

# **The Interstellar Queen of Scavengers**

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Ji You kept looking back in threes and twos, hoping Dr. Luo would suddenly tell her there was a problem with her examination results, yet no one in the lab – Dr. Luo, Mu Jianling, or Principal Hong – ever called her back.

Ji You moved half a step, then another half step...

Then—after fidgeting about for ages, she still hadn't left the lab. Mu Jianling, with a grim face, scolded, "If you don't leave now, do you want to stay and contribute slices for scientific research, or do you need me to kick your butt before you'll go?"

On hearing this, Ji You bolted.

Mu Jianling clenched his teeth, "Damn thing."

Dr. Luo, slightly surprised, said, "Jianling, your temper has been really fiery lately..."

Mu Jianling choked.

Dr. Luo, smiling, said, "Kids can indeed be challenging and irritating."

Mu Jianling glared fiercely at Principal Hong, who was shaking his leg and pretending not to hear, and said, "After teaching this batch, I won't take on the freshmen anymore." Not a single one is reassuring.

Principal Hong continued to shake his leg, feigning deafness.

Dr. Luo laughed and said, "I find it quite interesting to handle the freshmen. It's often amusing to see them flustered and making a fool of themselves."

Mu Jianling, hearing this, somewhat agreed and said, "Teaching these brats, that's the only fun in it."

Seeing that it was getting late, Principal Hong stopped shaking his leg and spoke earnestly, "Luo Wei, have you completed the data I asked for?"

Dr. Luo nodded, "It's done."

Mu Jianling frowned and said, "Can it be concealed from the upper levels? I feel something is not quite right recently, I don't want any issues with my students."

Principal Hong's brow furrowed, and after a moment, he relaxed and waved his hand, his tone quite dominant: "So what if it can't be concealed? I, Hong Jiang, am not dead yet! No one can snatch anyone from my hands!"

Mu Jianling said, "You should take it easy with your frail body, I will protect my students myself."

"These are also my students..." Principal Hong opened his mouth, intending to argue with Mu Jianling, but Dr. Luo quickly intervened to prevent them from getting into a confrontation, saying, "There won't be any problems with the data, so both of you don't need to worry too much."

Principal Hong asked, "What's the real situation with this kid's physical data?"

Mu Jianling also quieted down, his expression serious.

Dr. Luo, with a smile tugging at the corner of his mouth, said, "The true data is what I showed to Student Ji You, I haven't tampered with anything."

Mu Jianling was taken aback, "Hmm?"

Principal Hong stopped shaking his leg and asked, "What's the situation?"

Dr. Luo said, "Actually, her data has indeed grown a bit too quickly. In just less than half a month, her Physical Strength has reached the Peak of E level, and her spiritual power threshold has soared to D level. Under normal circumstances, this rate of improvement is indeed a bit abnormal, but—don't forget Swords Spirit privately supplemented her with a few High-level candy beans. With the assistance of the candy beans, this speed is completely possible."

Mu Jianling exhaled, said grumpily, "At least it wasn't a total waste of my beans."

If there had been no improvement at all, Mu Jianling would have been truly infuriated.

Principal Hong asked, "What's the actual situation?"

If Ji You's spiritual power mutation was just this little, everyone need not worry.

Dr. Luo suddenly became serious and said, "The growth in her Physique and spiritual power threshold is fine. But—I suspect that what she's enhancing is not just these basic stats. She might actually be expanding her Spirit Space."

Hearing this, both Principal Hong and Mu Jianling were shocked.

Dr. Luo, looking at them both, said, "As you know, a person's Spirit Space is fixed—it does not grow or expand... But I've observed that although Ji You's spiritual power threshold is D level, both the intensity and sustainability far exceed D level, which is really abnormal. So far, I cannot find any explanation, so I boldly speculate that her Spirit Space is actually growing..."

"Of course, there's no evidence for this, and it cannot be proven, this is just my guess."

"Perhaps her Spirit Space was originally broader than others. But—the last time I checked her, I didn't have such a clear feeling, I can confirm that the change must have occurred during this period."

Speaking of this, Doctor Luo handed another set of data to the two of them.

Mu Jianling and Principal Hong seriously flipped through it.

After reading, Principal Hong frowned and said, "Maybe your speculation is right, maybe it's wrong. But this matter, it's enough that we know about it, don't spread the word."

Doctor Luo nodded: "I know."

Mu Jianling's brow was furrowed as if it could kill a fly: "I thought it was just a spiritual power mutation, but this little jerk is still so troublesome."

Doctor Luo asked, "Do we need to tell Ji You?"

Principal Hong waved his hand, "The growth of the Spirit Space, whether good or bad, is also unknown at the moment, moreover, we don't have any evidence to prove your speculation, so... let's not tell her for now."

Tell Ji You?

What if it causes the opposite effect?

Hong Jiang thought for a moment and said, "Her current condition is benign, anyway, there's no sign of life-threatening danger. Just check her regularly, we don't need to be too nervous; if we really find a problem, then telling her to cooperate won't be too late."

Doctor Luo nodded, "Alright."

Principal Hong looked at the deeply furrowed brows of Mu Jianling and said, "She's just a mutant child with slight uniqueness; there's no need to be too anxious."

Mu Jianling frowned and remained silent.

A moment later, suddenly remembering something, Mu Jianling looked up at Principal Hong and said, "Right, Old Jiang, this guy's Spiritual Silk is indeed very sensitive to beverages made with Cloud Mist Tea... I have less than 50 grams of Cloud Mist Tea left, do you have any?"

Principal Hong's finger twitched.

Mu Jianling: "Do you have any?"

A flash of pain crossed Principal Hong's eyes as he cursed, "This little jerk, picky eater indeed. What's the need to really go for Cloud Mist Tea!"

Mu Jianling: "So, do you have any?"

Principal Hong snapped, "No!"

Mu Jianling: "Hmm? Since I have a limited stock and it's not easy to buy, telling that kid that he wants it for 500,000 credit points per cup, I can't even utter that with a straight face, anything less than 500,000 per cup would be shameful to mention."

The key is: Cloud Mist Milk Tea that you can't buy for 500,000 or even 1,000,000 credit points, sold cheaply and still scorned by that kid buying only 1/5!

Mu Jianling truly didn't have the words to say it.

Principal Hong's mouth twitched, saying, "I have less than 100 grams left."

Mu Jianling: "That will last a while. After all, each use only requires a few grams."

Principal Hong: "..."

Mu Jianling: "Give it to me now."

Principal Hong: "..."

Can he even refuse?

Bearing the pain, Principal Hong took out a small packet from his Space Button and threw it to Mu Jianling, who immediately put it into his own Space Button.

— His hand speed was really fast.

Principal Hong pursed his lips.

**Chapter 202: Chapter 202: Chattybox**

Doctor Luo's laboratory.

Principal Hong, Mu Jianling, and Doctor Luo did not immediately disperse after discussing Ji You's matter.

A solemn expression showed on Principal Hong's resolute face: "The students from third and second year who went out on missions are about to return."

Hmm?

Old Jiang's expression could hardly be described as happy. Mu Jianling furrowed his brows, "Is there a problem?"

Doctor Luo also wore a worried look, "How are these students?"

Principal Hong's lips tightened, and after a moment, he said, "There have been casualties."

Once these words were spoken, both Mu Jianling and Doctor Luo fell silent.

After a while, Principal Hong said, "It's our failure in teaching; the students are still too naive, innocent, and overconfident! These children, who have been well protected in the ivory tower, have not experienced hardships or bloodshed and are ultimately still too immature."

The specific situation was that a few students were careless and provoked a level 5 Star Beast, thinking they could handle it themselves without seeking immediate help or escaping. By the time the leading teacher noticed, 2 students had already been injured or killed.

Moreover, these two students were top students; it was heartbreaking that they unexpectedly lost their lives in the rear logistics, where almost no losses should occur.

Doctor Luo moved his mouth, sighing, he said, "Accidents are beyond anyone's control..."

Mu Jianling's eyes grew colder, "The situation in the Sixth Star System has been growing more severe recently. We are in the eye of the storm, it is inevitable that we will be affected, and the way we teach must change."

Principal Hong slammed the desk, saying, "That's exactly what I think. Therefore—I believe it's too late to send them out in their second year. From now on, our students should start engaging with the mission system from their first year."

Doctor Luo frowned in surprise, saying, "That's too soon! These kids don't even have a single skill, they can't even protect themselves! We can't let them take such risks."

Mu Jianling heard this and disagreed, saying, "Keeping them protected in a cage, could that really foster their rapid growth?"

Doctor Luo was anxious, "But we can't joke about the lives of these children."

These children, every one of them is a treasure.

These children, each of them is a future pillar of humanity.

How can their lives be taken lightly?

In short, Doctor Luo did not agree at all.

Principal Hong said, "Let's start by selecting a group of elites to engage in miscellaneous tasks in the rear. They won't be on the frontline killing enemies, but as logistics support, as long as they have a functioning brain and limbs, they can certainly do it, right?"

Doctor Luo wanted to speak but hesitated.

Mu Jianling said, "That could work."

Principal Hong bowed his head in thought, then said, "Jianling, you will personally lead this group of students."

Mu Jianling nodded, his tone decisive, "I wouldn't trust anyone else with this."

Doctor Luo looked at Principal Hong, then at Mu Jianling, held back a bit, and said, "Have the other leaders agreed to this? Has the Academic Affairs Office approved it?"

Principal Hong said, "Since I've brought it up, naturally, I will get their agreement."

Doctor Luo was a bit angry but didn't know what to say any more.

Then, Doctor Luo said, "In that case, I shall go along as well. How can a team lack a doctor?"

Principal Hong said, "You don't need to go; the legion's combat support troop has a comprehensive medical system."

Doctor Luo opened his mouth to object, "But..."

Principal Hong waved his hand, saying, "You stay at the school, there are other matters."

Doctor Luo eventually said no more.

And so, the decision was made.

Principal Hong stood up and said, "Dismissed."

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After Ji You left Doctor Luo's laboratory, thinking about how she might have spent millions without any improvement, she felt so anxious that she felt like her mouth was on fire; she didn't even enjoy eating anymore. Therefore, Ji You didn't feel like competing for food at the cafeteria anymore.

Of course—

The main reason was that at this time, the cafeteria had already stopped serving natural food, going to the cafeteria to eat would just mean buying some nutrient solution or synthetic food.

To eat that, Ji You might as well just stay in her dorm and munch on a nutrient solution.

Ji You didn't delay, hurriedly ran back to the dorm, didn't immediately eat the nutrient solution, and rushed into her training equipment to start the detection system.

[Beep—

Physical condition detection is over. Please wear the Spiritual Connector...]

Hearing the prompt, Ji You immediately switched to the Spiritual Connector. This device, slightly different from the mecha's Spiritual Connector, is mainly used to detect the size of the spiritual power threshold.

After wearing it.

Ji You didn't feel anything special, then, she just felt her spiritual power being continuously scanned...

A few minutes later.

The detection stopped, results were out.

Ji You jumped up to check the results the first thing, and upon seeing them, she almost spat out a mouthful of blood:

[Your Physical Strength: E-level Peak, Your spiritual power threshold: 499, D level.]

These results, aren't they exactly the same as Dr. Luo's diagnosis?

So—

Dr. Luo didn't lie to her?

Is she really that hopeless?

Spending millions but only improved this little?

But—

Wait a second. Ji You clearly felt that her Spiritual World had widened a bit, and her six silly threads had also gotten fatter. But why can't these be detected?

Or—

Could the current detection devices actually not be able to detect this?

Regardless, Ji You wouldn't believe that she hadn't improved at all.

She ostriched.

She shut herself down.

She stubbornly believed she was a genius.

Just as Ji You fell into self-doubt, she suddenly received a communication call, Ji You saw the caller, it was Sister Liya! Seeing Sister Liya's deep blue eyes, with a gentle smile, staring softly at her, all the frustration and irritation in Ji You's heart vanished!

Ji You opened her mouth wide, her eyes shining brightly, happily asked: "Sister Liya! I missed you so much! Are you and Brother Qiong back?"

Upon seeing Ji You's bright face, the slight gloominess in Liya's heart gradually dissipated, she nodded and said softly: "Yes! Brother Qiong and I are back. Where are you now? We went out on missions and didn't even have time to celebrate your admission."

The moment she thought of all her family members coming back, Ji You was as happy as a sparrow, chattering: "I'm in the dorm here at South Campus, where are you? I'm gonna head out now, I really miss you guys."

"Sister Liya, look, you've lost weight."

"Poor thing, haven't been eating or sleeping well, huh?"

"Was the mission hard?"

"Did everything go smoothly?"

"Did you go to another planet?"

"And also... what I can't tolerate the most, your bust size has decreased! How could this be! Absolutely not!"

Liya: "..."

These sentences coming out one after another, like little chatterbox, not even letting the person respond in time, the previous statements were all fine, but Liya frowned a bit at the last sentence, feeling slightly annoyed, she even took the time to glance down at her chest.

Huh?

At this moment—

Suddenly, a soft laugh came over, Ji You: "Sister Liya, you really fell for it, you are actually still concerned about this."

Liya darkened her face: "..."

### **Chapter 203: Chapter 203: Welcome Banquet**

Lea rubbed the spot between her eyebrows and said with a smile, "Even if I shrink, I'd still be bigger than your beans."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You deliberately glanced at Sister Liya and said, "Sister Liya, you've turned naughty, even starting to tease me now."

Lea extended both her fists, watched Ji You with a smile, and said, "Cheer up! There's plenty of time for you to grow. Sister Liya is looking forward to the day you do!"

Ji You huffed, "I suspect you're driving [making fun of me], but I have no proof."

Lea blinked her beautiful eyes and giggled, "Alright, no more fooling around, come downstairs now, I'm here to pick you up."

Ji You quickly slipped on her shoes, saying, "I'm coming down now."

As soon as she left the dormitory building, she saw Lea waiting by the side. Lea was dressed in a black standard uniform, with disciplinary buttons and Dr. Martens boots, looking absolutely spirited and dashing!

Ji You trotted over, "Sister Liya, I'm here. Where are we heading?"

Lea glanced at Ji You, noticing her face not only hadn't darkened or thinned but also seemed fairer and plumper. She felt somewhat reassured and said, "We're going to the school's commercial restaurant."

Ji You suddenly stopped in her tracks, "That place is so expensive!"

The school canteen served communal meals at low prices for all teachers and students, but the commercial restaurant was different. It offered individual servings and à la carte orders, costing at least twice as much as the canteen.

Of course, Ji You knew about this place and had passed by it countless times, but she had never set foot inside, not even daring to entertain the thought.

She's poor now, so she doesn't dare think about it.

Even if she becomes filthy rich in the future, she doesn't want to go there. In Ji You's view, the canteen's food was already tasty enough to satisfy her, and she had no intention of spending money on these businesses that ripped off students.

Hmph—

Seeing Ji You's penny-pinching behavior, Lea knew what she was thinking and chuckled, "You don't have to treat, we are inviting you to celebrate your smooth enrollment."

If she were facing Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, these tycoons, these fat sheep, Ji You would undoubtedly latch on without a second word. But she knew the financial situation of Sister Liya and Brother Qiong was comparable to her own, even feeling that after generating income from making Soul Devices, despite having squandered millions, she now had more money on hand than Sister Liya and Brother Qiong combined.

Thus, Ji You insisted firmly, "Still no, let's go back to the canteen later, it's cheaper, more substantial, and filling!"

Lea raised her hand and tousled Ji You's head, saying, "Don't worry about the money. Come on, Aqiong and Lingzhi are already inside waiting."

Taking advantage of her height and physical strength, Lea directly picked up Ji You.

Literally picked her up.

Ji You: "..."

Is it not shameful to bully a little dwarf?

Ji You quickly pulled away Lea's hand, saying, "I can walk! I can walk myself!"

Ji You, burdened by the weight of her 200-pound star image, secretly thought: After all, I am the best freshman, a person of some significance. If others saw this, wouldn't it ruin my reputation for a lifetime?

Lea let go and put down Ji You as told.

The two took a Floating Car and quickly arrived at the commercial restaurant. This was a commercial street with shops lined up, offering a variety of foods and all sorts of fancy novelties...

As soon as she entered, Ji You was instantly dazzled.

What kind of place is this?

This is surely where immortals dwell, Ji You could hardly believe that she would see a glimpse of the Hua Country's commercial streets from her previous life in the interstellar era. She was absolutely ecstatic!

Surrounding her were all kinds of restaurants - stir-fry, hot pot, barbecue... wafts of aroma hit her face, tempting Ji You's appetite as her cravings surged forth!

Lea watched Ji You's shocked expression and smiled, "Surprised? This is a vintage design. Thousands of years ago, humans liked to come together in the evening to dine, drink, brag, and chat...

Therefore, the school specifically designed this street in memory of those times."

Ji You nodded vigorously: "It is surprising."

Not just surprising, she was also delighted. How to describe this feeling? It was like a traveler in a foreign land suddenly returning home, everything so familiar, so moving...

Ji You's feet paused at the barbecue stall, almost unable to move.

Grilled wings!

Skewers!

Beer!

My God...

This is just criminally tempting.

Lea glanced at Ji You and couldn't help but smile, "We'll come back here for this another time. Right now we're going to have hot pot! You haven't tried it before, right?"

Ji You's eyes lit up: "Yes, yes..."

Although barbecue was a temptation to crime, hot pot was also irresistibly enticing!

One cannot have both the fish and the bear's paw...

So be it!

Today, she would indulge in one.

The welcoming robot escorted Lea and Ji You to the elegant seats on the second floor, where Xie Chuanqiong and Xie Lingzhi were already waiting. Xie Chuanqiong sat motionless in the chair, waving to Ji You and Lea: "You, Lea... this way."

Ji You ran over briskly, ready to crack a few jokes, but her expression suddenly froze, asking, "Brother Qiong, what happened to your leg?"

One of Xie Chuanqiong's trouser legs was completely empty.

On hearing this, Xie Chuanqiong's eyes were warm as he gently shook his head, saying, "Don't worry, there was a bit of an accident during a task, and I've had an amputation. I've already harvested cells to cultivate a new leg, and it will soon be ready to attach."

Ji You frowned and asked, "What exactly happened?"

Xie Lingzhi gave Ji You a glance and said, "Why stand there like a dummy? Sit down and we'll talk slowly."

Ji You sat down as told.

Lea also sat down immediately.

Only then did Ji You find out what exactly had happened. Xie Chuanqiong was a junior this year, and it wasn't his first or second time going out for a task, but his talents were limited, so he didn't join the Combat Department. His major was Mechanical Manufacturing.

And Lea?

Lea was a sophomore studying Mechanical Manufacturing for Mecha.

Coincidentally, both of them followed their respective mentors to go out for a task and ended up at the same Space Station, both working in logistics. Xie Chuanqiong was responsible for maintenance and repair of large mechanical equipment.

Lea worked on maintaining Mecha and Mechanical Materials.

This Space Station was situated behind the frontline, where countless soldiers were battling against Star Beasts. The station maintained a certain number of guards to ensure its security, under normal circumstances, Xie Chuanqiong and Lea would not be in danger.

But—

The reason accidents were accidents was because they were completely unpredictable.

At the Space Station, a level 5 Star Beast suddenly sprang out, and it landed right in the midst of the student group, causing instant chaos. Xie Chuanqiong was injured by the Star Beast's claws while trying to help a fellow student.

Fortunately, the injury wasn't severe, otherwise it wouldn't just be a matter of amputation.

Xie Chuanqiong looked at everyone, smiling, "Anyway, there's no serious harm, and being alive is the best comfort."

## **Chapter 204: Chapter 204: Stubbornness**

Lea looked at Xie Chuanqiong and smiled, "Qiong, to celebrate your narrow escape from death, let's order some dishes. This time, I'm going to eat a lot and a lot."

Xie Chuanqiong looked at Lea, curved his lips into a smile, and said, "Alright, I'm treating. This mission, I earned a lot of points, so don't worry about money. Order whatever you want to eat..." His character has always been very steady and reserved, like the neighbor's big brother, making people feel as refreshed as a spring breeze.

While they were talking, Ji You and Xie Lingzhi had already started arguing over the menu:

Ji You said, "For hotpot, it's gotta be spicy hotpot! A hotpot without the spiciness has no soul!"

Xie Lingzhi: "Clear soup hotpot! Only the clear soup hotpot is the world's finest delicacy, and I refuse to listen to any objections!"

Ji You choked a bit.

Then the two were in a relentless dispute, unable to convince each other.

At that moment, Xie Chuanqiong raised his hand and gave each of them a smack on the head, saying, "We'll have both in a Yin Yang hotpot. One side for each of you, no more arguing."

Ji You covered her head, pretending to be aggrieved, "Brother Qiong, I'm no longer your darling little sister..."

Xie Lingzhi rolled her eyes and said, "Have some shame, will you? I'm your real sister, and even I wouldn't say such a thing."

After ordering the dishes, Ji You and Xie Lingzhi started arguing again about whether to use peanut sesame sauce for the dipping or soy sauce with cilantro, bickering incessantly...

As a result, each got another smack from Xie Chuanqiong.

This time, the two unusually stopped.

After a short while.

Ji You and Xie Lingzhi in unison said, "If your hand dares to hit me again, I'll chop it off and throw it in the hotpot!"

Xie Chuanqiong: "..."

Lea burst into laughter, saying, "We can eat now, come on... Eat while you argue, don't starve yourself. If you don't eat enough, where will you get the energy to chop off hands?"

Xie Chuanqiong: "..."

He slightly lifted his head, glanced at Lea, his clear and handsome face showing a hint of helplessness and indulgence.

Ji You, surprised, took a few more glances at Sister Li Ya, and discovered that Sister Li Ya was also quite scheming.

The four people had a meal together, and the atmosphere was very pleasant. These four have grown up together from childhood, living as neighbors for a long time, both childhood friends and family... so they had no reservations with each other, eating, drinking, and chatting wildly...

Then, Xie Chuanqiong suddenly said, "You, I heard from Lingzhi that you achieved great results in this year's freshman exercise?"

Upon hearing this, Ji You laughed heartily, "More than just great! I was simply brilliant and magnificent, intelligent beyond compare and quick-witted..."

Xie Lingzhi glanced at her, "So, you roasted a rabbit?"

Ji You: "..."

Both Xie Chuanqiong and Lea laughed when they heard it. Lea said, "We've all heard about this, it's even been talked about at the Space Station. Everybody is really curious about this junior sister..."

Ji You's eyes lit up, "Curious about what?"

Her extraordinary intelligence?

Her quick-wittedness?

Lea smiled slightly and said, "They're curious how big of a gall this junior sister has to dare to roast a rabbit right in front of Principal Hong. Is she still alive? Is she missing any arms or legs? Has she been sliced and modified?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You showed a smile and said proudly, "They're going to be disappointed then. Not only do I have hands and feet, but I'm also lively and kicking, enjoying every bit of my food."

Xie Lingzhi: "A disaster that lasts a millennium."

Ji You: "!!!"

Why does this phrase feel a bit piercing? Theoretically speaking, she's not just a thousand years old; she's a several thousand-year-old demon.

Xie Chuanqiong suddenly said, "You, why did you switch to the Combat Department?"

Ji You explained to everyone her somewhat confused transition to the Combat Department.

Xie Chuanqiong fell silent for a moment, then said, "I don't know what Principal Hong and Teacher Mu are planning, but I think the Combat Department doesn't suit you. If possible, apply to transfer sooner rather than later..." The situation is now unclear, and one day, students from the Combat Department must go to war to protect the Alliance and humanity...

But You is just a kid with poor talent, how can she ensure her own survival?

If she switched to another department, like the Material Department, she would only need to stay in the rear, ensuring stability from behind.

Lea and Xie Lingzhi also agreed with this. Lea said, "That's what I mean too. Transfer to the same department as me, or with Lingzhi. With us to lead and take care of you, you'll quickly get familiar with things."

Ji You, seeing everyone's concern, scratched her head, feeling a bit embarrassed, and said, "Brother Qiong, Sister Lea, Sister Lingzhi... I'm not planning to transfer. I... I quite like the feeling of charging into battle with machine guns and cannons."

Everyone was a bit speechless.

Xie Lingzhi said, "Are you sure it's you carrying the machine guns and cannons, and not the other way around?"

Ji You choked on the words, then said, "Of course I'm the one carrying machine guns and cannons to kill the enemy! I'm one of the top talents in the Combat Department, and there's never been a training exercise I couldn't complete! I excel in every single one."

This wasn't boasting.

It was the truth.

Ji You continued, "Teacher Mu said I'm very suitable, and I think she's right! When I step into the Mechanical Cabin, looking at the mountains and lands beneath my feet, I'm filled with a sense of accomplishment. I feel that being born human, I'm meant to become a Mechanical Warrior, to roam the Star Sea at will."

Nobody spoke.

After a little while, Xie Chuanqiong's eyes dimmed slightly and he said, "Do you know that on our last mission, two students died? They were even more spirited than you are now before they left."

Ji You was stunned. She had not heard about this.

Silence.

The atmosphere froze for a few seconds before Xie Chuanqiong continued, "In the next one or two years, as a student of the Combat Department, you will face great risks, even danger to your life at any moment. That's why Lea, Lingzhi, and I, we all hope you won't join the Combat Department."

The three of them stared solemnly at Ji You.

Ji You fell silent.

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Ji You looked at the three of them and said seriously, "Brother Qiong, Sister Lingzhi, Sister Lea... I understand your concerns for me. But I still won't give up the Combat Department! If I give up on becoming a warrior out of fear of death, then death will eventually come for me!"

"I am not afraid of death."

"What I am afraid of is lacking the opportunity to prove myself."

Xie Chuanqiong looked at Ji You, silent, without uttering a word.

Lea sighed softly.

Xie Lingzhi's face was stern, with an air of despondency, and said, "Once dead, there's nothing left! Only by living is there a chance! Any chance!"

Ji You smirked, saying, "That's true, so I won't let myself die! A talent like me should make trouble for a thousand years! How could I die so easily?"

Xie Lingzhi gave her a sidelong glance. "You do have some self-awareness."

Ji You grinned, smiling at the group. Her expression wasn't very serious, but her tone was stern as she said, "Whatever I want to do, I don't want to compromise, don't want to give up. That's my stubbornness."

Giving up is too easy.

Staying the course is hard.

So cherish every step you take.

## **Chapter 205: Chapter 205: The Situation**

Seeing Ji You's determined attitude, Xie Chuanqiong, Xie Lingzhi, and Lea fell silent for a while before Lea looked up, smiled at Ji You, and said, "Who would have thought that among the four of us, it's You who would become a Mechanical Warrior in the end."

Ji You laughed and said, "It's not yet, not yet, but of course, it will be in the future."

Lea earnestly said, "I believe in you, you will definitely become an excellent Mechanical Warrior someday."

Xie Chuanqiong also smiled and said, "We're all doing assistive or logistic work; You becoming a Mechanical Warrior is also our glory. Go for it, girl! You'll definitely soar through the skies in your mecha."

Becoming a Mechanical Warrior was Xie Chuanqiong's childhood dream too, but limited by talent, he had to give it up.

Among the three, only Xie Lingzhi kept silent.

After a while, Xie Lingzhi snorted and said, "Do you think it's that easy to become a Mechanical Warrior? You still have to pass the exam, don't fail, and then come crying back to us."

Upon hearing this, Ji You immediately retorted, "Impossible! With my sort of talent, how could I possibly fail the Mechanical Driver's License exam? Absolutely impossible!" If I couldn't even pass the driver's license exam, how could I show my face?

After all, I'm someone with some status.

Xie Lingzhi humphed and said, "We'll see."

Ji-Overwhelmingly Confident-You wasn't the least bit phased by it, she waved her hand grandly and declared, "Sister Lingzhi, just wait until I prove you wrong!"

Xie Lingzhi glanced at her sideways and said, "If you end up needing to retake the test, that really would be a joke I could laugh at for a year."

Ji You picked up a meatball with her chopsticks, bit into it with a crunch and said, "Sister Lingzhi, I'll remember your words. Laughing too much isn't good, rest assured, for your health and peace of mind, I absolutely won't give you the chance to laugh at me."

Xie Lingzhi humphed again, just as she was about to reach for another meatball with her chopsticks, a pair of chopsticks suddenly swooped in from the side and snatched it away before her.

Xie Chuanqiong took the meatball and naturally placed it in the bowl of Lea beside him, earning a smile from her.

Xie Lingzhi: "..."

Xie Lingzhi reached her hand out, aiming for another meatball, but before her chopsticks could touch it, a delicate hand suddenly appeared and skewered the

meatball away. She looked up and saw it was Lea, who gave a meatball back to Xie Chuanqiong, saying, "You have an injury in your leg, you should eat something light."

Xie Chuanqiong's mouth curved up slightly, and he took it with his chopsticks and ate it in one bite.

Xie Lingzhi's mouth twitched, but she ended up not saying anything; by this time, there were no more meatballs left in the clear soup pot.

A few seconds later.

Xie Lingzhi's gaze shifted towards the spicy hot pot, where several round meatballs floated; her eyes lingered over them for a while before she finally decided to reach out with her chopsticks.

At that moment, Ji You, with her mouth full of food, suddenly darted her chopsticks in and snatched away a meatball.

Xie Lingzhi: "..."

Xie Lingzhi thought to herself that she wouldn't argue with her. So, she reached out to another one.

Then, Ji You also swiftly nabbed that other one.

Xie Lingzhi: "..."

Ji You curved her lips into a grin and chuckled, "Sister Lingzhi, you know, eating hot pot is actually a battle of chopsticks, whoever's chopsticks are faster, gets to enjoy the delicious food."

Xie Lingzhi: "..."

What a twisted logic!

Undeterred, Xie Lingzhi made a move, her chopsticks swift as shooting arrows. Just when they were about to reach a meatball, they suddenly slipped, and the meatball dropped.

Dropped.

Ji You timely picked it up, chuckled, and said, "Aside from speed, you also need luck."

As she said this, she immediately opened her mouth and swallowed the meatball whole.

Xie Lingzhi: "..."

She watched as the meatballs disappeared, one after the other.

Gone.

Truly gone.

Xie Lingzhi's eyes checked the pot several times and realized that there were indeed none left. Up until now, she still hadn't tried the taste of these Starry Sky Snowfish Meatballs, leaving her utterly downcast.

Just then, suddenly an extra meatball appeared in her own bowl.

Xie Lingzhi widened her eyes: "???"

Ji You withdrew her chopsticks, speaking with a reserved tone, "Of course, aside from speed and luck, we need connections, too! Look... for someone like me who adores Sister Lingzhi, aren't I delivering it to you proactively?"

Xie Lingzhi: "..."

What a jumbled mess.

Nevertheless, to avoid unnecessary delays, Xie Lingzhi promptly gulped down the meatball.

With the first bite, the texture was silky smooth, and the flavor was rich but delicate, sweet with a hint of firmness — it was unbelievably delicious. No wonder it was the signature dish of this hotpot restaurant.

After Xie Lingzhi finished tasting it, she wanted more, but unfortunately, there were none left. Just as she felt regret, another meatball suddenly flew towards her.

Xie Lingzhi: "!!!"

Ji You smiled and said, "Seeing that you wanted it so much, I'm giving you another one."

Xie Lingzhi was somewhat puzzled and asked, "I thought there were none left? Where were you hiding these meatballs?"

Ji You pointed to a small bowl on the table, covered by a green vegetable leaf. Then, she lifted the leaf, revealing four snowfish meatballs underneath.

Xie Lingzhi: "!!!"

Lea couldn't help laughing, "Nice, so you've been sneaky!"

Ji You chuckled, "No, I was just worried you'd crave more after finishing them, so I hid some in advance."

As she spoke, she distributed one to each person.

Xie Lingzhi raised her brow and said with a pout, "Even Carrion Rats aren't as good as you at hiding things."

Ji You didn't like the comparison and retorted, "Why are you comparing me to Carrion Rats? Am I not cuter?"

Everyone: "..."

It was at this moment that the restaurant's large screen suddenly began to broadcast news: [Frontline updates: Admiral Bai Ji commanding the Sixth Legion has successfully completed the task of eradicating Star Beasts in the Erathia Triangular Zone and they are now involved in post-battle cleanup work.]

As this news came out, the students eating in the restaurant cheered.

Then, another piece of news was broadcast: [Intergalactic pirates raid in Changzhou Asteroid Zone, brutal massacre of 431 hostages. On the evening of October 23rd at 19:00, Alliance merchant ships were ambushed by interstellar pirates; the Alliance is outraged. General Shen Chi personally led an expedition that same night and has successfully destroyed the main force of Pirates in the Changzhou Asteroid Zone, continuing the exhaustive pursuit of the remaining pirate forces.]

Following this news, the atmosphere in the entire hot pot restaurant turned somber.

Interstellar pirates have always been the enemy of humanity's peace.

However—

The pirate nuisance has been suppressed time and time again, yet it persists.

Watching the brief chaotic scenes flashing across the screen, Ji You's hand that was holding her chopsticks also paused slightly, suddenly finding that the fine delicacies in front of her tasted bland.

Xie Chuanqiong said, "With General Shen Chi in charge, we can surely eliminate these audacious pirates."

Xie Lingzhi nodded, "Definitely."

Lea agreed as well.

Ji You looked up and glanced at General Shen Chi, whose appearance remained around the age of 40, exuding an air of sternness with an eagle-like piercing gaze, and an imposing aura.

Upon closer look, General Shen Chi's features were very similar to Shen Changqing's.

But—

Shen Changqing was like a small green vegetable, devoid of any authority.

Ji You pursed her lips, "This is Grandpa Shen!"

A good target for admiration.

## **Chapter 206: Chapter 206: Chasing Light**

### Chapter 206

Following that, came the footage of General Shen Chi's combat with the interstellar pirates. General Shen Chi piloted a silver-white Mecha with smooth lines, its body gleaming with a cold radiance. Even more impressive than the Mecha itself was General Shen's operation of it; his movements were fluid and natural, there was no sense of hesitation at all. Every strike he made landed perfectly on the pirate Mecha, and most importantly, this Mecha could actually transform!

In the midst of evading more than a dozen pirate Mecha, one tried to take advantage of the chaos and escape. Suddenly, General Shen's Mecha transformed into a mighty eagle with spread wings, swooping down to slap the escaping Mecha out of the sky in mid-flight. This overwhelming image was truly stunning!

Next, General Shen, with his own power, effortlessly defeated over a dozen pirate Mecha.

...

Ji You gaped: "This Mecha, so cool!"

Xie Lingzhi glanced at country bumpkin Ji You and snorted: "This is the work of Master Song Qingfeng. Master Song Qingfeng has painstakingly crafted it for over 10 years. It's called Chasing Light! Chasing Light is one of the Alliance's top ten Mecha."

Ji You: "!!!"

That's so impressive.

Xie Lingzhi spoke with yearning in her voice: "The amazing part of Chasing Light is not just its speed. Its parameters have reached the peak of current human technology. Of course, the most important thing is the pilot, General Shen Chi! General Shen Chi is the only one in the All Alliance whose spiritual power has been officially announced to have reached SSS level. It's said that he could even pilot two Mecha at once!"

Ji You: "!!!"

He definitely is a pillar of support! A pillar amongst pillars!

Ji You's eyes widened with a country bumpkin's shock: "That's incredible? How come I've never heard of him before?"

How could such a character stay relatively unheard of?

Xie Lingzhi gave Ji You a sideways look, unabashedly contemptuous: "You've been cooped up on the garbage planet all day, of course you don't know about these things. Besides, these numbers haven't been widely publicized by the Alliance. General Shen broke through to SSS spiritual power level only recently, you probably haven't watched the news, right? It was officially announced just last night! It's said that once spiritual power reaches a certain level, you can indeed control two Mecha at the same time."

"Of course, whether General Shen can actually do it has not been officially declared by the officials, but a lot of rumors have circulated on Star Network about it."

Xie Lingzhi apparently knew a lot about these topics, the kind that could be assumed to be an internet addict who spends her days browsing Star Network for gossip, Ji You thought to herself and then asked: "Is it really possible for one person to pilot two Mecha simultaneously?"

Xie Lingzhi replied: "Theoretically."

Xie Chuanqiong spoke up, laughing: "You, don't bother with Lingzhi's nonsense. Even if General Shen's spiritual power has reached SSS level and he can pilot two Mecha at the same time, nobody would really do that! It's completely unnecessary. Mecha driving skill is all about focus and concentration. If you handle one well, that's enough. Having an additional one would inevitably split a portion of your spiritual power, so it's not very useful."

Xie Lingzhi opened her mouth, eager to speak: "How is it not useful? It could be useful in special circumstances, right? Like when facing several enemies at once, having an extra Mecha means extra strength."

Xie Chuanqiong spoke slowly: "It's still a matter of spiritual power. You've never really piloted a Mecha and don't understand the role spiritual power plays in piloting. Anyway, I'm guessing General Shen can indeed pilot two Mecha simultaneously, but it probably

won't have much of an impact on battle, which is probably why the Alliance hasn't announced this news officially."

With the Beast Tide approaching and Star Beasts behaving erratically, the public is in panic and unrest. At this time, announcing that General Shen has not only upgraded his spiritual power to SSS level but can also pilot two Mecha simultaneously would likely have a calming and encouraging effect on the public.

But the Alliance only announced General Shen's promotion to SSS-level spiritual power and did not publicize the other point. Perhaps controlling two Mecha simultaneously isn't that effective, or perhaps it's a secret military capability that is not appropriate to disclose.

Upon hearing about piloting two Mecha at once, Ji You's eyes suddenly lit up! How strong must one's spiritual power be to achieve this?

Although Ji You had only been exposed to simplified versions of Small Mecha since handling a Mecha, even the Small Mecha proved to be very difficult to operate, let alone two.

Is it possible?

Impossible, right?

SSS-class spiritual power, is it really that formidable?

But—

When I think that I'm only a D-class, and just recently an E-class, the passion that rose in Ji You's heart suddenly cooled down.

However—

I didn't expect that Shen Changqing, this honest guy, would have such a formidable grandfather. It's not obvious at all. If it weren't for Little Cutie Sheng Qingyan telling me, Ji You would never have made the connection between the two.

But then again, on Shen Changqing, not a hint of the arrogance that comes from a prestigious family can be seen. On the contrary, Shen Changqing is low-profile, practical in his actions, and sincere towards others...

Indeed—

Is Shen Changqing really an honest guy? If he were a little young master raised by an ordinary family, he'd probably look down on people with his nostrils pointed to the sky.

Sigh!

Sigh!

Ji You thought, next time she shouldn't bully an honest guy. Of course, she wasn't afraid of General Shen, but it was out of respect for General Shen! He's the Guardian God who has protected the stability of the Alliance and the peace of the citizens for a hundred years! How could she bully his grandson?

Absolutely not!

Thinking of this, Ji You became curious about something and asked, "So—who is more formidable, General Shen or Admiral Bai Ji?"

The prestige of these two in the Alliance is very powerful.

Upon hearing this, Xie Chuanqiong said, "It's not easy to compare. After all, General Shen is elderly, while Admiral Bai Ji is in his prime, with all his values at their peak. But General Shen also has advantages, with over a hundred years of combat experience, rich in wisdom. If the two were to truly battle, it's tough to predict the winner."

Ji You understood, Admiral Bai Ji has reached such an extent? Even someone like General Shen Chi might not be able to defeat Admiral Bai Ji?

However, Xie Lingzhi had a different opinion, saying, "I believe that General Shen Chi would definitely win!"

He is, after all, a powerhouse with SSS-class spiritual power.

Lea thought about it and said, "I think it might also be General Shen Chi."

Admiral Bai Ji is still too young, after all.

Ji You thought of something; when she first had her spiritual power tested, either Principal Hong or Dr. Luo had said that Admiral Bai Ji, like her, possessed mutated spiritual power, with a natural Spiritual Silk Cleaning Rate of 50%.

But, General Shen has SSS-class spiritual power, so what's his Spiritual Silk Cleaning Rate?

Thinking this way, indeed, it's difficult to determine the victor.

Speaking of mutations, the smile on Ji You's face stiffened; she herself was a mutant spiritual power. But why is her life so miserable?

Other than owning six dummies, what else does she have?

## Chapter 207: Chapter 207: Gossip

Inside the hotpot restaurant, thanks to General Shen Chi's heroic performance, the atmosphere gradually livened up.

Then, the big screen continued broadcasting the real-time news: [Crown Prince Ji, the Galaxy Empire's first in line to the throne, due to his health, has voluntarily renounced his imperial succession rights. Emperor Lante is deeply grieved, and both the Empire's Congress and Senate have repeatedly tried to retain him. However, Crown Prince Ji's mind is made up, and after much consideration, Emperor Lante has agreed to his request.]

Huh?

What's this?

As this news was broadcast, the hotpot restaurant instantly buzzed, and everyone started talking.

"Crown Prince Ji is stepping down?"

"Doesn't this feel like it's full of conspiracies?"

"So sudden, if Crown Prince Ji gives up the succession rights, wouldn't the throne fall to the second in line, Prince Qi?"

"That's a bit tragic."

"Crown Prince Ji has been frail since childhood, it's not surprising that he has health issues now."

...

Ji You, joining everyone in eating hotpot, couldn't help but make a quip after seeing the news: "Poor Crown Prince, look, even a Crown Prince faces unemployment risks these days, we commoners really need to work harder."

Xie Lingzhi shot her a look: "How do you know he stepped down because he wasn't good at his job? Not for some other reason?"

Ji You grinned, saying: "I'm just rambling. Look, being in poor health means you can't handle the job, right? See—sacked. I'm telling you, don't be fooled by the Emperor's grief and how earnestly the Congress and Senate seem to be retaining him, if they really wanted to retain him, they absolutely wouldn't have agreed. So—just a bunch of pretense for a good show, all about face."

Xie Lingzhi curled her lip: "Oh... You seem to know quite a bit."

Ji You picked up a piece of lettuce and popped it in her mouth, saying: "Of course, all those years of watching melodramas weren't for nothing." Anything involving a change of throne or successor is never straightforward.

In short—

The depths of wealthy families are profound.

But the imperial palace's depths are even more so.

Speaking of eight o'clock melodramas, the next piece of news immediately switched to entertainment news.

Ji You's eyes instantly lit up:

Unexpectedly, in this entertainment-scarce interstellar era, there's actually entertainment news.

The screen: [Alliance Flower Ye Lu publicly declared her love for Admiral Bai Ji, who, citing the unresolved Beast Tide threat, refused to consider marriage, kindly rejecting Ms. Ye Lu's advances...] The news also came with a detailed account of Ye Lu's love confession.

Ji You gasped in shock:

"Sss..."

"Isn't this the pure and innocent lady?"

"Such a delicate flower acting so boldly and openly?"

"Impressive!"

Ji You was truly taken aback.

Lea couldn't help but ask, "What are you talking about? Ye Lu is one of the most popular women among men across the Alliance, her title 'Alliance Flower' is well deserved."

Ji You scratched her head, smiling: "Ah ha~ it just slipped out, no derogatory meaning at all, I've been hanging around Teacher Mu recently, catching up on dramas, and just watched her play a mistress, indeed she was pitiful and charming, just not so smart with the eyes—setting her sights on a scumbag like the male lead."

Hearing this, Lea became interested and said: "Are you talking about that drama 'Ex-wife's Temptation'? I've been watching it recently too, Ye Lu's performance is so beautiful, it's such a pity Mo Feifan gave her up in the end."

Ji You: "..."

Sss—

Sister Liya, your thinking isn't right, actually supporting the mistress' ascension.

Nearby.

Xie Lingzhi pouted, saying: "What's there to fight over a piece of crap like Mo Feifan? I think these two women might as well make do with each other."

Ji You: "..."

Sss—

Sister Lingzhi, your level of enlightenment is way too high, frighteningly so... You actually support yuri.

Terrifying.

Scary.

Ji You was at a loss for words at the moment.

Upon hearing this, Xie Chuanqiong smiled warmly and said, "Actually, people like Mo Feifan who lack responsibility and commitment are not suitable partners. Both Ye Lu and his ex-wife should let go decisively and look for a better match."

Only then did Ji You smile and say, "Brother Qiong is the more normal one."

And—

Brother Qiong is clearly an excellent husband material.

Just don't know which lucky person will get him in the future. Thinking about this, Ji You sneakily glanced at Sister Li Ya, only to find that Sister Li Ya didn't catch her glance at all. Instead, she was excitedly discussing the plot with Xie Lingzhi.

Ji You: "..."

Could it be—

She saw it wrong?

That's impossible!

Her eyes were the best at spotting romance!

Ji You glanced at Xie Chuanqiong again, who looked up, met Ji You's gaze, and asked curiously, "You, is there something wrong?"

Ji You shook her head: "No! Nothing at all, nothing wrong."

Could it be—

She really got it wrong?

Forget it.

Forget it.

True romance will eventually come!

Those not meant to be, cannot be forced.

She had almost finished the hotpot, Ji You thought, and it was time to go back to the dormitory. But at that moment, Xie Chuanqiong, Xie Lingzhi, and Lea all became excited at the same time and said, "The time has come!"

Ji You, feeling confused, went "Huh?"

Lea explained: "It's a shop promotion. On the 23rd, the hotpot restaurant's anniversary, they hold a competition for a free meal. If you win first place, not only is this meal free, but you also get another free meal on this day next month."

Ji You's eyes lit up instantly and she asked, "Is there really such a good thing?"

A free meal?

That means free?

Ji You loved nothing more than the word 'free', so she hurriedly asked, "What are the processes for the event?"

Lea smiled and said, "Don't worry, just watch for yourself."

At this moment, domestic robots had already set up the competition area and started explaining the rules to the customers.

In short—

There were five events in total, with participants battling through each to determine the final winner.

The first event: Ball grabbing.

This event was whimsically set; all customers at the scene could participate and try to grab a ball that marked progression to the next round. Those who didn't grab one were eliminated straight away. This step knocked out 80% of participants.

One word: luck.

Fortune would be evident with just one grab.

When Ji You stood up, she found Xie Lingzhi, Lea, and Xie Chuanqiong getting up at the same time, with everyone priming their fingers, ready to test their fate.

Xie Lingzhi even said to Xie Chuanqiong, "Brother! Don't move later, your hand stinks, don't bring us bad luck."

Xie Chuanqiong was a bit upset and said, "I've only had bad luck a few times."

Lea very much agreed with Xie Lingzhi, she glared at Xie Chuanqiong and said, "Just a few times... From the first day we entered this store, you haven't grabbed a successful one. At least Lingzhi and I got it twice. Anyway, you're not allowed to touch it later."

Xie Chuanqiong's mouth twitched slightly, but in the end, he didn't insist further.

Ji You eagerly raised her hand, her tone full of confidence: "I'll do it! I'll do it! I'll do it! I have the best luck!"

## **Chapter 208: Chapter 208: Catching Stars**

Non-chiefs all think they have good luck.

Of course, no blame to the non-chiefs, who made their fate so unfortunate?

Ji You firmly believed in her own good luck, which neither Xie Lingzhi nor Lea quite trusted, only Xie Chuanqiong teasingly laughed and said, "You may have bad luck, but certainly better than mine."

They were all very relieved at his self-awareness, Xie Lingzhi and Lea alike.

Then, many rushed hurriedly towards the crab-grasping platform, and for a moment, everyone in the shop was squeezing towards this spot, inevitably stepping on feet and

heels on heels, and Ji You, quite unintentionally, bumped her head into the person in front of her, who suddenly turned around, but upon seeing Ji You's face, froze instantly, "..."

Ji You was about to apologize when she immediately showed a glimpse of tender love in her eyes and said, "Yo~ Child——ah no! Little Zhouzhou, you're here too!"

—Such a twisted fate!

Xuzhou didn't want to speak.

Xuzhou would rather be autistic.

Beside them, Zhang Ye raised his hand, greeting Ji You, "Big brother, here for hotpot?"

Xuzhou: "..."

Zhang Ye—this little rascal has no decency, calling her big brother, isn't that just elevating her seniority for no reason?

Realizing what he was thinking, Xuzhou's face grew even stiffer.

Ji You laughed and said, "Right! I'm here with my brother, my sister, and the others for hotpot."

Saying that, Ji You raised her hand, introducing Xie Chuanqiong, Lea, and Xie Lingzhi to Zhang Ye and Xuzhou, as she said, "Little Zhouzhou, Zhang Ye, come, meet them, this is my brother Xie Chuanqiong, my sister Lea, and Xie Lingzhi. If you have any issues with Mechanical class, Mechanical Manufacturing or Spatial Transition, you can ask my brother and sister, they specialize in these areas."

This was—

Getting herself several more seniors, wasn't it?

The situation was a bit awkward.

Xuzhou bravely squeezed out a smile and addressed Xie Chuanqiong and the others, "Seniors, hello."

Xie Chuanqiong and the others, unaware of the reason, just felt this male student named Xuzhou had a somewhat stiff facial expression, possibly a facial nerve issue, so they didn't find it very strange; they all nodded courteously and said, "Hello."

If possible, Xuzhou really wanted to leave on the spot, however—the number 4444 was like a sticky plaster, impossible to shake off.

No way around it.

Xuzhou braced himself and headed to the crab-grasping location.

By then, Ji You recognized several familiar figures: Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan...

Chu Jiaojiao was the first to spot Ji You, vigorously waving her hand, "Ji You, what a coincidence, come here, I'm standing on a feng shui treasure spot, hurry over, I'll give it to you."

Sheng Qingyan frowned, "Jiaojiao, why are you giving it to her... this was hard-won by someone else... if you don't want it, give it back to them..." She had forcefully claimed the spot, and not two seconds later she wanted to offer it to someone else?

Chu Jiaojiao waved her hand dismissively, saying, "Because Ji You is pretty. If I don't give it to her, then to whom?"

With that one sentence, she nearly infuriated Sheng Qingyan, leaving the Little Cutie practically gasping for breath!

Ji You swiftly moved over, curious, "Feng shui treasure spot, what's that about?"

Chu Jiaojiao giggled, saying, "Sheng Qingyan was last month's winner, he was standing right here, and caught a crab, winning first place."

Ji You's eyes lit up, "Really? That's amazing?"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Feng shui—deep and unfathomable..."

Even as a Lucky Goose, one would want the boost of a feng shui treasure spot, Ji You didn't even bother with the pretense of declining and immediately took her stand on this palm-sized feng shui treasure spot, next to which stood the upright Shen Changqing.

Ji You stared at Shen Changqing, squeezing out a smile on her face, but this smile seemed somewhat ingratiating, "Shen Changqing, what a coincidence."

Shen Changqing: "..."

With his S-level spiritual power, he was highly sensitive, and somehow Ji You's smile felt unnatural, weird... but why?

He just couldn't figure it out.

So, Shen Changqing pursed his lips, also squeezing out a smile, "Ji You, what a coincidence."

Seeing Shen Changqing smiling back at her, Ji You instantly felt elated; the smile on her face blossomed. What did this mean?

Getting on familiar terms with Shen Changqing, was there still worry about not being able to win General Shen's favor?

Pah!

Nonsense.

She merely wanted to meet General Shen and earnestly inquire about spiritual power cultivation, as well as Mecha piloting techniques.

Just that.

Following that, the two groups introduced each other, and the star-grabbing began immediately.

Boom——

The venue's scene almost instantly transformed with the lights going out.

Above, there was a starry sky, countless stars scattered down, one, two, three...

In holographic mode, this scene was pretty dreamlike; it was as if you were in the starry heavens, reaching out to grab stars, red, white, green, blue, purple... each zipping past before your eyes, and once you reach for a color, the dreamy starry sky would disappear.

So——

You have to be careful when choosing a color.

This game was kind of fun, especially since Ji You hadn't relaxed like this in a long time, playing such a luck-based game with her siblings and classmates—it was quite interesting.

Ji You watched the countless colors drift by, indecisive about which to grab. She looked at Sheng Qingyan, the lucky duck from the previous session, only to see Sheng Qingyan seemed to make her choice without any hesitation, directly grabbing a brilliantly red star.

Ji You touched her chin: "Should I follow suit?"

In the meantime, Shen Changqing after some thought started reaching out too, decisively grabbing a pink star.

Ji You: "..."

The heart of a little pink girl?

Unexpectedly, Shen Changqing had a little princess living inside him.

Then——

Suddenly, a voice filled with irritation cursed: "Damn it! Daddy wanted to grab an orange one, how did it turn green?"

Ji You didn't need to follow the voice to know that it was that fool, Yue Qiguang.

Pfft——

Green.

Very good.

Quite appropriate.

Then, Chu Jiaojiao started too, and she decisively reached out, grabbing a white star.

Yue Qiyuan grabbed a gold one.

Ji You looked at Xuzhou and Zhang Ye. Zhang Ye, being proper, grabbed a blue one. But Ji You discovered that her burly son Xuzhou was also a pink enthusiast, unexpectedly, oh so unexpectedly...

Was this the so-called Barbie Kong (tough Barbie)?

On the other side, Xie Lingzhi grabbed a black star, while Lea grabbed a yellow one.

Xie Chuanqiong?

He didn't dare to reach out and grab one.

Ji You contemplated for a while, feeling that with her luck as a "chosen one," she could grab anything, so she closed her eyes and went for one. When she opened her eyes, it turned out to be a sparkling gold star.

Gold, huh.

She was overjoyed.

Next, it was time to reveal the results.

This star, with just a gentle squeeze, would explode, turning into a burst of bright sparkles. If you advanced, the color would be gold, but if you were eliminated, it would be white.

Yue Qiguang, unable to contain his impatience, squeezed the star tightly:

Bang——

A burst of white light flashed.

Yue Qiguang cursed in annoyance: "Damn it! Daddy knew that green wasn't good for anything!"

Everyone looked on, laughing somewhat inappropriately.

Next, it was Chu Jiaojiao's turn. Without hesitation, she crisply pinched it: Bang—— it was still a burst of white light...

Chu Jiaojiao's face collapsed instantly, turning to Ji You, said, "Ji You, I'm counting on you to offer me a chance to enjoy a hotpot meal next month."

Ji You felt the pressure mounting and said, "I'll try my best."

Over here, Lou and Lance also started revealing theirs, but without exception, they all got the white light.

Ji You hesitated, wondering whether to burst this star now or not?

## **Chapter 209: Chapter 209: Draw and Castration Results**

Pinch?

Not pinch?

Ji You was struggling with the decision when suddenly she caught a glimpse of bursts of white light popping around her. Startled, she quickly covered her golden stars.

This timing is obviously not good.

Those she pinched earlier were all unlucky.

No way.

Better pinch later.

Ji You steadied her mind, snuck a peek at Xie Lingzhi and Sister Liya, noticed they also didn't dare to move. Turning her head, Ji You saw Zhang Ye and Xuzhou both with conflicted expressions. Ji You grinned, irresponsibly tempting them by saying, "Big brother, why hesitate? Whether you stretch your neck or shrink it, it's the same. We can always come again next month, right?"

Zhang Ye gave her a white look and said, "You're not scared, why don't you pinch?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You chuckled dryly and said, "I'm not scared, I am strategizing. My strategy is to wait for the right moment."

Zhang Ye tucked his blue star away safely, saying, "I'm also waiting for the right moment."

"Hmph..." Ji You pouted, "Copycat."

Zhang Ye ignored her.

Ji You turned to Xuzhou, saying, "Little Zhouzhou, your turn! I guarantee you'll definitely advance! You're the luckiest goose here!"

Xuzhou's face showed his dilemma...

Ji You urged irresponsibly, "Quick! Now's the time!"

Upon hearing this, Xuzhou hesitated for a second, raised his hand to pinch, and then:

Bang—

Ji You's eyes widened—

Xuzhou, a bit afraid to look, only sneakily lifted a bit of his eyelid:

His pink star burst in an instant.

Whoosh—

A string of dazzling golden light flashed before everyone.

"Wow..."

"He advanced!"

"Lucky goose!"

...

The surroundings grew lively, everyone envious.

Watching the golden light, Xuzhou too was delighted, but then he suddenly felt a tap on his shoulder. Looking down, it was Ji You, number 4444, her lips twitching slightly, her joy reduced by a third.

Such a height difference.

Really—

Why did these people have to grow so tall? Making Ji You, wanting to play a caring elder, still was forced to stand on tiptoes. She drew back her foot, looked at Xuzhou with a proud twinkle in her eye, and said, "Little Zhouzhou, see? Listening to me is definitely right."

Xuzhou pursed his lips, pretentiously retorted after a while, "...This was just my luck."

So—

It wasn't because of you.

Ji You chuckled.

Now, seeing Xuzhou advance, several students nearby also pinched their stars, and suddenly a series of golden lights flashed, turning them all into lucky geese—truly the envy of everyone!

Zhang Ye couldn't sit still any longer and immediately pinched his blue star.

Bang—

A streak of white light flashed by, turning Zhang Ye's face green in an instant.

Ji You slapped her thigh hard, laughing loudly, "Traitor brother! With that naive face of yours, you're just an unlucky fellow. Why follow the trend? You should have listened to me!"

Zhang Ye: "..."

Zhang Ye was so frustrated he withdrew into himself.

Seeing his brother's plight, Xuzhou also felt somewhat at a loss for words.

Ji You, ignoring the withdrawn Zhang Ye, immediately turned to Xie Lingzhi and Lea, saying, "Sister Lingzhi, Sister Liya, don't hesitate, go ahead and pinch."

Both hesitated a bit.

Ji You, channeling her inner godman, confidently claimed, "Follow my command, you can't go wrong."

Lea thought for a moment, then decisively pinched.

Bang—

A white light, painfully bright and hard to accept, slowly drifted out.

Lea opened her mouth for a moment and then closed it silently.

Xie Lingzhi leaned towards Ji You and said, "Heh—command according to your orders."

The slap in the face came too fast, just like a tornado... Ji You felt her face get hot, but she still stubbornly salvaged her dignity and said, "I didn't calculate the time right just then. I've figured it out now, in 5 more seconds, it will be the best lucky moment."

Xie Lingzhi didn't listen to her nonsense and directly burst her own star.

Whoosh—

A flash of bright White Light...

Ji You saw it and laughed, saying, "See! This is the consequence of not following orders."

Xie Lingzhi was frustrated and pouted, "If you're so good at figuring things out, why didn't you do it?"

Ji You giggled and said, "Just kidding! Have you ever seen a big boss who shows up at the beginning? A character like me has to appear last in the grand finale, of course."

Xie Lingzhi: "Oh—"

The tone carried a light disdain.

Ji You turned her face and started persuading Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and Sheng Qingyan, who were standing still, "Brothers, I see your faces glowing with a Red Light, you should advance together. Why not burst the stars together?"

The three of them: "..."

Sheng Qingyan stepped back and pointed at Ji You with a disgusted face, "Oh oh... I felt a jinx's aura... It must be you, you jinx... Stay away from me."

Ji You: "..."

When approximately two meters away from Ji You, Sheng Qingyan felt safer and then took out her big Red star and gently burst it.

Whirl~

A dazzling and eye-catching golden light made everyone else envious.

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth joyfully and said, "I knew it..."

Hearing this, Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan, who had been quietly standing, silently increased their distance from Ji You.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You gritted her teeth and said, "You Fish Eyes! I am not a jinx, I am a Lucky Goose! Lucky Goose! Lucky Goose!"

These words, just listen and that's it, did you really believe it?

Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan looked at each other, Yue Qiyuan asked, "You first? Or me first?"

Shen Changqing said, "I'll go first."

After saying that, he burst his pink star.

Ji You was about to delight in their misfortune, then a blinding golden brightness flashed in front of her, and the smile on her face instantly froze.

Shen Changqing put away his advancement card, feeling happy inside, but still tried to keep a calm expression on his face.

Next, it was Yue Qiyuan.

Yue Qiyuan didn't delay, and two seconds later, he too burst his star.

Then—

The result was the golden color that Ji You didn't want to believe.

Ji You: "..."

Now, among these friends, only Ji You's result was left to be announced.

Xie Lingzhi said, "Boss, it's your turn."

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Ji You, cheer up, you're the fattest no! The best!"

Yue Qiguang said, "If she can advance, dad will admit that green is the best looking color in the world."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You, not superstitious anymore, said, "You crows mouths, shut up!"

Sheng Qingyan with disdain said, "Alright... stop dilly-dallying... Just burst it... You've been dragging on for two Chapters... Are we going to get to the next section or not..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said, "Fine then, I'll let you witness the birth of the Lucky Goose."

After saying that, she took a deep breath, let it sink to her dantian, and in an instant, burst her golden star.

0.1 second.

0.2 seconds.

0.3 seconds.

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Ji You, with a heart full of excitement, anticipation, and anxiety, slowly, very slowly opened her eyes a slit:

Whirl~

The glaring White Light that met her eyes made Ji You feel unsteady...

### **Chapter 210: Chapter 210: Mengmeng's Favor**

"Hahaha..."

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The earsplitting jeers and the dazzling white light envelop Ji You's vision as she clutches her heart with one hand, uttering in disbelief, "No—it can't be!"

"An illusion!"

"It has to be an illusion!"

"It has to!"

Yue Qiguang can't help but burst into laughter, clutching his belly and his thighs as he exclaims, "Idiot! I knew you wouldn't get picked! Just as I thought—green is the ugliest color in the world, bar none."

Yue Qiyuan smiles: "A typical ending, that's all."

Zhang Yexiao laughs heartily: "Another unfortunate soul is born into this world. Nice, really nice."

Lou and Lance both sigh in unison, saying, "We're all in the same boat, why mock a broken heart?"

Xuzhou opens his mouth but says nothing.

Shen Changqing presses his lips together, not uttering a word, only his gaze towards Ji You carrying a hint of sympathy.

Ji You: "..."

Come on, tell me straight, what is that look supposed to mean?

What does it mean?

I considered you a brother, and you see me as an unfortunate soul?

Ji You's face couldn't get any more unsightly.

Xie Lingzhi smirks: "Listen to commands? Hmm?"

Ji You won't listen.

Lea smiles and says, "Alright, You has suffered enough. Let's not twist the knife further in her heart, considering it's already riddled with holes, there's nowhere else to poke."

Ji You: "..."

Sister Liya, I never expected you to be like this, Sister Liya. I was wrong about you.

Chu Jiaojiao skips over, staring at Ji You's face for a few seconds before saying, "Ji You, don't worry. I won't reject you just because you're down on your luck."

Ji You: "..."

Get away from me.

Sheng Qingyan continues to maintain her distance, covering her mouth as she says, "You guys gotta see this... the dead unlucky girl is rolling her eyes... Oh... she's frothing at the mouth just breathing... should we call an ambulance...?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You grinds her teeth with a fierce intensity and snarls, "Sheng Qingyan!!! I've disliked you for so long! Come here! I'm going to beat you up right now!"

Sheng Qingyan, with a wary face, steps back and says, "Don't come any closer... I don't hang out with jinxes."

Watching this scene unfold, Xie Chuanqiong slightly exasperated, says to Lea at his side, "You seems to get along quite well with these classmates."

Lea smiles and responds, "You is becoming livelier now, that's really good."

Xie Lingzhi disagrees, curling her lips and saying, "Livelier? She's just gotten thicker-skinned, that's all."

Previously, Xie Lingzhi couldn't get along with Ji You because she thought Ji You was too soft, too timid to retaliate when bullied. It frustrated her to the point where she scolded Ji You, and this silly fool became even softer.

\*Sigh\*

But now, she has become cheerful, which is great. It'd be even better if her skin were a little thinner.

...

The white light flares a few times, then disappears.

Ji You feels like she's been stabbed in the heart and ridiculed by her friends, making her heart ache even more.

She suffocates.

She becomes withdrawn.

During all this, the starry sky suddenly vanishes, silently shifting the store's interior to a lush green grassland.

Ji You: "..."

In an instant, every down-on-their-luck face tightens.

Ji You: "???"

Lea explains with a smile, "The store's mascot is about to make an appearance. If the mascot takes a liking to someone, it can promote them directly."

Ji You: "!!!"

Is that even allowed?

And then, amidst the anticipation of the crowd, an animal with four legs planted firmly on the ground and a long neck bounds out. It has white fur, short ears, and an adorably lethal face...

What is this—

Ji You glared with disbelief:

"Isn't this an alpaca?"

The scientific name is 'llama'?

Alpacas exist in this world?

Ji You was shocked.

Then, the divine alpaca bounced around, passing by each customer. As it passed by others, it would stick its head out, sniff them over, and seeming uninterested afterward, would turn away without hesitation.

Customers: "..."

Customer A: "Mengmeng, choose me! Choose me! I'm super sweet!"

Customer B: "Mengmeng, choose me! Choose me! I'm super fragrant!"

Customer C: "Mengmeng, choose me! Choose me! I'm super strong!"

Mengmeng walked and sniffed around, leaving behind a trail of crying faces.

After a while, Mengmeng reached where Ji You and her group were standing. Chu Jiaojiao grinned, giving Mengmeng a sycophantic smile.

Yue Qiguang bent down, trying hard to hide the ferocity in his face, "Mengmeng, it's Daddy..."

Mengmeng didn't even give Yue Qiguang a glance.

Lea and Xie Lingzhi crowded over, saying in unison: "Mengmeng, you're so cute."

Mengmeng completely ignored them.

Zhang Ye jogged to keep up, saying: "Choose me, eh? I can grow grass, I'll bring you green grass to eat in the future."

Mengmeng stretched out its hind leg and kicked Zhang Ye away.

Zhang Ye: "..."

Mengmeng passed by Lou, Lance, and Xie Chuanqiong without a sideways glance, not even deigning to sniff them. Watching all this, Ji You understood that this alpaca was being selective about whom to sniff.

Those it found uninteresting, it wouldn't even bother to sniff.

Soon—

Dah dah dah...

The alpaca approached Ji You, who was a bit nervous. She stared wide-eyed, wondering what to do to catch this alpaca Mengmeng's attention, when suddenly she saw Mengmeng stop and its black eyes obscured by thick fur fixated on her.

Ji You's heart leapt to her throat.

"Choose me!

Choose me!

Choose me!

I have all the poses you like!"

Ji You's eyes were wide, but inside she was screaming frantically, hoping...

Then, she saw the alpaca actually turn its head away, suddenly running to sniff Shen Changqing next door.

Ji You: "..."

No love left.

This stinky alpaca, not cute at all.

A jerk alpaca like this should be slaughtered for its meat.

As the alpaca's head gradually got closer to Shen Changqing, Shen Changqing's calm face couldn't help but break into a smile, he raised his hand, wanting to stroke the alpaca's head...

Suddenly—

The seemingly docile alpaca took a sharp 180-degree turn just as Shen Changqing's fingers were about to touch it, and darted towards Ji You.

Ji You was struck by the force of the collision, nearly tumbling to the ground, but luckily she steadied herself.

The alpaca that realized it had caused trouble looked up blankly, gazing at Ji You, "Ow ow..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You realized this alpaca had a humorous habit of fooling around with people.

Determined not to be toyed with again, Ji You decided to stand her ground.

Alpaca: "Ow ow..."

Ji You kept a straight face, arrogantly said: "Are you picking me? If not, then go! Don't try acting cute with me!"

Damn it~

Acting cute is despicable.

Alpaca: "Ow ow..."

Ji You was immovable as a mountain.

Seeing that Ji You remained still, the alpaca took small steps closer to Ji You, and like a little dog, it stretched its head over to nuzzle into Ji You's embrace: "Ow ow..."

At this moment—

The store owner's loud voice rang out: "Congratulations to this student, you've won Mengmeng's affection and become the only Lucky Goose in the competition!"