Super Spender

Chapter 501 - 495: Ambushed (Part I)

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"Of course, it can be altered. The structure of this wormhole is unimaginably stable, with its space-time coordinates incredibly intact. If we adjust a fraction of the space-time coordinates, we should be able to connect to another space-time. Don't you want to find another space-time? The allure of a complete space-time should speak for itself, right?" Gregory Worthington said, visibly excited.

"Hold on, don't do anything rash." Finn Lewis felt a cold shiver, Damn it, the allure of a complete space-time? Obviously, he was aware of it. But do you know what the space-time you're connecting to even looks like?

"Have you considered what might happen if we fail?" Lewis continued, seriousness creeping into his voice. Despite doubts about whether zero could pull it off, he was convinced this whole affair was dubious.

"I've mulled over a few possibilities. Firstly, the wormhole might close, severing ties with the other space-time permanently. Although I have no idea how this six-dimensional wormhole was opened, it surely required enormous energy. Plus, its stability means that it could very well close down. The second possible scenario is that a botched attempt could set off a spatial energy vibration capable of obliterating the earth in one-millionth of a second." Worthington explained, with the utmost sincerity.

"Damn it!" Lewis couldn't help but swear. Hell, destroying the entire Earth in one-millionth of a second, are you seriously delving into this research with such impunity? "What's the likelihood of failure?" Lewis asked, unable to resist.

"Roughly around 30%." Worthington thought and gave an approximate figure.

"Please continue your research, and don't touch anything else." Lewis was quite straightforward in his response. Are you joking? One out of three chances of failure, and failure could result in the entire Earth being destroyed, do you dare to go this far?

"Alright, I was merely asking out of curiosity. It seems you're not as courageous as I thought. Following science often means taking sacrifices." Worthington responded, a tad disappointed.

Lewis felt his stomach sink. Do sacrifices equate to gambling?

"Don't worry, even if we wanted to, we couldn't do it. We don't have that much energy." Worthington shrugged, appearing indifferent, after seeing Lewis' face.

Now, Lewis was genuinely pissed. Damn it! Is this some kind of joke to you? "There's another reason I sought you out. I'm extremely curious about the other world. Is there a way you could bring me along to take a look?" Worthington inquired, his curiosity overruling any concerns about Lewis' mood.

"Go ahead, Henry Lewis can arrange it for you." Finn forced a smile, waved him away, and spoke up.

"Then, boss, you go back to sleep." Worthington turned around and made for the exit without missing a beat.

With a bitter smile, Lewis grumbled to himself, there's no way he could sleep now after being jolted awake. Climbing out of bed, Lewis felt a headache coming on. But before long, he mused, could this not be the role of a scientist? While he had the space-time portal, Lewis could only merely use it. He couldn't possibly investigate it further. However, in just one night, Worthington had achieved significant results.

Though he couldn't use these results right away, the amassed knowledge would undoubtedly augment his team's technological competency. This wealth of technological knowledge wasn't a direct extraction from zero; it belongs to Lewis and humanity, independent of any extraterrestrial assistance, such as zero's.

After the two concluded their discussion, Lewis planned to return to the Flame Nation. His company on the prairie was, after all, in the throes of a construction frenzy.

The current airport construction process would probably take several years just for the building process, and Lewis didn't have that kind of time to spare. Thus, his new airport adopted the latest construction methods; over 60% of the structure consisted of directly-exchanged prefabricated components.

For the remaining foundational construction components, by ramping up the labor and machine power, the build speed was immensely rapid. The site was mostly desolate, with some farmlands. After Lewis paid a hefty sum, the land acquisition process was completed swiftly, speeding up the construction as a result.

"Speed up the new airport construction. This way, the shipment of some goods can be done via planes next." Lewis remarked while nodding his head. Before he could finish, a shrill, crimson alarm burst out from Olivia Thatcher's car. The windshield, which was indistinguishable from a regular one, lit up rapidly; several large red exclamation marks appeared on it.

"Young Master, I am taking over this car's control rights. I have advised Ms. Fishy Wells to head back home." Olivia Thatcher warned out loud. Sëarch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Before Lewis could question why, Olivia's car abruptly drifted on the road, completed a 360-degree spin on the spot, swiftly turned to the opposite side of the highway, and retraced the original route.

In the blink of an eye, she had the car racing at over 150 kilometers per hour. Moreover, a seatbelt sprung out securing Lewis firmly to his seat. Immediately after, she steered the vehicle into a side road.

"What's going on?" There weren't many cars on this route, Olivia bumped up the speed to nearly 200 kilometers per hour. Given the road conditions, it was essentially the limit. The shrill warning in Olivia's car showed no signs of slowing down but seemed to be increasing. Despite seeing nothing out of the ordinary outside the window, Lewis spotted two fast-approaching red dots on the car's radar.

"Someone is trying to assassinate you, Young Master." Olivia's tone became stern.

Startled, Lewis responded nonchalantly, "Assassinate me? Are you joking? Who would it be? Our car here can withstand a rocket launcher, so what weapon could possibly..."

"Watch out!" Before Lewis could finish, Olivia's voice thundered by, the fast-moving car suddenly flipped to the side, followed by a round of rotating somersaults in the air. It felt as though Lewis had stepped right into a roller coaster, performing over a dozen flips within seconds. With a "crash," after the serial flips, Olivia's car landed back on all four wheels. The shrill noise blared as the vehicle created giant plumes of cyan smoke due to friction with the ground and then rocketed forward at horrifying speed.

A strong thrust came from behind, Lewis was held in place by the tremendous acceleration. "Damn it!" Only then did he manage to take a breath, swearing when the flipping roller coaster ride nearly had him barf.

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Chapter 502 - 496: Ambushed (Part II)

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At their current location, Finn Lewis was still oblivious as to what was happening. Just as he was about to ask, a booming sound reverberated violently. With that, Lewis saw a terrifying scene: Olivia Thatcher's car, which was moving forward, suddenly dipped at its

front as if hit by a meteor. The entire vehicle jerked and lifted from the rear, quickly beginning to roll over.

Of course, Lewis knew how sturdy Olivia's vehicle was. How immense of a force would it take to dent Olivia's car hood so deeply, like a typical car would?

Even before his mind can process the situation, another loud explosion, and the overturned car slammed heavily onto the road. A massive impact from his body hit Lewis. Suddenly, countless blue foams gushed out from nowhere, engulfing Lewis into a sea of foam, protecting him from any harm.

"Master, run! Just hold out for two minutes, and a T1000 will be here for backup. Escape into the dense forest on both sides!" Olivia's voice echoed.

"Damn it!" Lewis couldn't help but curse. As Olivia spoke, the blue foam in the cabin rapidly dissipated at a terrifying speed. The car was now lying upside down on the ground. Lewis was still clueless about what had just transpired, but this was the first time he heard Olivia in such a panicky tone. Without another thought, he slammed a fist on the nearby vehicle door.

He put all his strength into this punch. The Little Wildcat Protective Suit had already wrapped his entire body. The vehicle door was knocked flying by Lewis's punch, and Lewis himself squeezed out of the vehicle. As he got out, a light green shadow rushed toward him. A loud crash, this shadow directly collided with the overturned Goddess of Light car, forming a massive dent on the bottom of the vehicle.

When Lewis spotted that shadow, he gasped. Without a second thought, he turned and ran!

Finally, Lewis understood why Olivia had told him to run. That light green shadow was none other than a hideous alien Lewis had once seen with Charles Mason and Gregory Worthington! The equipment the alien was wearing was clearly advanced. No wonder even Olivia's powerful car seemed like paper in front of him. The moment Lewis met the alien's gaze, he could even see a hint of mockery and disdain in those eyes.

Shit! Lewis couldn't help but curse in his mind. Nevertheless, his feet didn't lag behind. Lewis had reached the peak of human physical fitness. Should he continue to exchange for potions, it wouldn't just cost 100 points each, but it would have turned into 5,000 points per point. Furthermore, Lewis would first need to spend 50,000 points for a genetic adjustment before he could continue to take them.

So, Lewis didn't continue to exchange for potions. However, with his physical fitness and the enhancement of the Little Wildcat Protective Suit, Lewis's running speed could even be compared to a cheetah for a period of time. But, when he caught sight of the green figure pursuing him, he couldn't help but jump with fear. Damn it! Could someone

tell him why this shit can defy the laws of physics and just jump around like a grasshopper in the trees?

Furthermore, his speed was much faster than Lewis's.

"Master, you only need to last for 1 minute 40 seconds! The Little Wildcat Protective Suit can help you resist attacks for about one minute," Olivia's voice echoed in Lewis's ears.

"1 minute 40 seconds? You overestimate me! I can't even hide for 10 seconds. He'll catch up quickly," Lewis blurted out hastily. "Zero! Come out now, didn't you say you'd protect me without any problems?"

Zero did not respond to Lewis as usual. Instead, it disappeared as if it had never been there. "Damn!" Lewis cursed. "Boom" A vast force violently hit Lewis's back, sending him flying. A sharp pain radiated from his back, and then a massive tree in front of Lewis's eyes enlarged rapidly.

Instinctively raising his hands to protect his head, a crisp "crack" resonated. It seemed as if a cannonball had hit the tree trunk, snapping it instantly at its bowl-thick waist. Lewis let out a muffled hum. If it wasn't for the Little Wildcat Protective Suit, this blow might have taken Lewis's life.

"Bam," the short green figure landed right in front of Lewis, "Wait a minute, who the hell are you?" Lewis couldn't help but curse. Now that escape was impossible with Lewis's speed, he couldn't evade the figure. His only option was to buy time. Moreover, this guy was clearly an alien. If he could get to Earth, that meant his technology was more advanced than Earth's by who knows how much. Lewis didn't believe he wouldn't understand him.

"Stupid earthling." This alien, who stood about 1.4 meters tall, spat out a phrase. His voice was raspy, like the clashing sound of two pieces of wood—exceptionally harsh to the ears. However, he spoke in perfect Mandarin. Although the content of this sentence gave Lewis an unacceptable déjà vu feeling. Sëarch* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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Chapter 503 - 497 Alien Attack

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"Stupid-ass! Finn Lewis was on the brink of snapping but refrained. He decided not to stir up things further at this moment, and bear on. He asked the alien he had been observing, "Who are you?"

He had seen this alien before with Charles Mason and Gregory Worthington. The alien bore a blue collar and his head resembled that of a praying mantis, albeit less angular. His dark eyes glowed with an inexplicable radiance making him look uniquely eerie. He was adorned in a very thin layer of green clothing.

He wore an advanced metallic armoured pair of trousers from his waist down, which most likely was the source of his physically impossible jumping ability. Each of his hands had only four fingers, which were disproportionately longer than a human's, at least twice the length. Additionally, his light blue fingernails were extraordinarily sharp.

Some mysterious equipment was strapped to his back. If not for his gleaming eyes, which denoted high intelligence, one could mistake him for an animal.

"Me? Heh, to you, I am an entity beyond your imagination. You possess a lot of fantastic gear. This protective suit you wear is obviously not from your Earth. It seems this planet hides many secrets. Regardless, escaping my pursuit is a futile dream. Today, you shall die." The alien sneered in a raspy voice.

As he spoke, he fondled the area from his waist down with both hands and pulled out two oddly shaped daggers, then lunged straight at Finn. Sëarch* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

'Screw you!' Finn bellowed, kicking out fiercely as the alien charged at him. Finn's kick was fast and furious and in such close quarters, it only got quicker as the creature lunged forward.

With a loud 'thud', a searing pain shot up Finn's right leg. He felt as if he'd just kicked a metal pole. Thankfully, he was wearing a protective suit; otherwise, his leg would have been shattered. Despite the pain, he managed to muster all his strength to send the creature flying backward.

After launching the creature away, without a second thought, Finn got up and bolted in the other direction. 'Damn it! If now wasn't the time to flee, then when?' He wasn't sure how much time had passed, probably a few dozen seconds at least. He only wished that the t1000 would show up soon.

Something that was bugging him was the inexplicable disappearance of Zero. Finn refused to believe that Zero had vanished because he couldn't defeat the alien; there had to be another reason.

Running in frenzy, Finn continued to mull his predicaments. The unanticipated appearance of the alien was rather puzzling; he wondered why he was being targeted. It

was possibly linked to Zero. Judging by the tech level of the alien's attire, detecting Zero wouldn't have been a difficult task. Could he be after Zero?

However, his initial statement suggested otherwise. In the midst of his chaotic thoughts, he heard a loud noise behind him. The alien was probably gaining on him. As he continued fleeing, he looked back and saw the alien swinging a blade at his neck.

Finn dodged to the side just in the nick of time and the blade missed him, just as the alien landed on the ground and quickly changed direction, ready to pounce again.

However, just as it was about to pounce, a beam of light shot past causing the alien's body to contort oddly in mid-air. Irrespective of his manoeuvre, two ultra-high-speed bullets came out of nowhere hitting him square in his shoulder.

A burst of white light exploded from his body as the bullets made contact with a white shield, creating two sparks before falling to the ground. Following that, two t1000s charged out of the woods behind Finn. Upon seeing the two t1000s, Finn finally heaved a sigh of relief. If two t1000s had arrived, more will surely follow soon.

He takes on not one but multiple t1000s, and Finn didn't believe the creature could destroy so many of his t1000s at once.

Finn picked himself up from the ground, took a deep breath and ordered them commandingly, "Capture him!"

Adhering to Finn's command, the t1000s sprung into action without a moment's hesitation. Against this unearthly being more agile than an earthly assassin, the t1000s managed to showcase their full combat capacity for the first time.

Finn didn't stick around and started to fall back quickly. He knew the deadly speed of the alien and wasn't confident that the t1000s could keep up. But he also knew that their adversary had the misfortune of running into him today. Or more accurately, it was his misfortune of having decided to mess with Finn!

With two sharp whistles, bullets pierced the air, and in a blink of an eye, they struck the alien's shield. The shield, which resembled a white plate, was visibly dimmer than before. What mattered more was the enormous impact of the bullets, which foiled the alien's attempt to escape the clutches of the two t1000s.

The t1000 on the left seized the opportunity and grabbed his arm. The other one, without any hesitation, lunged forward and caught him by the waist.

A harsh grinding sound echoed as the alien stabbed the blades held in his hands into the back of the t1000 holding him by the waist. But it had no effect on the t1000. Right at that moment, two more bullets whizzed through the air and hit the alien. These were not bullets fired from weapons of Earth.

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Chapter 504 - 498: Who Is It After All?

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The terrifying destructive power brought by the ultra-high speed was seen when the second bullet hit him. The white shield on his body meant to block the bullets exploded into fragments, and the device on his back burst into a ball of bright fire and instantly became useless. His face changed dramatically. Even though his complexion was not the same as a human's, Finn Lewis could still tell. Sëarch* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Soon, over a dozen T1000 robots rushed out of the forest. They swiftly reached the alien and their hands gripped him firmly.

The enemy was quick in response as well. The moment he saw the T1000s charging out, he extended his hand to grab another device on his back. But just as he moved, a dim blue ray shot out of nowhere and struck his hand, turning it into dust. With this ray's emission, a faint silhouette appeared mid-air, making Finn's eyes widen in shock.

Although the silhouette quickly disappeared into thin air, Finn had seen it. It was some strangely designed aircraft or a spaceship of some sort. It must belong to Zero, Finn thought. It seemed Zero still had many things Finn didn't know about.

A sharp scream sounded. The creature's hand had turned into dust, and an indigopurple blood quickly flowed from the wound on his arm. A T1000 robot grabbed a silver ring-shaped object from his body, fit it over the wounded arm, and pressed a button. Under Finn's astounded gaze, a silver circle engulfed his arm wound, and rays of white light projected from the ring onto the wound which closed at a visibly rapid speed.

In just a few dozen seconds, his arm wound had completely healed. Although he lost his hand and half of his arm, the wound no longer bled, and it seemed his life was no longer in danger. His complexion, however, had turned from bright blue to slightly pale.

"Who are you?" Before Finn could speak, the creature, held tightly to the ground by four T1000s, stared at Finn in astonishment and fear. Finn was slightly taken aback but didn't show it. He glared at him menacingly and asked, "You came to kill me, and you don't know who I am?"

"I only received a Silver Arrest Warrant for you, I know nothing else. But... the warrant only stated you were an ordinary person." The creature said with a slightly twisted face.

Just as Finn was ready to retort, a series of warning beeps echoed off the creature's body. Although Finn didn't know what the noise meant, the tone made him feel it was nothing good.

The creature's face changed dramatically, and he started shouting in a language Finn did not understand. Before Finn could react, a T1000 robot charged in from the side and pinned him down. The next moment, the creature's head exploded, his brain matter splattering like a watermelon.

"Damn!" Finn uttered a curse as he crawled from under the T1000 robot. Looking at the rapidly dissipating creature's remains, he couldn't help but curse again. Now, the creature's body was rapidly melting away as if it had been splashed with the corpse dissolving water from a martial arts novel. The constant clinking sounds were made by the objects that were originally equipped on the creature falling to the ground. Its body had completely turned into a pile of liquid, seeping into the ground, leaving nothing behind.

Finn watched in shock. As all the gear of the creature fell to the ground, a "puff" of smoke started to rise from the equipment, and blue lights continued to flash rapidly. Soon, all the equipment turned into a pile of scrap metal.

"Take all this stuff away." Finn quickly ordered as he scanned his surroundings.

A T1000 robot immediately walked over and cleaned up all the equipment. By now, more than forty T1000s had appeared around them. Finn remained silent and quickly started to move away. The commotion here was so grand that although he didn't know if Celeston City had noticed, even if the aliens could not be detected, the destroyed trees and other things would soon be discovered.

Finn did not want to stay here. Most importantly, the Goddess of Light car that was damaged on the road was crucial. "Olivia, are you okay?" Finn asked tentatively, reminded that Olivia's main body was still in the car.

"Master, I'm fine. Don't worry about me, my main body is not damaged. Master, you better leave here quickly."

"Zero, take the car away." Finn quickly ordered. As Finn's words fell, a violent light burst out in the sky above. He immediately looked up, only to see a green light column falling rapidly from mid-air. The light column was so terrifying that Finn's face was filled with horror. Bloody hell, I'm not going to die like this, am I? Because this thing looked just like the super-powerful optical weapons seen in sci-fi movies.

But Finn was wrong again. The green light column was fast and urgent. But when it fell from the sky, it emitted a strong vibration with a "buzz" sound. A green membrane began to rapidly spread across the ground, sweeping over Finn's body at a speed so fast it was impossible to react to it. He barely felt anything.

It felt as if his body had been scanned by something, but there didn't seem to be any problems. However, in a place Finn did not see, the remaining forty percent energy of the Little Wildcat Protective Suit suddenly dropped to less than 12%. The reason Finn didn't notice was that his exposed hands seemed to be fine, and the T1000 robots standing around him didn't seem to have any problems.

But the next scene caught Finn off guard. Along with the green film, a huge semitransparent shield enveloped the area within a radius of several kilometers, as if a green cover had contained the entire area inside.

At the source of the green light column, a beautifully designed spaceship appeared. It was an extremely sci-fi warship with a smooth exterior covered in gold and silver. When you saw it, you could sense its luxury. Although Finn had never seen any other spaceship before, even at first glance, this spaceship was extraordinarily lavish.

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Chapter 505 - 499 Foolish Humans...

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Finn Lewis was just about to ask if this was Zero's spaceship because the silhouette of the previous spacecraft was obviously there to assist him, likely dispatched by Zero. He wasn't sure if it was the same ship, the previous one had just shown its outline before becoming optically invisible again quickly, so Finn didn't get a clear look at it. He only had a rough idea of its shape and size which was similar to this one.

But before Finn could ask, he saw a hatch open from underneath the spacecraft. Immediately, a figure fell straight down from above. The person appeared to disregard all gravitational forces as he descended, moving towards Finn as soon as his feet touched the ground. The landing site wasn't far away, but that detail was the least important of all.

What was most astonishing was that this individual didn't resemble the alien Finn Lewis had just encountered. In fact, he looked no different from a human. Dressed in a black suit, otherworldly yet well-fitted, the stranger wore a dark red cape that trailed behind him on the ground.

After landing on the ground, he walked straight to Finn, stopping when he was less than three meters away. This wasn't Zero! Nor was this a robot. Finn felt it right away due to the distinct glint of intelligence in the stranger's eyes.

The man appeared to be in his early twenties. He glanced around before a bizarre smile surfaced on his face. Looking at Finn, he said, "Unexpected, you've stirred quite an upheaval here."

Finn frowned instantly because he couldn't understand what the stranger was talking about. Not that he didn't comprehend the language – surely he understood the pure Flame Nation language – but he just couldn't grasp the meaning of the whole sentence.

"Who are you?!" Finn asked, his voice deep and stern.

"Ha! Who am I? You're not worthy of knowing my name right now. But be aware, you won't be able to escape from today's events more than a few times," the man laughed aloud as he replied.

Is he sane? Finn thought, his brows furrowing. An alien who's gone mad? Despite being overwhelmed and astonished, Finn noticed that the previously devastated forest behind the stranger was slowly returning to its original state. The broken trees were gradually restoring under an invisible light, even the underground damage was healing rapidly.

Sensing Finn's surprise, the man across from him smiled oddly and said, "Incomprehensible? For your current brain capacity, it's already impressive that you haven't peed yourself out of fear. Do you think that by obtaining alien technology, you've become invincible on this planet? Heh heh, using your phrase, you're really 'a frog in a well', a foolish one at that. You think your robot is unbeatable with such a piece of junk?"

"Are you out of your mind?!" Finn finally snapped. He had a feeling that this guy probably wouldn't do anything to him now, otherwise, he would not have bothered to talk nonsense. According to the implication in his words, Finn guessed this man was likely the one who sent the assassin. But for some reason, he didn't use his own spacecraft to kill Finn. Instead, he just descended and talked nonsense with Finn.

The man had been rude from the start, so Finn wasn't going to hold back either. "Heck, as for now, Zero is playing dead and I can't handle this guy myself. Whether I live or die is in his hands anyway. I don't have a choice," Finn thought, his rebellious spirit sparked. "Who cares? We'll all die in the end. Let's die with the sky above, damn it all!"

"You wouldn't understand even if I told you. You absolutely can't grasp it. I'm anticipating one day hearing news of your death. Relax, it won't be long," the stranger continued, turned around, and walked back towards his ship. He quickly ascended back to it.

By this time, the destroyed forest around them had been restored to its original state. Inside, Finn was flabbergasted, but he managed to keep a straight face, unsure whether the bastard could see him from the spaceship. After the man had returned to the sky,

the green protective cover began to dissolve quickly. The spaceship became completely invisible and disappeared.

About ten minutes later, Olivia Thatcher's voice suddenly rang out, "Young Master, are you okay?"

"I'm fine." Finn shook his head, "How about you?"

"I'm fine... the car has been restored to normal," Olivia said.

"Restored to normal? What do you mean?" Finn was puzzled. S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"It's the same as before it was damaged. There seemed to be an invisible force that erased all the damage we had taken," Olivia found an explanation that Finn could understand.

Finn was taken aback, he glanced around and saw the tree that he had smashed before had returned to normal. He quickly rushed to the tree and observed it carefully; the tighter he looked, the more shocked he became. The tree had no wounds or any other traces of damage!

It was as if everything Finn had just experienced was a dream! If it weren't for the slight pain he was experiencing, Finn would have thought he was dreaming. What kind of technology was that?! Too horrifying! Finn felt ill at ease. Because the jerk who had descended from the spaceship had said he was waiting for news of Finn's demise.

With that level of technology, was there a chance of escape? Finn suddenly felt a sensation as if something was strangling him. The feeling of not being in control was unbearably frustrating.

"Zero!" Finn shouted again. Olivia was unable to resolve this matter. Throughout the incident, Zero had been mysteriously absent. Considering the circumstances of the man's appearance earlier, Finn felt that Zero's disappearance had a lot to do with the man's arrival.

"What is it," Zero's familiar cold voice once again echoed in Finn's mind. But unlike before, when Zero's voice resonated, Finn felt a sense of comfort and safety that he had never felt before.

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Chapter 506 - 500: Anomaly of Zero (Part 1)

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Honestly, Finn Lewis had to be pretty badass to not be scared by what had just happened. You don't believe me? Then try putting yourself in his shoes. Even a towering figure like Oscar would have peed his pants in the face of such a scene.

"Aren't you going to explain all this to me?" Finn asked, pointing at his surroundings which had returned to normal.

"It's a restoration beam, purified using deep cosmic energy infusion technology. It may seem like time is reversing, but it's simply using pure energy to restore damaged objects to their prior states. When technology is advanced enough, most ordinary objects can be artificially manufactured through energy infusion. Producing a copy of Earth is a simple matter if there is enough energy," Zero answered in an unusually lengthy explanation.

"Damn, that technology sounds cool as hell, but that's not what I asked about," Finn complained exasperatedly. Who gives a damn about this when the main question is who these aliens are and why they are after his life?

"The rest is beyond the scope of my explanations!" Zero promptly shut Finn down with a single statement.

"Bullshit! You were just scared shitless by our guest just now, weren't you?!" Finn accused, half-mocking, half-serious. It seemed that way from his perspective since Zero disappeared when the stranger appeared, and came back once the threat had left.

Zero disappeared again without a word in response to Finn's accusation.

"Fine, let me ask this, could you destroy that spaceship?" Finn asked, changing the subject. Being a punching bag is not his style. However, his current capabilities seemed as threatening as an ant preparing for a head-on showdown with a full-grown, fully armored man.

This wasn't even a fight on the same level, was it?

"Yes." Zero's surprising answer was to the point.

"Can you do it right now?" Finn wondered, although he had no idea how fast the spaceship could travel, it must have left Earth by now. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Yes." Zero's unchanged answer seemed incredibly irritating to Finn at this moment. Finn laughed sarcastically. They wanted his life, huh? Even though he had no idea what the Silver Arrest Warrant was, or who that young man was, Finn directly asked, "How many points do I need to destroy that spaceship right now?"

"One trillion." Zero immediately spit out a number that Finn could definitely not afford.

"Damn! One trillion? Are you just making up a number I can't reach because you actually can't destroy it?" Finn was getting a bit desperate. This was a blatant lie. Finn had earned less than a hundred million points in total, which was nowhere near one trillion. It was literally impossible.

"Due to unforeseen protective measures, I can provide a partial explanation. He's unaware of my existence. Given your current development rate, you'll be able to take care of him yourself in the future. I am your trump card!" Zero's icy voice rang out, though it was an off-topic statement.

But, Zero's words revealed a lot. So their opponent was unaware of Zero's presence? Judging by the young man's methods, it was clear just how terrifying their technology was. Zero's presence wouldn't be detected even under such superior technology. That was more than enough to explain a lot, right?

And Zero said Finn would personally deal with him in the future? Although "the future" was vague, it was undoubtedly an invigorating piece of news. Moreover, there was a lot to unpack from Zero's statement, but Finn's confusion left him unable to put it all together.

"Let's leave this place." Having returned to its normal state, there was no point staying here. Fin promptly retraced his steps. Once back on the main road, he noticed Olivia had returned to her normal state, parked on the side of the road. Finn followed the same path back, passing the deep pits he had created earlier which, true to form, were back to normal, as if they had never existed.

He was truly astonished at this technology; he had no idea how it worked. However, a thought struck Finn when he returned to the previous road. He'd left in such a hurry that he forgot Fishy Wells and the others were supposed to follow him. Olivia sent them a message, but Finn had no idea what it said.

With this in mind, Finn pulled out his perfectly intact cell phone from his pocket; another wonder created by Zero. Fishy answered the phone quickly.

"Is there anything I can help with, young master?" Fishy asked.

"Oh, nothing much, I'm just on my way back home." Finn, running through his thoughts, responded.

"Oh my, you've already finished hanging out with your classmates?" Fishy asked, surprised.

"Uh huh, they had to leave because something came up," Finn explained casually, brushing Fishy off. She didn't think much of it and ended the call.

After hanging up, Finn asked, "Did you tell her I was meeting up with some classmates, Olivia?"

"No, I didn't say that," Olivia replied, leaving Finn even more confused.

"What did you tell her?" Finn asked, his eyes wide in anticipation.

"I said we had some urgent business to attend to and proposed that she leaves first," Olivia answered, leaving Finn stunned. Olivia's statement couldn't be false, as she wouldn't lie. Besides, Fishy's tone in their conversation didn't seem deceitful either. There must be some misunderstanding somewhere.

Finn stayed silent for a moment, before asking, "Olivia, where do you think the misunderstanding happened?"

"Unable to judge. It seems like a form of memory manipulation," Olivia speculated.

Finn tilted his head and thought back to the horrifying scene from earlier. Way beyond understanding, the seemingly time-reversing process that restored everything around him to its original state was disconcerting, even though he might not understand due to his current technological state. This overwhelming technology left him feeling rather powerless.

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Chapter 507 - 501: Anomaly of Zero (Part 2)

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Finn Lewis tentatively asked Zero, but received no response. Evidently, it had returned to its previous apathetic state. If Zero is not explaining, then Olivia Thatcher is certain to be ignorant. Moreover, all the surroundings seemingly had not been affected in any way, as if the incident had never occurred. Finn had Olivia monitor the internet and even hacked into the police system of Celeston City to check the latest updates.

Until Finn returned home, Olivia found no report or alarm raised about the incident. Although Finn had chosen a less-traveled alley, there are no places in Celeston City that are completely deserted. The alley shouldn't be completely devoid of people, not to mention that the green beam of light was probably visible for dozens of kilometers away.

Now everything was as if it had never happened, as if Finn had indeed just had a dream. Too much information was revealed from within: first, the other party has the ability to modify human memory, which Finn believed. But he didn't believe in the large-

scale and widespread memory manipulation. This led Finn to believe that the green beam of light was somehow blocked or shielded.

As for the specific means used, Zero is likely the only one who knows, and Finn cannot begin to guess. But all of this reminded him of another point: such terrible disturbances could be completely covered up, so damn it, how many other events in this world had occurred unknown to others? Or perhaps the aliens have created chaos on Earth many times, completely unbeknownst to Earth's residents.

Damn it! Upon this realization, Finn couldn't help but curse. It seemed he was too naive. Even though he knew about the existence of aliens quite early, he didn't do anything about it, although it would be hard for him to react given the context.

Once he got home, Finn took off the Little Wildcat Protective Suit. The mimicking function of the Little Wildcat Protective Suit had been damaged a lot. When he just returned, it couldn't simulate anything at his left leg part. Fortunately, Finn had parked his car right in front of his home elevator where no one was around. Kay Lee was not at home; she was at Moon of West Lake.

After he took off the protective suit, Finn spoke, "Zero, the Little Wildcat Protective Suit is damaged. This maintenance shouldn't count towards my points, right?"

"I will upgrade a protective suit with stronger protective ability for you and replenish all your energy," Zero promptly replied.

"Ok," Finn agreed. If it were not for the Little Wildcat Protective Suit, Finn suspected he would be dead by now. Therefore, Finn did not want the same thing to happen for the second time.

About half an hour later, a new protective suit appeared before Finn. This suit seemed to be much thinner compared to the Little Wildcat Protective Suit. Finn picked up the almost paper-thin protective suit and asked, "Are you sure this is more advanced than the previous Little Wildcat Protective Suit?"

"Yes! Its protection ability is beyond doubt, and it has other abilities. For example, it has an energy field shield that can resist some attacks that can cause vibrational damage inside the suit," Zero briefly explained.

Finn wore the new suit. Despite most parts of it being very thin, there were still some other parts which disguised as belt and wrist watches, making it unnoticeable. It also had an intelligent control system, and Finn chose to rename it Little Wildcat. Its basic functions were not much different from the Little Wildcat Protective Suit, but it had an enhanced protection capability. Additionally, unlike the Little Wildcat Protective Suit, this new suit could enhance Finn's physical attributes.

It increased Finn's physical strength, power, nerve reaction speed, and more. It could be said to be a comprehensive enhancement to a person's physique, a function available even in daily use. Luckily, the enhanced nerve adjustment would make it easy for Finn to adapt to the heightened power quickly, so there was no real problem.

After all this was done, Finn remembered what he saw when he was being chased down. Sitting on the sofa and pondering for a long time, Finn asked, "Zero, is there a way to improve my personal strength, like combat capability? At least, so that I won't be helpless the next time something like this happens, completely without the ability to fight back."

"There are many ways, the most basic being you start learning now," Zero unusually responded to Finn, presumably due to the issue of protective measures.

"Is there a faster way?"

"Yes, injecting combat techniques directly into your brain. But you need to practice on your own to master them completely," Zero quickly answered.

"Use that method then." Finn was very decisive. He knew himself; if he were to learn slowly, he wouldn't even consider how long it was going to take. Moreover, how many practical skills can one learn in the real world? Evidently, those of aliens like the one encountered earlier were summarized from real battles.

They were way more powerful than taekwondo, jeet kune do, Thai boxing, karate, etc. So, Finn believed the things from Zero seemed more reliable.

"If we do this, it will create a task and it will consume 1.5 million points," Zero responded straightforwardly. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Spend it. But I don't have that many points now, you prepare first." Finn spoke decisively, then immediately contacted Henry Lewis through Olivia. In this regard, let alone a million and a half, even if it was fifteen million, Finn wouldn't even frown.

1.5 million points, meaning fifteen billion federal coins. This money was quickly transferred from another time-space. But this time, it wasn't antiques that were transferred over, but some very common items! Almost all were food! Like abalone, tuna, sperm whale and others already quite rare in this world, as well as pufferfish, and other wild foods that sell very expensive in this world.

Moreover, all the transported were live animals, which were not endangering another time-space, so it was easy to get hold of them. Especially the large quantity of marine seafood. Did it really matter that Finn had a very advanced fishing boat in the other time-space? But once these animals were transported over, Finn immediately let people farm them in his fishery.

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Chapter 508 - 502: New Task

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Finn Lewis bought all the nearby waters and the entire Bayno Bay.

Seafood like abalone, which hardly moves long distances, was even easier. Although dealing with other kinds was a little more difficult, he managed to drive away all large carnivorous fish from these waters, and then raised an enormous and terrifying amount of seafood here.

Although 150 billion Federal coins worth of seafood might sound excessive, considering that these were highly prized species in modern society such as bluefin tuna used for farming completely sealed marine fisheries, it wasn't too difficult to reach that number. Especially considering specimens over 1000 pounds each fetching tens to hundreds of millions of Federal coins, and the heftier, high-quality bluefin tuna fetched even higher prices!

Not to mention, the vast time difference between two universes allowed them to raise a large amount of seafood. Nevertheless, it still took Finn two whole days to cash in enough coins to reach his goal, and the amount of coins he actually accumulated wasn't just 1.5 million coins, but a full 2 million coins.

After gathering enough coins, Finn immediately spent 1.5 million coins to redeem his one-time usage rights.

"Task: open a new Six-dimensional Saiyan Space, and harness the power of a single person to fully develop enough self-protection abilities. Upon task completion with a proficiency above 80%, the Six-Dimensional Saiyan Crystal will become a reward. Quitting is not allowed before task completion. You can use three T-series robotic protection rights. After three uses, the task will end automatically. Proficiency evaluation is based on the final battle strength. Before entering the Six-Dimensional Saiyan Space, you can prepare some survival supplies. This does not count towards task completion proficiency, but the volume must not exceed two cubic meters. By accepting the task, there's no punishment for failure. PS: The Six-Dimensional Saiyan Space is extremely dangerous! A mandatory transfer will take place in twelve hours."

When Finn finished spending the coins, Zero's voice rang out. After listening to it, Finn was stunned, then immediately jumped up, "What the hell! How does Zero have tasks?! Why did it let me accept the task without even asking me?"

"I have repeatedly confirmed whether you want to perform this plan. You assured me very decisively that you want to. This means you accepted the task." Zero's voice was as calm as ever.

"Damn it! You didn't even tell me there was a task!" Finn was nearly infuriated. His train of thought was interrupted. This task award was pretty awesome —a Six-Dimensional Saiyan Crystal! This meant an entirely different space!

An entirely new world! Yet, Finn was out of ideas with the last note. If even Zero highlighted this space is extremely dangerous, he was really uncertain what's there?

Fortunately, there was no punishment for failing this task. Otherwise, Finn would have had suicidal thoughts. From the instructions of the whole task, he could use T-series robot protection three times. Even if the task ends automatically after all the right are used, it doesn't mean danger really because there was no punishment. Thus, Finn could end the task anytime he wanted.

"Can I exchange the supplies I prepared with you?" Since things had already been set in motion, Finn knew he had no other choice. Moreover, it was his own decision anyway, albeit carried out in a way he didn't anticipate. No matter what, at least he was not in danger of losing his life now compared to before when the alien was threatening his life and that damn Silver Arrest Warrant didn't even give him time to react.

Also, judging from the recent assassination attempt, Zero's security wasn't as complete as he thought. Maybe it was foolproof against assassinations on Earth, but not necessarily against extraterrestrial beings whose technology was far superior to Earth's. Therefore, enhancing his own strength was the best choice. At least, that alien didn't carry any thermal weapons, right?

"You can exchange them." Zero responded promptly.

With Zero's answer, Finn finally relaxed a bit. He could exchange his supplies, which started him thinking what he should exchange for. Sitting in place, Finn began to ponder. The main purpose of this task was to enhance his survival ability, or to improve his fighting skills. These imply that he had the opportunity to display his fighting abilities in this world.

Considering the limited space, Finn also decided to redeem some food. Who the hell knows what kind of place that world was? Was there any food Finn could eat?

After getting everything ready, Finn called Kay Lee first, telling her that he might not be back for a few days due to some matters. In the past, he had to come up with an excuse, but now it became a lot simpler as Kay Lee already knew his secret. She understood that he was getting busy with some stuff.

He also phoned his parents but did not elaborate much. He just asked about their recent condition, then quickly took a deep breath and asked Zero to teleport him into this new space.

No matter what, all these were Finn's own choices. Since he had made a choice, Finn had to move on. Besides, Finn honestly did not want to face such a helpless situation as before. No matter what, at the very least, he needed some basic capability to fight back.

The way of returning to another familiar timeline reappeared. After the dizziness that followed, Finn opened his eyes and immediately looked around. What he saw was desolation. He was in a stranger city right now. His current location was beneath a building. Far away on the street, Finn saw dozens of "silhouettes". Seeing these figures wasn't the problem, but the familiar scene before his eyes automatically reminded him of a particular movie.

He swallowed back the expletive he was about to blurt. Finn immediately began to look all around, making sure he was safe. Then he quickly retreated to the corner behind a wall. Behind him was supposed to be a mall, but the doors and windows were all broken and overgrown with weeds. It was too dangerous for Finn to even think about going inside.

"Zero!" Finn lowered his voice, besieged with panic.

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Chapter 509 - 503: Strengthening Power

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This was a vast abandoned city, and the figures "wandering" along the broad streets reminded Finn Lewis of the movie Resident Evil from Floral Village. This scene was all too familiar, wasn't it? Apart from not being as desolate as in Resident Evil, everything else was pretty much the same.

"I'm here, I can now tell you about this space. After you hear it, you can choose whether to exit and end this mission." Zero's voice was icy, but the content made Finn breathe a sigh of relief. At least, he still had a chance to run away, right?

"Go ahead," Finn whispered, while observing the wandering silhouettes in the distance.

"The situation on this planet is indeed similar to the one in Resident Evil, but the only difference is that unlike your other six-dimensional space in the late 19th century on Earth, this one is in the same time, around 2018. Your location is in Turner City of the North Federation, and the cause of this world's apocalypse was an invasion by an alien

species." Zero's voice held no emotion, but his words sent a cold shiver down Finn's spine.

"Icarus Insect Species, a purely biologically aggressive race, with strict hierarchical system. Apart from the higher insects which have intelligence, the lower insects strictly obey them. They are bloodthirsty, extravagant killers, existing purely for the expansion of their own populations." Zero introduced Finn to his opponent.

After listening to Zero's introduction, Finn couldn't help but think of another movie, Starship Troopers. Just tell him, was this enemy they threw him into the ring with supposed to kill him?

"However, you don't have to worry, this world has not been massively invaded by the insect warrior species. Ninety-nine percent of the insects in this world are just one kind, infection bugs." Zero seemed to be comforting Finn, but was this really comforting? Finn could not help but retort.

"The infection bugs are one of the basic types of the Icarus Insect Species. They can infect and inhabit any other creatures, ultimately settling in the brain of the host, replacing its central nervous system, and controlling the creature. They have almost no intelligence, but they will attack all uninfected creatures they see. Their sense of smell is extremely sensitive, and they can easily distinguish whether a creature has been infected. In addition, they can communicate with each other through a special method, but the range is limited to less than 500 meters." Zero rarely gave Finn a detailed explanation.

The more Zero explained, the colder Finn's heart got. This felt like a deadly situation. "Are there any living people in this world?" Finn asked in a low voice.

Finn tried to shrink his body into a corner, not attracting the attention of those wandering figures in the distance, "Yes, the resilience of human life is beyond your imagination. There are not many, but also not few living people in this world. Most of them are hidden. Actually you don't have to worry too much, your protective suit has a good protective function, even though these infection bugs can control humans, their attack methods are very primitive, and they won't use tools, so you don't have to worry."

It was still terrifying, right? Although the cause wasn't the same, the result was. Thinking about the zombies' attack methods in Resident Evil, it made one shudder, right?

"If you're ready, I'll start implanting combat information into your brain." Zero spoke simply and directly.

"Right now? Here?" Finn almost yelled.

"Right here, right now. Don't worry, it'll be quick," Zero reassured, "Or you can just face their attack as you are now."

Are you kidding me? Finn was exasperated. He was not equipped with any skills right now, although he had a gun in his lots. But this was a city! He had no idea how many dead were there. If he fought like this, Finn was certain that he would be instantly killed. What was the point of learning?

"Let's start." Finn was conflicted, but he finally nodded in agreement. As his voice fell, his vision went black, as if he was being teleported again. However, this time the darkness didn't lift quickly. It felt like he was in a void.

Then, a severe pain surged from his brain. Finn let out an unconscious scream. Countless information plunged directly into his brain. Some information was forcibly fed into his brain, and the intense pain accompanied by a dizzying feeling that felt like his brain was swelling lasted for more than half an hour. The feelings abruptly disappeared, and the moment they did, his vision brightened, and he was back to where he'd been. Sëarch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Just as he arrived, a wave of intense nausea rushed to his head. Finn quickly fell to the ground and started to vomit violently. The sound of violent retching echoed in the quiet city. Even before he could finish vomiting, a strange roar came from the distance. Subsequently, seven or eight shadows rushed directly at him from afar.

Finn was startled. The speed of the figures far exceeded his imagination. Not caring about the dirt left at the corner of his mouth, Finn instinctively drew two bladeless dagger handles from his lots. As Finn held the dagger handles, a crisp "click" sounded, and sharp blades sprang directly from the handles.

These two daggers looked simple, but their conversion costs were as high as 100,000 lots! One dagger worth 50,000 lots, Finn didn't know what material it was made of, but it was definitely awesome, and it had some minor but practical features.

Just as Finn gripped these two daggers, the fastest-running figures had already rushed over. At this moment, Finn had a clear view of their faces. Unlike the zombies in the movie, they looked no different from real humans. The only difference was the bulging veins on their bodies and their frightening facial expressions. They looked extremely scary. Moreover, their eyes were a strange gray color, filled with dark red lines, which appeared exceptionally eerie.

The gruesome faces startled Finn. Finn's body unconsciously rotated, effectively avoiding the two figures who were lunging at him. His right hand, while avoiding the two figures, stabbed into one's brain from behind at an incredibly swift and weird angle. A strange scream came from the mouth of the figure whose brain was pierced by Finn. As Finn drew out the blade, the figure fell to the ground with a "plop".

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Chapter 510 - 504: Escape.....

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Unlike the slow-moving zombies in movies, these Parasite Humans after infection move with an exceptional speed. Unorganized, yet faster than ordinary people. Six of them charge at Finn Lewis altogether, their jaws wide open. Finn is certain that if he wasn't wearing his protective gear, and was knocked down by them, he'd be torn to shreds and devoured instantaneously.

The ferocious and reckless attacks keep Finn's nerves stretched taut. The lessons that Zero just programmed into Finn's mind are now subconsciously put to use. Finn's mind is blank with fear, as the twisted faces of the frenzied, charging Parasite Humans, veins bulging, terrify him into a daze. He takes it as no small feat that he hasn't screamed out loud yet. `` \ \

Only when the last Parasite Human falls to the ground with Finn's dagger plunged into its skull does Finn snap out of his dazed state. Several corpses lie scattered at his feet, rapidly decomposing, as if months had passed in only a few seconds.

"I suggest you start running if you don't want to fail the mission." Zero's voice echoes in Finn's head. Getting a shiver down his spine, Finn quickly looks around. In the distance, the rumbling sounds of charging Parasite Humans are rapidly approaching. Seeing at least dozens, if not hundreds of them, Finn takes off running in the opposite direction without a second thought.

If he doesn't run now, wouldn't it mean game over? Although Finn would not be greatly affected if he fails this mission, he realizes that he hasn't exerted his full physical potential during the intense clash with the Parasite Humans earlier.

Soon, in a twist that brings Finn to the verge of breakdown, new Parasite Humans emerge from the corner of a few buildings ahead. Only then does it occur to Finn that he was in a metropolis once. If he continues down this path, he would end up alerting no telling how many Parasite Humans. Once their numbers cross into the thousands, and considering how crazed and fearless they are, Finn might have no choice but to call for backup.

Having surveyed his surroundings, Finn heads straight towards a small road. Although a couple of Parasite Humans appear there, their numbers aren't overwhelming. In contrast, dozens of them are appearing on the farther-off streets.

Finn grits his teeth, "This is like the saying about the duck being forced onto the perch". The scene Finn had envisaged, of becoming a powerful warrior after Zero crammed a bunch of fighting techniques into his mind, never actually happened. The knowledge

seems to be in his head, but when he tries to recall it, he draws a blank. It's nothing like he had imagined, the knowledge doesn't make him invincible.

Now's not the time to question Zero. Finn's combat moves when confronting the Parasite Humans were effective. Yet, they are nowhere near as efficient as Finn had hoped for.

Watching the three rapidly approaching Parasite Humans, Finn lowers his head, grits his teeth, and rushes towards them. Finn's physical ability, coupled with his protective gear is nothing to be scoffed at. The Parasite Humans, whose mental capabilities don't seem significant, rush headlong towards him. They only reach for him when they are close enough.

Finn doesn't intend to fight them though. There are hundreds of Parasite Humans following him. If he gets held up here by these three, he'll only be waiting for Zero to teleport him to safety.

Tilting his body slightly, Finn uses his shoulder to bullrush towards the three Parasite Humans, sending two of them flying back upon impact. The large opposing force slows Finn down a bit, but due to his low center of gravity, he still manages to maintain his balance.

Having charged past the three Parasite Humans, he drives straight into an alley. No other Parasite Humans in sight, and Finn's pace is faster than theirs. He'll sprint to the other side of the relatively short alley in under a minute. As he sprints, he also observes his surroundings, trying to figure out an escape strategy from the hounding Parasite Humans.

As Finn contemplates how to escape the Parasite Humans, suddenly the manhole cover in the alley is pushed open and someone emerges from it, hastily waving at him. Startled for a moment, Finn quickens his pace to rush over. By the time he gets there, the alleyway is wide open. He jumps in without hesitating, following which the man swiftly replaces the manhole cover.

"Hurry, hurry." After sealing the manhole, the stranger makes their way down the ladder and into the sewer, snapping open a glow-stick, and dashing ahead. Finn hastens to follow suit.

They move swiftly and soon Finn hears the relentless banging on the manhole cover above. Apparently, these creatures aren't smart enough to lift the cover up but only keep hitting it, trying to break it open. But that could prove to be quite difficult.

The person leading the way, is not very tall, and seems thin too. From his voice, which Finn heard earlier, he appears to be a child. Sëarch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Jump in here, then swim underwater till you reach the other side." The two of them quickly reach a vast chamber inside the sewer. It appears to be a reservoir for the city's emergency drainage system.

The water below appears black and has a repugnant smell. However, the leader nonchalantly jumps in without hesitation, disappearing beneath the surface. Finn, fully enveloped in his protective suit by now, doesn't hesitate to jump in after. The water is highly turbid, but Finn, with his eyes wide open can vaguely make out the figure ahead. The water seems to be littered with large and small chunks of black debris.

About a minute later, the figure ahead surfaces, followed by Finn. As soon as Finn surfaces, his protective suit retracts, revealing his head. The dim lighting around ensures that the child leading him doesn't catch this transformation.

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