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Chapter 57: Copyright Music

Adam shook his head with a small grin as he watched Frank leave but his attention was soon brought back to Lizzie as she spoke up.

"Are you sure you're ok with this? Since you didn't claim any reward I can still stop it if you want?"

"Nah it's fine, I can afford at least a single round." Adam replied.

"Ok." Lizzie replied before apologising, "I should apologise for leaking that news just now but believe it or not I did it for your own good. Normally a mercenary's information is confidential unless they wish to reveal it, however as a new mercenary you would have no respect from the others, however now that they know what you did they respect you."

"I understand, thanks." Adam said with a small smile.

Lizzie smiled in return before sending something to Adam's uniband.

"This is your mercenary license.. If you're ever on a job and law enforcement officers question you, show them this along with explaining the job and it should be good."

"Mercenary ranks range from G to triple S. Normally a new mercenary starts at rank G, however because of your work in saving Diva Lorelie you have been promoted to rank F."

"Other than special circumstances the normal way to rank up is by completing ten missions. Except from A rank and above where you still have to complete ten missions but also gain the recommendation of a higher ranked mercenary or a Mercenary Hall leader."

"You can view the missions available to you and accept them by scanning your uniband at one of the mercenary terminals."

"Also If you acquire any valuable loot, cargo or equipment from any pirates or other enemies you defeat, bring them to us so we can buy them off you."

As Lizzie finished explaining everything Adam thanked her before going to look at the jobs on the terminal.

The missions available were the general sort Spector had mentioned before, goods transport, escort duty, pirate elimination, mineral search, mining and so on.

There were hundreds of different jobs available in the F rank category and even more in the G rank.

After scanning through them Adam decided to accept a pirate elimination mission and mineral search mission that were in the same area before walking over to the bar.

"What's the damage?" He asked the barkeep Greg who smiled before showing him the bill.

Adam sighed before paying the bill which caused the mercenaries to shout out with thanks before Adam left the Mercenary Hall and headed for the Bounty Hunter Guild.

Much like the Mercenary Hall, the Bounty Hunter Guild had put a message notification out associated with the Spector's registration number about how he saved Diva Lorelie and as he registered he bypassed the trial test and jumped straight to F rank again.

The worker informed him that since he was registered with both the Mercenary Hall and Bounty Hunter Guild the mission terminals of both would highlight any missions that coincided between jobs from both organisations and he could accept them all together or individually saving him from having to travel back and forth.

Adam saw that there were several bounties out on the pirates he had already taken a job on with the Mercenary Hall so he quickly accepted those jobs before returning to Spector.



The Spector dropped out of FTL not far from Palaxia at the edge of an asteroid field before Adam plotted a course to navigate the field.

Adam's missions had him scan a certain section of the asteroid field for valuable minerals that could be mined while eliminating any pirates that appeared in that same area.

[Launching stream.]

[[Stream description below:]]

[[Stream Title: Mineral Scan and Pirate Elimination]]

[[Mission Parameters: You have successfully joined both the Mercenary Hall and Bounty Hunter Guild and have received your first jobs that involve mineral scanning and pirate elimination.]]

[[Missions Goal: Complete the mineral scan in the designated area of the asteroid field while defeating any Pirates encountered.]]

[Forever1stCommenter (Earth): First.]

[Devil_Prince_Asura (Deverinian 9): Streamer you're famous.]

"What?" Adam asked in surprise at seeing the message.

[Devil_Prince_Asura (Deverinian 9): Diva Lorelie did an Xer-verse post about being attacked and mentioned you, go check it out. [Link Attached]]

Adam focussed on the link and it opened to show an Xer-verse post made by Diva Lorelie's official account.

[[Hello everyone, I would first like to thank all who have been sending me messages asking if I'm alright since the news about the pirate attack broke.

I want to inform you all that I am perfectly healthy and received no serious injuries during the attack.

I would also like to thank the man who saved me and welcomed me onto his ship after the one I was traveling on started to lose life support.

So once again I thank everyone for their well wishes and in particular the man who saved me. I am looking forward to performing at the Terran Imperial family's special event in two days where you all should look forward to a surprise.

P.S. Thanks for the gift, it was greatly appreciated and I will make good use of it. Also I hope to eat more of that chocolate ice cream in the future.]]

[1000yearsofdeath (Earth): You call that being mentioned and becoming famous? She could be talking about anyone. kekeke.]

[Handsome3horns (Vinox 2): Fuck a personal thank you from Diva Lorelie, that's huge.]

[Leonthemoneygiver (Earth): Did you really give her chocolate ice cream? I hope it was the expensive kind.]

[OfficialLorelie (Imperial Down): He did.]

[Superior4horns (Vinox 3): WTF!!!]

[Celebrityhunter69 (Earth): Diva Lorelie a real universal celebrity is here in the channel.]

[Beinglittleisnotadisadvantage (Strathorp 7): Welcome Diva Lorelie.]

[OfficialLorelie (Imperial Down): Thank you for the warm welcome, however I am currently in a meeting and only popped in to thank the streamer again after Becky squealed that he had gone live. So thank you again streamer, or is it Spector?]

[Gunlovergirl (Earth): Becky?]

[Beczontop (Imperial Down): That's me.]

[Celebrityhunter69 (Earth): You're with Diva Lorelie? Lucky.]

[Beczontop (Imperial Down): Hehe we are transporting her to Terrana 5 on the Imperial Down.]

"You're most welcome Diva Lorelie." Adam replied as he continued to pilot the Spector.

[OfficialLorelie (Imperial Down): Well I have to get back to my meeting, but expect me to drop in often in the future as I want you all to tell me about the streamers past exploits.]]

[Celebrityhunter69 (Earth): Of course Diva Lorelie.]

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): You're welcome anytime and we look forward to your company.]

[OfficialLorelie (Imperial Down): 🙌]

[Noobkiller9000 (Earth): Wow streamer looks like you have yourself a big time celebrity as a fan now haha.]

[Whostolemyduck (Earth): So it seems the streamer became a merc and bounty hunter.]

[Beinglittleisnotadisadvantage (Strathorp 7): Yup, let's hope he finds and kills loads of pirates, I want to see more of his ships weapons if possible.]

Adam slowly flew between the asteroids while he had Spector's sensors scan every asteroid within range and record the readings so he could hand it into the Mercenary Hall to complete his mission when he got back.

The sensors were also scanning for other ships, however there was still no sign of pirates after an hour.

[StealthAssassin9 (Earth): Not gonna lie but this is kinda dull, it doesn't compare to the streamers other streams.]

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): It's one of the reasons a lot of streamers don't IRL stream space missions. Only those that involve space combat and put their lives on the line tend to bring in lots of viewers and credits and most are not willing to do that.]

[DeverinianLordMalacoss (Deverinian 9): Scanning for minerals that can be mined is an important job the mercenaries get since it helps keep the economy moving. However many viewers see it as dull and tedious since there are no explanations.]

[Handsome3horns (Vinox 2): Did they abandon the area?]

[Beinglittleisnotadisadvantage (Strathorp 7): It's possible though I doubt it, an asteroid field is a great hiding spot since the constant movement and rotation of the asteroids helps hide idle ship signatures.]

Adam continued his patrol though since he was bored he decided to put on some music.

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): What's this music? I never heard this before.]

[Superior4horns (Vinox 3): Nor me, I like it though.]

[Noobkiller9000 (Earth): It's called Megamall by Desert Water.]

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): Oh it's a song from Earth.]



Back on Earth a man rushed into the office of his boss saying, "Boss we have a problem."

"What is it?" The boss asked while looking up.

"It's that streamer Spector."

"Ugh, what about him? The IT guys already confirmed that we have no way to pull his stream back when he first killed someone. Luckily the government decided it was not our fault and didn't punish us after seeing our report and having their own people investigate."

"Well he's streaming copyrighted music."

"What! Well, ask him to stop."

"You know we can't message him boss, anytime we try we get blocked by our own streaming platform."

"Shit, if something isn't done we're going to be sued by the owners of every song he listens to."

"What shall we do?"

The boss tapped his desk for a few moments before he sighed and said, "we have no choice but to purchase a music streaming license like radio station use."

"The shareholders won't like that since it will cost so much money."

"The shareholders won't have any shares if we get shut down from copyright breach."