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"???"

"What do you mean by 'can't do it'?"

The manager was stunned by Su Yu's straightforward response.

It took a while for his brain to process it, and his eyes looked at Su Yu with unconcealed astonishment and confusion.

In his view, after Su Yu learned about his situation, even if he couldn't do it, he should at least explain it to him gently. This response was as direct as a doctor giving a death sentence to a patient, which was a bit too... cruel, wasn't it?

Looking at the old manager, there was even a hint of grievance in his small eyes.

Su Yu also realized that his answer just now was indeed a bit hurtful.

But he had no choice.

He wished he could be more tactful.

But when Su Yu realized the true condition of the manager's body, he tried using spiritual energy to discern the state of the mechanical parts on the manager's body.

And the answer he got was.

These mechanical parts, though not as exaggerated in grade as his Electric Sniper Rifle.

But the quality is at least comparable to the Special Grade Intelligent Core that Nuonuo has; they are all top-grade mechanical creations.

In fact, the technological components in them are even higher than that Special Grade Intelligent Core!

With Su Yu's current strength, it's impossible to analyze anything.

Naturally, he couldn't help the manager repair those parts.

But...

Su Yu looked at the manager in front of him and thought of the conditions of cooperation the manager mentioned earlier, and a gleam appeared in his eyes.

"Although I can't help now, if there is enough time and parts supply to let me practice, as long as my Meditation Technique is improved, I can at least help you preliminarily repair some parts so that they won't harm your body during operation."

Su Yu could see.

The wear and tear on these parts of the manager's body were already quite astonishing.

Although the degree of the manager's cybernetic augmentation is quite high, there is still some flesh present.

Moreover, the muscle strength contained in this part of the flesh is also at the four-star level.

It is precisely because of this tough flesh support that the manager was able to exert such top-level four-star combat power in critical battles over the years, despite the high wear and tear of the mechanical parts!

But as time passed, the wear and tear of these mechanical parts became more severe.

Consequently, not to mention protecting the manager's flesh body when they operate.

Every time he activates his power, it might even reverse and harm the manager's body.

Although the manager did not explicitly state.

But Su Yu could estimate.

The strength of this old man in front of him can now only reach the level of a three-star Transcendent in physical body.

"If I could provide you with some practice opportunities and mechanical parts, you could help me alleviate the damage they cause?"

Hearing Su Yu's words.

The manager's eyes, which originally looked disappointed, brightened again.

The significant drop in his strength is, firstly, due to the wear and tear of these mechanical parts, causing a reduction in their output.

Secondly, it is because the operation of these mechanical parts brought enormous depletion to his body.

In previous years, he could barely sustain it, but now his body can withstand only the output at an intermediate three-star level at most.

If it's any higher.

Even if he can endure the pain.

His remaining flesh and blood won't endure the mechanical pressure; at that time, the possibility of self-implosion before solving the enemy would be even greater!

Although, according to Su Yu, repairing these mechanical parts is still beyond his capabilities.

If it's possible to reduce the depletion caused by these mechanical parts and reduce their load slightly.

It would effect a considerable restoration to the manager's strength!

But, as excited as he was.

The manager was not some naive youth, and he quickly spotted the crux of the problem.

"I wonder how long 'enough time' means for Mr. Su?"

The manager fixed his eyes on Su Yu intently.

"Li He's threat is imminent, and I assume Mr. Su understands what will become of you, me, and the entire Shelter No. 73 if Li He prevails."

"Mr. Su, surely you're not giving me an empty promise of one or two years?"

Su Yu smiled slightly at these words, didn't keep him in suspense, and after pondering briefly, he slightly raised his hand, extended five fingers, and then clenched them into a fist.

"Let me put it this way."

"If you can get me a batch of combat-intelligent chips, old man."

"In ten days at the latest, I can show you results!"

Hearing Su Yu's confident words.

The manager couldn't help but take a deep breath.

After a brief hesitation, he gritted his teeth and nodded emphatically, "Alright! Since you, a young man, are so confident, I'll take a gamble!"

"Tomorrow, Bai Hong will deliver a batch of combat-intelligent chips. If you need any more materials, you can also tell him. Within a reasonable range, he will fix it for you!"

"But in ten days, I will need you, Mr. Su, to produce satisfactory results!"

The manager said, his eyes fixated on Su Yu in front of him, trying to see through his inner thoughts.

As Su Yu heard the manager willing to provide combat-intelligent chips, only endless joy shone in his eyes.

Sensing the scrutiny in the manager's eyes, he smiled slightly and, without saying much, softly declared, "It's a deal!"

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Early the next morning.

Yang Lie and his team had just opened the doors of their base when they saw Bai Hong standing outside, in the shadows at the corner, waiting unnoticed, clearly having waited for some time.

"Captain Bai, what brings you here? Please come in!"

Yang Lie and his team had an extremely good impression of Bai Hong.

In the wilderness before, had it not been for Bai Hong's decisive stance.

It wouldn't have been so smooth for the Ninth Squad to trade their spoils with other hunting teams.

Seeing Bai Hong arrive, Yang Lie and his team quickly greeted him warmly.

Feeling the enthusiasm of Yang Lie and the others, Bai Hong also broke into a smile.

Yet he was instructed by the manager not to attract attention, so he immediately gestured to hold Yang Lie back, "No need to be so formal, Captain Yang. I'm here to deliver something to Mr. Su on behalf of the manager."

"The manager?!"

Hearing Bai Hong's words.

Yang Lie and the others were taken aback.

Bai Hong quickly gestured for silence, and only then did they calm down and lower their voices, "May we ask what the manager wants to deliver?"

Bai Hong didn't waste time, directly taking out a metal box from his bosom, and skillfully unlocking the little lock on it, handed the metal safe to Yang Lie.

"Inside this box, there are fifteen combat-intelligent chip sets, which are the remuneration for the cooperation between the manager and Mr. Su."

"Captain Yang, please deliver this to Mr. Su!"

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Intelligent chipset?

Yang Lie and the others were all taken aback by Bai Hong's words.

On the Ruins Star, if there's anything that is known to be precious just by its name, the most noteworthy would be the many technological relics left by the Empire, like high-intelligent chips and cores.

Even the most basic intelligent chipset can fetch considerable wealth in any settlement.

Among these intelligent chips and cores, the combat and production types are the most valuable.

The fifteen combat-oriented intelligent chipsets sent by Bai Hong might be even more expensive than the antiviral serum Su Yu helped Yang Lie buy earlier.

What kind of collaboration did Su Yu and the Administrator reach that made the Administrator so generous, sending so many combat chipsets to Su Yu?

Yang Lie and the others were filled with intrigue.

But they could also see that Bai Hong didn't want to draw attention to his contact with the Ninth Squad, so they wisely refrained from asking more, took the safe box from Bai Hong, and nodded, "Rest assured, Captain Bai, we'll ensure it gets delivered."

"Then I'll need to trouble you all with this. Also, if Mr. Su has other parts he needs, he can let you know, and you can seek me out at a suitable time. I'll try to provide Mr. Su with necessary parts support within my authority."

Bai Hong added.

Listening to his words, Yang Lie and the others were even more shocked.

"Understood, we'll convey the message!"

"Good, then I won't disturb you any further."

Bai Hong said, then hurried away.

Even though the Night Slayer Team is fully deployed now,

whether there are any informants arranged by the Night Slayer Team among the Sanctuary residents to assist in monitoring the Sanctuary for Li He remains uncertain.

Since the Administrator explicitly asked him to be cautious, Bai Hong naturally didn't want to complicate matters.

They watched Bai Hong leave.

Yang Lie and the others dared not delay and immediately delivered the safe box to Su Yu's workshop.

"Fifteen combat-oriented intelligent chipsets? The Administrator is indeed generous!"

Taking the safe box, Su Yu glanced inside, surprise appearing in his eyes.

He knew the Administrator was wealthy and generous.

But he didn't expect to receive such a large number of intelligent chipsets in one go, giving Su Yu quite a pleasant surprise.

Yang Lie repeated Bai Hong's words again, and Su Yu nodded, "I understand, since Captain Bai has said so..."

Su Yu thought for a moment.

The materials he had were originally adequate for making the Cavalry.

However, the quality of these materials was only mediocre at best.

After all, the strongest hunting teams Su Yu collaborated with were those led by Wang Jian and Luo Wang.

Not to mention compared to the top two teams, Wolf Pack and Mountain Mist.

Even against the overall strength of the Night Slayer, they had considerable gaps.

It stands to reason.

The mechanical parts they could recover in the wilderness would not be of too high a grade.

Previously, there was no opportunity.

But now, since the Administrator has spoken, Su Yu certainly wouldn't miss this chance.

"Please ask Uncle Yang to tell Captain Bai that I still need about ten kilograms of 'Tungsten Blood Steel'; in addition, if there are still raw 'Sea Blue Ore' here in the Sanctuary, I need about..."

Su Yu did some calculations and gave a number.

"Five kilograms, that should be enough."

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"Ten kilograms of Tungsten Blood Steel and five kilograms of Sea Blue Ore? This isn't much?"

Yang Lie and the others were not professional mechanics.

They didn't know the significance behind these two materials.

But Bai Hong, not only the captain of the rescue team, but also the person responsible for the warehouse security, was well aware of these materials' value.

For example, the safest of the few ownerless mines of Tungsten Blood Steel is only two to three kilometers from the Steel Jungle.

The radiation level there is quite high.

Even a Transcendent who has mastered Spiritual Energy would contract radiation sickness from prolonged mining there, and the radiation sickness contracted from the Steel Jungle's radiation is much more severe than the one Su Yu previously contracted.

Even if cured, one might end up as a Plant Man, a fate worse than death!

In such circumstances,

the value of Tungsten Blood Steel is self-evident.

In various small settlements near the Life Forbidden Zone of the Steel Jungle, if there were merchants selling one kilogram of Tungsten Blood Steel, the materials exchanged would be worth at least five to six hundred contribution points!

As for raw Sea Blue Ore, its value is slightly lower.

But there are only two mines near the Sanctuary that produce these raw ores, and the yield is extremely low.

Five kilograms is nearly thirty percent of Shelter No. 73's annual production.

Adding these two numbers together, their value almost reaches ten thousand contribution points, and this is still considered not much?

Upon hearing the materials Su Yu requested,

Bai Hong's face turned green, and he instinctively wanted to reject Su Yu's request immediately.

However, before Yang Lie went to see Bai Hong, he had been instructed by Su Yu.

Observing Bai Hong's intent to reject, Yang Lie quickly said, "Captain Bai, I'm a rough man and don't know the value of these materials, but Brother Su is a collaborator with the Administrator. The Administrator also said he hopes Captain Bai can support Brother Su's work."

"Before I came, Brother Su specifically mentioned that these materials, within the Sanctuary, probably can't be used by any other mechanic, and just leaving them in the warehouse would be a missed opportunity. The majority of the time, they'd just gather dust instead of being fully utilized, even though they're valuable."

"However, if given to him, the situation will be different. At least they can be put to use, and it can also allow Brother Su to gain some experience with them. Eventually, the Administrator will find these materials handy!"

Yang Lie said, looking at Bai Hong, speaking gravely, "If Captain Bai still feels Brother Su's demands are excessive, you could first consult the Administrator. Should the Administrator also refuse, then we will leave!"

Hearing Yang Lie's words,

Bai Hong hesitated but eventually didn't outright reject the request.

"Alright, I'll consult with the Administrator first!"

Over ten minutes later,

Bai Hong returned from the Administrator's room with a peculiar expression on his face.

He initially thought the Administrator would refuse without hesitation or, at the very least, grant only a reduced amount of the materials Su Yu requested.

But unexpectedly, after hearing Su Yu's reason, especially the part about "the Administrator will find it useful later,"

the Administrator hesitated slightly and then directly approved Su Yu's request!

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"I hope your Mr. Su won't waste these materials!"

Bai Hong shook his head, suppressing the doubts in his heart, and took the two materials out of the warehouse, handing them to Yang Lie.

Yang Lie quickly took them without saying any more grandiose words, only softly saying, "I believe that Brother Su is definitely not the type to boast carelessly. Since he spoke, he surely has his confidence!"

Feeling the strong trust in Su Yu in Yang Lie's words.

Bai Hong's expression also slightly changed. He didn't say anything more, just nodded and watched Yang Lie leave.

"Brother Su, mission accomplished!"

Half an hour later, at the camp of the ninth squad, inside the repair room.

Yang Lie pushed the two heavy boxes into the material pile in the repair room, smiling as he spoke.

"Oh? Brought them back? Thank you, Uncle Yang!"

Upon hearing Yang Lie's voice, Su Yu lifted his head from the workbench and immediately saw the two large boxes brought back by Yang Lie, joy appearing in his eyes.

However, he wasn't particularly surprised by this result.

Just as Su Yu had instructed Yang Lie.

Getting these materials approved for Su Yu not only helps Su Yu.

The more proficient Su Yu becomes at utilizing these two materials, the higher the success rate of helping maintain mechanical components and repair part wear in the future.

After all, given the technical content of those mechanical components on the managers, looking at the sanctuary's inventory, only rare materials like Tungsten Blood Steel can be put to use.

Gathering his thoughts, Su Yu brought the two boxes in front of him, no longer dwelling on needless thoughts, and began to focus on processing the Tungsten Blood Steel and Sea Blue Ore.

The reason why Tungsten Blood Steel and Sea Blue Ore were unused in Shelter No. 73.

It's largely because the equipment conditions of various mechanics in the shelter are simply insufficient to smelt these materials.

Even with Su Yu's current equipment, it's the same.

However, what sets him apart from other mechanics is that he possesses spiritual energy.

The Steel Meditation Technique practiced by battlefield mechanics, while the extracted steel spirit energy doesn't have combat capabilities, it has quite an influence on various mechanical creations and even their components and raw materials.

Just like now.

When Su Yu ignited the furnace and began smelting the Sea Blue Ore.

Normally, the Sea Blue Ore, which would require twice the temperature to melt, showed signs of melting as Su Yu's spiritual energy operated and blessed it.

Although slowly.

But after three hours of waiting, the five kilograms of Sea Blue Ore that Su Yu got in hand finally melted completely, with impurities also being extracted using spiritual energy.

Looking at the cooled, solidified one kilogram or so of gem-like, crystal-clear sea-blue metallic crystals, Su Yu couldn't help but reveal a touch of entrancement in his eyes.

This is the crystallization of the Sea Blue Ore, the Sea Blue Source Crystal.

Su Yu learned about this crystal from the notes his mentor left behind.

In reality, this was the first time he extracted it.

"According to the teacher's description, this type of crystal has excellent resonance with spiritual energy and absorption effect..."

Recollecting the content in the notes, his mind moved to mobilize a strand of spiritual energy onto the Sea Blue Source Crystal before his eyes.

"Shua!"

Almost instantly.

That strand of spiritual energy penetrated the interior of the Source Crystal.

Under the blessing of this spiritual energy, Su Yu also felt that a unique and peculiar connection was established between himself and this crystal.

His mind moved.

This Source Crystal was directly drawn by him into mid-air!

And as he shifted his thoughts again.

After retrieving the spiritual energy infused into this Source Crystal.

"Buzz!"

In mid-air, that Source Crystal slightly trembled, continuously descending, but the falling speed was extremely slow, akin to a feather, even occasionally rising a small distance during the descent!

In the perception of the Steel Meditation Technique, Su Yu "saw" it clearly.

The reason for this occurrence is that this Source Crystal, "activated" by his spiritual energy, still managed, relying on its trait, to communicate with subspace even without stored Source Energy, drawing spiritual energy from there to maintain its suspension.

"Phew..."

Until the Sea Blue Source Crystal lightly landed.

Su Yu retracted his gaze, exhaling a turbid breath, a glint of light flowing in his eyes.

"The trait of this Sea Blue Source Crystal is truly beyond imagination!"

Su Yu softly murmured, a boundless joy in his heart.

Originally, he approached smelting this Sea Blue Ore with the mindset of trial and error.

But unexpectedly, the effect of this Sea Blue Source Crystal was indeed so magical.

With this batch of Sea Blue Source Crystals in hand.

When crafting the Rangers, he only needs to smelt some Sea Blue Source Crystals into the main frame of each Ranger.

This would enable the Rangers to have the trait of drawing spiritual energy from subspace, supplementing their energy consumption.

Not only can it significantly enhance the operational speed of the Rangers.

When activating the Rangers' Combat Swarm trait, it could also reduce the spiritual energy consumed by the Combat Swarm by at least thirty percent, and the duration could increase by about twenty percent!

As for the other Tungsten Blood Steel...

Su Yu's gaze shifted to the box beside him.

If the Sea Blue Source Crystals are used to improve the Rangers' endurance.

Then Tungsten Blood Steel is the real material to boost the combat power of the Sea Blue Source Crystal.

According to Su Yu's estimation.

With the ten kilograms of Tungsten Blood Steel in hand, if fully utilized in the creation of the upcoming fifteen Rangers.

It could at least elevate the overall strength of the Rangers crafted by him by an additional thirty percent on the existing quality basis!

Imagining the scene where, upon his command, the combat swarm formed by fifteen Rangers, with weapons shattering all barriers and firepower covering all foes.

An excitement couldn't help but surface in Su Yu's eyes!

Without wasting more time, flexing his wrists, Su Yu promptly activated his spiritual energy, starting the machinery beside him, and commenced a new round of grand creation!

The clanging sound of machines resounded in the repair room once again.

In an instant, three more days passed.

Inside the repair room, in front of the workbench.

As Su Yu completed assembling the last component.

A familiar system notification sounded in his ears once more, but this time, it was accompanied by a pleasant upgrade chime!

[Ding, you have successfully completed the creation of a Ranger, the work difficulty rating is: Extremely Difficult]

[The evaluation of this work result is: Outstanding]

[You have obtained an Intelligent Combat Machine-Ranger I, grade: Advanced]

[You gained Professional Experience: 2000 points]

[You gained Professional Skill Experience (Basic Mechanical Creation): 3000 points]

[Your Professional Experience has accumulated sufficiently, and your Professional Level has increased]

[Current Professional Level-Battlefield Mechanic: lvl 13]

[Your Professional Core Ability-Steel Meditation Technique level has been synchronously elevated]

[Your Skill Experience has accumulated sufficiently, and your Skill Level has increased]

[Current Professional Skill-Basic Mechanical Creation: lvl 10]

[...]

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As a series of prompt messages emerged.

Su Yu also lifted his head from the workbench.

Although he hadn't rested for about a day and a night, the energy recovery brought by the upgrade made Su Yu not feel tired at all. Looking at the completed advanced ranger in front of him, his heart was filled with quite a sense of accomplishment.

Looking back.

In Su Yu's repair room, they were lined up in a row, counting the one in his hand.

A full ten rangers had already been made.

Among these ten rangers, except for the very first one, which was at a beginner level due to initial inexperience,

the others were all at an intermediate level.

The last two rangers manufactured were even at an advanced level.

Moreover, with the reinforcement of [Tungsten Blood Steel].

Even if it is just a basic ranger, its strength is enough to confront a one-star advanced transcendent or radiation beast.

The strength of an intermediate ranger can even defeat an ordinary one-star top-tier extraordinary being.

As for advanced rangers...

Su Yu's gaze turned to his recent creation on the workbench, eyes sharp as a line of detailed attributes came into view.

[Intelligent Combat Machine·Ranger I]

[Manufacturer: Su Yu]

[Grade: Advanced]

[Trait: Cluster (When the number of the same type of combat machines reaches ten or more, a combat swarm can be formed, and the main brain's computing power increases by 20%)]

[Equipment:]

[Melee Weapon: Chain Saw Blade · Tungsten Blood Steel Enhancement (Toughness and Destructive Power Enhanced) X2]

[Medium Range Weapon: Flamethrower·Tungsten Blood Steel Enhancement (Load Capacity Increased) X2]

[Long Range Weapon: Heavy Machine Gun·Tungsten Blood Steel Enhancement (Fire Rate Amplification, Ammo Capacity Extended) X2]

[Skill:]

[Spiritual Shield Type I · Sea Blue Source Crystal Enhancement (Shield Tenacity Enhanced, Reduced Energy Consumption, Prolonged Duration): Consumes spiritual energy, condenses a shield, lasts for a certain period, can withstand up to a two-star intermediate damage within the shield's maintained range]

[Overall Strength Assessment: Two-Star Initial · Tungsten Blood Steel, Sea Blue Source Crystal Enhancement]

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It must be said, requesting tungsten blood steel and sea blue source crystal from the manager was undoubtedly the right decision.

Su Yu remembered, in the design blueprints he initially received, the description of the ranger's combat power was distinctly clear.

Under normal circumstances, only when a ranger reaches special grade can its strength match a two-star extraordinary being.

But now.

The two advanced rangers he created already possessed the combat power of a two-star initial level.

The unlocked [Spiritual Shield] skill can even withstand damage from a two-star intermediate!

Moreover, ten rangers have met the standard to trigger the trait [Cluster] and can form a combat swarm.

With the effect bonus of the combat swarm.

The combat strength of these ten rangers can at least handle a two-star top-tier transcendent.

Even, if necessary, letting the rangers self-destruct.

Facing a three-star extraordinary being, catching it off guard, it would also be severely injured by the explosion!

"This is just ten rangers. If there were more intelligent chips, the number of rangers could increase, and their power would be even higher."

Apart from this.

Su Yu looked at his attribute panel.

With the upgrade in his level as a battlefield mechanic.

His physical and mental power also underwent a new transformation.

Upon reaching level 13.

Su Yu's Steel Meditation maximum radiation area had expanded to a diameter of 65 meters.

Both his spiritual power and physical strength improved in succession.

Now, Su Yu's spiritual power star level had reached two-star top tier.

While his physical strength advanced to two-star advanced.

However, with this improvement, Su Yu also felt that both his spiritual power and physical strength were vaguely at a bottleneck.

Especially his spiritual power.

To further advance to a three-star level, the required level-up cannot be achieved just by a level or two.

Yet, although his strength was at the threshold.

With two-star top-tier spiritual power, combined with two-star advanced physical strength.

Su Yu's own combat power should not be underestimated.

With his current sniping skills, paired with the combat swarm of ten rangers.

Even without resorting to the extreme method of self-destruction.

Su Yu is confident in easily dealing with an ordinary three-star extraordinary being!

With a wave of his hand to close the profession panel.

Su Yu's eyes fell on the security box holding the intelligent chip set beside his workbench, not continuing with assembly.

As the number of assembled rangers increased.

The experience points gained by assembling one ranger for Su Yu kept decreasing.

Initially, one basic ranger could bring Su Yu 3000 points of professional experience.

By the end, even an advanced ranger could only increase Su Yu's professional experience by 2000.

Fortunately, battlefield mechanics have other ways to gain professional experience besides mechanical manufacturing.

Maneuvering combat machines and exterminating enemies can also yield experience points.

Just as his ranger combat swarm has already taken shape, Su Yu planned to make a trip to the wilderness.

On the one hand, to gather experience and quickly level up his profession.

On the other hand, to evaluate the strength of his ranger combat swarm.

Once his level increases again, he will return to assemble new rangers.

Combat intelligent chip sets are too valuable.

With Su Yu's current technical skills, even with good luck and a successful assembly, it's challenging to assemble a special-grade ranger.

However, if his level improves further, who knows.

Though the plan was set.

Su Yu wasn't in a rush to set out immediately but instead raised his hand to call Nuonuo to his side.

Over the past three days of ranger assembly.

Not only did Su Yu significantly improve his professional level.

In the process of making rangers, he also grew increasingly familiar with Nuonuo's construction.

After all.

The prototype of these rangers is right in front of Su Yu, Nuonuo!

Sensing Su Yu's gaze.

Nuonuo instinctively took a step back.

Unfortunately, although Nuonuo retreated quickly, Su Yu's reaction was even faster.

Swiftly grabbing one of Nuonuo's mechanical arms, he displayed a kind smile.

"Nuonuo, don't panic."

"Let me give you a good modification. Don't be afraid, trust my skills as your master. This modification will undoubtedly benefit you immensely!"

Nuonuo: "???"

Before Nuonuo could speak.

Su Yu ruthlessly exerted the power of a two-star advanced extraordinary of physical body, pushing Nuonuo onto the robot transformation frame beside the workbench, with spiritual energy circulating and Steel Meditation driving.

Electric drills, hammers, and mechanical clamps promptly flew into Su Yu's hands, and under his control, the clanging sound once again resounded in the repair room!

Chapter 65: Chapter 62: Entry Trait: Battlefield Vanguard

"Brother Su, I heard you called for us? Any instructions?"

Noon the next day.

Yang Lie pushed open the door to the repair room, speaking curiously as he turned his head to look around. The next second, his eyes froze.

At the end of Yang Lie's gaze.

Nuonuo, who had completed the second phase of transformation, was slowly moving out from the robot modification stand.

Compared to its original first-phase octopus form.

In the second phase, Nuonuo's size had increased further.

Its previously half-human height had now truly grown to match the height of an average person.

On its eight proportionally enlarged mechanical arms, various impactful new equipment was also added.

From electric drills to mechanical claws, to impact hammers, they were a dazzling array, available in abundance.

Although these pieces of equipment, if one were to insist, could reasonably be considered repair tools.

But, considering Nuonuo's already dramatically increased size after two transformations.

The size and weight of these repair tools were naturally enlarged accordingly.

Moreover, during the re-casting of these repair tools, Su Yu thoughtfully added a portion of Tungsten Blood Steel.

So much so that although they hadn't been officially activated yet.

The flashing cold glint made Yang Lie feel particularly intimidated just by looking at it!

Damn, is this really a mechanic's repair assistant robot?

Calling it a combat killing machine wouldn't be an exaggeration, would it!

Seeing Yang Lie's expression as if his worldview was being shattered.

Nuonuo, who was already somewhat unwilling, completely lost its "composure."

The characters on the entire display screen were immediately filled with various sad emoticons.

"Master, I told you, this modified appearance is not what a repair robot should look like!"

Nuonuo's voice system was still that mechanical electronic sound.

But the words it spoke were filled with a sense of sadness, making people feel deep sympathy.

It made Su Yu, standing aside, turn his head silently, not daring to "meet eyes" with Nuonuo.

This small assistant of his, wait no, now it should be called a big assistant.

Since following the master, its life's goal was to become the top-notch repair robot.

Su Yu was naturally fully supportive of Nuonuo's goal.

But unfortunately, the robot's life ideals also had to consider the current reality.

Considering the highly antagonistic situation between the Ninth Squad and Nightshade.

Compared to a repair robot, what Su Yu needed more was an assistant who could provide combat support.

"Ahem, Nuonuo, don't be too upset, Uncle Yang just misunderstood. Look at those tools on your hands, aren't they the tools we use for our regular repairs?"

Su Yu coughed and tried to explain earnestly.

But the sad text on Nuonuo's display screen just turned into a long string of ellipsis dots, which clearly showed that Su Yu's words were pointless.

"Alright, given the special circumstances now, Nuonuo, you know, we need more combat-capable forces, plus..."

Su Yu patted Nuonuo's shoulder with a profound look.

"Ask your core, after this modification, isn't the newly unlocked trait your greatest hallmark as a top repair robot?"

Upon hearing Su Yu mention its newly awakened ability.

The ellipsis that had been flashing on Nuonuo's display screen disappeared entirely.

The whole machine indeed became more lively, letting Yang Lie beside it finally breathe a sigh of relief yet feeling utterly surprised.

Previously, when Su Yu's mentor was still around.

Nuonuo already demonstrated considerable intelligence.

But nowhere near the level of intelligence it displayed now.

It no longer seemed like a robot but a real thinking being, albeit still somewhat naive in its wisdom.

And that was not all.

What Su Yu just mentioned about the new trait made Yang Lie quite curious and pleasantly surprised.

Whether it was conventional equipment or Mechanical Creations.

Being able to unlock a trait meant they had reached the Transcendent level, providing a much greater enhancement to a Transcendent compared to general Mechanical Creations!

Moreover, compared to conventional equipment.

If Nuonuo, as a robot assistant, could unlock a characteristic skill, the support it could offer Su Yu would surpass that of a standard Transcendent Equipment!

However, over the years in the Sanctuary, Yang Lie had seen many Transcendent Equipment,

And now Nuonuo had reached this category too?

Yang Lie thought, feeling a bit excited.

Yet he had seen quite a few assistant robots in the Sanctuary over the years.

But he had never seen an intelligent machine with characteristic skills, feeling somewhat skeptical, he couldn't help but ask cautiously: "Brother Su, are you serious about Nuonuo's trait, or is it an exaggeration?"

Seeing Yang Lie filled with both delight and anticipation, Su Yu didn't hold back and smiled faintly, "It's not an exaggeration, Nuonuo can indeed be called an Extraordinary Machine now!"

As he spoke.

Su Yu's gaze also fell upon Nuonuo, and a stream of information appeared in his sight.

[Battlefield Repair Robot-Nuonuo]

[Type: Intelligent Mechanic]

[Grade: Special Grade]

[...]

[Trait: Battlefield Vanguard]

[In battle, repair speed is increased by 100%!]

[Skills]

[Spiritual Shield I]

[Battlefield Repair: Consumes a certain amount of spiritual energy to perform emergency repairs on deployed combat machinery during battle, with a repair efficiency of eighty percent of the usual rate. Spare energy can be consumed to activate overload mode, doubling the repair efficiency!]

Special-grade Battlefield Repair Robot.

This was the result of Su Yu's hard work overnight.

After being upgraded to special grade, Nuonuo not only unlocked two new abilities, Spiritual Shield and Battlefield Repair.

And upon completing the transformation.

Su Yu's [Heart Blood Creation] also finished its cooldown.

As a machine upgraded to special grade with Su Yu's assistance, [Nuonuo] could also be considered a Mechanical Creation crafted by Su Yu, eligible for [Heart Blood Creation]'s enhancement.

Su Yu naturally didn't hesitate, using the cooled-down Heart Blood production times on Nuonuo, resulting in the [Battlefield Vanguard] trait.

"With the support of this trait and the [Battlefield Repair] skill."

"Nuonuo appearing on the battlefield, whether as support or a main combat robot, will significantly enhance my capabilities!"

Even so, compared to combat.

Su Yu was still more eagerly anticipating Nuonuo's performance in an auxiliary capacity.

According to Su Yu's estimates.

Given sufficient parts and spiritual energy supply, Nuonuo's current repair efficiency could maintain the repair of up to fifteen Cavalry units simultaneously.

Even with Battlefield Repair reducing efficiency to eighty percent during battle, it could still handle the repair of twelve Cavalry units simultaneously.

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This means, as long as the core of the ranger units isn't damaged.

During combat, Su Yu's ranger units, with Nuonuo for maintenance, are essentially invulnerable.

And this, without considering the effect of the "Battlefield Vanguard" trait.

If you factor in "Battlefield Vanguard," repair efficiency in combat increases by an extra 100%.

Which means Nuonuo, a single battlefield repair robot, can handle the maintenance of up to twenty-four ranger units.

Currently, there are only ten rangers, not yet showcasing Nuonuo's full importance.

But as the number of ranger units increases.

The advantage Nuonuo can utilize in combat will also grow accordingly.

At that time, Su Yu will supply the spiritual energy to maintain the combat swarm of ranger units, while Nuonuo will manage the repairs.

The Ninth Squad will follow behind, responsible for rear defenses and transporting parts.

As long as parts are not depleted.

They essentially possess an immortal mechanical army!

Moreover, this mechanical army can double in scale when Nuonuo activates backup energy and enters overload mode!

"No wonder battlefield mechanics are hailed as the cornerstone of the Empire's legion..."

Initially, Su Yu thought.

The Steel Meditation Technique equipped by battlefield mechanics seemed a bit underwhelming.

Not quite matching the prestigious title of being the Empire's cornerstone.

But now it seems.

It's not that battlefield mechanics can't fight.

It's that he hadn't yet discovered the true combat strategy of battlefield mechanics!

"However, even though the plan is great, it still needs to be validated through actual combat!"

Su Yu muttered softly, withdrawing his gaze to look at Yang Lie: "Uncle Yang, I'm planning to set off tonight, taking the Ninth Squad into the wild to test the results of these past days!"

"Set off tonight? Using nocturnal hunting to test the results?"

Yang Lie was a bit taken aback, slightly worried if Su Yu might be rushing things.

After all, although Nuonuo looks impressive.

Its original form was merely a repair assistant.

Even after modification, Yang Lie was unsure of its actual combat capabilities.

Yang Lie wasn't worried about Su Yu's safety, but was concerned that Nuonuo might get damaged in combat, which would be a pity!

Seeing Yang Lie's worried expression, Su Yu smiled slightly, waved his hand, and said: "Uncle Yang, no need to worry, when I say testing results, I don't mean testing Nuonuo, but testing these little guys!"

Saying this, Su Yu focused his thoughts.

The spiritual energy of the Steel Meditation Technique radiated out.

Suddenly, accompanied by mechanical startup sounds and gear operation clicks.

Under Yang Lie's surprised gaze, a series of ranger units, which had been lying dormant in the repair area, slowly raised their heads, their displays lit up, forming a spearhead formation, gathering in front of Su Yu, one by one chainsaw blades flashing with cold light, the nine ranger units equipped with heavy machine guns were enough to make Yang Lie involuntarily swallow his saliva!

Although these ten ranger units had not yet fought.

Yang Lie, whose strength had evolved to a three-star level, instinctively sensed.

The strength of these ten ranger units might not be weaker than that of ordinary Transcendent life forms.

Even if they charged together.

Even he might not have an easy time against them!

"These... were made by young brother Su over the past few days?"

Yang Lie's tone was full of disbelief.

Seeing Su Yu nod with a smile, Yang Lie couldn't help but take a deep breath, feeling assured, and directly nodded: "Then I have nothing to worry about, I'll make the arrangements, and we can be ready to set off in an hour!"

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An hour later, outside Shelter No. 73.

The night descended, and the moonlight was covered by thick radioactive clouds, barely spilling any light, which provided little illumination for the wilderness, making the barren land appear even more desolate and eerie.

In the silent night, only the creaking of the Ninth Squad's trailer moving could be heard.

Several logistics team members gathered around one spot, looking somewhat tense.

Although it wasn't their first nocturnal hunt, hunting at night always posed a risk for logistical personnel with little combat ability.

Fortunately, this tension didn't last long, being eased by Yang Lie and other combat team members who were constantly on alert around the trailer.

Compared to the tense logistics personnel.

Yang Lie and the combat team members were far more excited.

After all, for hunting team combatants used to fighting.

The battles in the wild were dangerous but also served as a kind of refinement for them.

Many extraordinary beings of the Physical Body type had sensed spiritual energy during fierce battles, thereby achieving transcendence.

Moreover, in the past few weeks, being directly under Su Yu.

The quality of equipment for the Ninth Squad outstripped that of other hunting teams working with Su Yu.

Su Yu wanted to use actual combat to test the strength of the ranger units.

They too wanted to use actual combat to test their current combat abilities.

Among these combat team members, Zhang Wu and Li Mao were the most eager.

Both had been targeted and severely injured by the Night Slayer Team earlier.

Especially Zhang Wu, who was almost rendered incapable of fighting and became practically useless.

However, with Su Yu's rise, not only was the ant poison in Yang Lie's body cured.

After completing an order assigned by the management office and earning a substantial amount of contribution points.

Su Yu specifically exchanged for special-effect medicines to heal their injuries.

But, by the time Zhang Wu and Li Mao recovered, Su Yu had already successfully changed his profession to a battlefield mechanic.

Consequently, the Ninth Squad no longer had to frequently risk their lives hunting outside.

Although Zhang Wu and Li Mao were eager to repay Su Yu's kindness, they couldn't find a good opportunity right away.

Until today, when Su Yu led the Ninth Squad into the wild, starting the riskiest night hunt.

Zhang Wu and Li Mao naturally geared up, ready to demonstrate their skills.

Even though Su Yu stated that the goal was to test the actual combat capability of the ranger units.

Both of them were still fully motivated, ready to showcase their strengths.

Moreover, they didn't think there would be no chance for them to exert their skills, after all...

Zhang Wu and Li Mao thought as they looked at the spearhead formation, acting as the vanguard, the ten ranger units in the forefront of the team.

These small robots, not much different in size from Radiation Hyenas, how much combat power could they possibly have?

Though they were equipped with many weapons, Zhang Wu and Li Mao had doubts about their effectiveness in critical moments.

To put it bluntly.

In their, and even the minds of other Ninth Squad members.

Aside from Yang Lie, whose strength had reached a three-star level, everyone felt that the combined combat power of these ten ranger units might not even be as useful as Nuonuo, who was always ready to start repairs next to Su Yu!

Just when some were nervous, others expectant or skeptical.

Su Yu at the front of the team suddenly raised his eyebrows, quickly signaling the team to halt their advance.

"Everyone be on guard——!"

"About 1,300 meters ahead, a herd of Radiation Beasts has appeared!"

Chapter 67: Chapter 64 Firepower Coverage!

"Radiation beasts approaching!"

As Su Yu's voice rang out, Yang Lie and the others instantly became more alert.

Zhang Wu immediately moved the sniper rifle in front of him, raised the sighting mirror, and looked 1,300 meters away, reporting in a deep voice!

"Target beast group spotted! Estimated species... Radiation Wolves!"

"Approximately thirty-seven... no, still increasing! Estimated size around fifty! Preliminary assessment of the leader's strength is around top-tier two-star!"

Li Mao quickly stepped forward as well, raising his binoculars to look out at the distant wilderness. In just a few seconds, he had estimated the situation of the radiation beasts, which gave Su Yu a small shock.

One had to admit, although Li Mao and Zhang Wu were just one-star Transcendents, their rich hunting experience compensated for the difference in star level!

"A radiation wolf pack of around fifty..."

Yang Lie, receiving the intel, quickly came forward and asked Su Yu, "Brother Su, what's our plan? Do we maneuver and engage these wolf cubs or fight a positional battle?"

Even though there was only a mere kilometer between them now.

For the Ninth Squad's logistics members, their time in the sanctuary had upgraded their physical abilities to a new level.

A kilometer buffer was more than enough to set up a simple vehicle camp fortification!

Hearing Yang Lie's question, Su Yu looked ahead, engaging both Perception of Killing Intent and Wilderness Perception. In his view, each radiation wolf turned into crimson dots.

The stronger the radiation wolf, the more intense and glaring the color, swiftly closing in.

In no more than five minutes, they would be in combat!

"This wolf pack might be stronger than Brother Li Mao predicted! Their wolf king leader is likely at three-star! Many of the wolf cubs have also reached two-star!"

Su Yu said gravely.

"Their mobility is too fast, maneuver warfare won't work! Positional battle! Uncle Yang, it's in your hands!"

After speaking.

Su Yu waved his hand decisively!

"Nuonuo, let's move out!"

In less than five minutes, even with the Ninth Squad's current logistical capabilities, setting up defensive positions was unrealistic.

But it didn't matter.

As long as they could stall the wolf pack for a while, it would be enough!

"Don't worry about me, just focus on setting up the positions quickly! The sooner they are set up, the sooner I can fall back for defense!"

As Su Yu's voice faded.

He was already alongside Nuonuo, forming a spearhead formation with the protection of ten cavalry, heading toward the incoming radiation wolf pack!

"Brother Su?!"

Seeing Su Yu's actions.

Zhang Wu and Li Mao instinctively called out, wanting to stop him, but as soon as they spoke, they were astounded by Su Yu's displayed speed!

Although Yang Lie mentioned before departure that Su Yu's abilities had significantly improved.

Neither Zhang Wu nor Li Mao expected Su Yu's strength to grow to such an extent!

Seeing Zhang Wu and Li Mao's astonished expressions, Yang Lie couldn't help but smile while shaking his head.

"Don't worry about Brother Su, if he's confident, he certainly has a plan!"

Although Yang Lie was also curious whether Su Yu and the cavalry unit could withstand the radiation wolf pack.

However, even if they couldn't, there was no concern!

Just as Su Yu is confident in his abilities.

Yang Lie has equal confidence in his own strength!

Even if Su Yu struggles.

Having reached three-star himself, Yang Lie is confident he and Nuonuo could extract Su Yu from the radiation wolf pack!

"Focus on securing the positions first! Don't worry about Brother Su's side!"

"Yes!"

The members of the Ninth Squad felt Yang Lie's strong confidence in Su Yu in his tone.

Initially tense over the unexpected strength of the radiation wolf pack, they now felt much calmer, responding in unison to Yang Lie's call, enthusiastically beginning the vehicle camp construction!

Zhang Wu and Li Mao, feeling the infectious atmosphere, also threw themselves into building the vehicle camp.

But before they could do much construction!

In the distance, there were already short and dense bursts of gunfire echoing through the wilderness!

Ten cavalry, including that initial Cavalry, after advancing with Su Yu for 300 meters, quickly dispersed at his command, setting up in combat formation, each heavy machine gun rapidly taking position.

Soon, under Su Yu's order, they aimed at the now silhouetted radiation wolf pack ahead and pulled the triggers!

"Rat-tat-tat-tat-tat——!"

The muzzle flashes roared! Shell casings hit the ground! The radiation wolf pack was caught completely off guard!

This radiation wolf pack, as Su Yu predicted, had a three-star Radiation Wolf King leading them.

Under the command of this wolf king, their hunts in the surrounding areas of the sanctuary were almost always successful!

Moreover, under the wolf king's orders.

Their movements were extremely concealed.

They often infiltrated to within a hundred meters of a hunting team or another beast group before being discovered.

And such a short distance only took the radiation wolves, more than half of whom had reached the Transcendent star level, a few seconds to sprint!

Following was the brutal yet gratifying hunt and feast.

Today, under the wolf king's leadership, their hunt should have been just as smooth.

After all, the ambush site they chose was impeccable!

In this area, for several kilometers around, was a prairie of gray-brown withered grass.

This gray-brown grassland, during the peak of summer, could even grow taller than a person!

Although now withered.

It was still dense and lush!

And the fur of these radiation wolves was similarly gray-brown.

On this withered prairie, it was the perfect camouflage!

With the land providing them an advantage, the radiation wolves thought today's hunt would be as successful as always!

However, as the cavalry began shooting.

The sudden heavy firepower coverage stunned all the radiation wolves, even the three-star Radiation Wolf King was momentarily dazed!

And in that split second of daze!

"Bang! Bang bang!"

Two of its two-star radiation wolf confidants beside it were immediately torn apart by the cavalry's heavy firepower, covered in holes!

Blood mist erupted from their bodies, and before they could even let out a wail, they were corpses devoid of life, collapsing to the ground with a thud!

"Awoo!"

Witnessing its two confidants being slaughtered.

This somewhat intelligent Radiation Wolf King's eyes were instantly filled with blood red, yet it had acquired notable hunting intelligence, no longer relying solely on its beast instincts.

Even in this moment, it maintained enough composure, letting out a howl toward the sky!

"Swish swish swish swish swish swish——!"

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As the Wolf King's roar echoed across the wasteland!

Behind it, the thirty-odd Radiation Wolves, who had luckily survived or were only lightly injured from the Ranger Squad's first wave of heavy firepower, responded with deep growls.

Then, one by one, they turned sideways and rushed into the gray-brown grass that stood taller than a person!

With a few leaps, their figures became difficult to spot!

"Escaped, they escaped!?"

Seeing this scene.

In the distance, Yang Lie and the others, who were setting up camp, were amazed by the heavy firepower coverage caused by the Ranger Squad's cluster attack.

Each one couldn't help but exclaim!

"No, they haven't escaped yet!"

Hearing Yang Lie and the others' voices, Su Yu's lips curled into a smile as he spoke softly, his eyes glittering coldly!

Under the enhancement of his Perception of Killing Intent.

At this moment, in the gray-brown withered grass around the Ranger Squad, those scarlet and menacing dots representing hostility were still brightly visible and moving rapidly!

In just a few breaths, they enclosed Su Yu and his Ranger Squad at the center!

And then—

"Crack!"

Accompanied by the sound of breaking wind.

Under the astonished gaze of Yang Lie and the others, a massive Radiation Wolf King, almost as big as a small van, leaped into the air from the gray-brown withered grass, charging directly at Su Yu!

"Such speed!"

In Su Yu's eyes, a brilliant light flashed, but there was no fear, only boundless battle intent burning like fire!

"Unfortunately, your movements are still too obvious to me!"

The moment he finished speaking.

"Boom!"

The Steel Meditation in Su Yu's mind was forcefully activated!

As the gears turned, Su Yu's spiritual energy rapidly spread out, descending onto each Ranger around him!

Trait-Cluster, activate!

Combat Swarm, initiate!

With the spiritual energy enhancement.

The Rangers, who were originally guarding their surroundings with heavy machine guns, completed their equipment switch in almost an instant!

"Sizzle sizzle sizzle——!"

Under the nearly stunned gaze of Yang Lie and others.

In the half-second that the Radiation Wolf King jumped out of the grass and attacked Su Yu!

Ten Rangers turned simultaneously, completed target lock, aimed their flamethrowers specifically used for mid-range attacks at the airborne Radiation Wolf King, and fiery red flames were instantly fired in a cluster!

"Awooo!?"

Even the Radiation Wolf King was shocked by this scene!

However, it must be said that this Radiation Wolf King is indeed a three-star Transcendent, with terrifying strength.

Realizing that the damage this time was unavoidable.

A determined glint, oddly human-like, flashed in the beastly eyes of the Radiation Wolf King, and then its enormous body, under the enhancement of some mysterious energy.

Performed an almost impossible mid-air maneuver to alter its attack direction away from Su Yu, aiming at the weakest Ranger among the ten.

Faced with its flaming spray, it fiercely pounced down!

"Crack!"

Almost simultaneously as the Ranger spewed flames.

The Radiation Wolf King's attack synchronized and smashed down!

With the sound of shattering.

Half of that Ranger's body was instantly crushed by the Radiation Wolf King's claw!

However, the Radiation Wolf King wasn't unharmed either.

Though it dodged most of the flame spray, three flames still struck its body, making the three-star Radiation Wolf King let out an unbearable and shrill howl!

Still.

It did not lose its fighting capability.

After destroying that one lower-level Ranger, the burning fur and flesh on its body fully aroused its ferocity.

With a menacing roar.

The Radiation Wolf King leaped high again, like a gray-brown streak of light, lunging at another mid-level Ranger!

As always, the claws swung down!

Only this time, there was even a strange, dark glow surrounding its claws, under this glow's enhancement.

The mid-level Ranger, theoretically more than twice as tough as the lower-level one, did not fare well either.

Its outer shell was partly crushed by the Radiation Wolf King, and its heavy machine gun was sent flying into the air, breaking into two pieces before hitting the ground!

"Gulp..."

Witnessing the terrifying power of the Radiation Wolf King.

Yang Lie and the others gulped instinctively from afar.

Yang Lie couldn't help but want to jump in and help.

Yet before he could act.

Su Yu had already moved!

The astonishing destructive power displayed by the Radiation Wolf King didn't scare Su Yu.

Quite the opposite!

Seeing the two Rangers being damaged, a peculiar brilliance shone in Su Yu's eyes!

"Nuonuo, it's your turn! Quickly use Battlefield Repair!"

As he spoke, Su Yu directed a stream of spiritual energy onto Nuonuo.

Nuonuo, who was already eager and ready, swung her mechanical arm.

The eight mechanical arms almost turned into afterimages, and under the enhancement of "Battlefield Vanguard," began repairing the two damaged Rangers at a speed visible to the naked eye!

The clinking sound of repair was continuous.

Under the incredulous expressions of Yang Lie and others.

In less than three minutes, the two Rangers completed their emergency repair!

Aside from the heavy machine guns being too damaged to be restored.

The overall armor was repaired, and under Su Yu's command, they were quickly thrown back into battle!

"You've got to be kidding me..."

Mechanics, in Shelter No. 73 and every settlement, are the most common profession.

But in the eyes of the people, a mechanic is just a supportive role, a logistics job.

Even those mechanics who occasionally step onto the battlefield rely more on their combat skills honed through their repair duties, rather than their Mechanical Creations.

But now.

Seeing those two Rangers repaired and rejoining the battlefield in just a few minutes.

And noticing that from start to finish, technically Su Yu never made a move.

Yet he had already cornered the three-star Radiation Wolf King into very dangerous and awkward positions.

Yang Lie, as well as other members of the Ninth Squad, all had a single thought in their minds!

"Is this really something a mechanic can do?"

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Yang Lie and the others were shocked, a fact unbeknownst to Su Yu.

At this moment, Su Yu had already wholeheartedly immersed himself in commanding the ranger unit.

With the ranger unit forming a [Combat Swarm], the computing power of the loaded Intelligent Chips was fully activated.

This gave Su Yu an incredibly smooth control experience.

It was as if he suddenly had ten clones or ten extra arms!

With Nuonuo assisting on the side.

Even if a ranger was damaged, it could be quickly repaired.

The Radiation Wolf King, trapped within the ranger's encirclement, after several minutes of struggling, finally exhausted its energy and was decapitated by the combined efforts of the two strongest Advanced Rangers! Blood spilled across the wasteland!

Meanwhile, the Radiation Wolves under the Radiation Wolf King were not just watching from the sidelines.

Instead, they kept trying to break through Su Yu's ranger formation.

However, compared to the power of the Radiation Wolf King, their strength was much weaker.

The Radiation Wolf King could directly breach the ranger unit's defense line, nearly succeeding in a surprise attack on Su Yu.

But the remaining Radiation Wolves could only manage to get near Nuonuo at best.

However, compared to Nuonuo, their strength was noticeably lacking.

Although Nuonuo played the role of support and repair technician.

The eight mechanical arms equipped with repair tools could not only pound the rangers' armor but also smash the skulls of the Radiation Wolves.

As such,

after Nuonuo smashed the skulls of a few star-level Radiation Wolves,

even the most loyal Radiation Wolves to their Wolf King noticed how they struggled to break free of the encirclement, and how quickly the occasionally damaged rangers were repaired by Nuonuo and sent back into battle.

Their simple brains quickly made a decision.

One by one, the Radiation Wolves tucked their tails, whimpered, and disappeared into the dry grass.

This outcome was something Su Yu hadn't anticipated.

He initially thought that after dealing with the Radiation Wolf King, he would still have to battle its loyal subordinates.

Unexpectedly, he had overestimated the wolves' loyalty.

However, thanks to their retreat,

the Radiation Wolf King, whose energy was nearly depleted, seemed to lose its morale as well, resisting weakly enough for Su Yu to seize the opportunity.

With both Advanced Rangers simultaneously activating their backup energy, under the brief overload boost, the Chain Saw Blade roared mightily, crossing in a swift slash.

"Slush!"

Blood splattered everywhere.

This Radiation Wolf King, notorious in the wasteland, was beheaded, its head and body falling to the ground separately!

[Congratulations on successfully killing a Radiation Beast: Three-Star Primary Radiation Wolf King. You have gained 5,000 Professional Experience points!]

A line of notification suddenly appeared, bringing a look of delight to Su Yu's eyes!

"Indeed, for a Battlefield Mechanic, slaughter is also an effective way to gain experience!"

A three-star Radiation Wolf King could provide him with so much experience.

If he could hunt several more, or dozens of the slightly lower two-star Radiation Beasts, without saying it would max out the Battlefield Mechanic's level, reaching level fifteen or sixteen shouldn't be a problem!

"Unfortunately, encountering Radiation Beast Lords of this level isn't easy."

Su Yu shook his head, feeling a bit regretful.

This was his first time deploying rangers in combat.

There were still many areas where his experience was not adept.

For example, underestimating the ranger unit's combat power once it formed the Combat Swarm, as well as Nuonuo's rapid repair speed under the Battlefield Vanguard support.

If he had known that the ranger unit alone could trap the Radiation Wolf King.

Su Yu wouldn't have had Yang Lie and the others set up a formation but instead had them try to hold off the Radiation Wolves led by the Radiation Wolf King.

This way, after killing the Radiation Wolf King, he could have reaped more experience from the ordinary Radiation Wolves.

Moreover,

Su Yu looked at the lifeless body of the Radiation Wolf King before him and shook his head slightly.

"The combat power demonstrated by a three-star Radiation Beast in a desperate situation should not be underestimated either."

This Radiation Wolf King nearly managed to reach him and perform a decapitation strike.

Had it not been for the ranger unit, also having this almost berserk capability in the form of a twenty percent computing power boost at a critical moment, switching equipment instantly, and forcing the Radiation Wolf King back.

Otherwise,

even with Su Yu's considerable strength,

being swiped by a Radiation Beast King the size of a small van could have been quite tough.

"One's strength still needs improvement, not only in spiritual abilities but also in physical enhancement."

Moreover,

there's the number of rangers.

After this battle, what impressed Su Yu the most was the power of his ranger unit when fighting as a Cluster.

Even though the Radiation Wolf King was only a three-star primary level.

The combat power demonstrated in its final struggle was not much weaker than a typical three-star intermediate-level Radiation Beast.

Yet the ranger unit still firmly suppressed this Radiation Wolf King.

Even though this was partly due to Su Yu's spiritual energy amplification, it also showed the excellent combat power of the ranger unit in cluster operations, possibly stronger than Su Yu had previously estimated.

Under these conditions, if he could add more rangers,

Su Yu believed,

that even against three-star intermediate or even three-star advanced or peak Transcendent beings,

he might still be able to put up a fight!

Of course,

he couldn't just blindly pursue the number of rangers.

The quality of the rangers must also be well-controlled.

After all, Su Yu's spiritual energy isn't unlimited.

If he has to command too many rangers, the efficiency might drop, resulting in a loss rather than a gain.

According to Su Yu's feeling,

"With the [lv13 Steel Meditation]'s enhancement, my optimal command range is about twelve to fifteen rangers."

If the level of the Meditation Technique could be further improved,

this number could still increase!

"Enhancing one's own strength in both the spiritual and physical domains, along with increasing the number of rangers."

These are the two directions Su Yu aims to strengthen next.

Regarding these,

The solutions for both the spiritual domain and increasing ranger numbers are the same.

That's to level up the [Battlefield Mechanic].

Each upgrade of the Battlefield Mechanic greatly enhances Su Yu's spiritual energy and the expansion and development of his brain.

However, conversely,

regarding the growth in physical strength and endurance, the advancement of the Battlefield Mechanic seems somewhat lacking.

Right now, Su Yu can't think of a faster way to enhance his physical stats.

What comes to mind all require long-term effort to see results.

"Perhaps... I can resort to external aids?"

Chapter 70: Chapter 67: Strengthening Direction

Using external aid.

This was the solution Su Yu came up with.

The inspiration for this method came from the old man, the administrator.

The administrator of Shelter No. 73, as far as Su Yu knew, was likely already approaching a century in age.

Yet the old man's strength gave Su Yu the impression that even Yang Lie, who had already stepped into the three-star level, might not withstand more than ten rounds against him in a direct confrontation.

Such combat prowess naturally does not come solely from the old man's physical strength.

The prosthetic modifications and the parts he had installed were the greatest contributors.

Of course.

Su Yu was not arrogant enough to think that his current level of technology could allow him to directly perform prosthetic modifications on his own body.

His idea was to create entirely new mechanical equipment to arm himself, such as external armor, to enhance his own safety.

If necessary, he could even ignore the side effects of reduced mobility.

If worse comes to worst, when encountering an enemy, he could just enter armor protection mode and engage in small-scale positional warfare.

Anyway, he has the combination of Nuonuo and the ranger squad.

His endurance in combat can definitely rival that of Radiation Beasts, possibly even surpassing them!

Having figured out the direction for his next enhancement,

Su Yu felt much more relaxed.

Of course, completing these enhancements would require a considerable number of parts.

Moreover, to ensure that the newly created ranger and mechanical equipment could amplify his strength to the extent Su Yu hoped,

the quality of the parts must also be controlled.

If the quality of the parts is too poor, no matter how good Su Yu's technique is, it would be like a clever woman unable to cook without rice.

The spiritual energy from subspace, while containing various incredible powers,

Su Yu's current level clearly hasn't reached the point where he can perform void creation or turn stone to gold, creating intermediate and advanced equipment from a pile of subpar parts.

However, prior to this, Su Yu had sent a batch of improved weapons and equipment to hunting teams with whom he had cooperated, including the fourth squad led by Hu Yueshan.

With this boost from the weapons and equipment,

the harvests of these hunting teams in the wilderness should somewhat improve on their original basis.

Coupled with the gains from his ninth squad hunting expedition,

combined, the recovered materials, even if not enough to fill all gaps, should at least cover fifty to sixty percent of them.

So Su Yu mused.

Thus, he joined forces with Yang Lie and others to cut and pack the materials from the Radiation Wolf King, and then led the ninth squad to continue hunting in the wilderness, time flowing away like water, and soon three days passed.

"Dadadadada—!"

"Bang!"

The sound of heavy gunfire was interspersed with occasional dull sniper detonations, echoing across the barren plains.

Accompanied by a tragic beast roar,

a Radiation Beast King, whose strength had reached the three-star level, with a body towering over a person, fell with a thud, a large hole in its forehead gushed blood and brain matter, its limbs twitched weakly a few times, and then it died completely!

"Awoooooo..."

Watching their lord being mercilessly sniped by the unknown boy protected by machinery,

the Radiation Beasts led by the Radiation Beast King let out a piercing and angry howl across the plains.

Then? Then they all turned and scattered, fleeing without the slightest hesitation.

"Although they can be considered Transcendent life forms, these Radiation Beasts, who are not even at the intermediate level, clearly have not reached the point where each can possess complete emotions like 'loyalty' or 'revenge'!"

Su Yu watched the radiation beasts fleeing in panic and whispered softly, his eyes showing no surprise.

After three days of hunting, he had already grown accustomed to the cold-blooded nature of these radiation beasts and was fully prepared.

He slung the sniper rifle onto his back, and between his eyebrows, the Steel Meditation Technique was quietly activated, spiritual energy dissipating into a field, enhancing each ranger around him.

"Buzz!"

The rangers suddenly raised their heads, their originally steady-moving tracks abruptly accelerated, their speed of movement immediately doubled, and their weapons were all

switched to flamethrowers capable of group attacks, quickly catching up with the radiation beasts lagging behind!

"Fire!"

With Su Yu's command,

tongues of flame engulfed over twenty Radiation Beasts in an instant, among them, some that had no star rating were immediately cooked from the inside by the fierce high-temperature flames, releasing an unbearable stench.

Meanwhile,

as this batch of Radiation Beasts fought against Su Yu's ranger squad, the ninth squad's members, who had been secretly laying in ambush around this battlefield, moved almost simultaneously.

Within the shortest time possible, they intercepted those radiation beasts escaping the fastest, possessing the strongest strength, and the richest experience!

Yang Lie and others, remembered Su Yu's command.

Just to hold these Radiation Beasts, not necessarily kill them,

The rest can be left for the rangers to take down.

With such orders, Yang Lie and others naturally felt at ease.

Watching the Radiation Beasts approaching, once in range, they first swept with firearms, then Yang Lie and the melee fighters charged in, not needing to fight to the death, just aiming and hacking at those beasts lucky enough not to have their limbs injured in the first sweep before retreating, then Zhang Wu and Li Mao's firearm team resumed the sweep.

After two rounds of this,

they had kept about seventy percent of the radiation beasts on the battlefield, leaving them as experience points for the ranger squad led by Su Yu, who would follow closely behind.

Ten minutes later,

this "battle" was declared over.

Yang Lie and the others let out a long breath, looking around at the Radiation Beast corpses strewn about, each felt a bit emotional.

"If it were a month ago, who would have thought we would achieve this sight today?"

Yang Lie sighed once.

A group of Radiation Beasts led by a three-star Beast King.

In the past, even with his extraordinary physical body at the three-star level, he dared not face them head-on.

Even if forced, if they really engaged in combat,

the best outcome would have been a Pyrrhic victory for the ninth squad.

But now?

The ninth squad from start to finish was more like an auxiliary force.

The toughest Beast King was dealt with by the ranger squad.

And even when intercepting those fleeing radiation beasts at the end, if not for the rangers relentlessly chasing them, driving those radiation beasts into a frantic flight not daring to fight,

even if Yang Lie's team already laid in ambush there, they wouldn't have been able to finish them off so easily!