearing to not pose much of a threat, his actions had already breached Stark’s secrets. If he is allowed to escape then the consequences could be catastrophic for Stark and his operation.

Although it may not be possible to fully reverse engineer and launch an E GRADE aerospace fighter based on the parts in a production line, there was no way to guarantee that the intruder couldn’t replicate the technology after their visit. This was a risk Tony was not willing to take.

As for technology like the E GRADE aerospace fighter, Tony was only comfortable with it being in his own possession. He couldn’t trust it to be in anyone else’s hands. If Scott had no intention of setting up a production line, Tony may have considered continuing to observe and manipulate the situation.

However, now Tony felt that there was no longer any need for games. The situation had become too serious, and the technology too important, to continue with a hands-off approach.

“JARVIS, initiate the final cleanup and eliminate that ant,” Tony commanded calmly as Frank and his companions stepped outside.

“Understood, sir,” JARVIS replied promptly.

As soon as JARVIS acknowledged the order, the warehouse underwent a transformation. The previously porous structure of the warehouse was now completely sealed, preventing even a single insect from escaping. Then, energy fluctuations emerged from all six sides of the warehouse – the four walls, ceiling, and floor – creating an impenetrable barrier.

Buzz Buzz~

As the energy fluctuations grew stronger, streams of light poured out from the six sides of the warehouse. As Lin Rui had anticipated, Tony had activated the warehouse’s ultimate defense system – a 360-degree laser net that left no room for escape.

“It seems Scott has no chance of hiding now,” Lin Rui commented as he watched the laser net in action.

Lin Rui was aware of the dire situation Scott was in, as communicated through Scott’s communicator. Even Lin Rui himself would have to use his strongest weapon to break through one of the walls and escape. However, Scott’s Ant-Man suit did not possess such power. Throwing a few more metal darts would only result in Scott being disintegrated into powder by the laser net.

Buzz Buzz~

“Shit! What the hell is this?” Scott exclaimed in shock as he saw the laser net.

He thought that once he destroyed the production line, his opponent would stop using other methods to deal with him. But now, the opponent had directly used a method that would kill him. Under such a dense laser net, even Ant-Man in his ant-sized form would be unable to escape.

“Dr. Pym! Have you notified SHIELD? I need help! I’m going to die here in a matter of seconds!” Scott cried out in desperation as the laser net closed in on him.

At that moment, Scott didn’t know who else to turn to besides Dr. Pym for help.

Chapter 979: Requests Reinforcements

However, Dr. Pym didn’t respond to Scott’s cries for help. In fact, since Scott entered the warehouse, his communication with Dr. Pym had been cut off. There were clearly devices in the warehouse that were blocking other forms of communication as well.

Buzz Buzz~

“Damn it!!” Without waiting for Dr. Pym’s response, Scott already felt that death was approaching him quickly.

Swipe!

Scott was in a dire situation and felt like he had no other option but to use his last resort. He quickly reached down to his waist and retrieved three metal darts. With a forceful motion, he threw the darts toward the laser nets, hoping that they might find some way to crack through.

Scott was aware that the chances of success were slim, but he had to give it a try. He had always been one to never give up hope, no matter how bleak the circumstances seemed.

Bang Bang Bang!

Soon, the three metal darts instantly grew bigger and rushed out of the production line and hit an approaching laser net. As Scott expected, under the powerful energy of the laser, the three metal darts just knocked out a few sparks and were directly turned into powder.

“Is that the only way to use it?” As Scott watched the laser nets continue to move closer and closer, he wondered to himself with a serious expression on his face.

Despite the potential dangers, Scott was determined to find a way out of this predicament. Suddenly, an idea came to him – the Quantum Realm.

He remembered the warning from Dr. Pym about the strange, alternate dimension that existed beyond the limits of normal space and time. He realized that by shrinking down to the smallest possible size, he would be able to avoid the energy particles of the laser beam and escape its destructive path.

However, entering the Quantum Realm also meant that Scott would keep shrinking until he reached a point where the laws of physics as he knew them no longer applied. This could result in him being trapped in a world with no concept of space or time, unable to return to the normal world.

The reason why Dr. Pym had never allowed his daughter to use the Ant-Man suit was rooted in a tragic experience from his past. Dr. Pym’s lover had entered the Quantum Realm and never returned. This loss had left a deep scar on Dr. Pym and he couldn’t bear the thought of losing another loved one in the same manner.

This was also the reason why Dr. Pym had warned Scott about the dangers of entering the Quantum Realm. Despite the potential benefits, it was a realm of unknowns and unpredictables, and Dr. Pym did not want to experience the same heartbreak twice.

Buzz Buzz~

As Scott struggled against the relentless laser nets, he realized that their speed showed no signs of slowing down. With only five seconds left until they would reach his position, he knew that he had to act quickly.

“Fight! Alice, I love you!” With no other options available to him, Scott mustered up his courage and prepared to engage in battle once again. He took a deep breath, then reached for the shrinking device at his waist.

But just as his hand brushed against the device, Scott felt something unexpected. He quickly withdrew his hand to find that he was holding a familiar object – the same one that Lin Rui had thrown to him days prior.

“This is...?” Scott was momentarily stunned as he gazed down at the object in his hand. The laser nets were still closing in, and time was running out.

“The object that the young man gave me! He said that I could turn to him for help if I ever needed it.” Holding the metal ball tightly in his grip, Scott felt a glimmer of hope rekindled in his heart.

“Hey! Can you hear me? I need help right now! Hey! Are you there?” Without hesitation, Scott raised the metal ball to his mouth and cried out for assistance. At this point, he had nothing left to lose and was willing to try anything to survive.

Dī Dī!

Just as Scott finished yelling, two eye-catching red lights suddenly flashed on the metal ball in his hand. Then, a voice that sounded like heaven to Scott came out.

“Don’t worry, I’m here for you.” Lin Rui’s voice was like music to Scott’s ears after he had yelled for help.

Scott was unaware that Lin Rui, who was located in a different city, couldn’t stand to watch the situation any longer. Even if Scott hadn’t called for help, Lin Rui would have still intervened. However, it was better to make his move after Scott called for help.

“Ah! You’re really there! How can you help me? I’m surrounded by laser nets! Is this metal ball a super bomb? Can it blow up these laser nets?” Scott asked excitedly and urgently. The laser nets were now less than ten centimeters away from him.

“Uh... don’t worry about it.” Lin Rui responded calmly, understanding Scott’s current state of excitement.

Buzz~

As Scott was sensing the energy from the laser nets, a message suddenly emerged from the metal ball in his grip. Despite the swift motion of the laser network, it could not outpace the speed of signal transmission.

Just as the message from the metal ball arrived, JARVIS, who was managing the defense system behind the scenes, received the transmission. With JARVIS's rapid processing speed, he immediately analyzed the source and authenticity of the message. Without informing Tony, JARVIS acted promptly to address the situation.

Buzz!

"Ahh!" Scott cried out, his hand clutching the adjuster at his waist.

The voice from the young man in the metal ball had only spoken a few words before falling silent. Meanwhile, the laser net was still closing in on Scott. He could not simply surrender his life to others.

Hoo!

And just as Scott was about to press the zoom-out button on his waist adjuster, the laser net that had encircled him suddenly stopped mere millimeters away from his face. Although Scott was now the size of an ant, the five-millimeter distance was still close enough for him to touch with a small movement.

"Uh, is this your assistance?" Scott asked with a quivering voice, having confirmed that the six-point laser net had indeed stopped.

"Yes, the danger has passed," Lin Rui's voice came from the metal ball.

Brush~

As soon as Lin Rui finished speaking, the laser net that had hovered just millimeters away from Scott vanished into thin air as if it had never existed. If it weren't for Scott's ability to still sense the presence of energy particles in the surrounding air, he would have thought it was all an illusion.

"Whew! I made it!" After confirming that there were no further threats, Scott tumbled off Anton Ant's back and collapsed onto the ground, gasping for breath.

"I have already repaired the defense system of this warehouse for you. Oh, and I would like to remind you that your target this time should be in the room on your left," Lin Rui's voice echoed again.

Given that Lin Rui had participated in the construction of the base, he likely knew where the items originally stored in this warehouse had been moved to. This time, not only did he assure Scott that there was no danger, but he also provided a helpful message.

"Oh! I understand! Thank you!" Hearing Lin Rui's reminder, Scott, who was still lying on the production line, quickly expressed his gratitude.

"Hurry up, I can't guarantee how long I can keep the defense system at bay. Remember, this is Stark Industry's system," Lin Rui added a final reminder before cutting off the conversation.

Lin Rui couldn't reveal the extent of his involvement with Tony Stark or the fact that he was more powerful than him. Doing so would undermine Tony's reputation, and Lin Rui didn't want to do that. So, he chose to leave Scott with a few words of caution instead.

Chapter 980: JARVIS Taking Action

“Anton! Go!” After Lin Rui reminded Scott, Scott immediately climbed onto Anton’s back and shouted loudly.

Hoo hoo!

Next, Anton spread its wings and lifted off. Guided by Scott’s direction, it swiftly flew to the room that Lin Rui had just indicated. If Scott successfully accomplishes the mission and returns safely, he will definitely reach out to that talented young man once more and express his gratitude properly.

Tony Stark was caught off guard by the sudden development on the monitoring screen, as he sat in the Stark Industries building in the heart of New York. Meanwhile, Scott was perched on Anton’s back and making his way into the cramped room.

“JARVIS, what’s going on? Why did the attack get abruptly canceled?” Tony asked directly as he saw Scott fly into the small room where the sundries were placed on the Anton.

Tony had not given the command to halt the attack, so the only explanation for the cancellation of the laser network was JARVIS acting without authorization. Despite JARVIS’s recent advancements in independent thinking, it still shouldn’t have been capable of such a step.

This raised concerns for Tony about the possibility of a problem with the JARVIS system. He couldn’t help but consider this as a possibility.

“Sir, I received a message from Mr. Jackson, which is why I canceled the attack,” JARVIS replied to Tony’s inquiry.

“Jackson’s message? What does that have to do with that kid again?” Tony was even more surprised upon hearing JARVIS’s response.

Lin Rui had just had a supernatural encounter in Rochester a few days ago and had asked SHIELD for assistance. Now this man who had the ability to make himself small was invading Tony’s secret base, and just as Tony was about to destroy the intruder, JARVIS received another message from Lin Rui. He was certainly resourceful.

“Here is the message Jackson sent me, asking me to stop the attack on the intruder,” JARVIS said, sending the message to Tony for review.

Huh~

“JARVIS, this is Jackson. Stop attacking. The other party has no hostile intentions,” Lin Rui’s message read.

In order to quickly verify the authenticity of the message, Lin Rui not only revealed his identity but also included a special identifier in the message. Without these elements, JARVIS would not have been able to cancel the attack without going through Tony.

“Oh, you want to play hide-and-seek with us now?” Tony smirked as Lin Rui was more forthcoming with his identity this time compared to their last encounter in Rochester.

“Since the intruder is associated with Jackson, let him go. I don’t think you need to trace the origin of this message,” Tony said to JARVIS, now relaxed.

“The source of the signal is very clear. It came from the intruder. However, I can no longer locate Jackson. Also, the intruder appears to be searching for something, an item that was kept after the warehouse was cleared,” JARVIS replied promptly to Tony’s words.

“It’s nothing unusual. Looks like Jackson still wants to have some fun for a few more days. Let him be. As for what the intruder is searching for, unless it’s one of our confidential materials, it doesn’t matter,” Tony said.

“Understood, sir,” JARVIS responded.

JARVIS continued to discreetly monitor Scott, who was searching for the signal disguiser in the small room. Tony was not overly concerned. Since this intruder was connected to Lin Rui, he would eventually learn about the technology once Lin Rui had had enough fun.

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“Anton! We found it! Let’s go!” Scott exclaimed ten seconds later, having finally located the object he was searching for in the small room.

Huh~

Anton, who was waiting nearby, quickly flew over and carried Scott out of the small room and back to the warehouse outside. With no time to examine the aftermath of the laser net, Scott was eager to leave before the defense system fully recovered. He didn’t want to waste any more time.

Brush!

Finally, Scott emerged from the warehouse without any obstructions and was back outside. However, just as he was preparing to face the attack from the two soldiers guarding the area, he realized that their figures were no longer there. With Lin Rui having asked JARVIS to cancel the attack, there was no longer any need for Frank and his partners to remain outside.

“Hmmm? Do they think I got taken out by the laser net attack? It’s definitely a possibility,” Scott mused as he surveyed his surroundings and confirmed the absence of the soldiers.

“Scott! You’re alive! That’s great news!” Dr. Pym’s voice came through Scott’s earpiece, indicating that their communication had been restored.

“I’m still alive. Returning now,” Scott replied as he and the three ant teams accompanying him flew towards the nearest airport. They still had a plane ride ahead of them.

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As Scott departed safely from Stark’s secret base and began his journey back, Lin Rui, who was located in another city, ceased monitoring Scott’s progress through the communicator. With Lin Rui’s assistance, the most perilous situation had been successfully navigated and there was no longer a need for further surveillance during Scott’s return trip.

“What’s going on?” Bucky, who had been sitting across from Lin Rui, abruptly inquired as he noticed Lin Rui’s expression shift from relaxed to tense.

As Lin Rui was communicating with Scott, Bucky had been closely observing him. He was able to overhear everything that was being said between Lin Rui and Scott. Although Bucky was not aware of the specific details regarding Scott's situation, it was clear to him that Lin Rui had played a crucial role in resolving the issue.

"Well, Scott was just in some danger, and I assisted in handling it." Lin Rui nodded in response upon hearing Bucky's statement.

"In this way, he should be able to trust us completely. Then, it should be easier for you to deal with that Bad Person." Although he doesn't know how Lin Rui is helping Scott by sitting here, Bucky doesn't care, the only thing he cares about is what they are going to do.

"Perhaps, but things never tend to be straightforward," Lin Rui replied with a blink of his eyes, in response to Bucky's words. He understood that situations often escalate and become more complex and dire.

Based on Lin Rui's prior experiences, he knows that every time he intervenes in a situation, there will always be unanticipated changes and an increase in complexity and danger, as a result of his involvement. This is an inescapable principle. As a result, Lin Rui believes that the Antman incident will not be as straightforward as it may seem.