

Scavengers 1011

Chapter 1011: Defiant Testing

Ji You staggered and was on the verge of collapsing. Just when everyone was about to rush forward to support her, she suddenly steadied herself. Shen Changqing asked with concern, "Did your spiritual power increase, causing physical discomfort?"

Yue Qiyuan couldn't help but ask, "Did the clarity increase so much that it caused a headache due to the body's inability to handle the load?"

Yue Qiguang frowned and said disdainfully, "Such trash physical fitness, weakling!"

Sheng Qingyan furrowed his brow slightly and asked puzzledly, "Poor dead, why do you feel pained?"

Liu Fufeng tilted his head, scrutinizing Ji You's face, looking slightly confused but remaining silent.

Ji You pressed one hand against the wall, looked at everyone, and said, "No... It's not that... I'm just simply having a headache and heartache."

Everyone: "..."

At this moment, Xiao Liu and the three warriors were also very concerned. Xiao Liu said, "We have a device here used to detect physical strength and spiritual power. Let's check Ji You now."

Everyone hurriedly said, "Thank you, Senior."

Seeing Ji You in such discomfort that she seemed on the verge of tears yet couldn't cry, feeling pained and stifled, everyone's concern shifted from her spiritual power level to her physical condition.

Each team fighting on the front line generally carries detection equipment specifically for checking the health of frontline warriors. This detection equipment not only helps in simple diagnostics but also offers convenient preliminary diagnosis functions. It's essentially a small, multifunctional medical device.

If a warrior is injured in combat, even those without medical knowledge can use this small device for initial checks.

Having used this equipment countless times on themselves and their comrades, Xiao Liu was very familiar with its operation. He turned on the detection device and began to examine Ji You...

Ji You initially resisted but wasn't entirely stubborn, hoping the Iron Plate would leave her a little something, maybe leftovers...

Remnants....

Just a little bit, which might bring significant changes to her spiritual power.

Therefore, Ji You didn't refuse the examination and cooperatively let Xiao Liu wrap her up with the device's various cords.

[Ding—]

[Detection begins, please keep calm breathing and remain composed. Estimated detection time is 30 seconds.]

second.

seconds.

seconds.

...

Ji You held her breath, and Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Liu Fufeng, along with Xiao Liu and the three warriors, all held their breath and dared not breathe, staring at the display.

Device: [Ding—]

[Detection complete! Your spiritual power level is B, physical strength is B. Body strength: 5999, balance power: 1999, spiritual power threshold: 2999... Conclusion: Your physical fitness is decent, but your spiritual power is somewhat weak. Please continue to work hard.]

[Note 1: Your body is currently in a state of extreme anemia. Please replenish blood in time to adjust your body, otherwise, problems may arise.]

[Note 2: Please repair the broken hand promptly. Delay will cause irreparable decline in body coordination and balance ability.]

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After reading the verbose detection device's conclusion, Ji You felt a bit suffocated, and everyone else couldn't believe their eyes, staring at Ji You and the displayed results.

Yue Qiguang frowned, "Impossible! I don't believe it!"

Shen Changqing also immediately furrowed his brow and said, "How can there be no change at all? That's not right." Ji You's data was the same as the previous tests before they embarked on their mission.

According to her B level of physical strength and spiritual power, her data was already quite impressive. Her strength reaching 5999 and balance power nearing 2000 is comparable to S-level Chu Jiaojiao when she first entered school.

But Ji You's spiritual power threshold being so low was beyond everyone's imagination.

For most of the time, whether in combat or training, her physical fitness wasn't better than others. Yet, she managed to catch up and even become a standout in the Combat Department, giving everyone the impression that Ji You surely excelled in spiritual power...

But!

Her spiritual-related data turned out to be so low...

Sheng Qingyan frowned deeply, "Impossible! I can't believe the poor dead used a special artifact to no effect at all. It's absolutely impossible."

Liu Fufeng didn't comment further, just raised a question: "Has Ji You always been this unusual?"

Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan: "It's not unusual. She's just a weirdo."

Liu Fufeng, upon hearing this, realized.

Shen Changqing softly reminded, "You guys shouldn't be like this. Ji You is on the verge of collapse. Adding fuel to the fire is not right, understand? Ahem..." With that, Shen Changqing turned to Ji You and asked, "Ji You, shall I give you a quick heart-saving pill? Though it might be past its expiration date and likely ineffective, it might give you some confidence."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You ignored her plastic comrades and stared at the detection equipment, asking Xiao Liu, "Senior Liu, is there a problem with this device? Has it not been inspected for a long time?"

Device: [Ding—Please do not casually slander me; my detection results are normal and stand up to repeated verification.]

Ji You: "..."

"Ahem..." Xiao Liu cleared his throat and said, "This device's system has level 2 intelligence and can understand simple human language."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You asked, "What about complex language?"

Xiao Liu: "..."

Ji You turned to the detection equipment and loudly proclaimed, "System, I believe you're flawless. You're genuinely a flawless machine."

Device: [???

Seeing its response, Ji You laughed heartily and her gloom instantly vanished. She quickly patted the machine, saying, "Believe in yourself; you're a perfect machine without issues. Don't mind others' opinions."

Device: [???

Yue Qiguang rolled his eyes and scolded, "Fool number 4444, enough already! You're even bullying a machine? Are you even human?"

"Ahem..." Ji You seriously looked at Shen Changqing, asking, "Shen Changqing, are you certain I used a special artifact?"

Shen Changqing was very firm before but now—

No change in Ji You's physical strength or spiritual power, left him uncertain. Shen Changqing hesitantly said, "Maybe... I was mistaken?"

"But—"

"Based on the observations, Ji You's described sensations and the artifact's performance genuinely resembled a special item. Do you know why I thought it was a special artifact? Because, this item actively hides itself."

Chapter 1012: Nemesis

"Huh?" Ji You was startled. This was exactly what she had just wanted to ask. Why did she clearly feel it just now, but suddenly couldn't feel it anymore, as if it disappeared without a trace.

Ji You even suspected that her senses might be playing tricks on her.

Facing everyone's puzzled gazes, Shen Changqing explained: "In nature, special items and their matching organisms are not naturally a perfect match, rather they are — natural enemies."

Ji You and the others: "!!!"

Yue Qiyuan's eyes flickered: "Matching organisms?"

Shen Changqing looked at everyone and said softly: "Yes. The relationship between the two is that of natural enemies. They have the same attributes, can complement each other, but cannot coexist and can only destroy each other! So, when one side is weaker, it will naturally hide to avoid being hunted by its natural enemy."

"I... Damn!" Ji You held her chest tightly, her mouth agape in disbelief: "So... you're saying I... I actually have a natural enemy?"

Spiritual World.

Six Strands: [Impossible! We are the strongest in the Universe! Absolutely no natural enemies!]

Six Strands: [Xiaoqing is just spouting nonsense!]

Six Strands: [Ignore him!]

In reality.

Shen Changqing looked at everyone, pursed his lips, and said: "Yes. Ji You, if this is truly your special item, then... congratulations, you've obtained a great treasure, and also a natural enemy."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath: "Little Stupid, stop spouting nonsense with a serious face, don't think you can fool me, I don't believe it."

Little Stupid?

Xiao Liu and a few warriors were momentarily stunned, turned to Shen Changqing in confusion, and Xiao Liu couldn't help but laugh: "Classmate Shen Changqing, your nickname is quite memorable."

Shen Changqing: "..."

In an instant, Shen Changqing's face turned bright red: "Ahem..."

Shen Changqing exerted a lot of effort to keep a straight face, trying to appear natural, and said: "Ayuan, your previous question was very... good. In reality, the special item and its matcher interact with each other. The matcher—becomes the other's special item. This gel-like substance is Ji You's special item, but if it becomes more powerful, Ji You would be its special item."

"This gel-like substance is clearly not human, which means it's a type of organism that neither you nor I understand. So, the matcher of a special item could be a person and a specific organism, or an organism and another organism... In short, it's not limited only to humans."

Despite Shen Changqing's great effort, his face still appeared a bit stiff when changing the topic.

After listening, Ji You couldn't help but ask: "Then... is there a very bad situation, say, where one person and another person are mutually each other's special item?"

As soon as the words were spoken, everyone was shocked. In the corner, Liu Fufeng raised his face, looking at Shen Changqing very seriously.

Faced with everyone's gaze, Shen Changqing firmly shook his head and said: "No. This situation basically will not occur."

Ji You gaped: "What if... it does happen? How to deal with it?"

Killing each other?

Devouring each other?

Consume the other whole?

...

Just thinking about it, Ji You shivered with a chilly horror...

Luckily, her special item is an indeterminate organism.

Shen Changqing heard this, shook his head, and said: "In theory, it's impossible, but will it happen in reality? We temporarily do not know. According to human history, there has not been a single case of humans being mutual special items."

After hearing this, everyone couldn't help but frown.

Yue Qiguang said: "I also don't know what Dad's special item is, but if it appears, Dad would definitely catch it as soon as possible."

"Ahem..." Yue Qiyuan cleared his throat and said: "Stop dreaming, focus on doing practical things. With someone as silly as you, finding a special item would get you eaten by it."

Yue Qiguang turned his face, slightly irritated, and said: "Yue Qiyuan, who's the brother here actually?"

Yue Qiyuan said: "Physically you are, mentally I am."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Shen Changqing said: "Ah Guang's worry is unnecessary, the probability of a special item appearing is extremely low, not only because special items are rare, but mainly because 99% of us humans don't have special items at all."

"Which is to say—" Ji You looked at Yue Qiguang, delivered the final blow: "You have no special item."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang was momentarily breathless, almost couldn't resist punching, but remembering that fool number 4444 is injured, he held back, and after exhaling a deep breath, he cursed: "Better than having a special item and it's useless."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You clutched her chest: "Shut up."

Shen Changqing promptly spoke, saying: "Alright, let's stop poking fun at Ji You, she might actually suffer from internal injuries."

Ji You: "..."

Six Strands: [This honest person is getting more and more insufferable!]

Six Strands righteously: [The special item isn't useless, it got eaten by Iron! Not a trace left for us...]

The more Six Strands thought about it, the more wronged it felt, Ji You also felt wronged, sad, and frustrated... Enduring the pain in her heart, she asked Shen Changqing a crucial question: "Classmate Shen Changqing, will my special item appear again?"

Shen Changqing shook his head and said: "No. Theoretically, it won't, because each kind of organism corresponds to only one special item. The one you just used, it's unlikely to appear again."

Ji You: "..."

Splash~

Ji You suddenly felt as if a basin of stinky foot washing water was dumped over her head, not only chilling her to the bone but also suffocating her with the stench.

This!

This!

This—

In the stormy wind, Ji You felt like a lone withered leaf, being blown around by the gale, with no place that felt like home, every place both was and wasn't her resting place.

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Ji You's face went from ghostly white to bright red, then turned pale blue, and next turned pitch black... A colorful sight to behold... Liu Fufeng, who quietly stood to the side without much sound, suddenly asked: "Can we inspect Ji You's special item to find out what kind of organism it is?"

Then.

He shook the basin in his hand and said: "This is the water I collected."

Sheng Qingyan also handed over the water bottle in his hand, squinting, seriously said: "This is another part, check it out, I suspect this is just a part of the special item's body, not the whole."

Sheng Qingyan's rare serious sentence suddenly brought a glimmer of hope to Ji You, her eyes brightened, staring at the 'water' in Liu Fufeng and Sheng Qingyan's hands, and she said: "Quickly help me check it out, see what it is, and next time I spot it, no matter how well it hides, I'll grab it right away!"

Chapter 1013: Sweet!

Without Ji You urging, the others were also very interested. Shen Changqing immediately brought an instrument, Yue Qiyuan promptly connected the energy, Sheng Qingyan and Liu Fufeng put the "water" they collected into the equipment, and Yue Qiguang activated the machine right away...

second.

seconds.

seconds.

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Everyone stared at the instrument without blinking; Ji You was afraid to miss anything. Under the gaze of all, the test results soon came out:

[Beep—]

[Upon identification, 99% is water, 1% is skin tissue.]

Seeing that it was water, Ji You felt a bit disappointed, but her eyes lit up when she saw the latter part and she hurriedly asked, "What creature's skin tissue is it?"

[Gene sequence is not yet included in the biological database and cannot be queried.]

Ji You frowned, "So, this is a creature that hasn't been included in the biological database yet, a creature that humanity hasn't explored or discovered?"

[Yes.]

This result, although not ideal, didn't surprise Ji You too much. She had actually prepared herself for finding nothing, so she said to Shen Changqing and others, "I'd like to save this creature's gene sequence. Next time I discover something, it can serve as a reference."

Shen Changqing and the others did not oppose, and Ji You carefully and securely stored it in her personal Light Computer data.

Everyone was a bit disappointed that Ji You used a special item without any change occurring. Seeing everyone's expressions, Ji You waved her hand and said, "I'm destined to be extraordinary, and even if I use a special item, it should have a completely different effect than it would for others, so don't feel disappointed; maybe the effect doesn't appear immediately?"

The Iron Plate isn't hidden inside her head; it's hidden deep in her Spiritual World. After swallowing this special item, Ji You doesn't know what changes will occur, but she holds a very optimistic attitude.

Look——

The cracked surface of the Iron Plate was repaired by this special item, right?

Although it was only a glimpse, Ji You already roughly saw the complex array diagrams on the Iron Plate, the pictures suddenly became a bit clearer. Ji You believes that the next time the Iron Plate appears she can surely see one of the array diagrams completely.

As for the array diagram replicated from the Iron Plate, Ji You knows how powerful it is. Previously, she just gained a bit of inspiration from it, using waste materials to successfully make a low-level soul artifact.

What if it was a complete array diagram?

Would it possibly directly become a High-level Soul Device?

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Ji You was a bit stirred.

At this moment——

In the depths of the Spiritual World——a slightly hoarse voice suddenly sounded:

[Sister!]

Ji You's spirit shook: "Xiao You, I'm here, are... are you feeling better?"

In the enclosed space within the Iron Plate, Xiao You stared at her legs, slightly dazed. When she heard Ji You's voice, her white and elegant face immediately showed a sweet smile, and her voice unconsciously became more cheerful: [Sister! I feel great.]

Ji You slightly frowned: "Why hasn't your voice gotten better?"

Xiao You's voice always was soft, sweet, as if wrapped in syrup, tender and sweet, the type even a rough man would soften upon hearing, but now—

It still sounded sandpaper-like, rough, and hoarse...

After listening, Xiao You smiled at the corners of her lips, indifferent, saying "It's okay, it's already getting better."

She tried to lower her voice as she spoke, and as it reached Ji You's ears, it wasn't so harsh anymore, yet it became particularly low. Ji You frowned slightly but then immediately decided with resolve: "Xiao You, after the Iron Plate swallowed that thing, did it change a lot? Are they good changes? The main thing is, are they good for you? If it's okay, I'll capture more of that thing back!"

Upon hearing her sister's voice, Xiao You fixed her eyes on the only light source in the enclosed space, her mouth with a sweet smile, but when she glanced at her legs, her voice sank: [Sister, it's not the Iron Plate that changed, it's me. My legs, have suddenly become physical.]

"Huh?" Ji You exclaimed upon hearing this: "Are your legs already tangible? So, does this mean when they're fully grown out, Xiao You can leave my Spiritual World and come outside?"

Xiao You: [Mm.]

Ji You was so delighted, she couldn't suppress the smile on her face, but sensing something, her confusion grew, asking: "Xiao You, why does your voice suddenly carry a slight hint of unhappiness?"

In the enclosed space, Xiao You looked down, blankly gazing at her legs, softly saying: [Finding that thing must be very hard and challenging, I... I don't want you, sister, to work so hard.]

At the same time—

A thought welled up within her heart: [No... I don't want to be separated from my sister.]

If she left her sister's Spiritual World and reappeared in reality, then... then she could no longer be merged with her sister like this, inseparable.

If...

Xiao You gently clenched her fist, then heard Ji You's voice resonate at the light source: "Silly girl, it's never tiring, you are my entire motivation and source! Because of you, I want to grow stronger, to keep adventuring and battling. Without you, I couldn't have reached where I am now. Xiao You, don't ever think my efforts are hard work. Just thinking of you turns all my labor into sweetness."

[Sis...sister!] Xiao You's face turned instantly crimson red.

Ji You chuckled, laughing heartily: "Cough cough... Recently, to converse with the Little Golden Dragon, I reviewed plenty of quotes by jerks, and I went over all the cheesy love lines from bossy presidents in my mind, cough cough... Though these words seemed a bit mushy, I thought they were particularly apt; you are the sweetness in my life."

Xiao You: [Mm.]

Xiao You's eyes sparkled: [Sister is also the sweetness in my life.]

—The only sweetness.

—Eternal sweetness.

"Cough cough..." Ji You straightened her face, seriously saying: "Let's talk normally, Xiao You, you are very important to me, extremely important, extremely, extremely important. Thus——" Ji You suddenly smiled, her tone carrying a hint of helpless affection, "Silly Xiao You, don't worry that once your body recovers, we will separate, because we are crucial to each other, it won't completely separate us even if the form of existence changes. On the contrary, if Xiao You has a body, we can train together, fight together, become stronger together and step on the Peak of the Universe together."

Xiao You blushed, opened her mouth, paused, and suddenly clenched her fists with force: [Mm.]

Chapter 1014: Playboy?

Catch this.

Ji You carefully inquired about the specific changes in Xiao You's body. The girl's voice became soft, light, and sweet again as she recounted the changes one by one to Ji You. After listening, the weight on Ji You's heart completely eased.

In short, both legs had fully solidified into physical form, along with the area where the heart was. Currently, Xiao You's entire body showed signs of transforming into a solid form. Without seeing the final result, Ji You remained a bit worried, but she had a gut feeling that Xiao You's transformation was positive and greatly beneficial for Xiao You.

After setting her mind at ease, Ji You gave Xiao You some instructions, preparing to leave. Just as she turned, she saw the Six Strands lazily lying in the Spirit Space, their heads drooping and looking listless.

Ji You blinked: "What happened?"

Boss: [Not in the mood~]

Second, Third: [Not in the mood at all.]

Fourth lay on Top of Fifth, lazily wagging its tail, its voice weak: [Sisi thought it had entered the master's heart, only to find it had merely swum into the master's fish pond. Sisi believed the master only had a fish pond, but didn't expect the master was a playboy, controlling the entire cosmic ocean.]

Ji You: "..."

Fifth concluded: [Master, you're such a player!]

Ji You: "..."

Sixth hammered it in: [Right! Master is a big player!]

"Cough, cough..." Ji You straightened her face, angrily saying: "What nonsense are you babbling? There's no such thing."

The Six Strands all chimed in: [You are!]

Fourth, especially furious: [Master flirted with Mengmeng, then teased the Little Golden Dragon, and now Xiao You is being completely tricked, and usually you deceive the strands, saying Sisi is your eternal Little Cutie. You... you... you're just a player! You are the playboy!]

Listening to Fourth's complaints and looking at the indignant expressions of the Six Spiritual Strands, Ji You didn't show a trace of guilt on her face. She didn't continue this topic, but suddenly asked: "The weather is great today, how about we have 10 cups of Cloud Mist Milk Tea?"

Rattle~

The Six Spiritual Strands perked up immediately, no longer showing any indignation: [Really?]

Ji You: "Uh-huh~"

The Six Strands: [Master is the best master in the world, we will always like Master.]

Ji You laughed: "Uh-huh~ but, wasn't I a player?"

The Six Strands: [Even if you are, you're the world's best player.]

Ji You: "..."

Ji You pouted: "Weren't you just complaining I'm a playboy?"

Fourth wiggled cleverly, swam into the void, saying nothing, suddenly enlarged itself into a massive heart shape: [Master, even if you are a player, a playboy, Sisi doesn't mind. Alive, Sisi is your fish; dead, Sisi is your canned fish. Even as a dried salted fish, it will hang on the tip of your heart!]

Ji You: "..."

Ji You waved a hand, saying: "As for the Cloud Mist Tea, we'll talk about it another day."

The Six Strands: [...]

The Six Strands: [Player!]

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By this time, 30 minutes had passed since Ye Liqiang led a team underground. Chu Jiaojiao's condition had stabilized, and she was still peacefully asleep in the repair cabin.

Ji You obtained a special item here. Although on the surface it didn't seem like she gained a substantial advantage, seeing the positive changes in Xiao You's body made her very happy. So, she brushed away her gloom, plundered all the Space Buttons of the Flying Eagle Pirate Group, and, finding nothing of value, Ji You decided to temporarily retreat with her teammates to the Space Station where Senior Ye Liqiang was stationed.

Xiao Liu and three warriors escorted Ji You and her group. Before leaving, Ji You tried to ask: "Senior Liu, may I meet with Ying Dadao?"

Xiao Liu shook his head: "Sorry, it involves some confidential matters that can't be disclosed. The higher-ups do not approve of you meeting with Ying Dadao face to face."

Ji You frowned slightly at his words.

Xiao Liu gently said: "Please trust us, the decision to not let you meet him is not to exclude you but to protect you. Knowing too much in your current situation is not a good thing."

Ji You, Shen Changqing, and others exchanged glances and then nodded, indicating their understanding.

Seeing the regret on Ji You's face, Xiao Liu smiled and said: "You want to meet Ying Dadao mainly to ask where the special item came from and figure that out, right?"

He paused slightly, then said to Ji You: "I will bring this matter to Captain Ye, and if there is any relevant news, Captain Ye will definitely inform you at the first opportunity."

Upon hearing this, Ji You said happily: "That's great. Senior Liu, please let me know when there's any news."

Xiao Liu made an 'OK' gesture, then turned the topic with a smile, saying: "Earlier, Captain Ye sent me a message. Because the Flying Eagle Mercenary Group is on the Alliance's wanted list, and it was you who caught them, your rewards will not be reduced by a single point."

Ji You, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiyuan, and others' eyes brightened at this: "Oh?"

Ji You stared and asked: "How much?"

Xiao Liu smiled and said: "10 million."

Ji You and others: "That many?"

The next second, Xiao Liu continued: "10 million per head."

Ji You and others: "!!!"

Seeing their shocked faces, Xiao Liu said with a smile: "This means you can get a total reward of 50 million credit points, directly financed by the Alliance's treasury. After approval, it's expected to be wired within three working days. Additionally—" Xiao Liu paused slightly before continuing: "Because of your bravery and capturing Ying Dadao alive, which is crucial for several cases, Captain Ye specially applied to provide you with an additional reward of 6 million, which was approved, meaning each of you can receive an extra 1 million credit points."

At this moment, Ji You and the others felt somewhat embarrassed. Ji You said with a shy smile: "This... How could we..." and then she shifted the conversation, asking: "Um... roughly when will the additional bonus be credited?"

Xiao Liu smiled and said: "It will be credited immediately."

At that moment—

Ji You, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang... including Liu Fufeng's Light Computer, all simultaneously chimed in with notifications saying: [You have received a new deposit of credit points: 1 million, please check it promptly.]

Ji You and others scratched their heads, "How could we refuse this..."

—So fast!

—Such high efficiency!

Xiao Liu explained with a smile: "The extra reward was proposed, approved, and funded by our Legion, which is why it's so efficient. Our Sixth Legion, whether in terms of combat power or efficiency, is undoubtedly number one among all Legions."

When he said this, Xiao Liu's tone and expression were filled with immense confidence and pride.

Chapter 1015: Doctor

Ji You and the other injured were urgently sent to the Space Station by Xiao Liu's team. Ji You's hand, Shen Changqing's eyes, Chu Jiaojiao's chest and abdomen... all needed treatment. Soon, the medical team on the Space Station arranged treatment plans for the three students.

The doctor adjusted his glasses and asked, "Are you sure you want to keep this hand?"

Ji You looked conflicted, "Doctor, do I... do I really have to give up this hand?"

The doctor attending to Ji You was a man who appeared to be in his 50s or 60s, though his actual age was unknown. His brows were sharp, and he wore black glasses, looking rather rigid and uninteresting. Without a hint of a smile, he replied indifferently, "All the muscles are necrotic. I suggest not keeping it. If you insist on keeping it, you can, but I can't guarantee its functionality."

This doctor was really tactful. Ji You swallowed hard, forcibly suppressing the urge to insist on keeping the hand, "By 'not guaranteeing functionality,' you mean the hand might not be usable?"

The male doctor said, "Yes, I'm glad your comprehension level has finally reached that of a 10-year-old."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You kept a straight face and said, "Doctor, I only have an injured hand, not a damaged brain. Please don't use this as an opportunity for a personal attack. Thank you!"

"Oh—" the male doctor said lightly, "I thought you'd hurt your brain."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You's fingers trembled slightly but decided to swallow her pride, watching her original hand being treated like trash on the operating table. She tugged at her hair with her remaining hand and said, "Um..."

"Um..."

"Please help me replace the hand." When Ji You said this, her face was as twisted as if she were constipated. Ji You never expected that she would one day speak of replacing a body part as casually as changing an item.

But this was a hand.

Her own hand.

A hand she brought from the womb.

A hand that had never been separated from her since birth.

And yet... it seemed so simple and casual, it was to be discarded.

Never had a moment made Ji You realize so profoundly that she existed in a future, thousands of years ahead, in an interstellar era, in a highly developed technological society where medical advancements had leaped forward.

It turned out, it wasn't a dream. This so-called crossing, the friends, classmates, and mentors around her... even the Xiao You deep in her mind, none of it was a dream.

It is... real.

It's reality.

Having companions to work hard with, grow with, strive together...

It's all real.

Ji You suddenly felt happy deep down, changing a hand and all didn't make her sad or uncomfortable anymore. Just looking at that now-useless, slightly dried-out hand, she covered her eyes and couldn't bear to look at it anymore. She asked softly, "Um... Doctor, my hand, is it... just going to be thrown away? Or?"

Seeing that this seriously conflicted, particularly hard-to-deal-with girl had finally decided to discard her hand, the doctor, with a straight face, directly countered, "Not throw it away, do you want to take it back for a keepsake?"

Ji You: "..."

Take your own hand back as a keepsake? Place it at the bedside?

Uh...

Just the thought made Ji You shiver with a chill, she quickly shook her head, saying, "No, no, no... please throw it away for me."

The male doctor lowered his eyes and said, "Sure."

But—

Just thinking about a piece of her flesh being thrown somewhere, gradually rotting, smelling, breeding maggots...

Ugh~

Ji You shuddered violently, saying, "Doctor, please throw it far away, don't... let me see it again."

The male doctor's face darkened, "Sit properly."

Feeling the doctor, enveloped in a cloud, was just about to erupt, Ji You hurriedly sat down properly.

The doctor, with a dark face, extracted a few cells most suitable for cultivating an arm from Ji You. Then, without a hint of a smile, he seriously said, "Arm generation will take about three working days. Meanwhile, behave yourself and don't use your severed hand."

He glanced at Ji You's well-wrapped severed arm and said, "I'll apply an isolation liquid to the cut to temporarily prevent the wound from healing. This means you'll have to wait until your new arm is fully developed to let it merge with the severed end. So, don't move around wildly, it's best to always sit and stay put."

Ji You: "..."

Seeing Ji You's face showing utter despair, the male doctor said, "The discarded hand won't be thrown away randomly. Instead, it will be genetically pulverized in front of the patient and then disposed of collectively."

Ji You: "???"

The male doctor said calmly, "Which means, there won't be any situation where it rots, smells, breeds maggots... as you imagined, nor will there be a situation where your genes are illegally collected for experiments."

"..." Ji You took a deep breath, "Doctor, how do you manage to say such terrifying things with such a cold expression."

"Oh—" the male doctor adjusted his glasses, "Is it terrifying? Just everyday stuff."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You quietly lamented, "Doctors are scary beings." In an era where medical technology is so advanced, with treatment instruments, repair cabins, stethoscopes... and such, capable of replacing human efforts, anyone who can still obtain a medical license and become a doctor isn't an ordinary being.

Male doctor: "Mm?"

"No, no, no..." Ji You quickly shook her head, "I think doctors are very great, admirable, approachable... able to do things others can't, won't, don't want to do, so, very great indeed."

Male doctor: "Oh—I suggest you shut up."

The next second.

A sharp pain hit, Ji You almost couldn't hold back her cries of pain, she gasped, eyes wide, glaring at the male doctor, who remained calm, putting away the isolation liquid, said faintly, "I forgot to tell you, applying the isolation liquid has a pain level of 3."

Ji You: "..."

Teeth chattering, Ji You muttered, "Why... didn't you say so earlier."

The male doctor expressionless said, "Whether said earlier or later, the pain level doesn't change."

Ji You: "..."

Teeth chattering, Ji You grumbled, "Why are you scarier than Dr. Luo?" Dr. Luo often tells cold jokes that sound scary and aren't funny at all.

The male doctor said, "You mean Luo Wei?"

"Huh?" Ji You said surprised, "You know Dr. Luo?"

Upon hearing this, the male doctor said faintly, "Oh—one of my students."

Ji You: "!!!"

Indeed, looking young doesn't mean actually young. Especially some who look middle-aged could actually be hundreds of years old? Ji You took a deep breath and said, "So Dr. Luo is your student, no wonder." Just as scary indeed.

Chapter 1016: Intimidation

The male doctor said expressionlessly, "You talk too much nonsense, maybe I can give your vocal system a complete overhaul."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You clamped her mouth shut, not daring to speak again.

This—

This is Dr. Luo's mentor after all.

Dr. Luo's medical skills are already terrifying, and she's still an apprentice... If the mentor personally takes charge, Ji You is afraid she'll wake up as a pig-headed monster.

Afraid.

Dare not move.

The male doctor saw Ji You finally settled down, not daring to babble again, and thought to himself that if he'd known it was so easy to shut this chatterbox up, he would've used this trick long ago.

So.

The male doctor said with a cold face, "Don't speak until I tell you to, don't move until I tell you to, otherwise... I can't guarantee I won't swap your body organs out of anger."

Ji You: "..."

Ji · Trembling · You, not daring to move a bit, didn't dare to utter a single word.

Then—

The male doctor finished all the examinations, recorded the data, then turned around and, with surgical forceps, threw Ji You's useless hand into the recycling machine right in front of her.

Ji You: "!!!"

Ji You's face showed a look of suppressed pain, almost making the male doctor laugh, but he maintained a straight face, his voice flat, "Shut your mouth, that's not your hand anymore, you won't feel any pain."

Ji You: "..."

—But that was once my hand.

The male doctor pressed the start button with an indifferent expression, and instantly, the recycling machine made a creaking, clanking noise, like a blender, while Ji You opened her mouth...

—Damn! I never thought I'd see my own flesh being ground into powder.

—Cough, cough, even if I didn't see it, just hearing it was unsettling enough.

The male doctor remained silent, continuously watching the machine, and after more than ten minutes, when it stopped, he said, "Crushing complete, now continuing with gene elimination."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You couldn't help it, "Why not just burn it all? Once it's ashes, it's gone, right?"

The male doctor replied blandly, "No, even ashes can still yield some genetic tissue."

Ji You: "!!!"

"And—" the male doctor asked coolly, "Did I tell you to speak?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You quickly shut her mouth.

The male doctor's tone suddenly became very solemn, "Since I'm in a good mood today, I'll teach you a survival trick for free. If you don't want your body or body parts to be used for experimental materials someday, then... don't leave any of your genetic material anywhere, not even gene fragments, leave nothing behind."

Ji You stared: "???!!!"

The male doctor opened the recycling machine and said lightly, "Like this..."

Inside, only a handful of ash remained, which the male doctor picked up with forceps and placed into a petri dish. Next, he sprinkled some unknown fragments into it and added a few drops of liquid...

The next second.

A sizzling sound came from the petri dish, and under the microscope, Ji You clearly saw a new cell being born, developing rapidly...

In the blink of an eye, it had doubled in size.

Ji You gawked: "Holy shit!!!"

The male doctor flicked his finger, and the petri dish closed quickly, the growing cell withered without nutrients. He pressed the destroy function, and the newborn cell was completely obliterated.

Ji You clutched her heart, looking at her own handful of black ash with a complicated expression, "Doctor, doctor, please... please completely destroy it." If not destroyed, who knows what kind of monster it might become.

The male doctor complied and pressed the start button.

The recycling machine continued making clanking, sizzling noises...

Ji You clutched her heart and asked, "How do I know for sure that this recycler has completely destroyed my genes?"

The male doctor revealed a rare smile, "That's simple. Use this gene probe, just check and you'll know if any remain."

Ji You: "I've learned something!!!"

The male doctor smiled and said, "The gene probe is specifically invented for collecting various biological genes, but with slight modifications, it can also be used to protect oneself."

"..." Ji You opened her mouth, wanting to say something, but couldn't find the right words to express her true feelings at the moment.

The male doctor said lightly, "No need to be overly surprised. This is just modern medical technology."

At this point, the male doctor suddenly raised his head, his deep, dark eyes quietly staring at the starry sky through the medical room's transparent ceiling, then said softly, "Is the Star Beast terrifying? No, it's not."

"Any creature in this Universe can be erased from the gene level." When the male doctor said this, it was like a murmur, like a sigh... Under the lights, his figure was cloaked in a light layer of sorrow, half bright, half dark.

"!!!" Ji You's mouth dropped open, initially startled by the doctor's words to the point of almost jumping up, but in the next second, upon seeing the doctor's expression, Ji You inexplicably shut her mouth. She felt the doctor's words seemed to be directed at her, but actually should not have been a conversation with herself; he... seemed to be just speaking out of emotion.

Turns out—

The Star Beast, not terrifying?

Really, not terrifying?

But, then why do they keep being born, never able to be eliminated?

Ji You's mind was filled with questions, but she didn't dare ask, not because she didn't want to, but because she really didn't dare to.

Dr. Luo's mentor... Ji You sneakily glanced at the name tag on the male doctor's white coat, which read: [Jiao Space Station Infirmary Urology Department Director—Cheng Zhi.]

Ji You: "..."

Urology Department?

!!!

Ji You couldn't quite believe the doctor handling her case was in the Urology Department!

This!

Could this cause a serious medical accident?

Suddenly, Ji You shook like a sieve, and the male doctor seemed to notice the tremendous anxiety that had suddenly risen in Ji You, he lightly lowered his gaze and said, "Don't worry, my handling techniques are top-notch here at the Space Station."

Ji You shrank her neck, "But... but I'm still scared."

The male doctor laughed, "No need to be scared. If it's wrong or doesn't work well, I'll just dismantle it and reattach it for you."

Ji You: "..."

Oh no.

It's that feeling of myocardial infarction.

Chapter 1017: Dr. Cheng

Male Doctor: "Don't be afraid."

Ji You: "..."

Male Doctor: "It's very simple, very easy."

Ji You: "..."

Holy crap!

It was fine when he didn't speak, but as soon as he opened his mouth, Ji You couldn't help but shiver.

Even scarier.

Even more afraid.

Even more panicked.

...

[Beep—]

[Destruction complete! Please verify.]

The notification sound from the recycling machine finally brought a hint of normalcy back to the eerie atmosphere in the medical room. Ji You clutched his chest, thinking it was finally over. But in the next second, the male doctor, named Cheng Zhi, said, "For the next three days, you'll stay in the medical room. You can leave once your hand is reattached."

Ji You: "..."

Oh no.

I feel like I'm about to be caught for human experiments.

But...

This doctor was personally recommended to me by Senior Ye Liqiang, who is the big nephew of Professor Ye Hong, his real nephew... Could it be that all this is Professor Ye Hong's doing?

Cough cough...

I'm overthinking it.

No matter how much the old professor dislikes me, he wouldn't be so malicious. Besides, this is the Alliance Military's Space Station, responsible for guarding our borders.

How could they do such illegal things here?

Ji You quickly patted his head.

"No need to be afraid, urology is just my current profession and future research direction. I used to be a surgeon, specializing in reattaching severed legs, hands, and feet... from the moment I held a scalpel until now, there has never been a mistake of swapping body parts in my hands," Doctor Cheng Zhi said with a kind smile as he looked at Ji You's expression, "Hasn't Luo Wei ever scared you?"

Ji You put on a serious face and said, "Doctor, I won't allow you to smear Dr. Luo's name. Dr. Luo is a warm, kind, approachable, and respectable good doctor. She treats us like a dear big sister and has never intimidated me or my classmates."

Cough cough...

Except for when Dr. Luo first examined my spiritual power and threatened to slice me up for research.

"Oh—," Cheng Zhi said, "Boring."

Ji You: "..."

For the first time, Ji You felt that a doctor's 'interesting' was truly a terrifying thing and best avoided.

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After handling everything, Doctor Cheng Zhi glanced at the data. All results were normal.

After giving some instructions to Ji You, Cheng Zhi put down his medical tools and was about to leave when he adjusted his glasses, glanced over to Ji You's chest, and then suddenly took a small object from his Space Button and tossed it toward Ji You.

Ji You was taken aback.

Cheng Zhi casually said, "For the little disabled thing hiding in your arms."

Ji You: "!!!"

With that said, Cheng Zhi opened the door, about to leave—

Since being with Ji You, the Little Golden Dragon, as a biological mecha, didn't like being confined in the Space Button. So, Ji You didn't limit it and instead gave it permission to open and close the Mechanical Space Button, allowing the Little Golden Dragon to enter and exit freely. However, when Ji You and the others descended to the underground illegal laboratory, even before encountering Ying Tu and their group, the Little Golden Dragon became silent. It even voluntarily hid inside the Mechanical Space Button.

Until just before Ji You got injured, the Little Golden Dragon had not appeared. Had it not sensed Ji You was on the verge of emotional collapse, it secretly crawled out to throw Ji You a protective net. The Little Golden Dragon had no intention of showing itself.

After that.

When Ye Liqiang and his group arrived, and after Ji You consumed a special object, then Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, and the others were escorted to the Jiao Space Station under Ye Liqiang's command, the Little Golden Dragon remained hidden.

It stayed quietly in the mech's dedicated Space Button, silent as a chicken.

Although Ji You found it a bit odd, he didn't pay much attention. When Cheng Zhi tossed over something, the Space Button on his chest suddenly opened a crack, and a tail of the Little Golden Dragon quietly emerged.

Ji You didn't clearly see what Doctor Cheng Zhi tossed over, yet the tail of the so-called disabled little thing suddenly flicked, hooked the dark item Cheng Zhi tossed in a blink, and tightly curled it within the Little Golden Dragon's tail. In the next instant, the Little Golden Dragon's tail swiftly retracted back into the Space Button.

This entire sequence, from start to finish, took less than a second.

Ji You had no time to worry about it. Seeing Cheng Zhi about to step out of the door, she hurriedly said, "Doctor! Please wait!"

Cheng Zhi: "???"

Ji You flashed an embarrassed smile and said, "Uh... Honestly, I'm scared you might use my genes for some weird experiments, so please stop and let me confirm that you didn't carry any of my gene fragments out of this medical room."

Cheng Zhi: "..."

Cheng Zhi laughed, "Not bad, your sense of precaution is good."

Then he gestured to the medical assistant robot to bring over a gene detector—

Ji You's face was all smiles, saying, "Cough cough... Doctor, it's not that I don't trust you, but you really look like an old hand at illegal experiments. I'm afraid... Please forgive my offense, but... I don't trust the gene detector in this medical room. Could you please contact my classmates and have them assist me with the check, is that okay?"

After Ji You finished speaking, she expected Doctor Cheng Zhi to get angry, or at least a bit upset. However, there wasn't the slightest hint of anger on his face; instead, he smiled and said, "Good sense of precaution."

Trusting his words but not trusting him.

Instant application of knowledge.

Good.

Cheng Zhi chuckled and said, "Go ahead, call your classmates over."

"Hehe..." Ji You gave a sheepish grin to Doctor Cheng Zhi, then, without wasting a second, called over Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan. The three of them came over as soon as they heard, immediately ready to go, not relaxing even a bit, and without any courtesy, thoroughly and meticulously checked Cheng Zhi all over. Only after confirming he hadn't taken any gene fragments of Ji You or other comrades did they let him leave.

Once Cheng Zhi left, Yue Qiguang scratched his head and said, "This is why dad hates doctors the most! Doctors are such a troublesome species."

Yue Qiyuan glanced at him, "When you were risking your life, it was a doctor who saved you."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Ji You clutched his pounding heart. Although he knew Doctor Cheng Zhi had no ill intentions, what he said suddenly made Ji You realize that biological gene fragments, if used appropriately, could also harm people. He thus learned a more cautious way to protect himself. So, Ji You remarked, "From now on, let's carry a gene detector with us."

At any time and place, never leave behind any of your genes.

Upon hearing this, everyone nodded.

Just then—

The Little Golden Dragon, which had been quietly curled up in the Space Button, peeked out a bit: "Uh... I think I've seen this person somewhere before."

Chapter 1018: The Art of Language

"Hmm?" Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Sheng Qingyan all turned their heads to stare at the Little Golden Dragon. The Little Golden Dragon tilted its head, thinking hard. After a moment, it wagged his tail and said, "I don't remember."

Ji You helplessly said, "Think carefully, at such a critical moment you're dropping the ball? You can't be like this."

Upon hearing this, the Little Golden Dragon frowned, slightly displeased, and said, "Woman! Are you questioning my ability to think?"

Ji You said, "Correct. I am questioning your thinking ability."

The Little Golden Dragon narrowed its eyes, speaking in a dangerously low voice, "Do you even know who you're questioning?"

"Oh——" Ji You said, "Yes, a little disabled thing."

The Little Golden Dragon: "..."

The Little Golden Dragon was almost furious: "You— you—"

It flicked its tail sharply and turned its back: "You're despising me!"

Ji You's tone slightly lowered: "Mecha—"

The Little Golden Dragon, still with its back turned, didn't respond.

Ji You lowered her voice, speaking in a solemn tone: "Turn around and look at me, look at your Master— ask the question again."

The Little Golden Dragon snorted angrily, still not turning around.

With a hint of obvious amusement in her voice, Ji You said, "Even if it is a little disabled thing, it is the cutest little disabled thing in the world and also my one and only."

The Little Golden Dragon's tail twitched slightly, as if it wanted to turn around but seemed to hesitate, concerned about maintaining the dignity of being the first Biological Mecha, reluctant to turn.

So—

Everyone watched as the Little Golden Dragon's body turned halfway, then pulled back, then halfway again, pulling back again... over and over...

"Mecha, turn around. I'll keep waiting for you to come back," Ji You looked at the Little Golden Dragon's proud yet hesitant back and laughed softly. "A lifetime is so long, what's waiting for a while?"

The Little Golden Dragon: "..."

The Little Golden Dragon shivered all over and instantly turned around, stomping its foot forcefully, glaring at Ji You with a helpless annoyance, saying, "Damn it! You irritating little fairy!"

Ji You opened her arms, and the Little Golden Dragon, though slightly hesitant, still rushed into Ji You's embrace like a gust of wind. Ji You raised her hand, gently rubbing its head, softly saying, "What does being disabled matter? In my eyes, you are you, the one and only you, irreplaceable you, the you I will accompany through both wind and rain—"

The Little Golden Dragon stared wide-eyed in shock: "Woman—"

Ji You's voice grew lower, her tone increasingly gentle: "All the good things in the world should belong to me, including you."

"!!!" The Little Dragon's eyes widened even more, its mouth opening: "!!!"

Ji You grabbed the stunned Little Golden Dragon, shook her half-arm, and said, "Alright, alright, look, I'm disabled too. If you fear remaining disabled, I won't fix this hand. I'll stay disabled with you."

The Little Golden Dragon: "!!!"

Wide-eyed with shock and fear, the Little Golden Dragon hurriedly said, "Woman! I won't allow it! I won't let you harm yourself like this! Anyone, including myself, I wouldn't let them hurt you!"

Hmm?

This comment, why does it sound familiar? However, no matter, Ji You squinted her eyes, chuckling, "Okay."

One person and one Mecha, instantly filled with harmony and joy.

...

Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan were a bit dumbstruck watching this scene unfold between one person and one Mecha. Sheng Qingyan couldn't help covering his eyes, saying, "Having a Mecha with self-awareness sure is troublesome, no thanks."

Yue Qiguang also covered his face: "It's dad's loss. Dad lost because he can't coax people, things, or Mechas. Dad should learn more about the art of language in the future."

Yue Qiyuan, slightly puzzled, looked at the Little Golden Dragon and said, "4444 unit, isn't this Mecha a bit too human-like?"

Ji You tucked the Little Golden Dragon back into her arms, saying, "It's just a bit middle-school, reads too many novels, can't help it."

Yue Qiyuan exasperatedly said, "You shouldn't have given it so many permissions. Today it's novels, tomorrow it's TV dramas, and the day after, it might just spend your money and squander your assets."

Ji You: "..."

The Little Golden Dragon: "..."

The Little Golden Dragon jumped out of Ji You's embrace in frustration: "Yue, you listen, if you dare to talk nonsense again, tomorrow! No! Immediately, I will erase your Yue Group from this Universe!"

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Yue Qiyuan turned to Yue Qiguang and Sheng Qingyan: "Does its system also have a boasting module?"

Sheng Qingyan covered his mouth: "Could be?"

"Probably so." Yue Qiguang gazed at the sky, uttered a sentence, then quickly turned to Yue Qiyuan: "Yue Qiyuan, do we have a Yue Group? How come I don't know? Could it be—"

Thinking of a possibility, Yue Qiguang darkened his face and said, "It must be dad secretly starting a company with his private stash behind mom's back."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

"No way!" Yue Qiguang seemed very certain that their dad was hiding a private stash, suddenly clenched his fist and said, "I have to find the Yue Group! With private money, how can you enjoy it alone? The men of the Yue Family must share the wealth together!"

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Yue Qiyuan turned to Ji You, gritting his teeth: "Control your Mecha, it's speaking without a filter."

Ji You laughed: "Why don't you control your brother, his intelligence is astounding."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

The scene became quite awkward, awkward in its silent silence. Only Ji You and the Mecha Little Golden Dragon in her arms seemed completely unfazed, still exchanging cheesy romantic lines.

For example:

Ji You: "I forbid you from overthinking."

Mecha: "I also forbid you from speaking nonsense. If you want to speak nonsense, it should only be to me."

Ji You: "I'm not speaking nonsense. Every word I say to you comes from the heart."

...

Then.

Sheng Qingyan couldn't hold back anymore and jumped up first, loudly asking, "Hey poor dead, ask your Mecha if it remembered anything or not?"

"Ah?" Ji You quickly halted her dominant boss routine, patting the Little Golden Dragon, saying, "Little thing, did you remember?" Then , she squinted her eyes, lowering her voice, "It doesn't matter if you can't remember, as long as you remember me."

The Little Golden Dragon: "..."

The Little Golden Dragon shivered, covered in goosebumps, and snapped at Ji You: "Woman! Keep quiet! Why do you always steal my lines, leaving me with nothing to say? You remember, from now on, don't say such nonsense to me."

The Little Golden Dragon said this, disdainfully curling its lip: "Greasy!"

Greasy is a new term it recently learned. The Little Golden Dragon felt it was particularly fitting and vivid when used on this woman Ji You... However, as its mouth expressed disdain, its tail was wagging happily.

Then—

Turning around to face Sheng Qingyan, the Little Golden Dragon immediately put on a different face, its expression quite truly disdainful, saying: "I haven't remembered, but I seem to recall seeing him before, not knowing where, and not just once, at least five or six times."

Chapter 1019: What a Big Shot

Sheng Qingyan's expression was full of disdain as well, and he said, "Oh—what you're saying is total nonsense."

After speaking, Sheng Qingyan gave Ji You a disdainful glance, saying, "As expected, a bothersome master leads to a bothersome Mecha."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You's tone lifted slightly, "Are you very idle, huh?"

"How about a fight?" Ji You squinted, full of fighting spirit!

Sheng Qingyan disdainfully said, "I don't want to tussle with the handicapped, alright."

Ji You: "Cough, cough... in three days, I'll be a good man again."

In Ji You's arms, Little Golden Dragon scratched its head hard, "Where? Where? Where exactly?"

But...

His memory seemed to have no impression of it, as if this person was truly erased from his memory. Little Golden Dragon clutched the horn on its head and said, "I really feel like I've seen this doctor, but I just can't remember."

Yue Qiyuan suddenly asked, "Then do you know why you are afraid of him?"

"Afraid?" Little Golden Dragon raised its head defiantly, "I, Lord Heavenly Dog, have never been afraid."

Yue Qiyuan responded, "Oh—"

Yue Qiguang said, "Oh—you're not afraid, you're just terrified of him."

Little Golden Dragon: "..."

Little Golden Dragon unhappily swished its tail, saying, "I just sensed a trace of danger. As such a powerful Mecha, I am always very sensitive to danger. Once I detect the slightest danger, I go into self-protection mode."

Sheng Qingyan asked, "What kind of self-protection mode is that?"

Little Golden Dragon said proudly, "Either run, or act scared."

"Cough, cough..." Ji You coughed fiercely, quickly interrupting Little Golden Dragon, "Cough, cough... we are just employing tactical self-protection, tactical."

Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Sheng Qingyan ignored Ji You's explanation; they all said to Little Golden Dragon in unison, "Just like your master."

Ji You brushed off the awkwardness and said seriously, "Little Golden Dragon, are you saying that you've seen this person but can't remember who he is, where you saw him, or what happened between you two?"

Little Golden Dragon nodded earnestly, "Yes."

Ji You continued, "And did you feel danger the moment you saw him?"

Little Golden Dragon nodded even harder, "Yes."

Little Golden Dragon then hesitated a bit, saying, "However, I'm not particularly afraid of him. It's just a bit scared, but not scared at the same time—a feeling that can't be described."

Ji You furrowed his brow, thought for a moment, and said, "Maybe he once did something unpleasant to you or to the repairman, but it wasn't exactly malicious."

Upon hearing this, Little Golden Dragon shuddered, "???"

Ji You stated firmly, "Your memory has been erased."

Little Golden Dragon trembled, then lowered its head, saying, "I... I also think so. I..." Its voice suddenly lowered further and further until it disappeared without a sound.

—It's me, it's me who failed to protect myself and the repairman.

Little Golden Dragon drooped its head.

At this moment, a pair of hands suddenly patted Little Golden Dragon's head. Little Golden Dragon was startled and heard Ji You say with a smile, "Mecha, without my permission, you're not allowed to be unhappy."

Little Golden Dragon: "..."

Yue Qiyuan said gloomily, "Enough already, you guys."

Yue Qiguang: "Will this ever end?"

Sheng Qingyan rubbed his goosebumps-covered arms, angrily saying, "Spicy Eye! You guys are a threat to my vision first thing in the morning. By the way, since Little Golden Dragon says it can't remember, just forget it. After all, he's just an ordinary urologist now. Whatever bad things he did before, we don't know yet. We'll raid his lair when we find out in the future."

Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan: "Exactly! Just like that."

Little Golden Dragon listened, listened, and its eyes gradually brightened. It looked at Ji You, then at Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Sheng Qingyan. Eyes sparkling bright, it then turned to Ji You, saying, "Woman, your buddies here are pretty good, I like them."

Ji You smiled and asked, "Little Golden Dragon, just now, what did he give you?"

Little Golden Dragon immediately clutched its chest tightly, saying, "Nothing."

Ji You squinted, seriously saying, "I saw it clearly."

"Impossible!" Little Golden Dragon shook its head confidently, "You definitely didn't see that he gave me such a big chunk of Sparrow Yellow."

"Oh—" Ji You drawled, "So it was Sparrow Yellow."

Little Golden Dragon: "..."

Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan: "Sparrow Yellow???"

Ji You said, "Yes! Dr. Cheng Zhi gave it." While speaking, Ji You made a gesture with one hand and continued, "It's this big."

All three: "!!!"

All three hurriedly said, "Take it out and let's see it!"

Faced with Ji You and the other three companions' expectant eyes, Little Golden Dragon was a little unwilling, but reluctantly took out the Sparrow Yellow, and everyone gasped:

Yue Qiguang: "Hiss—"

Yue Qiyuan: "Such a big piece."

Sheng Qingyan: "Slightly bigger than my teething stick, oh."

Ji You asked the most interesting question, "How much is it worth?"

Yue Qiyuan estimated, "I'd guess it's worth at least 2 billion or so."

Ji You: "!!!"

Little Golden Dragon immediately took the Sparrow Yellow back, eyes wary, staring at the four of them vigilantly, saying, "Keep your drool to yourselves, this is the property of Lord Heavenly Dog, no one can take it."

Ji You clapped, "Exactly! If you want to take the Sparrow Yellow, you'll have to walk over my corpse."

Yue Qiyuan and the other three were somewhat speechless, Sheng Qingyan frowned, "Giving you 2 billion just out of nowhere, don't you find it suspicious? There's no such thing as a free lunch in this world."

Little Golden Dragon clutched its hands tightly, hiding the Sparrow Yellow even more securely, saying, "Even if there's arsenic in this Sparrow Yellow, I, Heavenly Dog, will swallow it whole." A stance of never backing down once it's gotten hold of something.

Yue Qiyuan furrowed his brow, "It's getting stranger and stranger. An ordinary urologist, how much can he earn a month? To just hand out a gift worth 2 billion?"

Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang had just checked through the Light Computer that this doctor named Cheng Zhi was just an ordinary, unremarkable urologist, a bit elderly. He was promoted to the director position this year only because the previous director was transferred to other Space Stations. Cheng Zhi became the only urologist at Jiao Space Station and got promoted.

After the promotion, Cheng Zhi's salary increased to 100,000 credit points a month. It sounds high, but Jiao Space Station is a garrison point close to the frontlines, ready to mobilize to the frontlines with any disturbance, so the salary isn't considered high.

He...

Casually threw out something worth 2 billion?

No doubt, he's a big shot.

Ji You and the three companions exchanged a glance and said, "Let's not overthink this matter. The fact that Dr. Cheng openly shared so much with me shows he's not afraid of us growing suspicious. This Sparrow Yellow must be fine."

Chapter 1020: All Are Wounded

Since there's no issue with Sparrow Yellow, feel free to use it confidently.

Ji You asked, "Little Golden Dragon, can you use Sparrow Yellow just by holding it, or does it need further processing before use?"

Little Golden Dragon heard Ji You's question and didn't answer, but with a bit of caution, said, "I won't let you keep it."

Ji You: "..."

Little Golden Dragon said, "I'll keep it myself."

Ji You raised her hand and rubbed her forehead, "Even if I wanted it, it's useless to me."

Little Golden Dragon stubbornly replied, "I'll keep my own belongings. I'm an independent mecha, I can handle my own matters."

Yue Qiyuan remarked, "What a scene of master and servant suspicion."

Yue Qiguang said, "Dad vaguely remembers that just a moment ago, you were all about deep master-servant bonds?"

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes and said, "Even the deepest of bonds can't withstand a 2 billion test!"

"Ahem..." Ji You interrupted the trio's ruthless sarcasm, pulled a straight face, and told Little Golden Dragon, "Alright, I won't keep it for you, you can hold it yourself. By the way, who will you ask to help you use this item?"

Little Golden Dragon happily put away Sparrow Yellow, patted its chest, and blurted out, "Of course, it's the repairman..."

After saying that, Little Golden Dragon's face suddenly stiffened, then it lowered its head awkwardly and a bit uncomfortably swayed its tail, whispering, "Of course, I'll find Teacher Mu."

Ji You said, "Alright. Keep it safe, and after we return to school, we'll look for Teacher Mu."

As for Little Golden Dragon's downcast mood and obvious embarrassment, Ji You pretended not to notice. Although the others were a bit puzzled, considering that this mecha was purchased by Ji You from Teacher Mu Jianling, the devil's things must be quite special compared to other mechas...

Therefore, Sheng Qingyan and the others didn't ask more.

Some matters, if Ji You chooses not to speak of them, there must be a reason. The best way for them to handle it is to put away their curiosity and not ask, see, or think...when the time comes, everything will make sense.

Sheng Qingyan yawned and said, "I'll go see if Jiao Jiao has woken up, I'm leaving."

After saying that, he opened the door and walked out.

Yue Qiyuan said, "I will go check on Shen Changqing's situation."

After saying that, Yue Qiyuan followed and walked out.

Yue Qiguang stared at Ji You and asked, "Idiot number 4444, do you need dad to take care of you personally?"

Hearing this, Ji You shivered with a chill and quickly waved her hand, "Just leave, hurry up and go."

Yue Qiguang laughed heartily and said, "Dad also feels quite uncomfortable. I'm leaving! Dad will be just outside the door, call me whenever you need, dad is always on call."

Ji You grinned, "Dare to call yourself dad to my face again? I'll show you the mighty power of a disabled person!"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang pulled the door handle and immediately retreated.

Ji You was left alone quietly in the medical room, the cut wound on her arm hurt, hurt a lot... It wasn't for Little Golden Dragon, Sheng Qingyan, and the others' banter earlier, Ji You wouldn't have been able to ignore this pain.

Sweat dripped from her forehead, one drop, two drops, three drops...

So it turns out——

What seemed like an easy procedure, an organ casually swapped in others' mouths, has to endure so much pain?

Ji You bit her teeth hard.

Little Golden Dragon worriedly jumped out of Ji You's arms, leapt onto her head, and clumsily used its tail to wipe Ji You's sweat away. It looked like it was making a mess, making Ji You's hair a complete mess, like a bird's nest.

Ji You said with a dark face, "Little Golden Dragon, enough, you better roll up your tail, with you here, I feel the pain more, especially a headache."

Little Golden Dragon: "..."

Little Golden Dragon's entire body went stiff. It originally wanted to retreat back into the Space Button, but seeing Ji You's pale face, the sweat continuously forming, and her teeth constantly chattering... It stubbornly refused to go back to the Space Button.

Ji You held onto the bed rail of the hospital bed with her good hand and said, "Go back quickly."

Little Golden Dragon stubbornly said, "I won't—"

Ji You raised her hand abruptly, picked up Little Golden Dragon, and tossed it back into the Space Button.

The next second.

Ji You gasped in pain, and tears began to flow down...

Drip~

Drip~

Drip~

...

Ji You clenched her teeth, bearing the urge to scream in pain, but!

She couldn't help it.

Ji You burst into tears, "Mom...it hurts! It hurts! It hurts..."

"I don't want to live anymore."

"It hurts so much!"

"Ah ah ah!!!"

Suddenly——

Little Golden Dragon said, "Woman, you look really ugly when you're roaring with teeth bared. But go ahead and cry, I won't laugh at you."

"..." Ji You's whole body stiffened, and then, she collected herself, wiped away the tears, then turned around and with a face devoid of emotion asked, "Why are you still here?"

Little Golden Dragon flicked its tail and said, "Because you forgot to cut off my access to open the Space Button."

Ji You: "Oh——"

Saying this, Ji You extended her arm again, picked up Little Golden Dragon, and ignoring its protests, shoved it forcefully back into the Space Button. This time, she didn't forget to disable Little Golden Dragon's self-access permission.

Now.

The world was quiet.

However, Ji You no longer felt like crying or yelling in pain. After crying out and letting out a wail, although the physical pain hadn't lessened a bit, she felt much more at ease overall.

Sweat continued to trickle down her forehead.

Ji You sat upright on the hospital bed in the medical room, emptying her mind and resting her eyes.

For a long time.

For a long time.

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The physical pain subsided a little, then Ji You lay down and fell asleep.

When she woke up, she found that a whole night had passed.

Then.

Yue Qiguang knocked on the door. When Ji You agreed, he pushed the door open and brought in a nutritional meal for Ji You. He said with slight annoyance, "Idiot, calling you so many times with no response, dad thought you fell into a pit."

After placing the nutritional meal down, Yue Qiguang said, "Remember to press the bell if you need anything, I'm just outside."

Ji You asked, "How are Jiaojiao and Shen Changqing doing?"

Yue Qiguang said, "They're both sleeping like dead pigs, especially Chu Jiaojiao, who just woke up to say one line then went back to sleep." Yue Qiguang rolled his eyes at Ji You as he spoke, "They're fine, you should worry about yourself."

Ji You ate the bland nutritional meal and said, "Cough cough... In two days, I'll be back to being a spirited hero again."

Seeing Ji You eat heartily and sleep like a pig, and still lively, Yue Qiguang didn't bother anymore, closed the door, and continued to squat outside Ji You's medical room. On his left was Sheng Qingyan guarding Chu Jiaojiao, and on his right Yue Qiyuan watching over Shen Changqing...

All three of them squatted outside the doorway in a straight line, each looking up at the sky, daydreaming.

Liu Fufeng squatted in the corner, absentmindedly drawing circles with his hands, looking at the three people at the door and then at the three closed doors. With so many injured, Liu Fufeng felt a bit worried:

——Is my task going bust?

——Is my Soul Device getting washed away?