

Chapter 801: My Name Is He Lan Yuan

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About ten manmade satellites were slowly moving to get close to each other, they moved to form a straight line. This change was so curious that other people noted it as well!

Everyone stared at these curious satellites and they were filled with surprise and suspicion.

“What is going on?” Ee Chen asked. The rest of them shook their heads, signifying their confusion.

The observatory’s manager was equally shocked. “What are these satellites doing?”

Satellite movement was a common occurrence, but they were never in such a large scale and with such uniformity. About ten satellites were arranging in a straight line; something was definitely going on.

Mubai narrowed his eyes and said, “Someone is manipulating these satellites.”

“Could it be that person...” Ee Chen said with equal measure suspicion and surprise. He did not specify the identity, but everyone knew who he was talking about. Sam frowned and said, “It has to be him!”

“Is he finally making a move?” Ali asked anxiously. Her question spread anxiety into everyone’s heart. Ever since He Lan Long said the end of the world was coming, they had been worried. A few days of peace calmed them down but now this curious change signified to them that the end of the world was possibly coming after all.

However, what did that have to do with moving the satellites?

Xinghe’s group could not understand why their opponent was doing this. They could only stare closely at the satellites on screen, waiting to see what happened next. However, after the satellites got into a straight line, nothing else happened.

While they were convening on what to do next, all the TV stations over the world were taken over by a similar signal. All

the television screens changed into one identical video. It even took over the giant advertisement billboards, small mobile phones, and laptops. They were showing one identical video...

Everyone over the world who was using the internet or close to a device connected to the internet witnessed this sudden change. No one could react fast enough to this sudden change.

In fact, the first reaction for most was to be attracted to this inhumanely handsome man in a sharp suit that appeared on screen. His looks were so ethereal that they could literally take one's breath away.

Then, this man smiled graciously and opened his lips to say some really crazy words. His announcement was like a hydrogen bomb that rocked the peaceful human world!

“Ladies and gentlemen, nice to meet you.”

His seductive and magnetic voice began. There was auto translation suited for the video that was broadcasted in different regions of the world. When he started speaking, the people in front of the television stopped their work and stared at him with their jaws open. Even the pedestrians walking on the street stopped in their tracks and raised their heads to watch the billboards.

As if anticipating everyone's reaction, the man in the video provided a slight smile and continued, “You must be surprised to see me so suddenly, but do not be afraid because I will rule over all of you soon enough. That's right, you did not hear wrong, I said rule. Now, let me make a simple introduction of myself, my name is He Lan Yuan and I am a scientist. I was the one responsible for designing Country R's first satellite, and I created many things after that, but I believe none of you about heard of them. But now, I have decided to stop with my modesty and announce to the world the result of my research from the past few decades.”

Chapter 802: Space Fireworks

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“So you had better be prepared because I am going to reveal what I have been doing to the world for the past decades.”

On the screen, He Lan Yuan first clapped his hands with a gentleman's grace. On the giant screen behind him showed the images of the satellites in space. The most conspicuous were the ten satellites that had aligned themselves into a line.

“Do you all see this? These satellites are just part of my invention. I am using these satellites to converse with all of you. However, in ten minutes' time, all of these satellites will explode, consider it my first gift to all of you. Of course, this is not the only thing I have done. My greatest creation was to spread about five hundred satellites around Earth's ozone layer. Yes, your ears are not deceiving you, there are about five hundred of them.

“These satellites are not only capable of sending signals, they also contain great explosive power. Each satellite can release energy equivalent to one atomic bomb. Are you shocked hearing this? Are you thinking ‘Is that man planning to destroy the world?’”

He Lan Yuan smiled and continued with ease like he was talking about the weather, “If you are thinking that, then congratulations because you are absolutely right. When these satellites lower themselves to Earth and explode, the world probably will end. However, do not be afraid because if you are willing to swear your loyalty to me and serve me, the world will still be the same.

“Understand that I am a man of great compassion. I will give you all one month to think this over. In one month's time, I will be back to hear your decision. Remember, all of you only have one month to decide. Resistance is futile because, let me remind you, I can see everything from space. Alright, that is all for today. Next, please enjoy these fireworks in space that I have prepared for you.”

The screen changed to focus on the satellites. Of the ten satellites that had arranged in a line, one of them suddenly started to hurtle towards Earth!

Its speed was incredibly fast, like a meteor flying through space. Everyone was watching the satellite in awe and shock as it exploded in space—

The sparks from the explosion were blinding and the drastically falling satellite was like a shooting star, dragging its flame across the sky. It was beautiful yet creepy.

Thankfully, the flames were extinguished before it reached the ozone layer, but in that time, everyone over the world watching this was so shocked that they forgot to breath. They assumed this satellite's explosion was going to be as big as an atomic bomb. Thankfully, that was not the case...

However, the nerves of the whole world were strung taut again the next second because the second satellite started falling. Different from the first one, this satellite exploded much earlier and the explosion was much bigger.

Thankfully, it was far from Earth, so the damage was not big. However, these two explosions told everyone one thing, He Lan Yuan had the ability to control the time of explosion, and the magnitude of explosion for each satellite was different.

It was not out of this world to believe one of them could rival the destructive power of an atomic bomb. The explosion of the next satellite confirmed that.

Chapter 803: The End of the World

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The explosions of the next few satellites were all of differing magnitudes, but every one of them showcased He Lan Yuan's seriousness and scariness!

Every time a satellite exploded, everyone's heart would skip a beat. However, there was a comforting thought in everyone's mind. Many people presumed the satellites could not get into Earth completely unscathed. This was because Earth was protected by a layer of ozone. The satellite would create friction in space, and when it entered the atmosphere, the high heat would cause the satellite to explode. When it reached Earth's sky, the flames would have been put out. Therefore, it was impossible for the satellites to explode after it entered the Earth's atmosphere!

However, when the last satellite hurtled towards Earth and did not combust as it fell through the ozone layer as many assumed it would, the entire world fell silent!

No one dared to think He Lan Yuan was kidding. He could really make the satellites explode after they entered Earth's atmosphere. The material he used to create the satellite could withstand the heat from re-entry as the satellite fell through the ozone layer!

As the space fireworks drew to a close, the whole world was in a riot, no, pandemonium!

People were wailing openly, fearful of the end of the world. Some were cheering because this gave them the opportunity to unleash their inner demons. There was nothing holding them back anymore.

Many took up arms to fight He Lan Yuan to the bitter end for the sake of their country and home!

Some even committed suicide instead of waiting for the end of the world to come...

However, the majority indulged in their desires, desires that was put on the backburner due to the reason called life. Those

that maintained their calm were few and far in between. Xinghe's group was one of them.

When they saw the space fireworks that He Lan Yuan prepared, they were shocked. They did not realize the threat was so big. He Lan Yuan's actions and threat were way bigger than they had expected. How could such a mad person even exist in the world?

"Xinghe, what are we to do now?" The normally fearless SamWolf also started to have hints of fear in their voices. Of course, they subconsciously turned to Xinghe for help. Xinghe was also at a loss and she turned to Mubai for guidance. The latter said slowly, "Let's get to the president's house for now and find out more about He Lan Yuan."

"You are right, let's go now!" Xinghe finally recovered from her shock. At that time, they needed to find out everything they could on He Lan Yuan; maybe they could understand the reason for his misanthropy from his history.

Coincidentally, Chui Qian wanted to see them. He Bin also left He Lan Villa at first notice and rushed towards the president's house. He was not dumb, he prepared to leave when the stations were taken over. If he was one second later, he would not have been able to leave because not long after he left, many came to He Lan Villa to demand for an explanation.

It was obvious that He Lan Yuan was related to the He Lan family, so the first response of the angry mod was to swarm He Lan Villa to demand justice. However, after they barged into He Lan Villa, they only found the predisposed He Lan Chang who lay helplessly in his bed.

No one could have thought He Lan Qi had already left for the president's house...

Chapter 804: There Is Still a Chance

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It took Xinghe's group quite some time to reach president's house. They were held back by the madness that was happening along the way. Mass fistcuffs and muggings were happening in broad daylight. Many people had lost their minds and morality; law had lost all its meaning. Before He Lan Yuan destroyed the world, humanity was going to destroy themselves first.

Thankfully, the country had sent out their best law enforcement officers to maintain safety and order. If the whole country fell into anarchy, then, the world would truly be lost.

Chui Qian knew the severity of the situation outside. The numerous phones in his office couldn't stop ringing. He left his secretary to field the calls and rushed to meet with Xinghe's group. When he saw them, Chui Qian demanded angrily from He Lan Qi, "What is going on now? What have your He Lan family been up to? Also, hadn't that He Lan Yuan died, so who was that person in the video?"

He Bin could not give an answer, so he shrugged and said, "I have no clue."

"How can you not know? You are probably the only person in this world that should know what is really happening!"

"He is not He Lan Qi," Xinghe said calmly.

Chui Qian was surprised. "What did you say?"

"He is not He Lan Qi, so he cannot give you the answer you want, he really does not know anything. I will tell you everything in detail later, but now we are here because we want to ask you about He Lan Yuan."

Chui Qian laughed bitterly. "You came to ask me?"

Xinghe nodded slightly.

Chui Qian chuckled self-deprecatingly. "I had hoped you would tell me more about He Lan Yuan and you came to ask me? All this while, I knew that the He Lan family harbored

enormous intention, I thought their aim was to swallow this country, but it turns out they want to rule the whole world! If I had known this would happen, I would not have gone after them. If their experiments were allowed to continue undisturbed then this He Lan Yuan would not have appeared and the world would still be safe! If the world is going to end, it is all my fault!” He Lan Yuan’s appearance seemed to have created a lot of pressure for Chui Qian. His mental state was incredibly unstable, and his words were very much unlike his own.

Xinghe took a step forward and said, “Mr. President, I understand your anxiety, but this is not your fault, without you intervening, they would have made the whole world their enemy, if anything, you have done a good thing by drawing them out.”

“A good thing?” Chui Qian lashed out at her. “What kind of good thing is this?”

Mubai stepped in front of Xinghe and said coldly, “Is this not better than them coming out after everything is ready?”

Chui Qian took a silent step back as what they said percolated through his mind. Xinghe continued, “It is because of the He Lan family’s downfall that He Lan Yuan was forced to show himself. He cannot allow the He Lan family to fall because he would lose his loyal servants. This is why he has to make himself known, even though I am sure their preparations have not reached their final stage. Even though we are not sure what kind of plan they are preparing for, the fact that it has not reached fruition is good news for us. At least we still have an opportunity to fight back. If he appeared after everything was set into motion, then we really would be sitting ducks.”

Chui Qian frowned and said after a long thought, “You have a point, but how exactly are we going to fight back?”

Chapter 805: He Lan Family's Genius

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He Lan Yuan had prepared so completely that they had no opportunity to strike back. Five hundred satellites hung threateningly in space. If they were ordered to fall from space and explode, the world would definitely be ruined.

They had no chance to fight back because their every move was being observed by He Lan Yuan. If they did anything to anger him, they might usher in the rapture. Xinghe shook her head. "Temporarily, I do not know yet, but we still have one month to figure out a solution to deal with him."

"That is easier said than done. Unless we can destroy all the satellites in the sky, there is nothing we can do to touch him," Chui Qian said seriously.

"Then, we will figure out a way to destroy them," Xinghe said with determination. Chui Qian, Mubai, and the rest were startled. It was indeed the solution that was needed but how would one go about doing it?

However, this was not Xinghe's responsibility but the whole world's, so she did not have to come up with the solution on her own. Chui Qian soon contacted the world leaders to have a discussion. Every country sent their representative to attend the meeting by the United Nations. The clock was ticking.

They were formed a special psychology unit to analyze He Lan Yuan's motives. They analyzed everything about He Lan Yuan from his head to his toe. None of his details was left untouched, this included his date of birth, his age, his personality, and his look.

The conclusion was... the man who appeared on screen that day was not He Lan Yuan. According to his date of birth, He Lan Yuan was supposed to be seventy. He could not have been the young, handsome man they saw on screen.

Weirdly enough, no one knew what He Lan Yuan looked like. They could not find any pictures of him, and the ones who knew him personally were all dead. Even members of the He Lan family could not say for sure what he looked like.

According to He Lan Long, the first time they had video call with He Lan Yuan, that was how he looked like and his look had never change over the years. Therefore, they were certain that was He Lan Yuan, the He Lan family's genius. It was because of him that the He Lan family could rise through the ranks so fast to become the richest in Country R.

They found that He Lan Yuan's influence was observable throughout the years. The orphanage and launch site were all his ideas. All the satellites launched from that base were created by He Lan Yuan. In any case, from the way He Lan Long and his men talked about He Lan Yuan, everyone came to the same conclusion: He Lan Yuan was undeniably a genius.

Several decades ago, his super genius allowed him to create a spaceship and he alone took it and migrated into space. Then, he settled on a planet and was never to be seen in person again. His orders to the He Lan family always came through video.

To dominate the whole world, the He Lan family was willing to bend to his every will. He Lan Yuan's personal attraction and incredible talent created a cult centered around him. Those with hatred for the human world in their heart bought into the ideals he was selling easily. They treated him as their spiritual center. They were like putty in his hands.

Furthermore, He Lan Yuan actually had the capability to ruin the whole world, so their loyalty was unblemished. As time passed, their admiration towards him deified him in their mind and he became a God-like figure in their cultish religion.

The admiring, bordering on worshiping, undertone when they talked about He Lan Yuan could not be missed.

Chapter 806: Busy World

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He Lan Yuan was like their God, an incomparable God. If He Lan Yuan demanded them to give up their lives as sacrifice, they would probably follow obediently. Xinghe's group felt chilled witnessing the blind faith He Lan Long and his people had in He Lan Yuan. It was not a good thing to realize He Lan Yuan had such charisma.

This was because there were many like He Lan Long in the world. If all of them started worshipping He Lan Yuan, then the world was destined to be over. Therefore, many countries decided to not reveal any information on He Lan Yuan.

However, the public's speculation on He Lan Yuan had not ceased. Even though there was not much information about him released to the public, there were pro-He Lan Yuan groups forming. Their purpose was to surrender to He Lan Yuan and serve him loyally.

In conclusion, He Lan Yuan's appearance had thrown the whole world into chaos. Perhaps this peaceful world would welcome an unpredictable anarchy. Would the results be good or bad? No one could tell, at least for now....

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A few days had passed. Ever since He Lan Yuan had announced himself, there was a big change every day. There were changes in people's daily life as well. However, none of the changes was good.

Factories, schools, and businesses... all stopped functioning. There were few to no vehicles on the street and there were even less pedestrians. Almost everyone chose to spend their last month with their families.

The homeless and the criminals roamed the street, making a jaunt outside something extremely dangerous.

The internet thus became the most crowded place. Every day, numerous people posted methods trying to contact He Lan Yuan or to save themselves. Others opened message boards for

pro-He Lan Yuan people to congregate and to swear their loyalty to him.

However, the scariest thing was that within only half a day of creation, millions of people registered and wanted to become He Lan Yuan's followers. Even though the message board was shut down immediately and the organizers taken into custody, the data was chilling. This was only within Country R; other countries might have more people who were willing to show their loyalty to He Lan Yuan.

If these people were allowed to gather together, then the consequences would be unimaginably bad. Therefore, the United Nations were in meetings almost daily, analyzing various data, discussing ways to overcome this particular crisis. Every country was busy every day, however, most of these efforts would be pointless because no matter how hard they racked their brain, it would be impossible to remove all those satellites from space without alerting He Lan Yuan of their intention.

The time limit was reaching its end. If there were no solution, then they would have no choice but to surrender. They did not harbor any optimism that He Lan Yuan's tyranny would be a fine time.

However, it seemed like something destined and no one was able to change it. With passing time, more and more people started to feel the clutches of despair...

Even some of the country leaders started to give up.

However, Xinghe's group who stayed at the launch base did not give up. Ever since the video, every country sent their best computer experts to hack these computers. Hopefully, they could find some useful information on them.

However, none of the experts could make any progress on the computers. The supercomputers in the control room were interconnected.

Chapter 807: Her Only Conviction

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Hacking two supercomputers would trigger the self-destruct sequence and wipe out all the information. If you hacked the computers at the same time, it would also trigger the self-destruct sequence.

In conclusion, the trigger equipped in the supercomputers was insane. They were extremely trigger-happy. Only by providing the honest password could the computers be opened safely. The group of experts were powerless before such a crazy defense system.

They all suspected it was designed by He Lan Yuan. If his genius had reached such a level, then it was not hard to imagine the kind of crazy invention he would have invented. Unfortunately, his genius was utilized for the purpose of evil, if it was used for good, humanity would have benefited greatly.

Unhinged geniuses like him were extremely dangerous. Individuals like him would appear only a handful of times in history, either they would be one of the greats that propelled humanity forward or madmen that wrought heavy chaos to the world.

Therefore, if he was allowed to rule over the world, Earth would not be spared.

Honestly, in spite of the anger and disappointment, many wanted to see him in person. Even the experts had the intention to learn from him. However, He Lan Yuan was destined to be their enemy, the world's enemy, in fact, one of the world's greatest enemies in history.

They could not handle a system that he designed, much less him in person. After a long period of hard work, the experts left with heavy disappointment because they still could not hack through the system. No one wanted to continue wasting time there, they decided to channel their energy towards other efforts. The majority had chosen to give up on the He Lan family's launch base.

The only exception was Xinghe's group...

Xinghe spent her every waking hour trying to undo the mad systems. It had reached almost a point of obsession for her. After a few days of such actions, she had visibly lost weight.

Mubai and the rest took turn to ask her to take a rest, but their advice landed on deaf ears. No one could stop her once she had decided on her goal. The goal that she had given herself was to hack through these systems, to uncover all the information available on He Lan Yuan. This was her only conviction, the responsibility that she had shouldered.

However, Mubai and the rest could not understand why she was being so stubborn. Even though Mubai supported every one of her decision, she was actively harming her health which was where he drew the line.

Mubai, who finally lost his patience barged into the control room, grabbed Xinghe's wrist and half-dragged her out of the room.

"What are you doing?" Xinghe, who was shocked by all the sudden movement, asked with a frown.

The man did not answer but the strength in his arm that held onto her wrist and the icy profile openly radiated his displeasure. Xinghe's pupils darted around the hallway and she seemed to have understood something because she stopped struggling and allowed herself to be dragged away.

As she expected, Mubai pulled her to her room. On the table in the middle of the room was a scrumptious meal. He seated her before the table and ordered seriously, "You will have your meal, and then you will rest after that. Do not do anything else and you are not allowed to leave this room tonight, do you understand?"

Xinghe lifted her head to look at him. When she opened her lips to say something, Mubai directly glared at her.

Chapter 808: No Bravery

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“No excuses, you have to listen to my orders, you have no choice!”

Xinghe was startled. This was the first time Mubai had ever spoken to her in such a forceful and almost emotionless manner. However, Xinghe was not mad because she understood he was only looking out for her.

Mubai sat down beside her and shoved the food onto her plate with an angry expression. However, it did not take long for him to soften his tone and said, “Enjoy your meal. The world might be ending but your health is still the most important.”

Xinghe could not help but laugh. “Who still cares about health when the world is ending?”

“I do care.” Mubai looked into her eyes with his shiny black eyes. “Even if the world is ending, I will protect you and make sure that you live, so your health is always important to me.”

“No one can protect me because He Lan Yuan will definitely kill me.” Because it was Xinghe who had ruined the He Lan family.

Mubai’s lips curved into an unamused smile and said darkly, “Let’s see him try! He Lan Yuan does not even have the guts to face us personally; he is only brave enough to shout his threats from space. He has to be here to pose a threat to you, and remember, as long as I am alive, no one, not even that He Lan Yuan, will be able to harm you.”

There was a sudden glint in Xinghe’s eyes. “What did you just say?”

Mubai repeated firmly, “Nothing will happen to you, as long as I am alive, no one, not even that He Lan Yuan, will be able to harm you.”

“No, not that.” Xinghe shook her head, she looked at him and said, “You said, He Lan Yuan does not even have the guts to face us personally, he is only brave enough to shout his threats from space.”

Mubai did not understand why she would focus on that but he nodded. “That’s right, he does not have the balls to come down to Earth because if he did, then he wouldn’t be able to return with his life. Unless he wants to die together with the whole world, I don’t see him threatening this world anymore.”

“You are absolutely right!” Xinghe suddenly grabbed his arm and there was apparent excitement in her eyes.

Mubai was taken aback because Xinghe was rarely that emotional.

Xinghe laughed excitedly. “He does not dare come down here because he is afraid of death, or else why would he have wasted so many years arranging his crazy plan? He will not allow any danger to come to himself because his ambitions are still unfulfilled.”

Mubai was confused. “And? What is your point?”

“If he does not come down, then how is he going to rule this world? He is going to play God from space, what is the fun in that?”

Comprehension dawned for Mubai. “Indeed, if he does not come down, how is he going to rule this world?”

“Furthermore, he should be in his old age by now. If he really did become the ruler, how many years longer can he sit on the throne?” Xinghe posed another question.

Mubai was startled, then said with hesitation, “You mean...”

Xinghe nodded. “Yes, he needs the memory cells.”

Now Mubai understood what she was hinting at, “He does not dare to come down means that he still does not know the research on memory cell has already completed?”

“Perhaps, but maybe he knows the full story. He still might have no use for something that has a 6-months expiry date.”

“If the research remains unsuccessful then he cannot rule the world.”

“That is probably why he did not make any move even though his plans had been in motion for decades.”

There was still one thing puzzling Mubai. “Regardless, if he stays in space, we cannot do anything to him as well. He can still threaten to destroy the whole world.”

“But at least we have a ray of hope. He cannot rule this world forever because he will die, and when he does, the world will return to its peaceful state.”

Chapter 809: Base Up There

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Mubai could not help but laugh. “That is an optimistic way of looking at things. What if he does live for another decade? One decade is more than enough time to shape the world to his liking.”

Xinghe nodded but continued with confidence, “But he might die any moment too. If we can figure out a way to kill him then that would be best.”

“But that is impossible.”

He was in space and they were on Earth. Furthermore, he was monitoring their every movement from space, so it was hard to come up with a secret assassination mission. However, if they were in the same location as he was physically, then all these concerns would be non-issues.

“Where do you think He Lan Yuan is? Could he be on the moon?” Xinghe asked meaningfully. This question had been discussed many times by the United Nations.

Mubai nodded. “The possibility of that is high.”

This was because man had landed on the moon before and not on any other planet, but it was another thing to find out which part of the moon He Lan Yuan was hiding at. He had escaped notice for so many years, so it was possible that he had built himself a comfortable base on the moon.

Xinghe said with conviction, “He must have built a base on the moon and it is probably built using the energy crystals.”

“It has to be because the satellites are built with those as well.”

The satellites that had fallen to Earth were quickly taken in to be researched, and they were indeed constructed using the energy crystals. The energy crystals had an extremely high melting point and thus would not combust easily. However, they were also incredibly malleable, making them the perfect metallic substance.

From the beginning, they did not think the crystals came from Earth. Now they were certain, the things definitely did not come from Earth. They were probably a mineral from the moon.

He Lan Yuan had landed on the moon several decades ago and it must be then that he discovered these minerals. The perfection of these minerals birthed within him the rest of his plan. In other words, without these energy crystals, he would not have come up with such a sinister plan.

The objects made using the energy crystals were extremely light and they could provide an inordinate amount of heat energy. Therefore, it was very likely that these were the fuel for the spaceship found at the He Lan family's base. They had used the spaceship to send many capable seeds into space to be He Lan Yuan's slaves.

Xinghe lifted her eyes into the sky and said, "Those several hundred satellites do not seem like they were launched from Earth."

Mubai followed the direction of her eyes and also looked up. "I think so too. Launching so many satellites would have notified the countries."

"Therefore, he has a base on some planet and he is not lacking in human resources." Perhaps her mother and Ee Chen's father were up there with him. The orphans from the orphanage must have been taken to space after they grew up.

If there were people around him, it meant that they had a chance to get to him. There had to be people who harbored resentment towards He Lan Yuan. If they could contact that person and cooperate with them, then they could bring down He Lan Yuan.

The more Xinghe thought about it, the more excited she got. She told Mubai confidently, "We have to hack through these systems, only by hacking through them that we can gain contact with the people around He Lan Yuan."

Mubai was speechless.

Chapter 810: Resolution

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After such a long detour, they came back to this topic. It was true though, they still had to hack through those systems. The information inside them was their only ray of hope. However, such an insane system could not be undone, at least not in the time frame that they were given.

However, Mubai was not one to surrender either. He patted Xinghe lightly on her head and said, "I will help you with the system, but today you have to eat and rest properly. We will work tomorrow, is that a deal?"

"Deal." Xinghe accepted it with a smile. Mubai finally sighed in relief and responded with a smile. Xinghe ate her meal as promised and went to bed. Mubai slept beside her and the next morning, they were both prepared to throw themselves into battle.

A few experts who stayed were impressed by their conviction, but they did not think the two of them could solve the system. Only Ee Chen had full faith in them. He was perfectly clear on Xinghe's capability and her determination, therefore, he believed they could perform a miracle.

On her part, Xinghe did not come with a resoluteness to crack these passwords. She was only doing the task that was given to her. She did not worry herself over the result, she only knew she had to give this task everything she had.

Just like that, she and Mubai had been discussing ways to solve the problem. Initially, Ee Chen could still be part of the conversation, but soon, they had left him in the dust. Then, Ee Chen realized Mubai was also a computer genius. However, it was normally overshadowed by his business prowess. People only focused on his business acumen and did not realize what a good technician he was.

However, Xinghe seemed to be a tad better than him. Thankfully, he could still catch up to her ideas and pointed out important questions or details whenever necessary. They had come up with many different ideas but there was no solution.

The world outside had steadily declined into chaos. There were riots all over the world. Wars of varying sizes tore through the world and the number of daily deaths was increasing at an alarming rate...

Even if they could figure out a way to stop He Lan Yuan within a month, the world's economy and quality of life would have deteriorated by about ten years. It was why He Lan Yuan gave them one month to surrender, it was to decrease humanity's power.

He knew infighting would happen, so he purposely gave the people one month to fight it out among themselves. The man's thought process was cruel and precise, if the world fell into his hands, the result would definitely be chaos.

Therefore, Xinghe and Mubai had to succeed, because this no longer involved just them but the whole world. They shouldered the weight of the world and they could not shirk off the responsibility even if they wanted to.

However, such a complicated system could not be resolved so easily. Even a genius like Xinghe had problems facing it. Thankfully, both Xinghe and Mubai had the perfect attitude. Oftentimes, attitude played a bigger role than skill.

Almost everyone was in a state of anxiety and despair, but the two of them maintained their cool. They would not worry themselves over things that they could not control.

Witnessing this, Ali and everyone else tried their best to chip in whenever they could.

Chapter 811: Out of this World

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As the saying goes, sometimes four heads are better than two. Xinghe and Mubai were busy cracking the system and they did not have time to concern themselves with something else and that was where SamWolf stepped in.

Since they had nothing to occupy themselves with, might as well do some thinking. While Mubai and Xinghe were working on the computers, SamWolf gathered for a brainstorm session. They each really provided some suggestions, but none of them seemed to work. After all, the whole world was figuring out ways to deal with He Lan Yuan. Several billion people could not come up with a solution much less the four of them.

However, this did not mean that they would give up. While Xinghe and Mubai were taking a break for lunch, Ali and her group came up to propose their ideas. Xinghe was slightly surprised. “You guys have some ideas to solve this?”

Sam nodded. “We do, but we doubt they could be of any use.”

Mubai decided to entertain them and replied, “Well, let us hear it.”

Sam coughed and said, “Our first idea is to make a super weapon and then have every country fire them off at the same time and destroy all those satellites in space! What do you think about that? Of course, we have no idea what kind of weapon it would be.”

Xinghe shook her head. “This kind of idea must have been floated by the United Nations already, but it is extremely difficult to put into fruition. Creation of the weapons is not hard, but it will take time and one month is not enough. Furthermore, the satellites are spread too far in space, we will need too many weapons. One more thing, the moment we start something of this scale, it will tip off He Lan Yuan.”

“You people have seen how fast he can react,” Mubai added. Sam’s group faces immediately darkened. The satellites designed by He Lan Yuan could be fired at a moment’s notice.

They would not have the chance to fire their weapons before He Lan Yuan made his satellites fall from the sky.

No matter, they still had other ideas if this one did not work.

“What about this?” Ali was excited to propose her idea. “We can create some kind of anti-air system like a giant magnetic field to repel these satellites back into space. This way these satellites will not be able to come to Earth and we might be able to use them to attack He Lan Yuan.”

Cairn supplemented, “But we have no clue how to go about such an anti-air system as well, but there are so many experts in the world, they must know how to do it.”

Xinghe was very impressed. “That is not a bad idea.”

“Really?” Ali cheered excitedly, “Xinghe, do you agree with this idea? This is my idea; do you think it will work?”

Xinghe smiled. “It could work but it is not something that can be created in this era. Furthermore, the effect will not be that obvious since we do not have the technology to create such a large and powerful magnetic field. Even if the satellites exploded several thousand meters aboveground, it could cause massive damage to the world.”

If He Lan Yuan was crazy enough to fill some of them with acid to create acid rain, then the world would be finished. Therefore, they vetoed this plan as well.

Ali sighed disappointedly, “So this wouldn’t work either.”

Wolf suddenly chimed in, “That’s why I said all of the ideas are too out of this world. From how I see it, we should pretend to surrender to lure He Lan Yuan out and then we capture him and kill him! This is the most effective and direct solution!”

Chapter 812: Special Communication Method

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This idea was vetoed as well. Mubai said softly, “He Lan Yuan is too cautious to fall for something like that. Without full confidence, he will not descend on Earth. When he does, his people will have finished researching memory cells. With memory cells, he can revive himself continuously.”

“This jerk! Then how do we kill him?” Sam asked angrily.

Ee Chen smirked and said, “From how I see it, the most plausible way to deal with him is to take over those satellites. Without them to threaten us, we will have more time to come up with a plan to deal with him.”

Xinghe nodded. “That is the best idea but taking over those satellites is easier said than done.”

“Xinghe, what about you? Do you have any ideas?” Ali asked.

Xinghe shook her head. “No, we have gone through many ideas, but they are all too risky. The safest solution is to unlock these supercomputers to see if we can gather more information to deal with He Lan Yuan.”

“What if there is nothing in the supercomputers to help us deal with him?”

Xinghe was silent before saying solemnly, “Then we’d better be prepared to be ruled by him.”

Everyone was silent.

Earlier SamWolf thought the world treated them unfairly, in fact, they sometimes wished for the world to end too. However, right then, they felt the world was actually a beautiful place. At least there was a lot of happiness happening in the world. In conclusion, even though there was occasional sadness, the greater world was living in simple satisfaction and joy. Therefore, they did not wish for the world to end. They did not wish for a tyrannical ruler like He Lan Yuan.

From the ways he threatened the world, they knew he would not be a fair ruler or even a moral human being. He would not

be kind to the world or fair towards humanity. The world in his hands would be hell. Their faces were drawn thinking about their dark future.

Xinghe put down her plate to console them, “But there is no need to be so depressed, until the last minute, we must not give up.”

“But what other ways are there? Wouldn’t it be nice if someone in space can help us kill He Lan Yuan?” Ali sighed in exasperation.

Sam suddenly clapped and pointed at Xinghe and Ee Chen. “Your parents might be in space, right? Can’t you contact them to get them to kill He Lan Yuan?”

Ee Chen laughed. “Do you think I would wait until now to contact them if I could?”

“Xinghe, you must have some ways to contact your mother, right? Both of you know computers, so perhaps she left you some special communication channel?”

Cairn said suddenly, “Perhaps she left you some kind of unique method to contact her?”

“That’s right, Xinghe, why don’t you think about it? There might be something there.” Ali started to get excited.

Something did surface in Xinghe’s mind being reminded of such. She suddenly laughed. “Maybe the outsiders do have a cleaner sight looking in. All of you did come up with some brilliant ideas. This is the second time you have reminded me of something important. Thank you, I will go follow up on it now!”

“Let’s go.” Xinghe with apparent excitement then pulled Mubai away and left the room. Sam’s group hurriedly chased after them.

“Xinghe, do you and your mother really have a special method to communicate?”

“Xinghe, wait a minute, what we did remind you about?”

Chapter 813: Simulation Robot

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Xinghe was indeed reminded of something. When her mother left so many years ago, she left her with the blueprint for a simulation robot. She reminded her multiple times to study her computer skills so that one day they would meet again.

However, she had studied those blueprints from front to back, but they still had not met, and she could not understand why her mother would give her blueprints for a robot. Her mother, in her memory, was not that particularly crazed about science or even robots.

However, now she seemed to have understood why her mother designed those things and left them to her. She prayed that her instinct was right.

Xinghe opened her computer and pulled out those blueprints from her own cloud server. Mubai frowned with confusion when he saw those blueprints. “What are these? Robots?”

“Yes, it is a type of human simulation robot. I used these blueprints to come up with the artificial limb design.” Xinghe nodded slightly.

“It looks so real. If created, I bet it would look no different from an actual human,” an impressed Sam muttered.

Ee Chen said in a weirdly smug tone, “I have already seen these blueprints before.”

“Xinghe, how could you let him see something so important?” Sam grumbled with annoyance. Mubai also felt weirdly unsatisfied. He was also seeing this for the first time himself, so how could Ee Chen have seen it before?

Xinghe said matter-of-factly, “He would not have understood it anyway.”

Therefore, it mattered not whether she gave him the blueprints to study or not. Ee Chen felt physically punched in his stomach while Mubai and the rest felt a lot better. But...

Mubai voiced his confusion, “This has something to do with the idea on your mind?”

Ali suddenly said, “I know! Xinghe, you plan to design this robot, and have it fly into the sky to kill He Lan Yuan?”

“Childish!” Wolf scoffed in her face and said confidently, “She is going to create a robot army to officially go into war with He Lan Yuan!”

Ee Chen’s eyes were rolled to the back of his head dealing with these people who were all brawn and no brains. He said helplessly, “Do you think the plan is that simple? Let’s listen to what Xinghe has to say.”

“Xinghe, what is on your mind? Tell us,” Sam urged.

Xinghe shook her head. “I still have not come up with a concrete plan, but I do have some ideas already. After I have made the decision, I will tell all of you.”

“So, in other words, you still have no plan?” Ali’s group suddenly felt greatly disappointed. They had such great hopes in her.

“That’s right so leave me be and go busy yourselves with your own stuff. Let me think about this in peace and quiet.”

“Okay then, we will not disturb you anymore, don’t overwork yourself.” Ali and the rest shuffled out of the room, leaving only Mubai behind.

He did not think Xinghe really had no clue. He asked her in a whisper, “So, what is really on your mind?”

Xinghe did not hide from him and said with some hesitation, “It is still uncertain yet, but I suddenly realize the robot’s design theories might be related to these systems?”

Mubai was startled. “They are related? How?”

“I feel it is that way. Regarding the how, you have to give me time to think about it.” Xinghe then entered her concentration stage. Mubai stared at the way she lost herself in her thoughts and his gaze became soft and interested.

Whenever Xinghe focused fully on her task, she would look extremely attractive, and every time, Mubai would find himself subconsciously getting lost in studying her.

In this world, only she could hold such an attraction over him.

Chapter 814: His Hardship

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Even if the situation was dangerous and nervous, his attraction towards her did not decrease, if anything, it had gotten stronger and more fatal. If possible, he was willing to spend the rest of his life looking at her.

Xinghe, on her part, did not know Mubai had been staring constantly at her. She had no clue that, for as long as she focused on problem solving, Mubai had been staring at her silently.

After who knows how long, Xinghe in deep thought suddenly cheered with contained excitement, "I've got it!"

She turned to look at Mubai and grab his arm out of excitement. "I have discovered their relations! Mubai, I've figured it out!"

The man's dark eyes had a glow in them. His lips curved into a faint smile and said, "Really? I knew you could do it."

"Yes, I have found the relationship. Do you know what it is? I am sure it will surprise you. Even I did not envision their relationship would be like this. They..."

Xinghe widened her eyes in shock because the man's face was suddenly right in front of hers. She did not expect such a sudden kiss. To be fair, Mubai did not know he was going to do that, but at that moment, he could not control the rush within him anymore. He could no longer control himself and compelled by passion, he leaned forward to kiss her.

Caressing Xinghe's face, Mubai kissed her deeply with some passion held back on his part. Breathing in her unique scent, the hysteria in his heart rose to ever-greater heights. However, he understood it was not the time to succumb to passion.

After the deep kiss, Mubai let her go unwillingly. Xinghe's world was spinning from the sudden kiss. They leaned into each other with their foreheads touching. Both looked into each other's eyes and both unwilling to ruin the moment.

Mubai traced his finger along her jaw and said in a sexy growl, “After this thing is over, will you remarry me?”

Xinghe nodded with a smile. “I will.”

She already had no issues with the remarriage. Mubai responded with a smile and continued to kiss her. This time, Xinghe responded by kissing him back. This made Mubai grab her by her arms and pull her into a hug. He ended the kiss. With her head smothered in his chest, Xinghe blinked with confusion.

The man’s helpless voice came from above her head. “Let’s stop here or else I am afraid I might not be able to hold on much longer.”

However, his deep breaths kept on coming and the strength of his hug did not decrease. Needless to say, Xinghe knew how difficult he had been trying to keep it under control. She could not help but laugh. She asked him a question to distract his attention, “Don’t you want to know the answer to the question I asked you earlier?”

“What is it?” Mubai asked.

Xinghe climbed out of his embrace and said directly, “If I am not mistaken, the defense system in these supercomputers was designed by my mother.”

It did the trick and Mubai gasped in shock. “How did you come to that conclusion?”

“Because the design theory is similar to the ones left in her blueprints,” Xinghe continued her analysis. “Look at these defense systems, they are tied together right?”

Mubai nodded. “Yes, it does seem that way.”

It was because the system of the supercomputers was so inextricably linked where one mistake could bring down the whole system that the problem was so difficult to solve. But what did that have to do with the design theory of the human simulation robot?

Chapter 815: Central Defence Point

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Mubai was led along by Xinghe's train of thought and he seemed to have understood something. What Xinghe said next proved his suspicions.

She explained, "It is the same for the robot, the parts are all interconnected. It mimicked the human body, if one part of the body is hurt, then the whole body will feel the pain. Therefore, if one part of the body received serious damage then the whole body will be negatively impacted or even die. So, don't you think they are very similar in theory?"

Mubai's eyes darkened. "You are right, their design principles are indeed very similar, but how does this help us in any way?"

"To find the center!" Xinghe said excitedly, "There has to be a central nervous system, if we hack through that central defense point, the other defense systems will be immobilized."

"Where is the central point for the robot?"

"Naturally, the heart." Xinghe pointed at the heart on the blueprint. "If you destroy the heart, the robot is technically dead. Similarly, if you introduce changes to its heart then the remaining systems will change as well. It is because of the heart that the robot can even move in the first place. Therefore, it has to be the same for these supercomputers, if we can destroy the central defense point, the defense system will be destroyed following it."

Mubai's eyes glowed slightly. "If they have the similar design principle and they are both designed by your mother then the central defense points have to be same for both."

Xinghe nodded. "Yes, so what we need to do now is to find these supercomputers' heart."

"But where would there be?"

Xinghe looked towards the supercomputers in the control room and the gears in her mind started spinning. After some time, she retrieved paper and pen and started drawing. Mubai

snuck a peak at her drawing and understood what she was doing. He did not disturb her even though he was impressed by her thinking prowess.

Using the human simulation robot as the basis, Xinghe drew out the defense system of these supercomputers. Then, she pointed at the largest circle on the paper and said, “If I am not mistaken, this is the center.”

Mubai voiced his concerns, “But finding this center requires plenty of trial and error. Won’t it be too risky because the chance of failure is very high?”

“We do not need to try every single supercomputer. If we can hack through one, we can use this theory to follow through to reach the central defense point.”

Mubai laughed. “Haven’t you already hacked one?”

Xinghe also smiled in return. “That’s right and we will be depending on it now!”

“Let’s go.”

“Okay.” Xinghe was ready to move when Ali and the rest suddenly barged into the room.

“Xinghe, this is not good, the people from United Nations are here!” The moment they finished their sentence, a large man leading a group of people in military uniform was walking their way.

From their attire, Xinghe and Mubai could tell their identity instantly. To fight against He Lan Yuan, the United Nations created a special task force. The task force was a military unit. The military was indispensable since this was going to be a war. This task force had a unified attire and they were technically not under any country’s control. They only answered to the United Nations. In other words, this task force was the strongest human unit on Earth.

Xinghe did not expect they would suddenly visit the launch base. The United Nations had already sent many computer experts to deal with the systems but almost all of them had returned without any progress.

Chapter 816: Please Evacuate Immediately

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She was under the assumption that they had given up on the base, so why had they returned?

The leading officer immediately cleared up their confusion. The physically impressive, dignified soldier said without warmth, “Are all of you computer experts from Country R?”

“I suppose so.” Xinghe nodded.

“Nice to meet you, I am Major George Alison. I am the newly appointed second in command for the United Nations’ first technical unit. From now on, this base is now under my jurisdiction and no longer fall in Country R’s territory. So, I’ll have to ask you all to evacuate immediately, and you are not allowed to take anything away from premises,” George said coldly, in an order-like manner.

Xinghe asked in return, “But you people have already investigated the area and have found nothing useful, right.”

“We are different from them because my unit has the most powerful technical team. The results will be different after my team takes over.”

“That is not necessary because I have already come up with the solution to hack through these systems. I can do that now,” Xinghe said softly.

George looked at her with his sharp eye and asked with his eyebrows raised, “You have come up with the solution?”

“That’s right.” Xinghe nodded confidently.

George continued his interrogation, “How much confidence do you have?”

“At least 90 percent.”

“90 percent is not 100 percent! If it is not 100 percent, then we cannot allow you to take this risk. The information in these computers are too important to be destroyed. Even if you had 99 percent confidence, I would not allow you to take this risk. The punishment for your failure will not be scary because the

scary thing is you would have destroyed the information that is instrumental to us.”

“Then I have 100 percent confidence,” Xinghe said directly, her confidence completely intact. Alas, George did not believe her already this time, if anything, he did not believe her from the very beginning.

He smirked coldly. “I am sorry Miss, but you give me no confidence. I will give you all one minute to evacuate this premise, do not make me order my men to throw you out.”

“If we really can undo the defense system, isn’t what you’re doing a waste of time?” Mubai asked in a demanding voice.

George said condescendingly, “You are basing everything on an if. Similarly, if you destroy all the information here, are you going to be responsible for the destruction of the whole world and the whole of humanity?”

“We will know whether we are capable or not after a try and I am more than willing to stake my life on such a huge responsibility,” Xinghe replied clearly.

George scoffed with derision after hearing her. “You might want to die but I don’t wish to. Since I am taking over this base, I have to be responsible for everything that happens here, and the fact is I do not trust any of you so please leave immediately. You still have half a minute left to leave quietly or else be prepared to face the wrath of the military.”

“How can you act like this?” Ali countered with great dissatisfaction. “We already told you can resolve this issue, so why can’t you trust us? Do you know who she is? She is more capable than your whole team combined. If she cannot hack this system, then no one in this world can! Only Xinghe can crack this system!”

“Is that so? Unfortunately, I have not heard of this little miss before,” George said rudely, his meaning was clear. He did not recognize Xinghe, so no matter how capable they said she was, he would not believe her.

“Then we can only say your ignorance is showing!” Sam commented snidely in return.

Chapter 817: Then I Am Sorry

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George's face darkened immediately. "I was only being courteous, and you people think you can walk over me? Men, rough them up and toss them out!"

"There is no need for that, we are leaving," Xinghe said with a shrug before turning to take her laptop and papers.

"Wait, did you not hear me earlier? You are not allowed to take anything away from this premise." George stopped her with an order and his gaze seemed to want to tear her apart.

This time, even Ee Chen was angered. "But these things belong to us."

"Who knows whether you people are lying or not? For the sake of humanity's safety, I have to be immeasurably careful. You people are not allowed to take anything away, put those down immediately!" George ordered in a manner that brooked no argument. The army he brought immediately aimed their guns at Xinghe's group.

"This is too much!" Sam hissed with anger and his fists tightened.

A chill entered Xinghe's gaze and she said with a cold smile, "Since you will not allow us to take even our own things out then in that case..."

Then, she threw her laptop harshly on the ground. With a loud bang, the laptop smashed into pieces.

"You..." George glared angrily at her, a murderous aura radiating from his body.

Xinghe met his gaze fearlessly. "You don't need to worry, there is nothing important in my laptop. Furthermore, none of the computers here are hacked yet, so what do you think I can possibly take out of this place with me?"

"Do you know the crime you have committed by destroying the information here? Men, capture them all!" George ordered

coldly. Before his men could move, Xinghe suddenly whipped out a letter of appointment for him to see.

“I am the main leader of this premise appointed by Country R’s president. I am responsible for everything here. If you want to capture me, please do get the warrant from our president first. You might be from the United Nations, but you are on Country R’s land! Major George, I will wait for you to come get me with the arrest warrant.”

Xinghe then strode out of the room. Mubai and the rest followed. There was no fear in their stance, even with the gauntlet of guns pointed at them, they walked on like there was nothing in the world to fear.

For some reason, the soldiers felt pressured. George also did not order to detain them and watch them waltz out under his chilling gaze.

He believed they would not destroy the information there, but if he got his hands on such evidence, punishment was definitely due!

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Just like that, Xinghe’s group left the launch base. They had to leave because the place had already been taken over by the United Nations’ military. Their timing was perfect because Xinghe was just one step away from cracking the puzzle.

Even Xinghe felt saddened by that.

After they got into the car, Ee Chen asked Xinghe, “Have you really come up with the solution to deal with defense system?”

Xinghe nodded. “Yes, it just came to me before they barged in.”

“That is so unlucky!” Ali sighed. “You just stumbled upon the solution and the place was taken over by a bunch of pompous douches.”

Sam grouched unhappily, “We should have continued tussling with them to buy you some time to hack the system.”

Xinghe shook her head. “That won’t be necessary. There are still other ways to go about this, the main point is we have

found the solution.”

“You are right. Let us go look for the president now, to get him to intervene,” Cairn suggested.

Chapter 818: They Do Not Trust you

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Xinghe agreed with Cairn. They could go ask Chui Qian for help. There was no reason for them to butt heads with George directly.

This was going to be the first time Xinghe's group had left the base since He Lan Yuan's appearance. Even though they already knew how mass hysteria had taken hold over the world from the daily news, when their car entered the city center, the gravity of the destruction really struck them.

The originally beautiful street was replaced by broken buildings and trash. The shops by the road were all raided. A mannequin from one of the boutiques was even beheaded, perhaps an omen of the bleak future to come. The supermarkets were hit the worst.

Military units with shields and guns patrolled the streets in their jeeps. They would stop every passing car for inspection to ensure the people within did not carry any dangerous objects.

Xinghe's car was also inspected. However, thanks to the document approved by the country, they were allowed to carry firearms. After finding out they were heading towards the president's house, the soldiers advised them to return because the place was already surrounded. It would be impossible for them to get in.

Xinghe thanked them for the information but still chose to continue on their journey. The soldiers were right, many citizens crowded around the president's house, demanding an explanation from their president. However, this was an international crisis, what could the president say to calm them?

However, this was these people's last vestige of hope, therefore, even if they were just physically near the president's house, they felt somewhat safer.

After Xinghe contacted Chui Qian, he tried his best to find them a secret path to get into the president's house. When they saw Chui Qian, Xinghe's group was shocked.

Only a short period of time had passed but he had lost so much weight, he seemed to have grown older before their eyes. Even He Bin who stayed at the president's house did not fare any better.

Chui Qian explained helplessly, "The pressure is simply too high! I have to attend meetings every day to come up with a solution. Every minute is important, and it is the same for everyone. In any case, I do not have time to spare, I can only give you ten minutes so tell me what you need."

Xinghe did not waste time and said directly, "I have found the solution to unlock the base's system."

Chui Qian was surprised before breaking into a joyous smile. "For real?"

"Yes, but before I could get a move on, the base was taken over by the United Nations' military, they have no faith that I am capable of cracking the defense system."

"Okay, I will help you convince them."

Chui Qian left immediately. After a short wait, he returned with disappointment written on his face. "I am sorry, I have no idea what that George reported to his superiors but none of them are willing to put their trust in you. George even said that his team has already come up with the solution, so he does not need our help. No matter how hard I begged, they refused to let you return. However, I did manage to get the United Nations to promise if George's team cannot solve the problem in the next three days, they will agree to let you try."

Chapter 819: Add in Country Y and Hwa Xia!

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“Therefore, you will have to wait. There is nothing we can do at the moment,” Chui Qian said helplessly.

Mubai frowned. “Now, every minute is important, and we are going to waste three days, really? The world is probably going to end because of their pettiness!”

“We have to do it now, we cannot waste any more time,” Xinghe added. They were half a month away from He Lan Yuan’s deadline. After breaking down the defense system, they still had to come up with ways to deal with him. They were already running low on time, so they really could not afford to waste three days waiting.

Chui Qian turned serious and asked Xinghe, “Do you have confidence you can do this?”

“Honestly, I cannot say I am hundred percent confident, but I have 90 percent confidence. Furthermore, other than me, who can boast such a level of confidence? Therefore, no matter the result, I have to give it a try,” Xinghe said in a serious tone.

Chui Qian nodded. “You are right. Okay, since you have such confidence, I will go to persuade them again, however, I don’t think it will be successful. United Nations now has about fifty countries and my voice in there is barely heard.”

After all Country R was not a big country.

“Then add Country Y and Hwa Xia!” Xinghe said suddenly.

Chui Qian was surprised. “Country Y?”

Hwa Xia being in her corner was understandable, but why Country Y?

“Xinghe is our country president’s step-sister,” Ali said proudly. Chui Qian looked at Xinghe with open disbelief. “For real?”

Xinghe nodded. “It’s true, I can try to contact him, we can work together.”

Chui Qian was truly impressed by Xinghe then. If Xinghe had Hwa Xia's support, then people might say because she was related to the Madam President, but if Xinghe was Country Y president's stepsister, then she was truly a capable woman.

Like Ancient Greece, Country Y might have a lot of infighting, but they were a really powerful military country. Almost every one of its citizens knew how to operate firearms. Their military was incredibly well trained. If they did not have to suffer from internal conflict, none of the country in this world could match them in military strength.

Both Country Y and Hwa Xia held powerful influence in United Nations. Therefore, with their combined support, their request would definitely be successful.

"Alright, let's not waste time then, we will contact them now!" Chui Qian said excitedly.

Xinghe contacted Philip and Hwa Xia's president immediately. After listening to her analysis, they were willing to lend her their full support. They were familiar with her capability, she was not one to brag for no reason.

With the request coming from three countries, the United Nations had to give, and they agreed to have Xinghe try her luck. However, Xinghe posed a condition, if she was successful, she would lead the rest of operation. They were not allowed to question her actions and to toss her out like a used rag after she cracked the system.

During a critical period like that, whoever was capable had the most say. Therefore, the United Nations agreed to Xinghe's demands easily. If she could really hack through the supercomputers and come up with a solution to deal with He Lan Yuan, then she would be the commander for the operation.

However, if she couldn't, then she would be stripped of all of her existing power.

Chapter 820: Just the Two of Us

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Xinghe was up for the challenge. She would use the truth to prove them all wrong. Escorted by Chui Qian's men, Xinghe's group was led back to the base.

At the same time, George received notification from his superiors. When he saw Xinghe again, he said with scorn, "I underestimated you. I really did not expect for you to be so well-connected that you were able to influence the people up top."

"Regardless of my connections, they would not have allowed me back if I had no confidence in cracking this defense system. So, do not get too hung up on my connections, at a time like this, capability speaks the loudest," Xinghe countered with style.

George was startled. He had to admit that Xinghe made much sense. His prejudice against her decreased slightly, but not enough for him to have faith in her.

"Fine, but I have to warn you, you'd better not ruin any of the computers here. If any of information inside is lost, even God will not be able to save you!"

"You don't have tell me that, I know that already," Xinghe said with a raised brow. "Can I enter now?"

George hesitated but he had no choice but to move aside for them. Xinghe told Mubai, "The two of us will go in, the rest of you wait outside."

"Are you sure?" George scoffed with derision. "The two of you can handle something this big?"

"Of course, Xinghe and Mr. Xi work best with each other. The two of them are more than enough to handle something this scale. Your men will only disturb them if they follow," Ali said directly.

George smirked coolly. "Fine, if they are really that good, then I hope I will be impressed. Just make sure not to disappoint us."

“I also hope Major George will remember that this operation will go under our jurisdiction if we are successful,” Mubai said indifferently before pulling Xinghe into the base.

George’s dark eyes followed them, and he sniffed in derision. He did not think they would be successful. After all, the world’s experts could not do anything regarding this defense system, much less the two of them.

They had better not disappoint him, because if they failed, he would be ready to skin them alive for wasting his time!

Therefore, he had to give them a deadline. George waved one of his men over and said, “Go and tell them if they are unable to solve the system within the next 24 hours, they will be punished according to military law!”

“Yes, sir.” His soldier went in to relay the news. Xinghe replied without even acknowledging him, “Okay.”

The soldier was rather annoyed by their reluctance to acknowledge him so he coughed and repeated, “Remember, you only have one day to do this, this is the greatest kindness our Major will allow you.”

“You done?” Xinghe asked in return.

“I am done.”

“Then get out, stop wasting our time.”

The soldier was startled, however, he turned and walked out. Xinghe seated herself before the supercomputer that she’d cracked earlier and Mubai asked with concern, “Is there anything wrong?”

Xinghe shook her head. “Nothing. I am just worried this might not be successful.”

“No matter, not being successful does not equate to failure, don’t give yourself too much pressure.”

“Okay.” Xinghe nodded before starting to operate the computer. She had to re-hack this computer’s security system. The defense system for all the supercomputers there was insanely good. Even if it was hacked, it would not remain open for long. Therefore, Xinghe had to redo the hacking

constantly. Thankfully, the hacking method was already seared into her photographic memory mind.

Chapter 821: Mubai as Her Only Witness

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Therefore, she hacked into the supercomputer without wasting much time and with no accidents. However, she only had five minutes to use this supercomputer to trace the central defense point, as five minutes later, the system would reboot.

Furthermore, Xinghe had no idea if the system would shut down completely after numerous reboots. Therefore, it was best if she could succeed on her first try or the risk of failure might drastically increase.

The five minutes were instrumental for Xinghe. Mubai did not disturb her, he stood guard at the door to prevent anyone from coming in. The spacious control room was filled with the tapping sound on the keyboard. For this important moment, Mubai alone was her witness. No one knew how much pressure was on Xinghe's shoulders. She was fighting for the safety of the whole world.

Her calm composure did not bely her internal struggle, but Mubai understood the pressure that she was under, her sacrifice and her hardship.

Watching her fight, a sense of pride blossomed within Mubai. At that moment, he was extremely proud of Xinghe.

She was the most impressive woman he had ever met in his life, she occupied that one unique space in his heart that was reserved for no one less. No matter the result, her importance in his heart would not be affected. No matter what happened in the future, no one would be able to shake her position in his heart. Of course, he completely believed that she would succeed.

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The time ticked by second by second. For Ali and the rest, it passed by in the blink of an eye, however for Xinghe and Mubai, it was glacially slow, the five minutes felt as long as a century. The one door seemed to split the dimension of space and time into two.

For those inside the door, every second was spent in extreme pressure and nervousness. It was nerve-wrecking for Mubai who stood watching much less Xinghe who had the fate of the world in her fingers.

However, even under such great pressure, Xinghe still succeeded. During the last minute, she finally found the location of the central defense point!

Xinghe sprung up suddenly and could not help herself from announcing, “Found it—”

Her voice shattered the atmosphere in the room that had frozen. Mubai looked at her as a smile slowly materialized on his face, “What did you say?”

Xinghe replied happily, “I have found it, I have done it!”

There was a glow in Mubai’s eyes. The moment he took a step forward, the door behind him burst open and a group of people piled into the room.

“Have you done it?”

“Xinghe, have you cracked it?”

George’s suspicious question and Ali’s excited cheer sounded at the same time. All of them stared at her with disbelief. How could she have done it so soon, only several minutes had passed?

Xinghe was surprised by their sudden entrance. She said nonchalantly, “I have done the first step but not the whole system, however I am sure the real success will be mine soon.”

Regardless, Ali’s group was overjoyed. “Xinghe, I know you can do it! You are the best.”

George smirked with derision. “So, in other words, you have not succeeded. A failure is a failure, don’t try and call it by another name. How can you possibly do something so many more capable experts have failed to do? So, before you have cracked the whole system, do heed the lesson of humility or you might stand to have more to lose!”

Chapter 822: Cracked

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This George was truly one hell of a negative Nancy. Xinghe was done being nice to him. She glared back at him and said coolly, “Then open your eyes and watch careful.”

She then planted herself in front of a computer and started to work. This time, she did not ask them to leave because she was no longer afraid of disturbances. No one, not even George, dared to disturb her when she worked. However, they could not stop themselves from moving to stand behind her to see what she was up to.

They saw Xinghe’s fingers fly across the keyboard with unimaginable speed, and endless code appeared on screen. However, they had a hard time understanding what it all meant. In fact, they did not even have time to study the codes because they only appeared for a few seconds before they were shoved off screen.

This the first time George had seen Xinghe in her element. In spite of everything, he was impressed by her speed and capability. However, he doubted she really knew what she was doing. They had a hard time catching up to the codes that appeared on screen and they were only doing the watching, Xinghe had to deal with typing as well. Could Xinghe really be that good?

Needless to say, the answer was yes. No one was more familiar with computer language than Xinghe. The codes might look strange to others and they would need some time to process them, but they were like a language she had mastered to Xinghe. She would know what they meant only by scanning them. In fact, she was more familiar with computer languages than human language.

They were part of her identity, something inscribed into her bones. She knew them better than she knew her mother tongue...

She utilized the computer language with a dexterity and creativity reserved for one’s mother tongue. With such

capability, it was not hard for Xinghe to eventually take down the system.

Due to her earlier hacking effort and analysis, Xinghe had no difficulties hacking through the central defense point. In truth, the hard part was not the hacking but not activating the trigger-happy self-destruct sequence. Once the central defense point was found, hacking it meant the self-destruct sequence would be unable to be activated. In other words, the rest was practically cake walk after locating the central defense point!

Under everyone watchful and anxious gaze, Xinghe hacked through the central defense system easily and perfectly. Overall, she used less than half an hour.

“Done, everything is cracked open.” When she turned around to say those words, everyone was still in shock.

Confused by their lack of reaction, Xinghe repeated herself with a frown, “I said I am done.”

“You did what?” George asked with utter disbelief.

Xinghe smiled and confirmed, “I said I have hacked through the system, the computers here can be accessed normally now. There is no need to worry about a system wipe anymore.”

“Impossible!” George retorted because it was his nature to. “Only how little time has passed, how could you do that so fast?”

“Major George might think that is impossible but that is the truth,” Mubai said with a wicked grin. “The truth is right before your eyes, why should we lie to you?”

“That’s right, this is the truth! Told you our Xinghe is better than your whole team combined and only she could unlock the system of these computers, now do you believe us?” Ali questioned smugly.

Sam added snidely, “Certain people really need to be slapped in the face with the truth before they are willing to admit their ignorance.”

Chapter 823: Historical Moment

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“What did you say?” George was enraged by the humiliation.

“What, did I say something wrong?” Sam raised his brow in return.

“Stop arguing,” Xinghe said softly. She looked at George and said, “Major George, from now on, I am the leader of this operation. Now I need you to order your men to come in here and copy all the information in these computers. They might be erased once we are found out.”

George might not be satisfied with this arrangement, but he was a responsible soldier. Xinghe’s warning was not unfounded. If He Lan Yuan realized they have hacked the system, he might have ways to destroy everything.

He did not waste time and ordered his men to do what Xinghe asked. Xinghe nodded satisfactorily, at least, he did not waste all his time on petty squabbles.

Both Mubai and Ee Chen also went to help. Each of them manned a computer, copying and studying the information stored in the computers. The information that was revealed made everyone’s jaw drop!

It contained intricate designs of satellites and spaceships. It also listed down the time and date for each successful satellite and spaceship launch. The most surprising thing was how many people they had launched into space.

The member list was at least a few hundred people long. In other words, there were at least several hundred people living in space, or on the moon. They had really migrated to the moon and built a base there!

Each piece of information was shocking. George had his hands full, he kept on calling his superior to report latest findings that happened every other second. When the country leaders found out about this, they were also plenty shocked.

It was truly a historical moment when the computers were hacked. Chui Qian brought his men to personally look over the

area. The whole launch base was heavily surrounded; no one was allowed to get ten kilometers from the premise without a permit.

The control room was hectic. The phones kept on ringing, representatives and ambassadors from various countries were there collecting and reporting information. The situation was chaotic.

At that moment, everyone was of one mind. They collected, arranged, studied, and parsed the information together.

Just as the process continued, suddenly all the computer screens changed!

He Lan Yuan's perfect face appeared on the screens suddenly. When everyone saw him, they were appropriately spooked. Some yelled out loud while others fell from their chairs. Even the soldiers subconsciously trained their weapons at his face on screen!

Everyone took several cautious steps back and there was hidden fear on their faces. Even though they had only seen this man once before, he had managed to instill fear in everyone's heart.

Therefore, the number of people who could keep their cool at that moment was small. Xinghe's group stood their ground. Even though they were also surprised by his sudden appearance, they calmed down quickly and stared at him with icy gazes.

He Lan Yuan picked up on their reactions and smiled charmingly. "Looks like you people are not so happy to see me."

Isn't that a given? Who would be glad to see you?

The people there were not dummies, they started to surreptitiously locate the cameras. This control room must be controlled by him somehow.

He Lan Yuan smiled meaningfully and said, "I am surprised that you people managed to break through the defense system here. That honestly is quite surprising."

Chapter 824: Come At Me

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“I assumed no one would be able to do it, at least not within such a short period of time. But you people have done the impossible, I have truly underestimated you guys.”

The surprise was apparent in He Lan Yuan’s voice, but it still did not sound like he treated them as any form of a threat. His chilling gaze scanned everyone there and He Lan Yuan asked with curved lips, “Now, can someone tell me who is the person who hacked the system here? I have to meet such a rare talent.”

Everyone tried their best to not look towards Xinghe’s direction. They might be afraid of He Lan Yuan but everyone there was a person of principle. Xinghe had helped the world lots by cracking the computer system, how could they sell her out? However, they also knew if they did not tell the truth, He Lan Yuan would not let them off the hook easily.

As they expected, He Lan Yuan smiled innocently and suggested, “If no one is kind enough to tell the truth then I would not mind dropping another satellite. I wonder how many will die from the blast of an atomic bomb.”

“It was me.”

Both Xinghe and Mubai opened their lips to answer at the same time. They were equally startled to hear the other say the same thing.

Mubai stared viciously at He Lan Yuan and said solemnly, “I am the one who hacked your system, I am willing to take full responsibility.”

Everyone in the room was shocked because it was not him who did the deed. However, they understood what he was doing, he was sacrificing himself to save Xinghe.

Xinghe did not want his blood on her hands, she too glared at He Lan Yuan and said, “It was me who did it, it has nothing to do with other people.”

“How can a woman like yourself do something of that scale? Back away now,” Mubai ordered her with great resentment. Xinghe did not move and stared firmly at He Lan Yuan.

He Lan Yuan studied them and laughed. “There is no need to fight for credit, let’s just say both of you did it together. Now, tell me what your names are and who you learned your computer skill from.”

“There is no reason for us to give you our name and you have underestimated the capability of humankind in general. We are not even the best this world can offer,” Mubai said calmly and confidently.

He Lan Yuan suddenly asked, “You do not seem to be particularly afraid of me.”

“You are a human being just like me, so why should I be afraid of you?”

“Good answer!” He Lan Yuan laughed as he clapped his hands. “I have always admired people like you, but I also hate people like you the most!”

He Lan Yuan was as tempestuous as the midnight breeze and his gaze turned icy cold as his lips curved into a scorpion’s tail. “Do you know how much I hate someone like you?”

Mubai replied fearlessly, “I am sorry, but I do not know.”

“No matter because I am telling you now, people like you are the kind of people I will kill every time I stumble across one, that is how much I hate people like you. Consider yourself unlucky because you have to stand up for this woman, I will grant you your wish. You kill him now or in one minute, a satellite will fall from the sky!”

His order was directed at George and the rest. George frowned. It was not his way to kill an innocent, but this He Lan Yuan was a madman, he might really drop a satellite bomb on them.

By now, He Lan Yuan was able to tell George had the highest military rank there. He glared at him and smiled coldly. “Why are you still standing there? Are you really that callous? Using

one man's life to save the lives of several millions, is that not a good trade?"

"I am not able to touch him due to his unique identity," George replied directly.

Chapter 825: You Are Xia Xinghe

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He Lan Yuan's face immediately dropped. "The lives of the whole world are in my hands! What is he compared to the world? I order you to kill him now! I advise you to not challenge my patience because none of you will be able to suffer the consequences."

"Kill me then," Mubai stood up calmly and his words were directed at George. "Major George, I do not want to put you in a rough spot, shoot me now, I do not mind."

He Lan Yuan witnessed his fearlessness and his face turned uglier. He said with a wicked smile, "Wait, I have changed my mind, I do not want his life now. Break his arms and legs and I will spare the world. You have one minute to come to a decision."

"You are envious of him, aren't you?" Xinghe suddenly opened her mouth to say.

Hearing her, He Lan Yuan's eyes turned vicious. He leaned forward slowly and glared at Xinghe like he was a demon from hell. His tone was eerily monotonous, "What did you say?"

Xinghe's calm and clear eyes stared back at him. "I said, you are envious of him, aren't you?"

"I am envious of him?" Each word of the sentence was dripping with murderous intent as He Lan Yuan squeezed them out of his gritted teeth.

Xinghe maintained her composure and replied, "That's right, if not, why you would hate someone like him so much? He Lan Yuan, you see yourself as above everyone else, so why else would you be so petty with a normal person if not for envy? Furthermore, the person who hacked the system was not him but me, so you have the wrong person."

"Stop speaking nonsense!" Mubai immediately frowned with dissatisfaction.

Xinghe said softly, “You are the one who should stop with the nonsense. I am the one who cracked the system, that is the undeniable truth.”

He Lan Yuan suddenly started to laugh. His smiling yet chilling eyes fell upon Xinghe. “Woman, you have guts, I’ll give you that. Tell me, what is your name? I might forgive him if you can entertain me.”

“Xia Xinghe.”

“Don’t tell him!”

Xinghe and Mubai spoke at the same time, one of them was composed, another anxious.

Mubai grabbed her arm and demanded angrily, “Why did you tell him?”

Xinghe knew what he was worried about. Her name would definitely garner He Lan Yuan’s unwarranted attention. However, even if she did not reveal it then, He Lan Yuan would find out sooner or later through other methods.

She shoved Mubai slightly back and faced He Lan Yuan directly. “You heard me? My name is Xia Xinghe.”

He Lan Yuan had been glaring at her with a predatory gaze. However, Xinghe did not shiver like a prey. He said darkly, “You are Xia Xinghe, the woman He Lan Chang reported to me about?”

“That’s me.”

He Lan Chang must have told He Lan Yuan everything about Xinghe and He Lan Yuan was also investigating the leak in Project Galaxy. Alas, until now, they had not found the identity of Xinghe’s parents. However, what was certain was her mother was one of his pawns.

“Who is your mother? Tell me your mother’s name and your man will live,” He Lan Yuan threatened openly.

Xinghe smirked coolly. “I am sorry, but I have no idea what my mother’s name is. She did not tell me anything about her, so I cannot help it even if you do not believe me.”

“So, you’re not going to tell me the truth, is it?” He Lan Yuan smiled evilly. “Fine, I will drop two satellites then.”

“Isn’t your plan to rule over this world? Making the whole world your enemy does not seem to align with your goal.”

Chapter 826: Let's Play a Game

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“My mother’s identity should not be your greatest worry. Your plan is now exposed to the whole human world, you should be thinking of a way to bend the world to your will before dealing with us. Do not worry, because we will always be waiting for you.”

Xinghe continued after a short pause, “Of course, it does not matter even if you want to kill us now. Eventually, we will have to die if the world falls into your hands, I’d rather die sooner than later.”

He Lan Yuan knew she was playing tricks on him, but he walked into it willingly. “You are right, killing you now would be no fun for you. I will have to capture you all and personally administer the torture, that will be more fun. Furthermore, you people might still be useful to me, so I cannot allow you all to die so easily.”

Xinghe laughed. “Don’t worry, not only will we not die, we will also ruin everything you hold dear!”

He Lan Yuan continued laughing maniacally because he found Xinghe’s threat much too hilarious. Other people looked at Xinghe like she had gone crazy. Does she know what she is saying?

Instead of placating He Lan Yuan, she kept on provoking him by saying something like she would ruin everything he held dear. Had she grown tired of living?

He Lan Yuan also thought she had lost her mind. A frosty smile appeared on his face as he said, “Little girl, you sure have a mouth on you! Haven’t your parents taught you to be humble? You are still too young to challenge me, maybe try again in your next life. Remember, Earth’s survival is in my hands!”

“So what? Press that button and you will rule over an empty world. As long as I am still alive, I will find a way to end you,” Xinghe continued fearlessly.

Mubai suddenly chimed me, “And me, Xi Mubai! Remember, you are on my hit list as well.”

This time, He Lan Yuan’s chuckle was deeper and darker. He stared at the both of them and nodded. “Fine, fine. If you two are so courageous, how about we play a game? Hear me out, if you two are still alive in three days, I will ignore this offense, how does that sound?”

“What kind of game are you talking about?” Xinghe asked.

“You will find out soon enough.” He Lan Yuan smiled mysteriously. The next second, the world’s internet and television was taken over by him again. He was controlling all the satellites, so this was something he could do whenever he liked.

People all over the world parked themselves in front of their TV sets and computers, afraid that they might miss him and thus some important news. When he popped up on screen again, the world held their breath in fear and anticipation.

He Lan Yuan faced the whole world and flashed his handsome smile. “Ladies and gentlemen, we meet again, how are you all doing?”

Xinghe’s group had their faces drawn, they knew what he was up to.

After the insincere greeting, He Lan Yuan laughed slowly and said, “There is still half a month left until the designated deadline. I know, the days must have been torturous for all of you. Afraid that your end will come after half a month, right? Do not fear because I am not that cruel. Understand that I am a fair and kind ruler. Now, I am going to give you another half a month to consider your options. Aren’t you happy to hear that? But it is on a condition, don’t worry, it is a small, small condition...”

Here, He Lan Yuan turned to look at Xinghe and Mubai. Taking in their solemn faces, he opened his mouth to announce...

Chapter 827: Xia Xinghe Is Going to Die

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“My condition is simple, get me these two people’s heads in three days and I will give you another half a month to come to your decision. These two people are a woman called Xia Xinghe and a man named Xi Mubai. This is what they look like, familiarize yourself with them.”

Xinghe’s and Mubai’s faces in the control room appeared on screen. They did not flinch nor frown from watching themselves appear on screen. There was not even a trace of fear.

The video immediately switched back to normal. He Lan Yuan smiled. “Remember, only by killing these two will you have more time. Alright, that is the end of this meeting, I await your good news. Miss Xia, I hope you will not disappoint me and live for three days, or I will feel sorry for you.”

Then, the video disappeared following He Lan Yuan’s creepy smile. The computers in the control room were wiped out. He Lan Yuan, as they expected, had ways to ruin these systems. His appearance made the world boil once more.

The world was curious, they did not understand why He Lan Yuan wanted those two people dead. However, killing them was the world’s only chance...

Everyone’s emotions were in a tangled knot. In the prisons across Hwa Xia, every inmate saw this video.

In City T’s women prison, after witnessing this short video, Chu Tianxin was first in disbelief before starting to laugh like an insane woman that she was. She ran to the window and yelled crazily, “Xia Xinghe, you b*tch, your time has finally come! Karma is coming to get you; you deserve it for messing with He Lan Yuan! You are going to die soon. This is perfect; you are going to die and I am still alive! Very soon, I am going to leave this place and I will be dancing over your grave because I am the final victor! The gods have not abandoned me, thank you, God! This is the best present you have ever given me! Also, Xi Mubai, this is your comeuppance for

treating me so cruelly. Both of you deserve to die, rot in hell and may the gods tear your souls apart so that you two will not be together even in death...”

Even Tianxin’s parents were overjoyed by this news.

Xia Wushuang, who was lying in bed inside an ancient infirmary, was also cackling crazily. Her face was still as scary as ever, due to the motion around her face when she was laughing, her face was like split into two, increasing the scary factor. If there was anyone around her then, they would have been spooked. However, this was the first time Wushuang laughed so happily after her accident.

“This is just perfect, Xia Xinghe, I bet you did not see this day coming! Aren’t you always thinking you’re one station above everyone else? This time, your karma is coming to get you, you will end up worse than I am, this is just perfect! Xia Xinghe is going to die, and the world is ending, this is the best day of my life...”

Another group who enjoyed this good news was the Lin family. Elder Lin was beyond excited in prison. He looked out the window of his prison and tears fell down his eyes. “Fate is not going to end the Lin family after all! The Xi family and Shen family are coming down and my Lin family is going to rise up to take their places!”

Every Lin family member in prison shared the same thought. They were going to side with He Lan Yuan to help him rule the world!

This was their own way to survive.

However, there were also some that prayed for Xinghe and Mubai’s safety.

Chapter 828: The World Wants Them to Die

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Even though Xinghe did personally send him into jail, that person was Feng Saohuang. After watching the video, he smiled amusedly. “You two sure are something else, you even got involved with Doomsday. I really should not have underestimated you. Hopefully you do not disappoint me and manage to fight back.”

Even though many wanted Xinghe and Mubai dead, many also prayed for their safety. The Xia family, the Xi family, the Shen family, and everyone else who had received kindness from Xinghe and Mubai worried about them.

Munan immediately requested to move to Country R to personally ensure Xinghe and Mubai’s safety. Yan Lu and Gu Li also handed in their request.

Country Y’s President Philip immediately formed a Special Ops unit and ordered them to go to Country R to protect Xinghe and Mubai. Both presidents from Hwa Xia and Country Y called the United Nations to pressure them to lend Xinghe and Mubai protection.

They were afraid the United Nations would choose to sacrifice them to buy the world more time. That possibility was not zero. There was no absolute fairness in the world, sacrifice a few to benefit the majority, it was the utilitarian thing to do.

He Lan Yuan purposely set the both of them up as the world’s target. The mental pressure from knowing the whole world wanted them to die was hard for anyone to bear. If the whole world turned on them, they would have nowhere to run. Before being physically killed, the person would probably commit suicide from a mental breakdown.

As expected, the demand to kill both of them appeared on the internet almost instantly. The amount of people sharing this thought was high, scarily high...

Most of them thought they were not doing anything bad, they wanted to kill them because it would benefit the world, if anything, most of them thought they were doing the world a

favor by killing the two most wanted individuals in the world. They deserved to be praised and forgiven.

They were easily turned into He Lan Yuan's killing tools because most humans had no autonomy and were incredibly selfish. The first thing most thought of was not to use their own power to change things but to pull others down to ensure they themselves get ahead. This was common, in fact one could say it was human nature to do so.

After He Lan Yuan announced the rules, Xinghe and Mubai expected this kind of result. Even SamWolf expected it. They knew almost everyone would not hesitate to sacrifice Xinghe and Mubai to buy the world more time.

Therefore, their first response was to form a protective circle around the two of them with their firearms pointing outwards.

"Nobody moves! You will have to step over our dead bodies before you can even touch them!" Sam threatened severely.

Xinghe and Mubai were startled by their unhesitating instinct to throw themselves into the fire to protect them. There was complicated emotion within their hearts.

Chui Qian frowned. "What are you guys doing? No one is going to harm them, put down your guns."

Ali smirked coolly. "Mr. President, we know you won't, but we cannot say the same for some other people. Certain people will do anything for the sake of this world."

She was insinuating George. After all, his attitude towards had not been kind from the beginning, he just might choose to sacrifice them. Therefore, they could not afford to be too careful.

George naturally understood her meaning. He smiled chillingly.

Chapter 829: Ensure Their Safety

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“I, George Alison, will only listen to the orders from my superior. You are not completely wrong because if my superior wants the two of them dead, I will follow my orders. However, without that order, even with a gun pointed at my head, I will not harm them. You people think too little of me, why would I follow He Lan Yuan’s killing order?”

“What if your superior orders you to kill them?” Ali argued.

“Then, they will have to die.”

“Ingrate! Rubbish!” Ali cursed angrily. “If not for Xinghe, you would not have cracked the system here. Without them, none of you would have known about He Lan Yuan’s conspiracy. All of you would have died without knowing what happened. They have helped you so much, and not only did you not thank them, you will kill them out of selfish reasons, you are worse than dogs!”

George’s face darkened. “Lady, please watch your tone and what you’re saying.”

“If you want to kill them, then I am right, so why should I watch what I say?”

“But no one here wants to kill them.”

“That does not mean that you will not receive order to kill them later.”

The moment Ali said that, George’s phone rang. That silenced everyone in the room. Everyone felt this phone call was extremely important. Perhaps it was George’s superior calling to give his order...

Ali’s group watched him carefully, they prepared to fire if George made the wrong move. George could tell who the caller was. He picked up the phone and answered it cautiously.

It was hard for others to hear what the person on the other end of the phone said but George stood up straight and answered seriously, “Yes, I understand, I know what to do... Yes, sir!”

As George hung up his phone, Sam and the rest tensed. The air in the room chilled. It felt like a gun fight was imminent.

George looked at them for two seconds before saying, “Please put down your guns. I have received the orders to ensure their safety and not take their lives.”

Sam’s group was shocked.

“You’re not lying?” Ali asked cautiously.

George scoffed. “I am a soldier, I never lie about my orders! The United Nations have given their orders to protect their safety and I am the person responsible for this mission!”

“How is that possible? Killing them will allow the world another half a month of safety; not only did they not choose to kill them but also want to protect them? This is too suspicious.”

George could not help but laugh. “So you want us to kill them instead?”

“I just think that order is too suspicious!”

“That is my order. It is beyond my concern whether you choose to believe it or not.”

“Xinghe, we cannot trust them, this might be part of their plan,” Ali reminded her.

Xinghe patted her shoulder and said calmly, “Put your guns down, I trust them.”

Ali was taken aback. “But why? This is a trick.”

Xinghe stared at George and said with a thin smile, “If they wanted to kill us, they would have already. Furthermore, killing me might be too big of a loss for them. At least until they are able to tell whether I can deal with He Lan Yuan or not, they will not harm us because we might be their only hope.”

“But...”

“I trust them,” Xinghe said firmly.

Chapter 830: Only I Can Deal with He Lan Yuan

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“Put down your guns, I also believe them,” Mubai added. Since both of them had said so, Sam and his group had no choice but to lower their guns slowly. George was impressed by the two’s resolution and his impression of them improved.

“You two really believe me?” he asked seriously.

Xinghe nodded. “Yes.”

“Alright then, follow me!” he said suddenly.

“Where to?” Ali asked as her guard went up.

George replied coolly, “That is a secret. If you trust me then follow me, I guarantee I will not harm any of you.”

“Impossible, unless you tell us where we’re going, we will not follow you,” Sam said solemnly. No matter what anyone said, Sam had a hard time believing him.

George smirked. “You have no choice. If you do not follow me, the two of them might just die out there. You have to understand that many people want their lives and the few of you are unable to protect their safety.”

“You underestimate us, we...”

“We will follow you,” Xinghe interrupted.

Ali and the rest turned to look at her with shock. “Xinghe, have you lost your mind? What if this is a trap?”

“Trap? Then it is this world’s loss because I am the only one who can take down He Lan Yuan!” Xinghe said confidently. Both Chui Qian and George were shocked.

Xinghe looked at them and repeated, “Remember, at this moment, I am the only chance you have.”

George had dropped his earlier condescension and promised solemnly, “Miss Xia, I have full faith in your capability, so please do not worry, nothing will happen to you all.”

Xinghe believed him. “Then, I will follow Major George.”

“It is my honor to have you place your trust in me!” George suddenly turned over a new leaf and treated her with respect. This change was curious for Ali’s group to witness. Why did his attitude suddenly change? He really believes Xinghe is capable of taking down He Lan Yuan? Even if that is true, it does not mean that his superior and the United Nations have any reason to place their faith in Xinghe.

However, since Xinghe had chosen to trust him, Ali’s group had no choice but to follow. As Xinghe and Mubai were led away, they moved to follow, because they were not going to let them out of their sight. Xinghe was touched by their concern; she was very glad to have made such a loyal group of friends.

She was also thankful that she had Mubai who would be in her corner supporting her unconditionally.

Xinghe did feel guilty for dragging him into this mess and causing him to turn himself into the world’s target.

Mubai seemed to have read her thought because he said, “If I do not have to fortune to live with you then I have no regrets dying beside you. Do not feel sorry for me because I am really happy.”

Xinghe chuckled humorlessly. “What is there to be happy about? If you really die because of me, then what a waste will that be.”

Mubai tightened his grip on her hand and whispered, “You don’t understand. As long as I am with you, even if we are going to hell, I am happy. I am happy just to be able to be in your presence.”

Xinghe’s eyes glistened and she squeezed his palm.

“I feel the same way,” she whispered back.

She was thankful for his companionship and constant support. Mubai told her in a gentle tone, “So don’t be afraid, because no matter what happens, I will always be by your side.”

Chapter 831: Explosive Anger

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“Okay.” Xinghe nodded with a smile and swore internally that she would do everything she could to secure this happiness of hers, to protect everyone she cared about!

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Xinghe’s group was secretly led away by George. No one knew where they were going, not even Chui Qian. To protect their safety, no information was leaked. There were too many people looking for them outside. Some terrorist groups had even joined in to track them down and kill them.

They were the hot topic on the internet. Everyone was discussing whether to kill them or not. Some countries also supported the idea of sacrificing the two of them.

Overnight, Xinghe and Mubai became the whole world’s hit list. Not even IV Syndicate’s leader had such ‘honor’ when he was still around.

Xinghe and Mubai had done nothing but good for the society at large. These cowards had glossed over their contributions and wanted to kill them for their own selfish reasons. This was how fragile human loyalty was, so cruel and flimsy.

As they scrolled through the forum, Ali’s group was incensed. They really did not expect such ugliness to show itself so apparently on the internet. Xinghe, on the other hand, was trying her best to figure out a way to deal with He Lan Yuan, to save the world. Witnessing this, Ali was close to blowing her top off.

“Xinghe, the world is plotting against your life, why are you still so hell bent on saving them? Might as well let He Lan Yuan rule the world, then maybe these scum will learn their lesson!” Ali told Xinghe angrily.

Xinghe stopped her fingers that were typing and said softly, “Didn’t I tell to not go online? you’re only getting yourself annoyed by doing that.”

“I am not annoyed, I am feeling sorry for you two! You’ve been trying your best to deal with He Lan Yuan, but these people just want to sacrifice you. Don’t you think these people deserve He Lan Yuan?”

“Xinghe, stop saving the world, let them all die!” Sam and the guys supported Ali. Xinghe knew their words were heavily influenced by their anger.

She smiled and shrugged. “The reason I am going after He Lan Yuan has nothing to do with these people. I am doing this for myself, for you guys, and for the good people in the world. I don’t care what the other people think or do.”

“That might be true but reading this still angers me so much.”

“Then, stop reading it. Focus on our own responsibility instead.”

“Then, I will make it my responsibility to demolish these scum!” Ali pouted angrily.

Xinghe laughed and said, “Don’t get angry for me, this is only a phase. They will all have their comeuppance, at the very least, what they did will hang on their conscience forever.”

“But this is going so easy on them...” Ali grumbled, but she was feeling better after talking it out with Xinghe.

“Then do you want me to go hard on the public or do you want me to succeed in taking down He Lan Yuan?” Xinghe asked.

Ali smiled helplessly. “Of course, I wish for you to succeed.”

Or else they would all die because He Lan Yuan would not forgive them after he managed to rule the world.

“That’s all I need. Don’t worry, we will definitely succeed,” Xinghe said confidently.

“Xinghe, will your plan really work?” Ali asked with a degree of anxiety.

Xinghe nodded. “It should, if it doesn’t, then it is fate’s doing.”

“It will definitely work!” Ali encouraged her, “Xinghe, we believe in you, you will definitely succeed.”

Chapter 832: Project Galaxy vs Project Galaxy

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“In this world, you are the one person we have the most trust in,” Sam added with a smile. The rest nodded.

Xinghe was touched by their unconditional support. She swore to not disappoint them. Xinghe’s group was led away by George to another secret base.

After Xinghe hacked the He Lan family’s launch base system, she had already come up with a solution to deal with He Lan Yuan. The designs of the satellites revealed by the system confirmed her suspicion.

After hearing her plan, the United Nations chose to support her fully. Every one of them was working tirelessly to fulfil her plan. The United Nations gave her unconditional control over every resource in the world. With such a deep support, Xinghe’s plan was moving very smoothly.

There was immeasurably progress each day. After three days, they finally managed to build an enormous signal tower at the secret location. This signal tower would require at least one month to build under normal circumstance. However, with the support that she had, it only took three days.

Everyone was excited when the tower finished building. They awaited the miracles that this tower could bring. They even gave the tower a name, the Galaxy Control Centre!

Xinghe was surprised by this naming convention. “Why did they call it that?”

Mubai laughed and said, “This is your design, naturally, it has to be named after you.”

Ee Chen added with a smile. “Plus, it is to counter Project Galaxy that you designed this tower, so this name is perfect.”

“I agree! If the plan succeeds, then this signal tower will a historical landmark, a symbol to mark a generation,” Ali said excitedly.

Sam joked, “Why don’t we call the plan Project Galaxy as well? A showdown between two ‘Project Galaxy’s and we will see who is better!”

“That’s not a bad idea.” Cairn nodded in agreement. “But if they are called the same name, wouldn’t it be confusing? How about Xinghe’s Project vs Project Galaxy?”

“In that case, you might as well call it Good Project Galaxy vs Bad Project Galaxy,” Ali joked.

“I still think it’s easier to call both Project Galaxy, since the name does have a ring to it,” Wolf also chimed in with his opinion.

Xinghe blurted out a laugh. “The name does not matter that much; the point is will the plan tonight will succeed or not?”

“I am sure it will,” Mubai said confidently. “The side of good always win. Plus, this is your plan, I don’t see it ever failing.”

“Thank you.” Xinghe nodded with resolution. They had no choice to power on anyway. There was only room for success.

Xinghe’s gaze turned severely then and she said, “Let’s go, the plan will begin soon.”

“Okay!”

The rest answered in unison. Then, they followed behind Xinghe as she strode into the control room.

Galaxy Control Centre’s interior was huge. The control room had monitors that covered the four walls. They followed the situation in space closely. At the moment, innumerable satellites were circling around Earth.

These satellites were the greatest inventions of the modern era. Thanks to them, the era was improving leaps and bounds almost daily.

Chapter 833: She Is Still Alive

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But now, also because of them, the world was in apocalyptic danger. However, it was not that they were dangerous themselves, it was because of the way mankind treated itself.

Tonight, Xinghe was going to help the world removing this biggest threat. All of the world was going to witness this momentous moment. Everyone was excited of the prospect, and they were honored to be a part of such a noble project, to take part in such a momentous and historical moment.

Of course, before that, they had to wait for He Lan Yuan to appear first. He was an instrument part of the plan. They wanted to see his reaction when he realized his plan had failed, they would savor every bit of it.

He Lan Yuan did not disappoint, because he appeared not soon after that. If there was one good thing about him, it was his sense of time. He appeared exactly 72 hours after his previous appearance.

The screens at Galaxy Control Centre and all over the world were filled with his face again. Similarly to before, He Lan Yuan was as impeccably dressed as ever and his smile was fixed at that crooked angle. Those that feared him would unconsciously felt chilled from head to toes and those who admired him would swoon and cheer.

However, He Lan Yuan only paid attention to Xinghe's group. Facing the camera, he smiled thinly. "Ladies and gentlemen, it has been such a long time. How about you been over the past three days? I wonder if Miss Xia and Mr. Xi who I have named are still alive or not. If they are dead, then please raise your hands to let me see your answer. If they are still alive, then I will be disappointed because I was planning to give the world a satellite as present."

The world started to get worried hearing that. They had no idea whether Xinghe and Mubai were alive or not. If they were still alive, He Lan Yuan sounded crazy enough to drop a bomb on them!

When everyone was panicking, the screens all over the world changed again. Xinghe sat before the screens patiently, watching the world with her clear gaze.

“He Lan Yuan, I am sorry because we are still alive,” she said clearly. There was no shred of fear in her voice. When the world saw her, their panic increased. The b*tch is still alive, this means that part of the world is going to get demolished!

He Lan Yuan was shocked because Xinghe had the capability to control so many signals. He had truly underestimated her. Looks like this woman is really capable, leaving her alive will definitely be a threat in the future.

He Lan Yuan smiled coolly and again took over all the signals. However, this time, both Xinghe and he appeared on screen. This was much more convenient for them to converse and easier for the world to hear what he had to say.

“Not bad, you two are still alive, looks like I have underestimated you. I thought the whole world combined would definitely be enough to squash the two of you. The United Nations have chosen to protect you two, haven’t they?” He Lan Yuan said in his usual tone, but the things he said were curiously hair-raising. His anger and annoyance were palpable and he seemed ready to dispense his punishment.

At that moment, the whole world’s resentment towards Xinghe and Mubai greatly heightened.

Chapter 834: Her Showdown with He Lan Yuan

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These two degenerates should have killed themselves and not drag the whole world down with them!

“Yes, they have chosen to protect us, do you know why?”
Xinghe asked pointedly.

He Lan Yuan asked with much amusement, “Why is that? Do tell.”

“Because I can defeat you.”

He Lan Yuan was visibly taken aback like he could not understand what she said. “What did you say?”

“I can defeat you,” Xinghe repeated, stressing every word. This time, even the whole wide world could hear her clearly.

He Lan Yuan started laughing as his chilling gaze fell on her. “Miss Xia, your ego is still as big as ever. And here I thought that our little game would teach you some humility.”

However, his lessons fell on deaf ears; she was still as fearless as ever!

“There is no need to be humble before a villain,” Xinghe replied fearlessly. He Lan Yuan had to admit he had not met such a fearless woman in his life before.

“Not bad, you definitely have guts. I feel bad because you are a talent, but there is no way I can let you live. Xia Xinghe, since you were not killed, why don't you commit suicide? Make it a live performance, and make the viewers happy,” He Lan Yuan suggested with a smile. The cruel request sounded like nothing coming out of his mouth. This went to show how twisted this man was. Killing was probably at the same level as eating for him.

Many were silent from fear hearing his request. If this man was allowed to rule the world, their ending would not be pretty.

However, some adored his cruelty and cheered him on endlessly. They cheered for Xinghe to kill herself. At that

moment, the world had gotten crazy. However, for Xinghe's group, they did not have the time to care about the world, this was a showdown between Xinghe and He Lan Yuan.

"I love my life. You are not qualified enough to ask me for my life," Xinghe responded easily.

He Lan Yuan smirked. "So, you are willing to let innumerable innocent lives die in your place, right?"

"What are you planning to do?" Xinghe asked.

He Lan Yuan replied with authority like a king, "Do you know how far my satellites have spread? They cover every inch of the seven continents. I can choose to destroy any corner of the world as I wish. It could be Country A, Country R, or even Hwa Xia! How about this? If you do not want to kill yourself, then you can choose a country to die in your place."

The moment He Lan Yuan said that, the people from the few countries he named had their hearts at their throats!

They were afraid that Xinghe would not surrender and kill herself, then they would have to die.

If Xinghe's secret location was revealed, it was certain that the place would be swarmed and Xinghe and Mubai would be torn apart.

Even the innocent public had gone crazy. They crowded the streets of their cities and they screamed for Xinghe to kill herself. Their collective voice was so loud that even He Lan Yuan in space could hear them.

He Lan Yuan took the video and showed it to Xinghe. He said smugly, "Look at this, so many people want you to die. If you do not commit suicide, then you will become the enemy of the whole world."

Looking at the people who screamed at the top of their lungs for her to die, Xinghe betrayed no emotions in her eyes.

However, many who cared about her watched this with anger burning in their eyes.

The people at the signal tower were incredibly incensed!

Chapter 835: Just to Kill You

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If possible, they would rush outside to strangle these despicable people. They had really crossed the line!

They helped He Lan Yuan go against one of their own. These people had no clue how much Xinghe had done for this world. But it did not matter, because these people would soon know just how dumb and despicable their actions really were.

“The world’s enemy?” Xinghe laughed. “That honor rightfully belongs to you.”

He Lan Yuan laughed smugly. “Who dares make me their enemy? I have the whole world under my control, my words are final! If I want you to be the public enemy, then you will become the public enemy! Now, do you understand what the consequences for coming after me are? I will give you another ten seconds, if you do not commit suicide before then, part of the world will die because of you.”

He Lan Yuan had lost his interest in the cat and mouse game. He glared at Xinghe and started counting with cruel glee. “Ten!”

“Nine!”

His every countdown sent fear into many people’s hearts. Most of them started crying from despair. They were afraid He Lan Yuan would really drop a satellite bomb on them. At that moment, their only hope was Xinghe. If she heeded his advice and committed suicide, then they would be safe.

The people on the streets knelt to beg her, to cry and to weep. Looking at these open demonstrations, Xinghe was unmoved. Others started rampaging out of anger and cursed as loud as they could. Needless to say, parts of the world were angry at her. Why couldn’t she just kill herself to save the world?

He Lan Yuan continued his sick countdown. He did not stop to take his breath. The ten seconds were going to pass by in the blink of an eye.

“He Lan Yuan.” At the last three seconds, Xinghe suddenly called his name. The world was silent, waiting to see her response. He Lan Yuan thought she was finally going to surrender.

“What, tired of struggling?” he asked matter-of-factly.

“I just want to tell your people, only by killing you will this beautiful world accept them. Only by killing you will true freedom be theirs. They will no longer be submitted to your threat and pressure!”

“What did you say?” He Lan Yuan’s face dropped immediately. He thought Xinghe was finally afraid; he did not expect her to encourage his people to rebel against him.

Xinghe’s continued fearlessly, “I am sure they have heard what I have to say. Only by killing you will they be free. No one will be able to take away their freedom and happiness then, no one!”

He Lan Yuan’s face turned ugly because he realized Xinghe’s words really got transmitted into space, into his base. This is impossible. The communication should be one-directional. They shouldn’t be able to take over the signals of my base. What is going on?

He Lan Yuan finally realized something was wrong. Actually, he should have known that when Xinghe took over the electronic signals of the whole world.

“What have you done?” He Lan Yuan demanded viciously, and a sinking feeling settled in his stomach.

Xinghe’s lips curved into a smile, her gaze sharper than his.

Chapter 836: Explosion

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“What have I done? You will find out soon enough anyway... I have taken over everything, you have lost the power to threaten Earth!”

“What?” He Lan Yuan gasped. He slammed on the button to drop a satellite on Earth. He would not believe that he no longer held the upper hand in this interaction. He would not believe this woman is so powerful that she could overwrite his control of the satellite.

However, no matter how hard he slammed the fire button, the satellite stayed motionless. Finally, a semblance of anxiety cracked his composure.

Xinghe stared at him and said coldly, “Don’t waste your time, everything is under my control now. Do you know how I did that?”

He Lan Yuan glared at Xinghe wordlessly, but his gaze communicated plenty of murderous intent.

Xinghe smirked with indifference. “Well, you are not qualified enough to know how I took control of your satellites. But as you have done, I will give you a real cosmic show. Open your eyes wide and see!”

Xinghe pressed a few buttons and the satellites all exploded in space!

The peerless explosion appeared on the screens all over the world. However, it only lasted for a moment because all the screens shut down after that!

The satellites in space all exploded in just a matter of seconds. The only things that were left up in the sky were the shining stars....

The public turned up their heads to look into the sky. Their expressions were as complicated as their feelings. Some of them even wondered if everything was a dream.

Had Xia Xinghe really managed to remove all the threats facing them? The satellites were all taken care of... Is anything of this real?

Everyone looked around with disbelief. The world was so quiet, one could hear the drop of a pin. Back in the Galaxy Control Centre, the disbelief was palpable as well. Even though they knew this was their goal, even they had a hard time believing everything had come to an end.

He Lan Yuan's satellites had all exploded, the threat to Earth had disappeared, right?

It was so sudden that it was really hard to believe. However, the explosion was broadcasted to the whole world. Until now, the explosion was still playing in the people's mind. It had seared into the public's memory.

Therefore, Xinghe must have succeeded. He Lan Yuan was ruined!

At that moment, everyone had difficulty finding their words.

"Xinghe, Xinghe... you have succeeded. You have really succeeded, right? We are safe. All of the satellites exploded, haven't they?" Ali stuttered to ask. Everyone else turned to look at her, suppressing their excitement.

Xinghe nodded slightly. "Yes, they are all ruined. No one can threaten the world anymore. He Lan Yuan's evil plot is now up in smoke."

Ali clamped her palm over her mouth to prevent herself from screaming out loud. Her eyes were filled with thankful tears. Her emotions infected everyone there.

Even Mubai had some tears in his eyes. He looked intently at Xinghe; there was many things he wanted to say but he could not find the right words.

It was like the whole world was under a silent spell. No one knew what to say, because no words seemed good enough to describe the emotions they were feeling.

However, sometimes, no words were better. Perhaps, this was what it felt like when they say one feels speechless.

Chapter 837: Crowd

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That moment did become historical, and Xinghe's name went down in the history books. Humanity would never forget this day, they would never forget how she saved the world!

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The biggest threat to the world had been neutralized. Even though they lost all the satellites, the world was celebrating.

One moment earlier, the world wanted Xinghe to die, but a moment later, they were deeply appreciative of her.

People were openly bawling. The tears were from relief and guilt. Everyone felt sorry, and they wanted to personally apologize, but no one knew where she was. To showcase their appreciation and apology, parades for Xinghe were held all across the globe. People had in their hands pictures of Xinghe and her portraits were hung across the sides of buildings.

Almost everywhere one turned, Xinghe's face would be there and one could hear the continuous chanting of her name. The internet had gone down because all the satellites were destroyed, but it did nothing to extinguish the public's passion. They tried every way possible to send their love towards her. Many made open declarations to turn over a leaf because they were given a new lease on life.

The crowds outside of the Xi family's mansions were ginormous. Previously, they were there to capture Xinghe, but now the crowd was there to pay tribute to her. None of the Xi family members dared to take a step outside earlier, they still did not dare to open the doors then.

People also swamped the Xia family's mansion and Xinghe's company entrance. Many superstars and celebrities expressed their interest in Xinghe, some were as direct as proposing to her on screen. Of course, they were not all of the men who wanted to marry Xinghe; that number was impossible to calculate.

The few television stations that were still running broadcasted such news every day. They were all related to Xinghe. Only the open declarations of love managed to elicit a response out of SamWolf.

Sam spat a grape seed out of his mouth and commented with derision, “Who are these people that they think they are qualified to marry Xinghe? They are so late to the party.”

“Yes, you would know what that feels like,” Ali chided him with a straight face. For some reason, he had nothing to say in defense of himself.

Cairn was tapping on a calculator and he said seriously, “So many men want to use every penny they have to marry Xinghe. I made some calculations, by accepting the dowry alone, she would be the richest person in the world.”

“Do they not mind a polygamous relationship?” Wolf asked innocently.

Cairn nodded after some thought. “I don’t think so. Many of them have stated openly that they would not mind being her lover without any status.”

Sam straightened in his seat and said, “Actually, that is not such a bad thing. I wonder whether Xinghe will agree to that or not.”

Ali coughed awkwardly and stressed, “That should be Mr. Xi’s decision, right?”

Sam and the guys finally realized the change of the atmosphere in the room. They turned their heads slowly around and fear registered on their faces when they saw Mubai who stood at the door.

Seeing his mirthless expression, Sam quickly stated, “We do not harbor any intentions towards Xinghe, we are just joking, I swear, it is just a joke!”

“He’s right, we were only joking.” Cairn also nodded rather guiltily.

Mubai smiled and said, “I know you guys are just joking. Don’t worry, I didn’t take it to heart.”

Chapter 838: Rather Be Single

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He then turned and left.

Sam asked with disbelief, “He let us go so easily... Am I dreaming?”

They knew about the depths of Mubai’s envy, after all, they almost died under his hands once. The fact that he was so approachable then was... unsettling to say the least.

Cairn said with uncertainty, “It should be fine.”

Then, what was this sinking feeling in their stomach?

Their anxiety was not unfounded because Mubai did take revenge against them eventually!

Through some hidden channels, Mubai leaked the pictures for the three of them to the public, causing the public to realize they were Xinghe’s close friends, and that they were instrumental in Xinghe’s crusade against He Lan Yuan.

The three of them were good looking guys to begin with and the females all over the world swooned over them once they knew about their existence. All three of them cut sorry figures hiding from their pursuers.

Before this, they were hoping for a girlfriend to escape their single status, but now... there were so many girls falling at their feet that they felt like they were drowning in them. They were living lives similar to fugitives, but it was worse. To be perfectly honest, they would rather have continued their single lifestyle than suffer this fate...

However, those were later concerns.

After Mubai left, he went to look for Xinghe. Xinghe had kept herself sheltered after dealing with the satellites. She had been busy discussing the next step of her plan with the United Nations. The threat of the satellites might be over, but He Lan Yuan was still alive.

He Lan Yuan did not attempt to contact them again. The few remaining satellites worked normally but they did not receive

any signal from the moon again. The various countries were planning to launch more satellites to check out the situation on the moon. They even intended to send their military there.

Galaxy Control Centre failed to contact He Lan Yuan as well. As most of the satellites fell, communication between the two parties ended.

It is worth noting that any satellites that wished to be launched in the future would liaise with Galaxy Control Centre. The signal tower would be Earth's biggest information control center.

Xinghe was not stingy with her skills. Almost every known experts came to the tower because they wanted to know how Xinghe managed to wrangle the control of the satellites away from He Lan Yuan. Xinghe told them everything they wanted to know.

The method she employed was actually very simple. He Lan Yuan was surprisingly singular in his system outline; he used the same system for almost all of his technology.

In other words, for all his system, there was a central defense point. This would normally be a weakness, but since the system design was so crazily good, He Lan Yuan was brazen enough to use the same system for all his technology.

In other words, by hacking one of them, one would have managed to hack the rest. Therefore, from the moment Xinghe cracked the defense system at the He Lan family's launch base, she would be able to replicate the same result for the rest of He Lan Yuan's systems. That was how she managed to take control of those satellites.

Under normal circumstances, this would not have been possible because the defense system was unusually strong. No human being should be able to crack it. Unfortunately for He Lan Yuan, he did not account for Xinghe's inhuman computer skills.

Chapter 839: Her Mother's Design

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The experts were mightily impressed after Xinghe explained the system. She managed to hack through such a complicated, incomprehensible system. Her ability was something beyond their comprehension. However, there was one question that was still on their mind.

“Miss Xia, since He Lan Yuan knows all the technology follows the same system, he should have been alerted when you hacked the launch base computers. However, it did not seem like he was aware of that, why is that?”

In fact, it did not seem like he was aware that Xinghe had taken the control away from him until it was already too late. That was the one conundrum that they could not solve.

Xinghe's eyes darted around for a bit before answering, “My only explanation is that the system was not his to begin with. He is probably not very good with computers. After all, from our knowledge, he is only a scientist, not a computer expert.”

Comprehension dawned on them. “You are most likely correct. Looks like he has many impressive talents in his employment.”

“Alas, all those people were at his bidding, if only they would see the truth and side with justice. These are all great talents that can contribute a lot to humanity's progress.”

“Indeed. Hopefully, when the military reach the moon, these people will choose to surrender because we will accept them with open arms.”

“Miss Xia, I heard you are following them to the moon as well, is that true?” someone asked.

Xinghe nodded. “Indeed, I will. Alright, that's all for today, I still have something else to attend to.”

Xinghe walked towards Mubai who was waiting by the door. As she got near, Mubai took her hand naturally as they both walked out.

Outside, night was falling. The stars were twinkling; the starry night at Galaxy Control Centre that night was breathtakingly beautiful.

Walking on the grassy knoll, even Xinghe could not stop herself from raising her head to take in the majestic view. Mubai asked her gently, “What’s on your mind?”

Xinghe replied, “I wonder how it is up there and whether she is still alive.”

Mubai knew who Xinghe was referring to. It was her mother, the second Shen miss.

“She must still be alive. In this world, no one is more talented than her, with her talent, she will have found a way to survive.”

“Hopefully, you’re right, but I am afraid He Lan Yuan will take revenge against her,” Xinghe said solemnly.

All the systems were designed by her mother, He Lan Yuan would most likely see through the ruse and make the connection. Xinghe was afraid He Lan Yuan would harm her mother after he found out about her identity.

Mubai squeezed her hand and said, “I am sure she has come up with a back-up plan since she had the forethought to leave a fatal weakness in the system for you to find.”

Xinghe nodded and said with confidence, “Regardless, I must go up there and meet her personally.”

Mubai added, “I will follow you.”

“But your body...”

“Is fine,” Mubai said with a smile. “I have the most powerful heart out of everyone in the world, I think no one is more qualified than me to go on this journey with you. Furthermore, I have done the necessary checking; my body is fine.”

“But the danger is still there,” Xinghe said solemnly. They were going to the moon, there was no way of telling what kind of danger awaited them.

She had personal reasons to go but she did not want him to follow her.

Mubai retracted his smile and looked at her intently.

Chapter 840: Follow You Everywhere

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“In other words, you only want me to share the good times but not the bad times?”

“You have your responsibility and I have mine. I don’t want to drag you into my business.”

Mubai’s eyes turned deeper and his voice dropped to a deep growl. “Does this mean you don’t actually love me?”

Xinghe frowned. “Why would you think that?”

“Because if you do, you would not have much such a distinction between you and me. If this is my responsibility, would you follow to help me?”

Xinghe did not know how to answer. If the shoes were on the other foot, she would follow him too.

Mubai pulled her in for a hug and said softly, “Therefore, don’t stop me from going with you. You have no idea how much I hate myself when I have stand there and do nothing but support you from the sidelines. If you take away my last pleasure of being your side, wouldn’t that be too cruel?”

“But I’m going into the heavens, not somewhere on Earth.”

Mubai laughed. “That is just perfect, is it not? I will follow you to heaven and hell.”

Xinghe could not suppress the smile on her face. She hugged him back and nodded. “Alright then, we will go together. I will be putting my life in your hands.”

Mubai was taken aback and he hugged her even harder!

This was the first time Xinghe had voiced her reliance on him, it gave him much surprise and excitement. Mubai could not contain himself from kissing the top of her head. He promised, “Don’t worry, I swear to protect you with my life. My single goal in life is to be your guard.”

Xinghe was deeply touched. Internally, she swore to do the same by him. As long as she was alive, she would not leave

his side. In the past, they had missed many things, but that only made them savor their future together even more.

No matter what happened in the future, they would stick together and would never be apart.

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After Xinghe and Mubai decided to join the military to go to the moon, they joined their training camp. They had to undergo plenty of strenuous training before they were allowed to go into space. The training was difficult, but it was not much of an issue for Xinghe and Mubai.

SamWolf and Ee Chen also joined the training. They also wanted to go into space. They could not miss out on such a grand adventure.

Even Munan wanted to follow along, but he was directly denied by Mubai. There was no telling what would happen on moon, they could not risk the Xi family's whole future on this one adventure. For the sake of his family, Munan had to yield. He was deeply annoyed because he should be responsible for this kind of mission and not Mubai.

However, the person with the biggest say then was Xinghe. If Xinghe was going to the moon, there was no way Mubai would not follow. Hence, Munan had no choice but to surrender to his fate.

Not only him, many people volunteered to follow them on this adventure to the moon. They could not imagine the base He Lan Yuan had built up there. Therefore, they wished to see the place for themselves. This kind of opportunity came once in a life time, even if they died up there, it would be worth it.

However, none of the volunteers were allowed the opportunity. The ones going were soldiers, doctors, and scientists who had gone through stringent screening. It was due to Xinghe that SamWolf and Ee Chen were allowed to tag along.

As Xinghe and the rest were undergoing the training, the order of the world was slowly recovering. However, the world order was not something that could be fixed in a short amount of time.

Chapter 841: He Lan Yuan Has Been Captured

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The worldview changed after this event. People learned to appreciate life and nature more. The relationship between countries became better. The scientific world was stimulated to improve their research and progress.

Even though the world economy had taken quite a hit, it would not take long for it to recover. However, there was only one thing that all the countries wanted to do then, it was to destroy He Lan Yuan!

Just as Xinghe's group prepared to lift off into space, Galaxy Control Centre suddenly received signal from the moon. This was the first time Galaxy Control Centre received any signal from the moon after the satellite destruction half a month ago.

Initially, everyone was nervous because they thought the signal had come from He Lan Yuan. However, the man who appeared on screen was someone they had not seen before.

“Are you Miss Xia Xinghe?” a man in blue military outfit asked with a serious expression.

Xinghe nodded. “Yes, that's me.”

“Miss Xia, nice to meet you, my name is Shi Jian, I am He Lan Yuan's military officer, or I should say, I was. He Lan Yuan is now under our control and he will not be able to harm Earth anymore,” Shi Jian announced suddenly. The news was quite a shock.

“You guys have taken He Lan Yuan down?” Xinghe asked to confirm. Everyone was surprised by this development. They did not think things would change so soon.

Shi Jian nodded. “Yes, he is now in our control. We heeded your advice; we rebelled against him to achieve freedom. However, as a result of that, none of us are able to leave the base and the base is going to explode soon. Therefore, we had no choice but to contact you to request you to come help us. You are the only person who can help us now.”

Xinghe was startled. This Shi Jian was direct in his speech. The fact that he delivered such shocking news in a straightforward manner gave it a sense of fallacy. However, Xinghe did not think he was lying.

“Mr. Shi Jian, can you please go over what has happened in detail? Why can’t any of you get out of the base if you have He Lan Yuan under your control?”

Shi Jian answered directly, “The base is installed with an internal defense system and only He Lan Yuan knows the password. We need his permission to leave and enter the base or no one is allowed to leave. Before we managed to detain him, He Lan Yuan activated the base’s defense system. If we do not key in the password soon, the base will explode. We are trapped inside because He Lan Yuan has lost his mind. We cannot get the password out of him. However, I don’t think he would be willing to give us the password even if he was still sane.”

“He Lan Yuan has gone crazy?” Xinghe gasped with surprise.

Shi Jian nodded. “Yes. After you ruined his life’s work, something within him snapped. We managed to detain him since he planned to use all his power to destroy Earth. Not long after that, his mental state started to get increasingly unstable. We are unable to leave the base and the clock is ticking. Since you managed to crack the satellites’ defense system, you will be able to do the same to the base’s defense system. Only you can save us now, Miss Xia. All of us want to leave this place, if you help us, then we are willing to surrender to Earth’s forces.”

Chapter 842: Only Hope

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“How come you guys did not rebel earlier?” Xinghe asked.

Shi Jian replied after a period of thought, “Because we were under his control and we held the hope to one day return to Earth. He had Earth’s safety under his fingertips so there was no point in us revolting.”

“How long until the explosion?”

“Less than half a month.”

Xinghe was shocked, she had no idea they were so close to the limit. In other words, if she wanted to save them, she had to depart now, but they had not prepared anything yet.

“Miss Xia, you can take the spaceship in the He Lan family’s launch base to reach a location near the moon base. It is not easy for us to contact you, but you are our only hope now,” Shi Jian reminded her. Xinghe did not answer but went to sit in front of a computer. She then sent a simulated picture to Shi Jian.

When Shi Jian saw the picture on screen, he asked curiously, “Who is this? What is the meaning of this?”

“Do you not know her?” Xinghe asked with a slight frown.

Shi Jian shook his head. “I don’t think so.”

“She is the same as you, working for He Lan Yuan. Find her and she will be able to rescue you.”

“Miss Xia, this person is not here!” Shi Jian said firmly. “I know everyone at the base and I have not seen this lady before. No one here is able to solve the system because it was designed by a scientist a long time ago, but no one has seen them since. You mean, this lady is that person?”

Xinghe’s eyes lost some of their sparks. “She is really not there with you?”

“Yes,” Shi Jian answered conclusively.

Xinghe was disappointed. She thought her mother would definitely be on the moon and they would meet again, but her trail had gone cold once more. Then where is she?

“If you wish to find her, then you have more reasons to help us. Only by coming here can you find out more about her, and we will help you locate her with everything we have. He Lan Yuan’s plan is not limited to controlling Earth, his aim is the whole solar system and beyond, so he might have assigned her to another mission,” Shi Jian suggested.

Regardless of the truth of his hypothesis, Xinghe had to go help them. This was the only way she would be able to find her mother. Furthermore, she could not just leave so many lives to die.

She was also worried that if she rejected, Shi Jian and the rest might turn on them and use their last reserve of energy to bring harm to Earth. Therefore, no matter what, Xinghe could not reject his request. She did not intend to reject in the first place.

Xinghe stared at him and answered pointedly, “Mr. Shi Jian, can I believe everything that you’ve told me?”

Shi Jian answered seriously, “I swear on my life! Furthermore, there is no benefit for us to lie to you. The most we can do is to persuade you to come to the moon, if we really harmed you, I believe the rest of the world would never forgive us.”

“Okay, I will figure out a way to help you,” Xinghe promised.

Shi Jian broke into a smile immediately. “Miss Xia, I represent everyone here in thanking you! We believe in you. We shall await your arrival.”

After ending the communication with Shi Jian, Mubai immediately asked Xinghe with a frown on his face, “Do you really plan to go?”

Chapter 843: Only She Can Go

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Xinghe nodded. “Yes, because I have promised them.”

“But what if this is a trick? Xinghe, He Lan Yuan hates you so much, this might be a trap to lure you up there,” Ali warned her.

“Yes, you have ruined He Lan Yuan’s scheme, so he must hate you deeply. This might be another one of his ruses to take revenge on you,” Sam added anxiously. Almost everyone thought the same way. None of them wanted Xinghe to take this risk, afraid that this might be a trap.

“But what if this is real?” Xinghe asked.

“Even if it is real, you cannot take this risk. If they are unable to survive this ordeal, then that is their fate,” Mubai said with direct cruelty. He was not that concerned about other people’s survival. He only wanted Xinghe to be safe.

Xinghe shook her head. “If this is real, then I have to go. They said He Lan Yuan wanted to destroy Earth before he went mad. If I go back on my words, they might help He Lan Yuan finish his business.”

Mubai smirked coolly. “Do you have such confidence in them? What if this is also a fake threat?”

“Do you really think that with their ability this is a fake threat?” Xinghe stared at him and asked.

Mubai’s lips pursed into a thin line. Of course, he knew these people on the moon were capable enough to destroy Earth, he just did not want Xinghe to take unnecessary risks. Plus, why should it be her that had to do this? Hadn’t she done enough?

However, he also understood this responsibility was hers alone...

Xinghe knew Mubai had compromised. She turned around to address the rest. “In the next two days, I will depart for the moment. If I die, you can do whatever you want with them. If nothing happens to me, I will bring them back safely.”

“Miss Xia, is there no way for you to reconsider? This is not something that can be done in a rush.”

“Yes, we will find a way to solve this problem.”

“There is still half a month until the limit, right? We will figure out a way, there has to be one other than this.”

“Miss Xia, in any case, we don’t think you should take this risk.”

After this period, the people at Galaxy Control Centre had increased admiration and respect for Xinghe. Therefore, none of them wanted her to take this risk.

Xinghe waited for them to finish before speaking seriously. “I know everyone means well, but if there was another way to resolve this, I wouldn’t be going. Plus, many lives hang in the balance, those on Earth and in the sky. Since I am capable of helping them, I cannot sit around and watch them die. Therefore, I have to go.”

The room was silent. Xinghe was right. If the people on the moon were left to die, they would probably bring the people on Earth down with them out of pure resentment alone.

If that happened, the blame would definitely fall on Xinghe’s shoulders. Human loyalty is fickle. They would not hesitate to skewer her alive if that happened. They would not care about the praises that they had sung for her over the past few days.

Plus, she could not eclipse her conscience. Even though this might be a trap, she had to go; she had no choice.

Right then, everyone’s mood was at an all-time low. Why must it be her? She had contributed so much, if there was anyone that should be exempted from future risk, it was her.

If possible, they wanted to take her place, but no one was able to do that.

“Miss Xia, I support you if you are intent on going, but you have to let me go with you.”

Chapter 844: Fight for the Last Spot

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George stepped out of the crowd and said that firmly. Hearing that, innumerable people also volunteered.

“Miss Xia, let me go with you. I know how to operate the spaceship, I am not afraid of the danger, I will go with you!”

“Me too, I am doctor, I can go with you.”

“I will go! I have good computer skills. I can help you with the computers when you need me to. In fact, you can stay in the safety of the spaceship, and by communicating through the phone, I can be your proxy.”

“No, I will go...”

“No, me...”

Xinghe was surprised by their camaraderie. Earlier, so many wanted her to die during He Lan Yuan’s little game. She did not show it on her face, but she felt chilled being abandoned by the world. Now she felt touched realizing that so many wished to stake their lives for her sake. She knew then that the world was not entirely bad. Their love and trust alone made this risky adventure worthwhile for her.

“There can only be at most three people, so all of you can stop fighting. There is only one spot left,” Xinghe said softly. Everyone was stunned. She was right, the He Lan family’s base only had one spaceship and it could only carry three people.

Someone could not help but ask, “What happen to the second spot?”

Before Xinghe could reply, Mubai said proprietarily, “That spot belongs to me.”

No one had any problems with that; it was only natural. Therefore, they had to fight hard for the last remaining seat. The group of people started fighting again.

Xinghe was honestly surprised. This was the first time she had seen people arguing with each other to take a dangerous risk.

However, since all of them wanted to go, she had a hard choice picking the last candidate.

“Stop arguing!” Sam suddenly yelled. With his two arms folded, he said with a smug smile, “There is no point because the last spot is mine! All the seats have been filled, so you all can go back to work now.”

“Why is it yours?” Ali grumbled.

“That’s right, why is it yours?” Cairn and Wolf also complained. They also wanted to be part of the adventure.

Ee Chen smiled and said, “The last seat should be mine. No one here is more qualified than me.”

He had to go find his father and he was also a computer expert.

Sam smiled facetiously in return. “You’re wrong because I am the most qualified. Xinghe already knows computer and she knows how to operate the spaceship. She doesn’t need a technician. Doctors can be exempted because the danger, if there is any, will be too big for a doctor to handle anyway. But I am different, I am good with any sort of weapon, so I can protect her. Hence, I am the best candidate.”

“I also know my way around many different weapons; I can protect her,” Ali said with dissatisfaction. “Xinghe, let me follow you. We are both females; we can look out for each other.”

“This situation demands for a male presence, so I should go,” Cairn said.

Sam laughed. “Can any of you beat me? If you cannot, then this seat is mine.”

Wolf stepped forward and said provokingly, “How about a friendly match to find out then?”

“Fine, you’re on! The challenge is open to everyone,” Sam said regally. Many people went to join him for a brawl, even George joined.

Xinghe stole away to pack her luggage with Mubai. They prepared to leave the day after tomorrow.

Chapter 845: Space Adventure (End of the World Crisis Arc)

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Everyone felt her decision was too sudden, but Xinghe had no choice, she was once again racing against time. The leader of the United Nations and Philip tried to persuade her otherwise, but it was no use.

It was not that Xinghe was stubborn, it was just that there was no better solution. They could not even send more people to go with her. They had to allow Xinghe to take this risk.

The United Nations awarded Xinghe with the highest honor for her sacrifice and contribution. They promised that, at the first sign of danger, they would do everything they could to save her. They would send their army to the moon to support her later.

The world would always be behind her back; they would not leave her to deal with this alone. Xinghe was appreciative and accepted their help. In return, she asked that they keep her adventure a secret. She did not want to be in the public eyes anymore, even if it might get her more praise and adoration.

The United Nations agreed to her condition. The details of her mission were kept confidential. Other than the higher ups, no one knew their next course of action. For the mission, they had prepared long into the night.

However, there was still one question on everyone's mind. Are the black energy crystals really be able to power a spaceship?

"They should be fine. The He Lan family has been using them as fuel, plus Shi Jian has confirmed that they are the best fuel source," Xinghe said confidently.

"None of us realized such a unique mineral exists on the moon. Provided they are not lying to us, if we research into this mineral in the future, the world will definitely welcome a great change," Chui Qian said with hope.

Xinghe agreed with him. This mineral would be immensely helpful to humanity. If they invested properly into it, the world

would be a better place and the quality of life would have a drastic improvement.

Therefore, Xinghe's mission to the moon was of vital importance. She not only had to save those people but also had to find the mineral mines. Of course, none of that was the most important thing. The most important thing was to ensure that they returned safely.

Chui Qian advised Xinghe to put herself first and be on the lookout for her own safety.

"Don't worry, we will be careful. The time is almost up; we should be leaving," Xinghe said in parting, she did not want to drag this melancholic occasion any longer.

"Xinghe, you must take care of yourself," Ali told her with tears in her eyes.

Xinghe nodded and Sam patted himself on his chest. "Don't worry, I will protect her with my life!"

Mubai gave him a side-eye. Why must there always be someone who comes to usurp my responsibility?

"Sam, you also have to take care of yourself," Cairn reminded him.

"I will, wait for our heroic return. Alright, we have to go now!" Sam said excitedly. He was gleeful from the prospect of venturing into space. Ali suspected that he volunteered only because he wanted to go into space.

Then again, this was a space adventure, who wouldn't want that?

Alas, their ability was not as good as Xinghe's, their wallets were not as deep as Mubai's, and their strength was not as great as Sam's...

So, they could only watch them leave with unwillingness in their eyes. However, the fact that they were part of this moment was already good enough.

Chapter 846: Unlikely Happenstance

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They were all glad to be part of that moment because they were a part of a world-wide change.

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Xinghe did not envision that she would one day fly into space. It was the same for Mubai and Sam. Their mission was truly one of a kind. They did not expect such an important mission to fall on their shoulders. If not for Xinghe, this kind of happenstance would be extremely unlikely.

Sam could still remember that not long ago he was still eking out a living on Country Y's streets. Who would have thought his fate would have such a drastic change?

God had arranged for SamWolf and Xinghe to meet and their lives had been changed completely by that chance meeting. They played a part in Country Y's presidential election and helped vanquish IV Syndicate. Then, they even saved the world...

Now, he was following Xinghe to go into space. Sam felt like he was dreaming; how could he be so lucky in life?

Mubai was thinking the same thing. He did not expect that so many things would happen in just a short span of two years, and all of those changes were due to this woman, Xia Xinghe. She was one of a kind; she was one of the few people alive who could change the world.

The thought of spending the rest of his life with this woman submerged Mubai in a pool of happiness. He no longer cared about money and fame; the only thing he wanted was to be by her side forever, no matter where she might end up.

Therefore, the two men were happy as could be as they headed into unknown space; they did not feel anxiety or fear.

Xinghe was feeling the same way. Even if the future was an unknown, she was not anxious about it. If anything, she had huge anticipation for this unusual journey.

The people on Earth watched at the spaceship disappeared into the sky. They sighed in relief. If there were no accidents, they would land successfully on the moon.

After a series of changes in coordinates, Xinghe used about three days to reach the moon. The moment the spaceship landed on solid ground, their hearts were lighter in spirit.

However, this did not mean that they relaxed, because they knew they were going to come face-to-face with many unexpected difficulties soon.

“Perhaps that is their base.” Inside the spaceship, Mubai observed a large dark colored building through his telescope. The building exuded a dim glow under the weak light. They could immediately see that the building was made out of black energy crystals.

Xinghe nodded. “Should be, let me contact Shi Jian.”

Xinghe opened the communication and soon reached Shi Jian. The latter was happy knowing that they had arrived. “Miss Xia, we spotted your spaceship. Do come in; I am sorry because we are unable to go welcome you.”

“How do we enter the base?” Xinghe got straight to the point.

Shi Jian answered, “Do not worry. There is only one door inside the base that is locked, you can just walk in.”

“Okay.”

After Xinghe hung up, she told Mubai and Sam, “Let us go.”

“No problem!” Sam replied excitedly. Then, the three of them put on their spacesuits and oxygen tanks as they prepared to descend the spaceship.

This was the first time that they were going to walk on the moon. Studying the bumpy ground that stretched beyond the horizon, their emotions were complicated.

Chapter 847: Not Even One Alien

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So, they were really on the moon, the moon that they had seen on television and newspapers. Looking at the pictures and being there in person were completely different experiences.

Mubai subconsciously took Xinghe's hand, an indication of his insecurities towards this barren unknown. Xinghe squeezed his hand in return. She smiled and said, "Let's go."

"Okay." Mubai nodded. When they prepared to move forward, Sam suddenly called after them. "Wait a minute please."

Xinghe and Mubai turned to watch Sam plant a flag into the ground. The flag was huge but the picture on it was not the country flag of any country, it was Sam's picture. This was something he had someone made before they left Earth. In the picture, he was in a pair of suit and he was sporting a pretentious pose.

According to rumors, the cameraperson had to take several hundred pictures before he eventually settled on this particular one. After fixing the flag in place, Sam mimicked the pose he had on the flag and asked the two of them, "What do you think? Handsome or not?"

Xinghe and Mubai wanted to laugh.

"Yes, handsome, now can we go?" Xinghe nodded and said insincerely.

"Wait, you have to help me take a few pictures to immortalize the most important moment of my life!" Sam half-begged. Xinghe had no choice but to relent. Then, he wanted to help take a picture for the two of them. Mubai did not reject and pulled Xinghe in with his hand on her waist and struck a pose.

Sam at that moment berated himself for his big mouth. Why would he volunteer to help them take picture? He was giving them the perfect chance to show off their love. Regardless, he still helped them take a few pictures just to get it over with.

After taking the pictures, Xinghe's group rushed towards the base. The base seemed to be right in front of them, but it still

took them plenty of time and energy to trek through the crater-filled surface of the moon.

Thankfully, the three of them were in their physical prime, so it did not take much out of them. However, it had to be said that the moon was really not suitable for human living.

Their initial interest soon wore off after a continuous journey of nothingness. There were no plants, animals, or even aliens. There was nothing but rocks after rocks, and craters after craters.

Sam asked curiously, “What is so good about this place that made He Lan Yuan want to live here for several decades? No wonder he is insane.”

He would not have lasted a day.

Xinghe was also befuddled. “Just to rule the world, he had himself sequestered here for several decades? What’s the point?”

“That’s right, I would rather give up world domination than stay here for so long for the plan to come into fruition,” Sam said in agreement.

Mubai added, “Then, it looks like Shi Jian is not lying. No one would want to stay at a place like this.”

“It is a miracle that they have not gone crazy by now,” Sam said with a certain degree of admiration.

Xinghe sighed. “It is not that they want to stay here; they have no other option. They all should have been sent here when they were just children. They have been trapped here since and nowhere else to go.”

“That He Lan Yuan is a madman! He deserves his current ending.” Sam felt sorry for the people inside the base. The trio soon reached the base in the middle of their conversation.

When they were far away, they did not notice how big this base was. When they were near, they felt dwarfed by the size of the place.

Chapter 848: Entering the Base

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The structure built out of energy crystals was at least several hundred meters tall. The scale was impressive as well; it was big enough to fit a small town. How did He Lan Yuan even manage to construct such a large and enclosed building?

However, the most surprising thing was this place never once showed up on Earth's satellite surveillance. Xinghe's hypothesis was that they had some kind of signal blocking device.

Sam launched a punch at the wall.

"This wall is rather tough."

Xinghe nodded. "The energy crystals have impressive tensile strength; they are indestructible at least using your bare hands."

"How did they manage to find so many energy crystals?"

"We will find out soon enough," Xinghe answered.

The question then was, how were they going to get in? The entrance Shi Jian mentioned could not be seen. Xinghe had to give Shi Jian another call. With his careful guidance, they finally found the base's entrance.

The main entrance was huge and beside it were several smaller doors. When they arrived, one of the smaller doors swung open to lead into the darkness.

"Miss Xia, you can just walk in. You still have to walk a short distance before you reach the center of the base. Just go through the door."

"This sounds too much like a trap," Sam commented anxiously and stared deep into the darkness.

Xinghe said with determination, "We have come this far; we have to continue even if this is a trap."

Mubai suddenly took Xinghe's hand and said, "I will go in first, remember to stay by my side."

Sam also sidled to Xinghe's side. They formed a protective barrier around Xinghe. The trio stepped through the door with extreme caution. After Sam got in, the door closed quickly behind them. Before they could even react, the lights above them came on.

The four corners of the walls were fitted with lighting which lit up the several hundred square meters room like daylight. The trio took some time before they could get used to the sudden change in lighting.

The room had nothing, but Shi Jian told them through the phone that the room was equipped with a circulation system. It would lock off the room from the outside and fill the vacuum to become normal air. This was a change Xinghe's group could not validate because they were still in their spacesuits.

They stayed in the enclosed room for several minutes before a door in front of them slowly opened to reveal the rays of light streaming out from within.

However, the door that was open was incredibly curious looking, because instead of a door, it looked more like a mechanical booth. Shi Jian confirmed it as a type of one-way revolving door. The booth had two half-doors, one facing the trio and the other half facing the other side. One could only go in but not get out.

Shi Jian told them to continue moving forward.

"Let me go in first," Sam volunteered. He got close to the booth and studied it carefully before stepping into the booth. The booth was only big enough to fit one person.

The moment he got in, the half-door Sam just walked through slammed shut and the half-door on the other end opened to reveal the interior of the base. Standing before Sam was a group of people, one of them was Shi Jian.

Witnessing him, Shi Jian said robotically, "You are Mr. Sam, right? Welcome, you can have Miss Xia and Mr. Xi come over now."

Sam was startled before he retreated back into the booth. The moment he did, the half-door closed and the one facing

Xinghe and Mubai, who were still waiting, opened.

“Xinghe, you two can come forward, it’s safe,” Sam yelled at them.

Chapter 849: The Fake Environment

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Xinghe and Mubai followed Sam and entered the base. They removed their spacesuits and were shocked when they took the time to notice the interior of the base, because the place was disproportionately huge...

The streets were large, and the ceiling was made to look like an open sky. If they had not just come in from the outside, they would have believed that the sky overhead was real.

However, there were no buildings by the side of the streets. Instead, there were plenty of trees, mountains, and grassy fields. There was even chirping in the air; the environment was surprisingly nice. In any case, it gave the trio the impression that they were back on Earth.

“Miss Xia, Mr. Xi, welcome. I am Shi Jian. I represent the hundreds of people at the base in welcoming all of you!” Shi Jian, in a unique military outfit, greeted them with the utmost politeness. The few people behind him who looked to possess a certain degree of influence at the base also greeted them with welcoming words.

Xinghe also greeted them in return politely, “Mr. Shi, nice to finally meet you in person.”

“The pleasure is all mine! We are overjoyed that you are willing to come to lend us your aid, we are deeply appreciative of your trust in us!” Shi Jian said seriously like a king reading his declaration.

Xinghe was not used to it so she changed the topic. “Mr. Shi, I had no idea this place would be so similar to Earth. I cannot believe you guys managed to build an ecosystem here.”

Shi Jian shook his head. “No, this place is definitely not similar to Earth.”

Sam was curious. “Why would you say that? You have all of this flora and fauna here; it looks just like some grassland on Earth.”

Shi Jian answered solemnly, "This is all fake. The plants that you see are fake; the grass is fake; we have no animals here, so the bird songs are fake."

"You must be joking." Sam shook his head as he stretched out his hand to touch a nearby tree. Instead of bark, he felt something cold and hard.

Shi Jian explained, "All the trees and grass here are simulated by computers. They were originally rock formations on the moon and have been molded into shapes of nature. Using top imaging technology, it will become what you see before you now."

Sam rushed to walk on the grassy field and as Shi Jian explained, he felt only a hard surface underneath his feet. Xinghe and Mubai were shocked by this discovery as well.

Mubai said in a low growl, "I'm surprised that your technology is already so advanced."

So far advanced that it could even simulate nature, to a degree capable of fooling their sharp eyes.

Shi Jian nodded. "Indeed, our technology here is very advanced but that is of no use to us. Take a look."

Shi Jian took out something that looked like a cell phone and swiped on its screen. Several seconds later, the surrounding hills and trees disappeared, leaving behind a barren field of unfeeling grey rocks.

Without the illusion, this place was... so desolate and empty, no different from the scenery outside. Xinghe's group was stunned by the sudden unveiling of the truth.

Shi Jian soon switched the scenery back on and he sighed. "Therefore, none of us here really feel connected to this place."

Xinghe nodded. "I can imagine why, after all, this whole place is fake."

"The whole base is fake?" Sam could not help but to pursue that line of questioning.

Chapter 850: A Caged Existence

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Shi Jian nodded. “Yes, other than the structure itself, everything here is a trick. Please follow us, we will give you a tour of the base.”

That was what Xinghe was going to suggest. Honestly, they were curious about the place. It was like discovering a new world.

The base was big, but it could still be traversed on foot. Walking on the surface that had been levelled smooth, taking in the scenery, the trio really felt they were still back on Earth. However, they knew the scenery was all fake.

Shi Jian explained, “The base has its own gravity system and oxygen circulation. After several decades of upgrade and construction, on the surface, this place looks just like Earth. Of course, it is ultimately not Earth. The simulated environment is actually incredibly dull. Since everyone here is expected to devote their whole life to research, no one is supposed to have to enjoy nature. Therefore, such a degree of nature was supposed to satisfy us.”

Sam asked with disbelief, “How did you all manage to survive here for the past decade?”

Shi Jian smiled bitterly. “Almost everyone here was sent to this place when they were young. We spent our childhood in an enclosed place, so we do not know much about the outside world. That is why we can afford to live such a caged existence, but...”

Shi Jian paused before sighing, “But we are still humans, we still wish for a normal life. Deep within our hearts is the hope to return to Earth, to touch real grass, and to feel the real wind. This wish is not visceral enough to distract our research, but it would still affect us once in a while. And this wish would always be there as long as we’re trapped here. I fear we will one day go crazy if we are not allowed to return to Earth to enjoy freedom that we deserve. Most of us can still tolerate

this kind of life for now, but I can see the breaking point coming.”

Sam was instantly silenced. He could feel the frustration from Shi Jian’s words. Being trapped in such an emotionless place for life would not be worse than actual torture. If he was prevented from experiencing nature and freedom for life, he would definitely go insane.

“I had no idea this is the situation you all grew up in,” Xinghe said softly. This means her mother also grew up in such an environment...

Shi Jian looked at her and said rather excitedly, “Therefore, we begged you to come save us! Miss Xia, only you can break us out of this place and help us return to Earth!”

Xinghe nodded. “Don’t worry, I promise to try my best.”

Shi Jian turned serious and gave her a deep bow. “Miss Xia, if you can help us, then you will forever be our savior. We will listen to your orders from now on as sign of our gratitude!”

Xinghe said softly, “There is no need for that, I am only doing my responsibility. Furthermore, I cannot guarantee one hundred percent that I will be able to help you.”

Shi Jian still added with appreciation, “Even if you can’t, we will always remember your kindness.”

Chapter 851: To Meet He Lan Yuan

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“You have risked a lot coming here alone. That is worth our respect and appreciation. Of course, we are also deeply appreciative of Mr. Xi and Mr. Sam’s sacrifice and contribution.”

Mubai said directly, “The reason I am here is because of Xinghe. She is my fiancé, so I will support her in all her endeavors.”

“Me too. I am Xinghe’s bodyguard; I am here just protect her,” Sam added.

However, Shi Jian and his men were still deeply thankful towards them. It was obvious that they really wanted to leave that godforsaken place. Then again, who wouldn’t want to after decades of being trapped there?

Shi Jian continued the tour. The base had many buildings that looked like factories. Shi Jian brought them into the factories; the place was almost completely automated. The machines there were all high-end and the raw materials they were dealing with were almost all black energy crystals.

Shi Jian said the crystals were a type of miraculous mineral that could be found underneath the moon’s surface. Their uses were numerous and could be used for almost any purpose.

“Apparently, He Lan Yuan found these minerals after he first arrived at the moon. He found out about their immense value and used them to build this base on the moon, and from then on, his plot to dominate Earth began. Over the past decade, we have been using this material to expand this base to what you see today.” Shi Jian revealed everything to them, even information that they did not ask for.

“This thing is indeed incredible,” Xinghe praised. “Without this, none of this would even be possible.”

“You’re right. That is why we call them the creation ore, they are our most valuable item.”

“This is this probably He Lan Yuan’s biggest contribution to the world,” Sam said objectively.

Shi Jian agreed. “From a certain perspective, He Lan Yuan indeed is an incredible character. Honestly, if not for the horrible living standards here, all of us here would have adored him. His knowledge and eye for research are unparalleled.”

Xinghe, Mubai and Sam agreed with him. He Lan Yuan was indeed a capable person. Alas, he had wasted his talent for evil. With his genius, he could have easily made a name for himself in the human world. However, he was twisted by his own ambition. Then again, perhaps it was because he was born above everyone else that normal fame and glory were not enough for him. He would only be satisfied by doing something as big as dominating the world.

Mubai asked solemnly, “Where is He Lan Yuan? We wish to meet him.”

Shi Jian nodded after some hesitation. “Yes, the meeting is inevitable. But I advise you to prepare yourselves because he is rather scary looking at the moment.”

The trio could not help but look at each other. What does he mean by that?

Shi Jian brought them to the tallest building which was situated at the center of the base.

The uniquely designed building was giving out a dim glow. Shi Jian explained that those were electric lights. The building itself was black as the night. To ensure that there was variation between the buildings, each building surface was embedded with electric lights to produce colors and shapes that could be changed according to necessity.

Chapter 852: Ugly Old Man

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Since this building was He Lan Yuan's residence, it had always been giving out such holy-looking light. They had turned it into He Lan Yuan's prison and only he stayed there now. He Lan Yuan was detained on the building's top floor.

The building had seven floors in total, and each floor had its own unique purpose.

The ground floor was the lobby, the second was He Lan Yuan's meeting room, the third the information storage, fourth was He Lan Yuan's research lab, the fifth the information control room, sixth was He Lan Yuan's recreation center, and the seventh was his living area.

Xinghe was led up the building, and when they reached the sixth floor, Sam asked, "You said this floor is for recreation? But I only see these weird machines and that huge screen, what is it for? Gaming?"

The spacious room had a wall that was fitted with a large electronic screen and before it was an elaborate chair that looked more like a cabin. Even Xinghe could not understand what the thing was for.

Shi Jian roughly explained, "That is a full-sense virtual reality device. If you sit in it, you can experience the simulated world that appears on screen. The things that happened in the virtual world, you will feel in person. A change of the world will give you a totally different experience."

Sam widened his eyes in shock. "Is it really so amazing?"

"Yes, this is the best entertainment we have in here. There are virtual world testing cabins available outside, you can try it any time if you are interested in it."

Sam remembered that offer immediately. However, Xinghe and Mubai were not that interested. This kind of technology Earth also had, but only in theoretical form, the people on the moon had already built it. He Lan Yuan had made almost all theoretical experiments a reality here.

The moon base was a world of sci-fi. Those that loved this genre would love this place dearly.

After the brief tour, they were ready to go up to the seventh floor to meet He Lan Yuan. Xinghe's group straightened their backs. They were still nervous about meeting him because He Lan Yuan was no ordinary person.

"He is just inside, but he has lost his sanity and has retreated into his own world. Therefore, I believe he will not respond to any of you in any way," Shi Jian reminded them as he pushed open the heavy door.

There was still a steel bar door inside; they could only see He Lan Yuan through the bars.

To their horrid surprise, the He Lan Yuan in detention was completely different from the perfect man who they saw.

The person inside was a fragile-looking, wizened, ugly old man who was less than 130 centimeters in height!

He sat rocking in his chair and stared outside the small window in the room. He mumbled soundlessly to himself.

"That is He Lan Yuan?" Sam gasped.

Shi Jian nodded. "Yes, that is what he really looks like. The person you saw on Earth was not the real him. It was a simulated persona because he detests his own looks."

"No wonder he hated Mubai so much!" Sam said as comprehension dawned. He Lan Yuan probably saw the youthfulness and good looks that he had lost in Mubai.

Chapter 853: Paralysis

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Xinghe and Mubai had a glimpse into He Lan Yuan's twisted nature. One of the reasons he chose to live on the moon was probably to avoid reality.

"You guys are researching memory cells and DNA modification, right?" Xinghe asked Shi Jian softly.

Shi Jian was shocked. "How did you know?"

"I will tell you in detail when the opportunity arises." Xinghe did not want to go into it then, because this was not something that could be explained in broad strokes.

Shi Jian nodded with understanding. "You are right, we have been researching these two technologies. We have made some progress, but we are unable to reach real success."

"This is because He Lan Yuan wants to change a new body, right?" Xinghe asked.

Shi Jian was shocked once more. "You even managed to guess that... You're right, he has been dying to change to a new body, but unfortunately, the research stagnated many years ago."

Sam finally understood everything. "I thought he only wanted to rule the world, at the end of day, his main goal was to redo himself, just how selfish and self-loathing can one person be?"

Mubai said solemnly, "It is because his desire was so strong that his mind broke when his hope was taken away."

Shi Jian nodded. "Yes, he could not stand to see his whole life's work going up in smoke and lost his sanity. Let us go now before he notices we are here; he can still be quite dangerous when he runs amok."

Xinghe's group had lost interest in studying He Lan Yuan, so they quickly left with Shi Jian. After they left the building, Shi Jian brought them to a nearby residential area to enjoy a meal.

Since He Lan Yuan had lost it and the base was going to explode, everyone in the base had stopped working. However,

Shi Jian said most of them chose to stay at home and not disturb them. Therefore, they did not run into anyone during their tour.

As they ventured into the residential area, the size of the crowd increased. Many who noticed them could not help but stop in their tracks to look at them. However, none approached them, they only looked at them with something akin to disinterest.

They noticed from Shi Jian and these people that their faces were always a mask of indifference, it was as if they had no emotions. This probably had plenty to do with their dull, mechanical lifestyle.

The design of the residential area at least had some human touch to it. The houses looked like exquisite individual villas and they were incredibly colorful. It created a world of colors. The surrounding area was well constructed as well. There were fountains and flowerbeds, albeit fake.

Speaking of fountains, Mubai was curious about where their drinkable water came from.

Shi Jian explained, “We have a factory that purposely deal with that; the water we use is made from hydrogen and oxygen atoms. Earth will also send us a constant supply of chemical elements and food, so we have been surviving on them.”

Xinghe and Mubai were shocked again. They even managed to create water out of literally thin air. There was possibly nothing that they could not do then.

“Every time the He Lan family wanted to launch satellites or spaceship, this base would obscure Earth’s satellite surveillance, right?” Xinghe could not help but ask.

Shi Jian nodded. “Yes, we took over Earth’s satellites a long time ago. Every time the He Lan family launched satellite or spaceship, we would mess with the surveillance or else we would have been discovered a long time ago.”

Chapter 854: The Sweetest Food Here

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Xinghe and Mubai could not help but think, Thankfully these people were not corrupted by He Lan Yuan, or else even without He Lan Yuan, they would be able to dominate the world.

Therefore, even if Xinghe could help them solve their base's defense system, she would have to wait for the military to arrive first, or at least until she received one hundred percent confirmation that they were willing to return to Earth. Regardless, everyone there had to be taken away, leaving them there would only create a hidden threat for Earth.

No one could guarantee that these people would not suddenly lose their minds and follow in He Lan Yuan's footsteps.

Of course, Shi Jian was not privy to their internal thoughts. He led them to the only dining area in the base. The place would provide daily food and the people inside the base were allowed to have their fill for free. To welcome them, the base had purposely cooked a wealth of food. However, as the food was set before them, Xinghe's group was dumbfounded.

Sam used the spoon to poke at the bowl of indeterminate porridge-like goo and asked with a frown, "What is this?"

Shi Jian introduced, "This is the most delicious nutrient porridge we have at the base, it contains more than ten important nutrients. We are only allowed to have them once every month. To welcome all of you, we purposely prepared this. It is very healthy and good for you, so please enjoy."

"But... is this thing really edible?" Sam's brows were still furrowed. The thing was dark like tar and was stickier than glue. Shi Jian did not explain and scooped a huge spoonful into his mouth. He ate with gusto and Sam was persuaded to try a cautious mouthful.

Then, he made... a curious face. Xinghe and Mubai stared at him, waiting to hear his judgement.

Shi Jian asked with a worried face, "Why, is it not good?"

Sam gulped the porridge down and asked Shi Jian confusedly, “Is this really the most delicious food you have in this base?”

Shi Jian nodded. “Yes, I have already forgotten what Earth food taste like, so is this not suitable for your palette?”

“Yes, it does need some getting used to, but it is not so bad,” Sam said tactfully. “But this thing doesn’t have a definite taste other than a mild sweetness.”

A big smile split Shi Jian’s face and this was the first time they saw his sincere smile.

“You are right, it is very sweet, so all of us love it.”

Sam replied, “Very sweet?”

“Yes, this is the sweetest food we have.”

Sam suddenly felt a great rush of pity towards them!

He looked at Shi Jian with tears in his eyes and sighed deeply. “Mr. Shi Jian, I have to say, your decision to leave is correct! Even for the food alone, you should return to Earth. Do you have any idea that this most delicious food you have here is not something people on Earth would even consider as food? We have over ten thousand types of food and each has its own unique taste. You will need a lifetime to finish tasting the sweet food alone. I swear if you have a taste of Earth’s food, you will not want to return to this place again!”

Sam’s voice was loud and booming. Almost everyone at the dining area heard him. Everyone whipped their head around to look at him and had stopped eating. There was longing in everyone’s eyes.

Shi Jian wheezed out in disbelief, “There are really so many different types of food and they are all so delicious?”

They really could not imagine any food that could be more delicious than their nutrient porridge.

“Didn’t you guys taste that food before when you were at the orphanage?” Sam asked with curiosity.

Chapter 855: Rubbish!

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Shi Jian said dumbly, “I cannot remember, I think that the food at the orphanage wasn’t that great. At least I cannot remember tasting anything worth remembering at the orphanage.”

Xinghe’s group was surprised that the He Lan family even did something to their food to train them.

It made sense in a twisted way. If they got used to food on Earth, they would not be able to familiarize themselves with the food on the moon. They would rebel. Therefore, to train their obedience, they must have been deterred from tasting anything enjoyable.

Sam slammed on the table angrily. “This He Lan family is really worse than animals! They have taken all of your basic human rights; they did not even have the heart to give the children good food. The most delicious food you have here is really not that delicious!”

Sam grabbed something that looked like a biscuit. He took a bite out of the hardened pastry and spat it out after two chews.

“This is even worse, not even beggars would eat it. What is this made out of? Mud, how can it be so nasty?”

A few people around them looked at the biscuit in their hands. Is this thing really that nasty... But we have been eating them every day.

Sam tried all the food there and spat them all out. He then launched into a tirade.

“I’ll be honest, you all have to return to Earth! These advanced technologies, world or space domination, just forget about it! I’d rather be a beggar on Earth than a scientist here! This world does not have real sky, real trees, and not even real food like roast duck, seafood, beef steak, fresh fruits, and vegetables; what is the point of living? This base should be leveled because this is such a cruel prison. I have only been here for half a day and already I want to kill myself. What kind of life have you guys been living?”

Sam scanned everyone there and asked, “Do any of you understand the meaning of joy and happiness?”

The crowd shook their heads unconsciously.

Sam smiled gloatingly and said, “Happiness is eating meat by big chunks and downing bottles of wine one after another. For others, it may be a day in the sun, enjoying the touch of sun on one’s skin. Either way, these are the simplest happiness that anyone could enjoy on Earth, yet none of you have even experienced them.”

Shi Jian’s group fell into silence. An indescribable sadness and melancholy spread through the room. Were their lives really that bad?

Their biggest wish was something readily available to the common man on Earth.

They had spent their whole lives researching, working, trying to improve their technology and what did they get in return?

Nothing!

If anything, their most basic right, to be happy, was taken away from them!

Shi Jian and the others there felt a heavy weight on their hearts. A few men among them even started weeping. One of them took a visible gulp of his saliva and asked Sam, “The different foods that you’ve mentioned, are they really that tasty?”

Sam nodded with a grin. “Of course! If I am lying to you then may God smite me right this moment. Earth’s food is at least one thousand times tastier than what you can imagine!”

Chapter 856: We Want to Return to Earth!

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“After we return, I will personally take you all to taste them all, I guarantee you will want to continue eating and not do anything else once you have a taste.”

Sam’s grand promise heightened the emotion in the room and more came to surround them.

“When we return to Earth, can we really eat anything we want? Anything that is edible and tastes good?”

“You will not limit our food intake?”

“You are not worried that we will over indulge?”

Facing their questions that bordered on childish, Sam laughed.

“I will tell you again, you guys do not need to worry about anything. You can eat all you want after you return, you can spend your whole life eating! Do not worry about the payment because this Mr. Xi before you will definitely help you all cover the expenses!”

Xinghe and Mubai were speechless.

Shi Jian and the rest immediately turned to look at Mubai with deep appreciation in their eyes. “Mr. Xi, you are really so generous. But there are so many of us, do you really not mind?”

Mubai smiled politely. “Don’t worry, I don’t mind. Furthermore, even without me, with your own capability, you will be able to enjoy the best life after you return to Earth.”

“That’s right, everyone here has the power to bring immense goodness to the world. If you do that, I am sure you will be promptly rewarded. The good lives that you have imagined are actually close in your grasp, however, you will not achieve that if you stay here forever,” Xinghe added.

Sam nodded to concur, “She’s right. Life is only a few short decades, why should we waste it for someone else’s meaningless plot? I admit, the scale of this plan is huge, but what is there for you after Earth is destroyed? Nothing! You

would continue to spend the rest of your lives on the moon, far away from happiness, from good food and scenery. So tell me, what is the point? Ask yourself, are you really happy living here? If I were forced to spend all my life here, I would choose to kill myself. In this galaxy, Earth is the prettiest planet and the most peaceful! He Lan Yuan wants to destroy that because of his twisted mindset, but I do not think any of you here share his crazy disposition. Do not waste your life on someone like him who has taken advantage of you for so long. Ask your heart, do you really want to spend your whole life here on your research and miss out on everything else that is good?"

The room was once again submerged into silence. Sam's words resonated deeply with them. They could not continue lying to themselves, they really did not want to spend their whole lives there. They wanted to enjoy life and not forced to do research day after day...

That was not a life they wanted.

Shi Jian lowered his head from sadness. He gripped his fists and said, "You are right, we shouldn't stay here anymore, there is no reason to!"

Others agreed with him.

"I cannot stay here for another minute, I want to return to Earth!"

"Me too, if that is not possible, I'd rather die."

"Yes, we want to return to Earth!"

Almost everyone was voicing their wish to return to Earth. Their screams reached into the sky. It went to show the depth of their desire.

The human will could not be suppressed.

Before this, they had been suppressing themselves because they did not know better, but now that they did, after freedom was revealed to them, they could not continue lying to themselves anymore.

Chapter 857: Let Us Return

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For the sake of happiness, they were willing to give up everything!

If they gave up this place, their dreams would be within their reach, why wouldn't they do that? So, they had decided to return and not stay there anymore!

“Miss Xia, please, you have to save us. You are the champion of our hope,” Shi Jian said with a heavy heart.

“That's right, Miss Xia, you have to help us!”

They all looked at her beseechingly. Xinghe stood and addressed them seriously, “Do not worry, I will try my best so that we can all return home together!”

“Yes!” Shi Jian and the rest cheered in return, their blood boiling with passion. For the sake of their future and home, they decided to give it everything they'd got!

Xinghe did not waste time and immediately asked to look at the base's defense system. The control center was located at the fifth floor of He Lan Yuan's residence. Even though the base was filled with computer geniuses, and not the normal kind, none of them were able to take down the security system because the system was too complicated and would cause a horrible consequence if one was too careless. It was why no one was able to crack it even though so much time had passed.

However, since Xinghe took down the system that controlled the satellites, this should be easy for her. Shi Jian and the others placed their hope in Xinghe. If she could not do this, then no one else living could. However, after Xinghe took a rudimentary look at it, she frowned deeply. It seemed like things were not looking optimistic. “This system is even more complicated than the system that controls the satellites.”

Shi Jian gasped. “More complicated than that?”

“Indeed.” Xinghe nodded. “But don't worry, I can still do this, just that I might need more time.”

Shi Jian and the rest sighed in relief after they heard that.

“Miss Xia, roughly how long do you need?”

“I’m guessing around two to three days; we should have enough time.”

Shi Jian nodded. “Yes, we have at least ten days before the explosion, so this should be fine.”

“Then, make use of the time to go prepare. The moment this is hacked, we will leave,” Xinghe suggested.

“Okay!”

Shi Jian and the rest left to pack their stuff, they planned to take all the important documents away with them. While Xinghe was trying her best to solve the defense system, Mubai was helping her enquire after her mother’s location. Sam had nothing on his hands, so he wandered about experiencing all the advanced technology there.

The thing that attracted his interest the most was the virtual reality device; the thing was so god damn fun!

There were many worlds available for him to experience and each world was distinct and real. There were wuxia worlds, xianxia worlds, ancient worlds, farming worlds, and even zombie worlds. However, the one world that was most popular with the guys there was the harem world.

The harem world only had female characters and thus were in desperate need of males. Therefore, when a man arrived at this world, he would be treated like a God...

After Sam noticed this world, he surreptitiously gave it a try while he made sure no one else was looking. Then, he spent the rest of the day smiling dumbly to himself and he would blush at random times. He even sought out Shi Jian to ask whether they could take this virtual device home with them.

Shi Jian said none of the products there could be taken away, but they would be able to redesign and rebuild them when they were back on Earth. The latter part of his explanation made Sam smile with great satisfaction.

Chapter 858: Care About Me So Much

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However, Sam was afraid they would take too long to design this, so he spent everyday living in the virtual world while he still had the chance. Xinghe was not surprised by this development. Sam was a gamer, so she expected as much.

However, Sam became rather addicted, he would skip sleep just to immerse himself in the virtual world. Sam was someone with great self-control, since even he had fallen to the addiction, then the world would probably end up with more people addicted to this device if they brought this technology home with them.

Xinghe told Mubai, “We should discuss this with Shi Jian. Maybe stall the research progress on this virtual reality device when they return to Earth.”

Mubai had no issues with that. He said with a smirk, “Your worry is not unfounded. However, one day, this technology will still surface.”

“That is a worry for the future.”

“But this is such an unusually cruel punishment for Sam. He will be very disappointed since he has tasted the joy of this virtual reality already.”

Xinghe said quite heartlessly, “That is not my problem; it’s not my issue that his self-control is so weak. What about you, have you tried it yet?”

She did not believe Mubai had not. He must have tasted all the advanced technology available there. He was an extremely business-minded person, he would not give up on any opportunity to earn money. If this virtual reality device was sold on Earth, it would bring him immense wealth, how could he pass up such a good opportunity?

As she expected, Mubai nodded. “Yes, I have tried it once and I have to admit, their technological level is indeed very advanced.”

“Is it fun?” Xinghe pressed.

Mubai grinned wickedly. “There are many worlds for you to choose, some are quite interesting, others I have no interest in. But overall, it is a great invention, at least greater than all the gaming devices we currently have on the market.”

“I hear from Sam there is a harem world and he said it was very fun, what do you think?” Xinghe continued to ask.

Mubai finally understood the purpose of her questioning, she was laying a trap for him.

There was no one else in the control room. He stood up and walked to her side. He bent his body and lowered his face to right before hers, his nose almost touching hers. Xinghe did not move out of his way, she stared right into his dark eyes.

“I had no idea you cared about me so much,” Mubai said with a pleased grin. “You don’t like me playing that game?”

Xinghe did not answer him directly but smiled slightly. “I was only asking your opinion on it, don’t read too much into it.”

“But I already have read too much into it, what shall I do about that?” Mubai said in a gleeful rasp.

Xinghe could not help but whisper intimately, “I don’t know, what do you have in mind?”

The man’s tapered fingers caressed her chin and hissed passionately, “I have a reward in mind for you.”

“Reward for me?” Xinghe was confused.

“Yes, reward for caring about me or else how am I going to make sure you will keep doing it?” Mubai then pressed on her lips with a smile.

Xinghe’s eyes shuddered before she closed her eyes. The man’s fingers combed her long hair and his lips pressed down harder on her. His every kiss was a great mix of passion and gentleness.

Xinghe had to admit that every time he kissed her, she would feel charmed, because his scent was all too alluring...

For him, Xinghe was like a forbidden drug. Mubai had to force himself to end the kiss every time. He massaged Xinghe’s

temple, looked into her beautiful and slightly alert eyes and whispered lovingly, “I am not interested in that world, so I did not try it.”

Chapter 859: Feed My Addiction

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Xinghe blinked and then realized what he was talking about. She laughed. “But Sam said any man will fall for it, he said that even you will be no exception.”

There was a trace of anger in his eyes. “He was trying to pull us apart?”

“He might have been, but it was dumb.”

“It is,” Mubai observed with a smirk. “I am not like him; he might be addicted but I won’t because only you can feed my addiction.”

His sweet talk had gotten so much smoother; however, it was increasingly easy on Xinghe’s ears. She would feel sweet every time he did such things. No wonder they said sweet talk was a woman’s biggest downfall. Then she thought, Perhaps it’s not so bad to have fallen for this man.

Thinking about that, Xinghe could not help but smile.

Seeing her charming smile, Mubai’s smile deepened. “What are you smiling about?”

“No reason, suddenly I wish to leave this place and go home.”

When they were on Earth, nothing felt special. Only after leaving did they realize how wonderful Earth was. They were only there for a few days and already she could not wait to return home. She wanted to return to City T with Mubai to see their son and family.

Mubai’s eyes darkened. “I also wish to return early, but there is still no news regarding your mother.”

He had spent the last few days asking around, but no one seemed to know where Xinghe and Ee Chen’s parents had disappeared to. The few who knew them all said they disappeared many years ago and did not show themselves again.

Some said that He Lan Yuan had them secretly executed for betraying him, while others said they escaped the place

because they could not stand the life there anymore. Other than He Lan Yuan, no one knew actually what happened, but alas, He Lan Yuan had gone mad. Therefore, their trail had gone cold again.

The smile on Xinghe's face disappeared and she said, "No matter, since they are not here, then they must be somewhere else. As long as they are still alive, they will one day show up."

"Yes, I believe so too," Mubai said confidently. "Don't worry yourself too much over this. I will try my best to look for her after we return to Earth. If she is back on Earth, we will be able to find her."

"Okay." Xinghe nodded and put the issue on the backburner. After all, there was no point dwelling on it, she was not one to worry about something she could not control. Her goal then was to solve the system and help everyone there return home.

"I will try my best to solve the system today, go busy yourself with your work, I have to start focusing on mine," Xinghe told Mubai directly.

"I have nothing else important to worry about, I will stay to accompany you."

The minute Mubai said that, a man suddenly walked in to inform them, "Mr. Xi, Miss Xia, sorry to disturb. Mr. Shi Jian requested me to come get you two to meet him, he said he has something important to discuss with you, so please follow me."

Mubai and Xinghe hesitated. Xinghe asked, "Did he say what this is about?"

"It sounds like it is about the base's spaceships."

Over the past two days, Shi Jian and the rest had been checking and preparing the spaceships. Once the defense system was taken down, they would leave on the spaceships. It sounded like something was wrong with the spaceships, this was a huge problem.

Chapter 860: Activated the Defence System

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Xinghe said, “We will be going now.”

Mubai and Xinghe stood up to leave. They were going down the staircase from fifth floor to the fourth floor when Mubai suddenly stopped moving. Xinghe turned to ask, “What’s wrong?”

Mubai’s brows furrowed deeply. “Something is not right.”

Xinghe instantly realized what he was talking about, the person who came to inform them did not follow them.

“Something is not right with that man!” Xinghe blurted out.

“Stay here, I will go look,” Mubai reminded her as he rushed back up the stairs. Xinghe, of course, would not let him go alone, so she quickly followed. Mubai was incredibly fast; he reached the control room soon enough. He opened the door to see the man destroying the computers in there.

“Stop what you’re doing!” Mubai’s eyes immediately darkened. The man did not heed his advice but lifted up the chair beside him and swung it at the computer. Mubai leaped forward and knocked the man off his feet at the very last minute.

“Let me go!” The man who was pressed under him struggled greatly. Mubai gripped the man’s shirt, smiled wickedly at him, and punched him right on his nose. The man almost coughed out blood from the force and instantly lost all power to fight back.

However, Mubai did not stop there. He continued raining punches on him until the man was unconscious. While that was happening, Xinghe was busy checking the computers.

Mubai walked over and asked in a serious tone, “How’s everything looking?”

Xinghe replied with a drawn face as her fingers danced over the keyboard, “He seems to have activated the defense system...”

“What?” Mubai was slightly taken aback before his face also hardened.

Xinghe then confirmed in a severe tone, “Yes, he did! The base’s defense system has been activated!”

As she said so, sirens started ringing all over the base. The faces of the people in the base changed when they heard the sirens.

Then, they heard He Lan Yuan’s manic cackle. From the building that he stayed in, his voice radiated throughout the base, almost everyone could hear him. The combination of the base’s sirens and He Lan Yuan’s laugh was like a vice clamping over everyone’s heart.

After a small pause, everyone in the base rushed towards the central building. They all wanted to know what had happened. Had the defense system really been activated?

Shi Jian and Sam were at the front. They rushed into the control room, scanned around, and seemed to know what had happened instantly.

“What happened?” Shi Jian still asked as he caught his breath. Mubai retold the events roughly.

Shi Jian hissed angrily, “He must have been influenced by He Lan Yuan! Only He Lan Yuan knows how to activate the defense system, but hasn’t he lost it... or he was faking it the whole time?”

“That insane old coot, I will go end him now!” Sam rushed back out in an angry fit.

“Wait,” Xinghe suddenly said. Sam stopped and turned to look back at her with a confused expression.

Xinghe stood up to address everyone who had gathered there. “From this second onward, no one is allowed to waste any more time. Go make the necessary preparations and gather at the spaceships. I will use my fastest speed to undo the defense system and open the barrier. If we’re lucky, we might still survive this.”

Chapter 861: Everyone Will Die If I Don't Stay

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Sam and the rest were stunned. What did she say? She will have us wait by the spaceships while she stays back to deal with the system?

Mubai was the first to grab her by her arm and glared at her as he demanded, "Have you lost your mind?"

Xinghe darted her gaze and repeatedly firmly, "I will stay back to crack the defense system; the rest of you go make the necessary preparations and gather by the spaceships. Go, now!"

"Xinghe, are you crazy?" Sam roared with agitation. "We will leave together or die together, how can we possibly leave you behind?"

"If I don't stay, we will all die," Xinghe answered calmly which silenced Sam and the rest. The sirens in the base were still ringing but it no longer struck fear in people's heart as they stared dumbly at Xinghe. They did not expect her to make such a decision; she would sacrifice herself to help them...

She had no reason to even come to the moon to take the risk, but she did, and now she did not even hesitate to sacrifice herself to buy them a chance at survival. She wasn't related to them in any way, she was just a normal woman, so how could she be so selfless?

The men who grew up in the base had already gotten numb to everything, they approached life in a detached manner, however, in that moment, they were touched by this woman by the name of Xia Xinghe. For some reason, they felt something warm swirling in their eyes...

Xinghe scanned the lot of them and announced clearly, "What are you people standing here for? There is not much time, go prepare or we will all have to die!"

"I am not leaving!" Sam stood his ground with a grave expression. "I came here to protect you, so I will die

accomplishing that mission!”

“I am not leaving either!” Shi Jian also stepped forward to say, “Miss Xia, you came here on my request, so I must shoulder the responsibility. I will stay to protect you until the very last minute.”

“I will also stay. After all, I am already old, the world won’t need me. Let the young ones go, the few of us seniors will stay behind to protect you,” an elderly scientist declared. A few other people also volunteered to stay until eventually almost everyone was going to stay.

They did not place much value on their lives before Xinghe’s group arrive. They were going to leave to pursue a greater happiness, but to have a woman die in exchange for their own future, this was not something they could accept. Furthermore, they were not spineless people, they did not want to have her death on their consciences. Since she was willing to sacrifice herself for them, they were ready to do the same for her.

Xinghe was surprised that so many of them were willing to stay for her sake, but she still continued expressionlessly, “If none of you are going then we will all die for nothing. In that case, what was the point of me coming here? So, go now; we don’t have much time left.”

“We cannot do that.”

“Miss Xia, we are not worthy of your sacrifice, please do not do this.”

“That’s right, you guys go on ahead; we will figure out a way to deal with this defense system. Let us stay back to buy you guys some more time.”

“That’s right, Miss Xia, please hurry and leave,” Shi Jian also advised them.

Chapter 862: Waste Not One Second

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Xinghe did not expect such an overwhelming show of support; she was touched... but it was still not enough to soften her resolve.

She shook her head and said, “None of you can crack this system, only I can. I am not choosing to stay back because I want to, but I have to. No matter whether I stay or leave, I do not think I have a chance of walking out here alive, so in that case, I would rather give you all a chance at life. If you all really want to show your appreciation, then leave now and stop wasting time. Listen to my order, everyone go and make the necessary preparations because there might still be a solution to salvage this situation, but that is definitely not going to happen with all of us standing here. Only after you all have escaped can you come to save me, so get moving now! Whoever stays here to argue any more is actively harming everyone’s chance at survival!”

Xinghe’s speech rendered them speechless because they found no way to rebut. She was absolutely right, so they could follow her orders obediently.

Shi Jian turned around immediately and ordered with authority, “Attention, move out towards the spaceships now. Make sure all preparations are done!”

“Yes, sir!” Everyone replied in unison. No one dared to dally, and they started moving. However, Sam and Mubai remained unmoved.

Xinghe looked towards Sam and said, “You also need to go.”

Sam scoffed, “Impossible! I...”

“Go, now!” Xinghe yelled at him. “I am not in need of your sacrifice. You have to return to Earth safety to complete this mission.”

“Who cares about the mission if you’re not coming back with us?” Sam roared angrily in return.

Mubai suddenly grabbed his sleeves and hissed severely, “Then go figure out a way for us to get out of this with none of us dying. For now, you have to ensure your safety so that you can save us. Go fetch two spacesuits now!”

Sam was taken aback as comprehension dawned.

“I will go now!” He shrugged Mubai off and rushed out of the room. Xinghe looked at Mubai, the latter’s eyes were austere enough to deter any living being from making eye-contact with him.

“What are you standing there for, you should start working on the defense system,” he reminded her in a weirdly calm and gentle voice.

Xinghe opened her mouth to say something but she finally decided against it and started focusing on the computer. She did not have the luxury of time to do this with him. She knew he would not leave no matter what she said, so the only thing she could do was crack the defense system as fast as she could to give everyone a chance at survival.

Xinghe went to town on the keyboard.

Sam soon returned with two sets of spacesuits. After taking them from him, Mubai ordered, “Go to the spaceships, see if there is a way to save us.”

“Okay!” Sam nodded tensely. He looked at Mubai and told him solemnly, “You two have to survive; I will use every ounce of my energy to come save you.”

“Thank you.”

That was the only reply Mubai gave him, but it was enough to communicate the gratitude he had for the other man. Sam nodded knowingly. He did not waste time talking and went to fulfil his responsibility. Every second was precious, and they did not have the luxury to waste even one.

Mubai also started moving. He personally helped Xinghe get into the spacesuit which was not easy considering the fact her hands never left the laptop as she shrugged into the spacesuit.

With Mubai's help, Xinghe successfully put on her spacesuit except for her helmet and gloves.

He then stepped into his own spacesuit. He also left his helmet and gloves off, so he could have an easier time in helping Xinghe gets hers on.

Chapter 863: Expanded

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Very soon, the base's defense system would be activated!

By then, the base would self-destruct, and nothing would be safe.

“How much do we have left?” Mubai asked Xinghe solemnly. Xinghe replied without taking her eyes off the screen, “Probably less than a minute!”

Mubai was shocked, they only had such a short amount of time left. His hands that held the helmet got tighter, he was ready to shove it onto Xinghe when the time came. Everyone else had moved to the spaceships. The base was huge, there was a hangar used to keep the spaceships, the spaceships were large and numerous enough to contain everyone from the base. These were the spaceships He Lan Yuan had prepared for his grand return to Earth. However, without his command, the barrier above the hangar could not be opened and the spaceships would not be able to lift off.

He Lan Yuan controlled everything there and was insane enough to want to destroy his life's work. Since his plan had failed, he'd rather everyone else fail alongside him. His manic cackling had never once stopped throughout this process.

But did he really think he could take everyone out so easily? Impossible!

Xinghe had determination flaring in her eyes. She would never give up, not until the very last second!

Xinghe had completely entered her optimum state, her limit was once again pushed to greater heights. The external world was tuned out and even time had become relative. She did not waste even a tenth of a second, the last minute was used to its maximum capacity.

The atmosphere in the base was increasingly tense following her crazy tapping on the keyboard. The sirens were increasingly shrill as if they would break the sound barrier at any moment!

Just as everything was going to reach its maximum height, seconds before the big explosion, the sirens in the base stopped!

Shi Jian and the rest in the spaceships were stupefied.

They stood frozen and looked at each other with apparent disbelief. The sirens stopped...

Xinghe was successful, she had cracked the defense system?

As if answering their question, the barrier above the hangar slowly opened. The fake blue sky parted to reveal the vast and dark cosmos. There had not been a greater moment where they loved the look of space so much. Their souls seemed to have escaped into the vast nothingness, so broad and so free. The sense of freedom was so overwhelmingly uplifting that it made them want to laugh aloud. And that was what they did, they laughed like they had never laughed before, which was not that far off from the truth.

The people at the base had never known laughter, but at that moment, they laughed from the bottom of their hearts and truly understood the meaning of the word, joy.

The sensation was even greater than the dreams of world domination. Sam was right, they had never experienced happiness and joy. They would never experience it if they kept staying there. Thankfully, they were going to leave the place!

Shi Jian immediately ordered a few people to go fetch Xinghe and Mubai. Right then, he realized Sam had disappeared. He did not notice Sam had rushed out of the spaceship the moment the sirens stopped.

Shi Jian did not dally and took his men to catch up to him.

Chapter 864: Laughing

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Along the way there, they saw the few of them rushing down toward them. To his surprise, Mubai and Sam carried two persons with them. They were He Lan Yuan and the man who attempted to destroy the defense system! Do they plan to save them?

The base's barrier had been opened and the air from the base had rushed out. Xinghe, Mubai, and Sam had their spacesuits on while Mubai and Sam shared their oxygen with the two men they carried on their shoulders.

Mubai and Sam were on the verge of crumbling because they had difficulty breathing and had to carry another person with them. Shi Jian saw this and immediately had his men help them.

Shedding the weight, Mubai and Sam sighed audibly and increased the speed of their footsteps. With the cooperation from everyone, they soon entered the spaceships.

The spaceship had auto oxygen circulatory system, so Sam took off his helmet as the door closed. He crumbled to the floor and started gasping greatly for air. Mubai was doing the same as well. Sweat poured down his face profusely, but his eyes were glowing. There was even a huge smile on his face.

Sam was laughing, then everyone else started laughing. Like a disease, their laughs became louder and louder until the whole spaceship was filled with the sound of their laughter. Weirdly enough, no one spoke, and everyone was lost in the pure joy of laughter.

It was a laughter of sweet ending, a laughter to rejoice, to celebrate a new beginning. Laughter that perfectly described their feelings that were hard to be put into words. A few men even started dancing, at least what they thought was dancing on the moon. The weird twisting movements made Sam laugh even harder.

“Wait, stop, my stomach hurts!” Sam suddenly said with a frown as his hands went to his stomach. Shi Jian and the rest

immediately stopped and looked at him with shock.

“Stomach ache? How are you feeling?” Shi Jian enquired with concern.

“Are you injured?” someone asked worriedly.

“Let me take a look!” A man who studied medicine offered to give him a check-up.

Sam wanted to start laughing again, but he said, “No, I’m fine, my stomach hurts from laughing too much, that’s all.”

Shi Jian and the rest were stunned, the stomach could hurt from laughing too much?

Very soon, they realized a rather uncomfortable sensation settling down the pit of their stomach. Shi Jian and the rest sighed silently. Shi Jian said with tears in his eyes, “After thirty years, this is the first time I’ve stumbled upon the knowledge that one could get stomach ache from laughing too hard. In fact, this is the first time I have laughed with such happy abandon.”

“Me too.”

“Me too...” Everyone else nodded in agreement. They lamented their earlier life, which was no different from a living death. Every waking minute was spent doing research mechanically. The past decade of life was less than the past few minutes of happiness.

They swore to not return to that kind of lifestyle anymore. They had tasted happiness and would not want to continue their life in such dull manner anymore.

Shi Jian suddenly turned to Xinghe and bowed deeply to her. “Miss Xia, thank you for saving all our lives! We will never forget the kindness that you have showed us today and the new life you have given us. Miss Xia, thank you very much!”

“Miss Xia, thank you very much!” Everyone else also bowed deeply at her.

Xinghe said rather uncomfortably, “There is no need to thank me, you should thank yourself instead.”

Chapter 865: Depart!

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Shi Jian did not understand. “Thank ourselves?”

Xinghe nodded and said matter-of-factly, “Yes, it is because you all yearned for a better future that you decided to detain He Lan Yuan. It is because of this that I was willing to come and save you. Therefore, you should thank yourselves for taking the first step.”

If they’d continued to be He Lan Yuan’s pawns, their futures would not have changed. Only by siding with the good could salvation be theirs. Shi Jian and the rest’s feelings were complicated after listening to Xinghe. So, they had saved themselves...

“Regardless, Miss Xia, we are still greatly in your debt. Without you and your friends, freedom would have been impossible for us. Therefore, we will remember what you have done for us as long as we live,” Shi Jian still said with heartfelt appreciation.

Mubai said with a curved smile, “If you really want to show your appreciation toward her, then be stand-up humans after you all return to Earth.”

“That is for sure,” Shi Jian and the rest answered excitedly. Their eyes were glowing with anticipation. They were like new-born babies, excited to welcome a new life. A single outburst of laughter was enough to tickle them greatly, so they could not wait to experience the full range of human emotion. Therefore, they greatly anticipated their return to Earth.

“Miss Xia, now that the barrier is open, we can leave at any time. Do you still have anything that needs to be done? If not, then we will depart right away,” Shi Jian enquired with utmost respect. Shi Jian and the rest looked at her with great admiration and respect; they were willing to follow her arrangements.

Xia Xinghe shook her head. “There’s nothing else. Let’s depart if you’re all ready; there is no reason to stay at this place anymore.”

“Yes!” Shi Jian answered with authority, but his eyes could not help but fall on He Lan Yuan and his lackey who were unconscious.

“Miss Xia, why did you save them?” he asked. He Lan Yuan was Earth’s most wanted man and the other almost caused all of them to die there. She should not have wasted her time and energy to go save them.

Xinghe looked at their unconscious bodies and said lightly, “They were conveniently on our way here and He Lan Yuan is still useful to me.”

She was going to pry her mother’s location out of him. Shi Jian seemed to understand what she meant, so he did not ask anymore. He moved to prepare for lift off.

Xinghe and her group tied up He Lan Yuan and his lackey to prevent them from creating any more disturbances. Very soon, all the spaceships were ready to leave. With one order, they would leave the moon base and return home—Earth!

Shi Jian passed the mantle of leadership to Xinghe, but Xinghe was not interested in leading them, so she passed it to Mubai instead.

“Attention Ship One!” Mubai took over the communicator and looked out into the vast space and ordered seriously, “Prepare for take off!”

“Yes sir!” Spaceship One started its engine and successfully entered space. When they left the moon base, other than Xinghe’s group, everyone else had tears in their eyes. They were finally going to leave that godforsaken place.

The levitation of Spaceship One meant the advent of their freedom...

Mubai continued to order, “Spaceship Two, prepare for lift off!”

“Yes, sir!” Spaceship Two also successfully lifted off into space.

Chapter 866: Living Is Your Curse

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Just like that, all the spaceships were activated; they were moving toward that blue, beautiful planet. Xinghe had contacted the people back on Earth. After Ali and the rest heard from her, they anticipated the fleet of spaceships' glorious return. They knew Xinghe would never fail, her track record proved that.

Xinghe had no idea her image had greatly elevated in many people's eyes after this incident. Even the way He Lan Yuan looked at her had changed.

Speaking of which, the scientist had roused himself. He was tied to a chair; the binds were so tight that he could not even wiggle his wrists.

His dark eyes stared at Xinghe, who sat opposite him. She stared back openly at him and neither said a word. They just stared at each other. He Lan Yuan's gaze was like that of a predator stalking his prey in the dark; it made people alarmed and anxious. Xinghe's gaze was like the surface of a deep pool, clear yet cold. Under He Lan Yuan's scary scrutiny, she did not falter; her inner confidence impressed even He Lan Yuan.

After who knows how long, this frail and ugly old man croaked, "I am surprised that Earth has someone as talented as you. My satellite and base system were overridden by you. If I'd known, I would have destroyed Earth without giving any warning."

"The worst taste in the world is regret," Xinghe said softly.

He Lan Yuan started cackling. "You are right, and you will definitely taste it since you let me live. As long as I am alive..."

"You are useless even if you're alive," Xinghe interrupted him crudely.

He Lan Yuan's face dropped. "What did you say? I dare you to repeat it!"

Xinghe glanced at him and repeated, “You are useless even if you’re alive.”

“How dare you call me useless!” He Lan Yuan almost jumped off his chair, he would’ve, if not for the bindings holding him back. No wonder Shi Jian had thought he’d gone insane because he definitely looked the part. He Lan Yuan widened his dead eyes and barked, “Other than me, everyone else in this world is useless! Only I can stand at the top. No one is better than me; I am the most impressive genius the world has ever seen. You foolish humans are so beneath me, you are not even worth my time. And you dare say I am useless? Don’t make me laugh, you humans are the useless ones! None of you can match my accomplishments, the things that I have achieved! I am the greatest!”

“Your accomplishments?” Xinghe scoffed with derision. Her derision riled He Lan Yuan up even more. He might have failed, but it did not mean he was going to suffer being looked down upon by this woman. For a self-centered, arrogant person like He Lan Yuan, the biggest insult was having someone doubt his ability.

He would take revenge whenever someone did that to him. Alas, he was now their prisoner, so he could not do anything to harm Xinghe.

“You are looking down on me?” He Lan Yuan glared at her with his venomous gaze that reminded Xinghe of a viper and hissed, “Who are you to look down on me? You think you can do that just because you’ve captured me? Please, my accomplishment...”

“Stop, because none of this is your accomplishment,” Xinghe once again interrupted him rudely.

Chapter 867: Because I Have Ruined You

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He Lan Yuan was stunned. Then a great ball of fire expanded from within his chest.

“Not mine?” He glared venomously at Xinghe, spitting out his every word. “You say these achievements are not mine? How dare you claim that they are not mine, how dare you humiliate me thusly—”

He Lan Yuan was practically screaming at this point. His dry, slender neck was pulled taut, and a few veins on his forehead were close to popping. If he were any angrier, he would have died from an aneurysm.

His screams were so loud that almost everyone in the ship heard him. Shi Jian and the rest still jumped from his scream, because their fear for He Lan Yuan had been drilled into them when they were young. They all tensed unconsciously when they heard him yell.

“He has gone crazy!” Sam glared and was ready to push open the door to teach this old coot a lesson but was stopped by Mubai.

“Don’t go in.”

“Why not?” Sam questioned. “Did you not hear him scream at Xinghe? He is crazy, what if he harms Xinghe?”

Mubai laughed and said, “What kind of harm do you think he can do? Xinghe told us all to not go disturb her or else we might spoil her plan.”

Sam instantly conceded. Xinghe always had an end goal in mind that he could never understand; it seemed like only Mubai understood her. Since he’d said she had a plan, then it was probably true. After all, the most He Lan Yuan could do was yell at Xinghe, and he knew Xinghe would not be affected by something like that.

“Considering the person you are, this level of humiliation is being kind to you.” She stared at him and said with a cold smile, “You have the face to claim these accomplishments as

yours. From how I see it, your only accomplishment is grooming the real creators behind these accomplishments!”

“What did you say?” He Lan Yuan widened his eyes.

Xinghe stood up gracefully and looked down at him. “You used some despicable methods to cultivate a group of geniuses to work for you, otherwise, how could someone of your caliber even dare to go up against the world? Alas, even with so many talents working for you and years of preparation, you still could not take down the work. This is because you are rotten within and even the gods want to punish you. Every living person in the world wants to see you dead. If you are not useless then what are you? In this whole wide world, you are the most useless creature there is and will ever be!”

“You...” He Lan Yuan was speechless from anger, so much so that his eyes almost popped out of their sockets. “How dare you talk to me like this! No one dares talk to me like this, how dare you deny everything that I have done, how... who are you to judge me?”

“I am the person who ruined everything that you have worked for, is that not enough?” Xinghe answered plainly. He Lan Yuan froze in his seat and despair washed away the anger in his eyes. Yes, she had ruined everything for him...

Sometimes it only needed one sentence to bring a person down. He Lan Yuan’s confidence, arrogance, and conceit seemed to crumble before Xinghe. He seemed to visibly deflate in his seat, and in that instant, he looked more like the fragile old man that he was. This was most obvious in his eyes which had lost their glow and they looked just like the eyes of a dead man.

“Do you know why I was able to ruin you so completely?” Xinghe’s cold and clear voice rang out above his head.

He Lan Yuan was suddenly reminded of the words Xinghe told him just before she took over control of his satellites.

Chapter 868: Xia Wa's Daughter

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She said that he was not qualified to know how she did that. "That is because I know who really designed your system. I know the theories behind it, so naturally I know how to hack through them."

What? He Lan Yuan whipped his head up and looked at her in disbelief. His eyes stared at her darkly, and surprise and shock were apparent on his face. "You, you are... your mother is..."

Xinghe nodded calmly. "That's right, it is her."

"Impossible!" He Lan Yuan gasped. "Xia Wa 1 has no daughter; a woman like her will not give birth because no one in this world is worthy enough to inherit her legacy! No useless human is good enough to sire her children, you cannot be Xia Wa's daughter!"

Xia Wa? Xinghe's eyes flitted temporarily. She had never known her mother's name, her father refused to tell her, apparently it was a promise between her parents. So, her name is Xia Wa...

In the bible, Xia Wa was the first woman God created, the first human being to obtain intelligence. So was there a deeper meaning behind her mother's name?

"She said her name is not Xia Wa," Xinghe retorted slowly.

He Lan Yuan laughed mirthlessly. "It was right of her to give you the wrong name because you do not deserve to know her real name. Xia Wa is the name I bequeathed unto her."

"Why?" Xinghe asked.

He Lan Yuan was actually an incredibly lonely person. He was stuck on the moon base with no one to share his inner secrets, so he did not mind sharing them with Xinghe, just like how the villains loved to point out their grand schemes in movies for plot reasons.

"Because she is the most incredible person I have ever cultivated. She has shown immense talent and intelligence

since she was still a girl, and she could absorb any new knowledge; she was a learning machine. She is as clever as I am, and she is the only human in this world who I will admit as my kin. From my perspective, she is the first woman in the world to truly possess intelligence and everyone else is equally dumb! Therefore, I named her Xia Wa because there is no better name for her.”

“Do you really think you are God?” Xinghe asked coldly.

He Lan Yuan retorted matter-of-factly, “I am God! No one is better than me, and she is my creation, my greatest accomplishment in life. I am her God, and I am God incarnate!”

Xinghe was speechless. She really did not expect that He Lan Yuan would be so conceited. He even considered himself God incarnate...

“Then where is she?” She did not want to waste time and cut straight to the point.

He Lan Yuan’s excited glow in his eyes suddenly dimmed. There was resentment and pain in his tone when he said, “I do not know where she is.”

“If you don’t, then who does?” Xinghe asked vehemently.

He Lan Yuan roared angrily, “She escaped! I was so nice to her and cultivated her so carefully... I was even willing to share the whole world with her. I spent so much on her, but she had the audacity to escape and took a sizeable group of people with her. For so many years, I have been searching for her, but it was to no avail. I thought she’d died, who would have thought... she went to Earth and gave birth to a daughter!”

He Lan Yuan’s gaze on Xinghe suddenly turned scary, like he was intent on erasing her existence. His gaze seemed like he was looking at the world’s dirtiest thing.

Chapter 869: You're the One Who's Wrong

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“You should not have been born!” He glared viciously at Xinghe. His gaze was the most disgusting and atrocious gaze Xinghe had ever since in her life. “You do not have the right to exist in this world because your existence is Xia Wa’s one and only regret in life. If I’d known she had given birth to a child on Earth, I would have ruined it without a second thought. You deserve death, because you ruined her! Someone like you is not qualified to uphold her glorious legacy!”

“If I am not qualified, then who is?” Xinghe laughed. She was not angered by his words, not even one bit.

He Lan Yuan demanded crazily, “My offspring, of course! Only my own child is qualified to carry her legacy because she and I are superhumans. Other than myself, no human is good enough for her. Who is your father? I am going to kill him! He has corrupted my best creation; I will never forgive him even if I die!”

“You?” Xinghe laughed haughtily as an ice-cold aura radiated from her body. “You are the only one qualified to be her partner? You even mentioned the biggest regret of her life. Have you ever considered that, perhaps, you are her biggest regret in life?”

“What did you say?” He Lan Yuan glared openly at Xinghe like a leopard ready to pounce.

Xinghe repeated herself, “You are her biggest regret in life, that is why she wants to eliminate you, to ruin everything you have worked for!”

He Lan Yuan was stupefied, staring at Xinghe with his mouth agape. She said that Xia Wa wanted to eliminate him? How was that possible?

“You’re lying to me!” He Lan Yuan was calm again, but his face was still as creepy as ever. “I have given my everything to cultivate her. I have done everything for her, I lavished her with the best treatment, and I practically raised her. I am her confidant; I am her everything. Why would she want to

eliminate me, the person she wants to eliminate is you because you are her biggest regret in life!”

He Lan Yuan got increasingly agitated as he tried to convince himself more than Xinghe. He nodded continuously, saying, “Yes, I am her everything, and you are her biggest regret. She is supposed to eliminate you, yes, you...”

“But the one being destroyed now is you,” Xinghe reminded him once more. He Lan Yuan froze on the spot as Xinghe continued nonchalantly, “How else do you explain the fact that I was able to ruin everything you have built?”

He Lan Yuan lifted his face slowly, his sagging face shuddering as he did so. His eyes were darting around as well. Someone of his intellect definitely knew what Xinghe was referring to.

His satellite control system and base defense system were designed by Xia Wa. Only she could hack through the system easily. Therefore, she must have left Xinghe the method to do that; she... wanted to destroy him.

He Lan Yuan’s lips also started to quiver. He should have thought of that when Xinghe suddenly took over his control of the satellites. He should have happened upon Xinghe’s relationship to Xia Wa then...

It was because he was unwilling to accept the reality that he continued lying to himself. Why would she betray me?

“Impossible, she has no reason to do this to me, impossible...”

Chapter 870: Her Design

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“The world can betray me for all I care but not her. I don’t believe she would do this to me, I don’t believe this...”

He Lan Yuan shook his head vehemently. However, no matter how hard he tried to deceive himself, he could not stop himself from shaking. The realization that Xia Wa had betrayed him immediately affected his health.

“It does not matter whether you believe it or not; she is telling you she does not care for everything you have given her, because those are not the things she wanted. You forced them on her, and you will never be able to control her again.”

Xinghe did not want to be in the same space as him anymore, so she turned to leave after she spoke her mind. However, as she took her first step, He Lan Yuan suddenly started to laugh. The laughs were filled with unfettered glee. Xinghe turned around to look at him with curiosity.

After He Lan Yuan calmed down, he removed his twisted smile to stare at her and said clearly, “But she was the one who designed Project Galaxy.”

Xinghe’s eyes widened with shock.

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With information gathered from Shi Jian and the rest, Xinghe knew a bit more about Project Galaxy. The project referred to the five hundred satellites which littered the space around Earth; it was a mad project aimed to destroy the world.

This project involved many forces, and many tragedies had happened due to this project. Therefore, Xinghe was utterly surprised when she found out that the mastermind behind this heartless project was her own mother. How was that even possible?

However, no matter whether Xinghe was going to believe him or not, she knew He Lan Yuan was not lying to her, he had no reason to. He was telling the truth; the project was her

mother's design or else so many things would not be explained.

She was able to escape and more than capable to expose and stop He Lan Yuan, so why didn't she do that?

Also, why would she name her Xia Xinghe. She knew about Project Galaxy and used that as Xinghe's namesake, wasn't she being a little bit on the nose about it?

Not to be forgotten was the fact that she had never spoken a word about her actual name and background. From all this evidence, it was clear that she was hiding a lot of information from them. This project had to be her doing. Only she could come up with such a project and make it a reality... but Xinghe could not understand why.

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The spaceships in the base had advanced designs. Even as they travelled through space, they did not feel any bumps or turns. The gravity inside the spaceship could be tweaked using the system in the spaceship according to flight situation. Therefore, standing in there, Xinghe and the rest felt like they were travelling in a fast and stable train.

Standing beside the window, Xinghe stared into the vast space, but the vastness was not reflected within her. He Lan Yuan's gloating and weird face when he said that one fateful sentence kept appearing in her mind. It bothered her greatly even though she had no idea why.

Could it be because she knew it was her mother who designed Project Galaxy?

She designed Project Galaxy and then had her come to destroy it... what was the point in that?

Could it be that she regretted coming up with the project and wanted her to stop it?

Even though it had been thirteen years since Xinghe saw her mother, her memory of her was still fresh. She could still remember the impression her mother had left on her like it was just yesterday.

Chapter 871: Even Xinghe Could Not Understand Her

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In her memory, her mother had always been a peaceful and calm person. She had never seen her mother lose her composure; it was as if she did not care about anything in the world. Even if the sky were to fall, she wouldn't even bat an eye.

Xinghe was the most impressed by her brilliance; she was the most intelligent woman Xinghe had ever met in this world. Everything Xinghe was she'd learnt from her, even her calm personality that bordered on aloofness, she'd inherited from her mother.

However, her capability was still less than her mother's. This went to show how truly talented Xinghe's mother really was.

Therefore, Xinghe could not understand what was going through her mind. If this was any other person, Xinghe would be able to read his or her mind, but this was her mother, the one person she could not understand.

Xinghe stood by the window, ruminating on what He Lan Yuan had said. Mubai walked over and passed her a bottle of water. "What's on your mind?"

Xinghe was pulled out of her reverie as she accepted the bottle and took a sip from it. However, she did not answer.

The man also looked out into the black cosmos, the glittering starlight was reflected in his dark eyes. In a wispy tone, he asked, "Ever since you came out of the room, you have been looking out the window. What did He Lan Yuan say to you?"

Xinghe turned to look at him, at his perfect features' profile.

"He told me something completely unexpected."

"What is it?" Mubai turned to face her, his eyes as gentle as the calming sea. The two of them had no secrets; Xinghe did not want to keep anything away from him.

She surveyed their surroundings to make sure no one was around and said softly, "He said Project Galaxy was designed

by my mother.”

As she expected, a flash of surprised appeared in Mubai’s eyes. This was pretty much how Xinghe had reacted when she was told the news. Xinghe continued with confidence, “And I believe him.”

“What else did he say?” Mubai asked in a whisper, his expression back to normal.

Xinghe told him everything. After Mubai heard everything, his curiosity regarding Xinghe’s mother was piqued. “Sounds like she is an incredible woman. Alas, I did not have the chance to meet her.”

“I, too, have not seen her for many years, but my instincts tell me she is still alive, but where has she hidden herself?” Xinghe frowned slightly. “Why did she do this? What is she up to?”

Mubai also could not understand what Xinghe’s mother was thinking. He consoled her, “Don’t worry too much, at least this proves that she does not have much hostility toward this world or else she would not have left you the clue to take down the system. Plus, with her brilliance, I am sure she is surviving just fine. She probably has something she needs to deal with, when she wants to show herself, I am sure she will.”

Xinghe nodded. “That is one way to look at it. But I still wish to find her and ask her what she’s doing all this for face-to-face.”

“Okay, we will search for her together after we return,” Mubai promised. He would support every one of Xinghe’s endeavors. Ever since they got together, he had never said no to her.

For some reason, Xinghe felt she was being spoiled by Mubai. Then she laughed to herself, because if that really happened, then Mubai had managed to do something miraculous.

After more consolation from Mubai, Xinghe also decided to put this out of mind for now.

Chapter 872: Press that Danger Button

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By then, they just wanted to return to Earth and begin anew. They would leave He Lan Yuan to the United Nations. After they landed on Earth, Xinghe would rid herself of this menace.

However, He Lan Yuan was simply too much of a nuisance. Even though he was tied up and posed no physical threat to anyone, he could still pull some tricks. Xinghe and the rest did not realize this, but Sam did. One of the guys who stood guard over He Lan Yuan suddenly walked out the room and walked straight toward the control panel. Sam frowned when he noticed this.

Sam stared at the man and asked, “Hey, Kai Li, what are you doing?”

Back in the base, Sam had gone around familiarizing himself with the people there. He knew everyone on the spaceship. Therefore, Sam managed to notice how out of character Kai Li was acting.

The young man called Kai Li turned to look at him and answered rather robotically, “Nothing, just looking around.”

“What are you looking for?” Sam was alarmed, but this time, Kai Li did not answer him. He strode to the control panel, and his gaze flitted across the many buttons before landing squarely on a dark red danger button.

By then, Sam knew something was wrong. He sensed Kai Li’s intentions immediately. When Kai Li reached out his hand, Sam howled, “What are you doing?”

His howl caught everyone’s attention but Kai Li’s. The man continued reaching for the button...

“Stop!” Sam ran as fast as possible at Kai Li. Seconds before Kai Li’s fingers reached the button, Sam slammed him away from the control panel and pinned him down on the floor.

Kai Li started struggling like crazy under Sam’s weight. Sam pressed down on him and demanded angrily, “Have you lost your mind?”

“Let me go!” Kai Li continued to struggle with the power of a madman. His hand kept reaching for that red button. However, his struggle was in vain, he was no match for Sam.

“F*ck—” Sam lost his patience and punched the man right on the side of his head. Kai Li immediately felt the world spinning, and his hand landed to the floor with a weak thud.

Shi Jian and the rest came rushing to surround them.

“What was Kai Li trying to do?” Shi Jian asked in disbelief, even though they had seen what Kai Li was up to with their own two eyes. He was trying... to press that red danger button.

If he had been successful, the spaceship’s cabin door would have opened, and the spaceship would’ve exploded. They would all have died! He was trying to destroy the spaceship? But why? Kai Li is not someone who would act that way.

“What he was trying to do? He was trying to kill us!” Sam roared angrily, thinking back to how close Kai Li came to succeeding. His anger infected everyone there.

Shi Jian grabbed at Kai Li’s collar and interrogated, “Why did you do that?”

Kai Li’s eyes slowly came into focus as he saw everyone looking down at him with open hostility and disbelief. Subconsciously, he started to panic. “What, what are you guys doing?”

“That should be our question to you. What were you doing? Why did you attempt to kill us?” Shi Jian demanded angrily.

Kai Li was shocked. “I was trying to kill you all? You...”

Suddenly, he seemed to realize what he had done, and his face blanched immediately.

Chapter 873: I Really Didn't...

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Kai Li explained desperately, "I did not do that, or at least it was not my intention to do that, you have to believe me. I do not know why that happened, but I really did not intend for it to happen!"

"You didn't?" Sam scoffed. "If not for me, we would have all died because of you! Do you really think that pretending to have lost your mind will save you now?"

"But I really didn't..." Kai Li explained in a rush, "I also have no idea what came over me, but I did not want to do it, I really didn't."

"Then what made you want to do it?" Sam interrogated harshly.

"I, I have no clue..." Kai Li struggled to explain himself, but everything seemed illogical to him as well.

Suddenly, Xinghe's clear voice rang out, "Did He Lan Yuan do something to you?"

Kai Li lifted his head to look at Xinghe. With her reminder, he quickly remembered what had happened.

"Yes!" Kai Li nodded, he quickly told them what happened. "When I was given the task to guard over him, he had been staring at me, mumbling something incoherent. It annoyed me, but I did not stop him. Then, I can't say what happened, I looked at him and then it just happened..."

Everyone realized something was wrong when they heard Kai Li's explanation. There was a greater evil at work here. They all turned to look at Xinghe, expecting her to give them a valid explanation.

Xinghe though turned to Mubai and the latter said directly, "Should be some kind of hypnosis, he hypnotized Kai Li, which explains everything we have seen so far."

"Hypnosis?" Shi Jian was stunned.

Sam's lips curled into a cold smile. "That old creep, if he wants to die so badly, I will go kill him!"

"He must be kept alive, we need to hand him over to the United Nations," Xinghe reminded him softly.

Sam knew that, but he was not going to let He Lan Yuan off the hook so easily.

"Then, I will make him half-dead!" Sam rushed into the room that detained He Lan Yuan with his anger blazing. The first thing he did was to launch a punch at He Lan Yuan. He Lan Yuan in his old age, was unable to handle such a punch. A few teeth immediately flew out of his mouth and he started coughing like he was dying.

"You... dare to punch me?" He Lan Yuan glared evilly at Sam like a demon from hell. The blood dripping from the corner of his mouth only added to his malevolent appearance.

Sam frowned with disgust. "I not only dare to punch you, I dare to kill you as well. Old man, if you dare to pull any tricks again, I'll be the first one to end your life!"

Sam then retrieved some tape to cover up He Lan Yuan's mouth and eyes. This was the biggest humiliation He Lan Yuan had ever experienced in his life. He struggled angrily, but he was like a lamb waiting to be slaughtered, there was nothing he could do.

Shi Jian and the rest looked at how the mighty had fallen and had a complicated feeling rising in their chests. However, there was no pity in them. For some reason, they had never had respect toward He Lan Yuan; they'd mostly only felt fear. Therefore, they would not feel pity toward him.

Outside, Kai Li kept apologizing profusely. Even though he was hypnotized, he blamed himself because he almost caused everyone's death.

Xinghe said softly, "Don't blame yourself, this is not your fault. Now it looks like the man in the base was innocent too; he probably fell for He Lan Yuan's hypnosis."

Chapter 874: It Was Not Hypnosis

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The man was knocked out cold by Mubai and was still unconscious, which was why they had not realized it was hypnosis. Thankfully, Sam noticed the incongruous attitude of Kai Li or it would have been an unmitigated disaster. Everyone shivered from the possible consequences.

“But hypnosis does not work on us,” Shi Jian said suddenly.

Xinghe, Mubai, and Sam looked at him with shock.

Shi Jian explained slowly, “All of us have strong mental resistance; hypnosis should not work on us. We have done experiments on that.”

A medical researcher nodded. “Yes, hypnosis does not work on us, so when you said Kai Li was hypnotized, all of us were shocked.”

This time it was Xinghe’s group who were shocked. Sam said curiously, “If it is not hypnosis, then how can we explain what happened to Kai Li?”

Kai Li quickly added, “I really did not understand what happened to me.”

Sam nodded. “Don’t worry, we believe you.”

Kai Li instantly sighed in relief.

“So it was not hypnosis?” Xinghe asked Shi Jian.

Shi Jian answered uncertainly, “I have no clue whether it was or not. I might be wrong, after all, we cannot be sure every kind of hypnosis does not work on us.”

“But if it is not hypnosis, then what could it be?” Mubai asked with a frown. Xinghe could not come up with an answer either. They could only think of hypnosis, a very powerful one at that. If people like Shi Jian could fall under its influence, then this skill He Lan Yuan used must be incredibly powerful.

Xinghe said coolly, “We really shouldn’t have underestimated him. We must remind the people from the United Nations to be

cautious around him so as to not get hypnotized.”

“Definitely,” Mubai concurred with a nod.

Sam said with an evil smile, “Then, we should divert all guards away from that old man. Starve him for a day or two, and we’ll see how he continues to hypnotize people.”

Everyone agreed with his proposal. After all, two days of starvation was not enough to kill, but it would be a great punishment for He Lan Yuan.

They still had to keep watch over him, but it was switched to electronic surveillance; no one dared get too close to him.

The spaceship was going to reach Earth soon. Shi Jian had calculated the landing coordinates and time, and then Xinghe transmitted the information through the satellite to Galaxy Control Centre.

Ali and the rest were excited to know that they were going to return soon. Shi Jian and the rest were excited as well. They had forgotten what Earth looked like, but now they could see how beautiful Earth looked from space.

It was night when they neared Earth; the planet lit up like a precious gem from all the glittering city lights. Shi Jian and the men had seen the Milky Way and cosmos but had never once seen Earth from space. The world that was lined and clustered with lights, it was the most beautiful scenery in the entire cosmos.

Shi Jian and the men were bewitched by the scenery and they sighed involuntarily. “I can still remember lifting my head to see the blue sky and white clouds when I was young. I used to think the world was that big.”

“Me too. I remember the falling rain and snow, but whenever it snowed, we were barred from leaving the building. I do not know what falling snow actually feels like.”

“I remember there was a child always strolling past the orphanage’s door with different type of food each day. They all looked amazingly appetizing. The food would come to me in my dreams, but I was never once allowed to taste them.”

Chapter 875: Home Sweet Home

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“After that, I secretly went to look it up. One of them was called ice-cream. When we return to Earth, I have to eat a lot of ice-cream!” The man who was lost in his food fantasy took a visible gulp of his saliva. Everyone in his vicinity did the same.

“Ice-cream is so pedestrian when we can eat everything we want! Sam said the tastiest food is a chicken wing, so I want to try one.”

“I personally want to try seafood, Sam said that is delicious.”

“For me, it has to be a hot pot. Sam said, it goes best with beef balls, he said it was the best food in the world.”

“But he also said the most delicious food is the perfectly cooked beef steak, crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside.”

“You’re wrong, he said the most delicious food is baked mutton. The whole goat was roasted above a fire pit and this kind of primal way of cooking was the best to highlight the ingredient’s natural flavors.”

“But Sam told me the tastiest is lobster. He said that he once cried from how delicious it was.”

“But he also said...”

“Enough!” Shi Jian yelled for them to stop. “This is not doing us, especially our stomachs, any good.”

The group of men nodded in unison; they could hear their stomachs growling already. They really could not wait to land on Earth.

“Can we start eating when we land on Earth?” someone could not help but ask. They would be dearly disappointed if the answer was no.

“We should ask Sam.”

They all turned to look at Sam who was busy taking pictures of Earth from space. Suddenly facing so many beseeching pairs of innocent eyes, Sam shrugged and pointed at Mubai and Xinghe who sat not far away. His meaning was clear: Don't come and ask me, ask them.

Naturally, many pairs of eyes shifted to look at the two of them. Mubai looked to Xinghe calmly and whispered, "Can I not shoulder this responsibility?"

These people were led on by Sam, so why should he pay for Sam's big mouth?

Xinghe thought about it and answered truthfully, "If you don't take them on, they will become my responsibility."

"Alright, I will take them on," Mubai smiled thinly, "Consider them my men, thankfully, they are all geniuses."

Mubai turned to look out the window with a smile, a calculative glow shining in his eyes. He had to properly make use of so many talents or else these people might eat his company empty!

Xinghe studied him and understood what he was thinking. Xinghe smiled internally, but she also worried for him. As unlikely as it sounded, these people were returning to Earth for the sake of food, therefore, she suspected they would create a dent in his account from the food bill alone. Furthermore, he might have to take care of them for the rest of their lives.

Xinghe started to feel pity for Mubai because suddenly he had so many lives he had to take care of. However, thankfully, they were all talents...

Xinghe looked out the window, and a meaningful glow shone in her eyes.

Actually, both of them understood that when these people returned to Earth, they would be the United Nations' responsibility and not theirs.

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After two days of travelling, the spaceship finally reached Earth.

Xinghe's group felt their blood boiling as the spaceship touched on Earth's ground; they had never loved Earth so much.

Even Shi Jian and the guys who had stayed at the moon for such a long time felt a great sense of belonging within them. The DNA in their bones was telling them that they had finally returned home!

Chapter 876: Love Everything Here

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That sense of belonging only heightened when they stepped on concrete ground. The wind, earth, air, and the open sky were like a mother's embrace, welcoming them home. Shi Jian and the guys were like aliens landing on Earth for the first time, which they kind of were, curious about everything they saw.

"This is soil?" Someone squatted down to scoop up a generous helping of soil. He smelled the soil with his eyes closed and a satisfied smile bloomed on his face.

"So, this is what real grass and flowers look like!"

"The wind here is completely different from the one in the base, it's nice and has a unique smell to it."

"This place is huge; I can't even see the horizon."

"Quick, look, it's the moon!" Someone suddenly pointed at the full moon above them. It was night and the moon in the sky was big and beautiful. Needless to say, it was completely different scenery compared to what Shi Jian and the guys were used to. They were brought up in the enclosed environment of a base on the moon; they had only seen the moon very close and upfront.

The only exception was when they looked up to see the moon when they were still at the orphanage. However, that was so long ago. Therefore, when they saw the moon again from so far away, they were excited like they were looking at a great miracle of nature.

"The moon looks so beautiful from Earth. I thought I would hate the moon forever, but now that I'm back home, I only feel a great outpouring of love in my heart," commented Shi Jian as he gazed at the moon. His eyes were particularly red. This man in his thirties who was averse to displaying emotions showed his rare vulnerable side.

Everyone else felt the same. There were tears shining in their eyes as well.

“I thought I had lost interest in everything, but now I realize how much I love everything here. I can still feel and give love.”

“Me too. I love everything here, even this little bit of soil.”

Everyone started expressing their emotions. Xinghe’s group looked at them and felt overwhelmed. They too lifted up their heads to study the moon, and for some reason, felt it was uniquely beautiful that night.

They had spent their whole lives on Earth and were used to everything there. Normally, they would not stop to study everything the world had to offer. Only now did they realized how beautiful Earth really was, beauty that they would normally miss. They were reminded of how lucky they were.

Therefore, from then on, they would appreciate this beautiful planet even more.

The spaceships landed in an empty area far away from civilization in Country R. The landing spot was pre-selected. It was far away from any human activity, so it was perfect.

Xinghe then contacted George. George was still responsible for this mission, and he soon sent his men to come fetch them.

While they waited for George to arrive, Shi Jian and the guys were lost in their appreciation of Earth and everything it had to offer.

Sam sat on the grass field and a blade of grass dangled from his lips. Looking at Shi Jian and the guys’ antics, he smiled and said, “Witnessing how much they love Earth, I swear to follow their example. I swear to not litter and stop hunting for wild game. In any case, I will be someone who protects nature.”

Xinghe smiled slightly. “Looks like you have learnt quite a bit from this adventure as well.”

He even swore off his favorite wild game, that was truly something else.

Chapter 877: I Am a Hero

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“That is only expected, I am different from the man who I once was. I was one of the three people who joined this adventure. Other than the two of you, no one can say they have braved this journey,” said Sam smugly.

“Indeed, you’re not wrong. You have done a good job, and contributed a lot,” Xinghe agreed.

Sam said expectantly, “Do you think the United Nations will award me some kind of medal? Or even a post or some money?”

“What do you think?” Xinghe turned to ask Mubai.

Mubai said with a wicked smile, “I only remember someone saying he would not ask for anything other than to be a part of the adventure before we left Earth.”

Sam was speechless. Did he have to say such a snide comment at a time like that?

However, Sam continued to convince himself, “I should be awarded something, after all, I am a hero.”

Speaking of the word hero, Sam could feel his blood pumping. Like every little boy, his greatest childhood wish was to be a hero who saved the world, and he’d done just that!

“I will pass up the reward!” Sam suddenly stood up to announce, “What is a reward when compared to the fact that I have managed to fulfill my dream? How many people in the world have had the opportunity to do that? Who would have thought my dream of becoming a hero would be a reality? I knew I was special, you see, I am an impressive character.”

Xinghe and Mubai looked at each other with humor in their eyes. They did not make fun of Sam because his contribution was worth respecting, and he did indeed achieve his dream. Not only him, many people had contributed a lot to resolve this crisis facing Earth. In other words, it was due to many people’s sacrifices and effort that this crisis was able to be resolved.

Therefore, Xinghe was not conceited enough to think she had saved the world. She merely represented the forces that wished for world peace...

Furthermore, she and Mubai were not interested in rewards like fame or money.

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George soon arrived with his men. Ee Chen, Ali, and their friends also tagged along. The general atmosphere was celebratory when they saw that Xinghe's group was safe and sound.

When they saw Xinghe's group, tears welled up in their eyes, like it was a reunion after a long time. They had only been apart for less than ten days, but it felt like decades.

"Xinghe, you guys are wonderful, I am so proud of you!" Ali said excitedly.

Before Xinghe could say anything, Sam lifted his chin slightly and gloated, "Now you finally realize how wonderful your big brother is!"

Ali replied snidely, "I was talking to Xinghe, and not you."

"Po-tay-to, po-tah-to, but do not worry, I can feel your admiration toward me just fine," the thick-skinned Sam said. Even though people were making jokes at his expense, no one dismissed him because he was worthy of all the praise they lavished on him.

George led his men to check up on the fleet of spaceships, and he also went to greet Shi Jian and his men who had come from the moon. Then he said to Xinghe respectfully, "Miss Xia, the cars are all ready, we can depart any moment now."

Xinghe enquired, "Have you found the rest of the spaceships?"

"Don't worry, they have all been accounted for. There are people who were assigned to intercept them."

Xinghe nodded. "Good, then we shall leave now."

"Please!"

Just like that, Xinghe's group got into the arranged cars and left the scene.

Chapter 878: Their Fill

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The people from the other spaceships were all brought to the same place. To welcome them, the United Nations had set up an embassy hall at Country R. Xinghe and the rest were brought to the hall to rest and to report on their mission.

However, the leaders at the embassy hall did not usher them into business immediately but had them attend a grand dinner to welcome them back home. George was afraid Xinghe's group thought they were being dismissed, so he quickly explained, "This is not the actual celebratory dinner. The superiors have said, the contribution from every one of you is immeasurably big, and there will be a bigger dinner later."

Xinghe shook her head. "That will not be necessary, but thank you for this dinner. What's on the menu?"

"All sorts of food that you can imagine. We have prepared a menu for every table."

Xinghe reached for the thick menu on the table and flipped through it. The selection was indeed marvelous. The food that Shi Jian and the others had mentioned was all there. She nodded satisfactorily when she saw that.

"You might want to notify the kitchen staff to prepare more food because it might not be enough," Xinghe said tactfully after some hesitation.

George thought her demand was rather weird but did not think much of it. "Don't worry, there are plenty of food, I am sure we will not run out."

However, soon he realized how naïve he was and why Xinghe purposely told him that. This was because the hundred plus people from the moon were like black holes!

They wanted to try everything and each one of them had a giant appetite. The busiest person that night was not the waiter but the guests...

If not for the fact that they had drunk themselves to a stupor, the feast would have never ended. Xinghe also took several

glasses of wine to relax. After dinner, she felt tired and wanted to retire to bed. Ever since He Lan Yuan's appearance, she had never had a good day's rest.

Now that the crisis was over, her earlier fatigue came rushing back, she had trouble even trying to keep her eyelids open.

Ali noticed that and asked with concern, "Xinghe, are you tired?"

Xinghe looked at her and nodded slightly. Even in such a situation, Xinghe was a calm and collected person.

Mubai suddenly leaned in and whispered gently, "Come on, let's go rest."

"Okay." Xinghe put up no resistance and allowed herself to be pulled away by the man. After they returned to the presidential suite that was arranged for them, Mubai helped Xinghe to the bed and he asked caringly, "Do you want to take a bath first?"

Xinghe's eyes fluttered open to look at him and she shook her head slightly. "That won't be necessary, I will just go wash my face."

"Can you still walk?" Mubai asked as he supported her up because he noticed Xinghe had drunk one too many glasses of wine.

Xinghe smiled and said, "I am not drunk, just tired."

"Okay, go wash your face than, we both need the rest." Mubai then gave her a kiss on her forehead. It was only a light peck but Xinghe felt refreshed, like a great amount of pressure was shed. After a quick wash, Xinghe changed into the pajamas that were prepared and got into bed.

Lying in the soft and comfy mattress, Xinghe sighed with satisfaction. After the trip to the moon, she had a newfound appreciation for everything on Earth.

However, huddled in such a comfortable bed, Xinghe still had trouble sleeping.

Chapter 879: Something Big Is Going to Happen

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Her body was tired, but for some reason, sleep did not come to her. After Mubai came out of the shower, he saw her black eyes still staring ahead. He sat down on the bedside and leaned in to catch her attention. He asked, “What’s wrong? Can’t sleep?”

Xinghe smiled. “It’s nothing, this all just feels too successful.”

“Too successful?” The man raised his brow as he had a hard time catching her meaning.

Xinghe nodded. “Yes, He Lan Yuan spent decades to complete this mission and it was so easily brought down by us. We even went to the moon for god’s sake, this is all too surreal, that’s all.”

Mubai nodded with understanding. “I know what you mean.”

Xinghe turned serious for a moment. “Do you think it is because we have overlooked something?”

“What would that be?” Mubai chuckled. “Don’t overthink it, this really is over.”

“Is that so? Then what is the purpose behind this project designed by my mother?” Xinghe questioned. This question had been stuck on her mind. Before knowing the truth, she would never rest easy.

Mubai knew she was a meticulous person; she would not suffer having any secrets kept from her. However, keeping herself in this constantly tense state was not a good thing.

“It doesn’t matter whether we know her reason or not,” Mubai consoled her. “She is your mother, I am sure she won’t hurt you.”

He only cared about her safety. As long as it brought no harm to her, Mubai could not care less about what other people thought. However, Xinghe was cut from a different cloth; she could not just gloss over what her mother had done.

Xinghe shook her head solemnly. “Call me suspicious but my instincts tell me that this ordeal is not over yet. Something unexpected will happen.”

Mubai caressed her face and said, “Earth’s crisis is over, what tragedy do you think will happen?”

“I have no clue.”

“But there is something big that will happen soon that I am sure of.”

“What is it?” Xinghe was confused.

Mubai lowered his head until his perfect features were inches away from her face. His glowing eyes stared into hers with burning passion as his hot breath tickled her face.

“A wedding,” he whispered sexily.

Xinghe was startled before comprehension dawned. Mubai grabbed hold of her arm and said firmly yet gently, “We will marry after we return.”

He was unusually stubborn when it came to this. Xinghe’s lips curved into a smile. “Okay...”

The rest of her words were smothered because her lips were swallowed by his.

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Xinghe had the best rest cuddled in Mubai’s embrace. After a long rest, the next day, they were going to meet the ambassadors from the United Nations. Xinghe’s group was prepared to tell them everything, except... the part about her mother.

In the bright and spacious meeting room, Xinghe, Mubai, and Sam reported everything. An ambassador said with a big smile, “Thank you for your cooperation. Thanks to your effort, we managed to get the people from the moon successfully. Your contribution will forever be remembered. You are the world’s heroes, and we will award you all the greatest honor. If you have any requests, please name them now.”

Sam wanted to say something, but he quieted down after a short hesitation.

Chapter 880: Cannot Join Us

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The ambassador smiled encouragingly. "It's okay, you can name anything you want."

"I have nothing to ask," Sam said smartly. "The only reason I went to the moon was to protect my friend, I did say I wanted nothing more than that."

The ambassador smiled. "Mr. Sam's modesty is mighty impressive. No matter, when you think of a reward in the future, do not hesitate to tell us. What about Mr. Xi and Miss Xia, is there anything you wish for?"

Xinghe shared a look with Mubai, and she shook her head. "We don't need anything, I just wish to know what will happen to them."

The ambassador visibly hesitated. Xinghe saw this and knew something was wrong. She stressed, "The only thing I wish to get in return is to know what the United Nations plan to do with the people from the moon. I want to hear the truth."

The ambassadors looked at each other and started discussing on their own. "Fine, you deserve to know the truth. After several days of discussion, United Nations plan to not do anything with them."

"Not do anything?" Xinghe was confused. "You wish for them to survive on their own? That works, we will be responsible for their basic needs."

"Miss Xia, you misunderstood us," the eldest ambassador said. "We will not do anything to them, but we will not let them survive on their own either."

"What do you mean by that?" Sam blurted out his question. Xinghe and Mubai's expression turned severe. The earlier merry mood also turned solemn.

The ambassadors chose to come clean. "It means we will limit their freedom and will care for them for life. But we will not arrange work for them because they will not be a part of human society."

“Why not?” Sam was curious. “They too are human beings, so why can’t they be a part of human society? You people really think they are aliens? They are humans, humans like you and me.”

“We know, but they are not normal humans; they are humans who once planned to destroy the Earth.”

“But He Lan Yuan is the real mastermind behind that. It was not their intention. They have switched sides by helping us take down He Lan Yuan.”

“Therefore, we chose to not harm them and allow them a peaceful life. It is impossible for us to pretend nothing ever happened and let them live a normal life. We have to put the safety of humanity first,” the eldest ambassador stressed; what they said was logical.

Xinghe’s group remained silent after that.

The ambassador consoled them, “I know you feel this arrangement is unfair, but we cannot trust them implicitly. No one can tell whether there are still some of He Lan Yuan’s followers among them. We cannot allow these ticking time bombs to live among humans, no one can shoulder that responsibility. Therefore, we have decided to quarantine them, that is the best solution.”

“What is the concrete plan for them?” Xinghe asked softly in a level tone.

The ambassador answered, “The United Nations will build an island for them and quarantine them there. There will be guards who watch over them, but they are allowed freedom to wander the island, and their basic needs will be taken care of. As long as they do not leave the small island and create no issues, their lives will be fine.”

Another ambassador chimed in, “That is the best ending we can give them.”

Chapter 881: Two Square Kilometers

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“But this is not the life they wanted!” Sam growled angrily.

The eldest ambassador retorted firmly, “We are unable to afford the life that they wanted.”

“It is because of them that Earth was saved or else He Lan Yuan would have blown up this planet.”

“But it is also because of them that Earth was placed in an unmitigated crisis, one that caused serious damage.”

“But that was because He Lan Yuan forced them to do it; it was not their will.”

The eldest ambassador sighed. “This is not our will either.”

So, Shi Jian and his group were forced to threaten the world and the United Nations was forced to keep them in quarantine. Both sides had their own logic, so it was hard to say who was right and who was wrong.

Sam was still angered; he felt indignant. He noticed Xinghe and Mubai’s silence, so he tried to persuade them. “You have to understand they have the simplest of requests. They want the simplest thing, only a normal life. They wish for the freedom accorded to the common citizen. They wish to be a normal human being. What will they think if you treat them this way?”

“Mr. Sam, you have to understand that they are not normal citizens, they are high IQ criminals. Any one of them could create a world-devastating disaster. They are the world’s biggest hidden threat. I also believe they have turned over a new leaf, but not everyone is willing to be so kind. For the sake of humanity and the safety of the world, we cannot believe them fully! Furthermore, life on the island will not be that bad.”

“But they will be hidden away from the world, away from human contact, right?” Sam asked icily.

“We will provide them with every spiritual and materialistic need.”

But there would be no human contact. Sam flared up even greater noticing their stubbornness. Thankfully, he knew to not use force and glared at them with his fists clenched. “Listen, you people are renegeing on your promise! They have surrendered, but you have all violated your promise; don’t you think this has crossed the line?”

“We did not renege on our words; we did not promise them a life of normalcy. This decision is already our greatest kindness,” the eldest ambassador asserted.

Sam hated these kinds of people the most. There were only rules in their eyes; there was no consideration for human decency and kindness. But this was the real world, and rules had to be put in place, and certain rules only benefited certain people.

Sam kept his emotions under great control and asked calmly, “Fine, even if you don’t trust them then you should trust their ability, right? Give them a chance to prove their worth and help improve the world, wouldn’t that be a better solution?”

“I am sorry, but this is the United Nation’s decision. We have no power to change it.”

“How big is the island?” Sam suddenly asked.

The ambassador was bewildered by the sudden change of question, but he answered honestly, “There are only so many of them, so the island will not be big. However, it will be big enough to ensure a comfortable moving space, so the island is about two square kilometers.”

Two square kilometers...

Sam aloud laughed aloud. It would take him about one hour to finish walking all the way around such a small space.

“That is even smaller than the moon base. If I had known sooner, I would have persuaded them to stay on the moon,” Sam commented sarcastically.

The group of ambassadors frowned.

Chapter 882: Wordless and Helpless Sadness

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“Mr. Sam, please watch your words, we are merely putting the whole of humanity’s safety first.”

“So, for that, they have to be sacrificed?”

“This is not a sacrifice.”

“That’s right. We know about their life on the moon; on this island, we will provide them a life that is at least several hundred times better. I think it is enough for them to spend the rest of their lives peacefully.”

Sam’s gaze hardened. “What they want is not a life trapped on a tiny island.”

“What we want is world peace.”

“There are places all over the world that are not peaceful, so why don’t you go do something about that?”

“We are, starting with this.”

“But they will not harm the world. If they had that intention, they would not have stopped He Lan Yuan and surrendered.”

The group of ambassadors stone-walled him no matter how emotional Sam got. They tried to console him and reason with him. “We admit you are not wrong, but how can you be sure this is not part of their elaborate ruse? How can you be sure they are truly innocent? He Lan Yuan is unable to continue his scheme, but how can you be sure these people will not carry out his masterplan? If you cannot assure us with one hundred percent certainty that they are safe, it will be useless. Even if you can, your words mean nothing. In conclusion, this is the decision passed by United Nations. No one can change, not even you all.”

The ambassadors left after that.

Sam slumped to the floor, defeated. Xinghe and Mubai were still silent. The meeting room was permeated with a sense of heavy melancholy. Ali and the rest of SamWolf walked in and noticed the weird atmosphere instantly.

“What’s wrong?” Ali asked cautiously.

Ee Chen seemed to sense the issue, and he also asked, “What was discussed earlier? The ambassadors who left just earlier did not look too happy.”

“I am the one who is not happy!” Sam slammed his fist on the table.

“What exactly happened?” Cairn frowned.

Sam told them everything. Yesterday, after Sam got settled, he spent the whole night telling SamWolf his adventure to the moon. He told them about many things, including his experience with Shi Jian and the guys. He painted a picture of their innocence. They might have high IQ, but they had low EQ. No matter how exaggerated Sam was in his story, they would believe him without question. He also mentioned many interesting things that happened along the way.

Therefore, SamWolf and Ee Chen had a good impression of this bunch of people, especially since they knew of the life they had led. However, the United Nations was going to keep them locked up on a small island; this decision angered them appropriately.

“But why?” Ali demanded angrily. “They have not harmed anyone, if anything, they are the victims, so why should they be treated like this? This is all He Lan Yuan and He Lan family’s fault, so why should they suffer on their behalf?”

Sam laughed mirthlessly. “That is a good question. They were captured against their will to conduct research for He Lan Yuan and have harmed no one, so why would they be treated be this way?”

“This is too much.” Cairn frowned and asked, “What is the difference between this punishment and their life on the moon base?”

“You’re right. It was not easy for them to come home, and they will be imprisoned before they even have the chance to enjoy the world at large. This is too sad, Xinghe, can you figure out a way to help them?” Ali looked to Xinghe with pleading eyes.

Chapter 883: Because of their Capability

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They were used to turning to her for solutions. In their hearts, there was nothing Xinghe could not do. They believed she had a solution for this problem as well. After all, she did solve a crisis that threatened the whole world.

“I can’t do anything,” Xinghe replied softly, to their dismay. Ali and the rest were baffled.

“Xinghe, what did you say?” Ali gasped in horror. “Even you have no solution?”

“Sadly, that’s correct.” Xinghe was expressionless. If she had a solution, she would not have remained silent throughout.

Ali’s lips turned upside down. “Even you have no usable idea? If this stymies even you, then it is truly a helpless situation.”

“But why is there no solution?” Sam queried.

Mubai answered, “Because this is the United Nations’ decision. They have all the right reasons, and we cannot guarantee anything.”

Therefore, their hands were tied. The wind seemed to go out of Sam. “Then, we can only sit quietly as they...”

Xinghe did not say anything, but her silence said it all.

“But if they are really innocent, they will be devastated when they are informed of the news,” Ali said sadly.

Sam said weakly, “I even promised Kai Li and the gang to take them to climb the highest mountain, to visit the biggest plain, and to travel the seas.”

Alas, all that would not come true. Shi Jian and the guys were passionate about discovering Earth; they planned to travel the world and to try every experience available, to be a normal human being for once, but it was destined not to be.

No one could sway the United Nations’ decision, they could only end up in quarantine. Sam worried this move would upset Shi Jian and the guys, thus flaring their decision to revolt.

After all, they had grown up under He Lan Yuan's tutelage, so no one could guarantee that He Lan Yuan's teachings did not rub off on them due to constant exposure. Doing this might cause the disaster that the United Nations was trying to prevent. The United Nations' actions made no sense to them.

"Xinghe, is there really no solution? Even if they are separated from each other, that will still be better than nothing," Ali suggested and inspiration hit Cairn.

"Yes, that might work, if they are separated, then the possible danger would not be so big. Plus, they are all talented geniuses, quarantining them is such a waste."

Ali nodded in agreement. "That's right, the United Nations' worry will be lowered if they are separated. They are all incredible talents, so if used properly, people's lives will greatly improve."

SamWolf thought these people's talents would be able to help them escape from the United Nations' unjust treatment, which was why they were so shocked by what Xinghe had to say.

"It is because of their incredible talent that they have to be quarantined."

"Why?" This time it was Ee Chen who asked the question, shocked.

Xinghe explained with a sigh, "Because they are not affiliated to any country, they are free citizens of the world."

"So, that should give them the freedom they deserve. Is this because no country is willing to shelter them?" Ali was confused.

Xinghe shook her head as she stood up. "The exact opposite, everyone wants to shelter them and that is why no one is going to have them."

Then, she strode out of the room, leaving behind the rest who were completely stunned.

Chapter 884: Give Me a Chance to Console You

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So, no one was going to have them, what does she mean by that... Because they are all talented geniuses, the countries did not want to share them with each other? Afraid that the country sheltering them will have a momentous improvement over everyone else? Because of politics between the various countries, they have to be quarantined and not because United Nations were worried about humanity's safety?

When the truth was out in the open, SamWolf felt a suffocating feeling in their chest; it rendered them speechless. This was the first time they realized how ugly humanity could be.

There was chaos beyond the wars between countries, even during peace time, there were unnecessary sacrifices, and this time, the party who was sacrificed was the group of innocent scientists from the moon. This was an issue of politics between major countries, not something that they could intervene in.

Not even Xinghe could do anything, because not even she could defeat the ugly side that was inherent in humanity. This was also the first time Xinghe felt the taste of defeat. Even though she had saved Earth, she did not feel one ounce of pride or happiness. If anything, she felt a great sense of loss.

Xinghe planted herself on the bench beside the Embassy Hall's fountain and stared at a point on the floor dumbly. The dashing Mubai in a white shirt strode toward her slowly. His hands were in his pockets and his footsteps were leisurely, however his gaze was laser sharp. There was also a warmth in his eyes that would only appear when he was in her company.

Mubai loved Xinghe's confidence the most, so he wished she would retain that forever and not be in a foul mood like this. Even though she did not show it on her face and her quiet, brooding face had its own beauty to it, he understood she was not happy.

Mubai sat down beside her and Xinghe could smell the scent of cut grass and sunlight, this was a scent unique to Mubai; he

smelled clean and nice. Xinghe looked sideways at him and said directly, "I'm fine."

The man's sexy lips curved in a slope. "Then why are you blanking out here?"

"I just wish for some alone time."

Mubai leaned in and jokingly begged, "Not even going to give me the opportunity to console you?"

Xinghe chuckled. She then nodded. "Fine, this does bother me, but I really am fine."

Mubai shrugged and smiled. "Then, I will not console you, I will just listen. What's on your mind? I'm here to share your thoughts."

"Not much is on my mind." Xinghe shook her head. "I only know even we are helpless in this situation."

"Indeed, there are many situations where our power is limited, but at least you have saved them. You have brought them back to Earth and helped them end their life on the Moon, which was not much more than a mirage. You have done everything you could and sometimes that is just not enough, that is how life is, not everything can go perfectly."

"I know." Xinghe hugged her knees. "It is because I understand that fact I feel so helpless. Sometimes, seeing things too clearly has its own downfalls as well."

"Then, try to live life with one eye closed." Mubai looked at her intensely. Xinghe did not answer, was that something she could possibly achieve?

"I don't want you to overwork yourself, plus this is not your responsibility and definitely not your fault."

Chapter 885: I Was Too Naive

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Mubai helped her smooth down her hair that was tousled by the wind and continued speaking in a gentle tone. “So, don’t blame yourself. You should feel happy, because this is not the worst ending for them.”

“But we gave them hope and promised them freedom to live the lives they wanted... This time, I was too naïve.” Xinghe laughed self-deprecatingly. She’d thought the world would accept them with open arms since they were innocent victims. Their talents would ensure that the world valued them. But in the end, the world was as ugly as ever; nothing had really changed. Therefore, this time, she had committed the sin of naivety!

Mubai tried to comfort her. “It is the same with me. Technically speaking, I should have seen this coming, but I didn’t much less you, so this is not your fault but mine; I should have envisioned this ending.”

Xinghe looked at him silently with her clear eyes. Mubai raised his brow. “Is there something on my face?”

She just wanted to show her appreciation, because she did feel comforted.

“I want to go find Shi Jian and the guys. We should explain this to them, they deserve this much,” Xinghe said.

Mubai stood up and pulled her along. “You’re right, let’s go.”

“Okay.” Xinghe quickly recovered her mood, removing the negative emotions from within her. She knew she had to give Shi Jian’s group an explanation. It was something she had to do.

When they found out Xinghe was going to meet Shi Jian and the guys, SamWolf volunteered to follow. After a few days of interaction, Sam had formed a relationship with the guys. Even the rest of SamWolf felt strangely connected to them.

They were such people, kind people with passionate hearts. If they accepted someone as their friend, they would do anything

to help them. They treated their friends with sincerity, so they wanted to tag along to meet Shi Jian and the guys because this might be the last opportunity they had to do that.

However, to their surprise, the United Nations were one step faster than them; they were already in the middle of escorting them away.

“Why do we have to follow you? Where are you taking us?” Shi Jian and the few influential leaders of the moon base were in the middle of a hostile confrontation with George’s forces. George was in his military outfit and behind him were a few soldiers armed with guns. It was obvious that this was not a friendly visit.

George tried to placate them. “Don’t worry, we will not harm any of you. You will know when we arrive where we are taking you. I promise, no harm will come to any of you.”

Shi Jian was not so easily fooled. “If you do not mean to harm us, then why bring along armed soldiers?”

“They are here to protect you all.”

“From the way I see it, they are here to harm us. Where are Miss Xia and the others? I want to see them!”

“I’m here,” Xinghe announced as she strode into the room. Shi Jian and the guys’ eyes lit up when they saw her like they had taken a glimpse at hope.

“Miss Xia, what is going on? My men have been detained by these people; where are they taking us?” Shi Jian asked with uncertainty, but it was clear that he still had full trust in Xinghe.

Xinghe’s gaze darted about. She did not answer him but asked George, “I wish to talk to them alone, is that possible?”

George nodded. “Of course, but don’t take too long.”

Chapter 886: To Ruin Us

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“Thank you.”

George still respected Xinghe, so he did not make things difficult for her. He led his men away to give them some privacy. Shi Jian by then had realized the gravity of the situation. He and his men looked at Xinghe in silence.

Xinghe met their gazes and said directly, “The top officials decided to send all of you to a small island. You will have a good life there, and they will not harm you.”

Shi Jian was not so easily fooled, he demanded, “Why should we be forced to live on this island and be escorted there in this manner like we’re fugitives?”

“I am sorry, I had no idea they would come to this kind of decision. They wanted to separate you all from normal human society.”

“Why?” Shi Jian asked in agitation, but as he did so, the answer already came to him.

“They want to punish us for our sins?” he asked with a gloom over his face. Xinghe did not answer, but the meaning was clear. Shi Jian and the guys’ faces darkened.

“They really think we are guilty? But we have not harmed anyone! We did not pose any real threat to the society; we were forced by He Lan Yuan.”

“He’s right, didn’t we help take down He Lan Yuan?” one man could not help but shout out angrily.

“Plus, we even handed He Lan Yuan to them, so why can’t they trust us?”

Xinghe said solemnly, “I have tried to come up with a solution, but there is nothing that can be done. I am sorry.”

When Xinghe said so, they knew this was already over. This was because on Earth, she was their only ally; no one else would lend them aid.

“Miss Xia, tell us the truth, do they plan to quarantine us forever?” Shi Jian said in a shaking voice. Facing their anxious eyes, Xinghe was at a loss for words. Even Mubai and the rest had to turn their eyes away.

“Yes,” Xinghe answered with finality.

Shi Jian and the guys looked at her with shock and despair. The biggest reason they returned to Earth was for freedom, but now, they were going to be quarantined again. Would they never escape the destiny of being controlled?

“But why?” Shi Jian’s eyes were blazing with fury. “It is not our fault! We were controlled by He Lan Yuan since we were children. We could not do anything, and no one came to our aid during those hellish years. None of you have any idea the lives that we have led! We lost hope, and now finally, after so many years, we are back on Earth and freedom was dangled so sweetly before our eyes... but we are going to be forced back into restriction and regulation... Why can’t you let us lead a normal life? We just want to be normal human beings like you, why must you take that away from us?”

“Miss Xia, this is too cruel. You lit up the hope in us, and now you’re extinguishing it again, is it all a big joke to you?”

“I can no longer survive a life in quarantine, so if you want me to continue a life of captivity, I’d rather die.”

“Miss Xia, this is different from what you promised. You all said, after we return, we can go anywhere we want and do anything we want. So those promises were just lies all along?”

“Miss Xia, we believed you so dearly, but you have playing us for fools!”

Chapter 887: Her Every Word

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It was hardest to accept the fact that one had been swindled. Furthermore, it had been so long since Shi Jian and the guys tasted hope, and now that hope was cruelly being taken away again. Their dissatisfaction and resentment exploded.

They had lived most of their lives in dull despair, the He Lan family had never given them hope so they did not dare pray for hope. They thought that way for the entirety of their lives.

However, when He Lan Yuan wanted to rule the world, Xinghe destroyed his plan and promised them freedom!

It was her call to action that lit up their hope toward a life of freedom. It was because of her that they decided to revolt against He Lan Yuan and return to Earth. But in the end, it was all a lie?

Shi Jian looked at Xinghe with despairing pain, his voice forced from his throat. “Miss Xia, do you still remember the words you said before you destroyed the satellites?”

Xinghe’s was shocked. Shi Jian continued word by word. “You might not, but we remember them perfectly, do you want me to repeat them?”

Xinghe shook her head. “There’s no need for that, I remember them clearly.”

“Then tell me, what did you say then?”

Xinghe’s eyes darkened and she repeated her words coldly, “I said, as long as you killed He Lan Yuan, this beautiful world would accept you. As long as you kill him, all of you would be free and would escape from his threat and suppression...”

“What else?” Shi Jian pressed.

Xinghe continued like an emotionless recording machine. “I also said, as long as you killed him, you all would be free, and no one would be able to take away your freedom and happiness... No one else could!”

Shi Jian asked in a shaking voice, “Then what is this?”

“...”

“No one can take away our freedom and happiness... this is a bloody joke. Miss Xia, we trusted you, respected you, and that is why we are here today. However, nothing has changed, we still gain nothing. We still will be controlled and there is still no freedom for us, isn't that right?”

Shi Jian's painful howl pierced everyone's hearts. For the first time, Xinghe felt how utterly useless and despicable she was. It was Xinghe who had given them hope and now it only added to their despair. It was because of her that they had landed in this disastrous ordeal.

“This is not her fault!” Mubai stepped forth to say, “We also did not wish for this, but there is nothing we can do. Xinghe is not God! She has done everything she could, but she is not perfect; she cannot solve everything.”

“Then she shouldn't have given us hope and false promises!”

Xinghe suddenly opened her lips to say, “I am sorry, this is all my fault.”

It was because of her lack of forethought that they ended up in this despair.

“Xinghe, this is not your fault!” Sam charged forward in anger and argued, “This is the fault of those top officials who reneged on their words! This is all their fault, and it has nothing to do with you.”

“It is my fault!” Xinghe confirmed. “No one told me to give them those promises, and they came from my mouth. This situation was created by my hands and has turned out like this because of how utterly useless I am.”

Chapter 888: We Are Not Dangerous

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“But you did all that to save the world,” Ali argued with tears in her eyes. “You have given so much to save the world, everything you did, it was for the betterment of the world, but these people only know how to enjoy the benefits. What they did was violating their promises pure and simple!”

“What we are doing is for the sake of world peace!”

Suddenly a few ambassadors in sharp suit walked toward them. The one leading the way was a woman. She looked to be in her forties and not a hair on her was out of place. She was wearing a conservative pant suit, lending her the look of a stern headmistress. It was this woman who said those words.

She came in with her heels clicking across the floor. Everyone looked at her with caution, and no one seemed to know who she was. However, it could be inferred that she was someone important or else those ambassadors would not be following behind her.

The woman stopped before them and her calculative gaze scanned the lot of them. She opened her mouth to introduce herself, “Nice to meet all of you, let me introduce myself. I am Tong Liang, the vice secretary from the United Nations specially assigned to overlook this case. I am happy to make everyone’s acquaintance, and I would like to personally thank everyone for their contribution to saving this world.”

“If that’s true, then you should let them go,” Sam said snidely.

Tong Liang smiled slightly. “I have heard everything you all said. I can understand your feelings, but we cannot let our emotions dictate our actions and let these dangerous criminals be a part of normal human society. So, I hope you all will learn to appreciate this kind gesture we have prepared for them.”

“We are not dangerous criminals!” Shi Jian retorted. “If we meant this society any harm, we would not have revolted against He Lan Yuan.”

Tong Liang continued coolly, “He Lan Yuan had lost his power, so he was no longer a threat. If you did not revolt against him, your ending will only have been worse, therefore, I can see why you all decided to revolt. Furthermore, you all grew up under his influence, so who can tell for sure what is going on in those little heads of yours.”

“Simply because of your speculation, we are being treated like this?”

“We cannot help this because it is the truth that you all have threatened the world before.”

“That was all He Lan Yuan’s doing! It has nothing to do with us!”

“But you were all instrumental to the success of his plan. Before everything is confirmed, you are all suspects, and only after we are certain that none of you are threats to society can you be released.”

Her words seemed to give Shi Jian the hope he needed. He asked desperately, “How can we prove we mean no harm to the society?”

Tong Liang smiled, and she continued speaking in an emotionless manner. “Of course... after years of observation.”

Shi Jian’s face darkened. “In other words, we still have to be quarantined?”

“Quarantine is not the right word. We were kind enough to prepare a small island for you all to ensure your basic needs. You will still have the freedom you wish for on the island.”

“How big is the island and what can we do on it? What exactly is provided for us?” Shi Jian scoffed.

“The small island is newly developed, and the houses are already built. You can immediately move in when you arrive. The island has a library, where you can read and watch television. It also has basic amenities like a sports center,” Tong Liang said matter-of-factly.

Chapter 889: Such Small Hope

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“But you will not be allowed to continue your earlier research. In other words, you’ll be free islanders living a normal life, is that not the life you all want?”

“The life we want is a life with absolute freedom!”

Not one where they were under constant surveillance, and not one where they were not even allowed to step foot off the island.

Even though Tong Liang had said this period of observation was going only to last several years, they had a feeling this woman’s words could not be trusted. If they really wanted to assimilate them into the general public, why would they sequester them on a tiny island?

This was no different from a sentence on Rikers Island. They would be locked up and never be given the freedom that they desperately hoped for. The point was, they would be the only ones on the island. No one was allowed entry and exit, and there would not be a normal society and open environment, so what was the meaning of life?

What was the difference between that and their lives on the moon base? They could still survive on the moon because they had a spiritual reservoir. They still had their research to focus on, so they could still enjoy the results of their research, but this island would take that away as well. Essentially, they were going to spend the rest of their lives waiting for death.

“No, we will not go.” Shi Jian shook his head firmly. “You might as well kill me, as I will not suffer another life of emptiness and hopelessness.”

“He’s right, we will not subject ourselves to life like that again, and you have no right to treat us like this. We will not surrender to your demands, never!”

“The only way you can take us to that island is if you take our bodies there!”

Shi Jian and the guys started revolting. No one was going to help them, so they had to save themselves, to fight this unfair treatment to its bitter end.

Tong Liang's smile faded, and iciness entered her gaze. "I am sorry, but your death is not even your decision anymore. We have given you all the best we can, so your rejection is null. Major George, we have wasted much time, take them all away."

George's lips were stretched to a thin line and he announced, "Please follow us obediently, this is your only choice."

"We will not." Shi Jian glared at him and there was a deadly determination in his every word. "You have no right to toy with us like this, and we will not go unless you kill us."

"Mr. Shi, this is the decision passed by the United Nations; no one can change or violate it." Even though George pitied them, he put his responsibility as soldier first. "So, resistance is futile. Please follow us, there might still be hope in the future."

Shi Jian replied sarcastically, "Do you really think there is still hope? What hope?"

"As long as you are alive, there is always hope," George said firmly.

Shi Jian shook his head dumbly. "No, there is no hope, we cannot do this again. When we were selected by the He Lan family, we were surviving on hope. After so many years, we finally got to see it come into fruition. But now, our hope has been destroyed yet again."

Chapter 890: Activated Their Desire

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“Have you experienced this feeling of being pulled out of despair and thrown back into it again? The despair of being under someone else’s control all your life, which one of you have tasted that before?”

This time, everyone was silent, even George. This was indeed an experience none of them had been unfortunate enough to taste. They knew what the He Lan family had done them. They were treated like trash from the day they were born. Their lives were worse than a family pet’s.

This was not the worst though, because they had never tasted freedom. They would never miss something that they had never experienced.

However, the He Lan family’s downfall had given them hope, and the sweet taste of freedom. But, reality had sent them back into the darkest depths of despair. The hope that had come to them after so many difficulties was eclipsed once more. This was a pain even harsher than death.

This kind of absolute despair was an experience unique to them. No one would be able to share their pain. Therefore, there was no way they would willingly subject themselves to some other people’s domination anymore. They needed a new purpose in life, something that was greater than being someone else’s puppet.

If there was no choice, then they would rather choose death.

With these thoughts crowding their mind, Shi Jian hissed through gritted teeth as he glared viciously at them. “So many of us have never tasted a day of freedom. It is not that we cannot survive on the island, but we want freedom. None of you will be able to understand our desire for freedom.

“There are even children among us that are barely over ten years old. We have given them hope that their lives will be improved, but now? The eldest among us are at least fifty. We thought we could finally let our elders enjoy the rest that they deserve, the freedom that was taken away from them, but

now? So many of us died in despair from the stifling of freedom. The only reason we survived until now was through hope and you are now even taking that hope away. So, are you telling me that we deserve to be abandoned by the world, to live a life only suitable for livestock?”

Shi Jian’s rousing speech incited rebellion within the crowd. They all started to protest. Even SamWolf joined them in protesting. The situation was chaotic and explosive...

George’s soldiers were tense, they were worried that confrontation was inevitable. George looked toward Tong Liang for directions. “Miss Tong, this...”

“Haul them away!” Tong Liang ordered expressionlessly, as if these people were really nothing more than livestock to her. “These are the orders from above, and no one can change them. If they want freedom, they have to wait for the top officials to review their request! Now we need to accomplish this mission. You are allowed to use force on whomever dares to violate the order! Also, you people there, if you dare to resist the order, then you will be taken away for obstruction of justice! Major George, stop wasting time.”

“...Yes, ma’am!” George nodded and issued the heartless order, “Detain them and haul them away.”

“We are not leaving!” Shi Jian and the guys started resisting. However, they were no match for trained soldiers. The few who tried to escape were tackled to the floor and forced into submission.

Chapter 891: I Will Save You; I Will Give you Freedom

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But no matter how harsh the soldiers pressed down on them, they continued to struggle. Everyone was yelling at the top of their lungs like this was their last bout, like a beast in despair.

Witnessing their strong and painful emotions, the members of SamWolf were stunned. They really had not thought that these people's desire for freedom would be so strong. Normal people would go down easily against specially-trained soldiers, but these people continued to struggle even though their limbs were at the point of dislocating. Despair was plainly written on their faces...

This was worse than an open slaughter. Why should they be treated this way? What wrong did they do other than being chosen by He Lan family?

SamWolf was deeply infected by their sorrow and despair. They gripped their fists tightly and finally they lost control of the fury burning in their hearts.

“Let them go—” Sam roared as he rushed to tackle the soldier who was apprehending Shi Jian. His roar was like an order for the rest of the SamWolf. They were professional mercenaries, so they managed to rescue many people in the short amount of time.

Tong Liang saw this and her face hardened. “Do you people want to die? Fine, guards, shoot them!”

“Stop right now!” At the same time, Xinghe's sharp voice pierced through the room. Her words were like magic, SamWolf and Shi Jian's group stopped their actions immediately. As they did so, all the soldiers also stopped moving.

Xinghe scanned everyone there and asked Tong Liang in a clear and powerful voice, “Do you have to take them away no matter what?”

For some reason, Tong Liang felt great pressure talking to Xinghe. She pulled herself to her full height and replied

firmly, “Yes, they all have to be taken away.”

“Simply because they might be a threat to the human society?” Xinghe asked with a cold smile.

“There are many reasons, but this is the decision approved internationally. Of course, we have our reasons for making this decision, and there are many pieces of information that I am not in the liberty to reveal,” Tong Liang explained nonchalantly, letting them know at the same time that they were captured due to some other reasons as well. But what reasons could there be? Who else knew about He Lan Yuan’s scheme better than them?

Xinghe did not want to play this political dance with her so she demanded coldly, “Is there a way for them to get released?”

Tong Liang smirked slightly. “There is not. We have already given them as much leeway as possible. Miss Xia, I advise you to stay out of this; this is not something you can intervene.”

“What if I decide to intervene?” Xinghe questioned.

Tong Liang’s smile faded. “Then it also depends on whether you have that capability or not.”

“You’re right, I am unable to do anything now.”

Xinghe turned to look at Shi Jian and the rest. Facing the expectant glow in their eyes, she announced clearly, “You all are right, I am the one who gave all of you hope, so I will not disappoint you. It is because of your contribution that He Lan Yuan’s evil plan was stopped, so I will not let your effort go to waste. I only have one question for you, do you believe me or not?”

“Miss Xia, what do you plan to do?” Shi Jian asked immediately, his blood was strangely boiling.

“I am going to rescue all of you to give you the freedom and life you deserve. Do you trust me or not?” Xinghe answered in a loud and powerful voice.

At that moment, everyone was stunned.

Chapter 892: We Believe in You!

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They all looked at her blankly, her words still reverberating in their ears. Her promise was so clear that it was hard for anyone to persuade themselves that they had heard wrongly. She is capable of saving them?

“Miss Xia, it is the United Nations that wants to quarantine us, can you really help us?” Shi Jian asked in disbelief.

Xinghe nodded. “Yes, I will figure out a way to help you. No matter how hard it may be, I will not give up.”

“But will you really be successful?”

Xinghe laughed and said, “I managed to solve a world crisis, so what else can stop me? If you believe me, then give me some more time, I will definitely get you all the freedom and happiness you deserve.”

“Okay!” Shi Jian yelled excitedly. “I believe you, we all believe you!”

“We all believe you!” the rest echoed in unison.

Xinghe nodded and promised solemnly, “I will not disappoint you again.”

“That is more than enough.” Shi Jian looked at her with tears in his eyes. “I am sorry for what I said; to be honest, we have never doubted your character. Miss Xia, thank you.”

Then, Shi Jian suddenly stepped forward to shake her hands. Xinghe’s eyes shuddered slightly, adding, “Don’t worry, I am a woman of my word.”

“We know.” Shi Jian held onto her hands, hanging onto her like she was their spiritual center. “Miss Xia, in this world, you are the one person we can trust. You answered our call for help, and you saved us. We will wait for you, no matter how long.”

“Okay.” Xinghe nodded without saying anything more. Her promise was worth gold because she never promised anything

easily. Shi Jian and the guys believed she would do everything to fulfil her promise. Her promise was also their last hope.

Shi Jian let go of Xinghe's hand and he said in parting, "Miss Xia, please allow me to represent everyone in thanking you!"

After giving her a deep bow, Shi Jian walked toward George. "Now, we agree to go with you."

The rest of them followed suit. They finally saw hope again, there was still hope for them to get release after they were captured.

George hesitated before ordering, "Take them away."

"Yes, sir!" The soldiers lined up in a straight line, forming a procession to lead them toward the exit. They did not rough the men up and allowed them to move at their preferred speed. Shi Jian took one last look at Xinghe's group before turning away to follow the rest.

As they were brought away, there was a heavy feeling that settled in Xinghe's heart.

"Miss Xia, thank you for your aid just now. You do have them wrapped around your finger." Tong Liang suddenly came to praise her with hints of smile. Xinghe looked at her coolly; her gaze as cold as the surface of a winter's lake.

Tong Liang naturally felt the hostility directed at her.

"I was not helping you," Xinghe explained forcefully. "I meant every single word I told them."

She was really going to help them find a life of happiness and freedom. Tong Liang smiled to herself, as if she was dismissing this crazy woman talking to her.

"Miss Xia, then I wish you good luck. But a last word of advice, being a hero is not easy, I pray you will not get obsessed with being one. Don't let the rush go to your head."

Then, she turned to leave, the few ambassadors trailing behind her.

Chapter 893: Returning to Hwa Xia Tonight

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Sam started grouching after they left the room. “What a b*tch! If Xinghe did not save this world, would she still be alive? Without Xinghe, the world was going to end! So, what is with the attitude!”

Ali was equally angered. “She really thinks our Xinghe sacrificed so much because she likes to, she had to!”

“Just how did someone like her get to such a high position?” Even Cairn was rarely furious.

Mubai explained, “She is also from Hwa Xia, one of the few vice secretaries working with the United Nations. She is young, only around 35 if I remember correctly. Her father was in the run for the presidency and lost to our current president.”

Comprehension dawned then.

“So, she knows about Xinghe’s identity? That explains the hostility,” Sam scoffed.

Mubai nodded. “That is the most logical conclusion.”

“Then, we’ll have be more careful around her in the future,” Ali reminded Xinghe.

Xinghe nodded. “I know.”

“By the way, Xinghe, do you really have the way to save Shi Jian and the guys?” Sam asked with anticipation.

Xinghe continued to nod. “Where there’s a will, there’s a way. In any case, I will try my best.”

Sam added, “We will support you!”

“That’s right, we also want to help them,” Ali chimed in. Cairn and Wolf nodded behind her. Ee Chen was also willing to throw in his support.

Xinghe looked at them and felt confidence surge through her heart. They were her loyal friends and companions who had aided her plenty along the way. With their support, nothing was impossible.

“Okay, we will figure this out together.” Xinghe nodded with a smile.

Sam asked Xinghe, “Then what is our plan? Open protest?”

Xinghe shook her head. “I still don’t have an exact plan in mind, but open protests will not be useful. They will only stone-wall us with more political mumbo-jumbo, plus if we go through the court system, it will take years. I don’t want this to drag on for too long.”

There was another thing that she left unsaid. She felt for some reason, the United Nations had a sinister motive for quarantining Shi Jian and the guys. If her hunch was correct, then, this would be a lot more complicated.

Sam nodded. “Indeed, it benefits no one to have this dragged out. We have to come up with a solution to save them as soon as possible.”

“But what solution will that be?” Ali asked with a frown. This was a decision passed by the United Nations; it was supported by majority of the countries, so what could small characters like them do?

Xinghe seemed to read their thought and she said softly, “Rules are meant to be broken.”

“You mean, we can try to twist the rules to our benefit or make them change their mind? Won’t that be extremely difficult?” pondered Ali.

Xinghe nodded. “It will, but there is always a way. So tonight, we will return to Hwa Xia.”

Her sudden announcement to return home surprised and confused SamWolf. What does that have to do with anything?

Only Mubai looked at her with his knowing, black eyes. He seemed to have read her thoughts. Since Xinghe had made her decision, SamWolf went to pack; they planned to return to Hwa Xia with her.

Their decision was a bit too sudden. Chui Qian personally came to ask them to stay, as he was planning a celebration to thank them, but Xinghe kindly rejected his offer.

There was still plenty of unfinished business in Country R, but they had washed their hands clean of it all.

Chapter 894: Then Go Take It Yourself

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Chui Qian could handle those matters just fine. Their mission was accomplished, and they had nothing to do with the rest.

Lu Qi had removed He Bin's memory that was in He Lan Qi's body. He Bin's physical had recovered for the most part, and He Lan Qi was jailed. They had nothing else to do there anymore. However, their leave was indeed too sudden, and Chui Qian did not even have the chance to give them a proper send-off.

"Mr. President, we still have things to rush home to. We will meet again next time," Mubai told him politely.

Chui Qian nodded and said, "Of course, I will not force you all to stay if that's the case. Come on, I will have my men send you to the airport. Consider it a personal thank you for the things you have done for me and this country."

"Mr. President is too kind," Mubai answered with a smile. He was a social person; his interaction with Chui Qian was on point. This was Xinghe's weakness; she would only add a word or two here and there.

Chui Qian arranged a limo and driver for them. However, as Xinghe's group was going to get into the car, Tong Liang suddenly arrived with a group of people behind her.

"The few of you are leaving?"

She walked over slowly with a thin smile on her face. Her question was directed at Xinghe. For some reason, she always targeted Xinghe, but her actual thoughts about Xinghe was an unknown.

Xinghe nodded. "Yes."

Tong Liang asked with grace, "Why so soon? You all have just returned from the moon yesterday and you're leaving tonight, isn't that a bit too hurried?"

"There is no reason for us to stay anymore," Xinghe answered softly. Sam and the rest behind Xinghe stared blankly at Tong

Liang. Their impression of this woman was bad.

Tong Liang ignored them and said with a smile, “There are plenty of reasons for you all to stay. We still have many questions for you and need your cooperation with many things.”

“We have said everything we need to say and have done everything required of us. We have nothing else left to say and so there is no reason for us to stay,” Xinghe retorted flatly, not giving her any face.

Tong Liang smiled. “That is what Miss Xia thinks, but from how we see it, there are still questions that you people have not answered.”

“I am sorry, I can’t think of anything that we have not explained to you.”

“Then, let me remind you. Don’t tell me, Miss Xia went to the moon base and did not come back with more information?”

Xinghe’s eyes darkened. “What kind of information you’re referring to?”

“Naturally, their technology.” Tong Liang smiled. “None of you seem to have mentioned any technology, but I am sure that is because Miss Xia must have forgotten about it.”

This ignited Sam’s anger immediately. “What, you think we’re harboring their technology? Xinghe does not need their technology; she is better than that.”

Tong Liang ignored Sam completely like he was air. She stared at Xinghe and said, “Miss Xia is only good at computer science, but He Lan Yuan’s technology covered many different fields. Miss Xia, their technology belongs to the world, and if you claim it for yourself, that is a crime against the world.”

“What crime will that be?” Xinghe asked with a raised brow. “If you want their technologies so badly, why don’t you go take it yourself?”

Tong Liang’s face shifted from the indecorous answer. Ali hugged her arms and said smugly, “That’s right, if you want their technology so badly, why don’t you go to the moon and

take it? If you can, go crack the satellite system and the base's defense system and go take it yourself.”

“We did not take anything from the base, everything was left on the moon, so if you don't believe it, you can go see it for yourself,” Sam added with a mischievous grin.

Chapter 895: You Have No Right

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He was going to open his eyes wide to watch whether they were capable of that or not!

Tong Liang brushed off their snide comments, and her gaze that stared at Xinghe turned icy. “Miss Xia, I am advising you out of the kindness of my heart. Do not make this mistake.”

“Then, I thank you for your kindness. Alas, you’re wasting it on the wrong person.” Xinghe then turned to tell her friends, “Let us go.”

She was not interested in making friends in this Tong Liang. Sam and the rest also could not stand her face anymore, so they motioned to leave.

“Stop right there!” Tong Liang suddenly ordered. “Did I say you are allowed to leave? No one is leaving if you do not hand over the item!”

The moment she said that, the people she’d brought immediately surrounded Xinghe’s group.

Chui Qian frowned. “Miss Tong, what is the meaning of this?”

Tong Liang answered with a polite smile, “Mr. President, I am merely following my orders to ask them to hand over the item. You should also understand; they just returned from the moon, but they did not hand over anything, so I believe they must have kept something for themselves.”

“Stop falsely accusing us, we did not take anything!” Sam retorted angrily.

Mubai’s face also darkened. “Even if we did, you have no right to block our way, Miss Tong. The United Nations has no actual jurisdiction here.”

The United Nations was only a front for various countries to discuss international agendas; it was meant to balance the major powers. As an isolated entity, it had no real sense of power. Tong Liang was only a vice-secretary of the organization, so she had even less power.

Tong Liang said smugly, “But this is an order from the top official. I have to return with those things, and this is an order passed by the majority of the countries.”

Chui Qian undermined her lies subtly, “Miss Tong, the majority of the countries did pass this ruling, but the premise is that they have those things to begin with. Miss Xia said they did not bring back anything from the moon, so how do you expect them to give you something they do not have?”

Tong Liang smiled thinly. “Mr. President, you might choose to believe them, but I don’t. The people who came back from the moon trusted Xia Xinghe the most, and since they did not carry the thing with them, it has to be with Xia Xinghe. The only reason they needed to return in such a rush was to evade my detection and keep it for themselves. It is my responsibility to stop them from doing that, so naturally, I will not let them go easily. I would like to ask Mr. President to cooperate with the United Nations as well.”

Chui Qian was cornered. He asked Xinghe formally, “Miss Xia, do you have the thing?”

“We did not take anything back from the moon,” Xinghe said firmly.

Chui Qian immediately told Tong Liang, “They already said they do not have...”

“Mr. President, you are doing this wrongly. We will find out whether they have it or not after a careful search,” Tong Liang interrupted him rudely and demanded, “Miss Xia, I wish for your cooperation. If the search comes up with nothing, we will immediately let you all go.”

“A search?” Xinghe asked with a raised brow.

“Yes, a strip search if necessary!” Tong Liang demanded.

Xinghe smiled thinly and retorted with authority, “Who gave you the right to do that?”

“You!” Tong Liang was furious; she did not expect Xinghe would be so uncooperative.

“You have no right to search either one of us,” Xinghe continued her barrage.

Mubai also added coldly, “She’s right, you have no right to conduct any search on us. No one has that right, or have you forgotten who saved the world and why you are able to stand here today?”

Chapter 896: Play This Game

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“Let me answer that for you, it is Xinghe. She has done the most, so what gives you, someone who has done nothing, the right to search her?” Sam added snidely.

“That’s right, none of you have the right to disrespect her thusly, especially you.” Ali glared openly at Tong Liang.

Tong Liang was so angered that she lost her official smiling face. Her features were twisted from anger as she barked, “So you people have let your glory go to your head? You think you’re above the law simply because you have made one small contribution?”

“It is you who thinks you are above the law. You are pursuing your personal agenda using your official position, suppressing us with your official title,” Xinghe scoffed. “If you want us to cooperate with you, fine, then show us the warrant, if you don’t have one, then get out of our way!”

“My words are the words of the United Nations, and this search must be conducted!” Tong Liang finally lost her patience, she ordered, “Move it, if any of them dare to resist, arrest them!”

“I will see who dares!” Xinghe’s sharp gaze swept the crowd and Tong Liang’s lackeys were stunned motionless. For some reason, they felt afraid of Xinghe’s imposing aura.

However, Tong Liang was not afraid of her, and she had lost her last shred of patience.

“Xia Xinghe, I am warning you for the last time, stop obstructing justice!”

If they continued this resistance, she was going to open fire.

Xinghe looked at her with a wicked grin. “Well, I do wish to see what you intend to do. If you aren’t afraid of making international news, then we are more than willing to play this game with you.”

Mubai suddenly blocked Xinghe and glared at Tong Liang with his dark, cold gaze. “Miss Tong, if you insist on continuing this bullying, then our Xi family will not hesitate to join in the fun. I, Xi Mubai, am a man of my words.”

Tong Liang’s pupils shuddered. Xi Mubai was openly threatening her!

Of course, she understood what he meant. If she continued this charade, the Xi family would come after the Tong family. The Xi family was already a force to be reckoned with, but now Xinghe also had the Shen family and Hwa Xia’s Madam President behind her back. If this exploded, the Tong family would be the party who suffered.

Tong Liang smirked coldly and said, “Fine, the thing had better not be with you, or else no one will be able to save you!”

Xinghe and Mubai didn’t waste time with her anymore; they jumped into the car and sped away.

Under the cover of the night, Tong Liang glared at their car as it disappeared into the night, her gaze as dark as the night around it.

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Since the driver was Chui Qian’s man, Sam and the rest did not say anything. It was not until they hopped onto Mubai’s personal plane that they could not help but ask, “Xinghe, do you really have something on you?”

They had to ask, because from how Tong Liang acted, it really seemed like she was certain Xinghe was hiding something from her, even though they were certain Xinghe did not remove anything from the moon base.

To their surprise, Xinghe admitted easily, “Yes, the thing is with me.”

“Really? When did you take it?” Sam gasped in shock.

Ee Chen guessed, “Mr. Shi surreptitiously passed it to you yesterday?”

“Yes.” Xinghe nodded. Finally, Sam and the rest understood. Shi Jian had snuck the thing to Xinghe before he was captured.

No wonder he came to shake Xinghe’s hands. They did not realize Shi Jian had the foresight to hand the thing over to Xinghe then.

Now they thought about it, thankfully the search did not happen or else they would have been exposed.

Chapter 897: Love Her More

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Sam and the rest shivered from the possible consequences.

“What did he give you?” Ali asked curiously.

Xinghe answered, “It should be the thing Tong Liang wanted, but I’m still unsure as to what it is.”

Sam scoffed, “They just want to take the credit and not do the work, why should we give it to them?”

Ali nodded in agreement. “That’s right! This belongs to Mr. Shi and the guys; we mustn’t give it to those bad people.”

“That’s why I held on to it earlier,” Xinghe added.

Ali smiled brightly. “Xinghe, you are the cleverest. I am in love with everything you have done.”

Sam unconsciously wanted to repeat what Ali said, but thankfully, he noticed Mubai sitting beside Xinghe, and he quickly swallowed his words. Phew, almost said the wrong thing again!

“Me too!” In the end, Cairn who sat beside him voiced his inner thoughts. He looked at Xinghe with a blush and added, “I love everything you do, and I think you are doing a great job.”

Hey, kid, do you want to die? Sam subconsciously turned to watch Mubai’s reaction, but to his surprise, Mubai appeared to not have heard Cairn. Sam was deeply confused by this; why wasn’t he angered by what Cairn had said?

“What are we going to do when we return?” Ee Chen asked Xinghe.

Xinghe thought about it and answered, “Open an academy.”

“Open an academy?” Sam and the rest were baffled.

“Yes.” Xinghe nodded. “Temporarily, my idea is to open any academy, but how exactly to go about that, we can discuss after we land.”

“But why an academy?” Ee Chen asked.

Xinghe smiled. “You will see.”

Ee Chen and the rest were confused by this latest mystery. Mubai was also initially befuddled, but he soon came to an answer. He looked at Xinghe intently and his eyes gleamed, but he did not say anything. He knew what she was thinking; he understood her plan and goal. Perhaps this world would experience another momentous change because of her...

Perhaps only she could influence the world in such a manner. He was confident that she was one of a kind, a unique existence in this world.

Mubai’s love toward Xinghe intensified. Every day, he would realize he loved her a little bit more. Every time that he thought his adoration for her was at its maximum, he would surprise himself. His love toward her was endless and timeless, and it rejuvenated his life.

Mubai looked at Xinghe and his face naturally broke into a smile. Like electricity, Xinghe suddenly turned to catch his gaze, and she fell into his pair of eyes that were like pools of black holes.

His gaze seemed to possess magic, attracting her attention all at once. They stared at each other quietly and in complete focus; the world around seemed to fall away... and they were the only thing left in the world.

Sam and the rest looked on and yelled internally, Hello, we are still here!

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It was a two-hour flight from Country R to Hwa Xia. When the lavish private plane landed at City A’s airport, night had already fallen.

Xinghe’s group finally returned to this place where they called home.

Chapter 898: Open an Academy

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At the same time, they thought about Shi Jian and the guys. When they first returned to Earth, this feeling of home and belonging must have been at least a hundred times stronger. They, who yearned desperately for freedom, must have been waiting for Xinghe to save them.

Therefore, they had to move faster or else their wait would be even more painful. Xinghe told Mubai her idea when they reached home. She explained why she wanted to open an academy.

“I wish to open a technical academy to spread the knowledge and technique so that more people will learn about them. The biggest liability hanging over Shi Jian and the guys’ heads is their skills and talents. When we manage to raise the world up to their level, it will not be necessary to feel guarded against them, and it will prevent them from being taken advantage of.”

Mubai looked at her and said, “I’d guessed as much. Your plan is brilliant, but it will take a long time to succeed.”

Xinghe smiled. “I have thought about that as well. The academy will only accept special students; they will have to be at a certain level to be admitted. Plus, their technical and theoretical basis has to be strong, so that they will improve greatly with a little cultivation.”

“That is not a bad idea,” Mubai agreed. “Go ahead with your plan then; leave the school opening to me, so you can focus on forming the teaching material.”

“How can I do that? This is my selfish idea and opening a school is not easy...”

Before Xinghe finished, she noticed the displeasure in Mubai’s eyes. Her voice petered off, and she did not have the heart to say that she did not want to trouble him.

Mubai looked at her with interest and said, “Why did you stop? I’m listening.”

“No, I’m done.” This was such an obvious trap.

“Why did you stop?” Mubai queried.

Xinghe grabbed his arm with a smile and whispered, “Because I know I can leave it in your hands.”

The man’s eyes were like the surface of the pond being swept by the spring breeze, rippling with joy. “You’re leaving it with me, just like that?”

“Yes, I trust you.” Xinghe nodded.

The gaze that looked at her turned passionate, and he leaned in to peck her on her lips. He then mumbled intimately, “Thank you for learning to share your trouble with me. Don’t forget to do it again next time.”

“Okay...” Xinghe knew what he was referring to.

Mubai smirked and hugged her slender waist, and he planted more gentle kisses on her lips. Even though he stopped himself from taking things further, he would not hesitate to claim these benefits that belonged to him. After all, the night was still young.

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Xinghe planned to open an unrivalled international academy in City A. This plan naturally needed the support and help from many people.

The next day, Xinghe and Mubai went to the Shen family to visit Elder Shen and his family.

Elder Shen and Old Madam Shen missed them dearly. They knew everything that had happened to Xinghe in Country R.

When Xinghe was put on the public’s hit list by He Lan Yuan, they’d had the scare of their lives. They would not hesitate to sacrifice themselves to save her. After all, she was the only heiress of the Shen bloodline.

Thankfully, nothing had happened to Xinghe, and she even managed to foil He Lan Yuan’s evil scheme.

When they’d seen Xinghe regally destroyed those satellites, their hearts had almost jumped out of their bodies.

Chapter 899: Young Miss Is Home!

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The two elders crumpled to the floor in relief before starting to dance like crazy. They had never been so emotional in their lives before. They were so proud of Xinghe!

The heavens were still kind toward the Shen family, because even though they had taken away their smallest daughter, in return, they'd found such an impressive granddaughter, a granddaughter no one else could rival. This was the biggest consolation they had.

Both of them had woken up in the wee morning because Xinghe had told them she was returning home that day. They'd waited eagerly for them to arrive. Other than calling constantly to check on their progress, they'd taken turns walking to their front door, hoping to catch a glimpse of Mubai's car.

Xinghe felt their anticipation and her heart was greatly warmed. She was not familiar with this feeling because she was raised to be a self-reliant and aloof person. However, she was not averse to this feeling, she found it to be quite comfortable. Similarly, she could not wait to reunite with her family, her kin.

The moment Mubai's car stopped at the Shen family's house gate, the guards pulled open the door and rushed to inform Elder Shen and the rest.

"Elder Shen, Madam Shen, the young miss is home!"

Before the guard even crossed the threshold, Elder Shen heard him. The two elders sprung up from their seats and dashed out of the house with abandon. From the way they moved, one would not have thought they were seniors in their seventies.

The two were already at the door when Xinghe and Mubai got out of the car. Seeing her in person, both of them suddenly stopped in their tracks and tears filled their eyes. Initially, they could not wait to see her when she was still away, but when she was there before their eyes, they hesitated to get closer...

Xinghe felt the same way. For some reason, she started to well up. Noticing the two particularly energized elders, she took the first step forward and greeted with a smile, “Grandfather, Grandmother, I am home.”

“My good child!” Old Madam Shen immediately rushed forward to hug her and tears came pouring out. “You have worried your grandmother so much. Thankfully, the gods have looked after you, and you have finally returned safely!”

Xinghe was startled by the sudden outpouring of emotion. She tensed out of habit but soon relaxed. “Grandma, look, I’m fine, please don’t cry.”

Elder Shen also could not stand such a sentimental situation, so he consoled his wife with a smile. “Okay, stop crying, you’re putting too much pressure on Xinghe. This is an auspicious event; you should be happy.”

Old Madam Shen let go of Xinghe and said, as she wiped away her tears, “These are tears of happiness, you old fart.”

Elder Shen laughed happily. “Fine, you win, but even so, you should stop crying...”

He might say so, but there were tears in his eyes as well. Xinghe pretended to not notice their banter, and she added with a smile, “Grandpa, grandma, let’s go in first.”

“The child’s right, come in first, we can continue this conversation inside.” Elder Shen also welcomed Mubai, and he greeted them with respect.

After they got into the house, they started to catch up. Naturally, Elder Shen asked them many questions. Xinghe answered them all truthfully.

The two elders’ emotions were intense and tumultuous hearing her story.

Elder Shen added with excitement, “Well done, befitting of the Shen name. Indeed, women are not inferior to men! Xinghe, you have done us proud.”

Chapter 900: They Are Like That

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Old Madam Shen added with pride, “That’s right, our Xinghe is the best. Even such a big crisis was no match for you; no one is better than you in this world.”

Xinghe shook her head. “Actually, I am not the one who solved this crisis.”

“It was not you?” Elder Shen was confused. “How can it not be you? The whole world saw you do it.”

“I was merely following the instructions left behind by my mother.”

Elder Shen and Old Madam Shen were stunned. Her mother was their daughter...

“Your mother, you have found her?” That was Elder Shen’s first reaction; he almost coughed out the question.

“No, she left me with the method a long time ago. It was why I was able to foil He Lan Yuan’s evil plot so successfully.”

Elder Shen was startled once more. He did not understand it. “She left it with you? What do you mean by that?”

Xinghe did not hide the truth from them and told them everything about her mother, including the fact that she was the mastermind behind Project Galaxy. The two elders were stunned speechless for quite a long time. They knew Xinghe’s mother was a really capable woman, but even so, they did not expect her to be responsible for the crisis that almost destroyed the world...

“There must be some kind of secret we are not aware of. I do not believe my daughter would do something like this, or else she would not have gone through the trouble of leaving the method to hack the system with you,” Elder Shen said firmly.

Old Madam Shen also added, “Even if she did, she is still my daughter, of course, I believe that she wouldn’t.”

This was how they were, always ready to shield one of their own. Xinghe was appreciative of their concern, but she was

not someone who was blinded by emotions.

“Actually, I also believed she had her reasons for doing all of this, therefore, I wish to locate her and help those victims who were involved in this tragedy.”

“Victims?” Elder Shen asked.

“That’s right.” Xinghe nodded. “I’m referring to the people who followed me back from the moon. They were the innocent victims of this conspiracy. They have now been quarantined by the United Nations and probably will not see freedom again in this life. Therefore, I wish to help them, to aid them get the freedom they deserve.”

“But why would the United Nations quarantine them against their will?”

This involved plenty of sensitive topics. Mubai explained in broad strokes, but Elder Shen understood immediately. After all, he had spent his whole life around the center of power; he could see immediately what the United Nations were up to.

Perhaps the quarantine was to balance the power structure between the countries, or perhaps they wanted to take advantage of these people for their hidden scheme. Either way, from a certain perspective, they were not wrong in their actions.

However, since Xinghe wanted to rescue those people, they could not sit idle either.

Elder Shen contemplated for a while before asking her, “Then what is your plan?”

Xinghe answered, “I plan to open an academy here; I wish to get your support.”

“Open an academy?” Elder Shen did not veto her suggestion, but he asked, “It is not an issue if you want to open an education academy, but how big will it be?”

“The size doesn’t matter, but this academy must be the best,” Xinghe said determinedly.

Elder Shen was taken aback. “But why an academy?”

“To help those people. I still cannot reveal the details for now, and I wish to get this started as soon as possible, I have enough monetary assets, I only wish for your support.”