

Scavengers 1031

Chapter 1031: Run!

"Oh no—"

It's not just a disaster; it's like the world is collapsing!

Perhaps the cannon fire from Chu Jiaojiao and Sheng Qingyan hit a row of Black Thorn Bees blocking the way, thoroughly angering them. In an instant, ten or so giant Black Thorn Bees flapped their wings and swooped next to Ji You's spaceship, forming a tightly knit encirclement, completely surrounding the spaceship. Those terrifying tail stingers and sharp mandibles seemed ready to pierce your heart in the next moment—

In fact, the entire spaceship, trapped in the encirclement of Black Thorn Bees, looked like it could be crushed at any moment, just listen—

"Bang!"

"Bang!"

"Bang!"

With each flap of the Black Thorn Bees' wings, the spaceship was jolted until it was entirely overturned. Ji You, sitting in the cockpit, was almost thrown out, but she gritted her teeth and held onto the console next to her with both hands, barely keeping herself seated.

Just then, the Protective Shield of the spaceship once again withstood the attack of the Black Thorn Bees' sharp mandibles, suddenly bursting into a bright light, which then flickered and rapidly dimmed.

"2222—Energy!" Ji You gritted her teeth and shouted!

Yue Qiguang urgently allocated a portion of energy, transferring it to the Protective Shield, wrapping the spaceship. The dim light of the shield suddenly brightened, forming a firm layer nearly ready to shatter.

Ji You couldn't relax, she didn't even dare to breathe heavily, navigating the spaceship, charging and smashing within the encirclement of Black Thorn Bees, trying to find a breakthrough point. Unfortunately, each attempt to move just resulted in the encirclement shrinking further.

Once.

Twice.

Three times.

...

In an instant, everyone watched as the encirclement of Black Thorn Bees gradually shrank, leaving almost no space for the spaceship to even turn around. Ten or so giant Black Thorn Bees continuously attacked the Protective Shield with their mandibles, stingers, wings...

The light of the Protective Shield grew dimmer and dimmer...

The entire spaceship became trapped like a turtle in a jar.

Helpless.

...

These Black Thorn Bees continued their attack. Though temporarily unable to shatter the spaceship, they seemed to be consciously steering it in a particular direction. When Ji You and the others realized this, they found their current location was far from the safe spot provided by Ye Liqiang.

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing... all wore expressions as dark as a pot.

Yue Qiguang tugged at his hair: "Damn it! Do I need to write a will now?"

Yue Qiyuan turned and glared at him: "Idiot! Shut up."

"Calm down." Ji You raised her hand and asked Chu Jiaojiao, "Jiaojiao—do you have any way to forcibly tear open a hole for a breakout?"

Chu Jiaojiao lifted her head from the launch station, her face solemn: "The situation is a bit dangerous, it's difficult. Ji You, I'll try my best with Spicy Eye."

The always silent Sheng Qingyan, eyes fixed on the monitor screen in front of him, focused his gaze on the belly of the third Black Thorn Bee on the left and squinted slightly, saying, "There's some way. That Black Thorn Bee's abdomen was hit by me earlier, as long as Jiaojiao and I join forces to either slay or heavily injure it, we can use it as a breakthrough point to escape."

Ji You said, "Then you and Jiaojiao—"

The next second.

Sheng Qingyan said: "But I am only 10% confident..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You nearly didn't catch a breath: "You dare say 10%?"

The others, too, were left breathless by Sheng Qingyan's inexplicable remark, and the paper in Liu Fufeng's hand fell to the floor—

10%...

Meaning, no certainty at all.

When everyone thought Ji You would certainly give up and consider other options, Ji You clapped her hands loudly: "Attack!"

Sheng Qingyan was slightly stunned: "Do you mean?"

Ji You's eyes were calm as deep lakes, saying, "You and Jiaojiao go together, attack the third position from the left. I'll assist you from the side."

She wasted no extra words, Sheng Qingyan resumed monitoring, adjusted the perspective, zoomed in on the third Black Thorn Bee on the left, aimed at its abdomen, and Chu Jiaojiao was also fully prepared.

With practically no hesitation, Sheng Qingyan and Chu Jiaojiao fired their strongest artillery yet!

When the cannon was aimed at it, the third Black Thorn Bee on the left sensed something unusual. It spread its wings, intending to turn to another position, but the next second, it sensed an extremely terrifying menace was fixed upon it.

Who?

The Black Thorn Bee was startled, its body paused for a second.

At this moment—

Bang—

Chu Jiaojiao clapped hard! Pressing the trigger.

The Black Thorn Bee was narrowly missed, the Particle Cannon roared past its wings, and this Black Thorn Bee trembled in fear, it opened its mouth intending to emit a sharp cry, expressing its extreme displeasure.

But as soon as it opened its mouth, it found the little bug's artillery was suddenly firing at it.

The Black Thorn Bee urgently dodged.

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

Chu Jiaojiao's cannon shot was merely a blind eye method, and Sheng Qingyan's three Particle Cannons were ready, fired the moment Chu Jiaojiao made her move, three rounds sped fast, and the Black Thorn Bee hadn't turned around yet when it got hit, "Buzz—"

Three shots fired, each hitting vital points.

Sheng Qingyan squinted, his expression exceedingly indifferent, he didn't even blink, then pressed the fourth.

Fifth.

Sixth.

...

In an instant, Sheng Qingyan didn't pause, firing ten shots.

Chu Jiaojiao also did not stop, she kept adding strikes from the other end.

"Buzz—"

"Buzz—"

"Buzz—"

The Black Thorn Bee's cries, rapidly grew weaker, while the other Black Thorn Bees sensed something wrong, Ji You steered the spaceship, rushing toward the position of the third Black Thorn Bee on the left, swoosh—

Swift as lightning.

In a flash, the spaceship crashed into the belly of the wounded Black Thorn Bee; upon crashing, Ji You activated the spaceship's energy-configured cold weapon, a sharp dagger, stabbing into the Black Thorn Bee's abdomen.

Crunch~

The tough outer layer of the Black Thorn Bee was finally torn open after repeated assaults—

The spaceship burst straight through.

Crunch~

Crunch~

Crunch~

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan... all heard the clear crunching sound, and the spaceship didn't stop for an instant, drilling through the Black Thorn Bee's abdomen, the next second, speeding into the distance.

The remaining ten or so Black Thorn Bees immediately turned around and pursued.

Through the spaceship's monitor, Ji You and her companions could clearly see the hanging swarm of 'big tails' behind them, constantly closing in, in the blink of an eye, they flew to the rear of the spaceship, and at once, everyone broke out in cold sweat.

Ji You gritted her teeth: "Damn! I may be a sick cat, but don't think I'm weak!"

The next second.

Ji You intensified the thrusters, fleeing recklessly—

"Run!"

"Hurry, run—"

Chapter 1032: Wave After Wave

Can't beat them, instead of running? Are we supposed to wait until New Year?

Ji You drove the spaceship like her life depended on it, with Yue Qiguang aiding from the side. It was his first time realizing that the seemingly weak number 4444 had such a vast potential... S-level physique, strong like Yue Qiguang himself, yet at this moment, under such high intensity, he found himself somewhat short of breath. He originally thought Ji You would definitely faint, or even collapse soon, but she managed to hold on with a look like she's about to kick the bucket any moment but never actually does.

More than a dozen gigantic Black Thorn Bees were closing in tightly, step by step approaching the spaceship, seemingly about to break through its protective shield. But each time, they narrowly missed, each time they were about to catch up, something suddenly made them pause, allowing the spaceship to escape smoothly.

Inside the spaceship.

Spiritual power completely depleted, Shen Changqing leaned against the back of the chair, his face pale, beads of sweat streaming down his forehead, dripping one by one...

Bang—

Shen Changqing could no longer hold on, collapsing to the ground—

The next second.

A hand helped Shen Changqing up, looking at the person overhead, Shen Changqing's lips turned white, devoid of any color: "I..."

"Rest," Yue Qiyuan calmly said, "I've got this."

Shen Changqing slightly closed his eyes, began to breathe heavily... gasping for air.

Taking over Shen Changqing's duties, Yue Qiyuan followed Ji You's instructions, instantly releasing all of his cleared spiritual silk. The invisible spiritual silk, one, two, three... thousands... extended in all directions, when touching the Black Stinging Bee Swarm, they transformed uniformly into invisible barbs, swiftly striking at the Black Thorn Bees.

The enormous Black Thorn Bees abruptly halted.

At this moment, Ji You, driving the spaceship, seized the opportunity to dart forward a great distance. When the Black Thorn Bees reacted, they found the prey had once more fled far away. Momentarily, the Black Stinging Bee Swarm erupted into loud buzzing.

"Buzz—"

"Buzz—"

"Buzz—"

Suddenly, the Black Thorn Bees' speed soared, beginning a reckless charge towards the spaceship, along the way, the ordinary Black Thorn Bees' orderly formation turned into chaos, large numbers of Black Thorn Bees were smashed to death, their corpses rained down dense like pouring rain...

Seeing this scene through the rearview monitor, Ji You felt no joy at all; she didn't have time to catch her breath before realizing her spaceship was once again chased down by the giant bees. Ji You: "..."

"Damn!"

"I have something to say, but I'm not sure if I should." Ji You glared at the camera, yelling, "Yue Qiyuan, are you capable?"

Collapsing on the ground, panting heavily, Yue Qiyuan, who didn't even have the strength to snap his fingers, immediately jumped up upon hearing this: "Who? Who dares to say I can't do it!"

Ji You shouted, "Try again!"

He shoved a Candy Bean into his mouth, crunching~

Ferociously crushed, the candy instantly melted in his mouth, a burst of sweetness spreading...

Then—

Spiritual silk was released once more.

This time, Yue Qiyuan didn't directly attack but manipulated the spiritual silk to wrap around the legs of more than a dozen Black Thorn Bees. The Black Stinging Bee Swarm instantly noticed the anomaly, their wings vibrating in unison.

Pa!

The massive wings flapped against the invisible spiritual silk, Yue Qiyuan bore immense pressure, yet he still clenched his teeth, enduring mental pain, refusing to withdraw the spiritual silk.

Pa!

Again!

More than a dozen Black Stinging Bee group's wings, like sharp blades, sliced through Yue Qiyuan's spiritual silk, seemingly about to cut them off—

In the emergency, Ji You roared: "You dare!!!"

Upon hearing this roar filled with terrifying pressure, the giant bees froze momentarily, thinking their king had suddenly appeared. However, it was somewhat strange because they all knew this intimidating presence from the superior wasn't the familiar king, yet it was more terrifying, more intimidating... more than a dozen Black Thorn Bees retracted their wings and turned to flee...

Ji You collapsed on the console, suddenly spewing a mouthful of blood.

The next second, Yue Qiyuan, barely holding onto the spiritual silk, also abruptly spewed a mouthful of blood!

Poof—

Poof—

Yue Qiyuan completely fainted.

Shen Changqing opened his eyes, but his eyelids were fighting as if he couldn't keep them open...

In the team, the only two S-level mental power strong individuals were both down, temporarily losing combat ability. On the other side, with Ji You no longer at the helm, the spaceship spiraled out of control, Yue Qiguang swiftly took over all piloting functions.

The shaky spaceship sped out urgently when the giant bee swarm regained composure.

Sheng Qingyan and Chu Jiaojiao had been stationed at the turret, with the deep turret barrels aimed at the Black Stinging Bee Swarm, and amid the brief chaos, their cannon fire shot without mercy.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

In the sky of the Southern Hemisphere above Bee Head Star, fireworks exploded; against the reflection of azure oceans and forests, the fireworks turned blue, dreamy and magical, stunningly beautiful...

But!

It was merely a cold, cruel slaughter.

The Black Stinging Bee Swarm originally wanted to flee, but as soon as they turned, they realized the terrifying deterrence had receded like a tide, completely vanished without a trace, momentarily leaving the giant bee swarm puzzled:

Fake?

Or?

But—

No matter.

In the air, the pheromones of their king were transmitting extreme displeasure and irritability!

Kill!

Kill!

Kill!

The giant bee swarm trembled, then launched an even greater assault!

Poof!

Poof!

Poof!

One after another, needles shot from the tail stinger of the giant bee swarm, aimed toward the spaceship!

In the blink of an eye, densely packed...

Thick as rain...

Crunch~

The protective shield flickered once, then completely extinguished. Simultaneously, a corner of the transparent light layer of the protective shield shattered.

Crunch~

Crunch~

Crunch~

...

Collapsing entirely, the protective shield vanished in an instant.

Arrow-like bee stingers rushed to the spacecraft in mere moments, as Ji You, with her head hanging on the console, suddenly raised her head, staring wide-eyed as the immense, almost unsolvable crisis descended upon her.

We're doomed!

Annihilation.

Ji You thought.

Just then, when the bee stingers hit the spaceship's hull, a crisp sound echoed, and for a moment, the poisonous stingers from all Black Thorn Bees plummeted towards the ground below—

Huh?

Ji You was stunned.

Then—

Where did Ji You have time to speculate the cause? She and Yue Qiguang instinctively cranked the thrusters to maximum, desperately pushing the spaceship to a speed filled with the lonely audacity and courage of a ghostly youth—

Whoosh—

The spaceship zoomed toward the safe haven of Senior Ye Liqiang's team.

In a corner, when the bee stingers stopped, Liu Fufeng fell to the ground in an undignified manner, his exquisite, beautiful face held a distinct daze, looking shocked, difficult to accept, laying sprawled on the floor, still clutching an unfinished small paper man...

Ji You piloted the spaceship, rushing to the destination, her inner joy yet to be released, the smile on her lips suddenly froze!

Chapter 1033: Boom!

The spaceship had just rushed into its destination when dozens of giant Black Thorn Bees swarmed over. Ji You's smile froze in an instant, her pupils dilated enormously, and her face was filled with disbelief: "!!!"

The reactions of the others were no better or more graceful than Ji You's. Liu Fufeng, who had been lying on the floor, exaggeratedly crawled under the table, clinging to a table leg, his whole body trembling.

After a brief stupor, Ji You slapped her forehead: "We got the wrong set. Let's go."

"..." Chu Jiaojiao's lips twitched: "Go? Go...where to?"

Ji You gritted her teeth and said, "The world is vast, I don't believe there's no place for us!"

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

By this time, dozens of giant bees had already surrounded them, and the dozen or so Black Thorn Bees that had been closely chasing them were about to arrive...

And—

And indeed, the world was vast, but no place was safe.

"Caught between a rock and a hard place..." Leaning weakly against the repair cabin, Shen Changqing said, "We're... doomed."

Yue Qiyuan, separated from Shen Changqing by just a bed, shivered his eyelashes: "Do I... do I really need to prepare my will now?"

The others no longer wanted to speak.

The spaceship's Protective Shield was completely shattered, utterly losing its protective barrier, and the spaceship's shell, which usually seemed indestructible, looked so fragile faced with this swarm of giant Black Thorn Bees...

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Each attack on the spaceship's shell, with its loud noise, reminded Ji You and her teammates—

The danger was imminent!

Amidst a loud crash, Ji You staggered, nearly falling, when a hand quickly reached out—it was Yue Qiguang's.

Propping up Ji You, Yue Qiguang furrowed his brow tightly and said, "Fool, we need to make a decision now."

Ji You took a deep breath.

Indeed.

They couldn't wait any longer, couldn't delay, as a delay of just one second could affect everyone.

Staying put in the spaceship meant all the Black Thorn Bees would focus their attack on it, and the most likely outcome was the annihilation of the team. The current strategy was to disband the team on the spot; only by disbanding would these Black Thorn Bees spread out, decreasing their attack strength, and everyone would escape with whatever skill they had left.

But—

If the team disbanded, would this be a final farewell?

Ji You didn't dare; she was afraid.

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For a moment, Ji You's apprehension and fear seemed to last only a moment. She shook off Yue Qiguang's supporting hand, stood up, turned her back to everyone, and raised her hand, saying, "Everyone, listen to my command—"

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fist.

Yue Qiguang clenched his teeth.

Sheng Qingyan slightly closed his eyes.

Lying side by side in the repair cabin, Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan exchanged glances, seeing a touch of determination in each other's eyes.

Then—

Ji You's voice was very light, very light, but each word seemed to weigh a thousand pounds, pounding into everyone's hearts.

Heavy.

Ji You, with her back to everyone, said, "—Each pilot your Mecha, disband on the spot!"

Boom—

The spaceship suffered a violent collision again!

Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang took out their Mechas, logged in, and the three stood towering at the spaceship hatch—

Yue Qiyuan and Shen Changqing also supported each other and walked out, logging into the Mechanical Cabin.

Ji You opened her mouth, her voice firm: "30 seconds, I will keep piloting the spaceship for 30 more seconds to draw the Black Thorn Bee Swarm's fire. In 30 seconds, I'll abandon the ship and escape, meaning you have only 30 seconds—"

"4444..." Yue Qiguang opened his mouth and gritted his teeth: "Let me do it!"

Ji You glanced at him sideways, raised an eyebrow slightly, and said, "I am the Captain!"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Ji You raised her hand, skipped the nonsense, and said directly: "Go!"

But—

No movement.

No one moved at all.

"..." Ji You gritted her teeth and shouted: "Get out! Live! Even if you lose an arm, leg, or head, live on for me! You bunch of idiots and fools! In this battle, let's decide who is truly the strongest in the Combat Department, who is destined to stand at the Peak of the Universe!"

Ji You raised her hand: "Go!"

As soon as the words were spoken, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan, without a moment's hesitation, piloted their Mechas and leapt out from the spaceship hatch.

At the same time, Ji You piloted the spaceship, charging straight at the Black Thorn Bee Swarm!

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

In just a few dozen seconds, her actions were extremely intense, determinedly and fiercely, continuously ramming into dozens of Black Thorn Bees without a hitch!

The tightened encirclement of the Black Thorn Bee Swarm was forcibly smashed open by Ji You into a breach!

Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and others seized the opportunity to rush out—

The entire Black Thorn Bee Swarm was bewildered by Ji You's actions.

This—

This little bug intends to die together?

The dozen or so Black Thorn Bees that Ji You crashed into had their hard exoskeletons pounded into dents, and they were thoroughly enraged!

The swarm buzzed angrily, countless rain-like arrows, all fired at Ji You's spaceship!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In an instant, thousands of them!

...

Ji You sat in the control cabin, watching this scene, her lips tightening: "...Damn!"

If this keeps up, wouldn't her spaceship be shot to pieces?

"When I'm not angry, do they really think I'm a sick cat?" Ji You muttered through chattering teeth and clenched teeth, fiercely saying: "Isn't it just shooting? Don't they think I can't?"

With that, her Six Spiritual Threads swiftly took control of thirty turrets on the spaceship, and then Ji You pressed the fire button!

Swoosh—

Swoosh—

Swoosh—

Thirty Particle Cannons fired together!

In an instant!

Thirty cannons fired again!

Once more!

...

The Black Thorn Bees were strong in attack and very fast; when they sensed danger, they all retreated, but Ji You's speed was too fast, and her firing rate was astonishingly high. Among them, three slightly

closer Black Thorn Bees were targeted by Ji You, and the three crashed right into the Particle Cannons' barrels, which exploded instantly—

Boom—

Three Black Thorn Bees were blasted charred dark! However, their exoskeletons were just too hard, and even if severely damaged, they wouldn't die immediately.

In the next second.

Thoroughly infuriated, the Black Thorn Bee Swarm vowed to tear apart this little bug, fiercely swarming over, surrounding the spaceship, ragged like it had been chewed by dogs, that even scavengers on the garbage planet would find this broken spaceship beneath them.

This scene fell entirely into Ji You's eyes, entirely within her expectations. Ji You could feel her heart pounding, her body slightly shaking uncontrollably, and her hand holding the control repeatedly slipping—

But!

Ji You's face, and the expression on it, remained very calm—so calm it was almost detached and indifferent.

Then.

Ji You squinted her eyes: "28, 29, 30—"

As she finished counting, Ji You swiftly grabbed the protective clothing beside her, wrapping herself tightly—

The next second!

"Explode!"

Chapter 1034: Digging Tunnels

"Boom!"

Ji You shouted loudly, grabbed the protective clothing, and was about to jump off the spaceship and flee, but—

Her leg was suddenly stuck by something.

Something... something?

Ji You froze and looked down.

At that moment, Ji You was dumbfounded: "...damn! Why are you still here?"

Liu Fufeng clung tightly to Ji You's leg, his lips trembling as he spoke: "I... I don't have a Mecha."

Ji You: "..."

"Damn! This is crazy..." Ji You shook her hand and shouted, "There's no time, hold on tight, if you fall and die, it's not my problem."

Hearing this, Liu Fufeng clung to Ji You's pants like an octopus...

Seeing the Black Thorn Bee swarm block the way completely, sealing off the spaceship's path, Ji You didn't hesitate for a second and jumped out with Liu Fufeng.

Then, she pulled out Little Golden Dragon.

Just at the moment of jumping out of the spaceship, Ji You's Six Spiritual Threads tightened urgently, and then, they received the master's command!

"Boom!"

"Blow it up!"

"Boom—"

The remaining energy of the entire spaceship was compressed to an extreme by Ji You's Spiritual Threads, equivalent to a Star Level Energy Cannon. Plus, all the remaining weapons on the spaceship, along with the control system, energy system, power system...

All exploded at that moment!

When the explosion sounded, sparks flew everywhere, and the rapidly soaring temperature quickly swept through nearby air currents and the encircling Black Thorn Bee swarm.

Boom—

Rumble—

Creak—

Clatter—

bee.

bees.

bees.

...

Besides the unlucky Black Thorn Bees at the explosion center dying instantly, the other Black Thorn Bees scattered in a panic.

Having barely retreated to a distance, prepared to immediately turn around and fire a shot to draw away some Black Thorn Bees to relieve Ji You's pressure, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan, upon hearing the loud explosion, were all startled:

"4444!!!"

"Ji You!"

"Idiot!"

"Poor dead!"

"Ji You, my classmate!"

Rumble—

Under the thick smoke covering the sky, the skies above Bee Head Star were densely black, making the boundless sea, vast forest, and soil below visible when looking downward... appear bluer and more beautiful...

Chu Jiaojiao and the others didn't hesitate, they all turned around. But before they could act with their Mechas, one by one, Black Thorn Bees had already whizzed over, unavoidable, impossible to escape—

The scene was both a narrow encounter and a hostile confrontation, so conspicuously heated...

In an instant, the fight began!

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

Chu Jiaojiao and the others fought fiercely, all going all out.

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"Dig!"

"Dig again!"

"This depth is not enough to stay unnoticed!"

"Damn it! Can't you dig faster?"

"Hurry up!"

"Quickly!"

"You're a Beetle, not a snail!"

"Damn it! So slow, are you a tortoise?"

...

At the junction of Bee Head Star Forest and ocean, deep underground, Little Golden Dragon had transformed into a giant Beetle, continuously clawing at the soil, digging tunnels, while Ji You's incessant noise was too much to bear, it threw the antique Luoyang Shovel aside, gritted its teeth and said: "You do it!"

"You do it!"

"If you're so capable, you do it!"

Little Golden Dragon was genuinely angry: "I'm an insect now, not a professional burrowing mouse!!!"

"Cough cough..." Nestled in Little Golden Dragon's cockpit, slumped, with barely enough strength to move a finger, Ji You, with almost everything but her mouth incapacitated, coughed lightly and righteously said, "I'm encouraging you in a different way. If I didn't encourage you, how could you develop your digging skills?"

Little Golden Dragon didn't want to listen to her nonsensical talks, angrily said, "I'm done."

Ji You snorted: "I said transforming into an insect to dig isn't reliable, but you didn't believe it. Is your whale form just for show? Turning into a whale and jumping into the sea to hide would be great."

Little Golden Dragon: "..."

As a disabled Mecha, despite often boasting it could transform into dozens of shapes, but—

Now it can only change into insect or Golden Dragon forms, leaving Little Golden Dragon feeling somewhat helpless.

Hearing Ji You's words, after a short suffocation, Little Golden Dragon was so angry that it turned away, "Woman, I'll let you know how wrong it is to question your Mecha."

"I really quit."

Curled up in the cockpit, Liu Fufeng softly said: "Lord Heavenly Dog, please continue with your Luoyang shovel, if you don't dig, the chasing Black Thorn Bees will discover us."

Little Golden Dragon grumbled: "But this woman is so noisy, so annoying, I'm in no mood to dig."

—Cough cough, it wouldn't admit it's too tired to dig.

Liu Fufeng suggested, "How about I give you an earplug to block your ears?"

"..." Little Golden Dragon was briefly stifled, it looked disdainfully at Liu Fufeng and said: "Xia Man's son, block your own ears, shut your eyes and mouth, not hearing, not seeing, not speaking, is the biggest help you can offer me."

"..." Liu Fufeng opened his mouth: "Okay."

Little Golden Dragon grudgingly squatted down, picked up the Luoyang shovel again,

Ji You sat in the cockpit, looking outward through Little Golden Dragon's eyes, at the surroundings. The entire underground world was pitch black due to the absence of light. Little Golden Dragon was tirelessly clanging away with the shovel, listening to this sound, Ji You spoke with a calm voice, "Little Golden Dragon, it seems this big stone will take some time to break through, otherwise, should we change direction?"

Little Golden Dragon said: "I've calculated, if we dig an exit from under this big stone, we can bypass to the backdoor of Dock 1, and sneak away."

Ji You took a deep breath: "Come on! Believe in yourself, you're the strongest Mecha in the Universe, just digging a hole, piece of cake!"

Little Golden Dragon, although unsure how it, as the strongest Mecha in the Universe, ended up having to dig holes to stay alive, was still very serious, very hard at work digging.

Clang—

Clang—

Clang—

The giant stone was finally pierced through, and Little Golden Dragon drilled out from the underground, instantly facing a fierce battle!

Mecha!

Black Thorn Bees!

A sky of scattered cannon fire and spikes, it was simply chaotic, the scene was so nerve-wracking that Little Golden Dragon instantly wanted to retreat underground again.

But—

The giant Black Thorn Bee swarm had already discovered it, simultaneously, a sharp buzzing sounded from within the swarm—

[Kill!]

[Kill!]

[Kill it!]

In an instant, the Black Thorn Bee swarm engaged with various Mechas, collectively turned towards Little Golden Dragon.

In its insect form, Little Golden Dragon briefly contemplated fainting.

"Didn't check the lunar calendar before digging," Liu Fufeng commented.

Ji You also felt suffocated, she took a deep breath, resolved to keep fighting, when suddenly a voice sounded!

"Retreat!"

"Left 500 meters, quick!"

It was Ye Liqiang's voice, Ji You heard it, dared not delay, and immediately stepped back.

The collective attack of the Black Thorn Bee swarm missed, without pause, they re-aimed at Ji You's Little Golden Dragon.

Just then, a mechanical arm stretched over, carrying Ji You along with the Mecha away.

Chapter 1035: The Outlook Is Grim

When a gigantic mechanical arm reached over and picked up Ji You and the Little Golden Dragon, Ji You didn't feel any offense; instead, she felt a motherly warmth and care from the cold, temperature-less arm.

At that moment, Ji You was nearly moved to tears.

Unexpectedly, the next second—

A stinger struck across the sky, hitting the mechanical arm, which trembled violently. The Little Golden Dragon, hanging from it, was almost knocked off by the impact.

Clang~

Clang~

Clang~

Inside the Mecha, Ji You and Liu Fufeng were thrown around, both landing hard on the ground.

The Mecha was still shaking violently. Lying on the ground, Ji You and Liu Fufeng exchanged a glance and simultaneously reached out to hold onto the table leg beside them.

Ji You wrapped her legs and feet tightly around the table leg, managed to free a hand, and wiped her face, crying out, "Ye Qian... Senior... Hands! Steady... steady your hands."

"Cough..." Liu Fufeng said, "About... to kick the bucket."

Hundreds of gigantic Black Thorn Bees swarmed over in an instant. In a hurry, Ye Liqiang swung the mechanical arm hard and shouted, "Hold tight, I'll toss you guys to the back."

After a roar, the mechanical arm swung abruptly in a parabolic arc, smashing towards a piece of open ground in the back. The Little Golden Dragon shrank its body, stretched out its claws, and quickly clung to a circular building on the ground.

Swoosh~

It couldn't hold on and slid down. At that moment, a door opened from inside, and the Little Golden Dragon scurried inside.

Bam!

The door closed swiftly.

Ji You and Liu Fufeng stumbled out of the Little Golden Dragon's hatch, and upon looking up, they saw Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and Yue Qiguang.

At that moment, seven people, seven pairs of eyes, stared at each other, all seeing a mixture of emotions in each other's eyes.

"4444..."

"Ji You..."

"You... you..."

Ji You didn't rush to speak. She looked at her companions, who were lying all over the place looking very disheveled; her gaze focused on whether anyone was missing an arm or a leg. From what she could see, apart from Yue Qiguang's arm being twisted outward, everyone else was intact...

So, Ji You furrowed her brow at Yue Qiguang and disdainfully said, "2222 Yue Qiguang, it's clear! You're the weakling among us fighters."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang's twisted arm hurt, hurt a lot, and he was drenched in cold sweat, losing even the strength to talk. But after hearing Ji You's words, he jumped up, rushed in front of Ji You, stared at her for a few seconds, and then shouted, "Number 4444! Dad is really happy! For the first time, Dad finds your noise amusing too. Cough..."

He hadn't finished speaking when he suddenly coughed up blood.

Splash~

The blood splattered all over Ji You's face. Ji You wanted to reach out to support him, but Yue Qiguang was whisked away by Yue Qiyuan and Chu Jiaojiao. Ji You frowned and asked, "What's going on?"

Chu Jiaojiao and Yue Qiyuan forcibly dragged Yue Qiguang to the only medical bed. Yue Qiguang still wanted to sit up: "Dad's fine! Dad's lively as ever!"

"Shut up!" Yue Qiyuan shouted sternly, "If you make noise again, I'll smack you to death!"

Though he spoke sternly, Yue Qiyuan's actions were gentle, even with a tremor he couldn't conceal.

This was the first time everyone saw Yue Qiyuan so harsh to his brother and also the first time they saw him showing evident concern and anxiety for his brother.

Yue Qiguang quieted down.

Ji You turned to Yue Qiyuan, who was frowning deeply, and said, "He shielded me and Shen Changqing from a deadly blow."

Yue Qiguang immediately raised his chin proudly and said, "Dad not only saved these two idiots but also counter-killed a Black Thorn Bee. The key is, Dad just hurt his arm—bleh—"

Another mouthful of blood was coughed up.

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Dammit!

Dad's image of wisdom and might!

Ji You commented quietly, "Looks like the internal injuries are not light."

Yue Qiguang hurriedly said, "Dad doesn't have any inter—bleh—" nal injuries...

Ahhh!!!

Ji You said, "Little Guangguang, do repair those blood vessels; you're bleeding too badly."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Shen Changqing and Sheng Qingyan were both leaning weakly on the other side, clearly exhausted of their fighting strength.

Seeing Ji You and Liu Fufeng safe and sound, everyone felt happy. Shen Changqing and Sheng Qingyan just looked at Ji You eagerly, pointed at their mouths, but said nothing.

Chu Jiaojiao supplemented, "These two warriors caught arrows barehanded and injured their throats."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said speechlessly, "Shouldn't it have injured the hand?"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Perhaps the Black Thorn Bee suddenly became more interested in their heads halfway, thus switched attack targets, and in urgency, they used their throats to catch the arrows."

Shen Changqing and Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Ji You sighed, "Brain-dead indeed."

Both of them: "..."

The two were so angry they were almost mute.

Even though Chu Jiaojiao had only briefly summarized with a few words, Ji You could already imagine how thrilling that scene must have been.

Lying on the bed, trying to keep himself steady, Yue Qiguang awkwardly asked, "Number 4444, why aren't you dead?"

Ji You's hand shook, and she forcibly resisted the urge to beat him up, saying, "What nonsense are you spouting? Me, dead? You'd have to reincarnate 8888 times, and I'd still be alive and kicking! I'm the Universe's undisputed number one strongest!"

Seeing that Ji "Fib Teller" You's solo show was about to start again, everyone turned their eyes to Liu Fufeng in the corner.

Liu Fufeng, who had a weak sense of presence, quietly explained, "Classmate Ji You brought me along, compressed the spaceship's energy and propulsion systems, blew up and killed a few Black Thorn Bees, then we took the opportunity to dig a hole and escape."

Everyone: "Oh—"

They understood.

Ji You glared at Liu Fufeng, vigorously explaining, "I didn't, I haven't, don't listen to his nonsense. I heroically broke through the siege driving the Little Golden Dragon! No digging holes, that's all made up."

Just then, the Little Golden Dragon, having reverted to palm-sized, glared at its Luoyang Shovel angrily and said, "Woman! My shovel broke digging, you have to compensate me!"

"..." Ji You's mouth twitched slightly.

Yue Qiyuan and the others: "Oh—didn't dig a hole, huh?"

The Little Golden Dragon urged, "Compensate me!"

Ji You coughed forcefully, glared at the Little Golden Dragon, and said, "It's just a crappy shovel. Once we get back, I'll compensate you however many you want. Now stop talking, don't blow my cover."

The Little Golden Dragon said, "This shovel in my hand was modeled after the only complete Luoyang Shovel preserved in the Alliance Museum today. It's a true work of art with practical functionality. The maker is Master Song Qingfeng."

Ji You was shocked: "No wonder I thought a mere iron shovel was so useful."

The Little Golden Dragon said, "It's currently worth 10 million credit points."

Ji You: "..."

Yue Qiyuan added, "Master Song Qingfeng has completely withdrawn from the cold weapons industry and has shifted to Mechanical Manufacturing, so this should be a limited edition, and the price has doubled."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You raised her hand: "Bye."

The group briefly inquired about each other's situations; knowing that no one was dead and they were temporarily alive, they felt relieved. However, the situation outside the fortress remained grim.

Swarming over were massive Black Thorn Bees, numbering at least a hundred, all with Level 5 strength or higher.

Apart from the giant bees, ordinary Black Thorn Bees were continuously flying over, while on the human side, Ye Liqiang led a garrison of 16 people, and as for Ji You's group of wounded individuals, they were so injured and exhausted that their combat strength was practically zero.

The disparity in strength between allies and enemies was huge!

It's looking bleak.

Chapter 1036:

Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao, along with their injured companions, are able to lie safely inside and chat leisurely mainly because Senior Ye Liqiang led 16 garrison soldiers to form a protective circle around the circular fortress where Ji You and the others are located as they fought.

Rarely can a giant Black Stinger Bee break through the warriors' defense to harm Ji You and the others.

Additionally, this small circular fortress was originally a safety facility of Bee Head Star 1 Dock, equipped with comprehensive protective measures. For example, the fortress's protective shield has reached Level 8, capable of withstanding attacks from Level 8 Star Beasts.

Therefore, Ji You and the others are safe for the time being.

However, if the Black Stinging Bee Swarm continues to attack incessantly, the shift from quantitative to qualitative change is only a matter of time.

This fortress's collapse is just a matter of time.

Ji You clasped her hands behind her back, anxiously watching the battle outside. The combat prowess of Senior Ye Liqiang, Xiao Liu, and the other warriors are very impressive. Despite being at a numerical disadvantage against numerous Black Stinger Bees, their combat techniques are remarkably flexible and varied.

They appear to be fighting solo, but can switch to formations of two, three, four at any moment, splitting and merging fluidly.

Thus, every attack they launch inflicts maximum damage on the Black Stinging Bee Swarm.

The surrounding giant Black Stinger Bees keep decreasing, one, two, three...

But new Black Stinger Bees keep filling in.

Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 – these Intermediate Star Beasts seem unending, as if they will never stop.

Because of the new influx, no warriors led by Senior Ye Liqiang have fallen, and although the Black Stinging Bee Swarm seems to be decreasing, the fact is... they are still at a disadvantage.

Rumbling~

The center of the battlefield continually emits loud roars, blades dancing wildly, sparks flying everywhere.

Senior Ye Liqiang is extremely powerful, his every move precise, hitting vital points. The corpses of Black Stinger Bees fallen under his firepower have piled up like a mountain.

Vivid blue blood flowing all over the ground.

Drip, drip~

Drip, drip~

Drip, drip~

Suddenly, a Black Stinger Bee with gold-edged wings silently flanked Ye Liqiang from behind. Its massive wings folded in abruptly, transforming into sharp feathered spears, aimed at the energy system of Senior Ye Liqiang's mecha, causing Ji You and the others to hold their breath!

The feathered spear gradually approached, set to pierce in the next second, and Ye Liqiang seemed oblivious, at 1 meter, half a meter... the spear shot up straight, poised to stab down—

Everyone furrowed their brows tightly.

At that crucial moment, the seemingly unaware Senior Ye Liqiang spun around with a swift strike!

Bang!

The Black Stinger Bee's seemingly indestructible wings were directly severed!

"Beautiful!" Ji You couldn't help but shout out. As soon as she spoke, she noticed Chu Jiaojiao and the others also cheering with clenched fists:

"Awesome!"

"Strong!"

"Impressive!"

...

But everyone's brows remained furrowed. Because as soon as the wing-severed Black Stinger Bee fell, a new one equally matched in physical strength and combat power quickly filled its place.

"This isn't working!"

"What should we do?"

"This is tough!"

Ji You gritted her teeth and said, "Using sheer numbers! It's despicable! It's shameless!"

Yue Qiyuan frowned and said, "We have to think of a way to resolve the current predicament."

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fists tightly and said, "The best strategy now is to find the Bee Queen and eliminate it."

The enemy is using a swarm tactic. Fighting them head-on won't work; we must catch the leader first, solve the one issuing the orders, and the rest becomes Shrimp Soldiers and Crab Generals, and without a leader, they will surely fall into disarray quickly.

Ji You asked, "Where is it?"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "The body of the Black Stinger Bee Queen is two to three times larger than the ordinary ones."

Ji You certainly knew this; before setting out, they all researched the habits and characteristics of the Black Stinger Bees.

The problem is—the Black Stinger Bees in front of them are not just two or three times larger, it's more like a few thousand, tens of thousands of times larger, isn't it?

Where is the Bee Queen?

This question already slipped from Ji You and the others' focus as the whole circular fortress resounded with loud bangs, as bees were attacking the fortress!

To the left?

No.

To the right?

No.

Above?

Also no.

Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao exchanged glances, shook their heads, and then, they all focused on the ground!

They saw something constantly pounding the floor, clang~

Clang~

Clang~

Ji You almost choked: "Little Golden Dragon, are you that bored? Stop tapping."

"..." Little Golden Dragon grabbed Ji You's hair and stomped on her foot simultaneously: "I'm right here!"

Ji You jumped in shock, "I... oh my God! Who... who is tapping?"

Thud!

Thud!

Thud!

Listening to the rhythm and the faint sound of wings fluttering, Ji You could confirm that it was—

Chu Jiaojiao sarcastically said, "That's Yue Qiguang's girlfriend knocking."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Ji You almost spat out a mouthful of old blood: "So they're cheating! Actually digging tunnels? It's too much."

The sound from beneath kept on, seemingly intent on piercing through the ground completely.

Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing couldn't speak, but still stared with eyes wide open, patiently waiting for Ji You.

Ji You walked a circle around, urgently saying, "We can't just sit and wait for death."

Whether Senior Ye Liqiang had requested reinforcements wasn't something they could find out at the time, but letting the Black Stinger Bees underground grow stronger unimpeded was definitely a very bad idea.

"No one here has 100% full combat capability," Chu Jiaojiao said, tightening her brow, "just a bunch of wounded."

Chu Jiaojiao asked, "In such a situation, what should we do?"

The discussion was very brief since the tunnel underneath was still being persistently pounded; Ji You gritted her teeth and said, "First move Shen Changqing and Spicy Eye to the medical cabin, everyone else, stay alert!"

"Protective shield to the max Level 8."

"Energy system prioritizing shield allocation first."

"Jiaojiao, coordinate with me in a moment..."

"Yue Qiyuan, you team up with Unit 2222, you have good synergy."

"Liu Fufeng!"

In the corner, Liu Fufeng straightened immediately upon hearing his name, "Here!"

Ji You said, "Focus on self-preservation."

"..." The light in Liu Fufeng's eyes that had just reignited suddenly dimmed out.

Ji You squinted and said, "The floor has a Level 8 protective shield, it cannot be breached in a short time. We can no longer just sit here comfortably waiting for protection; we must think of a way to take the initiative."

Even if not outright confronting the Black Stinger Bees, at least attack them from the flank.

The battlefield remained deadlocked.

Senior Ye Liqiang and the warriors continued their relentless offensive, their whole team constantly switching formations. Ji You kept an eye out, waiting for the right moment.

At that moment, the actions of the underground Black Stinger Bees grew louder.

Everyone understood well enough that this Black Stinger Bee digging persistently was steadily nearing the surface—

Chapter 1037: Underground

Dong!

Dong!

Dong!

The knocking from underground, subtle and elusive at first, now seems so distinct as if it's pounding right beside the ear, making it hard to ignore. Ji You closed her eyes slightly, clearing the chaos in her mind, then opened them again and said, "Yue Qiyuan, is the Protective Shield at its maximum?"

Yue Qiyuan replied, "It's on, but there's a bit of a problem." His voice paused for a moment; when he spoke again, it was still hard to hide the heaviness, "The energy isn't sufficient. It'll only last for 30 minutes."

Ji You lifted her hand and massaged her temples.

It was indeed a big problem.

When it rains, it pours. Just dealing with unforeseen circumstances is enough, but the repeatedly occurring energy shortages are giving Ji You and her teammates a massive headache.

Yue Qiyuan said gravely, "The defense system here was last overhauled three years ago, and the energy was replenished seven years ago. In other words, the energy here hasn't been replenished for a long

time. Normally, it only needs to maintain a Level 1 protective state, if not just be on standby consuming zero energy. Therefore, the usual energy consumption isn't much. If it weren't for this incident, the energy could have lasted another three years."

Chu Jiaojiao frowned so hard she could squash flies: "What do we do? Do we just hold on here till the end?"

Ji You looked through the fortress's surveillance lens towards the outside battle. Giant Black Thorn Bees were relentlessly swarming in from all directions, and seniors like Ye Liqiang and warrior Xiao Liu had to handle more than 7 or 8 at once.

The numbers between enemy and ally are overwhelmingly disproportionate.

If weaklings, the injured, and burdens like us step out of the fortress now, we would definitely drag down senior Ye Liqiang and others, resulting not only in our own demise but potentially getting the seniors killed as well.

Continue to bunker down?

But obviously, the underground Black Thorn Bees would not let Ji You and the others live peacefully here.

Dong dong dong!!!

Shhh~

Hmm?

Ji You's heart sank, what's this?

Shhh~

Sure enough.

This vague rustling was not just one but several, which means that the underground Black Thorn Bees were not just one bee as they thought, but several?

Damn!

The situation just got worse.

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, and others obviously heard the increasingly distinct rustling as well, and their expressions were all looking grim.

Yue Qiguang said agitatedly, "Damn! Next time, I'm not playing with you guys. Hanging out with you is just too unlucky."

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao... They all glanced at Yue Qiguang with disdain in their eyes, and just as Ji You was about to mock Yue Qiguang, suddenly, a violent shake came from underground!

Boom——

Everyone jumped up in surprise, this——

Is the Black Stinging Bee Swarm prying at the base of the fortress?

Yue Qiguang: "...Damn! This is big trouble."

Ji You pursed her lips, holding onto the table leg with one hand, her facial expression paused for a few seconds, then she waved her hand forcefully and said, "Don't be afraid, it's not a big problem."

Everyone: "..."

Shen Changqing said softly, "I think it's a big problem."

"I forbid you to undermine your own morale and boost the enemy's." Ji You glared at Shen Changqing inside the medical cabin, then turned to Chu Jiaojiao and said, "To come without being reciprocated is impolite. Jiaojiao, let's go!"

Chu Jiaojiao immediately followed, "Just right, I'm fed up. Time to show these ugly bugs some color."

Ji You stepped onto the foundational launch pad of the fortress, and retrieved an Energy Gun from the Space Button.

Ji You said, "Jiaojiao, help me find the spot, also, you're the only one who maintained full combat strength here, keep an eye on Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiyuan's side, and support them anytime."

"Got it." Chu Jiaojiao squinted, adjusted the monitors to infrared, but unfortunately, the original underground surveillance pipelines were damaged by the Black Stinging Bee Swarm, leaving only a small portion usable. From this small portion of surveillance footage, she couldn't piece together the full situation of the underground Black Stinging Bees. Chu Jiaojiao kept her eyes fixed, fell into a short contemplation, then opened her eyes and said, "Ji You, conservatively estimate that there are a total of 15 Black Thorn Bees underground."

Upon hearing this, Ji You fell silent for a moment, then said, "Double the number, we have to put the estimated danger level to the highest, prepare for the worst." At any time, preparing for the worst is not a bad thing.

In the surveillance, thermal red lines appeared.

"It's here." Chu Jiaojiao's voice lowered, "200 meters down your left foot and then 5 meters up, there's one, it looks like a Level 5."

Bullet chambered, Ji You squinted, and pulled the trigger.

Through the launch pad, the bullet traveled straight to hit the target.

An intense tremor suddenly erupted from underground!

The next second, Ji You pulled the trigger again.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

She fired three successive shots, all hitting the Black Thorn Bee's weak spot. Unfortunately, the Black Thorn Bee's thick skin and rough flesh were quite resilient. If it had been a Particle Cannon, it might have been heavily injured, but it was only a less destructive Energy Gun. The Black Thorn Bee was hurt, its body trembling with pain, but it didn't die, only rolling on the spot in pain.

The Black Stinging Bee Swarm underground was momentarily agitated by this sudden attack but soon continued advancing. Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao quickly realized that due to their enormous size, the Black Thorn Bees had to destroy the pre-built defensive structures in the dense underground network and pipelines with every step they took, causing them not to have an advantage in movement underground. Therefore, their movement speed was slow. As long as the firepower was strong enough and the attack speed was fast enough, it was totally feasible for Ji You and the others to take down a Level 5 Black Thorn Bee.

Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao exchanged a look, both seeing a sudden spark in each other's eyes. Chu Jiaojiao said, "Ji You, you shoot from the ground, I'll slip to the underground and finish them off!" Due to their large size, they kept some distance between them while moving underground, providing a significant amount of operational space. As long as they killed one without alerting the others, they might just be able to eliminate the underground threat.

Chu Jiaojiao had faith in Ji You's shooting skills; as long as she could injure or even heavily damage one, she only needed to coordinate and finish them off from the side.

However, Ji You indeed shook her head, "No, it's too dangerous for you alone."

Chu Jiaojiao squinted her eyes and said, "Danger? I've lived this long never considering the word danger in anything I do. To me, a matter only has the choice between challenge and giving up on the challenge."

Ji You: "...So, you're starting to become more like Yue Qiguang. The second fool in the Combat Department."

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao's suggestion really was a pretty good idea, but... this suggestion was full of gambling. Ji You touched her chin and said, "Let me think, I'll think again."

Chapter 1038: Suffocated by the Stench

Outside the fortress, the flames of war are endless.

Underground, danger is relentlessly approaching.

Do you think you can hide inside the fortress and enjoy peace and tranquility?

Impossible.

The weapon launch platforms inside the fortress are too limited, which is a big restriction for someone like Chu Jiaojiao, who has strong physical strength and excellent close combat abilities. She cannot fully utilize her advantages.

Chu Jiaojiao is the only one in the team who has maintained full combat ability. Continuing to defend inside the fortress without utilizing her strength will only widen the disadvantage step by step, eventually leading to the fortress being breached and everyone being doomed. Chu Jiaojiao is very unwilling; she wants to take the initiative.

Chu Jiaojiao pondered for a moment and said, "Ji You, don't hesitate. We can't participate in the battle on the ground. If the fortress gets breached and the underground Black Stinging Bee Swarm rushes out, the pressure on Senior Ye Liqiang and the others will be even greater. What we need to do now is to hold the line of underground defense. I am going down to the underground, there is definitely danger, but the chance of victory is also high."

"Gamble?"

"Of course, we must gamble!" Chu Jiaojiao said with absolute calmness, "From the moment we are born, life itself is a gamble. I don't shy away from death because I'm not afraid of dying, and I also value my life greatly."

"Don't worry." Chu Jiaojiao turned to Ji You, her dark eyes shining brightly: "Ji You, you should choose to believe in me."

Ji You took a deep breath and said, "Jiaojiao, you go."

Chu Jiaojiao's eyes sparkled at the words, but at the same time, her fingers suddenly tightened. After exhaling fiercely, she stood up and said, "I'm going right now."

Ji You said, "But you need a little more assurance before you go."

Chu Jiaojiao: "???"

Ji You squinted, his gaze stopping at the monitor, watching the Black Thorn Bee that had been attacked by four of his shots, still rolling on the ground. At this level of injury, if left alone, it could still be jumping around for at least three more days and nights.

No way.

It must die, immediately, right now, not a moment's delay.

Ji You said, "Disguise a bit."

"How to disguise?" Chu Jiaojiao frowned and said, "I've thought about this problem before, but no matter how I disguise, I can't pull it off. The Black Thorn Bees have very keen sense of smell, they can differentiate between allies and enemies by their scent even from thousands of miles away. It can't be that I disguise myself as a Black Thorn Bee?"

Ji You tapped his fingers on the table and said, "Start with the scent. Since we can't disguise, let's change our approach and disrupt the surrounding scents, preventing them from determining friend or foe based only on nearby scents."

"Oh?" Chu Jiaojiao's eyes brightened: "Good idea."

Slightly farther away, Yue Qiyuan murmured, "But, what method can disrupt the surrounding scents?"

As soon as this sentence was spoken, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang...everyone simultaneously said: "Stinky bomb!"

In the next second.

Everyone turned their heads and looked at Ji You, asking: "How many stinky bombs did you bring?"

"Cough cough..." Ji You said: "Not much, not much, just enough to cover a radius of 500 miles."

Everyone: "..."

And this is not called much?

Then, sitting quietly in the corner, clutching a table leg, folding paper with one hand, Liu Fufeng watched as Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and even Sheng Qingyan in the medical pod and Shen Changqing all started packing things into their space buttons.

A few seconds later.

Everyone was wearing protective clothing, helmets, masks... wrapped up tightly from head to toe, layer upon layer.

Liu Fufeng: "..."

"Hey!"

Liu Fufeng heard someone calling him from behind. He turned his head and met Ji You's bright eyes. Ji You asked, "Do you need protective clothing and a helmet with a mask? They can completely isolate the smell of the stinky bomb. They are brand new, no discount, 100,000 credit points each, do you want one?"

Liu Fufeng: "..."

Liu Fufeng shook his head: "Thank you, I have."

After saying this.

Liu Fufeng also began to take things out from his space button. In a moment, he took out a protective shield with full coverage and its own air purification function, thin and light, completely different in level from the protective gear worn by Ji You and the others, which only has a basic oxygen cycle and requires layer upon layer to be worn tightly.

Suddenly, not only Ji You, but the others were also envious.

Liu Fufeng donned the gear in the blink of an eye, then he said to Ji You and the others: "I have 6 more sets here, do you need them?"

Is there such a thing as a free lunch in this world? This protective shield is high-grade, allows free breathing, doesn't affect eating, is light, and can resist Level 5 or higher but below Level 8 Star Beast attacks, its price is at least over 5 million credit points.

Gift?

Ji You guessed Liu Fufeng was trying to sell it to them indeed, as he hesitated to speak for a moment—

In the next moment, Liu Fufeng quietly said: "100,000 credit points rental, I really am asking very little."

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao and others said: "You play your own game."

Liu Fufeng raised his face, with a hint of clear laughter in his eyes, like spring blooms, brilliantly shining—

"I'm just joking."

"I'm giving them to you."

"No money needed."

"Not charging a single cent."

"No conditions whatsoever."

Liu Fufeng took out protective clothing and said earnestly: "It was originally meant for you guys. I thought it wouldn't be needed, but didn't expect—" really so unlucky, next time he surely has to check the calendar and pray to the gods before daring to go out. He didn't say this last bit.

"...Cough cough!" Ji You didn't fuss much and didn't waste time, she directly grabbed a set that matched her physique and said, "Thanks, I'll treat you to braised pork rib rice next time."

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan...all took the gear, thanked, and immediately changed into the protective clothing.

Ji You said, "Jiaojiao, head underground now, remember, from the left side door, sneak to the valve at the 200-meter underground level, I'll prioritize the elimination of the Black Thorn Bees on this level, you be ready to finish them off."

Chu Jiaojiao said: "Rest assured."

After saying this, Chu Jiaojiao slipped through the left side door, made a quick move, and her figure quickly disappeared.

Ji You's hand trembled, but she didn't do anything, just quietly watched Chu Jiaojiao's silhouette disappear.

Then.

Ji You squinted, took out a stack of stinky bombs from the space button, then loaded one, chambered it, fired—smoothly.

In the next second.

The stinky bomb followed the underground network, reaching 500 meters deep underground, then the stinky bomb exploded.

Then.

Ji You added a second one.

Third one.

Fourth one.

...

Embedded underground, the Black Thorn Bee Swarm were aware of an unusual smell, but before they could react, the pungent stench from all directions attacked fiercely, instantly making all the Black Thorn Bees underground freeze.

On the surface.

The Black Thorn Bee Swarm suddenly trembled strangely, Ye Liqiang saw the rare opportunity, intended to attack, then an overwhelmingly foul smell swept over, Ye Liqiang: "...Where is this stench coming from?"

From the communication channel, came a slightly soft voice: "Cough cough...Senior Ye, terribly sorry, I deployed stinky bombs underground, the results seemed good, so I also deployed a bit on the surface."

"A bit...bit?" Ye Liqiang opened his mouth, paused breathing, and the next second, quickly shut his mouth.

Chapter 1039: Coordination

The entire Dock No. 1, both above the ground and underground, was filled with a stench beyond the limits of human imagination, a smell truly indescribable with mere words.

For a moment, even the Black Thorn Bees in the sky, entangled in battle with Ye Liqiang and his companions, couldn't help but shiver.

Ye Liqiang gently closed his eyes, and at this moment, he heard the voice of the culprit come through his communicator once more:

"Cough, cough... Senior Ye, it might be a bit smelly, just bear with it a little with your fellow seniors, if it's really unbearable, then..."

"Just retreat back into the fortress for a while?"

Her voice was crisp and clear, like pearls dropping onto a jade plate, indescribably pleasing to the ear. However, no matter how much he tried to hypnotize himself, Ye Liqiang still found what she said rather unpleasant.

Ye Liqiang wanted to take a deep breath, but when he realized what he was about to do, his body stiffened suddenly; the stench had already seeped into his nostrils. Ye Liqiang exhaled sharply, immediately donning a helmet on his head, then charged towards the momentarily halted Black Stinging Bee Swarm!

Such a perfect opportunity, once missed, would be gone forever!

Evidently, the other dozen or so warriors also realized this. They hurriedly covered their heads with protective helmets and charged towards the swarm!

Crack!

Bang! Bang!

Boom!

...

Various weapons unleashed their full attacking force on the massive Black Stinging Bee Swarm!

The speed was too fast, catching the Black Stinging Bee Swarm completely off guard.

The ones initially blocking the front were hit in critical areas by this gale-like assault, losing their lives with almost no resistance, their corpses crashing down to the ground.

Having dealt with one wave, Ye Liqiang and his companions pressed their advantage!

...

Underground.

Chu Jiaojiao, fully armed, silently reached the valve at 200 meters underground. About 10 meters to her left, an injured Black Thorn Bee was frantically fluttering its wings.

Chu Jiaojiao paused briefly, then, hunching down, quietly moved to the left.

Ji You watched Chu Jiaojiao's slow movement through the surveillance.

When they were 3 meters away, Ji You whispered, "Stop."

Chu Jiaojiao stopped in time.

At this moment, even without listening devices, one could clearly hear the Black Thorn Bee thrashing violently behind the wall. Chu Jiaojiao listened intently.

As the Black Thorn Bee's wings brushed against the stone wall with a harsh rustling sound and its wounded abdomen came into view, Ji You squinted his eyes, "Do it."

Chu Jiaojiao flipped over in the air, leaping into the wall, her energy knife slicing down.

Right in the abdomen.

Crack~

Blue blood splattered everywhere!

This Black Thorn Bee, which had endured three shots from Ji You and constantly struggled for survival, fell completely silent.

Chu Jiaojiao withdrew the knife, her tone icy as she said, "The force was a bit rough; next time, I'll remember to be gentler."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said, "50 meters to the left, hide for a moment."

Chu Jiaojiao quickly advanced a few meters, pressed up against the wall, and remained motionless.

The next second, Ji You pulled the trigger.

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Three shots were fired simultaneously. As the bullets pierced the Black Thorn Bee's skin, Chu Jiaojiao flipped in.

Bang!

The bullet exploded inside the Black Thorn Bee, and Chu Jiaojiao's knife quickly followed. This Black Thorn Bee barely struggled before collapsing completely.

Retrieving the knife, Chu Jiaojiao wiped away the blue blood that had splattered on her forehead hard. She found this blue blood very distasteful, thankful for the protective clothing that prevented it from actually touching her.

The entire underground world was filled with a thick stench, confusing the Black Stinging Bee Swarm that primarily relied on smell to identify enemies. All the Black Thorn Bees stopped, spinning around aimlessly like headless flies...

[Oh no!]

[I can't sense the king's presence anymore!]

[Where is the king?]

[Without the king's guidance, what... what should I do?]

[So stinky!]

[The smell is overwhelming; everywhere stinks, where can I hide?]

[Who is so smelly? Is it the king... the king? It can't be the king, the king smells fragrant.]

The entire underground world of Black Thorn Bees was restless. Meanwhile, 5000 meters deep, a palm-sized, deep blue Black Thorn Bee with only a few strands of gold thread in the wing's outer layer and distinctive red compound eyes was frantically flapping its wings and buzzing because it couldn't contact its subordinates.

[Who?]

[Who interrupted my summoning of my subordinates?]

[Who?]

[Huh?]

[So stinky!]

The red-eyed Black Thorn Bee circled the hard stone wall a few times, then suddenly flapped its wings and flew out—

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Ji You aimed at the target and shot again.

Chu Jiaojiao took advantage of the gap and struck!

The two cooperated seamlessly, taking down six giant Black Thorn Bees in less than half an hour.

With enough time, slowly advancing like this, the crisis in the underground world could be gradually resolved.

Both Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao were patient and unhurried, their every move calculated with precision and consideration.

Bang!

Knife retrieved.

Chu Jiaojiao held her breath. She sensed a Black Thorn Bee next door becoming even more agitated. Bang! Bang! Bang! It was vigorously flapping its wings, even if it meant breaking them.

Even the one farther away was noticeably more restless.

Ji You lowered his voice and said to Chu Jiaojiao, "Retreat! Quickly!"

Chu Jiaojiao was slightly stunned, "The stench's concentration hasn't dissipated..." In other words, the stink bomb's effect of severing the scent connection between the Black Thorn Bees was still working just as well.

Why not take the opportunity to kill a few more?

Ji You said, "No! Come back quickly. If these Black Thorn Bees continue to receive no orders, they'll riot. You're too dangerous underground."

Chu Jiaojiao, already starting to retreat while asking questions, immediately replied, "I'm coming back right away."

She had just run a bit when a wall behind her collapsed with a continuous rumble, and then another wall quickly collapsed... Following that, a crackling sound of circuit shorting echoed, sizzle pop~

Ji You's eyes darkened slightly. "Jiaojiao, the fortress's surveillance system has an issue. Your current position will soon be untrackable. Move to the right, then upwards, I'll drop a climbing rope to meet you. Hurry!"

"Hurry!"

"Sizzle~"

Communication was cut off.

Ji You frowned tightly: Not receiving Jiaojiao's response, how could the signal have been cut off?

It's just a surveillance system issue underground, not a Light Computer problem.

What's happening?

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Chu Jiaojiao ran frantically, listening to Ji You's instructions as she ran. Understanding the situation had changed upon hearing Ji You's urging, Chu Jiaojiao dared not delay and responded, "I'm coming back immediately."

She had just run a bit when continuous sounds of collapsing echoed from behind, and a wall ahead also gave way. Chu Jiaojiao's expression changed, "Ji You classmate! The path back is blocked, quickly check if other routes are clear..."

"Ji You classmate?"

"Ji You?"

Disaster!

Chu Jiaojiao stared at the unresponsive Light Computer, knowing she was in big trouble.

Chapter 1040: You Can't See Me

Ji You suddenly stood up in the control room, and beside him, Yue Qiguang and Yue Qiyuan frowned. Yue Qiguang shouted, "No! You can't go!"

Ji You had already picked up the knife, ready to set off.

Yue Qiguang struggled to jump off the rescue bed, saying, "You fool number 4444, with your poor physical strength, how could you possibly resist a swarm of Black Thorn Bees above Level 5? Let me go! Of everyone here, only I am suitable for close combat."

Yue Qiyuan and Shen Changqing have strong spiritual power, but their physical strength is slightly weaker, and close combat has never been their forte. Sheng Qingyan is very well-rounded in both

spiritual power and physical strength, but right now, the injury on his neck is particularly serious, and the fort's medical supplies are scarce, so his injury can't be healed immediately. Thus, after considering comprehensively, Yue Qiguang believed he was the most suitable person to go underground.

Even though one of his hands couldn't be used, wasn't there still the other hand?

The struggling Yue Qiguang was suddenly pressed down on the head by a hand. He angrily raised his head, turned his face, and saw it was 4444 Ji You. Yue Qiguang frowned and said, "Idiot, let go!"

Ji You stared at him, with no room for negotiation in his eyes, said, "You stay here. I am going."

Yue Qiguang cursed, "Weakling, you look like you'll kick the bucket just from breathing. You're going? You're just going to deliver food!"

Ji You patted the gun strapped to his waist and said indifferently, "The weakling you mentioned just hit every shot and killed 7 giant Black Thorn Bees. And you?"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

That stung.

Ji You turned to Yue Qiyuan and said, "Watch your brother. Until Jiaojiao and I return, hold down the fort, and don't go out."

Yue Qiyuan nodded, "Go without worry."

Yue Qiyuan didn't compete to go underground like his brother, because apart from himself, others on the ground could only provide half or one-third combat strength, so he must stay to guard the positions.

By staying, he allowed 4444 to focus on assisting Chu Jiaojiao.

Ji You threw the words down, holding a Big Saber, ready to head to the tunnel entrance. At this time, Liu Fufeng, who was curled up in the corner folding paper, suddenly stood up and followed behind Ji You.

Ji You walked a step.

Liu Fufeng walked a step.

Ji You: "???"

Liu Fufeng said, "Classmate Ji You, I'll go with you. I'll protect you."

Ji You: "???"

Liu Fufeng seriously said, "You didn't hear wrong. I said I'll protect you, not you protect me."

Ji You said, "Move away quickly, I don't have time."

Every second couldn't be wasted.

Just thinking about Chu Jiaojiao being in great danger made Ji You anxious. The Light Computer was unexpectedly blocked. One must know the Light Computer's signal is spread throughout the eight star systems, unless in special areas like the Special Combat Zone, Government Secret Department, or undeveloped unknown areas... Only then might there be equipment specifically blocking the Light Computer signal, or the Light Computer network hadn't been laid out there...

The Black Gold Ore on Bee Head Star was already completely mined out and had no more value, but it's located within the radiation range of Jiao Space Station, an area that needed military defense, so the signal should be very smooth here.

Suddenly cut off?

What's the reason?

With just a thought, Ji You felt a wave of panic inside. She coldly said, "You can come with me, but I definitely won't protect your safety, even if it affects the relationship between the Alliance and your country."

Liu Fufeng was silent for a while, then raised his head, seriously giving Ji You a look, and said, "I'll go."

Ji You said, "...Okay."

Liu Fufeng was slightly surprised: "You're really letting me go?"

Ji You already jumped into the tunnel opening, wrapping ropes around her body, and said, "I trust you're not one to speak without reasoning."

Hearing this, Liu Fufeng was stunned for a moment, then he hardly hesitated before jumping in after.

Ji You urgently rushed in the direction where Chu Jiaojiao disappeared, and Liu Fufeng suddenly said, "Classmate Ji You, I think she should be over here."

Pointing to the spot on Ji You's right hand side, he seriously said, "Over there, I feel something is off, the entire underground's human-built defensive structures and facilities have completely collapsed. From this direction, I... I seem to feel Chu Jiaojiao's presence."

Ji You followed Liu Fufeng's hand, staring in that direction.

Then.

Ji You didn't hesitate, directly changing direction, rushing toward where Liu Fufeng pointed.

Seeing Ji You's actions so rapidly, and having no doubt about his judgement, in the darkness, Liu Fufeng's exquisite and beautiful face suddenly lit up and then he followed.

Wearing the protective clothing, with Liu Fufeng the super rich providing protective clothing equipped with an air purification system, facing the stench underground, Ji You and Liu Fufeng almost seemed to be in an odorless environment. Soon, the two passed through one tunnel after another. As they were about to proceed further, they suddenly felt a dangerous aura, Ji You stopped, drawing out the energy gun from her waist.

The approaching Black Thorn Bees, frenziedly flapping their wings, were about to reach Ji You and Liu Fufeng when Liu Fufeng suddenly raised his hand, making claw gestures: "You can't see me, you can't see me, you can't see me."

Ji You: "..."

Does that work?

This has got to be a joke, right?

The next second, the Black Thorn Bees flashed their wings, directly passed in front of them as if they really couldn't see the two.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You opened her mouth wide, "Damn! What ability do you have?"

Liu Fufeng retracted his hand, wiping the sweat from his forehead heavily, said, "Well... it's not very strong, this is called Ultimate Hypnosis."

Ji You gazed at the departing Black Thorn Bees, the two were just talking, and that Black Thorn Bee didn't seem to notice them at all, full on shock! She always knew Liu Fufeng's spiritual power was strong, so strong it could explode anytime, killing herself and those around her, hence the Little Golden Dragon constantly reminded Ji You to not get too close to Liu Fufeng.

But this—

After truly realizing the strength of Liu Fufeng's ability, Ji You was completely envious!

If only she mastered a bit of it, hypnotizing enemies to fight would be free reign for slaughter.

If even stronger, hypnotizing a swarm of enemies at once, during the harvesting of those heads, she'd just need to bring a reaping knife, making the process like harvesting rice or wheat—simple!

The more she thought, the more excited Ji You became.

She glared at Liu Fufeng: "Can... can you teach me?"

Liu Fufeng gazed in the direction of the Black Thorn Bees, gently patting his chest, said, "That... that was scary! Luckily, it worked." After speaking, hearing Ji You's question, Liu Fufeng frowned slightly and said, "I wouldn't recommend learning, it's very hard."

Ji You said, "I want to learn no matter how difficult."

Liu Fufeng pointed to his head, said, "Head needs to be opened many times."

Ji You: "..."