

Marvel 981

Chapter 981: Shock

A few hours later, Scott, who had taken a flight back from New York, arrived home. During the journey, he kept quiet about the events that took place in the warehouse to Dr. Pym and Hope, leading them to believe that Scott had simply lucked out and failed to complete the mission.

As soon as Scott returned to Dr. Pym's private villa, the doctor erupted in anger, shouting, "You're being reckless! Don't you realize what a foolish move it was to reveal Antman's suit like that?"

Dr. Pym was understandably furious with Scott's disobedience of his orders to retreat and his persistence in completing the mission, even after being detected by the opposition. Fortunately, Scott had managed to escape this time, but if he had been captured by Stark, the technology behind Antman's suit and the secrets of Pym Particles could have fallen into Stark's hands, which was unacceptable to Dr. Pym.

However, Hope stepped in and tried to calm the situation, "Hank, please stop. As long as Scott is back safe, that's what matters. We'll figure out another way to handle the mission."

Hope didn't believe that Scott's actions were wrong. In fact, she would have made the same choice to fight. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on their side this time. The supposed abandoned warehouse turned out to be a heavily guarded base, with two powerful defenders present. Even the Avengers would have struggled against this level of defense.

"Furthermore, we were misinformed this time. Otherwise, Scott would have been able to complete the mission," Hope added, trying to comfort Dr. Pym.

Dr. Pym's anger dissipated upon hearing Hope's words, as he too realized that he bore some responsibility for the mission's failure. However, without the signal disguiser, infiltrating the heavily guarded Pym Technology Building would not be an easy task. Moreover, after Scott's previous visit, it would be impossible for him to enter the base again undetected.

Scott stood in silence as he listened to the conversation between Dr. Pym and Hope. Once they were done speaking, Scott finally spoke up.

"Yes, I may have acted impulsively on this mission, but who says it failed?" Scott said as he reached into his waistband and retrieved an object.

Dr. Pym and Hope were both stunned as Scott revealed the signal disguiser, which was invented by Dr. Pym many years ago. He placed it on the table without saying a word.

"This...," Dr. Pym gasped in disbelief as he gazed upon the signal disguiser.

"Scott, you really did it!" Hope exclaimed, recognizing the significance of the device in front of them. This was the goal of their mission.

"Lucky for us!" Scott exclaimed with a grin, observing Dr. Pym's countenance and listening to Hope's statement.

“How did you do it?” Dr. Pym asked Scott, astounded, as he gazed at the signal disguiser in his hand. He had spent a long time examining it and confirmed that it was the one he had created in the past.

Given the circumstances, it seemed unlikely that Scott would have been able to obtain the signal disguiser. After all, no one knew what the warehouse had become. So how did Scott, who had no information, manage to find such a small item?

“Luck, besides, I had someone who helped me.” Hearing what Dr. Pym said, Scott replied in a flat tone.

“Help? Our communication was interrupted at the time. Who else could help you? Don’t tell me Stark suddenly released you. Given the size of the facility, there must be many secrets inside. It could be a manufacturing base for a new Iron Man suit,” Dr. Pym said with a skeptical expression after hearing Scott’s response.

“I’m not sure if that facility is where the latest Iron Man suit is manufactured, but it is a factory for producing parts. Additionally, the manufactured parts are high-tech equipment with incredible precision.” Scott briefly recounted the details of the warehouse situation without revealing how Lin Rui had aided him.

“High-tech equipment? Did you record them?” Dr. Pym asked with curiosity after hearing Scott’s reply.

Despite Dr. Pym’s past criticism of Tony’s Iron Man suit as excessive technology, he still recognized its benefits. As a result, when Scott mentioned the conversion of the warehouse into a factory, Dr. Pym was eager to learn about the details of the high-tech equipment parts.

“I took a few photos and they’re all on this USB drive,” Scott said, handing the prepared USB flash drive to Dr. Pym.

Dr. Pym eagerly grabbed the drive and quickly made his way to the underground lab. With the signal jammer retrieved, their plan could proceed smoothly. He was eager to see the high-tech parts that Scott had captured in his photos.

Watching Dr. Pym’s retreating figure, Scott and Hope exchanged helpless glances. They had no choice but to follow, as they still had to discuss their next steps. Darren Cross’ experiment was approaching success, and it was time for their own plans to take action.

That night, Scott returned to Luis’ apartment after leaving Dr. Pym’s villa. Luis and his friends were curious about Scott’s mysterious absence, but when he told them about their upcoming major heist, everyone was thrilled.

“Scott, you’re not kidding?! We’re really going to target Pym Technology this time?” Luis asked excitedly as Scott settled onto the couch.

“Pym Technology? As in the largest and most technologically advanced company in our city?” Another friend repeated in disbelief.

“That’s right. And this time, we’re working with none other than the founder of Pym Technology, Hank Pym,” Scott added, eager to get some rest.

“Wow! This is insane!”

Chapter 982: The Motion Starts

After recruiting Luis and the others, Scott and Dr. Pym carefully crafted a plan to infiltrate Pym Technology. Three days later, they were ready to put their plan into action. It was also the day when Darren Cross invited Dr. Pym to see the results of his experiments. After years of hard work and numerous physical tests, Darren Cross had finally developed the Pym Particle.

That night, Dr. Pym and Hope were invited by Darren Cross to enter Pym Technology, while Scott snuck in as Dr. Pym entered the building. Luis disguised himself as a staff member and also snuck into the facility, ready to provide support for Scott at any moment.

After Dr. Pym briefed them on the plan, Scott successfully made his way to the center of the lab where the new Ant-Man suit was stored, navigating through the heavy defenses. When he arrived, Darren Cross was walking in with Dr. Pym and Hope.

"Luis, how much longer until the laser network is disabled?" Scott asked as he stood above the glass enclosure containing the new Antman suit.

"Disabling...countdown...five...four...three..." Luis replied promptly, starting the countdown.

"Can't you give me a little more time to get ready?" Scott exclaimed in frustration, before jumping into the enclosure without hesitation.

Huh~

"Two... one!"

Hum!

As soon as Luis's countdown finished, the laser net blocking the passage vanished, and Scott quickly took advantage of the opportunity to slip through. However, just after Scott passed through, the laser net reactivated, blocking the passage once more. It appeared that Luis and his team could only temporarily disable the network.

Whew~

Scott finally arrived at the glass box containing the new yellow Antman suit. With a soft thud, he landed at the bottom of the box and looked up at the suit. The suit had a more dynamic and powerful appearance than the old Antman suit.

"That's it," Scott whispered to himself, taking a deep breath.

With determination, Scott approached the suit, his goal clear in his mind: either obtain the new Antman armor or destroy it on the spot, completing his mission.

As Scott approached the new yellow Ant-Man suit, Darren Ross and a group of individuals were also making their way there. Ross was giving a tour to the directors of Pym Technologies, showcasing his latest accomplishment. Leading the group were none other than Dr. Pym and Hope van Dyne.

"Gentlemen and ladies, I present to you the Ant-Man technology, once thought to be mere fiction. And today, I have a tangible demonstration for you all. You're in for a treat, as this is a rare opportunity to see it in action." With enthusiasm, Darren Cross led the group toward a glass enclosure in the center of the room. As he spoke about the live performance, his gaze briefly met with Dr. Pym and Hope van Dyne.

"The Ant-Man technology, isn't it just a myth? That's what Dr. Pym has always claimed," interjected a skeptical board member from the back of the group.

"Haha, Is it just talk? You'll see for yourself in just a moment. And let's not forget to thank Dr. Pym for his invaluable contribution to this live demonstration. Without his support, we wouldn't be able to witness such a magnificent sight," Darren Cross replied with a chuckle. This time, Ross made no attempt to hide his understanding of Dr. Pym's involvement.

"Darren! What have you done?!" Dr. Pym exclaimed, unable to contain his outrage.

"Cross! What have you done?" Hope echoed with a serious tone in her voice.

"What have I done? I should be asking the same of you two! Just look at what you've done to the Ant-Man!" Darren Cross replied, suppressing his anger as he gestured towards the glass enclosure. He reached out to the side of the box and pointed inside.

Brush!

As everyone's eyes followed his pointing finger, they saw the yellow Ant-Man suit, which was previously on display, suddenly shrink and disappear from the center of the glass box. Next to it stood a tiny figure, clearly bewildered by the situation. This was Scott, transformed into Ant-Man.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the Ant-Man! Dr. Pym's magnificent invention!" Darren Ross exclaimed as he triumphantly pointed towards Scott who was now trapped in the glass enclosure.

Hulala~

Under Darren Cross's direction, all the members of the board of directors gathered around to get a better look at the tiny figure. To help them see Scott more clearly, Cross even used an amplifier to magnify his image. Ant-Man's secret was now fully exposed to everyone.

"Cross! You're playing with fire!!" Dr. Pym shouted in anger, realizing that his plan had been completely thwarted.

"Am I playing with fire? I have worked so hard to learn from you, and I have invested so much in Pym Technologies. All I want is to see this technology flourish. But you've been hiding it from me, and now you continue to stand in my way. I had planned to kill you when I went to your house the other night, but Hope was with you," Darren Cross retorted, no longer concealing his ambitious and cruel nature.

Brush!

In the next instant, Darren Cross pulled out a pistol and aimed it at Dr. Pym. Now that he had successfully replicated the Pym Particles and the Ant-Man suit, Dr. Pym was no longer of any use to him and he saw no reason to keep him alive.

Brush!

“Cross, you’re insane! Put the gun down!” As soon as Darren Cross pulled out his weapon and aimed it at Dr. Pym, Hope, who had been ready for this moment, also quickly drew her own pistol and pointed it at Cross.

“Hehe, am I crazy?! I think you are the one who’s crazy!” Darren Cross disregarded Hope’s warnings and laughed maniacally.

Dang Dang Dang Dang Dang!

As the situation in the laboratory escalated and tensions ran high with Darren Cross brandishing his weapon, Scott, still trapped in the glass box, was desperately trying to escape.

Chapter 983: The Plan

Whew!

Scott felt a bit dizzy after repeatedly hitting the glass without breaking it. Nevertheless, the situation outside had worsened rapidly over the past few seconds. If he didn’t try breaking through again, there was a risk of him actually losing his life.

“I knew it wouldn’t go so smoothly!” Scott muttered as he rose from the ground. He shook his head and retrieved two metal darts from his waist.

Brush!

Without hesitation, Scott hurled the two darts toward the front glass. He swiftly followed them, and just as the darts were about to hit the glass, he deftly pressed down on the instrument clutched in his right hand.

Boom!

Hula la!

The laboratory was in disarray as Darren Cross and Hope appeared to have drawn their guns and were confronting each other. However, at that moment, the glass box enclosing them suddenly shattered, and two enlarged metal darts shot out, followed by Scott who rushed out.

“Ah!~~”

“Help!!”

“Run!”

Da Da~ Hula La~

As Scott shattered the glass box with a dart and burst out, the terrified directors screamed in horror and scattered in all directions. The already chaotic laboratory descended into further pandemonium. The security personnel deployed by Darren Cross struggled to regain control of the situation, but the directors were still present, complicating matters.

“Damn it!” Darren Cross muttered under his breath upon witnessing the shattered glass box.

Boom!

As Darren Cross was momentarily distracted, Dr. Pym, who had been held at gunpoint by him, seized the opportunity to rush towards him.

“Hope, get out now!” Dr. Pym shouted loudly as he held back Darren Cross. At that moment, he was solely focused on ensuring his daughter’s safety, even at the cost of his own.

“Dad, watch out!” Despite their past disagreements, Hope couldn’t bear to abandon Dr. Pym at this critical moment. She ran towards them as Dr. Pym held onto Darren Cross.

Pū Pū Pū!

As Dr. Pym and Hope engaged in a struggle against Darren Cross, Scott had already taken down all the security guards after rushing out of the glass box.

Boom!

As Scott dispatched the security personnel and was about to assist Dr. Pym and Hope, a gunshot suddenly rang out in the laboratory. The board of directors, who had been fleeing in terror, were even more panicked and sprinted away at full speed.

“Dad!” Hope cried out nervously amidst the chaos of the laboratory after the gunshot.

Huh~

As Dr. Pym fell to the ground clutching his chest, a small figure rushed over and grew rapidly behind him, reaching out to support him. It was Scott, who had arrived just moments too late after taking down the security guards under Darren Cross’s orders.

“Dr. Pym!” Scott cried out nervously as he gently helped Dr. Pym to lie down on the ground.

“Dad!” Hope had already rushed over by the time Scott had helped Dr. Pym to the ground.

“Cough~ I’m fine, I’m not going to die just yet!” Dr. Pym reassured them despite the gunshot wound in his chest, noticing the anxious and nervous expressions on Hope and Scott’s faces.

“Dad! Stop talking! Stop talking!” Hope pleaded, holding Dr. Pym’s hand tightly with a nervous and sorrowful expression on her face.

“Scott, don’t let Ross get away with the new Ant-Man suit. We have to stop him,” Dr. Pym said with difficulty, taking a deep breath.

“But what about you?” Scott hesitated, concerned about Dr. Pym’s well-being.

“I’ll be fine. Go!” Dr. Pym insisted.

“Okay...Anton!” Scott agreed reluctantly, knowing Dr. Pym’s unwavering determination, and called out to his ride.

Buzz Buzz!

When Scott called for Anton Ant, the insect quickly flew over to him. Scott then shrank in size, jumped on Anton Ant's back, and chased after Darren Cross who had already fled.

Despite having the new Antman suit, Darren Cross knew that he couldn't face Antman in combat and made a quick escape. With the help of his security personnel, he ran towards the top floor of the Pym Technology Building, all the while creating obstacles to slow down Scott's pursuit.

"Block the building, don't let him follow me!" Darren Cross shouted to his security team as he continued to flee.

"Yes, sir!"

"Get the helicopter ready, and grab the battle suits! We need to leave now!" Realizing that flying away was the fastest way to escape Antman, Darren Cross gave the order to start the helicopter and leave the building as soon as possible.

As Darren Cross made his way to the top floor with the protection of his security, Scott faced multiple obstacles during his pursuit. However, unbeknownst to them, Lin Rui and Bucky had been in the city and keeping tabs on the situation at Pym Technology. As Scott infiltrated the facility as planned, Lin Rui and Bucky discreetly positioned themselves at the gate, next to the logistics vehicle where Luis' cousin and friend were waiting.

"Jackson, won't you make a move? Depending on the situation, Scott may not be able to stop that guy named Darren Cross from leaving." Bucky couldn't help but speak as he stood on the side of the road, watching the scenario on Lin Rui's tablet.

Lin Rui held a tablet displaying all the information about Scott's current situation. As he approached Luis and their logistics vehicle to hack into their system, Bucky asked Jackson to take action. However, Lin Rui simply shook his head in response.

"Dr. Pym should be okay, the shot didn't hit a vital point. And Scott will undoubtedly be able to overcome those obstacles and catch up to Darren Cross. However, I can't shake the feeling that Darren Cross still has some tricks up his sleeve," Lin Rui said with a frown as he shook his head.

Assuming the story follows the original plot, Scott would pursue Darren Cross as he makes his escape in a helicopter. However, Darren would also put on the new Antman suit and engage in a prolonged fight with Scott, leading all the way back to Scott's home. Eventually, Scott would defeat Darren by entering the Quantum Realm.

Lin Rui could potentially minimize the risk of Scott entering the Quantum Realm by incapacitating Darren Cross, who is currently on the top floor of the Pym Technology Building. The building's height is not a problem for Lin Rui, making it a viable option to prevent further danger.

Chapter 984: Fight

Bucky's eyes flickered upon hearing Lin Rui's statement, and he refrained from making any further comments. If Lin Rui deemed it unsuitable to take action, Bucky would follow suit. After all, the situation did not directly involve him.

As Scott struggled downstairs in the Pym Technology building, he heard cousin Luis' voice coming from the nearby logistics vehicle. "Scott! Ross is about to board the chopper! Can you catch up?"

Bang Bang Bang!

"I've reached the top floor!" Amidst the sounds of fighting, Scott's voice could be heard responding to Luis' reminder.

Boom!

With a loud bang, a massive metal dart slammed open the locked door leading to the top-floor platform of the Pym Technology Building. Scott, riding on the back of Anton Ant, quickly rushed out and easily overcame Darren Cross' men who were unable to stop him without special means due to Scott's ability to grow bigger or smaller at will.

Upon reaching the top floor, Scott saw Darren Cross stepping into a helicopter that was tens of meters away, with several guards standing beside him. However, Scott did not hesitate and urged Anton Ant to charge toward the helicopter.

"Stop him!" Darren Cross ordered his men who were yet to board the helicopter as his other foot also stepped inside.

Hoo!

Without responding, Darren Cross' subordinates turned around to confront Scott and tried to stop his advance towards the helicopter.

Boom Boom Boom~

As Darren Cross' subordinates rushed towards him, the helicopter took off from the top floor, its wings flapping rapidly. With the helicopter's speed, it was impossible for Anton Ant to keep up. If Darren Cross managed to escape, the new Antman suit and PymParticle technology would fall into the hands of individuals who had supported his experiments over the years and would use it for their own purposes.

"Get out of my way!!" Scott yelled angrily at the few people who had attempted to stop him as the helicopter continued to ascend toward the sky.

Pū Pū Pū!

With a swift blow, Scott knocked down the individuals blocking his path in just a moment. As Antman, his punches carried the force of a bullet, making it easy for him to take them down. After clearing the way, he urged Anton Ant to chase after the helicopter. Since the Antman suit did not have any flying equipment, he had to rely on Anton Ant to catch up with Darren Cross.

As Scott chased after the helicopter on Anton Ant, Lin Rui and Bucky noticed the aircraft flying overhead.

"That must be Darren Cross in that helicopter, and Scott's pursuing him," Lin Rui said, observing the helicopter closely with his enhanced eyesight.

"Let's go follow them and see what happens. If Scott is successful, the helicopter won't be able to fly too far," he added.

Seeing Scott shrinking on the back of Anton Ant, Lin Rui leaped towards the helicopter and followed it. Bucky followed without saying a word.

Boom!

Rumble!

Sure enough, as Lin Rui and Bucky chased after the helicopter, they didn't have to go far before they saw the helicopter spiraling down towards the ground, flames and thick smoke trailing behind it. It appeared that, as in the original plot, Scott had managed to disable the helicopter.

However, Lin Rui's expression was not one of relief at the sight of the plummeting helicopter. Based on the feedback he received from the communicator he had given to Scott, it seemed that something unexpected had happened.

Brush!

As the helicopter crashed to the ground, Scott, riding Anton Ant, managed to escape from the wreckage. However, he appeared to be in a state of panic, as if he was trying to avoid something.

Buzz Buzz!

In the next instant, several small figures emerged from the wreckage of the crashed helicopter. To Lin Rui's shock, they were all Antmen, wearing the new yellow Antman suit made by Darren Cross. It appeared that Scott was being pursued by these new Antmen, indicating that Darren Cross had formed a new Antman squad with multiple suits, and Scott was now facing a group of adversaries rather than just one.

In the wreckage of the crashed helicopter, there was no sign of anyone except for the deceased pilot. It turns out that Darren Cross himself had donned the new Antman suit and pursued Scott out of the helicopter. The password box he was carrying originally contained five men who were transformed into Antman. After the intense fight between Scott and Darren Cross caused the helicopter to crash, Darren Cross no longer bothered to hide and released the new Antman squad to track down and eliminate Scott.

Lin Rui, who was observing the situation through the communicator on Scott, could now see the unnoticed Antmans in the dark night. His previous premonition had proven to be correct as an unexpected situation had occurred in the original plot. There was only supposed to be one new Antman suit worn by Darren Cross to fight Scott, but now there was a whole team of new Antmans that outnumbered Scott.

In fact, this is also very normal. It's not surprising that Darren Cross was cunning enough to prepare for Dr. Pym's plan. He couldn't just sit and wait for them to come to him, so he needed to take proactive measures. Furthermore, since he had successfully developed the Pym Particle and the new Antman suit, it wouldn't make sense for him to only produce one set. He likely had a production line and manufactured six suits. Additionally, Cross's new Antman suits were equipped with flying devices, so he didn't need to rely on Anton Ant as Scott did.

"Jackson, what did you see?" Bucky, who was standing next to Lin Rui, looked up at the helicopter falling rapidly and asked.

"I saw some flying ants fighting in the sky." Lin Rui replied after hearing Bucky's words.

Bucky: "..."

Pū Pū Pū!

After Lin Rui finished answering Bucky's question, they witnessed several small laser beams suddenly appearing in mid-air. Of course, these beams weren't really coming out of nowhere, but rather they were being fired by Darren Cross's Antman team as they attacked the escaping Scott.

Chapter 985: Surprise

Bucky, who had been staring up into the sky, finally saw something, too, as those laser beams shone out in the dark.

"Where are the ants you're talking about fighting?" Bucky asked in a strange tone, his eyes following the lasers closely.

After Lin Rui revealed to Bucky that Scott possesses the unique ability to shrink using technology, Bucky's mind conjured up vivid images of miniature warriors engaged in aerial combat, reminiscent of toys in motion.

Despite the lack of clarity in Scott and his team's actual battle scenarios, Bucky's imagination, fueled by flash-like laser beams, closely resembled what could be expected.

"Well, it seems that Darren Cross's ambition had been vastly underestimated, as he had managed to assemble an entire Ant-Man team. Speaking of it, among the various Superheroes, it seems that there has not been such a large number of superheroes so far." Hearing Bucky's words, Lin Rui simply replied, his voice tapering off as he finished his sentence.

In the Marvel Universe, new superpowers and high-tech gadgets are constantly emerging, yet each superhero possesses unique characteristics and exceptional abilities. It could be a deliberate move to emphasize their individual heroism, as none of the protagonists have repeated abilities.

Take Peter Parker, for instance, he was transformed into Spider-Man after being bitten by a mutated spider. However, if another person were to be bitten by the same spider, they might die within minutes due to their lack of genetic compatibility.

Similarly, while Tony Stark's Iron Man suit can be worn by anyone, his greatest strength lies in his intelligence and ingenuity, not just the suit's capabilities.

When compared to other superheroes, Ant-Man's personal abilities may appear less remarkable. While Scott Lang possesses a high IQ and is considered talented, he still falls short compared to the likes of Tony Stark, who is recognized as a top genius across the century.

Furthermore, Scott has fewer resources at his disposal compared to other superheroes. Without Dr. Pym's support, Scott may have lived a life of mediocrity, without ever discovering the full extent of his abilities.

Undoubtedly, superheroes need to be ordinary people like Scott Lang and Tom Smith. When an ordinary person transforms into a superhero, it creates a sense of hope that anyone can become a hero if they are given the chance.

Lin Rui's former friend, Tom Smith, is a perfect example of this. He now possesses a strength that Bucky does not have, and is in search of his own destiny.

And now with Darren Cross copying the Ant-Man suit technology and Pym Particle technology for mass production, Dr. Pym's worst fears are becoming a reality. The technology that could only be mastered by a select few will now be accessible to many.

The advanced technology that was once used for secret and difficult missions will now be utilized by those with a ruthless heart on the battlefield. The introduction of mass-produced superheroes to the world will undoubtedly upset the current balance and potentially lead to catastrophic consequences.

"In this situation, what can we do to help? Is there any way for us to intervene in the situation?" While Bucky acknowledges Lin Rui's concerns, his main focus is on finding ways to aid Scott during this crisis.

"I'm afraid there's not much we can do at the moment, especially considering we are in the middle of a downtown area." Upon hearing Bucky's question, Lin Rui furrowed his brows and murmured, unsure of any immediate course of action.

Bucky and Lin Rui both have disguises on, but if Lin Rui were to make any sudden movements, he could easily be detected by the sophisticated surveillance systems of JARVIS or SHIELD.

Luckily, despite six new Ant-Man surrounding him, their flying devices were not as advanced as the natural flight abilities of Scott's ants. With Scott's guidance, Anton Ant was able to help him evade the new Ant-Man clones' attacks successfully.

Hoo!

As another thin laser beam narrowly missed Anton Ant's wings, the high temperature generated by the beam caused significant changes in the surrounding airflow. Anton Ant began spinning erratically, almost causing Scott to be thrown off its back.

"You can't run away!" Darren Cross bellowed as he fired another laser beam at Scott and Anton Ant from behind, determined not to let them escape.

Swipe!

With Darren Cross and his Ant-Man team closing in, Scott shouted anxiously to Anton Ant, "You have to hold on, Anton!" He tightly gripped the rope on the ant's back, trying to steady himself as they continued to flee.

As he fled, Scott felt a sense of helplessness at the second piece of news Dr. Pym had given him. If Darren Cross had only created a prototype of the Ant-Man suit and had not yet perfectly replicated the Pym Particle, then where had this team chasing him come from? Why were they able to fire lasers at him and Anton Ant?

Scott couldn't help but feel a sense of dread and worry for the future, knowing that this kind of technology could fall into the wrong hands and wreak havoc on the world. But for now, his immediate concern was escaping the pursuing Ant-Man team and staying alive.

"Squad A, Team B, Team C! Move faster! We need support!" Scott urged while trying to calm down Anton, who was feeling anxious under him. He also called on the three flying ant teams, ABC, to join them in their fight against the pursuing Antman team.

As long as Scott can hold on for a while longer and wait for the three flying ant squads to arrive, he still has a good chance of escaping. He knows that he can't count on Dr. Pym, who was shot and is now unconscious, and Hope is taking him to the hospital so she is too preoccupied to help Scott at the moment.

"Just give up already? Do you really think your ant buddies can save you?" Darren Ross taunted as he passed by Scott, who had just finished shouting.

Scott was taken aback as he realized he was nearly surrounded by Darren Ross and his team of Antmen. Just as Darren's voice rang out, six laser beams were fired simultaneously from the encirclement they had formed.

Brush! Swipe!

Chi Chi!

Despite Scott's frantic evasive maneuvers, he was only able to dodge four of the laser beams, and two of them pierced through Anton Ant's wings. The flying ant, now with two damaged wings, trembled as it spun out of control and plummeted quickly toward the ground.

"Anton!!" Scott's weak yell echoed through the air as he lay on Anton Ant's back.

Whoosh!

As Anton Ant and Scott rapidly descended toward the ground, Darren Cross and his Antman team also descended quickly. Darren knew that ants could survive falls from high altitudes, so he knew that Scott is not going to die due to this.

Chapter 986: Support

Hurrah!

"Damn it! Damn it!" Scott exclaimed as he spun and plummeted toward the ground. The dizziness had already set in, leaving him with no option but to weakly cry out as he struggled to escape from his perilous situation.

Prior to executing today's plan, Scott had never envisioned being thrust into such a dire predicament. Having undergone extensive Antman training, he had adeptly assimilated Antman's attributes and combat techniques, thereby enabling him to accomplish a myriad of arduous missions.

Though he had required external assistance to procure the signal camouflage device during his last mission, Scott had felt confident in his abilities alongside his two formidable allies.

Furthermore, compared to the Pym Technology building, Scott and Dr. Pym had agreed that Stark's warehouse, which had been transformed into a secret base, was far more heavily guarded.

From Scott's accounts and the materials he had brought back, it seemed that the items being produced in that base were even more crucial than the Antman suit itself. However, for the sake of preserving his reputation, Dr. Pym would never concede to this notion.

As a result, both Scott and Dr. Pym believed that their plan to infiltrate the warehouse that evening was foolproof.

However, neither of them had considered that Darren Cross was already aware of their intentions to steal the Antman suit, and had devised a plan to thwart their efforts while also capturing Scott and eliminating Dr. Pym. Had Scott not managed to break free from his captors, Dr. Pym and the rest of the team would have been in grave peril tonight.

With Anton Ant out of commission and Dr. Pym unable to provide assistance, the A, B, and C teams en route would take some time to arrive. At present, it seemed that Scott was the only one capable of helping himself and his team. Even though the odds were against him in this situation, Scott was determined to make an attempt.

As he was being pursued by Darren Cross and the Antman team, Scott reached for the communicator attached to his waist. He knew that his enemies were hot on his heels, but he also knew that he had to take the chance to try and contact his team for backup.

"I'm right beneath you. If you can create some distance between you and your pursuers, I can provide assistance," Lin Rui's voice came through the communicator as soon as Scott took it out.

When Anton Ant had been struck and fell, Lin Rui had been poised to take action. However, with Scott and Darren Cross in such close proximity, Lin Rui was at risk of causing accidental harm.

After all, they were now the size of ants. While Scott may have thought there was still some distance between them, from Lin Rui's perspective, they were only a few centimeters apart. Lin Rui's sword energy would have to be precise enough to avoid striking Scott and reach Darren Cross and his team.

"Create some distance? Okay!" Scott didn't know why Lin Rui happened to be beneath him, but he didn't have time to ponder it. He immediately agreed and said, "Anton, you go down first, I'll follow you!"

Scott quickly patted Anton Ant, urging him to descend while he readied himself for what was to come. He hoped that with Lin Rui's assistance, he would be able to overcome his enemies and complete the mission.

Boom!

In the next moment, Scott leaped off of Anton Ant's back. As he jumped, Darren Cross and his team continued their pursuit. However, just as they closed in on Scott, he suddenly pressed a button on his right hand.

Buzz Buzz!

Instantly, Scott grew larger but not to his normal size, instead, he was now about the size of a Barbie doll. Before Darren Cross and his team could react, Scott twisted in mid-air and kicked toward them.

Boom!

Darren Cross and the other new Antmans were caught off guard and could only enlarge themselves before being knocked away by Scott's sudden kick. Scott quickly shrunk down to the size of an ant from the Barbie doll and plummeted toward the ground, avoiding any harm. Meanwhile, the Antman team members were pushed back, creating some distance between them and Scott.

"The opportunity is good!" Lin Rui immediately seized the opportunity presented by Scott's maneuver and swiftly equipped a small laser gun into his hand, ready to take action. His eyes gleamed with determination as he focused on the task at hand.

Pū! Pū Pū!

Bucky looked surprised as Lin Rui raised his laser gun and aimed it at the sky before shooting. Using the laser gun instead of his signature weapon, the Beheading Spirit Sword, allowed Lin Rui to keep his identity as a supporter hidden.

"Let's go, we need to pick him up. I might need your help later," Lin Rui said to Bucky after firing a few shots in mid-air and retracting his gun.

Then, Lin Rui and Bucky quickly made their way towards the spot where Scott had fallen, while the Antman team led by Darren Cross had to dodge Lin Rui's precise laser strikes and were now some distance away from Scott.

Lin Rui's marksmanship was impressive, and he could have easily taken out some of the villains in the Antman team with his laser gun, but he had other plans in mind.

As Lin Rui rushed to the place where Scott had fallen, Darren Cross grew even angrier due to the disruption caused by Lin Rui's shots. In response, he activated the second combat form of the new Antman suit.

The two pairs of wings on his back retracted into the suit, and three metal spider legs emerged, each equipped with sharp weapons and laser beams.

The new Antman suit designed by Darren Cross is equipped with powerful weapons for individual attacks, which is a departure from the fundamental purpose of the Antman suit designed by Dr. Pym, which is to use size to accomplish special missions.

By doing so, Cross may have compromised the suit's core ability. However, Cross is focused on making the Antman suit more powerful as he and his supporters require combat power.

As the wings retracted, Darren Cross and the other three new Antmans descended towards Scott who was about to hit the ground. Meanwhile, Lin Rui and Bucky also rushed toward Scott to stop Cross's pursuit. Darren had also taken notice of Lin Rui's sharpshooting earlier.

Ordinarily, two Antmans would easily overpower a lone opponent armed only with a laser gun. However, Darren Cross's assessment was flawed this time, as the Antmans had no idea what kind of adversaries they were up against.

Chapter 987: Experiment

Brush!

As they approached Scott's landing spot in the dark street, Lin Rui suddenly came to a halt only a few tens of meters away. Bucky, who was following close behind, also stopped abruptly.

Hoo!

Then, Lin Rui immediately tossed the laser gun he was holding to Bucky and also offered him a set of advanced glasses. As soon as Bucky caught the laser gun and put on the glasses, he realized that everything he saw was enveloped in a soft green glow, with distinct lines marking various objects, and even occasional data fluctuations.

Despite using tactical goggles during his time with Hydra, the glasses provided by Lin Rui had a significant advantage. As Bucky put them on and glanced over at Lin Rui, the glasses displayed Lin Rui's basic physical information, including an accurate strength estimation.

"Ordinary firearms won't work against Antman, and laser beams are only effective if they hit their mark. These glasses will help you locate your target. If you can detonate these bombs up close, you might be able to destroy their suits," Lin Rui explained, hastily passing Bucky two miniature electromagnetic bombs he had acquired from the System Shop.

During Scott's invasion of Stark's secret base in the northern suburbs of New York, Lin Rui learned about the battle with the two Iron Man warriors and knew that electromagnetic attacks could briefly disable the Antman suit. That's why he obtained the bombs for Bucky, who was still struggling to handle Antman despite his strength.

Ever since recovering his memory and reopening the System Shop, Lin Rui noticed a sudden increase in his Reward points. Perhaps it was linked to some of his previous experiences, but he didn't dwell on it too much. At that moment, he was relieved to finally obtain items according to his needs.

"I understand. I've located them," Bucky replied, taking the electromagnetic bombs from Lin Rui. He had already spotted two tiny figures approaching them through the glasses, which he had quickly become familiar with.

During Scott's fall from the apartment building, Bucky was unable to see what Antman really looked like. However, with the glasses provided by Lin Rui, Bucky could finally see Antman's appearance clearly. It was similar to what he had imagined, tiny people in battle suits resembling miniature toys. Without Lin Rui's reminder, Bucky might not have taken the villain seriously at all.

"I'll handle one, and leave the others to you," Lin Rui said, able to spot the two approaching Antmans without using the glasses. With that, he vanished in an instant.

Brush!

Bucky was unfazed by Lin Rui's speed, having already witnessed it during the encounter with Blackheart in Rochester. With Lin Rui now gone, Bucky could only barely track his movements through the glasses before refocusing his attention on the two approaching Antmans.

Pū!

Bucky's calm expression did not waver as he watched Lin Rui swiftly dispatch the two approaching Antmans with ease. With the immediate threat eliminated, Lin Rui proceeded to make his way toward the location where Scott had fallen.

Bucky knew that he no longer had to worry about the Antman that had been taken down by Lin Rui. His attention was now focused on the Antman who was stunned by the sudden turn of events.

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Boom!

Scott had fallen for over ten seconds before finally hitting the concrete road with a loud crash, creating a small hole in the solid surface. Ignoring the pain coursing through his body, Scott quickly got up and began scanning the area for Anton Ant's whereabouts.

In the next second, he leaped away from the spot, narrowly avoiding several laser beams that had been fired in his direction by Darren Cross and his team, who had already caught up to him.

Boom!

"Damn it! What about the help you promised?" Scott yelled, gripping his communicator tightly as he rapidly increased in size and ran towards a dark alley.

"I'm here," Lin Rui's voice responded, catching Scott off guard. However, the voice did not come through the communicator as he had expected but rather from beside him.

Brush!

As Scott ran, he saw a dark figure flash in front of him, and then there was another person behind him and realized that it is the young man who had given him some tips that night.

"Be careful! There are six of them!" Scott shouted loudly, worried that the stranger might get hurt.

Unbeknownst to Scott, Darren Cross had dispatched two Antmans to intercept Lin Rui and Bucky. But since Scott was only focused on running, he was unaware of the missing enemies.

"It's alright. There are only four left now," Lin Rui replied calmly, after hearing Scott's warning.

"Four? Four is still hard to deal with!" Scott was taken aback by Lin Rui's response, and continued to shout.

Lin Rui didn't respond, as Darren Cross and his team had already caught up with them. Upon seeing Lin Rui, Darren Cross rushed to finish him off with a single blow, without realizing how the young man had moved so quickly. With Antman's size and strength, if he landed a full punch, it would be like being hit by a bullet.

Swipe!

Led by Darren Cross, the four Antmans charged toward Lin Rui. Despite being fast enough to dodge the attack, Lin Rui chose to release his internal energy defense layer to test its ability to withstand the Antmans' attack.

Hum~

Scott looked on in surprise as a light green aura suddenly enveloped Lin Rui's body. The next moment, Darren Cross and his Antman soldiers collided with the shield created by Lin Rui.

Pū Pū Pū Pū!

There was a series of four muffled sounds, like flies hitting the glass, as Darren Cross and the other three Antmans collided with Lin Rui's internal energy defense layer, only to be mercilessly bounced away.

"It seems that my internal energy defense can withstand attacks at this level, but I'm not sure if it can block Antman from entering the Quantum Realm." Lin Rui was not too surprised by the four ejected Antmans and murmured to himself.

"What is this?! What's happening?!" Scott, who was standing beside him, widened his eyes in shock as he watched Darren Cross and the others being repelled by the sudden green light emitting from Lin Rui's body.

Chapter 988: Internal Energy Domain

Scott believes that the sudden appearance of a light green glow around Lin Rui's body is indicative of an energy force field. However, he questions how such a force field, composed entirely of energy, could possibly withstand the impact of solid matter.

Although Scott is curious, Lin Rui has no intention of explaining the nature of his internal energy to him, as he is unable to provide a clear explanation himself.

After being flung by the defense layer of Lin Rui's internal energy, Darren Cross and his companions suddenly grew in size before crashing to the ground. After taking a moment to regain their balance, Darren Cross rose to his feet with a scowl on his face.

He had just received news that one of the two Antmans he had dispatched to confront Lin Rui and Bucky had gone missing, while the other was still battling Bucky.

As he glared at Lin Rui and Scott, Darren Cross couldn't fathom why someone like Lin Rui, with his bizarre abilities, had appeared on the scene. As far as he knew, Professor Pym only had Scott as his assistant, who was essentially useless.

However, Lin Rui and Bucky, who were fighting fiercely with another opponent, were clearly powerful individuals, and Darren Cross couldn't understand why they were siding with Professor Pym.

"Who are you?! Why did you attack us?" Darren Cross demanded, still reeling from the fact that Lin Rui had effortlessly dispatched one of his Antmans and sent him flying with a single blow.

If Lin Rui wasn't affiliated with Scott and had just intruded to interfere with his plans, then Darren Cross might have had a chance to persuade him to leave by other means. After all, all he wanted was to gain control over the Antman technology.

"Me? If you want to know who I am, you're not qualified yet. As for why I attacked you, it's just...to see if it would make you unhappy," Lin Rui replied nonchalantly, his lips curling into a slight smirk.

As Lin Rui had anticipated, the strength of Antman and his companions was no match for his own. Even the new Antman suits developed by Darren Cross were no match for the advanced Iron Man suits developed by Tony Stark.

Furthermore, Lin Rui's Insight Technique was capable of detecting their positions with ease, even when they were in miniature form.

Darren Cross's face turned crimson with rage at Lin Rui's words. He had never been spoken to in such a disrespectful manner before, especially when he was equipped with what he believed to be the most powerful battle suit in existence.

"Then you will die with him!" Darren Cross bellowed in fury, activating the spider-claw-like weapon on his back and firing laser beams at Lin Rui and Scott.

Buzz!

As soon as Darren Cross's laser beam shot out, Scott quickly shrank down to avoid it. While Scott didn't know Lin Rui very well, he had faith in his abilities and didn't doubt that he could handle himself. Moreover, the laser attack had given Scott enough time to call in his three flying ant teams, which had arrived just in time for him to make his escape.

Brush!

As expected, when Scott shrank to avoid the laser attack, Lin Rui vanished like a black shadow. Even with the sudden appearance of an Antman team on Darren Cross's side, Lin Rui felt no pressure.

Antman's low combat effectiveness, coupled with Lin Rui's own formidable strength, made the situation seem almost trivial in comparison to the many dangerous incidents he had faced before.

"Be careful!" Darren Cross shouted a warning to his team as Lin Rui moved with lightning speed, his movements almost too fast to follow. Despite the speed and intensity of his attacks, however, Lin Rui remained focused and in control, his years of experience in dealing with dangerous situations standing him in good stead.

Boom!

As soon as Darren Cross spoke, Lin Rui's figure materialized beside him, launching a swift kick that connected solidly with his chest. Caught off guard and with no time to shrink, Darren Cross was sent flying by the force of the blow, emitting laser beams all the while. As he flew, he rapidly began to shrink down to a tiny size, his Antman suit failing him in the face of Lin Rui's overwhelming power.

Buzz Buzz!

As Darren Cross rapidly shrank in size, several other Antmen also quickly followed suit, leaving Lin Rui standing alone in the empty space. Undaunted, he simply sneered at the display of shrinking technology.

“Hmph! Do you think this makes you invisible? I can still see you,” Lin Rui said with a hint of contempt in his voice, his eyes narrowed in concentration.

Boom!

The next moment, a pale green light emanated from his body as Lin Rui stood there, swelling in intensity before spreading rapidly to fill the dark alley. Ever since witnessing Iceman Robert’s formidable Absolute Frozen Domain, Lin Rui had been consumed with the idea of creating his own unique domain.

Through tireless practice and honing his internal energy control, he finally achieved the ability to release his internal energy in the form of a domain.

“After unleashing this new internal energy field, are you able to keep jumping?” Lin Rui’s eyes widened as he looked in a particular direction and posed the question.

Lin Rui gazed in the direction he was looking at and saw Darren Cross and several other Antman attempting to flap their wings within the light blue internal energy. They appeared to be trapped within a peculiar force field created by Lin Rui’s internal energy, struggling to move.

Scott, who was also enveloped within Lin Rui’s internal energy field, lay on his shoulder in a daze, observing the unique energy surrounding him.

Ignoring the horrified expressions on Scott on his shoulders and Darren Cross, who was shrouded in internal energy and was struggling to move, Lin Rui strode confidently towards Darren Cross.

“Damn it!!” As Lin Rui closed in, Darren Cross growled in frustration and pressed the button on his suit to enlarge himself.

Buzz~

“You think you can still grow bigger? Now you have to ask for my permission!” Lin Rui’s eyes flickered as he sensed the energy shift in Darren Cross, causing the entire internal energy field to freeze.

Boom!

Subsequently, the energy in the entire internal energy field is compressed and converged towards Darren Cross. Lin Rui is actually planning to use his internal energy to suppress Darren Cross’s growth.

Antman’s ability to shrink and grow in size is based on the use of Pym Particles, which can manipulate the distance between atoms, resulting in a release of massive energy.

However, despite its incredible capabilities, the technology still adheres to certain energy principles. In this case, Lin Rui was using his own internal energy to counteract and suppress the changes brought on by Darren Cross’s use of the Pym Particles.

Buzz Buzz!

As the internal energy continued to exert pressure on him, Darren Cross struggled to enlarge himself, the sound of strain emanating from his Antman suit. If this confrontation were to persist, there was a high likelihood that Darren Cross could be pulled to his death due to the effects of the Pym Particles.

Chapter 989: End

Buzz Buzz~

Darren Cross, who had the desire to increase his size, found himself in a severely distorted state due to the intense pressure of Lin Rui's internal energy field. Although the Pym Particles worked by stretching the distance between atoms, external pressure prevented this process from occurring smoothly.

It can be likened to Darren Cross being akin to a balloon that is constantly being pumped with air but is being held back by an invisible force preventing it from expanding. Should he persist, self-destruction would be inevitable.

Having undergone this ordeal, Darren Cross and his companions were acutely aware of the danger they were in. Thus, when faced with the looming threat of being crushed under immense pressure, they ceased their growth.

"Let me go!" In an attempt to break free from this state of control, Darren Cross strained to hurl two metallic bombs and then screamed in frustration.

Huh~

The two tiny metal bombs, flung by Darren Cross, rapidly expanded under his control. Despite the constraints of the internal energy field, he was determined to detonate them, whether it be through compression and explosion or self-destruction. His aim was to employ the shock wave generated by the blasts to break through the special energy field encompassing him.

"Hmph! You think I'll let you succeed?" Lin Rui sneered upon seeing the bombs thrown by Darren Cross.

Pū Pū~

In the following moment, the two metal bombs, barely bigger than sand grains, detonated right before Darren Cross, producing no shockwaves, only small sparks.

Lin Rui had employed the internal energy field to quell the destructive potential of the bombs. He then advanced towards Darren Cross and his companions, brandishing a glass bottle in his hand. It appeared that Lin Rui intended to capture the immobile Ant-Men within it.

Whoosh!

"Damn it! You'll pay for this!" Darren Cross howled, frantically unleashing laser beams.

Simultaneously, he seized control of the enlargement devices within the battle suits of the three Ant-Man fighters standing beside him. The trio appeared to be utterly petrified as their bodies swiftly expanded beyond their control.

Unbeknownst to them, Darren Cross had already tampered with their suits, making him the central controller of all Ant-Man suits. Consequently, he could manipulate the size-alteration function of any Ant-Man suit and thus control the lives of all Ant-Man fighters.

“No!”

“I don’t want this!”

The three Ant-Man fighters, caught in the grip of Pym Particles and the internal energy field, cried out in terror. Although they were under the command of Darren Cross, they were merely hired guns who would not die for him!

Alas, despite their desperate attempts to deactivate the Ant-Man suits, they were powerless to halt the uncontrollable distortion taking hold.

“This is despicable!” Lin Rui’s eyes grew frosty upon witnessing Darren Cross sacrificing the lives of the three Ant-Man fighters in his bid to break free from the internal energy domain.

Brush!

In the ensuing moment, Lin Rui materialized before Darren Cross in a blur. Swiftly, he swept both hands across Darren Cross and then conjoined them together with a snap. Before Darren could react, Lin Rui had ensnared him within a specialized glass bottle.

Buzz!

Once inside the glass bottle, a faint, light-blue electromagnetic field enveloped Darren Cross, causing him to immediately collapse and lose the ability to struggle. His Ant-Man suit, too, ceased to function. It appeared that Lin Rui had captured him with relative ease and without causing any harm.

Huh~

After capturing Darren Cross, Lin Rui quickly recovered from the exhaustion caused by his internal energy field. Similar to Iceman’s Absolute Frozen Field, Lin Rui’s internal energy field is also an energy-intensive ability, and he had expended a significant amount of energy using it. If it wasn’t for his quick thinking and the need to test the power of his internal energy field, he would not have used it at all.

Pū Pū Pū!

With the suppression of the internal energy field lifted, the three Ant-Man warriors who had been under Darren Cross’s control rapidly grew to their normal size and fell to the ground in agony. Despite Lin Rui’s quick recovery, the intense energy confrontation had caused them significant injuries, and they were fortunate to have survived the ordeal.

Huh~ bang!

After Lin Rui had successfully apprehended Darren Cross and incapacitated the three Antmen, Scott, who had been perched on Lin Rui’s shoulder moments before, leaped off and immediately reverted to his normal size. As he transformed back to his original form, Scott removed his mask and surveyed the scene before him. He looked upon Darren Cross, who was now trapped within a glass bottle in Lin Rui’s hand, and the three Antmen who lay writhing in agony on the ground.

Scott was taken aback by the events that had just transpired. The sudden appearance of Lin Rui, who had taken down both Cross and his Antmen, was entirely unexpected. In Scott's mind, it seemed as though Lin Rui was a super soldier, sent to restrain Antman and his team.

"Who are you...?" Scott asked, standing across from Lin Rui, his mind filled with confusion and caution.

Lin Rui's appearance had initially served as a reminder for Scott, then later he had even provided assistance. However, it was Lin Rui's display of absolute suppressive power that had left Scott feeling a deep sense of crisis.

Scott had once thought that becoming Antman would make him a renowned hero, someone who could save the world and be a great father to his daughter. But now he couldn't help but feel like a clown, his pride and accomplishments appearing childish in the eyes of others.

Scott couldn't be blamed for feeling inadequate despite having access to the top technology on earth with the Antman suit and Pym Particles. Unfortunately for him, he had encountered Lin Rui, who was involved in cutting-edge scientific research beyond the earth's limits. In comparison, everything Scott had accomplished seemed trivial.

"I should have told you earlier. I'm just a wanderer, and to top it off, I'm not a fan of Darren Cross," Lin Rui responded with a smile, shaking the glass bottle in his hand as he listened to Scott's words.

Da Da~

As Lin Rui finished his response, the sound of footsteps could be heard coming from outside the dark alley. Before long, Bucky entered with an unconscious Antman. Despite encountering some resistance, Bucky had managed to smoothly eliminate his opponent with the help of an electromagnetic bomb.

Chapter 990: Harvest

Boom!

As Bucky approached Lin Rui, he released his grip on Antman and flung the unconscious figure to the ground. Despite sustaining a few injuries, Bucky's wounds were not severe.

The warriors recruited by Darren Cross, equipped with Antman suits, possessed immense power against ordinary individuals. However, their fighting techniques appeared primitive to Bucky. In his view, he could easily overcome them in direct combat.

"After I knocked out the guy, I couldn't locate the other one. I'm not sure where you hit him," After throwing down the fainted guy, Bucky looked at Lin Rui and said.

"It's fine. My slap should keep him unconscious for a while, and I'll have Scott's ant helpers locate him later. How about you? Did you sustain any serious injuries?" Lin Rui nodded and then glanced at Bucky's slightly torn clothes before asking.

"Don't worry, it's just a minor injury that will heal with a few days of rest," Bucky assured, his head shaking gently. Being the transformed Winter Soldier, Bucky possessed remarkable recovery abilities, and this injury wouldn't hinder him in any significant way.

“That’s great news. It seems like everything has been resolved, and there’s no cause for concern,” Lin Rui said, relieved to hear that Bucky was doing well. With a sigh of relief, he picked up the glass bottle in his hand and gave it a couple of shakes.

Reflecting on the Antman incident, Lin Rui was pleasantly surprised by how smoothly it had gone. He couldn’t help but wonder if his newfound strength was the reason for the success. Despite Antman’s reputation as a skilled high-tech hero in the Marvel world, he was no match for Lin Rui’s abilities.

As Bucky gazed intently at Darren Cross, who was trapped inside the glass bottle in Lin Rui’s hand, his eyes flickered with interest. He recognized that this wasn’t magic, but a legitimate technology capable of altering the world’s course.

Though Bucky was primarily a fighter, he wasn’t naive; he understood that if this technology were to be made public and utilized on a broad scale, it would have enormous consequences and implications for the world.

However, Bucky doesn’t know what Lin Rui plans to do now. Bucky doesn’t care whether he wants to get this technology or just hand Darren Cross over to Scott and the others but he is also curious about this technology.

“That...” While Lin Rui and Bucky conversed, Scott eventually found himself unable to remain silent and spoke up.

Despite facing problems from the very start of his plan and encountering a perilous situation later on, Scott owed his survival to Lin Rui’s timely intervention. However, Scott believed he still had to make an effort to obtain the glass bottle that Lin Rui held in his hand since he deemed Darren Cross to be valuable.

“Scott, do you want him?” Lin Rui interjected, brandishing the glass bottle before Scott could finish his sentence.

“Uh...yes, Darren Cross is affiliated with Pym Technology, and considering the severity of his crime, he deserves to face legal consequences,” Scott replied, feeling somewhat sheepish in light of Lin Rui’s question.

“Hehe, do you believe that someone like Darren Cross is truly capable of being punished by the law? Even if you hand him over to the police, there’s a chance he could be rescued by someone later on. The Antman suit and Pym Particle technology will still be researched in secret, and may bring about unexpected and unimaginable consequences in the future,” Lin Rui responded calmly to Scott’s answer.

Darren Cross, a criminal mastermind with a technology-based modus operandi, is likely backed by powerful forces. Handing him over to the police may simply result in him being set free, akin to what happened with Tony’s uncle, Obadiah Stane.

Obadiah possessed enough technological know-how to cause significant problems if not kept under the watchful eye of SHIELD. Therefore, it may be necessary to turn Darren over to a more powerful organization like SHIELD to ensure he faces true justice.

“Uh!...” Scott was taken aback upon hearing Lin Rui’s statement.

Initially, Scott had not considered the matter as deeply, and Dr. Pym had not instructed him on what to do after stealing Darren Cross's new Antman suit. Typically, it was Pym who educated them on such matters, as technical expertise did not necessarily equate to a knack for comprehensive planning.

Lin Rui's words left Scott uncertain about what to do next.

"It's fine if you take Darren Cross. I have no use for him anyway. But do you have a plan for how to deal with him? Despite his public outburst in front of numerous directors tonight, Pym Technology may no longer listen to him, but I have doubts about the individuals behind him taking action," Scott queried, addressing his concerns to Lin Rui.

"I'll take him back first. Dr. Pym will undoubtedly need an explanation. I don't know what happened to him. I hope he's alright," Scott continued with a serious expression, after pondering for a moment.

"Very well, then it's in your hands. Don't worry, the glass bottle should suffice to keep him restrained," Lin Rui responded, already having anticipated Scott's decision and handing over the glass bottle to him.

After a moment's hesitation, Scott finally responded to Lin Rui's request. "Okay, I'll take care of him."

As he held the glass bottle, his attention shifted to the four unconscious new Antman soldiers lying on the ground. Scott knew that they were also wearing the new Antman suits and there might be some PymParticles left inside. He began to consider whether to take them back as well.

But before he could make a decision, Lin Rui spoke up. "I need to keep two of these guys, do you have any objections?"

Lin Rui had initially been interested in the Antman suit and PymParticle technology, and now that there were multiple suits and particles in front of him, he couldn't resist taking some for himself. He didn't need all of them, but two would suffice.

"No, I have no objection." Hearing Lin Rui's words, Scott replied immediately.

Since Lin Rui had already helped him considerably, Scott had no issue with letting him take two of the Antman suits. He was not afraid of the technology and knew that it was in safe hands. After carefully removing the suits from the four unconscious individuals, Scott selected two sets for himself and handed over the rest to Lin Rui.

While doing so, he also provided Lin Rui with some basic instructions on how to operate the Antman suit, making it easier for him to transport them.

"Then I'll go first, I'll find the guy you knocked out and then go back to see Dr. Pym." Throwing the four guys in the corner, Scott said as he looked at the young man and Bucky in front of him.

"See you."