

Full Time 101

Chapter 101: "Exquisite" Plan (1)

After that, Isaiah, as if he had eyes in the back of his head, grabbed a kick coming from behind him—it was Melincha, already suited up in her Mecha.

With a forceful downward swing, Melincha crashed into the ground with a thunderous noise, not even having time to activate her "Relative Arbitrator" ability.

Silver Eagle Charles targeted the drug-modified humans. He was adept at dealing with such opponents, constantly flipping and flying around them. He set up a particle field, much like a microwave, around the drug-modified humans, "heating" them up to cook them thoroughly.

"Party's starting!" Charles pompously announced, "Who likes BBQ?"

But before he could finish speaking, the drug-modified human let out a skyward roar as its skin burst open, and an even more powerful body emerged, instantly transforming into a ten-meter-tall giant beast!

It grabbed Charles in one motion and threw him casually, smashing the pitiful Charles into a building like a baseball!

The little demoness shook her rainbow-colored hair, freshly dyed just yesterday, and extended her neck with a sudden, eerie cry.

The Vermilion Star Person's metallic prosthetics became rough and dry, as if that single cry had evaporated the lubricant from its joints.

Struggling to turn around, the Vermilion Star Person's small side cannons fired without hesitation. A series of explosive shells forced the little demoness to dodge left and right with awkward cries.

Joseph's blood boiled with enthusiasm, but then the armored warrior suddenly raised a six-barreled rotary cannon at him. Joseph's heart sank, and he immediately backed off.

He conjured a sheet of long ice beneath his feet and slid away with a SWISH.

BOOM, BOOM, BOOM... The rotary cannon continuously shattered the ice, but Chen Gu suddenly appeared behind the armored warrior.

The warrior's arms swung backward, and five claw-blade chain swords WHOOSHED out. Controlled by long, flexible mechanical shafts, they intertwined, spinning and stabbing at Chen Gu from different angles.

Chen Gu pressed something in the long pack on his back, and "Wrath of the Azure Sky" was in his hand. Without even looking, he slashed forward. Three of the five claw blades were severed on the spot.

Then, he quickly executed his movement technique, his footsteps seemingly unsteady but ingeniously unpredictable, cleverly avoiding the remaining two claw blades.

Griffin Wester's memories took over, and High-Energy Combat Art activated!

Adeptly leaping, Chen Gu deftly stepped on a flexible metal shaft, then his feet rapidly crossed over each other as he snaked up it like a nimble serpent, reaching the armored warrior's body.

At this moment, the bulky body of the armored warrior seemed clumsy. He roared and withdrew the two claw blades, scratching wildly, trying to hurl Chen Gu off.

But Chen Gu moved agilely like a monkey, constantly climbing, wrapping, and leaping on his body, provoking the armored warrior into a towering rage.

Seeing the situation was ripe, Chen Gu shouted towards Joseph, who was lingering in shame in the distance, "What are you waiting for?"

Like a startled bird, Joseph instinctively raised his hands, and two thick beams of ice-blue light fell on the armored warrior, quickly freezing him from his legs upwards.

This freezing would not last long, but for Chen Gu, it was enough. As the line of frost moved up, about to engulf him as well, he leapt up, spun in mid-air to avoid the warrior's futile grasp, and with a clean backward slash, severed the armored warrior's head!

Simultaneously, Chen Gu used the momentum to leap up. Holding his blade with both hands as he descended, he cleanly severed the armored warrior's left arm with a sharp CLANG!

CLANG! The giant six-barreled rotary cannon fell to the ground. Chen Gu snatched it up and casually loaded it with the warrior's ammunition belt.

"Kid, well done!" Chen Gu praised Joseph with the air of a seasoned veteran. Xuelei smiled bashfully, filled with a sense of achievement.

But then, the thought quickly came to him: I'm much older than him, aren't I...

Chen Gu, blade in one hand and gun in the other, had already charged the Vermilion Star Person. As for Silver Eagle, who was being pummeled by the drug-modified human inside the building? He had it coming for always acting so pretentious. Just hang in there a bit longer, pal.

And the little demoness didn't seem too friendly towards him either... Well, she's beautiful, so what can you do?

The little demoness struggled to dodge continuously. The Vermilion Star Person's cannons were incredibly powerful, and it moved quickly, its spider legs often delivering silent, deadly strikes.

If it weren't for the little demoness's abilities being the perfect counter to it, she would probably have suffered severe injuries by now.

Chen Gu whistled at Joseph, "Freeze!"

Joseph pushed himself to the limit, launching eight freezing points in rapid succession, ending up sweating profusely from the effort.

However, the Vermilion Star Person wasn't going to just sit there and get frozen. It dodged three of the freezing points by shaking its spider legs, leaving only five of its legs frozen. This freezing only slightly hindered its movements, and it would soon shake free.

Chen Gu had already rolled on the ground to get under the Vermilion Star Person, activating High-Energy Combat Art. The six-barreled rotary cannon and "Wrath of the Azure Sky" worked together almost perfectly. The cannonballs cleared a path, and the blade delivered fatal strikes, severing the relatively fragile connections between its body and spider legs.

Then, before the Vermilion Star Person's body could crash down, Chen Gu curled up and swiftly dodged to the side again.

BOOM! The hefty body of the Vermilion Star Person smashed onto the ground. The little demoness, gritting her teeth, rushed forward and delivered a barrage of punches and kicks to its head.

Melicha and Marcus were ganging up on Isaiah, but they were not getting the upper hand at all.

Both were extremely powerful, but Isaiah was terrifyingly proficient, executing all actions with clean, precise movements. Moreover, his advanced cyborg body concealed various powerful weapons: one moment, light blades shot out from his heels; the next, needle missiles were launched from his fingertips; and occasionally, he would roar, unleashing a shockwave attack from his mouth.

But seeing Chen Gu charging over, Marcus said calmly, "Head to the building, we can handle this!"

Chen Gu glanced at Charles, who was still being hammered by the giant beast. Marcus had already bellowed, "Demoness, Xueleji, go support Silver Eagle!"

Joseph shivered. "Ah?" I'm a bit scared, what should I do? Not staying by Big Brother Chen's side... I just don't feel safe.

Disregarding the ongoing battle here, Chen Gu dropped the six-barreled rotary cannon and, holding only "Wrath of the Azure Sky," rushed into the building.

The interior was too narrow for the cumbersome cannon to be of any use.

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The first explosion had already caused panic and chaos in the building. The elevators were out of service, forcing people to escape through the emergency passages.

Panic and chaos spread through the building after the first explosion. People from the 12th floor's weapons company R&D department, the jewelry company on the 77th floor, the private club on the 216th floor, and the weapons modification workshop on the 300th floor all scrambled for safety. Everyone, including those from the top-floor "Gentleman's Kitchen," as well as the gorillas and Man Suling, fled down the emergency passages.

In the building's control room, another Park Sanyi watched the pressure gauge before him with a cold gaze.

The Bureau of Mystic Security would never have imagined that there were two Park Sanyis, or even... more than two!

This Park Sanyi unhesitatingly turned the pressure valve to its maximum setting. Then, he calmly strolled out of the control room, heading towards the emergency passages.

A few fanatical followers awaited him outside the door, immediately praising him sincerely, "We didn't expect that the Holy Church's most important traitor would fall into the hands of the Angel Envoy so easily."

Chapter 102: "Ingenious" Plan (Part 2)

"Divine guidance!" Park Sanyi Number Two praised, a smile appearing on his face. He was actually quite proud of this operation.

He made a show of adjusting his clothes. "Let's go to the exit of the emergency passage. A skyscraper with over three hundred floors has many people. Pick out those we need and take them all away."

"Rest assured, Angel Envoy, we have committed the appearances of those people to heart," one of the followers said.

They swiftly reached the exit, where the followers took out several sealed gas canisters and released some sort of colorless and odorless gas outside.

Park Sanyi Number One had secretly loosened the valve somewhat and would check it daily to prevent anyone from discovering and "repairing" it.

In the eyes of Park Sanyi Number Two, the cunning of the plan was like using a small force to move a great weight. Who would have thought that the real key lay in a tiny valve within a skyscraper over three hundred floors high?

Once the operation was underway, he would crank the building's water supply pressure to the maximum. The loosened valve, unable to withstand it, would burst first, causing water to quickly flood into the emergency passage.

Those two traitors, as well as other targets within the building, would all use this emergency passage, not any other.

That was precisely why Park Sanyi Number Two had devised this plan.

The water had been secretly laced beforehand by members of True Knowledge Sin with a certain drug—colorless, tasteless, and harmless on its own, so as not to alert the two traitors, who were both Professionals.

Running all the way down, their shoes soaked through, the dosage of the drug that had seeped into their bodies would already be sufficient. The moment they exited the passage and inhaled that gas, they would immediately feel a strong anesthetic effect.

Both substances were harmless on their own; only when mixed would they take effect.

All he had to do was wait for them, like a hunter lying in wait, at the exit of the emergency passage.

As for why not use a small remote-controlled bomb to blow up the water pipes, it was because one of the traitors was a "Mountain Wolf Man" with an exceptionally sharp sense of smell, able to distinctly identify the scent left by any explosive.

True Knowledge Sin had disguised the entire operation as a terrorist attack, making the planting of bombs in other locations perfectly plausible.

However, if the "Mountain Wolf Man" smelled a bomb inside the emergency passage, he would definitely get suspicious. What kind of attack would target a water pipe? Sir, there must be something fishy here!

True Knowledge Sin didn't act directly against the two traitors. Firstly, they were both strong Professionals, and ensuring a swift victory was difficult. A prolonged engagement might attract the Bureau of Mystic Security.

Secondly, they wanted to capture them alive, for the traitors possessed important artifacts of the Holy Church that had to be recovered.

Park Sanyi Number Two took great pride in his strategy: it was meticulously interconnected and flawlessly crafted.

Moreover, they could also round up those weapons experts, celebrities, and elites along the way—all of whom would serve a great purpose later.

Standing at the door with his followers, he felt like a farmer who, after a season of hard work, was finally about to reap the harvest.

Soon, he heard dense footsteps, accompanied by people's terrified screams, both carrying out from inside. A skyscraper with over three hundred floors was crowded with people; even though many emergency passages diverted the flow, this one route was still filled with a deluge of them.

Finally, BANG! The door was burst open, and a flood of people rushed out! However, contrary to expectations, the crowd that should have collapsed showed no sign of doing so, each person scrambling past in a mad dash for life.

A few followers blocked the entrance, ready to identify their targets and clear out the unconscious "irrelevant ones" to prevent them from blocking the doorway.

Taken by surprise, they were knocked down by the swarming crowd, and then one foot after another trampled them...

"AAHHH..."

The followers screamed in agony. Park Sanyi Number Two, who had been standing aside with his hands clasped behind his back, looked on, bewildered. What is happening? Why aren't these people falling?

Inside the emergency passage, the stream of fleeing people was relentless. Those few followers had already been trampled beyond recognition, their screams growing fainter until they faded away.

Only then did Park Sanyi Number Two notice: no water was flowing out of the emergency passage!

Impossible! Number One checked it just this morning; the valve must be loose!

He turned and rushed back to the control room. The pressure gauge still indicated maximum pressure, yet the valve clearly hadn't burst!

The drugs and gases were exceedingly expensive. True Knowledge Sin had invested massively in this plan. How could it end like this?

Shaking with rage, Park Sanyi Number Two bellowed, "Where did it go wrong!"

—In fact, if Chen Gu knew his entire plan, he would have told him that the more precise, the more supposedly interlocked a scheme, the more prone it is to problems...

Enraged, Park Sanyi Number Two smashed the pressure gauge with a fierce punch. "No matter what, the operation must not fail! The True God won't pity any losers!"

"If strategy won't work, then we fight!"

"Capture the traitors, retrieve the sacred artifact, and the True God will still bestow grace upon me!"

He strode out, pulling a pitch-black vial from an inner pocket and, clenching his teeth, injected it into his own neck.

"ROOOAR—"

He collapsed on the spot, letting out a pained roar as his body rapidly mutated...

When Ken and Man Suling burst out of the emergency passage, they were stunned by the sight before them: shattered corpses, rivers of blood, and viscera strewn everywhere.

A gigantic black monster was seated amidst the corpses, gnawing on a human leg.

Hearing their footsteps, the black monster slowly turned. It grinned, its maw stretching wide. "Traitors, accept the True God's punishment!"

Man Suling's voice trembled with fear. "Mutagenic stimulant! You actually made this devilish thing! You're truly insane!"

"And you even used it on yourself! You're the most foolish of all madmen!"

Park Sanyi Number Two stood up. His body was exceedingly unstable; the mere act of standing caused five additional legs to sprout from various places on his body!

Clearly incensed by Man Suling's words, he glared with blood-red eyes. "Traitors must receive the True God's punishment! Fulfill the True God's mission, and I shall receive the True God's blessing!"

This glare caused six more eyes to burst forth on his face!

"You go first!" Ken pushed Man Suling aside, but before he could use his abilities, a pitch-black claw shot up from the ground, seized his throat, and lifted him high!

Shoved by Ken, Man Suling was about to crash into a wall, but she gracefully pressed a hand against it, her body twirling as she leaped up, her limbs adhering to the ceiling like suction cups.

Seeing the pitch-black claw catch Gao Mengjiu, her eyes immediately turned into green wolf-like eyes. She snarled at Park Sanyi Number Two, and with a thrust of her limbs, transformed into an afterimage as she charged.

Suddenly, the ceiling behind Man Suling shattered, and seven or eight gigantic black claws pierced through, firmly grasping her from behind.

Man Suling let out a low wolf howl, struggling fiercely but unable to break free.

Ken, in contrast, pressed his hands against the black claw. A peculiar vibration emanated from them as he swiftly found the claw's resonance frequency!

Chapter 103: Resonance Council Celebrity

Resonance Council Celebrity!

A new profession capable of swiftly and precisely finding the resonance frequency of any object and employing that frequency to inflict substantial damage on the target.

Under this terrifying resonance, Number Two Park Sanyi realized in shock that he could no longer control his claw. Then, with a loud BOOM, the claw completely exploded.

Dark blood splattered everywhere. The gorilla had already dodged, reappearing dozens of meters away.

With both hands planted on the ground, he let out a roar and exerted his full power, causing the entire hall to quiver like the surface of water.

The vibrations traveled from the floor to the walls, and from the walls to the ceiling.

All materials reached their resonance frequency. Loud BANGS echoed continuously as the ceiling shattered, walls collapsed, and the ground cracked...

The hall was in complete disarray, but the gorilla felt a surge of despair. After destroying the hall, he discovered that behind the shattered ceiling, within the collapsed walls, and even under the fractured floor... was entirely black flesh!

The creature had grown so massive that it had integrated the entire hall into itself!

The monster cackled, "GAGAGA..." Around the gorilla surged wave after wave of black tide. Numerous black claws extended from within, densely packed and overwhelming him!

HUMMM...

Intense vibrations kept erupting, shattering swathes of the black waves, but more surged forward.

Elsewhere, Man Suling was now enveloped in a black, fleshy cocoon, hanging upside down from the broken ceiling.

The gorilla was only a Second Energy Level Professional. While his Resonance Council Celebrity abilities were powerful, his own capacity was limited. After repeatedly unleashing Resonance Destruction Waves, he was nearly at his limit.

As he watched the black tidal waves rolling in one after another, terrible black claws hidden within, the gorilla gritted his teeth, trying to persevere, but a wave of despair washed over him.

He glanced at the suspended Man Suling and sighed inwardly. It's finally come to this. We must not fall into the hands of these wicked beings!

These madmen will surely torture us and interrogate us about the whereabouts of that item.

The gorilla prepared his final strike: two special vibrations. One would be sent to shatter Man Suling's brain, and the other would blow himself to pieces.

A figure suddenly charged into the hall with clear intent and crisp movements, exuding an effortless grace.

SWISH!

His first slash cut down the fleshy cocoon enveloping Man Suling. A kick then sent it flying out of the hall.

The monster roared in fury. The black, fleshy tide churned into action, and gigantic black claws emerged from the ground and the walls, attempting to intercept the cocoon before it could fly out.

The figure, without hesitation, slashed at the monster's main body, carving a gash several meters long. The monster let out a painful scream, the speed of the black claws slowed, and the cocoon flew out successfully.

The Operations Team immediately advanced, swiftly dragging the cocoon away with a large net.

The monster howled as its wound rapidly healed. Filled with boundless rage, an even more colossal black tide surged around the figure, layer upon layer, overwhelmingly.

The figure's movements remained crisp and decisive, each slash cleaving through the massive waves!

Slash followed slash, so fast the black tide could barely keep up. With a WHOOSH, the figure burst out, already near the gorilla.

The longsword suddenly spun, violently tearing an opening through the black waves besieging the gorilla!

"Run!" the figure shouted. The gorilla's body shook violently. "It's..."

Chen Gu cursed, "You idiot! What are you standing there dazed for at a time like this? Get moving!"

The gorilla was incredulous. When did our 'Film King Cat' become a Professional?! But knowing the opportunity was fleeting, he immediately tensed his legs. Intense vibrations shot him outwards, straight for the hall's exit.

Seeing its prey rescued one after another, the monster was furious. It roared loudly near the hall's entrance as a black wall of flesh began to rise.

Chen Gu gritted his teeth and flicked his wrist. A throwing knife flashed—WHOOSH!—and stabbed into the neck of the monster's main body.

Massive bursts of illusory flames erupted around the monster's neck, causing it unbearable pain. It writhed, and the half-raised wall of flesh collapsed. Its entire body became somewhat uncontrollable, with bizarre organs sprouting randomly all over it.

Chen Gu grimaced, feeling a bit embarrassed. I've never practiced throwing knives. My target was actually one of the monster's eyes... Uh, that was quite a miss, but luckily, it still hit.

The monster's main body was also five to six meters in size, its neck exceeding two meters in diameter.

The power of the "Fiery Banner" was gradually being suppressed by the monster, but the gorilla had already escaped. Enraged, the monster focused all its power on Chen Gu. Terrifying black waves crashed toward him. Even though Chen Gu moved swiftly and decisively, he was becoming overwhelmed.

Chen Gu stamped his foot, intending to activate Biological Nuclear Explosion, only to realize that with just his Radiation Missionary abilities, a First Energy Level Biological Nuclear Explosion wasn't enough to kill such a massive creature.

But if he retracted Griffin Wester's memory and switched to Milna Katerina to unleash a Second Energy Level Biological Nuclear Explosion, without using High-Energy Combat Art and relying only on his own Ancient Martial Great Nine Forms, he would likely be completely submerged by the black waves within 0.1 seconds!

In other words, there was no escape; he would be blown up by his own Biological Nuclear Explosion!

This motherf—! Chen Gu cursed eloquently.

However, Griffin Wester's tactical mastery quickly helped Chen Gu find a solution. He yelled over the communications channel, "Boss, have you dealt with that Isaiah yet?"

Marcus sounded quite dissatisfied. "Nag, nag, nag! You're rushing me to my grave! Safety first! We have to ensure our own safety and then take down the opponent with minimal cost!"

So they haven't dealt with him yet, Chen Gu thought.

Chen Gu coughed twice. "Boss, I'm not trying to rush you, but you might not be aware of the situation inside the building. Why don't you, while ensuring your own safety, of course, take a quick look over here?"

Marcus muttered to himself, took a quick glance into the hall, and immediately exclaimed over the communications channel, "Motherfucker!"

"What the hell is that thing? It's even scarier than Mutants. Wait for me. I'll deal with this guy as quickly as possible and then come support you."

Chen Gu quickly said, "No need! Boss, find a way to throw Isaiah in here, then everyone get as far away as possible. Leave the rest to me!"

"Are you sure? That thing is terrifying. Can you handle it?"

"Trust me, Boss!"

Marcus hesitated. "Alright, give me three seconds."

Under the monster's frenzied onslaught, Chen Gu, while struggling, teased Marcus, "HOHOHO! So, Boss, you're a three-second man, huh? To face yourself so openly—I truly admire that!"

Marcus cursed at him, and three seconds flew by. A figure was thrown in.

Chapter 104: Number 1 blasts Number 2

Chen Gu saw that Marcus was indeed reliable; Isaiah had been temporarily shackled in large metal chains, rendered immobile for the time being.

With a loud roar, Chen Gu's longsword flashed repeatedly, cutting a path for himself and grabbing Isaiah in one swift move.

Chen Gu pressed his hand on Isaiah's forehead, triggering the first Energy Level of the "Biological Nuclear Explosion." On top of Isaiah's head was his advanced cyborg's nuclear reactor, filled with enough nuclear material!

Chen Gu tossed Isaiah away and swung his sword, slashing through the crowd as he rushed towards the exit at full speed.

But the monster would not let him go. In a roar, waves of flesh rolled up, and walls of flesh rose.

The light from Isaiah's body grew more and more intense. An explosion seemed imminent, but Chen Gu was blocked by a towering wall of flesh.

With all his might, he sliced open the wall of flesh and broke through, only to face another massive wave of black flesh ahead.

Outside the building, however, Marcus had not followed Chen Gu's advice to retreat far away. He ordered the action team to pull back but led the special service team to charge forward, "Support Chen Gu!"

But a thick wall of flesh solidly sealed off the entire hall.

Silver Eagle Charles and Joseph had just dealt with the drug-modified humans, their victory hard-won. Silver Eagle was injured; his face, pale and dreadful, showed the strain. Yet, with his remaining strength, he pushed forward with both hands, releasing a huge stream of star wind particles.

The multicolored star wind burst out, dreamy and illusory.

The wall of flesh rapidly thinned, but it seemed they were too late; intense light already shone through it.

At this moment, Marcus and Melincha's abilities seemed somewhat ineffective.

Joseph, frantic, kept emitting ice freezes to no avail.

The little demon girl took a deep breath and let out a terrible scream.

Under the sonic blast's impact, the black wall of flesh split apart, rapidly revealing an exit. Chen Gu burst out but bore the brunt of the little demon girl's sonic attack; his skin split and oozed fresh blood.

"Run!"

Chen Gu's head was groggy, a lingering side effect of the little demon girl's sonic attack.

Everyone ran together, but after only about ten meters, a terrible explosion occurred inside the hall.

An intense burst of light blinded everyone in an instant. Melincha spread her arms wide, protecting her companions as much as possible under her Mecha.

Then, BOOM! A tremendous shockwave and radiation swept over them simultaneously.

The group was blown away without a doubt, shooting into the building across the street like cannonballs.

A terrifying crater, several hundred meters in radius, appeared. The building, finally unable to hold, collapsed with a thundering crash, the ground trembling continually.

After a good ten minutes or more, the dust finally settled. The radiation levels nearby were high, and the cleanup would be a massive task.

"COUGH, COUGH, COUGH..." Amid a bout of coughing, Chen Gu extended an arm.

He was the first to recover, thanks to a physical constitution far surpassing an ordinary person's. Still, he felt incredibly awful, as if his body were falling apart, every bone aching intensely.

He administered an "Atomic Life" to himself and finally felt a bit more comfortable. Then, he wiped the thick layer of dust from his eyes and looked around. Melincha lay not far from him, pinned under a huge piece of concrete.

Chen Gu went over and exerted all his strength to lift the concrete, pulling Melincha out.

Melincha's Mecha had been completely destroyed protecting them. She had several broken ribs and a massive, bleeding wound on her back.

Chen Gu gritted his teeth and deployed "Atomic Life" once again. Only after seeing Melincha's condition stabilize did he finally heave a sigh of relief and then continued searching for the others.

Joseph was the second one found. The kid was lucky; though bleeding from all seven orifices, he was breathing steadily, and his injuries didn't appear fatal.

Chen Gu slapped his cheeks a few times, waking him up. "Hurry and rescue others!"

Silver Eagle Charles was worse off. He was embedded in a load-bearing wall, limbs splayed like a squashed turtle, his handsome face contorted by the pressure.

Just as Joseph was about to extricate him, suddenly there came a CLICK!

Chen Gu saved this unflattering picture of Charles to the interstellar net, then happily joined Joseph in rescuing him.

After examining him briefly, Joseph said worriedly, "Silver Eagle's condition is very bad..."

Chen Gu clenched his teeth, wanting to use "Atomic Life" again. But then he remembered something. Searching Charles's body, he found a special medicine box containing a small, dark-blue injection.

Joseph exclaimed, "This is 'Fundamental Life VI'!"

This was a life-saving drug famous throughout the entire Star Sea; everyone knew of it. Chen Gu immediately injected Charles with it. "I knew this scaredy-cat rich kid would definitely have some emergency goodies prepared," he said.

After the injection, Charles's condition quickly stabilized. They laid him next to Melincha, then split up again to look for Marcus and Selena.

A few minutes later, Chen Gu pulled Selena out from a pile of debris.

The little minx was covered in dust and dirt. Her newly dyed, rainbow-colored hair had turned a dull grey-black. An iron rod pierced her right chest, exiting near her lower back!

Chen Gu bit his lip, quickly pulled out the iron rod, and then delivered "Atomic Life" to her.

The little minx recovered rapidly, but Chen Gu had collapsed, drenched in sweat, unwilling to move an inch.

Then, Joseph suddenly started shouting in the distance, "Bro Chen, Bro Chen, come quickly, the boss is in bad shape!"

Chen Gu was alarmed, struggled to his feet, and hurried over.

Marcus, already seriously injured by Isaiah's four punches, had been slammed into a massive steel column. His body was bent at an unnatural angle, his spine clearly broken.

Touching his pulse, Joseph almost started to cry. "The boss is dying, Bro Chen, quickly think of something..."

In the distance, the action team was rapidly approaching, but Chen Gu didn't know if they would arrive in time.

After a brief moment of thought, Chen Gu quickly made a decision. He laid Marcus's body flat, placed his hands on him, and then once again activated "Atomic Life"!

A strong sensation of dizziness hit him, and Chen Gu even felt his power slipping out of control!

This situation was extremely dangerous. It could cause Chen Gu to collapse during his next promotion or, when facing the Endless Realm, be easily tempted into falling.

But at this moment, Chen Gu could no longer care about that. He continued to deploy the skill, desperately persevering.

Finally, the skill was complete, and Chen Gu fell backward onto the ground.

"Bro Chen!" Joseph cried out, grabbing and shaking him. "Bro Chen, Bro Chen, what's wrong with you, don't scare me..."

It took a while for Chen Gu to groan, cursing, "Stop shaking me, my brain is about to rattle loose."

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Joseph heaved a sigh of relief. "You scared me to death."

Chen Gu said weakly, "Get me... something to eat..."

Joseph was astonished. Where am I supposed to find you something to eat at a time and in a situation like this?

Chen Gu directed him, "Go, go... check at the Silver Eagle..."

After this, I must learn from Charles and prepare some expensive but effective emergency supplies on my person.

Joseph quickly went and indeed found a bunch of small items. Chen Gu spotted a red and blue capsule among them and said with sudden relief, "Odorol Supplement! Quick, give it to me..."

It was a very famous stamina recovery medicine. After Chen Gu took it, his body was quickly replenished, and he finally felt a bit better, no longer feeling as weak as if on the verge of death.

He gasped a few times and said to Joseph, "Go outside and meet the Action Team. Tell them to prepare medical equipment immediately."

"Okay," Joseph agreed and quickly ran out.

The Action Team had already arrived tens of meters away. They were divided into two groups: one carefully searching through the collapsed building, and the other heading straight for Joseph.

Joseph waved his arms and yelled a few times. Before the Action Team could respond, a sudden change occurred!

A thick black claw shot out from the ruins of the building with a BANG, grabbing three members of the Action Team. It squeezed hard, and amidst screams of agony, the three Action Team members were turned into mush!

Joseph was stupefied. "That thing... it's not dead?"

The Action Team was thrown into disarray. Members quickly retreated, and the ruins of the building heaved as thick black arms emerged, wildly waving in the rubble like apocalyptic giant pythons!

The Action Team members opened fire, barrages of ammunition striking the monster, but it was too massive; these wounds were nothing to it.

Then the ground cracked open with loud BANGS. Sharp black claws, much finer than the giant ones but as quick as lightning, shot out from under the feet of the Action Team members who had stopped to shoot. The claws pierced their bodies, hoisting them into the sky and shaking them madly, as if the creature was enjoying this act.

"Retreat, retreat, retreat!"

The team leader yelled fiercely, "We need support! Damn it, only Special Services can deal with this thing! Or give me a Close Range Attack Ship, and I'll blast this bastard to pieces with one shot!"

Joseph was also stunned, the arm he had been waving at the Action Team frozen in midair.

He turned and shouted, "Brother Chen, Brother Chen, that demonic thing isn't dead! It's still alive..."

In the sky, a figure traced a beautiful, rainbow-like arc, landing with a THUD in front of the monster. This quickly drew attacks from numerous black claws, but he dodged nimbly, his hands continuously sending out football-sized orbs of light toward the monster.

After him, four more people arrived; the second Special Services team was here to provide support.

After taking the Odorol Supplement, as his condition improved, Chen Gu's consciousness suddenly plunged into darkness.

He wasn't fainting; rather, he found himself in front of that book, "The Past of Four Hundred People."

The pages flipped. The title page still bore the phrase: 'The end of science.'

On the first page was Milna Katerina; on the second was Griffin Wester.

Previously, when Chen Gu had tried to turn to the third page, this mysterious space had indicated "Insufficient Energy Level." After Chen Gu had acquired his profession, he tried again but was still unable to turn to the third page. The mysterious space now indicated "Insufficient experience."

He hadn't understood what "Insufficient experience" meant at the time. But now, as his mind willed it, Griffin Wester's page turned, revealing the third page. After such a fierce battle and the continuous use of his skills, his experience was finally sufficient.

This was a handsome, "uncle-style" older man, dressed in an exquisitely tailored three-piece suit with a gold pocket watch chain hanging from a button on his vest.

The wrinkles on his face were just right, not too many and not too few. They didn't make him look old. Instead, they accentuated the look of someone who had weathered many storms over the years.

His eyes were deep, and he had a head of salt-and-pepper hair, combed without a strand out of place. His beard was trimmed with equal neatness.

One of his hands held a thick hardcover book in front of him, while the other rested on a cane.

His presence exuded a charm born from years of experience and wisdom.

Like the previous two pages, alongside the portrait, in the blank spaces of the paper, there were lines of text providing explanations.

On the left side was:

Name: Derek Kun Shen Ken

Profession: Quantum Wizard

Origin: Great Cross Star Alliance

Abilities: Entanglement Control

Quantum Teleportation

Quantum Divination

Matter-Energy Conversion

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On the right side was:

In the history of the Great Cross Star Alliance, Derek Kun Shen Ken wasn't the most famous Quantum Wizard, but he was undoubtedly one of the greatest contributors. He made a significant contribution to the establishment of the Quantum Wizard professional system!

His academic research was marked by an obsessive-compulsive persistence. This dedication allowed him to reach the Fifth Energy Level of his profession.

He was an excellent scientist and a powerful warrior, yet he never rested on his laurels. After participating in battles that could alter the fate of the Star Sea, he would leave the honors to others and silently return to his lab.

His love life was full of hardship, leading to his somewhat reclusive personality. Despite his charm, he ended his days in loneliness, passing away in solitude.

He was the pride of the Great Cross Star Alliance and held an important historical position in the Alliance's history. It was only because of his personality that he wasn't well-regarded by the younger generation. Those who had received his guidance later described him as: harsh, narrow-minded, arrogant, authoritarian...

Chen Gu suddenly remembered that the chief of Zhaojieze City's branch was a Quantum Wizard with very powerful abilities but old-fashioned combat methods.

At the time, Chen Gu had coveted his array of skills. To think that in his copy of "The Past of Four Hundred People," the third page would be that of a Quantum Wizard!

Subconsciously, he allowed Derek Kun Shen Ken's memories to merge with his own. Suddenly, a vast and ancient trove of memories flowed into him, filling his brain with knowledge about quantum mechanics. His ideas for using the Quantum Wizard's skills multiplied, becoming far more flexible and sophisticated than those of the branch chief.

However, when Chen Gu opened his eyes and saw the chaos around him, an uncontrollable urge to organize surged within him!

"What is all this mess?"

"Everything in the universe should be orderly, placed and operating according to its own rules!"

"Chaos is the original sin of everything!"

"The highest aesthetic standard is: central symmetry."

Chapter 106: Straight Man Aesthetics

Chen Gu suppressed this urge. It was even more difficult than suppressing the one from Griffin Wester. In an instant, Chen Gu understood why those who came later would have such an assessment of this powerful Quantum Wizard.

Being with this kind of person was indeed not a pleasant experience.

However, Chen Gu also instantly remembered, I know who he is now...

The Great Cross Star Alliance was the precursor to the Star Alliance, one of the four major Star Nations. Inside the Star Alliance, there was still a Derek Kun Shen Memorial Hall and a high-profile university scholarship named the Derek Scholarship!

This was indeed a historical figure.

Chen Gu's gaze inadvertently fell upon Marcus and the others, scattered haphazardly. Suddenly, a surge of anger rose within him: Four people in total. Was it so difficult to place them neatly and symmetrically?

"Joseph!" Chen Gu shouted, his voice seemingly tinged with age and antiquity.

He was about to have Joseph arrange the four of them properly.

But Joseph did not respond. Chen Gu pushed himself up, went outside to look, and was flabbergasted. "That thing... it's still not dead!"

The monster was not only alive but was also gaining the upper hand in the fierce battle with the Second Special Operations Team.

Two of the five special agents from the Second Team were seriously injured and unconscious, lying motionless on the ground. Joseph had been forced to join the fight, attacking the monster together with the other three.

But the four of them were in dire peril!

The monster had burrowed out from the ruins. Its large, pitch-black body was covered in various limbs and organs—some human, some beastly, and others insect-like!

It looked particularly bizarre, nauseating, and terrifying.

Its true form was held aloft by this massive biological construct, as if enthroned upon a gigantic, living seat.

A slender black tentacle whipped out. SLAP! The ice shield Joseph used for protection shattered, and he was slammed hard into the ground.

With one less to hold it back, the other three special agents immediately found themselves in grave danger. In the blink of an eye, another was grabbed by a tremendous tentacle, and a leg was severed.

In the distance, army units had already arrived, and large-caliber energy cannons were being set up.

But the army's artillery fire was far inferior to that of a fleet. No one had any confidence it could restrain the monster.

Staring at the monster, Chen Gu had never felt so unsettled. What was this thing? It definitely shouldn't exist in this world!

Look at its appearance—all kinds of limbs and organs in disarray, not a single bit of neatness!

"It should be completely annihilated!" Chen Gu roared, suddenly sensing something.

"Hm?" Chen Gu carefully traced this sensation. Soon, he discovered it originated from the monster's neck.

It's the Flaming Banner dagger.

Chen Gu understood. With just a thought, he felt he could control the dagger remotely through Entanglement Control.

Entanglement Control allows for remote manipulation, but the controlled object must have some connection to oneself.

Hmm, that's very quantum mechanics.

However, the distance is somewhat far, and with my current ability, it's not easy to control.

Moreover, there's another problem. My public profession is Radiation Missionary. If I suddenly reveal the abilities of a Quantum Wizard, how do I explain that to the Bureau of Mystic Security?

Besides, this monster couldn't even be killed by a Biological Nuclear Explosion. What good would three throwing knives do?

Lost in thought, Chen Gu walked toward the battlefield.

After taking a couple of steps, he found himself stumbling somewhat. It wasn't that he couldn't walk, but it just felt like... well, something was missing from his hand.

"Damn these professional quirks!" Chen Gu cursed under his breath. He looked around, found a stick, and leaned on it—sure enough, that felt smoother.

Then, various thoughts began to surface, criticizing how the stick wasn't smooth, wasn't neat, and simply didn't deserve to be called a 'cane'.

Chen Gu finally suppressed these odd thoughts and walked step by step toward the monster. The monster had also noticed him. As the saying goes, enemies become exceptionally furious upon meeting.

However, the enemy seemed confused. It felt that Chen Gu looked very much like the one who had severely injured it before, yet it also seemed he wasn't the same person.

Chen Gu arrived on the battlefield. Joseph crawled out from the ground, shouting, "Brother Chen, run! We can't beat this thing..."

Chen Gu pulled out the other two throwing knives and, in full view of everyone, hurled them!

He hadn't practiced with throwing knives. But under Entanglement Control, the two knives, like a sword immortal's flying swords, accurately struck the monster's head.

And incredibly, they dodged every tentacle the monster swatted at them along the way!

This was Chen Gu using Entanglement Control to alter the knives' speed. He didn't need to change their trajectory, as that would easily expose his ability; simply switching between fast and slow was enough.

This variation in speed was imperceptible to the naked eye. It would only appear as if the two knives carved a straight line, 'coincidentally' evading all obstructions to hit the monster.

ROAR—

The monster, in immense pain, howled skyward as the Flaming Banner erupted with powerful fiery attacks. The monster clawed at its own head with its various appendages, trying to pull the knives out.

In such chaos, bystanders couldn't clearly see where the knives had gone.

A bright light began to flare within the monster's head.

The second Biological Nuclear Explosion!

With the Quantum Wizard's Entanglement Control and Quantum Teleportation, Chen Gu could finally launch this skill at a target without direct contact.

Hundreds of tentacles and sharp claws thrashed around the monster, preventing outsiders from seeing clearly that the two small knives Chen Gu had thrown later had already been plucked out by the monster. In fact, the current Biological Nuclear Explosion was triggered by Chen Gu's first knife.

It was the one that had initially struck the monster's neck. The monster hadn't removed it, and it had become embedded within its flesh—the very same knife.

Chen Gu, using Entanglement Control, had remotely maneuvered this knife into the monster's head.

The Flaming Banner was augmented with the remains of a super-creature, which was also biological material. Not only could it trigger a Biological Nuclear Explosion, but its power was even greater than that from Isaiah's head!

Once everything was done, Chen Gu quickly banished Derek Kun Shen's memories, replacing them with Griffin Wester's. He dropped the cane—the stick—and bolted.

"Run!"

BOOM—

The second terrifying Biological Nuclear Explosion erupted. A huge mushroom cloud billowed into the sky, with the monster's head at the epicenter of the blast.

Chapter 107: Headquarters Support

The troops on the periphery immediately activated the energy actuators, generating a reverse force field that contained the explosion within a certain range.

Otherwise, this explosion would have definitely obliterated more than a dozen nearby blocks.

This type of energy actuator has become standard equipment in major cities. As technology advances, weapons become increasingly powerful, and an attack within a city can easily destroy half of it if things go wrong.

Under the control of the actuator's reverse force field, the power of the Biological Nuclear Explosion continued to erupt. From a distance, it looked like a colossal sphere of fire and light.

It lasted for more than ten seconds before everything finally subsided. Chen Gu crawled out from the rubble, coughing repeatedly as he patted the dust off his body.

The military and the special operations team waited outside, not daring to enter for some time, as they couldn't confirm if the creature was dead.

However, Chen Gu was quite certain that the creature was finished.

Chen Gu had carefully analyzed the situation when he triggered the second Biological Nuclear Explosion: this creature was not a simple Mutant. A Mutant whose body was destroyed and energy depleted could not regenerate.

This creature, however, seemed to possess a brain capable of controlling certain abilities. As long as its brain remained intact, it could continuously regenerate.

After the first Biological Nuclear Explosion, it must have devoured the corpses in the ruins, becoming even stronger as a result.

Therefore, the second time, Chen Gu detonated the Biological Nuclear Explosion inside its head.

He slowly made his way towards the epicenter of the explosion. It wasn't that he didn't want to move faster, but his injuries were too severe for him to walk quickly.

Searching through the explosion's ruins, he retrieved his two undamaged "Fiery Banner" throwing knives. A sense of dread washed over him. This is going to be trouble. Mei Lixue will definitely extort a hefty sum from me for this.

Seeing that the creature did not reappear, the troops and the special operations team outside quickly moved in, followed by a large contingent of medical personnel.

Two doctors supported the staggering Chen Gu, speaking loudly to him, but he couldn't hear anything anymore. His body went limp, and he collapsed into the arms of a beautiful female doctor, his head conveniently landing against her impressively ample bosom.

A coincidence. Everything was purely a coincidence.

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Some unknown amount of time passed before Chen Gu slowly regained consciousness. His eyes darted around, taking in his surroundings: he was in the sub-bureau's medical room.

The moment he stirred, someone noticed and immediately approached. "How do you feel?"

Chen Gu tried to move his body. Thankfully, it only felt a bit sore and weak. "It's nothing."

The doctor said, "Rest for a while. I'll go call someone."

Before long, several people walked in. Chen Jixian, accompanied by several department heads, still had that perpetually sleepy look, with half-closed eyelids that made one want to punch him. Marcel, in contrast, appeared genuinely concerned. "Chen Gu, you scared us to death! You're the great hero of this incident. If anything had happened to you, we wouldn't know how to answer to the Director-General."

Chen Gu had already learned from Mei Lixue that this fellow, Marcel, despite his constant smile, harbored ill intentions and had wanted to perform a memory erasure procedure on him. What a sly old fox, Chen Gu thought.

Chen Gu also forced a smile. "I'm tough. I won't die that easily."

"That's wonderful, just wonderful," Marcel said, appearing genuinely relieved. "You focus on your recovery. Don't worry about anything else."

Chen Gu looked towards Mei Lixue. "How are things at Zhaolin Middle School?"

In front of outsiders, Mei Lixue betrayed no sign of the animosity between them. To all appearances, Chen Gu was her trusted and valued subordinate!

"The rescue operation there went smoothly. We were prepared beforehand; four members of True Knowledge Sin were killed on site, and the rest were apprehended. There were no casualties among the students or teachers."

Chen Gu breathed a sigh of relief. "That's excellent."

He then asked, "How are the others from the teams?"

Mei Lixue gave a wry smile. "The Special Operations Unit took heavy losses this time. Although there were no fatalities, eleven operatives from the Second and Fifth Teams were seriously injured and will be unable to undertake missions for some time. Fortunately, reinforcements from the General Bureau have arrived, so those enemies lurking in the shadows won't have a chance to exploit the situation."

"When can I see them?"

"If you're able to move, you can go now."

As Chen Gu struggled to get out of bed, Chen Jixian hesitated for a moment, reaching out to help. However, Chen Gu had already leaned towards the pretty female doctor beside him.

"Oh dear, you're still injured! Be careful," the young, inexperienced doctor chided gently, allowing Chen Gu to lean against her soft form.

Marcus and the others were in even worse condition than Chen Gu; they were all confined to Life Support Systems.

Apart from Chen Gu, Joseph was the least injured. However, the poor guy was rather unlucky; he was thrown clear during the second Biological Nuclear Explosion and broke both legs after hitting something. He still couldn't get out of bed.

Seeing Chen Gu, the usually boisterous Joseph exclaimed joyfully, "Brother Chen, you're alive! That's fantastic! I thought I'd never see you again..."

Chen Gu retorted good-naturedly, "Quiet, you! I'm tough. Even if you kick the bucket, I'll still be around."

"HEHEHE, yes, yes, yes." Joseph chuckled sheepishly, then added, "Brother Chen, after all this, I have a feeling I might be up for a promotion?"

It wasn't just Chen Gu who was surprised; Mei Lixue and the others also brightened. "Really? That's excellent news! If you're promoted, you'll reach the Second Energy Level."

Several department heads turned to Chen Jixian. He looked somewhat bewildered for a moment before it dawned on him. "Oh, have him examined. If it's confirmed he has reached the standard for promotion, then once he accumulates enough merit points, we'll submit his application."

Mei Lixue acknowledged the order, and medical personnel immediately came in to begin the examination.

A thought struck Chen Gu. I can already turn to the third page of 'The Past Lives of Four Hundred People'. Does this mean I've also reached the standard for promotion?

I'll have to confirm it myself later.

If I get promoted this quickly, wouldn't it be rather shocking? Might it arouse suspicion from certain people?

As Chen Gu and the others were leaving Joseph's hospital room, they encountered someone head-on. The person immediately greeted him with a charming smile. "Chen Gu, we meet again."

"Qing Ruyan?" Chen Gu was surprised. Mei Lixue explained, "She's a special operative on assignment from the General Bureau, led by Assistant Qing."

However, Chen Gu couldn't help but feel that, compared to their last encounter, Qing Ruyan's attitude seemed to have subtly changed.

It was hard to pinpoint exactly what it was, but she didn't seem quite as... "cordial" anymore?

"Rest well and recover fully. I'm looking forward to undertaking missions with you once you're back on your feet," Qing Ruyan said briefly before departing. Once Chen Gu was out of sight, the smile on her pretty face gradually faded, replaced by a complex expression of regret.

According to his file, his abilities are good, but his personal conduct is questionable. Such a handsome young man, and he turns out to be a lecher.

What's more, he shows no discretion regarding his misconduct and has even dared to harbor designs on the Director-General!

Chapter 108: Being Targeted

Chen Gu lay back down on the hospital bed when a possibility suddenly struck him. Could Qing Ruyan be someone Aviloya sent to keep an eye on me?

He shook his head again, a self-mocking smile on his face. Surely not. To Aviloya, the high and mighty Director-General, I'm undoubtedly a small fry, as insignificant as they come. Not worth her taking such precautions... right? The troubles left by the Original were endless.

Then, Chen Gu suddenly let out an inward wail. With a nemesis for a boss and my archenemy as the biggest boss... my circumstances are incredibly harsh!

A stern-faced clerical worker knocked and entered. "How are you feeling now? There are some routine questions we need you to cooperate with."

It's come after all, Chen Gu thought. He nodded, displaying an award-winning actor's smile. "No problem."

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In the interrogation room, a haggard Gao Mengjiu sat slumped, looking utterly dejected.

He was holding his head, elbows on the table, bitterly complaining, "I really don't know if I was the target of that monster or not!"

"When the explosion happened, my colleague and I rushed downstairs and ran right into that monster. It attacked us without hesitation. Man Suling was captured by it, I ran for my life, and later... Chen Gu saved me..."

"I've told you over and over about my identity and social connections; you must have investigated them by now. And I have no idea why Chen Gu is so powerful."

"More than a dozen hours have passed! I feel like I'm about to pass out. I need rest, and my company needs managing. You must let me go immediately, or I'll definitely sue you! Don't forget Man Suling's identity and mine; you'll bring a major political scandal upon the city government!"

The officer in charge of the questioning seemed at a loss, eventually picking up his things and leaving.

Gascolin, the director from the Second Department, stood with his arms crossed next to Marcel, watching Gao Mengjiu inside the interrogation room.

Gascolin said vehemently, "I'm sure if we check him now, we'll find out he's a Professional!"

Marcel shrugged. "But the law doesn't allow it."

"If it were an ordinary person, we could use some tricks, but they're Gao Mengjiu and Man Suling. It would cause major problems; not even Headquarters could save us."

While they were still discussing, a group leader from Internal Affairs brought over a report. "Chen Gu's testimony is out. It doesn't have the information we want."

Gascolin slammed his hat down in frustration. "Dammit! He's covering for the criminal!"

Marcel opened the report and looked it over. Chen Gu had described the entire mission process in detail and hadn't spoken in favor of Gao Mengjiu, but from his account, it was impossible to confirm if Gao Mengjiu had exhibited abilities beyond those of an ordinary person.

Meaning, Chen Gu's testimony could not confirm that Gao Mengjiu was a Professional.

However, Chen Gu also didn't state in his testimony that Gao Mengjiu wasn't a Professional.

Marcel cursed, "Sly fox!"

He patted Gascolin's shoulder. "Let them go. We'll keep a close eye on them. As soon as they show their true colors, we'll catch them!"

Gascolin nodded gloomily.

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Minutes later, Gao Mengjiu and Man Suling, supporting each other, left the City Police Department.

The Bureau of Mystic Security usually used the police department's premises for such incidents, as their very existence was top-secret.

Outside the police station, a large group of reporters had already gathered. They swarmed forward to take photos and ask all sorts of questions as soon as the two appeared.

For this incident, the city government had not disclosed details involving Mutants and Professionals to the public. However, everyone knew that the notorious True Knowledge Sin had launched a series of terrifying attacks on Wuzhaoyin City.

And because the incident also involved Man Suling, one of the "Four Little Jade Maidens," and the music mogul Gao Mengjiu, the attacks drew even more attention.

The two answered a few questions at the entrance of the City Police Department, confirming they were only startled, not injured in the attack, and expressed their gratitude to the fans who had been concerned, then hurriedly left.

Most people understood this; after all, they were still shaken and needed to recover.

Gascolin and Marcel watched this scene from an upstairs window, their expressions somewhat serious. "Our opponents... are very strong," one of them remarked.

"That's what makes it interesting, isn't it?" the other replied. "A mission that's too easy to complete offers no sense of achievement."

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Gao Mengjiu first took Man Suling back to her residence. Once inside with just the two of them, Man Suling let out a sigh of relief. "Finally, we can talk without worrying."

"There was surveillance equipment in the car earlier; I smelled it."

"Everything here smells just like before. If something had happened to us, those reporters would have immediately surrounded my place. They probably haven't found the chance to install listening devices yet."

Gao Mengjiu also relaxed. "Do they suspect you?"

"Of course. They rescued me from the cocoon and, under the pretext of a medical checkup, wanted to run some tests on me. But I saw through their little tricks and refused everything. They couldn't get any evidence."

Gao Mengjiu nodded, but his mind was on Chen Gu. How did that idiot also become a Professional?

As the saying goes: Legend has it that idiots are a type of supernatural being, with telepathic abilities that span across the Star Sea.

Like now, Chen Gu, lying in his hospital bed, was thinking the same thing: Gao Mengjiu, that idiot, is actually a Professional too?

Then they both angrily thought: That idiot kept it hidden from me! That's not what friends do!

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The aftermath of the entire incident was likely to linger for years, even decades.

But for Chen Gu at present, it was all in the past. The Bureau of Mystic Security was responsible for the subsequent investigation and pursuit of True Knowledge Sin.

After a few days of recovery, Chen Gu was discharged from the hospital, brimming with vitality.

Discharged along with him were the other members of Team Five. However, the others appeared much more miserable:

Joseph was in a smart wheelchair, Charles's face was still wrapped in gauze, Marcus looked as feeble as an elderly man in his twilight years, and Melincha had a mechanical support device attached to her back.

The Little Demoness... her wounds had healed, but because of the treatment, she had been shaved bald!

She was sullen; she wouldn't be able to go out and have fun for weeks.

Marcus grinned when he saw everyone. "It's good that we're all alive. Remember from now on..."

"Safety first!" everyone chimed in unison.

Marcus was quite pleased and then said to Chen Gu, "We really owe you for this time."

Joseph and Melincha stepped forward to thank him. But when they got back to the branch and started checking the gains from this mission, their gratitude evaporated. Jealousy made everyone wish Chen Gu would take them under his wing!

"A full three thousand merit points!" Joseph's voice changed with excitement.

Chen Gu was satisfied. Having been previously scammed down to just 56 merit points, he was finally well-off again.

The other members of the team had merit points varying from 200 to 400, far exceeding the earnings from ordinary missions. But compared to Chen Gu, they immediately felt the injustice—not of scarcity, but of unfairness.

They all playfully surrounded Chen Gu, wanting to "beat the rich guy and divide his land."

Chapter 109: Prophet Reserves

Surviving the ordeal, everyone reaped a bountiful harvest, and all were in high spirits.

Marcus was certainly envious, but fortunately, he had also earned 500 merit points this time. He had never been so wealthy in his life. He sat quietly with a cup of coffee, alone at his seat, wanting to savor the feeling of being a "rich man" a little longer.

Suddenly, a voice from beside him startled him out of his pleasant daydream. "Boss, how much did you get? Is it enough to pay me back?"

Marcus silently put down his coffee and got up to walk outside. Silver Eagle called out to him, "Boss, what's wrong?"

Marcus gestured to his ears with his fingers. "I suddenly can't hear anymore. I think it might be some internal injury. I need to go see a doctor for another check-up."

Then he pulled the door open and left.

Chen Gu was left speechless.

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After work, Chen Gu called Gorilla, and they agreed to meet at Gorilla's place.

The well-known music producer had a lucrative income. Gao Mengjiu lived in a luxurious apartment on a sky island in the city center, covering 400 square meters.

As soon as Chen Gu walked in, he fiercely flipped Gorilla the bird and then aimed a kick at him. "You son of a bitch, hiding such a big secret from your dad! You wanna die, is that it?"

Gorilla responded unceremoniously with his own fists and feet. "You unfilial son! How did you go from a criminal to a special agent of the Bureau of Mystic Security and even become a Professional?"

BANG! BANG! BANG!

Neither of them used any abilities, just raw physical strength. They fought back and forth until both were bruised and swollen. Gradually, Chen Gu realized... Damn it, I can't beat Gorilla in this kind of fight?

Without using abilities, in a pure brawl, his "Ancient Martial Arts Big Nine Styles" couldn't beat an experienced turncoat from True Knowledge Sin.

Seeing things were not going his way, Chen Gu immediately called a halt. "Alright, stop the nonsense! I came here to ask you something!"

Gorilla lifted his fist. "We fight when you say fight, and stop when you say stop? Who do you think you are, my old man for real?"

"Exactly!" Chen Gu said, his eyes crinkling with amusement. Gorilla, greatly annoyed by his own slip of the tongue, smashed a punch over.

Chen Gu said angrily, "Do you want to see Qiao Ayin ever again or not?!"

Gorilla immediately deflated, his whole body slumping. "Fine. What do you want to ask."

"What is your profession? And what exactly is your identity? Why did True Knowledge Sin come after you guys?"

Gorilla sighed. There wasn't much point in hiding it now. "I am a Resonance Council Celebrity. Of course, a rookie special agent like you might not have heard of such an exalted profession. You can go back and ask your seniors..."

Chen Gu flared up. "I just saved your life!"

Gorilla was dismissive. "Then don't save me. I didn't ask you to."

Chen Gu truly felt helpless. The relationship between men could indeed reach such a ridiculous level of camaraderie where boundaries blurred.

"Qiao Ayin!" Chen Gu roared again.

Gorilla conceded. "Benefactor! In my next life, I'll repay your kindness, even if it means toiling like an ox or a horse for you!"

"Hmph!" Chen Gu said, putting on an air of arrogance.

"True Knowledge Sin... has changed. It's no longer the Holy Church of our time," Gorilla sighed, his voice filled with endless regret.

"The True Knowledge Sin I believed in over forty years ago has become a tool for lunatics and the power-hungry. It no longer leads people to goodness or helps them see the true nature of the world. Instead, it has turned into a criminal organization that stops at nothing to achieve its goals under the guise of faith."

"I became a Professional within True Knowledge Sin, but I left the organization thirty-seven years ago."

Chen Gu noticed a detail and asked in surprise, "You became a Professional in True Knowledge Sin? That means True Knowledge Sin has a Generator?"

This was no small matter. It meant that True Knowledge Sin could produce its own Professionals.

Gorilla waved his hand. "You don't need to worry. The schism thirty-seven years ago led to a great war within the Holy Church. The Generator was damaged during the battle. Otherwise, the heretical True Knowledge Sin wouldn't be causing just these minor disturbances now."

Chen Gu inwardly retorted, This is considered minor disturbances?

"Wei Jiangqi is an ambitious man, but he wasn't like this when he first joined the Holy Church."

"He was humble and eager to learn, full of curiosity. He was friendly to others, and his talents were exceptional. Just five years after joining the Holy Church, he became one of three candidates to succeed the Prophet."

"Initially, he was far ahead in this competition, but for some reason, at the last moment, the previous Prophet didn't choose him."

"But by that time, Wei Jiangqi's influence had grown. He launched a rebellion and seized the position of Prophet after a fierce battle. He then spent a few years purging dissenters, completely taking control of True Knowledge Sin and gradually transforming the Holy Church into the horrifying organization it is today."

Chen Gu's mind stirred. "What about the other two successors? Who are they, and where are they now?"

Gorilla gave a wry smile. "I get your idea. You want to support the other two, let them fight among themselves and deplete True Knowledge Sin's strength."

"Or find them and get information about True Knowledge Sin from them."

"But I regret to tell you, both of these plans are impossible."

Chen Gu asked, "Why?"

"Because those two are good-for-nothing idiots, incapable of shouldering the trust of the former Prophet. One of them was killed by Wei Jiangqi's men sixteen years ago, and the other lives like a hunted dog, constantly hiding and in fear!"

"Now, one of them is standing right in front of you."

Chen Gu blinked, looked at his best friend, then suddenly laughed and cursed, "You indeed are a good-for-nothing idiot! Out of the four of us, only this young master is a dragon among men, a crane among chickens, truly extraordinary. You other three are trash!"

Gorilla, thrown off by his remark, could only roll his eyes helplessly.

"In any case, I spend my days cautiously guarding against assassins from True Knowledge Sin. And after so many years, the internal workings of the Holy Church have completely changed; I don't understand them anymore."

Chen Gu shook his head. "You started from scratch, founded Celestial Dog Records, and became the man countless female singers dream of sleeping with..."

Gorilla was caught off guard by this sudden statement and coughed repeatedly. "What?"

Chen Gu sneered mischievously, casually opening a webpage and showing it to him. It was something Chen Gu had stumbled upon while browsing the Interstellar Network.

Indeed, there was a peculiar ranking, with Gao Mengjiu at the top of the "New Female Singers' Most Desired Man to Sleep With" list!

Gorilla gave a bitter smile. "I'll take it... as a recognition of my creative abilities and influence within the industry, I guess."

Chen Gu smiled. The two sat side by side in silence for a while.

After a moment, Chen Gu began to rummage around Gorilla's house and quickly found a bottle of fine liquor. Gorilla protested, "You're still a student..."

Chen Gu ignored him and brought over two glasses. While they were drinking, Chen Gu asked, "What are your plans for the future?"

"I haven't thought it through yet."

"Have you considered collaborating with the Bureau of Mystic Security?"

Gorilla hesitated for a moment. "After this, I will seriously consider it."

Chen Gu nodded and continued drinking, not pressing him further.

Chapter 110: New Tactics

After Chen Gu polished off the majority of the gorilla's expensive vintage wine, the well-known producer finally felt a pang so sharp he could hardly breathe and kicked Chen Gu out.

Chen Gu left with a hearty laugh. After he got in his car and drove away, a member of the operations team outside Gao Mengjiu's residence reported, "Chen Gu has come out."

A modest-looking maglev car quietly emerged from the shadows and followed Chen Gu from a distance.

Chen Gu returned to his residence, indulged in a comfortable bath, then lay down on his bed, let out a long sigh, and closed his eyes.

He was mentally reviewing the operation.

It wasn't flawless. For example, there was the timing of his control over the two flying daggers with [Entanglement Control], and the fact that the creature had already extracted the daggers before the nuclear detonation.

For instance, why did the [Fiery Flag] daggers trigger a [Biological Nuclear Explosion] without making contact?

The last question could be explained by the fact that he had initiated the [Biological Nuclear Explosion] before throwing the daggers. The Super Life Remains within the daggers were few in number, which delayed the explosion accordingly.

But those two flaws, if someone meticulously checked the battle footage frame by frame, could reveal suspicious points.

However, under the circumstances at the time, it was the best option available.

After reviewing the operation, Chen Gu began to take stock of his gains.

Consecutively executing his skills had led to a precious breakthrough during the fight, unlocking the third page of "The Past of Four Hundred." Moreover, Chen Gu felt he could now unleash at least five skills per day—a full two more than before.

And his own strength was likely nearing the point of promotion. What he lacked now was the accumulation of skill experience—a process that couldn't be shortened merely by effort and diligence.

In fact, due to the existence of the Endless Realm, faster professional advancement isn't necessarily better; haste makes waste.

Chen Gu was very satisfied with his current pace. He exhaled contentedly and fell into a deep sleep.

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In the morning, when Teacher Dai saw Chen Gu, he heaved a long sigh of relief. "Why are you always getting sick? This won't do. Getting into college is a long battle, and you need to hold on!"

"You have such excellent physical education scores, and your body is clearly in good shape, so why do you keep getting sick?"

Chen Gu knew the bureau had requested leave for him again because of this operation.

He offered a "bitter" smile. "Teacher, I live alone, and there's no one to take care of me, so... I often run into some problems. But don't worry, I'll be sure to take better care of myself in the future."

Sympathy filled Teacher Dai's eyes; he pitied the child who had no one to cherish or care for him.

"In the future, you need to learn to take care of yourself."

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In the afternoon, Teacher Ouyang was also complaining, "What are you doing? You've taken leave several times this month. If this continues, Darkray and the others will surpass you."

Then, with his training scores, Chen Gu quickly made Darkray and the host of military fitness students feel what true despair was.

Teacher Ouyang was relieved. "Darkray and the others are really useless!"

This dealt a heavy blow to Darkray and the others' spirits.

After school, the military fitness students, who were in a very foul mood, dragged Chen Gu to the Xian Wei Residence and thoroughly fleeced him.

After dinner, Chen Gu returned home, logged into the "Endless" game, and unsurprisingly received a reminder from [Dressing for Battle in the Mirror].

"Is there any progress on the new tactics?"

However, this time, the other party did not launch another information bombardment; this attitude also showed their lack of confidence in the [Idol Actor] coming up with new tactics. It was just a routine inquiry.

In fact, the senior staff in the Central Operations Room had already held several meetings and concluded that the "Sacrifice for the Greater Good" tactic was likely the one with the lowest implementation cost.

The message from [Dressing for Battle in the Mirror] was accompanied by several combat videos.

Chen Gu opened and watched them. All featured the Confederation's troops encountering and battling Insect Mutants. The outcomes were all deeply distressing.

The military was defeated, suffering heavy losses each time.

It was precisely because of these outcomes that the initial opposition within the Central Operations Room to the "Sacrifice for the Greater Good" tactic gradually shifted. They began to feel that accepting minor losses was justifiable in exchange for overall victory against the Insect Mutants.

Chen Gu drew upon Griffin Wester's memories and meticulously watched each combat video several times. But for a while, he couldn't come up with any good ideas.

Drawing upon memories for extended periods was exhausting. Chen Gu released the [Star Battle Instructor]'s memories, had dinner, and sat at his desk, unconsciously tapping his fingers on the surface as he pondered silently.

Somewhat at his wit's end, he resorted to desperate measures, drawing upon the memories of both Milna Katerina and Derek Kun Shen, then watched the combat videos again.

Milna Katerina thought this kind of battle was "stupid." There wasn't an enemy that one nuclear bomb couldn't solve; if there was, then two would do the job!

This was of no help to the current Chen Gu or the Confederation's military.

Nuclear bombs weren't overly expensive in this era, but they weren't cheap either. It was impossible to equip every grassroots company with them.

Moreover, if nuclear bombs were detonated and the Insect Mutants were wiped out, the ordinary soldiers would also perish. They were just regular people, lacking the speed to escape or the physical constitution to withstand the aftermath of a nuclear explosion.

Derek Kun Shen was no tactical master either; he was a scholar and a warrior. Drawing upon Derek Kun Shen's memories, Chen Gu watched the combat videos. The only thought that emerged was: these soldiers were too weak. If they were enhanced, those Insect Mutants would be no match for them.

Chen Gu smiled bitterly; if they were enhanced, they wouldn't be regular soldiers anymore—they would be Professionals!

This idea was pointless. Chen Gu released the [Quantum Wizard]'s memories. But suddenly, he froze. An idea rapidly took shape in his mind.

Chen Gu swiftly sent a message back to [Dressing for Battle in the Mirror]:

"I need a complete list of all army ground forces equipment."

Bai Xianya had finished work and returned to her upscale apartment. She changed out of her military uniform into a loose silk robe, then ran a tub of hot water with bath salts. Turning on the stereo to play symphonic music, she prepared to enjoy a luxurious bubble bath.

DING-DONG!

A prompt sounded from the gaming pod. With a resigned roll of her eyes, Bai Xianya, still in her robe, entered the pod. She opened the message and hesitated; much of the equipment listed constituted military secrets.

She called her uncle and relayed the [Idol Actor]'s request.

Bai Yunpeng was also in a bind. The [Idol Actor]'s identity couldn't be confirmed. What if he were a spy? An international intelligence dealer? That would be a serious security leak.

Before the two could reach a decision, Bai Xianya heard another DING-DONG. The [Idol Actor] had sent another message.

Bai Xianya opened it and was stunned. Bai Yunpeng was still on the line and asked, "What's wrong?"

"The [Idol Actor] has provided a new tactical plan, but..." Bai Xianya didn't know how to judge it. She relayed everything to Bai Yunpeng, who was also astonished and asked, "Is it that simple?"

Bai Xianya replied, "It's that simple."