

## Scavengers 701

### Chapter 701: Mobilization

"Never go to the front line combat zone?" When Lou heard Shen Changqing say this, he felt a little regretful and continued to ask: "Why?"

Every student aspiring to become a Mechanical Warrior holds a kind of expectation towards the front line and the combat zone.

Not just Lou was disappointed, Lance, Zhang Ye, Yue Qiguang, and others all felt a bit let down.

Pairs of eyes instantly fixed on Shen Changqing, hoping for his response.

It was an obvious answer, yet everyone kept pressing him, which was really making it difficult for him. Shen Changqing's face flashed a hint of awkwardness, he coughed uncomfortably and said, "As Ji You said, everyone is just too weak."

Everyone: "..."

Ji You glanced sideways at Shen Changqing: "Xiaoqing, if you think everyone is weak, just say we're weak, why drag my name into it? You honest guy, you're not being very proper now."

Shen Changqing: "Cough cough..."

While coughing, his cheeks and earlobes quietly turned red.

Ji You, seeing the honest man's face turning red, teased with a smile: "Alright! Alright! Stop blushing. Look at these people in front of you, each one arrogant and proud, thinking they're so capable, almost wanting to conquer the day, the earth, and the air, when in fact—they don't even realize how weak they are—"

"Why glare? Even if you glare, you still only have two eyes, you can't grow a third one!" Ji You put her hands on her hips, pointed at Yue Qiguang, and scolded: "You were the first one I was talking about!"

"A noob who only passed after 10 tries!"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang's forehead veins bulged, and his hands were itchy and unbearable!

Beside him, Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, and others all covered their mouths, holding back their laughter.

Ji You immediately turned her head, glared at Chu Jiaojiao, and scolded: "Jiaojiao! You and Yue Qiguang are both equally bad! Stop laughing at each other! I'm warning you now! If you dare to misuse your Combat Power during this team action, I won't let you off!"

Chu Jiaojiao was stunned.

Despite the barrage of scolds, Chu Jiaojiao, who is utterly unprincipled about looks, didn't feel offended at all but instead thought that Ji You looked incredibly cool at the moment!

An aura of three meters eight!

No!

An aura of one hundred thousand eight!

For a moment, Chu Jiaojiao unconsciously moved closer, showing a silly smile: "Ji You, you look really great today!"

Ji You flicked her hand and pushed away Chu Jiaojiao's approaching face, scolding: "Looking good doesn't mean you can touch, keep calm."

Once these words fell, Ji You turned her head, targeting Sheng Qingyan who was half a meter away.

Sheng Qingyan stood straight, looking down at Ji You high and mightily, said: "Poor dead, oh—Little Cutie here is not like Jiaojiao, that kind of vain person, doesn't take your scolding, oh."

While saying, he stamped his foot: "If you dare scold me even half a word, oh, I will never let you off!"

This little rascal, relying on his tantrum skills, thinks I, Ji You, can't handle you?

Ji You side-eyed him and simply burst out: "Spicy Eye, let me tell you, if you dare to slack off and hinder everyone's performance this time, don't say I didn't warn you—I will make you realize what it's like to completely lose the favor of the Green Glaze Master—"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan: "You're harsh, oh."

Ji You said: "Are you being good, oh?"

Sheng Qingyan's beautiful face, the expression changes were quite a sight—

Finally, stamping his foot hard, Sheng Qingyan reluctantly said: "Being good, oh..."

Ji You nodded: "Hmm."

She was very satisfied.

Then, Ji You turned towards Yue Qiyuan, and as soon as Yue Qiyuan met her gaze, he immediately waved his hand, disdainfully said: "Don't talk! Don't open your mouth! I know my own limits."

Ji You smiled slightly and nodded: "I like people who know their limits."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Damn!

I really want to beat her up!

Continuing.

Ji You looked at Lance, Lou, Zhang Ye, and others. Everyone nodded in agreement, saying, "It's a group activity, naturally we should follow the arrangements."

Ji You hehe smiled, stepped forward, and patted the shoulders of Lou, Lance, and Zhang Ye, saying, "I'm very confident in you guys."

At last.

Ji You looked at Xuzhou, who had been silent and not joining the hubbub, pursed her lips into a smile, and said: "Little Zhouzhou, among this group of idiots, you're the least worrisome and most reassuring."

Xuzhou twitched the corner of his mouth.

Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, Lou, Lance... all turned their heads discontentedly: "Hey, hey, hey... enough already!"

Ji You laughed out loud and said, "I'm speaking the truth! It turns out the truth is always hard to accept!!!"

Everyone: "..."

"Cough cough..."

Ji You cleared her throat, wiped off her playful smile, and said seriously, "The reason I said what I did just now is that I don't want anyone in our group to be arrogantly conceited. Not just you guys, including me, including our fellow Shen Changqing, we are all noobs!"

"Noobs, the only way to survive is to be extremely careful."

Everyone listened to Ji You and became solemn.

Ji You then raised her hand, saying, "You, you, you... and you!"

She stretched out her hand pointing at Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao and others, even Xuzhou wasn't missed. Ji You glared at them, saying, "I know you all want to go to the frontline now! Cough... I'll spare the discouraging talk, everyone understands—"

"I share the same view as our friend Shen Changqing, the most likely place we are going to isn't the frontline, but probably a Legion's training base!"

Shen Changqing then spoke, nodding, "That's what I think too."

A Legion's training base?

Everyone's eyes lit up:

"Could it be the Sixth Legion?"

"It has to be the Sixth Legion!"

"That's fantastic!"

"Since we are in the Sixth Star System, the guarding Legion here is the Sixth Legion commanded by Admiral Bai Ji, thinking about it, there really is an 80% possibility!"

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Everyone suddenly got excited!

Ji You was also thrilled inside, being able to train at an official army training base would greatly benefit in enhancing skills and broadening horizons!

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On the other side.

In the starship cockpit, several teachers in uniform gathered, including Mu Jianling.

The starship was traveling smoothly—

The leading teachers all had serious expressions, no one spoke, and the atmosphere inside the cabin was filled with an oppressive stagnation.

After a while.

A second-year female teacher, looking at Mu Jianling, said, "Sword Spirit, are you really not letting your students go to the training base?"

Mu Jianling nodded, his expression unchanged, and calmly said, "Real combat is the best training."

After finishing, Mu Jianling raised his eyes to look at her: "Otherwise, why would you bring these noobs from the second year to the frontline?"

Hearing this, the teacher remained silent for a while, then sighed lightly, thinking about the second-year students she led this time, each one like a budding flower, in the prime of their youth...

After a while, she said, "Are we being too hasty? They—are still just kids."

Chapter 702: Sailing Into the Starry Sky

Mu Jianling sneered, "Star Beasts, they won't see them as children."

With those words, the cockpit fell silent once again.

A few seconds later.

Mu Jianling said, "When we reach my destination, please let me know."

Having said that, she got up to leave.

The other teachers did not stop her.

After Mu Jianling left, the eight teachers remaining had no mood for chatter; they split into shifts, with two teachers taking turns piloting the Starship, while the other two kept a careful watch on the navigation map—

The Starship, following its trajectory, passed through one Jump Point after another, continuously traveling towards its destination.

Inside the Starship.

Aside from resting hours, the students were self-disciplined, training on their own without needing oversight from the teachers; they were eager to seize every minute without idly wandering around.

This was the case for the 130th class.

And so it was for the 131st class.

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After about five days, the uniformly cruising Starship suddenly came to a halt. Through the transparent windows, only darkness and silence could be seen—not a Space Station, nor a docking port of any planet—

Ji You and the others were startled:

Have we arrived?

But—

Something doesn't feel right.

Just as this thought emerged, they heard Teacher Mu Jianling's voice loudly announcing, "Everyone, head to the Mecha hangar and retrieve your Mecha."

One of the reasons the students were traveling on the Starship this time was to transport the training Mechas, but an even more important reason was that as a reserve force of the Legion, the Military Academy had taken on a task from the military supply department—

To transport a batch of supplies to the frontline.

Thus, the school had dispatched eight powerful teachers for the job, and after consultation with Principal Hong and the second-year Combat Department instructors, they temporarily added a group of students.

This group of students, selected through multiple layers, consisted of 300 in total, the best of the second year.

Led by two instructors, this group of students would handle some logistical tasks on the periphery of the war zone and also take care of eliminating Low-level Star Beasts in the outskirts.

Of course, Ji You and these first-year novices had no clue about the school's plans.

After Teacher Mu Jianling issued the order, the students obeyed and promptly retrieved their Mechas.

The process took 10 minutes.

Mu Jianling said, "Everyone log in to your Mecha and prepare for 30 minutes of space flight."

Eh?

Upon hearing this, everyone was excited.

You should know, apart from the 100 students who went to Taoyuan Space Station for special training last time, all the other students here had never truly piloted a Mecha in space!

Before, all the training was done in the simulated space chamber.

Ji You, Shen Changqing, and other students serving as captains and vice-captains quickly organized their teammates and maintained order.

Seeing this, Mu Jianling was fairly satisfied and then said, "Prepare—"

As she finished speaking, she was the first to pilot her Mecha and jump out from the hatchway!

In an instant, everyone saw a flash of light before their eyes as Teacher Mu's figure, like a fish, leapt in one bound and glided into the vast sea of stars—

Soon, the darkness hid the figure of the Mecha, and Teacher Mu's silhouette could no longer be seen with the naked eye.

The students felt a bit tense and also filled with endless anticipation—following the order of each group, they jumped out one after another.

Ji You's group, being the strongest, was arranged by Teacher Mu to cover the rear.

After all other groups had entered the starry sky, Ji You raised her hand and said, "It's our turn! Classmate Shen Changqing, I'll go first, you and Jiaojiao last, space is dangerous, stay alert."

No one objected.

Ji You, piloting Chasing Sun, took a soaring leap.

Following her were Xuzhou, Yue Qiyuan, and Lou.

Then came Yue Qiguang, Lance, and Zhang Ye.

Next up were Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao, and Shen Changqing.

Ji You arranged for Xuzhou to follow her closely to take full advantage of his scouting ability; Yue Qiyuan and Lou, one with S-ranked spiritual power and the other with S-ranked Physical Strength, were paired to fight together.

Yue Qiguang and Lance, both strong in Combat Power but somewhat careless, also matched with a meticulous investigator.

Following them, the combination of Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, and Chu Jiaojiao was the strongest in the team, with Chu Jiaojiao having a high Combat Power, Shen Changqing's steadiness, and Sheng Qingyan's not only strong overall ability but also first-class sniping skills. With them covering the rear, Ji You could feel at ease.

As the last group, when Ji You and her team set off, the previous group had already driven their Mechas out a good distance, and the pitch-black starry sky made it impossible to see the teams ahead; but each group and every Mecha were connected by signals, just need to activate the signal tracking and there is no fear of losing track.

Ji You was nervously concentrated, moving without stopping for a moment.

To tell the truth, although this was not her first time soaring through the stars in a Mecha, the last time was within the protective circle of Taoyuan Space Station, with a high safety factor.

This time, it was equivalent to the wilderness.

The more nervous she was, the more composed her face appeared, almost showing not a hint of panic.

Xuzhou, who was following closely behind Ji You, had a bit of disorder in his control of the Mecha, but upon seeing that the team leader Ji You kept her steps steady, calm, and ordered, flying as if walking on flat ground, his heart also inexplicably calmed down.

Xuzhou quickly adjusted and caught up with Ji You.

The other members of the group also followed in an orderly manner.

The performance of this group could be said to outdo any other group. Other groups of students, as soon as they entered space, more or less got into some disorder; some even lacked experience with

their first attempt and couldn't even stand steady... but after all, they were well-trained students, and after the panic, they quickly adjusted.

All of these scenes, through the detectors of the Starship, fell into the eyes of the 8 teachers inside the Starship.

Until they could no longer see the figure of the last group of the 131st class, one of the teachers said, "Truly the students taught by Sword Spirit! Each one of them is excellent!"

"Hmm! Indeed."

"The second-year cubs on the Starship did not perform as well as the ones from the 131st class at the beginning!"

"Especially the last group, the leading kid did very well! Well arranged, very steady, and extremely cautious."

"The three kids following her are also not bad."

"Right, those three in the back, I know are the grandson of General Shen Chi, the granddaughter of General Chu Zhan, and the beloved grandchild of Elder Sheng, they come from distinguished families, so their strong abilities are not much of a surprise, but the girl leading them, what's her identity?"

"Well—"

"Seems to be called Ji You?"

"From a garbage planet, her Physical Strength and spiritual power are not outstanding."

Upon hearing this, the teachers fell silent, and after a while, someone said, "This child, as long as nothing unexpected happens, can go very far in the future."

Even the children of the generals are willing to be led by her, with no contradictions, you should know, the younger they are, the more impetuous they are, and no one would readily yield to another...

In any case, this child will certainly achieve something in the future.

Of everything happening behind in the Starship, Ji You, of course, knew nothing; she led the team, landing steadily behind the penultimate group, without any mistakes.

Chapter 703: Alarm!

Vast starry sky, a row of Mechas, orderly and swiftly flashing by—

Mu Jianling led the team without any pause, not caring whether any students fell behind.

This vast expanse of starry sky had neither Star Beasts nor spattering meteors, and there wasn't even cosmic debris. All around was tranquil, as long as the students steadied their minds, calmed down, and followed the main force step by step, they could safely reach their destination.

If someone still fell behind or got confused, that would be a problem not only of temperament but also of capability.

This was also a test, a preliminary assessment for the students.

Of course, Mu Jianling did not completely neglect her responsibilities, to begin with, choosing this very stable and almost danger-free route was the greatest protection for the students.

Secondly, although Mu Jianling did not look after the students, her Mecha was linked to all the students' Mechas. Based on the feedback from the Mechas, she would know each student's approximate location, whether they were off course, or if there was any confusion...

minutes into the navigation, as of now, these little ones seemed to have all passed.

Mu Jianling nodded to herself.

What's next?

Mu Jianling was looking forward to it.

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Ji You led her teammates, not missing a single step, following behind the main group.

Suddenly—

A strange signal fluctuation came from the detector?

Hmm?

Ji You tensed up, immediately expanding the detection range towards the anomaly—

At this moment, Ji You received a message from Xuzhou: "Captain, at a position 0.3 light-years to the left, an anomaly has been detected, preliminarily estimated to be a Star Beast."

A Star Beast?

What level?

A Star Beast capable of traveling in the Star Sea must be at least Level 4! If mishandled, it's very possible to cause injury or even death to the students.

Of course, this was the most conservative and optimistic estimate. Once the Star Beast's level exceeded 4, reaching Level 5, it would be dangerous for Ji You's whole team!

0.3 light-years away, according to the cruising speed of everyone's Mechas, it was estimated that they might encounter the team in about 5 minutes.

Ji You narrowed her eyes: "Everyone—on alert!"

Following that.

Ji You further instructed: "Little Zhouzhou, continue to probe the trajectory of the Star Beast."

If the direction of this Star Beast was the same as theirs, then Ji You had to devise a strategy.

Xuzhou: "Received!"

The rest of the team also received the news. Shen Changqing, at the back, turned on the detector, expanded the range, but all he saw was a vast Star Sea without a trace of the Star Beast.

No anomalies were seen either.

The issue could only be due to one reason: his Mecha's detection range was too narrow to reach the anomaly.

Shen Changqing also tensed up.

Following that.

Shen Changqing immediately received an order from Ji You: "Shen Changqing, be prepared to accelerate at any time."

Shen Changqing: "Received!"

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Xuzhou was probing, and Ji You herself was not idle. At the moment, they were about 3 light-years away from Teacher Mu Jianling, who was leading in front, and 0.5 light-years away from the second-last team.

If the Star Beast was heading in the same direction, they needed to increase their distance to avoid it.

Therefore, everyone had to accelerate.

Very soon.

Xuzhou said: "Confirmed it is a Star Beast, the specific species and level are still unknown, its direction is the same as ours, its current speed is estimated to be—"

Tsk!

The worst outcome appeared.

Ji You frowned and said: "Everyone speed up, try to avoid the time of collision with it."

After giving the order, Ji You immediately sent the anomaly report to Teacher Mu Jianling.

Being a noob, a weakling, when facing an unclear danger ahead, obviously there are strong backers to rely on, why not seek their help?

Ji You believed that this was not cowardice, but prudence, and being responsible for her own and her teammates' safety.

Then—

second.

seconds.

seconds.

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This message was sent out, and there was actually no response at all? As if it had sunk into the ocean.

Strange?

How could there be no response?

Ji You specifically looked over the message again, ensuring it was sent successfully; there should be no possibility of signal interruption.

A hiccup at the critical moment?

In the face of an imminent crisis, Teacher Mu's strong support can't be relied upon for now, so they would have to come up with a solution themselves.

Ji You immediately issued a warning to the team ahead and reminded them that her team needed to accelerate.

The penultimate team received the message, and there was a brief moment of panic, but as long as they maintained their steady pace, they could avoid contact with the Star Beast, nowhere near as dangerous as the situation facing Ji You's team members.

After reminding the team in front, Ji You immediately said to her own team: "I've decided to avoid colliding with the Star Beast, everyone speed up to the maximum!"

Everyone: "Received!"

At this moment—

Xuzhou said: "Based on the new information received from the detector, it's confirmed, this is a Level 4 avian Star Beast."

"Huh?"

"Only Level 4?"

Suddenly, the atmosphere within the team livened up, with Yue Qiguang, Lou, Lance, and others feeling slightly tempted—

Yue Qiguang was the first to can't help himself, saying: "Should we take it down?"

Lou's eyes lit up, rubbing his fingers together, and said: "Worth a try."

Hearing this, Lance was also slightly tempted. After all, back at Taoyuan Space Station, they had dealt with a Level 4 Star Beast together. In Lance's view, as long as everyone worked together, this Level 4 Star Beast wouldn't be much of a problem.

But!

Despite thinking this, Lance weighed his options and said: "Let's follow the Captain's decision!"

Ji You kept vigilance around, and upon hearing these few idiots' remarks, her face turned incredibly dark!

Right away, Ji You scolded: "The Captain is ordering everyone to act cowardly! Anyone who dares to disobey will be dealt with seriously!"

"I hope you understand: our mission is to keep up with the main fleet, not to fall behind. It's not about killing Star Beasts!" Ji You said sternly, regaining her composure.

Lance, Lou, and the others reined in their thoughts.

Yue Qiguang felt somewhat disappointed and said with a pout: "Maybe we really could have taken it down!"

"Or maybe it would have taken you down?"

"Where on earth did these idiots come from? So eager to court death?" Ji You was infuriated and said directly to Yue Qiyuan: "Yue Qiyuan, is he really your brother? Or did your family mistakenly get the wrong child?"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiyuan said solemnly: "I'd hope for a mix-up, but genes don't lie."

Ji You teased: "Then it must be your family genes that mutated into stupidity with him. No helping it,"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao immediately agreed, giggling: "Ji You is right, this kind of fool obviously suffered a stupid gene mutation."

Yue Qiguang clenched his fists: "Enough already!"

Ji You turned serious and said: "We've opened a distance of 0.5 light-years, everyone maintain the current speed. In 2 minutes, we will be completely clear of the Star Beast!"

"Stay sharp!"

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

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The Mecha thrusters were pushed to the max, and Ji You and her team members steadily evaded meeting the Star Beast.

The avian Star Beast streaked across the starry sky, reaching the place where Ji You and her team had been, looked around curiously, tilted its head on guard, but spotted nothing unusual.

Then.

It flapped its wings and flew away in another direction.

Ji You and the others like Xuzhou and Zhang Ye were watchful of their rear, and only when they were certain that the Star Beast had left did they finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Chapter 704: Destination

Although slightly relieved, Ji You never relaxed her vigilance, nor did she allow her teammates to slack off.

The whole team maintained their speed, and after about 10 minutes, when no abnormalities were found, Ji You finally let down her guard.

Then.

As soon as the alarm was lifted, Ji You immediately received a message from Teacher Mu Jianling:

[What happened? Are you still alive? The signal was abnormal just now, I just received it.]

Ji You: "..."

Ji You's face was black as pitch!

What is this supposed to mean?

She seriously suspected that Teacher Mu did it on purpose!

Absolutely!

Then, Ji You's eyes narrowed as she saw the message she sent to Teacher Mu had been read 10 minutes ago.

This—

Lying without a draft, finding excuses without any credible ones.

Really—

Ji You rolled her eyes and pointedly said, "Teacher, that's a bit unfair! It clearly showed that you viewed the message 10 minutes ago."

"Cough cough..."

Mu Jianling coughed awkwardly and said sternly, "Alright. I'll be fairer next time."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath and squeezed out a smile, asking, "Teacher—uh—that—just now our team struggled to race with the Star Beast, look, we weren't injured nor fell behind, shouldn't our assessment score be increased a bit?"

Mu Jianling suddenly raised his voice, "What? What? I can't hear you, still can't hear you! The signal is broken."

"What a crappy signal," she muttered in complaint.

Click—

The communication was disconnected.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You was furious!

Intentionally!

This was blatantly intentional!

Damn it!

In this world, there couldn't be another person more infuriating, more unreasonable than Teacher Mu Jianling!

Damn it!

One day, with a knife in hand, she must teach him a lesson in a sack!

Ji You made up her mind secretly in her heart!

Meanwhile.

Before hanging up the call, Mu Jianling had already heard Ji You's teeth-gritting voice from the other end, and thinking of that scene, a rare smile appeared on Mu Jianling's typically indifferent face.

After smiling.

Mu Jianling nodded slightly: "These idiots aren't that stupid."

Everything that Team 44 encountered just now was under Mu Jianling's watchful eye, how could she possibly not notice?

Even—

The fact that Ji You's team encountered this Star Beast was because Mu Jianling had prior knowledge of this Star Beast's information and she deliberately altered a bit of the route to let Team 44 discover it.

The purpose, of course, was to test this group's adaptability.

Thinking of Ji You and the others' performance, Mu Jianling smiled again before resuming her stern expression and muttered to herself, "Not too bad."

Young people, what they have in abundance is spirit, not only do they have spirit, but they are also naively romantic.

Especially young people of Ji You's age, it's not too much to say the young calf is not afraid of tigers.

Faced with such situations, they're the most naive and romantic, filled with optimistic thoughts, filled with thoughts like "I'm the best in the world, I'm the peak of the universe" etc...

On the other hand.

Ji You and Teacher Mu's conversation was heard by Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao...

Everyone listened silently.

After a second.

Yue Qiyuan said, "I knew this was a test! All that sudden signal issue and not receiving messages, all excuses!"

Lou: "Right! Just excuses!"

Lance let out a breath and said, "Looking at it this way, our performance just now should have passed the assessment."

Ji You's eyes were fixed on the front, always vigilant, and upon hearing this she couldn't help but clear her throat and said in a serious tone, "Everyone, there is something I must tell you."

As soon as Ji You spoke, the group communication quickly silenced.

Ji You said, "I hope that in the coming time, no one will treat it as just an assessment anymore! Because it is not just an ordinary final exam, but also our experience! It is our first step officially entering the starry sky!"

"It's also the first battle of our career as Mechanical Warriors!"

With every word from Ji You, everyone's breathing became slightly heavier!

Indeed.

Treating it as an ordinary assessment is to waste this experience.

In an instant, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Yue Qiyuan, including the somewhat restless Yue Qiguang, everyone's heart calmed down!

Ji You calmly said, "So, don't take it as an assessment anymore, no matter what happens, we need to be spirited up, show all our abilities, and fight a beautiful battle!"

"Do you have the confidence?"

Suddenly—

Everyone shouted in unison: "Yes!"

Ji You smiled, her lips slightly curved up: "Guys! Let's speed up and move forward—"

The team continued to proceed in an orderly fashion.

Ji You's speech had completely aligned the team's mentality.

A few minutes later.

Mu Jianling said, "All slow down and prepare to break through the atmosphere."

Upon hearing this, all the students instantly got energized!

This meant, they had arrived at their destination.

Soon.

Within the students' field of vision, it was no longer entirely dark; a bright light appeared in front.

Gradually.

A green planet appeared in front of everyone!

This is?

Then, some changes also appeared along the trajectory, with visible man-made traces, and several transport ships appeared on the route.

Without waiting for the students to express their doubts, Mu Jianling said, "Prepare to enter the docking port."

The students instantly perked up.

Mu Jianling was the first to pilot her Mecha and plunge into the planet's atmosphere.

The students following her didn't dare to delay and rushed in.

Ji You, the last squadron, was also ready.

Yue Qiguang frowned and said, "What's going on? Aren't we going to a military training base?"

Chu Jiaojiao stroked her chin and said, "This looks like an agricultural planet."

Yue Qiyuan: "Cough cough... it's indeed an agricultural planet, didn't you see those transport ships? They're all loaded with wheat!"

Beside him, Sheng Qingyan spoke out faintly: "There, there's also a transport ship and I guarantee they're all loaded with pigs... I can even smell the stink of pigs."

Yue Qiguang irritably said, "What the hell? Dad has come all this way to raise pigs?"

Others: "..."

"Cough cough cough..."

"Ptui ptui ptui..."

"Children speak without taboos!"

"Children speak without taboos!"

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While the group was still frowning, Shen Changqing's clear voice rang out, "This planet, located at the junction of the Sixth and Seventh Star Systems, is an agricultural planet, mass-producing rice, flour, potatoes... as well as pigs, cattle, sheep..."

Everyone: "..."

Everyone said unanimously, with one voice: "Shen Changqing, stop talking, my heart can't take it."

Shen Changqing said: "This is written in the official geographical records, I'm just reading it word for word."

Everyone: "..."

"Cough cough..." Breaking their discussion, Ji You sternly said, "Our destination is there! It's about raising pigs! Chickens! Cows, and we all have to accept it!"

"Stop dawdling!"

"Let's go!"

Ji You was the first to rush into the planet's atmosphere.

Chapter 705: Run!

Ji You took the lead, the first to rush into the atmosphere of this planet. After passing through the atmosphere, a vast and endless docking port for spaceships, Mechas, and Starships unfolded in front of them.

The students who had arrived earlier were already assembled in a wide plaza, with Mu Jianling standing at the front.

Upon seeing Ji You and others, Mu Jianling said, "First, send your Mechas for maintenance, and reunite here within 5 minutes."

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, and others: "Yes!"

Each planet's dock is equipped with several maintenance stations for spaceships and Mechas, providing regular inspection and energy replenishment for these space-traveling vehicles.

Ji You and the others did not dare to delay, immediately entering the maintenance station to temporarily place their Mechas there.

There were only two human staff at the maintenance station; the rest were robots. Ji You's and others' Mechas had no issues, only needing an energy recharge.

minutes later, 10 people arrived at the assembly plaza.

Mu Jianling checked the time: no one was late.

Then, Mu Jianling nodded and said, "The final exam lasts for a total of 20 days. During this period, your accommodations will be on NY50 Star."

Accommodations?

Does that mean there might be field training?

Ji You immediately caught the key point but remained silent. Many students present also sensed the underlying implication.

NY50 Star is an abbreviation; its full name is No.50 Agricultural Star, a professional Agricultural Star of the Alliance, with abundant water and land resources, making it particularly suitable for cultivating natural crops and raising natural animals.

And the resources produced by NY50 every year are not for the average citizens of the Alliance but exclusively for various military Legions, and it is also a military reserve star for the military.

Hearing the name of the planet, all students' eyes lit up at once!

They were actually going to be in a place governed by the military!

What does this imply?

It's very likely that they would really be using the military's training base for the exam!

Excitement!

Anticipation!

Various emotions of excitement showed on their faces, and the students instantly became energized, standing even more upright and imposingly.

Mu Jianling looked at the students' reactions and said with a smile, "Currently, you are only in the reserve and not actual Mechanical Warriors, so you will not enjoy any soldier benefits here. You must be self-sufficient."

The students didn't rush to interject, listening patiently.

Mu Jianling said, "Now, prepare for a 10-kilometer endurance run for everyone, with no stops allowed in between. The destination has been marked out; the group that arrives first can choose their camping spot."

Ah?

Students' eyes widened.

Set up their own camps?

Everyone had a bad feeling rising in their hearts.

And sure enough—

Mu Jianling raised her eyes to check the sky, estimating that it would get dark in less than two hours, then continued, "Let me remind you, you only have 2 hours to reach the destination and set up camp successfully. Once time is up, no more work is allowed."

Someone raised their hand, asking, "Report to Teacher, what if we don't finish on time?"

Mu Jianling said, "Deal with it cold."

The student: "..."

Mu Jianling: "Now—on your mark—run!"

The students dared not delay and all rushed out.

In the blink of an eye, Ji You found herself behind a crowd of tall, long-legged individuals.

Ji You: "..."

Dammit!

This was the time when the disadvantages of weaker Physical Strength became apparent.

But she didn't panic and continued to run at her own pace towards the front.

At this moment—

Yue Qiguang, who was far in the lead, suddenly turned back and noticed Yue Qiyuan, Xuzhou, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan...

But Ji You was nowhere to be seen.

His lips slightly raised, he directly asked in the team's channel, "Huh? Where did our mighty Captain Ji You go?"

Yue Qiyuan exaggeratedly exclaimed, "Oh no! We've lost the Captain."

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth, "She can't be lost, the poor dead is at the very end."

Lou laughed out loud, "Captain, this just won't do!"

Lance interface: "I have a secret recipe for strengthening bones, Captain, do you want it?"

...

Listening to a bunch of fake teammates, Ji You rolled her eyes unabashedly and said, "What are you guys smug about? Don't you know that running scores are recorded for the entire team?"

In other words, out of 10 team members, even if 9 of them finish first, but if one person lags behind, they can't win.

Everyone: "..."

At this point, Shen Changqing spoke in a low voice, "Ahem... that's what I was about to remind you all of."

Everyone: "..."

Instantly —

Yue Qiguang: "Damn! Number 4444, you idiot, why aren't you running faster?"

Ji You with narrowed eyes: "You dare to threaten me now?"

"Damn! Not even a bit of awareness from the drag-along." Yue Qiguang grumbled under his breath, but with a twitching smile and going against his conscience, he encouraged, "Come on! Daddy believes in you!"

Yue Qiyuan also said, "Number 4444, come on! Push through!"

Lou, Lance, Zhang Ye, etc.: "Come on! We all believe in you!"

Chu Jiaojiao even exaggerated: "Classmate Ji You, you're the best-looking kid in the whole universe! Go for it! Ollie give!"

Ji You leisurely said, "No — I won't push harder —"

Everyone: "..."

Out of the entire 131st batch of the Combat Department, excluding a dozen who transferred departments and Liu Beibei who couldn't appear in the final exam, there were still 970 people.

Out of these 970 people, besides Ji You, everyone on Ji You's team was ahead, creating nearly a 1000-meter gap from the second team.

And Ji You?

She lagged at the very end, nearly 1000 meters away from the penultimate person.

For a time, people like Yue Qiguang couldn't help but feel desperate.

minute.

minutes.

minutes.

...

As time passed, every member of Group 44 felt that Ji You would definitely not be able to catch up.

Yue Qiguang grabbed his hair hard: "Damn it! I don't want to be 'mixed and tossed'!"

Teacher Mu said those who didn't finish would be 'mixed and tossed', and although it wasn't said explicitly, everyone could guess with their toes that it wouldn't be anything good!

Suddenly —

Ji You began to accelerate.

Not a sudden sprint to maximum speed, but quietly changing her running rhythm, which made her faster without the onlookers noticing anything unusual.

She overtook one person!

Two people!

Three people!

...

Unbeknownst to everyone, the petite Ji You had made her way to the middle of the entire group.

And then —

To the front!

And then —

She was keeping pace with Yue Qiguang and the rest.

Ji You raised her hand, smiling: "Hey — brothers, the air up front is not bad, huh."

Yue Qiguang and the others: "..."

Yue Qiguang's pupils shrank: "Damn! When did you get up here?"

Ji You pouted: "Do I have to report to you before I surge ahead?"

Yue Qiguang: "You rock!"

The others were all shocked, looking at Ji You, especially her small figure, and how she wasn't hurried, not panting hard.

"You foolish mortals! You know nothing about your great Captain." Ji You rolled her eyes and said: "Do you think I ran every morning for a whole semester for nothing?"

Everyone: "..."

Almost forgot about that.

Chapter 706: We're Doomed!

Continuing.

Ji You strides ahead, running at the very front of the team. Those present, including students from other groups, watch her petite figure with sighs of emotion:

"Participant 4444 really doesn't stand out in terms of physical strength. Before, any random person from the 131st batch of the Combat Department would have been stronger than her."

But what about now?

It's only been one semester, just a few short months, yet she has already surpassed most of the others.

What she has invested is evident to everyone.

That figure who, come rain or shine, steadfastly runs in her tank top every morning...

That girl in the training room, who gets teased and joked about time after time, yet whose optimism is as thick as city walls...

The girl who has fallen countless times, who has gotten back up just as many, who never complains, only sheds blood and sweat...

...

Ahem...

During this semester, 4444 has been doing the same daily activities as all the other students, but her improvement is just clearly more significant!

Stronger than everyone else!

Suddenly, everyone clenches their teeth and sprints forward—

Running along, Ji You suddenly realizes she's about to end up at the very back of the large group again and can't help but scowl: "What the heck?"

But she still endures, maintaining her own pace.

Despite this, Ji You still managed to keep the advantage she had created, not being left behind by everyone. Sadly, her physical strength truly was inferior to these beasts with an average height of 2 meters.

About 40 minutes later, the results are in.

The team led by Yu Yi comes in first place.

Yu Song's team takes second place.

The third place...

Ji You's team ranks 30th.

After stopping, her teammates look at Ji You with a mixture of grievances:

Yue Qiguang: "Dad really knows nothing about stupid captains."

Yue Qiyuan: "Where's the greatness you promised?"

Zhang Yexiao: "Don't make it hard for her. For this little one to secure the 30th spot isn't bad."

Chu Jiaojiao's face is almost wrinkling like a steamed bun, yet insincere, she says: "Although student Ji You has short legs, it doesn't detract from your good looks."

Sheng Qingyan rolls her eyes in disdain: "Yuck, the cutest in the universe got dragged down, I don't care, I'm not doing anything you guys ask later."

"Cough..." Shen Changqing: "Now is not the time for blame, we should think about how to set up our shelter."

Ji You with a dark face finally hears a sensible remark and is moved, but, suddenly, she hears Shen Changqing continue: "Being slowed down by student Ji You, the locations we can choose for our shelter are not ideal."

Ji You: "..."

Forget about being moved. That can go to hell.

And then—

Out of the ten people, only Xuzhou steps forward quietly, saying: "There are trees here for wood, and stones that can be used, I'll go move some over before they're all taken."

More than nine hundred people!

Resources are limited; once they're gone, they're gone.

Reminded by this, Ji You immediately says: "Divide the work! Divide the work, groups of two, two groups responsible for finding materials, two groups responsible for laying the foundation and construction, one group responsible for the meals tonight!"

"Quick! Quick! Quick!"

The others understand, and with Ji You's arrangements, everyone gets moving.

The reaction of Ji You's group might not be fearfully fast, but the people in the other groups aren't stupid either, a whole lot of them spring into action. The small plot of land marked out by Mu Jianling is quickly chosen by the students, and they started to energetically set up camp.

Ji You was short and not physically strong, so she consciously took on the task of managing the food.

Shen Changqing was responsible for selecting the location to build the shelter, and he chose a very flat grassland that was about 1000 meters from the water source, which made fetching water particularly convenient.

Mu Jianling did not intervene in the students' decisions; she merely stood by with her arms folded, watching occasionally with a faint smile on her lips.

This smile was somewhat cold, a bit odd, inexplicably giving off a villainous vibe.

Ji You shook off the goosebumps on her body and approached Shen Changqing, saying, "Shen Changqing, what do you think about changing our location?"

Shen Changqing puzzled: "Change?"

Ji You pursed her lips and said, "I always have a bad premonition."

After a moment of silence, Shen Changqing said, "Okay."

Ji You stroked her chin and added, "Don't choose places where the terrain is too low."

"Nor places that are too steep."

"Those high-tech tents and protective shelters, don't use them."

"And more..."

Ji You did her best to cover all potential issues she could think of.

Hearing Ji You's words, Lou blinked his deep blue eyes and remarked, "Do we need to be this nervous?"

Ji You didn't reply, but Yue Qiguang, that dimwit, suddenly had a flash of insight and said, "We need to be on edge! Who knows what kind of dark schemes that nasty old woman is harboring within?"

At this remark, an inexplicable chill crept into everyone's heart, and Yue Qiguang sneakily glanced towards Mu Jianling, only to meet her gaze directly.

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang immediately declared loudly, "Teacher Mu is sagacious and invincible. It would be strange if just any dummy could see through her thoughts!"

Ji You and the others: "..."

Great.

Admitting you're a dummy.

Only then did Mu Jianling turn her gaze away.

Ji You: "You're seriously a coward."

Yue Qiguang exhaled deeply and patted his chest, saying, "Dad's not being a coward, this is just going with the flow."

After saying that, realizing that nobody believed nor paid attention to him, Yue Qiguang got anxious and couldn't help but curse, "Damn!"

Next, due to the wariness toward Teacher Mu, Shen Changqing and Ji You discussed with others and selected a location near several trees, surrounded by relatively flat terrain, but further away from the water source, from the limited options available.

Xuzhou's group was responsible for transporting materials, Shen Changqing roughly designed a plan and then began constructing the dwelling.

Ji You, with Sheng Qingyan who had volunteered to follow her, searched the vicinity and temporarily didn't find any edible food, so they had no choice but to consolidate the food everyone had brought with them.

Like Ji You and others, many groups chose to build shelters, and some had brought outdoor tents which were safe, comfortable, and convenient. Why go through the trouble of building a shelter? Therefore, many gave up the idea of building one...

Some groups, such as Yu Yi and Penny's team, considering the ample food in everyone's backpacks and Space Buttons, were unconcerned about the food supply and focused solely on building their shelters.

...

Faced with the unknown, the students each made their own arrangements.

hours later, Mu Jianling suddenly said, "Everyone stop!"

The students had no choice but to put down what they were doing.

Mu Jianling said, "Hand over all the food, tents, sleeping bags... that you brought from Lanyue Star!"

"Ah?"

The students were collectively dumbfounded, full of question marks: "???"

Mu Jianling huffed lightly, "Didn't hear me?"

The students stared in disbelief: "!!!"

Damn!

This seems like the end is nigh!!!

Chapter 707: Eat Up, Everyone Eat Up!

Everyone was dumbstruck!

Dead silence!

In the quiet, a fearless boy mustered the courage to ask weakly, "Tea... teacher... without tents, where will we students sleep at night?"

With those words, all the students looked at Mu Jianling with a mix of hope, anxiety, and unease.

Then.

Mu Jianling indifferently said, "That's for you to figure out. It's not my concern, and I'm not handling it."

Students: "..."

Such unreasonable, willful, and indifferent words, coming from Teacher Mu Jianling, somehow felt unsurprisingly normal.

The scene fell silent once again.

Ji You raised his hand and rubbed his chest:

The bad premonition came true.

Fortunately.

His group had anticipated this, so their situation wasn't too dire. Shen Changqing, along with Lou, Yue Qiguang, and Zhang Ye in charge of building their shelter, it was simple but had walls, doors, and roofs—at least providing shelter from the wind and rain.

Not only Ji You, but Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, and others also felt slightly comforted thinking about this.

But—

Food needs to be handed over too?

Ji You frowned, the housing was solvable, but what about food?

This place might seem like an Agricultural Star, with massive food production, but—

But their campsite was still quite a distance from the food-producing area.

Just now, Ji You along with Sheng Qingyan had wandered around and found that besides a few trees, the area was bare, with nothing edible.

...

While Ji You and other students were troubled, Mu Jianling, showing no patience, urged: "In 5 minutes, those who haven't handed everything over will have their final exam grades invalidated!"

Students: "!!!"

Damn!

Such a cursed punishment!

Was this not forcing the students to rebel? However, most students sneakily glanced at Mu Jianling, who stood arms folded, and their rebellious thoughts instantly dissipated.

Rebellion needs one to be alive first.

Then—

One.

Two.

Three.

...

The students, with reluctance, one by one stepped forward and handed over the materials they brought from Lanyue Star.

A boy who had emptied his Space Button was about to leave when Mu Jianling indifferently said, "Stop."

The boy stiffened, turned back: "Tea... teacher, I've handed everything over."

Mu Jianling indifferently said, "50 meters to the north, under that grey stone, there are 2 kilograms of dried beef hidden. Fetch it honestly."

Boy: "..."

The tall figure of the boy swayed, his mind furiously cursing: [Damn! What kind of devil is this?]

[Damn!]

[Damn!]

With a thousand Divine Beasts running wild in his mind, he could only sadly hang his head and run to retrieve the hidden dried beef and hand it over again.

Mu Jianling, with her arms crossed, said indifferently: "Don't let this happen again."

Boy: "..."

The boy, holding his head in despair, whined and ran away.

This tragedy was not an isolated incident.

A girl, obediently handed over all her food, sleeping bag, and tent, thinking she could leave safely, but then the chilling voice of Teacher Mu Jianling suddenly sounded from behind: "Take off your clothes."

Girl: "..."

Mu Jianling repeated: "Take off your clothes."

The girl hugged her chest, shivering, "Teacher... there are so many boys here."

Mu Jianling remained unmoved: "Take them off? Or is the assessment voided?"

It was a choice between the two, with no third option.

The girl bit her lip, her face full of grievance, but in the end, she didn't have the courage to choose to void the assessment and removed her jacket in front of everyone!

At this point, everyone saw clearly that the girl had secretly worn a piece of clothing that combined a sleeping bag with protection, warmth... all in one.

In short, it also fell under the category of a sleeping bag.

The girl took off this makeshift sleeping bag, covering her face while whining, and ran away under the gaze of Mu Jianling and the other students.

The devil Mu Jianling, who made another student cry, showed no expression, only slightly raised his eyebrows as he looked at the students and said: "Don't think about playing tricks under the teacher's watch, it's useless."

"The tricks you play, I can see through even with my eyes closed." After making a sarcastic remark, Mu Jianling's eyes suddenly darkened, and he shouted loudly: "What are you dawdling for? Hand everything over now!"

The students below hurriedly picked up the pace of handing over their belongings.

In a corner.

Ji You's group, which had not yet acted, Ji You said seriously to her teammates: "It seems, trying to be clever isn't going to work. Let's just honestly hand over everything. But—"

Everyone's expression was a bit unpleasant.

Ji You abruptly changed her tone, saying earnestly: "She can confiscate hidden items, but can she confiscate what's inside our stomachs too?"

Everyone: "..."

Ji You pounded on her thigh, exclaiming: "Quick quick quick! Eat as much as you can in 5 minutes! Eat with all your might!"

Xuzhou hesitated a bit: "Really need to eat all this?"

Ji You glared: "Nonsense? I guess we'll have no dinner tonight, if we don't fill up now, then when?"

Once all the food is handed over, it will be out of their control.

Hearing this, everyone felt it made perfect sense.

So—

While all the other students were busy handing over their supplies, Ji You's team crouched on the ground, tearing open one snack bag after another, gulping down food and drink.

Other students witnessing all this: "..."

This also inspired other students. Some teams, like Yu Yi's team, which were a bit further from Teacher Mu Jianling, quickly followed suit and hurriedly started eating behind the teacher's back.

Ji You: "Little Zhouzhou, pass me some more of that beef jerky! Damn! Isn't this just delicious?"

"Yue Qiguang, what are you hiding for? Hurry up and share that bag of dried squid with everyone, instead of saving it for pigs?"

"Shen Changqing, it's a pity to give up this Advanced Nutrient. One stick fills you up, but our stomachs can't take any more, let it go, let's just hand it over."

"Damn! Jiaojiao, how can you, a girl, live so crudely? Going out and not preparing any food? Are you planning to eat air?" Ji You's tone carried an unmistakable hint of disgust as she moved among the group, jumping up and down, urging her teammates to eat quickly, while scavenging tasty food for herself and constantly complaining...

She was indeed incredibly busy.

Then—

Mu Jianling couldn't stand it anymore, his eyelids twitching, itchy palms...

The urge to hit someone was unbearable.

Mu Jianling shouted loudly: "Group 44! Every single one of you, come here right now, this instant!"

"1 second! All get over here!"

Hearing this loud shout, Ji You and the others hurriedly gathered their food and rushed over.

When Ji You and her group got in front of Mu Jianling, the 10 members, led by Ji You, were still stuffing food into their mouths, their cheeks bulging like hamsters.

Mu Jianling felt his hands itch even more.

Chapter 708: Volunteer Porter

With cheeks bulging, Ji You and company were currently chewing so hard they couldn't speak—

Mu Jianling spoke coolly: "All full?"

Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao, and the others all vigorously shook their heads.

Mu Jianling's voice turned cold: "Want to eat some more?"

Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao, and the others all nodded in unison, and then, without needing to be told, shook their heads in unison as well.

Mu Jianling squinted her eyes, speaking eerily: "I see you guys aren't full yet..."

At this moment, Ji You finally managed to swallow down the beef jerky that was stuffed full in her mouth.

\*Cough\*...

Although the beef jerky tasted good, it was too dry and tough, kind of hard on the teeth.

Now, a bottle of purified water would be even better.

Or maybe, a bottle of ice-cold beer, just unimaginably refreshing.

"Cough cough..." After a forceful cough, Ji You hurriedly said: "Teacher, all of our stuff is here, please count them..."

Food, tents, and the like, Ji You and her group hadn't dared to hide anything, and had honestly handed everything over.

Mu Jianling raised her hand to her forehead, then said: "Get lost."

Unexpectedly, upon hearing this, Ji You and the others didn't leave, but stood there like stakes, immobile in front of Mu Jianling.

Mu Jianling: "..."

Mu Jianling raised her voice: "Aren't you going to scam?"

Ji You, unabashed, leaned in and said: "Teacher, look, you've confiscated quite a lot of stuff, tents and sleeping bags are one thing, but we can't just throw food around outside, right? Shouldn't it be moved somewhere to store?"

Mu Jianling looked up, giving Ji You a nonchalant glance.

Ji You was neither flushed nor out of breath, showing no signs of shrinking back, continuing to speak with a jesting smile: "Of course, that's not the main point! The main thing is, there's so much stuff, it would be bad for you to tire yourself out, Teacher! I think what you're lacking right now are porters!"

At this point, Ji You paused slightly, patted her chest with force, and said: "Look at our group, these muscles, we're all able-bodied laborers, we all volunteer to move the goods for you!"

Looking at Ji You in front of her, still lively and jumping even under her veiled pressure, Mu Jianling slightly raised an eyebrow:

Clever, truly clever.

But!!!

Asking for a beating, also truly asking for a beating.

Then—

Mu Jianling lifted her foot and kicked Ji You very sincerely in the butt.

Ji You, holding her sore butt, hopping on one foot: "Teacher, if you disagree, that's fine, but why kick someone?"

Mu Jianling: "..."

Done for!

Still want to hit!

By this time, Ji You had already kept a few steps away, eyeing Teacher Mu warily, not forgetting to plead: "Teacher... we'll do it for free, not asking for any compensation."

Mu Jianling raised her hand, massaging her temples.

Forget it.

The itch in her hands wouldn't come and go in one moment.

Then.

Mu Jianling said: "Fine."

Instantly, Ji You's face lit with a smile: "Teacher, rest assured, we'll handle it perfectly for you."

Mu Jianling wasn't worried about that issue at all, she looked at Ji You a few meters away and said: "Not a single item is allowed to be lost!"

She's guarding against her group secretly hiding things, Ji You vigorously nodded: "Definitely! Definitely!"

Mu Jianling didn't even raise her eyes: "Not even one gram of food less."

Ji You's mouth twitched as she continued to laugh heh heh: "Of course! Of course!"

Then.

Mu Jianling said: "Complete it within 30 minutes."

Ji You: "Huh?"

This she had some objections to, Ji You hastily bargained: "Teacher, with so much stuff, don't you think 30 minutes is a bit too short? How about 60 minutes?"

Mu Jianling remained silent, only staring at her coldly.

Ji You gritted her teeth: "55 minutes?"

Mu Jianling was silent.

Ji You took a deep breath and said, "53 minutes?"

"51 minutes and 30 seconds?"

"51 minutes!"

"..."

"Cough cough..." Seeing that the atmosphere around was getting weirder and the chill emanating from Teacher Mu was getting stronger...

Ji You cleared her throat and, toughening up, said: "40 minutes! It can't be any less!"

"Absolutely can't be any less!" Ji You said emphatically.

Unexpectedly, Mu Jianling suddenly nodded: "Okay."

She managed to buy an extra 10 minutes.

But—

Is 10 minutes enough?

Ji You wasn't sure either, but it was worth a try.

Then.

After Ji You had clarified the location for storing supplies, she led her teammates and started the transport work.

The supplies collected from these students were compact and convenient items, so Ji You and her team made use of their Space Button, filled it up completely, and estimated that they could finish the transport in just 3 trips.

Once packed, the group of 10 didn't delay and immediately ran towards their destination—

Mu Jianling watched the backs of Ji You's group as they left, and rubbed her temples.

These kids were really a handful.

But!

Smart kids were still more likable than idiots.

Especially—

When seeing that among the students this year, there were quite a few who didn't set up shelters, their tents, sleeping bags, food all confiscated, looking dejected, panicking, and clueless...

Mu Jianling's heart paused.

Compared to them, Ji You's number 4444 and her troupe of worrisome kids seemed quite adorable.

Moreover—

How could Mu Jianling not know Ji You and the others' plans?

This was an excuse to transport supplies in advance to scout and learn about the nearby surroundings and useful information about this planet.

Others were thinking one step ahead; she was already planning 10 steps ahead, aiming for 100 steps.

Mu Jianling put her hand down, feeling the itch in her palm subside.

On the other hand.

Ji You's plan was indeed guessed right by Teacher Mu.

She was using the transport as a reason to gather information about the area.

As soon as they left Teacher Mu, Ji You urgently instructed Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Chu Jiaojiao, and Shen Changqing: "You four must carefully observe the surroundings, see if we can deduce our examination content from the geography here. Particularly, which terrains are good for hiding, which are good for attacking, which... oh, and places where we might find wild vegetables, animals, and other foods—pay special attention. We are unfamiliar with this place; we must understand it beforehand."

While running, Ji You considered anything that might have been missed, saying: "Shen Changqing, you have a keen eye. Anything I missed, leave it to you to pay attention to."

Shen Changqing nodded.

Ji You was very confident in Shen Changqing's work and turned to Chu Jiaojiao: "Jiaojiao, you're responsible for their safety. We're not familiar with this area, so it's best to be cautious."

Chu Jiaojiao patted her chest: "Don't worry!"

Then, Ji You turned to Xuzhou and Zhang Ye, saying: "Little Zhouzhou, traitor brother, you two bring out your investigator skills!"

Traitor brother—

Zhang Ye's eyelid twitched, slightly dissatisfied saying: "Can't you just call me by my name?"

"No," Ji You chuckled and waved it off: "The impression you made playing a traitor during the drills is too deep; I really can't change it. Also—why is a tough guy like you nagging so much? Get on with it!"

Zhang Ye: "..."

Xuzhou took a cautious glance at his brother Zhang Ye, thinking: Being given such a bizarre name like 'traitor brother' made being called Little Zhouzhou seem not so bad.

Hmm.

This is how it is.

People indeed are good at comforting themselves.

Xuzhou straightened his face and silently proceeded.

### Chapter 709: 3-Star Warrior

Ji You, of course, was unaware of the emotional change in Xuzhou as she instructed everyone one by one after making her decision. When Shen Changqing left with Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, and Chu Jiaojiao, Ji You hurried Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, and the others, "Hurry up and get to work. With such a huge amount of supplies, if we don't transport them on time, Teacher Mu definitely won't let us off easily."

Everyone actually had no objections to Ji You taking on this task without discussing it with the group. Hearing Ji You's orders now, they understood her intention. Being someone who disliked overthinking, Yue Qiguang stuffed his Space Button full and was carrying several large bags on his shoulders as he ran ahead at a breakneck speed. Ji You was greatly reassured by this sight. She couldn't help but cast a

sidelong glance at the elegantly sauntering Sheng Qingyan, carrying a bag and moving leisurely, and said, "Too painful to watch, compare Yue Qiguang with yourself. Don't you feel a bit ashamed?"

Sheng Qingyan, without a hint of red in his face or shortness of breath, pouted and replied grumpily to Ji You, "His Space Button is five times larger than mine, you know. Even if he runs five times, it can't compare to one of his trips, you know."

After his response, Sheng Qingyan gave Ji You a disdainful look as he added, "And it's twenty times larger than that of you, you poverty-stricken wretch, you know."

"Ah ha~"

"Forgot about that."

Ji You gave a strained smile and said, "Ha ha... Little Cutie, you must be really tired, keep up the good work, I'm counting on you~"

Damn it!

Rich folks are seriously the most annoying creatures on this planet!

Sheng Qingyan snorted through his nostrils.

The group of six swiftly ran towards their destination—according to the map and guidance given by Teacher Mu, their goal was located at the foot of a mountain range. Along the way, Ji You and the others passed several low mountains and even crossed a river. When they finally arrived, panting heavily, they saw a row of buildings.

From a distance, they could see numerous large agricultural machinery in operation, all running automated tasks. Within the area, a number of Floating Cars were transporting crops such as wheat, corn, potatoes, and rice back and forth into these buildings...

Is this—

A grain warehouse?

They didn't need to get closer to feel the natural fragrance of the grains wafting through the air and tantalizing their nostrils.

Ji You sniffed and exclaimed, "How many credit points would this be worth?"

That's right.

It was just so lowly of her. Faced with a huge batch of grains, her first thought was not about eating, but about credit points! About money!

Just one truckload here could easily be worth several million credit points.

What if—

Secretly hijacking one?

Cough cough...

Ji You coughed to clear her throat, thinking to herself: I'm a respectable person, can't even entertain such thoughts.

Sheng Qingyan hummed, "Someone hasn't seen much of the world, obviously."

Ji You stiffened her face, unabashed, and admitted outright, "Damn right I haven't seen much of the world! All this rice, all these potatoes, all this corn... it's my first time seeing so much. What's wrong with finding it a bit curious?"

"And another thing! You've seen more of the world, so how come you still live so stingily?" Ji You's words and eyes were full of disdain as she scolded, "A penny-pincher maintaining a barely sufficient life only because of the certifications I earn, huh!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Lou, who was walking alongside, quickly chimed in with a laugh, "This is a military grain base, so of course, there's a lot of food. But, this is also my first time seeing so much! The Alliance really treats its warriors well."

Since warriors are needed to defend the frontlines of the Alliance, supplies such as weapons and food are essential. To ensure the logistical support of warriors, especially regarding food, the Alliance has deliberately allocated several agricultural planets rich in water and soil resources solely for the use of the Six Great Armies.

NY50 Star is renowned for its staple crops.

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This also highlights the importance the Alliance places on its warriors.

Several people quickly arrived at the storage area. Before they could get close, they saw two soldiers standing guard at the entrance.

After checking the address carefully, Ji You realized this was their destination. He stepped forward, saluted in standard military fashion, and announced loudly, "Reporting in, Ji You, captain of squad 44 of the 131st class of the Combat Department at the Lanyue Star Military Academy. Leading my team to store a batch of supplies..."

He explained the purpose of their visit.

The two guarding soldiers, both male with imposing stature and dark skin, faces stern and unsmiling, returned the salute. One of them said, "Your teacher has already informed us in advance. Follow me, put the stuff in this warehouse."

After speaking, he started walking.

Ji You hurried to follow him, and the rest of the team followed suit.

The soldier, apparently high-ranking, led the way with a stone-faced expression, which made the journey a very quiet one.

Not the slightest bit displeased, Ji You and his teammates looked on in admiration at the silent and laconic soldier leading them. His uniform bore three badges on the shoulder, signifying that he was a three-Star warrior!

The Alliance's soldiers are not only categorized by their strength but also by their merit.

Those who perform valorous deeds on the battlefield or make significant contributions are rewarded with Merit Points by the Legion. Once a soldier accrues enough Merit Points, they can be honored with the title of Star-level Warrior, which spans levels 1 to 5 stars.

One star is the lowest.

Five stars represent the highest honor.

But!!!

Don't underestimate a one-star warrior just because it's the lowest level; Merit Points are very hard to come by and are awarded only for outstanding combat performance or significant contributions.

Accumulating enough points for one star is already a challenge.

But this guy is a three-star warrior!

Three stars!

Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Lou, Lance, including Sheng Qingyan, all had stars in their eyes and were glued to the formidable figure leading them; they didn't want to miss a second.

The leading soldier, though marching ahead, could not completely ignore the fervent gazes constantly sweeping over him from the students, straightening his posture a bit more unconsciously, and his dark complexion gradually heating up. Thankfully, his dark skin hid any discernible blushing from onlookers.

They quickly arrived at the destination after just a few hundred meters. It was a spacious room with rows of empty shelving.

The Black-faced Soldier said, "Here."

Ji You and his colleagues quickly started taking out the students' supplies from the Space Buttons, organizing and placing them according to their category and group.

During this time, the Black-faced Soldier remained silent.

Once everything was properly placed, Ji You mustered his courage to ask, "Big Brother, are our things safe here?"

The Black-faced Soldier: "..."

His expression didn't change, but his shiny black eyes blinked, as if saying: Are you kidding me?

"Ahem..." Ji You chuckled awkwardly, "With a big soldier brother guarding them, our stuff is definitely safe, I... I mean, can we still reclaim our supplies later?"

There were her 100 vials of nutrient solution!

And Xuzhou's beef jerky, Shen Changqing's Advanced Nutrients...

And...

Ji You believed in the integrity of the soldiers; these endearing warriors would certainly not pocket the students' belongings. But what Ji You didn't trust was Teacher Mu Jianling's scruples!

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Ji You had a thousand and ten thousand reasons to distrust Teacher Mu's integrity.

The students' supplies were all confiscated and piled up in this warehouse. After the assessment ends, will they be returned to the students? Or is there some condition that must be met for their return? And how are the students supposed to handle their food and daily necessities in the meantime?

From the camp to the warehouse, Ji You had already roughly scoped out the path and found absolutely no wild plants or animals to scavenge, and no tools to use...

How would food be handled during the final assessment?

Clearly, since Teacher Mu took the students' supplies, there's no way he intends to kindly return them.

Could it be—

That when the time comes, you'd have to go through great effort to reclaim your own belongings, or meet certain conditions to exchange for them?

This thought crossed her mind, and Ji You suddenly shivered.

Because—

She really believed that this speculation was likely true.

At this moment—

Upon hearing Ji You's explanation, the Black-faced Soldier, with a stern face, said word for word, "This batch of your supplies does not come under our jurisdiction. For the specifics, you can consult Teacher Mu."

Ji You quickly replied, "I understand, thank you so much, big brother."

Upon hearing her words, the Black-faced Soldier continued to keep his mouth shut.

After placing their items, Ji You and co. didn't dare to delay and immediately left the warehouse in a hurry to rush back to camp to start moving things again.

Mu Jianling saw that of the 10 people from Ji You's group who had left, only 6 returned. She wasn't the least bit surprised, didn't say anything, just glanced at them and then lowered her head back to look at the Light Computer.

Ji You, leading her teammates, appeared to be frantically moving items, but from the corner of her eye, she kept an eye on Teacher Mu. After noticing that Teacher Mu showed no reaction to the fact that there were 4 people missing from her side, Ji You breathed a sigh of relief.

"Hurry up!"

"No slacking off."

"Let's move it quickly."

Ji You stuffed items into the Space Button while urging her teammates.

At that moment—

A fit and rugged-faced boy came over. Ji You sensed someone approaching, looked up, saw it was Yu Yi, and smiled, saying, "Don't ask, won't tell."

Yu Yi: "..."

Yu Yi's mouth twitched, and he softly said, "Ji You, I haven't said anything yet."

Ji You chuckled and said, "What could you possibly say? You just want some intel from me, right? But I really don't know anything. What can I say?"

Yu Yi: "..."

With Ji You's carefree demeanor, she was indeed proving to be a tough nut to crack.

After thinking it over, Yu Yi, instead of going after Ji You, squatted down to help Ji You's team move items, hoping to use the guise of helping to probe for useful information from Ji You's teammates.

However—

Whether it was Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiyuan, Lou, or Lance, even the straightforward Yue Qiguang, helped with everything by the book, but getting information? Sorry! None to be had!

Yu Yi stayed busy for several minutes, but wasn't able to dig out anything useful and had no choice but to retreat defeated.

Once again running towards the warehouse, Ji You praised her teammates highly, saying, "Guys, I'm very satisfied with everyone's performance just now."

"Cough cough..."

"But everyone must remember to stay humble and vigilant at all times, be cautious, and treat all classmates other than our 10 people as enemies. Against enemies, be as ruthless as the autumn wind sweeping away fallen leaves! In any case, the information we know should not be exchanged with others, unless they offer something substantially beneficial."

Lou couldn't help but say, "Just now, Yu Yi helped us load things, right?"

Ji You looked at him like he was an idiot and said loudly, "That little favor? Just the lift of a finger and a bit of effort, does that count as help? Does that count as a substantial benefit?"

Lou: "..."

Ji You immediately turned to Lance and instructed seriously, "Lance, since you and Lou are such good buddies, you're in charge of keeping an eye on him. Don't let this big guy get lured away and sold just for a piece of candy, okay?"

Lou: "..."

Lou twitching the corner of his mouth, said, "Am I that naive?"

"Wrong!" Ji You couldn't help but raise her hand to pat Lou's shoulder and sighed, "I think you're even more naive than Yue Qiguang!"

Yue Qiguang's eyelids twitched as he cursed, "You moron, number 4444, talk about yourself, why drag me into this?"

Did I offend you?

Did I get in your way?

Besides, how am I naive?

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Yue Qiguang felt a surge of anger inside.

Ji You grinned and said, "Among our team, it's easiest to illustrate a point by comparing with you."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

In any case, on the second trip transporting supplies, the expressions on Lou and Yue Qiguang were not very pleasant, as if they were constipated for a week, especially Yue Qiguang, whose complexion looked foul.

The second trip.

With familiar paths, Ji You and other warriors not on guard duty led the team straight to the warehouse location, placed down the Space Button and the gear they carried over, and then, began the third trip.

Time was tight, and finally, on the third trip, all supplies were loaded.

After everything was placed in the warehouse, Ji You watched the Black-faced Soldier lock the large warehouse door right in front of her.

Ji You said in a hurry, "Brother, thank you for your trouble."

The Black-faced Soldier shook his head.

Facing such a silent, tight-lipped, and serious-looking brother of a warrior, Ji You checked the time and found there were a few minutes to spare, so she thickened her skin and asked, "Brother, could I... perhaps get some water to drink?"

The Black-faced Soldier: "..."

Ji You touched her stomach, and a blush unconsciously drifted across her face, "We... haven't had a drop of water or a grain of rice since we got here, it's kind of unbearable now..."

Not just Ji You, but also Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang... all showed pitiful expressions, staring at the Black-faced Soldier.

The Black-faced Soldier's dark face showed no hint of emotional fluctuation.

Silence.

Just when Ji You almost thought her plan had failed, suddenly—

The Black-faced Soldier raised his hand and took out six bottles of water and six packs of military biscuits from the Space Button and handed them to the six members of Ji You's group.

The eyes of Ji You and the others suddenly lit up.

The Black-faced Soldier kept a straight face, his voice flat and unemotional, and said, "Take it."

This Black-faced Soldier, although he looks stern on the surface, is truly warm-hearted on the inside.

Ji You felt a bit regretful inside for acting pitiful to trick him for food, but what's done was done. She immediately took the lead in thanking him profusely, and the others followed suit. Sheng Qingyan, in particular, once he got some food, completely forgot his decency, and kept calling him "brother" so affectionately it could have confused anyone who didn't know better into thinking the Black-faced Soldier was really his blood brother.

To all this, the Black-faced Soldier still didn't utter a word.

After bidding farewell to this 3-star warrior brother, Ji You and her group made their way back to the camp and met up with Shen Changqing and others along the way. Then, Shen Changqing's group shared the information they had gathered on the road with everyone.