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Chapter 871: Are You Itching For a Beating Again?

Little Loli looked around and said to Zi Yi, "Sister, we have cracked the peripheral security system here. We'll be able to enter shortly."

Zi Yi told her, "After you go in, find the people who have been occupied by the Worm Race. Do not take any action for the time being."

Little Loli said, "Okay!"

Zi Yi gave her a few more orders before ending the call.

The next morning when Zi Yi walked out of the room, Qin Ze just so happened to be coming in from outside with two plates of breakfast. He smiled and said to Zi Yi, "You're awake just in time. Breakfast has been prepared, come and have a bite."

Zi Yi walked over and looked at the two plates of food he had placed on the table.

There was bread, eggs and milk, and a few cherries.

Qin Ze took a sip of the milk, picked up a hard-boiled egg, and peeled the shell. "I thought about what you said last night."

Zi Yi was going to take a bite of the bread, when she heard what he said and she looked up at him.

Qin Ze grinned and said, "In fact, the future you mentioned is also my dream. I feel that if we work harder, perhaps it can really become reality in another twenty years."

Zi Yi gave him a contemptuous look and continued to eat her breakfast.

Qin Ze was unhappy with her reaction. "What's with that gaze of yours? What I said is the truth."

Zi Yi took a sip of the milk and asked, "What truth? Are you able to predict the future?"

"Err..."

Qin Ze was choked by her response.

Zi Yi moved the egg on her plate to the side and said, "If you can eat an additional egg, take mine. I don't like this kind of hard-boiled egg."

Qin Ze gave her a speechless look. "Sure enough, you're a little brat. To think that you're being picky with food."

Zi Yi did not bother looking at him either as she snorted. "Are you itching for a beating again?"

At the thought of the previous time, Qin Ze wisely kept his mouth shut and took the egg she had moved to the side. When he saw that she did not eat much, he said, "If you can't get used to the breakfast here, I'll prepare some Chinese cuisine for you. I don't wish for a situation where I get blamed when Mr. Lu realizes you've lost weight the next time he sees you."

Zi Yi did not bother answering him and she finished the glass of milk, then she ate the remaining half of the bread. She stood up and said, "I'll go outside for a stroll. We'll set off in an hour."

Qin Ze hastily stuffed the last bite of bread into his mouth and said, "I'll go with you!"

Zi Yi's appearance was quite something and he did not dare to let her wander around alone.

Soon, both of them left the hotel they were staying at.

This was a small town. Even though it was not big, the scenery and architecture here were very beautiful. There were red brick chimneys and the cobblestone sidewalks were planted with flowers outside every house.

"This place is really nice. Isn't it a place that is very suitable for retirement?"

Zi Yi tilted her head and glanced at Qin Ze without saying anything. She then shifted her attention around.

It was still early and there weren't many people on the sidewalk. However, whenever people walked past them, they would give her another glance or two.

When they walked past her, they would all whisper among themselves, "That girl is really beautiful."

Both of them continued walking for some time and Qin Ze finally could not take it anymore, as he asked, "Zi Yi, are you really just wandering around? Isn't it a waste of time?"

"No. I'm looking for the grocery store here." After she said that, she called out to an elderly gentleman who was walking past and asked him in the local dialect, "Grandpa, where's the grocery store?"

The elderly man pointed her in a certain direction.

Zi Yi gave her thanks and put her hands into her pocket as she headed in the direction the elderly man pointed her in.

Qin Ze, who was surprised that Zi Yi knew how to speak the local dialect, hastily chased up to her and asked, "Zi Yi, when did you learn their local language?"

"Just moments ago."

She had wandered for such a long time in order to learn the local language?!

However, Qin Ze was stunned by Zi Yi's answer.

It took him some time before he caught up to Zi Yi and gave her a thumbs up. "You're really awesome. The speed in which you learn is almost as fast as that of a computer."

"A computer can't compare to me," Zi Yi said, "Everyone has mental energy and as long as you can successfully stimulate your mental energy, you'll come to realize that you pick up things by just looking and listening. Moreover, computers were invented by humans and so they can't possibly surpass humans."

"Mental energy? Like those mental energies that are described in science fiction films?"

“...Sort of.”

“So you mean that your mental energy has already been successfully stimulated?”

As soon as Qin Ze asked that question, Zi Yi stopped walking.

Both of them had already arrived outside a grocery store.

Zi Yi did not answer him either and stepped inside.

The variety of things in the grocery store was really plentiful. They even had all kinds of spare parts.

Zi Yi picked up many things one after another. By the time they left the shop, Qin Ze’s hands were filled with bags. He said as they walked, “Are you girls really so crazy about shopping? How could you possibly buy so many things in such a short amount of time?”

Zi Yi was amused by his remark and said, “You can find a girlfriend and experience it.”

Qin Ze had an expression of refusal. “I don’t have the time to accompany my girlfriend shopping.”

Zi Yi gave him a sympathetic look and continued walking.

While walking, she said, “We’ll buy a car next.”

Not long after she said that, she saw numerous second-hand cars parked in front of her.

Just as Qin Ze was about to look around, Zi Yi had headed elsewhere.

“Boss, how much are the cars here?”

The boss gave her a price and when he was telling them the price, his eyes shifted between the both of them.

Qin Ze furrowed his brow and asked in a whisper, “Zi Yi, how much did he quote?”

“Ten thousand.”

“Euros? This kind of car that looks as though it’s about to be scrapped is so expensive? Why do I feel that the boss is trying to rip us off?”

“It’s not a feeling. He’s indeed ripping us off.”

As soon as Zi Yi said that, she quickly gave the boss a price. “Two thousand. Are you willing to sell it? If you are, we’ll drive it away immediately.”

The boss refused her offer.

Zi Yi turned around to leave.

“Hey Zi Yi. There’s only this car shop in this town. Are we really not buying it?”

“The boss will call us to come back.”

Not long after Zi Yi said that, the boss had indeed called out to them.

After they made the payment, Qin Ze drove the car away.

The moment they drove away, the owner of the auto shop called some individuals and said something to them.

Following that, these people followed Zi Yi and Qin Ze.

Qin Ze drove the car back to the hotel and when he alighted, he said to Zi Yi. "I feel that we didn't only just almost get ripped off, but that auto shop boss is also strange; could it be that he thinks of us as fat sheep to be slaughtered and is secretly following us to rob us of our belongings?"

"It doesn't matter. After we drive out, we'll find a deserted place to modify the car, then take care of those people who will try to rob us."

Both of them went to the hotel to pack up their belongings before they left the town. After leaving, Qin Ze soon sensed someone following them. "Zi Yi, they are really following after us."

Zi Yi looked in the rearview mirror and said to him, "Drive the car into the woods."

Qin Ze quickly steered the wheel and entered the woods.

The people behind them had also followed them into the woods.

However, as soon as the robbers entered the forest, two powerful-looking people appeared in front of them. They stopped their cars, forced them out, and started giving them a beating.

"Ow~"

Chapter 872: When Did They Become Tourists?

Looking at the men who were hugging their heads and scurrying about without even having the power to retaliate, Qin Ze could not bear to look at them. He simply blocked his line of sight with his hands.

Soon, those two groups of people ran away.

Zi Yi looked at their car and said to Qin Ze, "Go and get working."

Qin Ze looked at the strong-looking men who had disappeared from their sight in a flash and looked away as he answered her with an affirmative.

While he was standing next to the car, Qin Ze asked, "How are we going to modify the car?"

Zi Yi quickly brought out the virtual screen and drew a blueprint.

"Modify it like this."

Qin Ze was shocked. "Zi Yi, you can actually draw the blueprint of a car? And you even know how to modify it? I'm really curious, is there anything that you can't do?"

Zi Yi glanced at him and said, "Don't worry about what else I am capable of. Start working."

Having said that, she motioned to Shadow. "Take out the toolbox."

Shadow stretched out his hands and placed them with the palms facing down. While Qin Ze's eyes widened in shock, a flash of light shone down from Shadow's palms and soon, a large toolbox appeared next to his feet.

"T-t-this..." Qin Ze's tongue seemed to be malfunctioning. He swallowed his saliva with great difficulty and raised his voice to ask, "Zi Yi, how did he do that?"

"It's just making use of space science. Don't make a big fuss."

"..."

Zi Yi did not bother about Qin Ze anymore and gave Shadow and Shadow II some instructions. Subsequently, the two robots surrounded the car, opened the front hood, and started to modify it.

Qin Ze suddenly recovered his senses and walked over in large strides. "What can I help you with?"

Shadow told him about what he could do.

Qin Ze did not mind that he was being ordered around by a robot and he even actively joined in with the modifications.

Zi Yi walked to the side, leaned against a tree trunk, and looked at them modifying the car. She would say a few words from time to time.

Some time later, Qin Ze who straightened his back to wipe his sweat discovered that Zi Yi did not get involved at all. In addition, she was leaning there leisurely against a tree. He asked, "Zi Yi, why don't you come and help out?"

Zi Yi rolled her eyes and said, "I have robots to work for me. Why do I need to do it by myself?"

"..."

Qin Ze found himself speechless once again.

He then looked at the two robots who were modifying the car and could not help but feel a little envious. "If only I also had such a versatile robot."

Zi Yi smiled at this. "You can make it yourself."

Qin Ze shrugged his shoulders. "The direction of my research doesn't have anything to do with robots."

"How could that be? Don't tell me you didn't learn about AI systems?"

"I did."

"The core part of robots is their AI system. As for their body parts, it can be handed to professionals for them to do."

Qin Ze's mind became active after hearing Zi Yi's suggestion. If it was really that simple, he had to get his hands dirty and create a few robots when he goes back.

One man and two robots had modified the car for nearly one and a half hours before it was done.

The one driving this time was Shadow.

Shadow II turned invisible.

Zi Yi and Qin Ze were seated in the back seat.

Zi Yi was holding onto a tablet and she swiftly swiped around on the screen. Qin Ze took a glance at a screen. For a moment, he thought that she was playing some games as there were various icons and red dots along with some flashing lines.

However, after he came to a realization of what those were, he could not find himself shifting his gaze away anymore.

Along the way, Zi Yi swiped around on the screen while Qin Ze had his head tilted, looking at the continuously moving dots and lines on the screen.

Unknowingly, they were about to reach the border.

Zi Yi got Shadow to stop the car. She took out two boxes from the bag and passed one to Qin Ze.

“What is this?”

“A mask.”

Zi Yi opened the box and inside the box was a mask as thin as a cicada’s wing. She took out the mask and quickly fixed it on her face. Qin Ze was surprised to see Zi Yi’s face changing in an instant. He even purposely checked out her neck and ears.

“Isn’t this mask of yours too amazing? I can’t even find any marks.”

“That’s not the only feature. Others cannot detect that it’s a mask either.” Zi Yi urged him and said, “Quickly put the mask on. We’ll cross the border after that.”

Qin Ze quickly put the mask on.

Both of them still had handsome and beautiful appearances. However, after wearing the masks, they had become Caucasians and even their eyes were blue.

When they arrived at the border and were about to enter Country D, the border guards stopped them. Zi Yi took out a tourist visa from her bag and handed it to them while waiting in the car.

Qin Ze was a little worried. “Zi Yi, will they notice that our visa is fake?”

They had already changed their appearances and obviously, they could not use their real identities.

The guard returned the visa to Zi Yi soon afterwards.

Qin Ze curiously took a look. At the sight of it, he got another surprise. “When did you change all this information? You even changed our photos!”

Zi Yi looked at Qin Ze who was making a big fuss and said to him, “Calm down. These are all simple tricks. Since you’re going to follow me, you need to learn to remain calm.”

Qin Ze: “...Then can you tell me in what situations I am allowed to be surprised?”

“When you’re about to die and I am unable to save you.”

“...”

Would there ever be a day when he could maintain a normal conversation with her?

The car continued driving for more than ten hours before they arrived at the city where the international robot competition was held.

It was currently the evening and there were lights all around them.

On the busy street, neon lights were flashing around them.

Fashionable men and women crowded the streets and there were all sorts of shopping malls with European-style architecture.

No matter what kind of skin color you had, it would not attract the attention of anyone in such a large metropolis which had been internationalized

When Zi Yi and Qin Ze were walking in the crowd, they would at most attract another glance or two because of their good-looking appearances but they did not attract any special attention.

“Zi Yi, where are we going right now?”

After they arrived in this city, Zi Yi had gotten Shadow to park the car in one of the mall’s parking lots while they walked on foot.

“We’re here to travel so of course, we’ll be looking around.”

Qin Ze: “...”

Chapter 873: Zi Yi, Did You Know That Two People Died In This Hotel Last Night?

When the lift was going up, Zi Yi suddenly asked Qin Ze, “During this round’s robot competition, which country’s robots do you think will emerge in first place?”

Qin Ze found it somewhat strange that she would ask this question. Wasn’t she always confident that their country would win?

However, perhaps she was asking it out of boredom.

Qin Ze did not even think and answered, “Of course, it will be China’s robots.”

The two young people who came in last had glanced at Zi Yi and Qin Ze.

Zi Yi continued looking at the elevator displaying the floor numbers and said, “I have the same thoughts too. The previous robot exhibition they held was very good.”

Qin Ze thought that Zi Yi had nothing better to do but he still grinned and said, “Especially that Zi Yi. The robots she displayed simply amazed the entire robot industry.”

Zi Yi finally shifted her gaze away from the display and glanced at him. She calmly gave an affirmative response.

It just so happened that they reached their floor and both of them walked out of the elevator.

Qin Ze thought that Zi Yi still wanted to hear his bootlicking and continued to speak, "The technology behind Zi Yi's robots has simply far exceeded the technology of today. I feel that it's even better than Country D's robots."

Zi Yi glanced at him and did not respond.

Qin Ze found it weird. "Hmm? Did I say something wrong?"

Zi Yi headed to her room first before turning around as she said, "You said nothing wrong... Go and rest early."

Having said that, she opened the door with the room card and went in.

BAM!

Qin Ze touched his nose and muttered, "This little brat is so strange and puzzling."

Having said that, he also turned around and headed to his room.

At 1:30 a.m. in the morning.

The bustling city had finally quietened down.

The hotel where Zi Yi and Qin Ze were staying was diagonally opposite Professor Dou's hotel.

That hotel was housing contestants from many different countries, so the authorities had placed quite some importance on the area, as they sent some guards to patrol around the first floor.

On the rooftop of the hotel Zi Yi was staying at, a man and a woman wearing tight leather clothes were standing on the edge of the rooftop. The woman looked at a particular room in the opposite building and said to the man next to her, "You can connect a hook at the left side of the window."

"Ok."

After the man responded, he took out a ball from his pocket, pressed a button and a silver thread immediately flew to the window of the opposite building.

The man said, "Keep guard here. I'll go over."

The woman nodded her head.

The man nimbly jumped from the rooftop. Seeing that he was about to fall down, the silver thread in his hand allowed him to swing to the other side.

The woman stood up and checked her surroundings warily, in the event that someone came up.

At this moment, there were sounds of movement by the door.

The woman was startled and she quickly hid behind the large electricity generator next to her.

After she hid herself, she carefully stretched out her head to see who had come up.

In the next second, her pupils suddenly shrank and her heart nearly burst due to the fright.

The man in front of her said nothing but immediately sent a punch to her abdomen.

“Ugh...”

BAM!

The woman’s body was sent flying away a few meters due to the force of the punch. Before she could get up, the man had already approached her again and slammed her head to the ground.

She died in a single strike.

When the man was taking care of the woman, there was another figure standing on the edge of the rooftop.

The figure stared at the man swinging toward the other building and stretched out a hand before changing its finger to a gun sign.

BAM!

After a soft sound was heard, a sharp weapon shot in the direction of the man.

The man who already had one hand pressing onto the window suddenly loosened his grip and his body fell from midair.

When looking down from the 29th floor, the man’s blood could be seen splattered all around. Subsequently, a few individuals came running out of the hotel and had the man surrounded.

At the same time, the two individuals disappeared from the rooftop.

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“Boss, the people we sent were killed.”

On the other side of the city, a man was bowing his head as he reported to another person who was seated behind the table.

After hearing the report, the man released an angry aura and asked in a heavy voice, “Who was sent? Who killed them?”

“Night Wolf and Mel were sent. They are experts in assassinations.”

“Experts? Then tell me. Since we sent experts, why were they so easily killed?”

“This...”

“A bunch of useless things!”

The man who was seated behind the table looked at the other party and his voice sank even deeper.

“Immediately find out who killed them!”

Having said that, he seemed to have thought of something as his eyes turned sharp. “No need. Prepare the next plan.”

“Yes.”

After the subordinate left, the man seated on the sofa behind the table immediately took out his phone and dialed a number.

When the other party answered the call, he hastily said, "The people we sent were killed."

The other party said something and he responded and said, "It must be the Lu Family's secret guards behind this."

The other party said something else and he hastily answered, "Yes, ok. I'll immediately send someone to do it right away."

He hung up the phone after that and stood up as he headed for the door.

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"Master, Shadow II and I have taken care of those two people."

Zi Yi who was seated on the sofa and swiping across the tablet merely nodded and said, "I've already tracked down who were the ones behind them. Shadow II, go and blow up their base for me."

"Yes."

Shadow II immediately disappeared after that.

Only then did Zi Yi put the tablet aside as she prepared to go to bed.

Shadow disappeared at the same time.

Early the next morning, the door of Zi Yi's room was knocked on.

Zi Yi went over to open the door and the first thing she saw was Qin Ze. "Zi Yi, did you know that two people died in this hotel last night?"

Zi Yi turned around and walked inside. While walking, she said, "What does that have to do with us?"

Qin Ze followed her inside and said after he closed the door, "One of them died on the rooftop and the other died on the road. I went to take a look at the rooftop when no one was around. I feel that they should be killers."

Zi Yi turned to look at him with an expression of surprise.

Qin Ze's expression, however, turned serious. "Even though I've never seen their corpses, the man who died on the road must have fallen down from the opposite hotel. One of them died here while the other died because he fell from the other hotel. Without a doubt, they are killers."

Speaking of this, he walked to Zi Yi's window and looked outside for some time before turning around and asking. "Which floor are Professor Dou and his team staying on?"

"The 25th floor."

"That's it then. These two people wanted to assassinate Professor Dou... is it because they wanted to draw you out? Therefore, you got your robots to kill them."

Zi Yi looked at him for a second before she went to grab her bag and headed for the door. She did not wish to answer his question at all.

Qin Ze hastily tagged along. After they left the room, he did not continue asking about this topic.

Both of them headed down to the restaurant in the hotel.

At this time, most of the guests were all discussing the death of the two individuals last night.

“The woman died on the roof while the man died downstairs. Could it be that the man killed the woman out of love and then committed suicide by jumping off of the building?”

This guess was immediately approved by the majority of the people.

After all, no one was acquainted with the people who died. Everyone continued discussing for a short while before someone changed the subject to the robot competition being held today.

Chapter 874: Does He Think That Just Because He’s Ok Looking, Zi Yi Would Fancy Him?

Country D’s robot exhibition was held at the National Robot Exhibition Center.

There were already many countries participating in this competition and not to mention, Country D had started publicizing this event in advance. As a result, there were also many people who had specially flown over to spectate the competition.

Zi Yi and Qin Ze queued up to get their identities verified before they were allowed inside the venue.

People around them were all discussing which Country’s robot team would win in the end.

“It must be Country D. Their robot technology has been the ever-victorious general.”

“The winner might be Country A.”

“That might not necessarily be the case. During China’s robot exhibition in the previous round, the robots Zi Yi revealed were also very high-tech.”

“Cheh~ The teams participating in that exhibition are all from their home country. Compared to the other robots, hers would definitely look better.”

“Wasn’t there another robot club from Country D that attended that robot exhibition? Zi Yi’s robots had completely surpassed that club’s robots.”

“Pft!” That robot club isn’t famous in Country D at all. If their country’s robots can’t even compare to an unknown robot club of Country D’s, wouldn’t they be too backward? Haha...”

“Haha... Say, those people from China who are participating in the competition this time round, do you think they are delusional enough to think that they would win?”

“Wouldn’t it be even more interesting if they were to get completely annihilated by Country D’s robots?”

“Hahaha...”

Qin Ze's face turned thunderous when he overheard their conversation. He turned to look at Zi Yi. When he saw that she looked rather calm, he asked, "You aren't angry?"

Zi Yi tilted her head and glanced at him before shifting her attention back to the team in front of them. She then said indifferently, "Why should I be angry? If I were to get angry at a random passerby's comment, wouldn't I get angered to death?"

Qin Ze: "..."

Her words were so reasonable that he was at a loss for words.

Just then, the conversation of the people next to them became increasingly overboard.

"Speaking of which, that Zi Yi from China is really pretty. It'll be great if she came along this time round too. I came here all the way from Country L hoping that she would participate in this competition."

"Hehe, me too. It'll be wonderful if we can have a beautiful encounter."

When Qin Ze heard this, Qin Ze could not hold back and said, "Are you all hoping for her robot to beat you up?"

The two men who were discussing Zi Yi gave Qin Ze an inexplicable look.

One of the men smiled vaguely. "Say, dear friend. Don't tell me you have a crush on Zi Yi too. Is that why you're being so sour?"

"Me? Having a crush on her?" Qin Ze's voice turned weird. However, in the next second, he sensed Zi Yi staring at him. He quickly changed his mind about wanting to roast her and reminded them out of kindness. "I would advise you not to have any unrealistic fantasies about her. Her robots are much more powerful than what you can imagine."

Both men looked at Qin Ze as though they were looking at a mad man.

Following that, they whispered among themselves in their native language.

"This person obviously looks like Zi Yi's lapdog. To think that he's even trying to advise us? I think he's trying to deter us so that he can make a move instead."

"Haha. Does this person think that just because he's ok looking, Zi Yi would fancy him?"

Qin Ze just so happened to understand Country L's language and he was stunned.

He glanced at Zi Yi and thought about how Zi Yi was fierce to everyone else with the exception of Lu Jingye. If she were to really fancy him, then it'll be the disaster of his life.

The crowd moved forward rather quickly and soon, it was Zi Yi and Qin Ze's turn. After they finished verifying their identity, they went inside.

Country D's Robot Exhibition Center was very spacious. After they made their way inside, the hall was at least the size of a football field and the roof was seven to eight meters high.

Special materials were used to build the hall, which made it look very mechanical and modern.

There was a circular platform at least 200 meters wide in the middle of the hall. The platform was a meter high, and a 6D virtual display screen was floating in the middle of the platform.

The competition had yet to start and the screen was reflecting the countries that were participating in the competition.

Qin Ze took a look around before he made his way back to Zi Yi's side and said, "I've heard before that the building materials used to build Country D's Robot Exhibition Center are all X Steel. It's said that the hardness is a dozen times that of graphite. It is also capable of withstanding an extremely strong explosion."

Zi Yi casually asked, "You mean that in the event that some robots were to get into a fight, the place would not be destroyed?"

Qin Ze: "..."

Zi Yi looked at the structure above and said, "The roof can be opened."

Qin Ze also raised his head. "How are you able to tell?"

"Isn't it easily discernible?"

"..."

Qin Ze felt that there was no way for him to maintain a normal conversation with Zi Yi. He simply shifted his gaze to her and said, "So what if it can open?"

"After opening up the roof, they can get the robots to fly out and fight in the skies."

"..."

The audience slowly streamed into the venue one after another. In the internal resting area, the participants of the competition gathered together and discussed the drawing of lots for the showcase sequence.

"I wonder which team's lot we will draw for the first match. I hope that we can encounter a stronger one," Engineer Chu said with a confident expression.

On the other hand, Engineer Meng did not have the same train of thought. "There are three matches in the competition and it's more interesting if we meet an opponent that is stronger than the previous one gradually."

Engineer Peng was rather confident about their robot. "It'll be alright as long as we don't face Country D at the very start. If we really do encounter them, it'll be a little troublesome for us."

"What's there to feel troubled about? I feel that our Moonlight is the best."

Professor Dou and another two higher-ups who had also come along with them were seated somewhere nearby.

Leader Lu glanced at the time and said to Professor Dou, "There's still five minutes before the start of the competition. In another three minutes time, a staff member will be leading us out to draw the lots. Professor Dou, you can go ahead and do the honors."

Leader Li agreed with him. "No matter which country's team we get matched with, we have faith in our team."

Professor Dou was very calm at this moment. He nodded his head and did not refuse.

Sure enough, three minutes later, a staff member came in and asked each team to send a representative to draw the lots.

Professor Dou stood up and followed the other representatives out to draw lots.

The drawing of lots was done in a room right next to the room they were in.

There was a table placed in the middle of the room and on top of that was a paper box.

At that moment, two leaders of Country D's Robotics Association stood by the table. After the representatives came in, one of them said, "For the sake of fairness, we will go with the simplest and most direct method today. There are lots for 26 numbers inside here. Whichever number each team draws, the competition sequence will go according to that number."

No one had any objections.

However, there was no rule about who would draw first or last.

Professor Dou was not in a hurry to fight with the rest on drawing the lots and so he stood by the side and waited.

At the same time, the representative from Country D was also waiting at the side.

His name was Carus and he had a tall and burly physique. He looked to be around in his forties and was currently wearing a suit. At that moment, he tugged his suit bow and suddenly looked at Professor Dou with a meaningful smile. "Professor Dou, do you think we will draw a sequential number? If that really happens, wouldn't it be really interesting?"

Professor Dou tilted his head slightly and glanced at him with a calm expression. "If that happens, it would be fate."

"Haha... I think it's better to think of it as God's will. After all, we are a country that believes in God... Oh yes, Professor Dou must be very confident in your team. I hope that you can keep up this confidence for a long time."

After Carus left behind these words, he headed over to draw the lots.

Chapter 875: Even Though You're Right, But I Don't Feel Like Moving My Finger

After the drawing of lots, China's team was the fifth while Country D was the 15th.

After that, Carus even said to Professor Dou with an extremely disappointed tone, "It's really a pity that we aren't able to face each other in the first match. Otherwise, we would be able to witness the so-called most powerful robot of your team."

Having said that, he left while a few other representatives were laughing out loud.

Shortly afterwards, there was a wave of voices that were as soft as a whisper, but Professor Dou could still hear their conversation.

"Did Carus do that on purpose?"

"Isn't that obvious? Based on how China dealt with Country D's BE robot club the previous time, who would be happy with how they acted? In particular, Country D is a country that boasts about its cutting-edge robots. How could they possibly swallow this anger? Just wait, China's team will end up miserably today."

"After the robot exhibition in the previous round, I researched Zi Yi's robot and it's really well made. I feel there might not really be a side that would end up in a disadvantageous situation."

"You're wrong about that. No matter how well-made Zi Yi's robots are, do you think they can compare with Country D's most cutting-edge robot? Since the national team is participating in this robot exhibition, Country D would not allow them to continue maintaining their arrogance, in order to stabilize their position at the top worldwide."

"So based on what you're saying, there will be a good show to watch soon?"

"Yes. Country D has its ace weapon, Zeus and Hades. I heard that these two robots are already so human-like that even the most sophisticated machines can't detect that they are robots. Moreover, their abilities have reached S-level."

"Their robots are so powerful? However, I doubt they will bring out these two robots. I feel that China has yet to reach the level of them bringing their ace weapon out."

"I think so too."

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Professor Dou took the number he drew and went out.

The moment he came out, the team from China went up to him

"Professor Dou, what number are we?"

"The fifth."

Professor Dou showed them the number.

"Whew, great. The first match is an arena match between five teams. One of the teams would compete for one match less and directly advance. In this case, we won't be facing Country D's team in the first match."

Even though they were confident in their robot, they were still happy that they could avoid having a confrontation with Country D's team in the first match.

Right now, Country D's team were basically the gods in everyone's mind. The team from Country K said, "I feel that there's no need to compete for first place in this competition. They can directly crown Country D as the winner."

One member from Country D's team laughed wildly. "Even though we already know the results, we still have to compete in the matches. Otherwise, it won't be fun if some people are dissatisfied."

Another team member with an indifferent expression said, "We are still planning to see how powerful the robot made by Zi Yi from China is."

"Yes, yes, yes." Someone from Country G said, "We should let them know who is the real king of robots. Otherwise, they will think that the broken robot of theirs is really that amazing."

Everyone agreed in unison and bursts of laughter sounded from time to time.

Those teams who did not join them were all looking at China's team. There were even some individuals who came over to chat with Professor Dou.

"Professor Dou, I heard that Zi Yi participated in the production of the robot you guys brought along this time. I am looking forward to seeing the robot stunning the audience."

Even though his words sounded encouraging, it sounded like someone who was waiting to watch a drama unfold.

The engineers were all feeling unhappy and even the expressions of the two leaders were not too good.

Only Professor Dou maintained a calm expression and nodded his head in response. "Our team will try our best in this competition."

The person did not expect Professor Dou to answer so tactfully. His original plans of wanting to see how Professor Dou would embarrass himself fell through and he could only end up leaving in embarrassment.

The teams did not stay in the lounge for a long time when the excited voice of the announcer sounded through the speakers.

"Ladies and gentlemen, good morning! All the 26 participating teams have drawn lots and due to the fact that each match is a competition between five teams, one of the teams among the 26 would be selected by the computer to directly advance. Let's see who would be the lucky team!"

The names of the 26 teams started rolling on the screen.

The rolling speed was very fast and sometime later, the countdown of 10 seconds appeared.

Everyone held their breaths and many people subconsciously wished that their team could directly advance. After all, this was a good thing and everyone would wish for this opportunity to befall them.

"Zi Yi, which team do you think would advance directly?" Qin Ze asked all of a sudden.

Zi Yi tilted her head and glanced at him. She asked instead of answering. "Do you think that just because I think whichever country will advance, they would really end up advancing?"

Qin Ze choked and suddenly thought of how skilled she was with computers. He then grinned and whispered, "Isn't this something as easy as moving your finger?"

"Even though you're right, I don't feel like moving my finger."

"..." Alright then. Qin Ze felt that Zi Yi was not someone like that either, but he still refused to give up. "Then make a guess which team would be the lucky ones?"

"Country D."

"How can you be so sure?"

"Because this is their home ground."

As long as they wanted to cheat, it would be easy for them to do.

Even though Qin Ze felt that what she said made sense, he still had some slight disagreements. "Country D has always been arrogant and would they be willing to have one less chance to overpower another team's robots?"

As soon as Qin Ze finished explaining his point, the scrolling number on the screen came to a stop.

At the same time, an exclamation sounded from the side. "Ah! Why is it Country D?"

Qin Ze touched his nose. "Alright then. Perhaps they can't be bothered to join the first match as they think that it's not challenging at all."

The announcer's voice sounded from the speakers at this moment. "The lucky ones for the first match have surfaced, and it's Country D's team. Even though our Country D's team feels that there isn't a need for them to have this opportunity, we should still have the team members return to take a rest."

"Following this, let's have the first to the fifth team's robots step onto the stage."

The robots participating this time round were all AI-powered. The first match was to test the robot's response time and adaptability. Two teams would advance out of five teams.

Once the competition started, the audience at the venue and netizens exploded.

"China's team is the fifth one. But everyone, quick, come and take a look. The fifth robot is wearing clothes from Country R."

"The person who said that they are wearing Country R's clothes, are you blind? That's clearly China's traditional clothing. Do you even know the meaning and history behind China's traditional clothes?"

"The internet is surely a good place to mingle around with anonymity and all. Some people shouldn't go too overboard even when you're trying to be a lap dog. The traditional clothes of China have an extensive and profound history and so how can Country R's clothes compare?"

"The adaptability and response performance of China's robot is rather surprising."

“This must be a super AI.”

“It’s because Country D isn’t here. If they were to join in, they would definitely instantly overpower all the other teams.”

“Wow! China’s robots are too awesome. They won first place so quickly.”

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Many audiences were surprised at Moonlight’s abilities. Moonlight had easily won the first match.

“When did the robot technology in China develop so quickly?”

“I heard that it’s because of Zi Yi.”

“Zi Yi? That little girl who has an extremely outstanding appearance?”

“That’s right.”

“Are you kidding me? She’s just an image ambassador the country deliberately raised. Do you really think a little girl would have such an ability?”

Chapter 876: Don’t Tell Me She’s Pregnant With a Baby and Can’t Come?

The first match ended in forty minutes and a total of eleven teams advanced to the next round. Fifteen teams were disqualified.

After a ten minute intermission, the members of the eleven teams that advanced returned to check up on their respective robots.

“The second match should also be testing the robot’s response time and adaptability. Moonlight, do pay attention later. Since it’s Country D setting the questions, they would definitely play the game they excel at.”

“Country D recently released an extremely exciting and mind-draining game. Zi Yi had gotten Moonlight to try out the game before. Say, do you think they will use this game today?”

“We can’t be sure, but if it’s really the case, it would be advantageous for Moonlight.”

“However, we don’t even know what the contents of the second match are, nor how the teams are going to be divided.”

“There’s also the possibility that we might not be divided into groups.”

While the engineers were checking out the performance data of Moonlight, they discussed the next round among themselves. At this moment, they all appeared a little more nervous than before.

Professor Dou and the other two leaders stood at the side and looked at Moonlight.

Leader Li said, “Country D’s robot directly advanced in the first match. I wonder if there would be such rules again in the second round. If another team were to directly advance to the next match...”

“I highly doubt so.” Leader Lu felt that it was impossible. “This type of competition is the best opportunity and stage to reveal the progress of each Country’s robots. It’s impossible that the second match and the semi-finals would allow for a team to directly advance again. It’ll make the competition boring if they do it this way.”

“That might not necessarily be the case.”

Leader Lu and Leader Li held their own opinions and they started to reason it out with each other.

Only Professor Dou stood there quietly and waited for the start of the second match.

Just then, a few staff members pushed a trolley of drinks inside and everyone took whatever they wanted, one after another.

When a staff member pushed the trolley over to China’s team, a member from Country D and Country G followed over.

“Professor Dou,” the member from Country D called out to Professor Dou with an arrogant expression. Many people around them looked over in their direction.

Professor Dou looked at the individual who called out to him.

“I heard that the robots in your country have caught up with the most advanced robot in our country, is that right?”

Professor Dou looked at him without saying anything.

The member from Country G on the other hand, acted like a bootlicker and added on to what he said. “Wasn’t that what Zi Yi from your country said previously? Oh, that’s right. Why didn’t she come and participate in the competition? Could it be that she knows your country wouldn’t win no matter what and is purposely hiding to avoid getting embarrassed? Hahaha...”

The member from Country D replied to the member from Country G, “It’s not entirely impossible. That girl named Zi Yi was so arrogant previously and isn’t she supposed to be coming over to participate in the competition? Don’t tell me...”

Speaking of this, he deliberately paused for a few seconds before leaning toward Professor Dou. He then asked in a malicious tone of voice, “Don’t tell me she’s having a baby at home and can’t come?”

“Hahahaha...”

The member from Country G joined in and laughed enigmatically.

The participants from the other Countries were all either looking at Professor Dou with a sympathetic gaze or with a gaze as if they were waiting to watch a good show.

“In the previous Robot Exhibition your country held, Zi Yi purposely humiliated the BE robot club from Country D. At the same time, she let those in the industry feel embarrassed. Don’t tell me he deliberately came here to find fault?”

"It's obvious that's the case. That Zi Yi is also an awesome individual for destroying the reputation of those from the BE robot club. I heard that the hidden boss behind the BE robot club is someone from Country D's National Robot Center. Say, do you think he's the hidden boss?"

"Is there still a need to ask? It's obviously the case."

"If China's robot can't win against Country D's robots today, I feel that the former team would end up miserable."

"It'll surely happen. Perhaps they would end up even worse than the BE robot club."

"Therefore, you shouldn't challenge anyone who is within the robot industry of Country D. Otherwise, when they flare up, I believe they are entirely capable of making the other robots end up as scraps."

"I suddenly feel some sympathy for the China team and the robot they brought along."

Professor Dou looked at the two individuals standing in front of him who were talking arrogantly and haughtily. He had a calm expression from the start to the end. However, the two leaders and the engineers were all clenching their fists in anger, even their veins were bulging out.

Engineer Peng could not endure it anymore and he rebutted them. "Don't worry. Even if Zi Yi doesn't personally make a trip down here, your robots are no match for Moonlight."

His words caused a wave of silence. Everyone looked at him with a strange gaze.

A few seconds later, the team members from Country D and Country G started laughing wildly. There were also a few other members from other teams who laughed along with them.

Contained within their laughter was mocking intent.

Engineer Peng was so angry that he looked as though his eyeballs were about to pop out from all the glaring he was doing. He looked as though he wanted to smash in the front teeth of the two individuals standing in front of him.

"Engineer Peng, calm down." Professor Dou pressed his shoulder.

Engineer Peng exhaled roughly in anger. He turned around and looked at Professor Dou. As he was fuming right now, his words were inevitably a little blunt. "Zi Yi is being ridiculed like this and yet you can still keep your calm? If I was her Uncle, I would be giving these people a beating until all their teeth fell out!"

Professor Dou looked at Engineer Peng who had lost his reason and said calmly, "That is why you won't ever be her Uncle."

Engineer Peng: "...!"

Professor Dou said, "If you can't keep your calm whenever some random Tom or Jerry tries to provoke you, and you make a big deal out of it, what kind of consequences do you think it will lead to? We are here to participate in the competition. Are you telling me you can win first place by flaring up?"

"I-"

“Also, as for whether our Moonlight’s abilities are good or not, everyone will know during the competition. Do you think a single word from you can prove anything? They’re clearly here to provoke us and if you were to start an argument with them, won’t you be falling into their trap?”

Engineer Peng finally calmed down a little after receiving a lecture from Professor Dou.

He turned to look at the two men standing there with their chins held high and sneered. “I won’t argue with you. You’ll know the abilities of our Moonlight when we compete.”

Having said that, he opened the soda and drank two large mouthfuls.

Subsequently, the other engineers continued checking Moonlight’s performance.

Professor Dou was also discussing with the two leaders what kind of setting the following matches might have. They ended up ignoring the two individuals who came to provoke them.

The member from Country D snorted and said, “If your robot were to encounter our robot in the second match, you will surely be eliminated.”

Following that, he and the member from Country G returned to their places.

After the break, the announcer’s voice sounded through the speakers once again.

“Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back to the International Robot Competition. The second match is about to begin soon. Let’s have a look at the rules of the second round.

“In the second round, the robots will be teleported to a simulated environment of an extremely exciting and mind-draining game that Country D recently released. There will not be any teams or collaboration this time. The first five teams that come out from the game will enter the finals.”

As soon as the announcer finished explaining the game, both the internet and the audience present exploded.

“Heavens. The second match is a game simulation. I’ve heard of this game before in the past. Not only is it mind-draining, it is also full of crises all around. I heard that it’s extremely difficult to escape.”

“The brain of a robot should be better when compared to humans, right?”

Chapter 877: Having Ulterior Motives

“Zi Yi, you managed to guess it correctly again!” Qin Ze looked at Zi Yi in surprise after he heard what the announcer explained.

Zi Yi did not think of it as a great feat.

Qin Ze asked her, “Then can you guess what the content for the finals would be?”

“Fighting.”

“Hmm?”

Qin Ze knew the meaning behind the word, but he was unable to comprehend its meaning when Zi Yi was the one saying it.

“What do you mean?”

“It’s literally what it means.”

Zi Yi could not be bothered to explain to him. “You’ll know when we get to the finals.”

Qin Ze wanted to say something but just then, the robots from eleven teams all stood on the round podium in front of them.

A light beam shone down from above and these robots disappeared into thin air, soon the podium turned into a display screen.

For a moment, the audience in the venue and those watching the stream live were all stunned.

Qin Ze was also shocked. “Sure enough, Country D’s technology has advanced to such an awesome level.”

Zi Yi took a glance at his expression before she looked away and said, “Is this type of technology that awesome?”

Qin Ze thought about Zi Yi’s robots that turned invisible as and when they liked and he subconsciously shook his head. “I feel that they amount to nothing in front of you.”

Zi Yi’s eyes curved into crescent moons and she said, “You’re right about that.”

Having said that, she turned to look at the big screen.

The eleven robots were teleported to the simulation game’s venue. They did not all land in the same place instead, the areas in which they landed were filled with terrifying images and danger.

At this moment, Qin Ze asked, “Zi Yi, do you think the robot community of Country D would play any tricks in there? For example, can they allow whoever they like to come out as they please?”

“It’ll depend on if they have the ability to do so or not.”

Qin Ze suddenly thought of Zi Yi ordering Shadow to wait for them in the car and he somehow vaguely understood something. He then asked in a whisper, “You’re having Shadow watch over them?”

“Mhmm.”

Qin Ze remained silent after that.

The eleven robots started their killing journey as soon as they entered the simulation game.

There were dark scenes, withered trees, all kinds of bones, crows, monsters, and also some things that would end the mission after coming in close contact with them.

In this situation, what they were testing was not only the robot’s fighting power but also the ability to discern things.

Ten minutes into the game, one team was eliminated.

The crowd that was in a heated discussion instantly quietened down. Everyone held their breaths as they looked at the big screen while their heart rates quickened.

Twenty minutes into the game, another team was eliminated.

Everyone became even more nervous.

In particular, as the robots continued in the simulation game, the scenes they encountered were even more frightening. Many of the audience members closed their eyes because they dared not watch the scene.

But in comparison, there were more people who felt their blood boiling due to the excitement. It was the type of feeling that was similar to speeding in a car and it was as though the scenes in front of them were even more exciting than them personally experiencing it.

After forty minutes or so, Qin Ze, who had been clenching his hands, asked Zi Yi in a whisper, "Will Moonlight be the first one to come out?"

"No."

Qin Ze turned to look at Zi Yi who was looking at the screen.

Zi Yi said, "Moonlight will come out together with Country D's Zeus."

Zi Yi's guess was proven true at the one hour and thirty minutes mark.

When everyone saw two robots walking out from the exit at the same time and returning to the platform, the audience exploded.

"Heavens! China's Moonlight is a dark horse!"

"Based on this match, I feel that Moonlight has the ability to compete for the first place."

"Perhaps Zeus still has some functions hidden. Didn't you notice that Moonlight had been unleashing it's all in the game whereas Zeus seems to be rather carefree?"

"I didn't notice that. I feel that both robots have given their best."

Country D's team.

When they saw Moonlight being transferred back together with Zeus, be it the team members or the leaders of Country D, they were all extremely surprised.

"How is it possible that Moonlight came out together with our Zeus?!"

"This game is in HELL mode. It must be that something went wrong. How can China's robot possibly be on par with ours!"

A few of the team members refused to believe that Moonlight had come out together with Zeus. Carus furrowed his eyebrows and said to the other leader, "It seems like we have belittled their robots. We have to pay attention to the next round."

The other leader also started feeling a sense of crisis deep down inside. He nodded with a taut expression and said, "I didn't expect their Moonlight to be on this level. However, the third match is Zeus' strong component. The robot made by them is sure to be inferior in terms of fighting."

Zeus was a fighting robot and he was confident in this aspect.

"However, it's really unpleasant to come in the same place together with them."

China's team.

"Wow! Sure enough, our Moonlight hasn't let us down! Zi Yi is also so amazing!"

The engineers were so excited that they were hugging each other and jumping around.

The two leaders were also rather excited, which can be seen from the bright smiles on their faces.

Only Professor Dou had his hands clasped together as he suppressed his internal excitement. He knew that the finals were the highlight of the whole competition.

The finals would start in the afternoon. After the second match, several of the robots required some adjustments.

The audience who were physically present walked out of the entrance one after another. Everyone was discussing the second match.

Qin Ze craned his neck and looked at Professor Dou standing there and talking. He then turned to Zi Yi and said, "Sure enough, people will welcome you with a smile as long as you have the skills. At the start of the competition, I'm pretty sure none of the other teams talked to us at all. It's an unexpected sight to see our team getting surrounded."

Zi Yi also took a glance in that direction before she followed the flow of the crowd and headed outside.

After waiting for everyone to leave the Robot Exhibition Center, the staff began to clean up the venue.

Carus and another two individuals from the Robot R&D Center were standing on the platform.

Yale asked Carus, "Carus, what do you think about Moonlight?"

Carus' expression looked a little serious. "It's even more powerful than what we anticipated."

Another leader named Alexander thought about it and asked, "Can you identify the materials and properties of Moonlight?"

Carus had been researching robots for many years. What he came into contact with were all the most cutting-edge robots. It was not weird for Alexander to ask this question.

Carus shook his head. "I can't. From the exterior, it looks similar to ordinary robots. If we want to know how far China's robot technology has progressed, we can only do so by studying Moonlight in person."

His words caused a wave of silence.

Sometime later, Yale said, "Then let's find a way to get Moonlight in our hands and research it."

Having said that, he took out his phone and dialed a number.

When the other party answered the call, he said, "Find a way to transfer away those who are looking after the robots for ten minutes."

After hanging up the call, he said to Carus, "I can only give you ten minutes. As to whether you can identify Moonlight's build and abilities, it's all up to you."

Carus nodded his head.

The three of them headed to the place where the robots were being stored.

This was the basement of the Robot Exhibition Hall. A level ten defense system was installed at the entrance and there were also armed guards keeping a lookout. Let alone breaking in, it's impossible for someone to even stand by the entrance and take a peek.

Chapter 878: Don't Touch Me, or I'll Retaliate.

The three men entered the basement through a secret door and the members of each team who were tasked to guard the robots were all lured away.

The participating robots from all 26 countries were there. The three of them headed towards the area where China's robots were kept.

The basement was extremely quiet, and their footsteps echoed in the space.

When they located the robot, the three of them stopped walking and stood there to look at Moonlight.

Alexander touched his chin for a few seconds and said, "I find this robot a little familiar. Do you think China has used the faces of characters from the mythology of their country?"

"It should be the case."

In fact, Carus and Yale did not pay any heed to that at all.

Carus stretched out his hand towards Moonlight and said, "I'll check where Moonlight's control panel is first. As long as I take out the chip inside and have a look, I should be able to discern the abilities of this robot."

Just as his hands were about to land on Moonlight...

Moonlight's eyes suddenly flashed.

"Ah! They did not fully switch off this robot's program."

The three of them got a fright at the same time.

Just then, Moonlight's steady and powerful voice sounded. "Don't touch me, or I'll retaliate."

The three of them subconsciously took two steps back after hearing Moonlight speak.

"What should we do?"

They made eye contact with each other.

Yale said with a determined expression, "Why don't we resort to violence? Our men have blocked the signal in the basement anyways. We can't possibly let China stand in the limelight in this competition."

Country D was reputed for its strong robots and they should be taking the lead in this competition. It was impossible for them to watch on helplessly as some other country's robots took the spotlight.

"Let's resort to violence then," Alexander said to Carus, "Be careful. If anything were to happen later, we will do first aid on you."

Having said that, both of them retreated to a safe distance.

Obviously, Carus would not be doing it himself. This type of Super-AI robot might be even more aggressive and lethal when its system wasn't fully switched off.

Carus took out an extremely small controller from his pockets and after he pressed a button, a robot appeared out of thin air.

"Hades, locate Moonlight's control panel!"

"Command received!"

After Hades responded, it headed towards Moonlight and stretched out its hands.

"Danger approaching. Activating electric shock mode!"

Bzzzt~

Kaaaakaaa...

Looking at Hades who had electric currents running through its body, Carus got a shock.

The two leaders who were standing some distance away were also startled.

"Carus, what's going on?"

Carus did not think of it as a threat. He waved at the two leaders, indicating for them not to worry. Subsequently, he said to Hades, "Hades, copy all the programs on his control panel. At the same time, measure his performance and hidden functions."

Hades replied, "Command received!"

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On the other side.

In the hotel.

Zi Yi and Qin Ze returned to the hotel after having a meal. When Zi Yi entered her room, she said to Qin Ze, "I won't be heading back to the Robot Exhibition this afternoon."

Qin Ze guessed that she was most likely trying to do something and so he asked with a raised eyebrow, "What are you going to do?"

"Watch the broadcast."

Qin Ze did not believe what she said, "In that case, I'll come to find you when the competition starts. We'll watch the broadcast together."

Zi Yi glared at him.

Qin Ze acted as though he had not seen it and headed to his room. Before he went in, he turned around and said with a grin, "The competition is starting at 2 p.m. You can have an afternoon nap right now. I'll come to you at 1:55 p.m."

Having said that, he opened the door and headed inside.

Zi Yi walked into the room and she just so happened to receive Lu Jingye's call.

He was in the capital of Country D and it was a three to four hours ride away from where she was. He had been attending banquets one after another ever since he arrived here. He originally planned to make his way over today, but there was General Hank's banquet tonight and he had no choice but to go.

Zi Yi turned on the virtual screen. At the sight of him seated in the car and dressed up like an elite, she knew that he was still socializing again. "Don't drink behind my back."

Lu Jingye chuckled at her words. His voice was hoarse and magnetic as he said, "I had a meal with people from the economic ministries from various countries during lunch today. I only drank a little wine."

He drank in moderation and in fact, Zi Yi never had to worry about him. She had such a reaction only because she felt tempted to drink too.

"Where are you planning to go in the afternoon?"

"I'm staying back at the hotel to see Second Uncle's team compete in the competition."

"I'm also planning to do so too. I watched it live for the first half and I'm planning to continue watching the second half in the hotel."

"Ok. I'll accompany you when the time comes."

Following that, both of them kept their call connected while they each did their own stuff. Unexpectedly, there was a feeling of intimacy as though the other party was around in person.

Zi Yi checked up on Moonlight.

Unexpectedly, she noticed that someone had touched Moonlight.

After checking and watching the playback device installed in Moonlight, Zi Yi smiled like a fox. "The higher-ups of Country D are trying to play tricks on Moonlight. He copied the virus program I had set up for Moonlight."

Lu Jingye watched the playback with her and the corner of his lips curved up as he asked, "Can the other party detect the virus you made?"

"No. As long as they activate the virus, I can reverse control this robot later."

At the mention of this, Zi Yi brought out the virtual keyboard and her fingers quickly tapped around. Sometime later, she smirked. "They have already activated it."

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By the time Qin Ze came looking for Zi Yi, he noticed that Lu Jingye was on the call with Zi Yi and he hastily greeted him. "Second Brother Lu."

Lu Jingye nodded at him.

With Lu Jingye around, Qin Ze's strong self protection instinct caused him to maintain a two-meter distance away from Zi Yi.

In fact, Zi Yi and Lu Jingye did not pay him any attention. Both their gazes were on the broadcast.

By this time, all of the audience members had returned to the venue. Everyone was discussing what the last match would be.

The basement of the Robot Exhibition Hall.

At around half an hour before the start of the competition, the team members of the various teams who had advanced to the finals were all doing a final inspection of their robots.

When China's team realized that someone tried to touch Moonlight, they exploded.

"Who! Who touched our Moonlight?!"

"To think that someone tried to touch Moonlight? Moonlight, who was the one who touched you?"

Moonlight opened its eyes and said, "I don't know."

His words caused the engineers to jump in anger. Soon, they had attracted the attention of other teams.

"What happened?"

"What's going on?"

Everyone was asking about the situation.

Engineer Meng was furious. "Moonlight's data was changed. Someone must have touched him!"

Engineer Peng looked at everyone around him and his gaze landed on Country D's side. He said with a sneer, "In my opinion, I think some people are afraid that our robot would surpass theirs and are deliberately trying to tamper with Moonlight!"

The other teams started whispering among themselves.

"Oh my. China's team is actually suspecting that Country D's team touched their robot!"

"Who doesn't know that Country D's robot is the top robot worldwide? Would there even be a need for them to tamper with Moonlight?"

"We can't be sure about that. All of us left in the afternoon and only people from Country D's Robot Association were allowed to come in. If it was not them, who else could it be?"

Chapter 879: We Can't Even Be Bothered To Do Anything to Your Robot

After Country D's team heard their whispers, some of them became flushed from anger and they started arguing back.

"Our team would not even bother looking at your robot, let alone touching it."

"That's right. Don't think that just because your robot won the first two matches, it's all that amazing. It's obviously a fluke and it's not like we don't know the level of your robot technology."

"We can't even be bothered to do anything to your robot for goodness sake."

After hearing their comments, the flames of fury were finally ignited. In particular, Engineer Peng. He shouted in a loud voice, "If you aren't the ones, then tell us. Who else can come in here? I request to view the surveillance!"

Carus did not head over but instead, he stood by the side and looked at the commotion with indifference. A cold smile curved up on his lips.

These people are surely naive!

Do they really think that they can find any clues from the surveillance?

Country D was not only ranked first in terms of robot technology. Their network technology was also on the same level as Country A.

Carus came over and spoke to them with a seemingly ok attitude. "Dear friends from China, since you mentioned someone touched Moonlight and you are suspecting it's someone from our team, let's bring out the surveillance then."

Having said that, he called for a staff member and said, "Immediately get people from the monitoring room to copy over the surveillance from noontime."

Following that, he looked at Professor Dou and the other two leaders. "Please follow me to the monitoring room."

Carus was too generous and those who were suspecting Country D's team of doing something underhanded were a little shaken.

"Could it be that it wasn't their team?"

"We can't be sure. The security here is so tight and if one doesn't have the authority, they wouldn't be able to come in at all. Perhaps it's people from the Robot Research Institute or the Robot Association."

"Why are you all doubting the Robot Research Institute? The robot technology of Country D is the top worldwide. Why would they need to secretly tamper with China's robots? In my opinion, I feel that it's because China's team had a draw with Country D's robot in the second match. They wish to win the finals and so, they are deliberately framing Country D's team."

This comment made everyone ponder for some time. There were many of them who found it to be rather reasonable.

Engineer Meng was so angry that veins popped out on his forehead. He clenched his fists and had the impulsive urge to beat up those people.

Carus deliberately waited for everyone to have a discussion amongst themselves first before he suddenly changed his expression and said in a serious voice, "Since China's team insists on checking the surveillance, we are also willing to cooperate. However, we should make things clear beforehand. If after watching the surveillance and it proves that our team wasn't the culprits, you have to apologize to us in front of everyone."

The moment Carus said that, the two leaders and the engineers suddenly felt a bad premonition welling up inside.

"There was a two-hours break at noon and even if they really tampered with Moonlight, they would have destroyed the evidence long ago."

"That's right. Otherwise, they would not possibly be so calm."

Everyone turned to look at Professor Dou.

He pondered for a while in silence before he looked up at Carus with an indifferent expression as he said, "I agree. But please connect the surveillance here directly. Since we are watching, we'll have everyone see it."

Carus sneered deep down inside. "Sure."

There just so happened to be a big display screen in the basement and the monitoring room quickly connected to the display.

Everyone stared at the display screen and it rewinded back to when everyone left the venue.

When they saw two individuals from Country D's Robot Association coming out from a secret door, everyone's expression became strange.

In particular, traces of surprise flashed across Carus' face.

Why would there be two people in the surveillance?

They had clearly wiped all the traces of their visit at this time.

Professor Dou looked at Carus' expression and just so happened to see the traces of surprise on his face. He somehow felt that there was a problem with the two people who appeared on the surveillance.

No matter what, people from Country D had indeed done something to their robot.

Before Professor Dou said anything, Leader Lu asked Carus with a serious expression, "Mr. Carus, how are you going to explain this?"

"This..." Carus practically thought of a countermeasure at the same time. He had a shocked expression and said, "I didn't even know these two people had done this!"

Having said that, he revealed an angry expression. "I don't even know these two people and they aren't from our team. From the looks of it, the clothes they are wearing belong to the robot club. Please wait, I'll immediately call the managers of the robot club to find out what happened."

Carus took out his phone and made a phone call.

Before long, they saw two managers dressed in suits and ties striding over in their direction.

"Sir Carus, what happened?"

Carus pointed at the two individuals shown on the screen and recounted to them the situation.

After the two managers heard the story, their expressions turned serious.

"Among these two people, one of them is part of the logistics team of our club while the other is a temporary worker."

The other manager said to Professor Dou, "Please rest assured that we will immediately locate these two people."

Having said that, he made a phone call to someone to get them to bring those two individuals over.

While they were waiting, one of the managers of Country D's robot club continuously apologized to the China team and said, "Esteemed guests, you can do a check on whether your robot is damaged or not and if it will affect the robot from performing normally in the competition. If someone really has gone wrong and it's confirmed that our club caused it, we will give you a public apology and delay the finals."

Since the manager of the robot club had already made such a promise, no matter how angry the China team was, they could only go and check up on Moonlight.

The two individuals captured in the surveillance were brought over very soon.

Both of them refused to admit it and even if the surveillance was shown right in front of their faces, they did not admit to it either.

"The evidence is conclusive. Since you don't wish to admit it, then we can only hand you over to the military department."

Both of their expressions turned white in an instant and they started struggling even harder.

The manager immediately ordered the guards to take them away.

The manager of the robot club checked the time and asked the China team, "We will provide you with a satisfactory explanation, but right now, there are still five minutes before the start of the competition. I wonder if there is any problem with your robot? If there's something wrong, we can postpone the match."

The China team subconsciously looked at Professor Dou.

The others also followed suit.

Professor Dou thought of what his niece had said before they came and he said, "No need. We'll continue with the competition now."

After hearing his words, there were those who were surprised and confused, but Carus smiled even more widely deep down inside.

The finals of the robot competition started at 2 p.m.

The announcer's excited voice sounded through the speakers. "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back to the international robot competition. We've been looking forward to the finals for more than two hours. Are you all excited and looking forward to it?"

Right now, we can see all five robots who advanced to the finals standing on the competition stage. The content of the finals is....

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The announcer deliberately stopped and paused to arouse everyone's full attention. The audience in the venue and online had also inexplicably become excited.

"Fighting."

After the announcer said this in a raised voice, the audience in the venue and the netizens exploded into a frenzy.

"No way, the last match is going to turn out to be a fight?"

"How are they planning to fight? Don't tell me the robots from five teams would be fighting randomly?"

"What if they break the robot?"

"Country D is doing it intentionally, aren't they? Who doesn't know that their robots are actually battle-type robots? If it really turns into a fight, a single robot of theirs can defeat all the other robots."

"That may not necessarily be the case. Country A's robots are also very strong."

"I feel that China's robots might have a chance to compete with them."

"Is the person above cracking a joke? How can China's robots possibly compete with the robots from Country D and Country A in terms of fighting? A random robot from these two countries can easily crush China's robots with a casual flick of a finger."

"That's right. Looking at China's robot, it's obvious that it's not built for combat."

"Why do I feel that the purpose of the last match was to deliberately make things difficult for China's robot? It must be because Country D does not wish to see China's robot win and so, they did this on purpose."

"Country D can't even be bothered to look at China's robots, alright? The content of the match has already been set in advance and so how could they have done it on purpose?"

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The netizens got into a fight and the intensity escalated as time passed. In the end, it almost paralyzed the network at several instances.

No matter how intense the fight was on the internet, the competition had already started.

On the four ends of the platform, infrared fences that connected from the roof to the ground appeared.

When the fence appeared, it resulted in a wave of surprise.

“Country D is so awesome! I can’t believe that they managed to design and create such infrared fences.”

“This must be the power of the country that is ranked first worldwide in terms of technology.”

“Haha, I’ve already imagined the scene of Country D winning first place.”

“Isn’t that something easily achievable?”

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The announcer’s voice sounded once again. “Right now, the President of the Robot Association will be announcing the rules and regulations of the finals.”

After the announcer said that, what followed shortly afterwards was a middle-aged man’s voice.

The middle-aged man started with a long intro before he continued and said, “Before the start of the competition, every team has signed an agreement. No matter how heavily damaged the robots are after the finals, the team themselves will be responsible for all the costs and repairs on their end.

“Therefore, during the finals, all the robots will activate their combat mode. In the end, those that remain in the arena would be ranked according to their level of damage.”

After the President of the Robot Association explained the rules and regulations, everyone was boiling in excitement.

Everyone had a violent tendency in their nature and all of them hoped to see such a competition where the winner is determined based on their fighting abilities. Not to mention, it was the most cutting-edge robot technology from various countries that were engaged in the fight.

After the sound of a whistle was heard, the competition officially started.

Not before long, both the audiences, live and on the internet, were all screaming out loud.

“Heavens! How exciting!”

“Country E’s robot transformed!”

“I didn’t expect Country Y’s robot to have so many weapons.”

“I feel as though I have walked into a science fiction film!”

“Why do I feel that China’s robot is the weakest?”

“Everyone, quick go and place your bets. Someone opened a bet and the banker is betting on China’s team to win. The betting amount is five billion and everyone is sure to win!”

“Oh my, it’s true! Don’t tell me the banker is one of the higher-ups of the country?”

“It must be. Otherwise, who would have the courage to take out five billion?”

“This bet comes from [Futuristic] Technology. Why haven’t I heard of the name before?”

“Go on and check where it’s from.”

“The registered company is in China, but the boss of this company cannot be found.”

“Could it be a random shell company the higher-ups in China registered?”

“Since they are being so generous, I’ll join in the bet too. I will be a fool to not join in on a bet where I’m guaranteed to win.”

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For a while, the number of people joining the bet increased.

When the stakes soon reached ten billion, many of the higher-ups of various countries started to pay attention.

“[Futuristic] Technology? Quick, go and find out if it’s that technology company that invented new materials.”

“It’s precisely that company.”

The higher-ups of various countries paid even more attention to this company than the bet. The moment the company started the bet, they immediately ordered their technical departments to start tracking the company.

However, they could not find out who the boss was, no matter how they checked.

“Many people are guessing it’s a company set up by the higher-ups of China.”

“Impossible, if it’s them, they would not have hidden themselves.”

“Could it have been opened by Lu Jingye from China?”

“I believe so. He’s the only one that has that ability and is receiving protection from China.”

“Immediately send someone to find out more about the company right away.”

The higher-ups of various countries immediately ordered their men to dig further and investigate [Futuristic] Technology.

At the same time, they had also joined in on the bet anonymously.

“Heavens! The stakes suddenly rose to thirty billion!”

Qin Ze, who was seated in the same room as Zi Yi, was shocked by Zi Yi and Lu Jingye’s methods.

He did not expect those two to have the courage to play with such huge stakes.

In the beginning, he would still ask out of concern, “What if someone finds out? This is such a huge bet, can the both of you handle it?”

Qin Ze wanted to give his father a call to ask for his help.

But he did not expect Zi Yi to casually mention. “If you saw the bets placed in my previous racing competition, you wouldn’t be making such comments here.”

Qin Ze’s curiosity was instantly aroused and he hastily went to check the betting amount.

After he finished checking, he nearly threw his phone on the ground.

He swallowed his saliva with great difficulty. His eyes were wide open, like a hillbilly who had lived in a cave all his life. “Why do I feel that money is just a number in your eyes?”

As someone who was always broke, he started hating the rich.

When the betting amount reached forty billion, Country Y’s robot was eliminated.

The scene became even more intense.

On the competition ground, the remaining four robots revealed their weapons and even Country E’s robot had transformed.

After transforming, Country E’s robot turned into a one-horned beast that was more than two meters high. The other robots looked to be in a disadvantageous situation in comparison.

“F*ck! Why is Country E’s robot chasing China’s robot? He’s definitely doing it on purpose.”

“Why do I feel that the robots of the other teams had already made an agreement in advance?”

“Look out!”

Those spectators from China who were watching the competition were on high alert as their hearts beat wildly.

The thrilling fight turned into three robots joining forces to fight against one robot. At this moment, Moonlight only had a sword in his hand. Even though the sword would release a strong electric current, and the other three robots were unable to approach him right away, this type of situation did not evoke a good feeling.

The engineers from China’s team felt like cursing out loud.

“F*ck! These three teams must have discussed it in advance!”

“What to do? Country A and Country D’s robots are too powerful. Can Moonlight resist their attacks?”

“Motherf*cker! Country A is launching a sneak attack on Moonlight.”

BAM!

“Wow!”

Looking at Moonlight being pushed toward the infrared fence with a palm and bouncing off as it fell on the ground, sparks shot out from his body and the audience even started to cheer.