

Scavengers 711

Chapter 711: Devil Mu

Ji You fell silent for a while after hearing the information brought back by Shen Changqing and others, stroking his chin and saying, "From the looks of it, there is nothing significant within a hundred miles."

What does it mean that nothing significant was found?

It means they can't guess Teacher Mu's tactics.

If they can't guess the tactics, they can't be prepared in advance, and if they can't be prepared in advance...

"Not good." Ji You frowned and asked, "Little Zhouzhou, did you just say that 200 kilometers from the camp, there is a large pig farm?"

Xuzhou nodded: "Yes."

Immediately, he asked puzzled, "Why is that not good?"

Here on NY50 Star, it's a planet integrated with both planting and breeding, and there's a pig farm nearby, so why is that bad?

Not only Xuzhou, but others also looked at Ji You.

Ji You furrowed his brows and said, "What I meant by 'not good' isn't about the pig farm, it's that we don't know what Teacher Mu really wants to do. I initially thought that this place would be like the freshman practice field, requiring the students to engage in battles according to their groups, and thus there would surely be a large practice field nearby, but—"

Shen Changqing said, "But, there isn't."

Ji You replied, "Exactly!"

Yue Qiguang heard 'pig farm' and his eyelids wouldn't stop twitching: "Don't really make us raise pigs."

Last time at Taoyuan Space Station, being forced to assist a pig in birth had already made Yue Qiguang's hair fall out, so now, he was absolutely unwilling to raise pigs.

Ahem, ahem, ahem...

Spit, spit, spit...

Childish talks!

A group looked at Yue Qiguang irritably, with Ji You even more frustratedly saying: "Yue Qiguang, you know that your words are annoying, so talk less!"

Yue Qiguang scratched his hair forcefully and loudly said: "Where did dad's words annoy anyone?"

Everyone unanimously replied: "Everywhere!"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang became withdrawn.

Ji You turned to Zhang Ye, asking: "Is there a large chicken farm 300 kilometers from the camp?"

Zhang Ye shrugged helplessly: "Absolutely true."

Ji You stroked his chin: "To the east and south, there are breeding farms. To the west and north, there are crop farms. The middle of the northwest is the meat warehouse, and to the southeast is the grain warehouse."

"Ahem!" Ji You coughed fiercely and also somewhat irritably grabbed his hair: "What the hell! Does this look like a military academy assessment base?"

Zhang Ye muttered in agreement: "Yeah, this is totally a standard Agricultural Star."

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing... When everyone squatted down, frustrated and pulling their hair along with Ji You, only Sheng Qingyan nonchalantly said: "What are you worrying about? Maybe it's just the simplest task of asking us to farm. Why think so much? Like me, Little Cutie, I never ponder these things—just eat, drink, play, and sleep..."

Everyone: "..."

Everyone simultaneously stopped pulling their hair and turned to Sheng Qingyan: "What did you just say?"

Sheng Qingyan: "I said just eat, drink..."

Everyone: "Shut up! The sentence before."

Sheng Qingyan immediately became reluctant to repeat and pouted: "Don't remember, figure it out yourselves."

Ji You and the other nine people ignored Sheng Qingyan, looking at each other, and suddenly said in unison: "If they really let us farm, wouldn't that be too boring?"

Zhang Ye: "Right!"

Lance: "Boring!"

Yue Qiguang was most devastated, with a faint urge to burst out in anger: "Dad's forty-meter Big Saber was all prepared for cutting down Star Beasts, and now dad is expected to farm?"

Yue Qiyuan glanced at his foolish brother and didn't say anything unnecessary.

Xuzhou and Shen Changqing appeared relatively calm.

Lou this big guy, after pacing in a circle, sighed slightly: "Fine, if it's raising pigs, then I'll raise pigs. I've done it once before anyway."

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fists and said, "There's no way I'm raising pigs, I only know how to slaughter them!"

Ji You gave everyone a glance and said, "Alright, alright, stop guessing, time is almost up, let's quickly head back to the camp."

No one dared to delay and hurriedly ran towards the camp.

Upon arriving at the camp, the time used was exactly 39 minutes and 59 seconds. Mu Jianling glanced at the timer, said nothing, but the expression of regret on her face made Ji You and the others' back teeth hurt.

Ji You, thick-skinned, approached and said, "Teacher... Our group completed the task perfectly, so... you see..."

[It's time for some benefits.]

Ji You threw flirtatious eyes at Teacher Mu crazily—

Unfortunately, Mu Jianling was completely like a blind man, ignoring her completely, and said, "Alright, no delays, get lost."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath and said, "Teacher... How about a little compensation for running errands?"

Mu Jianling looked straight at Ji You and said indifferently, "You ran errands voluntarily, it wasn't me who forced you? What compensation do you want?"

Ji You: "..."

Mu Jianling waved her hand, shooing them away like flies: "Hurry up and scam! Otherwise, I'll change my mind and forcibly take the water and biscuits in your pockets!"

Ji You: "..."

All ten people in Ji You's group opened their mouths and shouted, "Fuck!"

Mu Jianling frowned and started counting: "1-2—"

In an instant—

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang... all ten people disappeared in less than a second.

Hiding in their quickly constructed shelter, Ji You couldn't help but pat his chest, still terrified, "That was terrifying! Is she a devil?"

Yue Qiguang and others: "She's definitely a devil."

Shen Changqing whispered, "Walls have ears."

Yue Qiguang and others: "Cough cough... How could a devil be on earth? She's an angel!"

Shen Changqing was somewhat speechless and shut up.

Sheng Qingyan's beautiful face was now scrunched like a bun: "I'm so sad, I called him 'Black-faced Brother' for so long, and I didn't expect him to betray us in the end..."

The six bottles of water and six packs of military biscuits were begged from the Black-faced Soldier guarding the storeroom; the leak could only have been him. Otherwise, how could Teacher Mu possibly know?

Thinking of this, everyone felt a bit depressed.

Ji You said, "It might not necessarily be Black-faced Brother deliberately leaking the info, it must have been requested by Teacher Mu."

Ji You really trusted the character of that three-star warrior.

Thinking over it, Ji You said, "I guess you're not hungry right now, so keep these bits of food and water with me for now, don't touch them, let's see how easily we can get food tomorrow."

They had to start being careful with resources from now.

Regarding this, no one had any objections.

Following that.

Ji You said, "It's getting late, everyone rest well to face tomorrow's assessment."

The shelter constructed by Ji You's group had walls, a roof, and a door, but it was still very rudimentary with not even a bed inside; they could only make do and nest for the night.

The boys, all sprawled on the grass, that was that.

Leaning against the wall and covering herself with a jacket, Chu Jiaojiao suddenly giggled, opened her arms towards Ji You, and said, "Ji You, at this moment, I want to tell you something—my arms are always open for you."

Ji You: "..."

Chapter 712: Artificial Rainfall

Ji You: "..."

Ji You simply raised her hand and pushed Chu Jiaojiao's head, who was leaning in, to the side, threateningly saying: "3 meters!"

Chu Chu grinned and said cheerfully, "Ji You looks so pretty, even when she's angry, she's pretty."

Ji You turned away, ignoring her.

Chu Jiaojiao didn't mind, found a spot, pulled her jacket over her head covering her entire face, rolled onto the grass, and said, "Sleeping, sleeping, Ji You, if anything comes up, call me immediately."

After saying that.

This person closed her eyes, and soon after, the sound of snoring could be heard.

Ji You: "..."

Is this instant sleep?

Damn!

Such good sleep quality?

Then.

Ji You lifted her head and glanced towards the boys' area on the other side, noticing that there were quite a few snorers.

This!

These are all a bunch of pigs.

Then.

Ji You instantly fell asleep too.

Not far away.

Mu Jianling's spiritual power extended, enveloping all the students, making sure everyone was present and without major issues. Afterwards, she chose a spot that was on higher ground and took out a luxurious tent from her Space Button.

Then.

With her hands behind her back and carrying an elegant posture, she walked into the tent.

At this time, many students were still not asleep, especially those who had lost tents, sleeping bags, and other supplies and were still hungry. They were constantly watching Teacher Mu's every move.

Suddenly—

A strong scent of food wafted from Teacher Mu's luxurious tent.

The aroma spread everywhere—

The hungry students sniffed hard, and the feeling of hunger intensified...

"This is intentional."

"Definitely intentional."

"I'm so hungry!"

"It smells like roast chicken."

"Not just roast chicken, there's also the scent of milky bread..."

"Cough cough!"

"That's too much! They're even eating hot pot!"

"I smelled milk tea! Definitely!"

"What should we do? Are we really going to stay hungry till dawn?"

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The scent not only woke up the students who hadn't slept, even those like Ji You who had set up their shelters and were already asleep were disturbed by the smell. They glanced at each other and under this superior power, could only quietly curse.

Ji You said: "Don't worry about what she's eating! We can't eat it anyway, sleep! Keep sleeping! We must be fully rested!"

After saying that.

Ji You set an example, closed her eyes, and within a few seconds, she was asleep again.

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, and other 9 people looked at each other, astonished by Ji You's completely undisturbed state.

This—

Yue Qiguang scratched his head and asked, "Is she really sleeping or just pretending?"

Yue Qiyuan glanced at him, "Why don't you punch her to find out?"

Yue Qiguang glared at him: "Are you trying to kill me, Yue Qiyuan?"

At this time—

The aroma lingering around became even richer, the thick scent of milk tea mixed with the sweet scent of Butterfly Honey, this smell was simply—

"Gulu gulu..."

A series of uncontrollable growling stomachs rose one after another.

Half-closing her eyes, Sheng Qingyan lifted one eyelid and said, "I think poor dead was right, don't be greedy, you can't eat it anyway, better go to sleep, maybe you'll have it in your dream..."

After saying that, Sheng Qingyan also closed her eyes, and in less than 2 seconds she was asleep.

Shen Changqing cleared his throat, took charge of maintaining order, and said: "Everyone go to sleep."

There wasn't any other solution, like Ji You said, what we need to do tomorrow is unknown to all, it's better to take the opportunity while it's still safe and conserve energy.

Shen Changqing took the lead, closed his eyes.

The others looked at each other, also feeling helpless and forcibly shut their eyes.

Perhaps influenced by Ji You's completely undisturbed state, everyone who initially thought they couldn't sleep ended up falling back asleep within minutes.

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After having her fill, Mu Jianling finally put down her chopsticks.

Then,

she glanced outside and saw that the students affected by her exceeded her expectation, over 90%.

Mu Jianling pursed her lips, smiling.

Next,

she raised her hand, packed up the dining table and utensils, and walked out of the tent, leisurely circling around the entire campsite.

Wherever she went, the students she encountered hurriedly greeted her.

To which, Mu Jianling simply nodded faintly, responding, "Hmm."

Halfway through the round, Mu Jianling was quite pleased with the negative effect she had created.

However—

When she paused in front of Ji You's group's dwelling and heard the overlapping snoring sounds inside, Mu Jianling's face stiffened.

She somewhat disbelievingly extended a strand of Spiritual Silk to probe inside.

Then—

Mu Jianling's mouth tightened as she strode away.

Next,

she didn't bother walking around to digest anymore but went into her tent to sleep.

As for the other students, those who had dwellings managed somehow, suppressing their growling stomachs, forcibly forcing their group to sleep. Those without dwellings... after exchanging looks for a while, helpless, they resigned themselves to using the sky as their blanket and the ground as their bed.

However—

Before it was even midnight, rain suddenly started falling from the sky, initially just a slight drizzle, which everyone ignored, but within a few minutes, the rain grew heavier and out of control, turning into a downpour!

Then came,

the roaring—

Thunder and Lightning!

Gales in bursts!

Students: "..."

Students without dwellings scurried around, heads covered, those with dwellings but poorly covered, listening to the sounds of their shelters being battered by wind and rain, were terrified!

It often happens that whatever you least want to occur, occurs!

The violent wind mixed with the torrential rain, drove down for over two hours without any signs of stopping, instead, it grew even stronger.

Water flowed into rivers, causing water levels to rise and spread...

Many students' dwellings were blown down by the strong wind—

And those situated in lower terrain were directly flooded...

The students, unable to sleep any longer, could only support each other, running towards safer areas.

Ji You and others were also alert immediately, inspecting their dwelling for any safety hazards but couldn't find any for the time being.

Next,

a student interrupted Teacher Mu Jianling's sleep and relayed the hardships everyone was facing.

Who knew, Mu Jianling was completely indifferent, saying, "Oh—forgot to tell you, today is the day for artificial rainfall on this planet, just endure, and in three hours, it will clear up."

Students: "..."

Damn it!

What a trap!

This is unbelievable!

Also—

Is this really artificial rainfall? Can artificial rainfall be this horrifying and destructive?

Seeming to sense what the student was thinking, Mu Jianling said: "Oh—forgot to mention, I sent a notice to slightly intensify the rainfall."

Students: "..."

This is slightly?

Mu Jianling yawned, scowled, and said, "Anyway, you won't die, now scram?"

With a heart full of gloom, the student dejectedly scurried off.

But!!!

He quickly exposed what Teacher Mu had said, and her wicked acts!

At that moment, all the students were seething with anger!

Fortunately, having received confirmation from Teacher Mu Jianling that there was no major danger, those whose dwellings hadn't been overturned or inundated managed to go back to sleep feeling reassured.

Other students also tried every possible way to find shelter with those who had dwellings, hoping to muddle through the night.

Ji You's group also encountered a group of students who came seeking help.

Chapter 713: Profiting from Others' Misfortune

The students coming to find Ji You and her group were led by a female captain named Zhong Qing, who had both A-grade physical strength and spiritual power. In the entire 131st class of the Combat Department, her performance was at the tail end of the top 100. Not bad, but not outstanding either.

This was the first time Zhong Qing served as a captain and lacking experience. Moreover, within her team, there were 2 rebellious members who didn't follow her plans, one of them being the team's vice-captain, Ren An. Ren An felt his abilities were on par with Zhong Qing's, so why should he be subordinate to her?

Upon reaching the campsite, Zhong Qing immediately organized the team to gather materials to construct shelters. Ren An felt that there were ready-made tents available, so there was no need to build shelters, and what was crucial was to familiarize themselves with the terrain near the campsite. Most of the team members agreed with Ren An's proposal.

With Teacher Mu Jianling's flurry of bold moves and the sudden onset of a downpour, Zhong Qing's team was thrown into complete disarray, everyone getting drenched like drowned rats...

The rain continued, and the students received confirmation from Teacher Mu: the rain would continue for another 3 hours!

How could this be?

This meant another 3 hours in the rain, 3 hours without rest. Those with slightly weaker constitutions might catch a cold or worse...

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At this time, Zhong Qing stepped forward, suggesting to seek temporary shelter with another team that had built shelters.

Not having built shelters themselves, the responsibility mainly fell on Ren An. He, now powerless, could only agree to Zhong Qing's suggestion, though he still didn't think much of it.

Catching a cold from getting wet in the rain?

Were the humans of today as frail as those from ancient times? People in the interstellar era were vaccinated against various influenza viruses right from birth!

Ren An was dismissive, but knew opposing it now would seem petty, so he let Zhong Qing take the lead.

Zhong Qing chose Ji You's team simply because no other group was willing to take them in.

When Zhong Qing knocked on the door, her heart was very unsure.

The door opened.

Upon seeing Ji You, the group captain of Team 44, Zhong Qing hurriedly explained their purpose. After speaking, she anxiously waited for Ji You's response.

Outside, the rain poured heavily, with thunder rumbling, making Zhong Qing's party look quite pitiful...

Ji You didn't answer.

Zhong Qing softly asked, "Can... Can we? We'll just stay until the rain stops."

Her voice sounded soft, utterly lacking in vigor.

Ji You thought for a moment, then immediately showed a very bright smile, saying, "We are classmates, naturally we should be united and help each other. Not to mention sheltering for 3 hours! Even if it's just for 3 minutes, there must be a clear price!"

"Cough cough..."

In an instant, all members of Team 44 coughed violently.

Zhong Qing: "..."

Her team members behind her were also taken aback by the sharp turnaround.

Vice-captain Ren An immediately voiced his discontent, "If you don't want to lend us shelter, then just say so. No need to mock us."

Zhong Qing glanced anxiously at Ren An, signaling him not to interrupt, then turned to Ji You and asked softly, "Ji You, what would your team want in exchange?"

After saying that, she added in a low voice, a bit worriedly, "If it's too... too difficult, we might not be able to do it."

Ji You hurriedly waved her hand and said, "It's not difficult, not difficult... The condition is that if food and weapons are distributed tomorrow, your team gives half to us."

What?

That's not difficult?

Ren An couldn't help but burst out angrily, "You're exploiting the situation!"

"Cough cough..." Ji You, shaking her leg, said discontentedly, "Speaking such blunt truths! Yes! I am exploiting the situation!"

Ren An turned around: "Let's go!"

However—

Almost none of his teammates echoed him.

Ren An's expression turned very ugly.

Ji You spread her hands, ready to close the door, adding, "Business uncompleted is still an act of goodwill. If you change your mind, come find us again."

With that, she promptly shut the door.

Then—

Rumble—

The rain intensified.

Clothes soaked through, many members of Zhong Qing's team couldn't help but shiver.

Hesitation filled Zhong Qing's beautiful face; she turned around, whispered a few words to her teammates, and then knocked on the door again.

Ji You opened the door again and the first thing she saw was Zhong Qing's slightly flushed face.

Zhong Qing asked in a low voice, "Ji You, taking half of the weapons and food is too tough on us. We can give food for three people, what do you think?"

Ji You's face hardened, and she didn't immediately respond.

Cough cough...

Seeing such a soft and cute girl, to be honest, Ji You really didn't want to bully her, but well—

She had to be bullied when necessary!

The more ruthless you are, the more you get used to it.

Cough cough...

So, Ji You, ruthless and unyielding, said, "Weapons for two people, food for five."

Zhong Qing was troubled.

Her teammates behind her were clearly dissatisfied with Ji You's whopping demands, but under someone else's roof, they had no choice but to bow their heads and endure.

Next.

After discussing amongst her team, Zhong Qing came forward and negotiated, "Ji You, we really can't give you any weapons, but how about food for five people?"

She thought Ji You would object, but to her surprise, Ji You immediately agreed, "Okay!"

Zhong Qing's eyes lit up with joy, and she hastily said, "Thank you so much."

Ji You chuckled, welcomed them inside, and even patted Zhong Qing on the shoulder, saying cheerily, "No need to thank me, we are classmates after all! Why speak such formalities?"

Zhong Qing: "..."

The smile on Zhong Qing's face stiffened, and Ren An and others behind her looked even more indignant!

Shameless!

So shameless.

Speaking such words after robbing them, don't they feel ashamed?

As the group of ten entered Ji You's residence, suddenly—

Ji You's face turned stern and her demeanor instantly shifted, "I must say something unpleasant up front—"

Zhong Qing and others: "..."

Ji You continued, "You may stay here, but you must obey our rules, otherwise just like this stone, don't blame us for not showing classmate solidarity—"

With that—

Bang!

Ji You squeezed the stone in her palm—

But!

It didn't break!

Awkward.

Ji You twitched the corner of her mouth, then calmly handed the stone to Chu Jiaojiao, saying, "Jiaojiao, your turn—"

Chu Jiaojiao leaped forward, grabbed the stone in her palm, and began to squeeze hard.

Crack~

Crack~

Crack~

The stone broke into several pieces.

Chu Jiaojiao chuckled and said, "Ah! Not quite there yet, next time I'll try to crush it into powder."

But Chu Jiaojiao's brute force still intimidated Zhong Qing and the others.

Ji You deliberately glanced at Ren An standing behind Zhong Qing and said, "I've said the unpleasant part! The terms we proposed were agreed upon by you willingly, so no need to secretly harbor anger or curse."

"Thinking of causing trouble? I have all 44 team members here, and we're not afraid of you!"

"Ah!"

"These days, it's hard to be a good person! Really hard!"

"Ah!"

Saying so, Ji You shook her head, put her hands behind her back, and sat down in the corner of the wall again.

Chapter 714: Something's Not Right

Ji You finally said these last few sentences entirely for the benefit of Ren An and others standing behind Zhong Qing.

She wasn't very familiar with the character of this group of members and hadn't had much contact with them, but with just a quick glance, Ji You could tell there was discord within the group. Captain Zhong Qing was too soft and couldn't hold people down, and vice captain Ren Anxin was too proud to submit to others...

Ji You, of course, wouldn't meddle with other people's teams, but now that they were seeking shelter in her own team's residence, they couldn't stir up any more trouble.

Saying the ugly words upfront was also a precaution.

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After Zhong Qing and the other 10 people entered the room, Ji You cleared out half of the space for them to use. These people might have truly been exhausted; after drying their clothes, they could not resist the urge to sleep, and soon, snoring could be heard...

The entire team, with the exception of Zhong Qing, had fallen asleep.

Ji You's group, however, didn't sleep right away. They sat on the other side, glanced at each other, and Ji You took the initiative to ask, "Zhong Qing classmate, are you saying that Teacher Mu ordered this rain to stop after three hours?"

Zhong Qing nodded: "Yes. Teacher Mu said so herself."

Ji You raised her hand to her chin and continued to ask, "As for the other teams without shelter, have most of them found someone to take them in?"

Speaking of this, Zhong Qing's face showed a touch of discomfort. Their team had been rejected seven or eight times in a row before they finally found shelter, but—

But they were robbed of half of their food for the future.

However!!! Compared to tomorrow's assessment, the assessment is still more important; they must find a place to sleep tonight to be energetic for the assessment.

Zhong Qing didn't know whether to feel relieved or depressed.

Zhong Qing didn't understand why Ji You was asking this and just nodded, "Yes. Most of the students have already found a place to stay. Look, there aren't many students running around outside now anymore."

"Um—" Ji You glanced at Zhong Qing's teammates who had completely passed out and said, "That means, right now, about 90% of the students are asleep."

Beside her, Chu Jiaojiao raised her hand and pointed at Ren An and the others, laughing and adding, "Look—so other students are just like this group of sleeping pigs across from us."

Shen Changqing said in a low voice, "Something isn't right."

At this time, Zhong Qing was also very sleepy and her eyelids were fighting each other. Hearing the people from Group 44 discussing, she felt a bit puzzled, and forcing herself to be alert, she asked, "What... What's strange?"

Ji You straightforwardly said, "The whole camp, all sleeping like dead pigs, with no guard up at all, if some crisis arises, do you think it could wipe us all out in one fell swoop?"

"Ah?" Zhong Qing was startled, her sleepiness vanishing halfway: "It... It shouldn't, right? Teacher Mu said it's just a bit of rain, there shouldn't be any problem."

Because Teacher Mu said there would be no death, telling the students not to make a fuss about it, that's why the students were sleeping so peacefully.

Ji You couldn't help but sigh: "How naive! Can you trust what Teacher Mu says?"

Yue Qiguang interjected brazenly, "Everyone's word can be trusted, it's just that old hag's words that can't!"

Ji You smirked and said, "See, even Yue Qiguang understands."

Yue Qiguang furrowed his brows: "What do you mean by that, Number 4444, you fool?"

Before Ji You could speak, Yue Qiyuan gave his dim-witted brother a sidelong glance and said, "It means you've finally gotten a clue."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang: "Yue Qiyuan shut up!"

The team members were not at all interested in the infighting between the twins; they all lowered their heads to think.

After a moment of silence, Shen Changqing said, "I think we should arrange for our team to take turns keeping watch at night."

Lou was surprised: "Is that really necessary?"

Ji You asserted: "Very necessary!"

Hearing that Ji You and Shen Changqing both thought so, of course, everyone else agreed.

After pondering for a moment, Ji You said, "Not everyone needs to keep watch; we still need to retain most of our combat strength for tomorrow. So, how about this! Little Zhouzhou, our team's only investigator, and traitor brother will take turns on watch, I'll be with Little Zhouzhou for the first half of the night, and Shen Changqing and Zhang Ye will take over for the second half."

"Everyone else, sleep!" Ji You said firmly, then added, "Hurry up and sleep!"

The crowd nodded: "Alright!"

Outside, the thunderstorm continued, and inside the house, the sound of deep sleep soon filled the air.

Ji You carefully listened to the sounds outside, but with the loud rain and thunder, it was simply impossible to make out anything.

After some thought, Ji You said, "Little Zhouzhou, stay alert and watch the surroundings. I'll go out and take a look."

Xuzhou stood up: "I'll go."

It was dark and the path was slippery, with a heavy rain and wind lashing outside. Xuzhou felt a little uncomfortable sending a girl out to explore while he stayed behind in safety.

Ji You waved her hand and firmly said, "I am the Captain! You follow orders."

Xuzhou: "..."

Ji You had already walked to the door, and before stepping out, she reminded, "Remember, if anything feels off, wake them up immediately!"

Xuzhou couldn't help but ask, "Where are you going?"

Ji You turned her head, teasing with a chuckle, "Kid, are you worried about Barbie?"

Xuzhou: "..."

Xuzhou's face darkened.

Ji You stopped joking and said, "I'm mainly going to check on Teacher Mu. I'll be back soon."

With that, Ji You strode out the door.

Ji You had a set of protective clothing on her that wasn't part of the shared supplies, which was just right for shielding against the wind and rain. Upon stepping out, she didn't head straight to Teacher Mu Jianling but circled around the entire camp, observing the surroundings.

The rain continuously washed over the ground, and in the pitch darkness of the night, it was impossible to discern the state of the campsite with the naked eye. Standing at the edge of the camp, Ji You released her Six Spiritual Threads.

The Spiritual Network spread out in full force—

meter.

meters.

meters.

...

meters!

This was currently the maximum distance Ji You's Spiritual Network could reach.

Nothing unusual.

Ji You frowned in thought for a while.

Then.

She meticulously explored along the periphery of the entire camp, inch by inch, leaving no stone unturned.

Still, nothing was found.

The consumption of spiritual power was a bit heavy. Ji You raised her hand to rub her brow.

Afterward.

She walked towards the largest and most luxurious tent in the whole camp, also the only one.

There were no lights on in the tent, shrouded in darkness, and it was impossible to see inside.

Ji You stood at the entrance, hesitating whether to call out or not, but thinking of Teacher Mu's temperament, she abandoned the idea of waking anyone.

She listened carefully at the door and could hear a faint breathing sound inside, very shallow.

Was Teacher Mu sound asleep?

Ji You turned to leave—

After a pause, she decided to make sure whether someone was inside or not. She turned back, spreading her Spiritual Threads again, extending them into the tent—

Suddenly—

A cool voice from inside the tent, clearly displeased at being woken, reached her: "If there's something, speak up. If not, get lost!"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You laughed it off: "No worries, no worries, keep sleeping, I'm getting lost right away."

With that, Ji You quickly took her leave.

Chapter 715: Going Against the Grain

After Ji You left, Xuzhou concentrated fully on guard. As footsteps sounded outside the door, he quietly stood up, gripping an energy dagger in his hand, and lurked behind the door.

Splash~

Rain poured down continuously.

"It's me."

Outside the door, a deep voice came through. Hearing this familiar voice, Xuzhou relaxed his grip on the energy dagger.

The door opened.

Ji You slipped inside, and although the tense expression on Xuzhou's face had disappeared, Ji You immediately noticed his prior state of readiness.

Ji You said with a smile, "Little Zhouzhou, you're quite vigilant."

Xuzhou was silent, giving Ji You a once over and noting that aside from the unavoidable wetness on her clothes and the slightly damp hair on her forehead, she seemed to be okay.

Only then did Xuzhou, with a straight face, say, "Next time, I will take the patrol."

Ji You nodded, "Okay."

Little Zhouzhou is truly a careful, honest, straightforward, and heartwarming big lad! With his thick eyebrows, big eyes, and sturdy build, his appearance and actions are both very reliable!

This lad, he was well recognized.

Ahem...

After pondering for a moment, Ji You said, "Everything is normal outside, Teacher Mu is also sleeping soundly in the tent."

Xuzhou furrowed his brows, "So you mean, there's no problem?"

Ji You found a clean spot on the ground and sat down casually, saying, "Whether it's the terrain within a 300-mile radius or the people and things nearby... it does seem like there's no problem. This place, it's just a large farm."

A farm, what problems could it have?

But!!!

Ji You, frowning, said, "But, I just can't shake this feeling of unease..."

Xuzhou thought for a moment and said, "In half an hour, I'll go patrol again."

Ji You: "Mm."

Ji You was about to close her eyes for a rest when she suddenly caught sight of Zhong Qing, about 1 meter away.

Zhong Qing's eyelids fought against her fatigue, but she was still trying to keep them open. Right now, her head nodded forward bit by bit, like a pecking chicken...

Ji You said with a smile, "Student Zhong Qing, go ahead and sleep. In consideration of your group paying the lodging fee, I'll be generous and notify you immediately if there's any unexpected incident."

Hearing this, Zhong Qing felt a bit embarrassed and opened her mouth to speak, "I..."

"A gentleman's agreement is not easily broken. I said I'd tell you immediately, and I will, so there's nothing to worry about," Ji You waved her hand and said, "Hurry up and sleep! If you don't rest well, you won't be able to concentrate on the assessment tomorrow."

"Thank... Thank you, Student Ji You," Zhong Qing lowered her head...

She felt... she felt a bit unworthy.

Earlier, when Group 44 was discussing, they suspected there might be a crisis during the night. Even though Ji You had gone out to patrol for half an hour, Zhong Qing tried to stay awake in order to hear the latest information from Ji You. Zhong Qing was embarrassed to admit that she felt Group 44 would definitely not inform them if they discovered something abnormal...

In truth, Group 44 had no obligation to inform their group.

And—

Student Ji You said she would notify her immediately.

For a moment, Zhong Qing's face flushed with embarrassment. She closed her eyes, pretending to be asleep, but thought to herself: From the Captain to the teammates, Group 44 truly deserves to be the strongest in this cohort, distinguished in their actions from the rest.

When other groups were scrambling about, they were sound asleep.

When other groups were sound asleep, they suddenly became vigilant.

...

In the view of others, including Zhong Qing herself, they believed that there would be no problems at night because Teacher Mu had personally confirmed that it was just artificial rainfall, which would stop after at most another 3 hours.

And—

Teacher Mu herself was sound asleep in the tent. She could be considered the stabilizer for the students, with her presence, no danger would occur, at most, they would only suffer a bit of hardship.

However, the precautionary measures taken by Group 44 might truly turn out to be unnecessary in the end.

But!!!!

Having reliable teammates to keep watch through the night was truly very comforting.

Zhong Qing silently thought to herself.

Then—

She fell asleep.

minute.

minutes.

minutes.

...

After half an hour, Xuzhou stood up and said, "I'm going out to take a look."

Ji You admonished, "Be careful."

At this moment, the heavy rain continued to pour, accompanied by thunder and lightning...

Xuzhou nodded and replied, "Got it."

Ji You thought for a moment and added, "And check on Teacher Mu."

Xuzhou responded, "Understood."

Then he strode off.

Everyone else was sound asleep; Ji You sat quietly, with her Spiritual Silk released, sensing the changes around her...

Nothing unusual.

She pondered for a moment and decided to let Boss, Second, Third, Old Five, and Sixth rest, leaving only Fourth on alert.

Fourth was a slick one, cunning and sharp. Assigning such a task to it made Ji You most at ease.

Fourth stared at Ji You, wanting to say something but hesitating.

Ji You's face darkened as she blurted out, "I've raised you for so long, and when I finally ask you to do some work, you're always begging for treats. Had I known this, I would've been better off raising a piece of char siu!"

Fourth stiffened for an instant but quickly wagged its tail cheerfully, fawning over Ji You: [Master! Master! You've got it wrong! Sisi never even thought of begging you for Candy Beans, milk tea, much less red-cooked pork ribs with rice...]

Without so much as a pause, Fourth continued to demonstrate its loyalty: [Sisi just wanted to say, Sisi really likes you, Master! I was just too shy to say it.]

Fourth kept wagging its tail, its voice light and airy, expressing admiration for Ji You in every word...

Ji You: "Hmph!"

What a joke –

Lying through its teeth!

Given the choice between its Master and Candy Beans, Fourth would undoubtedly choose the Candy Beans without a moment's hesitation.

"Do your job properly!"

"If you do well, not just one Candy Bean, even 10,000 won't be a problem."

Fourth: [Okay!]

...

Time ticked away...

Ji You knew that Xuzhou was about to return when he was a few hundred meters from the residence, so when Xuzhou pushed the door open, Ji You didn't react at all.

After carefully closing the door, Xuzhou whispered, "All clear."

Ji You frowned and asked, "And Teacher Mu?"

Xuzhou replied, "He's there too."

Ji You said, "Close your eyes and rest for a bit. In another hour, we'll swap shifts with Shen Changqing and Zhang Ye."

Xuzhou: "Okay."

Xuzhou closed his eyes to rest.

Outside, the rain, thunder, and wind were a noisy cacophony; inside, the sounds of snoring, breathing, and even someone grinding their teeth created quite a lively scene.

...

It was less than five minutes after Xuzhou had just returned to the room when suddenly –

Fourth tilted its head: [Master! Something seems off, like – huh? What was it again?]

Ji You stood up abruptly without saying a word, but grabbed the energy great machete that had been resting on her arm!

Xuzhou's eyes flew open: "What's wrong?"

As Fourth was still trying to remember what it had detected, Ji You shouted fiercely, "Damn! Wake everyone up!"

"Quick!"

Chapter 716: Deceived

"Quick!"

Ji You was startled and alarmed!

"Uh?" What startled Ji You was obviously nothing good, and it was also the first time Xuzhou saw panic on Ji You's face. Xuzhou's heart tightened, and he swiftly turned around, first waking up Zhang Ye and Shen Changqing.

By the time Xuzhou turned back, in just less than 3 seconds, he saw Ji You, who had a frightened look on her face, had already calmed down. Her lips were tight, and her pupils were like deep, unfathomable dark pools...

This calmness suddenly steadied the somewhat nervous Xuzhou.

As soon as Shen Changqing opened his eyes, he asked, "What happened?"

Zhang Ye and Xuzhou began to wake up others one by one. Group 44 has always been on high alert; people like Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and others would wake up at the slightest disturbance.

The people from Zhongqing Group, however, were deep asleep. When Xuzhou woke up their deputy captain Ren An, Ren An even grumbled irritably, "Who the hell dares to disturb me?"

No sooner than his complaints were muttered, Ren An also came to his senses, just in time to hear Ji You's reply to Shen Changqing and others:

"Star Beasts!"

"A lot of Star Beasts!"

"Everyone, pick up your weapons, prepare for battle! Also—Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, try to inform the other groups..." Ji You sternly ordered, gripping her Big Chopper tightly.

Ren An jumped up, mocking, "Are you kidding me?"

"Star Beasts?" His voice was a bit sharp, filled with undisguised mockery: "This is a military agricultural base! Where would the Star Beasts come from?"

"And a lot of them!"

"Do you think the military stationed warriors are here for nothing?" Ren An's rant was like a machine gun, cracking rapidly, growing more excited, causing others in his group to join in:

"Yeah!"

"It's impossible that there are Star Beasts!"

"This is a military food base, there won't be any issues, not to mention, we have Teacher Mu!"

...

People from Zhongqing Group, having been suddenly awakened, felt a bit dizzy and confused. Now, hearing Ren An's reasonable claims, they all started discussing...

Ren An looked a bit proud as he gazed at Ji You. Ji You's eyes narrowed slightly, and suddenly—

She pulled out her knife, slashing through the air—

Boom—

"Scram!"

Ren An and others: "..."

Ren An stepped forward, saying, "We've paid the lodging fee! Plus, there's still more than an hour and a half left, what right do you have to kick us out?"

Ji You narrowed her eyes, coldly declaring, "I'll say it again, scram!"

Her voice wasn't loud, but oddly, it sent a chilling creep down the spine.

Ren An's pupils shrank, he opened his mouth, "Our lodging fee..."

Ji You's eyes darkened, "Stupid lodging fee, I fear it might reduce my IQ just holding it. I don't want it today! Are you leaving or not?"

Ren An: "..."

Ren An, ashamed and angry, declared, "We're leaving!"

Saying this, he walked briskly towards the door. His teammates were all hesitant. Ren An looked back, angrily said, "If there really are a lot of Star Beasts, do you think you'll be safe staying here?"

"With just them?" Ren An glanced disparagingly at Ji You and her people behind her, disdainfully adding, "Whether there are Star Beasts or not, our main priority now is to find Teacher Mu!"

As soon as his words hit the floor, his teammates thought it over, it made a lot of sense. If there really were a lot of Star Beasts, the best thing to do would be to report to Teacher Mu.

So—

1.

2.

3.

...

Everyone followed Ren An, leaving Zhong Qing in a difficult position. She desperately wanted to persuade her teammates, saying, "Don't go, let's hear what Ji You and the others have to say before we leave..."

"Wait..."

"Ah!" Finally, unable to contain herself, Zhong Qing stomped her foot and hurriedly turned back, saying to Ji You and the others, "Ji You, I am... really sorry."

Ji You and the others kept silent, letting them leave.

This twist, from Ji You's call for full alert to Zhong Qing's team leaving, lasted only about a minute. While Zhong Qing's group was filled with doubts, behind Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan...

Everyone did not voice any objections but immediately drew their weapons, ready for battle.

Ji You didn't delay, instructing, "It's a group of long-eared rabbits, estimated at least over a hundred in number, their level is currently unknown. In 5 minutes, they will attack—"

Everyone's expression changed, echoing, "That many?"

The long-eared rabbit is a type of Star Beast with strong jumping ability and sharp teeth and claws. Moreover, they are not tame and are very aggressive, often attacking humans.

Ji You kept a stern face, adding, "I hope I estimated wrongly. These are Star Beasts, not some minor nuisance..." Saying this, Ji You immediately turned to Xuzhou and Zhang Ye, instructing, "Go and inform the other groups. Within 3 minutes, inform as many as you can, alerting them to stay on guard..."

"Remember! Within 3 minutes, everyone must regroup!" Ji You solemnly instructed.

Xuzhou, Zhang Ye: "Okay!"

The two departed.

The others gathered together, ready for battle. No one objected to Ji You's decision to send someone to notify other groups.

Although this was the final assessment field and the students' performances were being graded,

But!!!

These were Star Beasts, not anything else. A slight carelessness could cost lives.

Ji You's approach was not seen as foolish but rather, she was showing a great sense of responsibility.

This sense of overall responsibility prioritized the common good over individual interests. What she saw was the big picture, and her actions were aimed at maintaining the overall safety.

Whether it was Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang... all strongly agreed with her approach.

Just after Xuzhou and Zhang Ye had left, and not even 3 minutes had passed, a dark long-eared rabbit suddenly sprang out near where Ji You and the others were staying. Its bared fangs lunged at Ren An, Zhong Qing, and the rest...

Ji You cursed loudly, "Damn! They came earlier than I expected!"

"Battle!"

Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan, both spiritual power S-grade Talents, also used their spiritual power to probe.

Shen Changqing with a stern face said, "It's Level 3!"

Yue Qiyuan's face also looked grim, "There are six Level 2s! And many Level 1s."

Yue Qiguang grabbed a handful of hair, gripping the Energy Axe tightly, "Damn! Should we really not tell Mrs. Mu?"

Hearing Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan reveal the accurate levels of the Star Beasts, Ji You felt somewhat relieved.

Because—

These were all Low-level Star Beasts, completely manageable by the students if they remained alert.

Ji You was more worried at that moment about Xuzhou and Zhang Ye, who hadn't returned on time. Hearing this, considering a possibility, she couldn't help but curse, "I was too naive."

"Damn!"

"No need to look for her anymore!"

"Because, that devil isn't in the camp at all."

Others: "Huh?"

Ji You cursing continuously, "I even went to check myself! Damn! I've been tricked!"

Aahhh!!!

This was the first time Ji You had been deceived so badly!

Now thinking about it, Teacher Mu's soft breathing sounds and the scolding wasn't real, it was a recording!

Exactly!

A recording!

The purpose, just to trick the students into lowering their guard.

Chapter 717: Coordinated Combat

"Damn it!"

Thinking of being deceived, Ji You was so agitated that she almost hopped with anger. However, being naturally cautious about the unknown, discovering the deception was fortunately not too late.

In about 2 minutes, the long-eared rabbit group would charge over. Xuzhou and Zhang Ye hadn't returned to the team at the agreed time, which could only mean that they were blocked by the Star Beast Group.

Where exactly?

Ji You needed to figure out a way to bring them back.

So, Ji You turned to Shen Changqing and the others and said, "Teammates! Remember, this is neither a test nor a mere assessment! Don't try to outdo yourselves or compete for glory; caution is the top priority! Later, pair up in twos for combat cooperation, decide the pairs among yourselves!"

"The main force must not scatter; we must stay together and cooperate."

"Most of us are not wearing armor or in Mechas right now, so don't get injured!" Getting hurt by a Star Beast, even a minor scratch, might lead to an X toxin infection, at best resulting in amputation or organ replacement, or at worst, death...

This is no joke.

"While I'm away from the team, everyone must follow Shen Changqing's commands, and no one is allowed to act independently."

After speaking, Ji You said to Chu Jiaojiao, "Jiaojiao, you come with me! We'll go bring Little Zhouzhou and Zhang Ye back."

Xuzhou and Zhang Ye were sent out by Ji You, and she guessed that they couldn't be far from the residence.

Chu Jiaojiao hopped over: "Okay!"

As Ji You had predicted, when she opened the door and had just stepped out a few steps with Chu Jiaojiao, they saw that 500 meters from the residence, Xuzhou and Zhang Ye were battling with a huge long-eared rabbit, with several other students also struggling against the long-eared rabbit group.

Ji You frowned:

That's a level 3 long-eared rabbit.

Very dangerous.

Ji You was skilled in long-range sniping; at this distance, if she had a sniper rifle, or perhaps a bow and arrow—

Unfortunately, she only had an energy machete in her hands.

But!

Ji You bent down, casually picked up a stone, squinted her eyes, and shouted loudly, "Xuzhou!"

"Behind you!"

Swoosh—

Ji You forcefully threw the stone over.

A slight breaking sound in the air, coupled with Ji You's warning, made Xuzhou jump back a few meters. Seeing its opponent retreating, the level 3 long-eared rabbit bared its teeth and pounced fiercely towards Xuzhou!

At that moment, Zhang Ye immediately dashed over, his Energy Sword swishing through the air, stabbing the long-eared rabbit in the abdomen.

Ji You shouted, "Retreat!"

The long-eared rabbit squealed in pain, becoming more ferocious. Xuzhou and Zhang Ye had timely retreated a dozen meters.

Swoosh—

Ji You's second stone, once again precisely hitting the continually bleeding abdomen of the level 3 long-eared rabbit.

"Chirp!"

"Chirp!"

"Chirp!"

Wounded upon wounded!

But! Neither Zhang Ye's sword strike nor the ordinary stones thrown by Ji You could kill the level 3 long-eared rabbit in one hit; it was tough-skinned, with astounding regenerative ability. At this moment, both its speed and attack power hadn't weakened at all.

Fortunately, the brief distraction gave Xuzhou and Zhang Ye a chance to break away from it!

Xuzhou and Zhang Ye hastily retreated, running toward Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao.

Covering for the two, Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao watched as they were about to reunite when suddenly—

A gust of wind struck!

Ji You reacted swiftly, immediately raising her hand to block the sudden attack with the back of her machete!

"Crack~"

Chu Jiaojiao backed up with a strike, directly severing the sneaky long-eared rabbit.

Level 1.

Staring at the corpse of the long-eared rabbit, Chu Jiaojiao said solemnly, "Ji You, I've got your back."

Ji You nodded forcefully: "Okay!"

Ji You then focused on the level 3 long-eared rabbit, continuously throwing stones to distract the ferocious creature, giving Xuzhou and Zhang Ye more time to escape.

Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao cooperated along the way, resolved 3 Level 1 long-eared rabbits, and smoothly connected with Xuzhou and Zhang Ye.

Ji You didn't talk nonsense and directly ordered: "Retreat to the vicinity of our residence, and fight centered around our residence!"

Xuzhou and Zhang Ye nodded vigorously.

Crash~~

The Level 3 long-eared rabbit held a grudge, seeing Xuzhou and Zhang Ye escaping, it not only didn't give up, but also chased after them relentlessly, and even glaring fiercely at Ji You with its blood-red eyes.

Zhang Ye, who had slashed it with a knife, was very hateful, but Ji You, who kept hitting its abdominal wound with stones, was obviously more hateful.

The Level 3 long-eared rabbit didn't possess intelligence, but driven by animal instincts, it was in pain, constantly squeaking—

Especially since several stones had directly pierced into its flesh within the abdominal wound, they couldn't be pulled out at all, causing unbearable pain, and thus it hated Ji you even more.

The ferocious Level 3 long-eared rabbit launched an attack, its first move wasn't towards Zhang Ye or Xuzhou, but instead it turned its head, its fangs biting towards Ji You—

Zhang Ye: "Be careful!"

Ji You didn't even blink, dodged nothing, pulled out his machete, and fiercely swung it down:

"You picked the wrong person!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

"I'm no pushover!" Ji You said coldly, his Big Chopper smashing down violently!

One hit!

Two hits!

Three hits!

...

Bang! Bang! Bang!

With these few blows, the long-eared rabbit saw stars, its head as hard as iron, crack~

Crack~

Crack~

Continuous cracks...

"Shiing—"

From behind, Chu Jiaojiao slashed at its large head with a knife!

Splat—

Blood flowed profusely—

The Level 3 long-eared rabbit fell to the ground, convulsing all over, Ji you leapt up and dealt another blow!

Splat—

The long-eared rabbit completely stopped moving.

Ji You didn't even glance at this pitiful Level 3 Star Beast, tossed it into the Space Button, and immediately said: "Run!"

At this moment, Xuzhou and Zhang Ye had just cleared a Level 1 long-eared rabbit blocking their path and ran towards the residence with Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao.

Just a few meters out, they bumped into Zhong Qing and Ren An's group, but this group was not in good condition, instead very disheveled, especially Ren An, whose abdomen had a gash, bleeding profusely...

Behind them, 5 or 6 long-eared rabbits were relentlessly chasing.

Ji You furrowed his brow: one of them was Level 2.

Two students supported Ren An, and Zhong Qing, with a face full of shame, looked at Ji You and said, "Ji... Ji You, we need help..."

Ji You waved his hand: "Double the rewards!"

Zhong Qing nodded vigorously: "Okay!"

Once again facing Ji You and the others, especially when making eye contact with Ji You, Ren An's face flushed red and white, biting his lip hard...

Ji You glanced at him and plainly said: "Save this one, add 50 points on top!"

Ren An: "..."

Ren An's face suddenly turned pale.

Zhong Qing quickly nodded: "Okay."

At this time, the 5 chasing long-eared rabbits had also arrived, these long-eared rabbits ferocious and fearless, charging straight at the students...

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Xuzhou, and Zhang Ye formed a formation, attacked the most threatening Level 2 Star Beast, leaving the other Level 1 ones for Zhong Qing's team.

Soon, the four of them killed the Level 2 long-eared rabbit and immediately turned towards the others.

Chapter 718: Disdain

The battle ended quickly, after dealing with those 5 Star Beasts, Ji You immediately instructed Zhong Qing, "Go to the residence."

Zhong Qing didn't dare to delay and immediately led the team members to run towards the residence, but she was a bit worried about Ji You and the others.

Turning her head, Zhong Qing saw Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Xuzhou, and Zhang Ye gathering up the corpse of the long-eared rabbit.

Zhong Qing: "..."

Zhong Qing was a bit confused, but she didn't dare to be distracted, keeping alert while leading her teammates in a quick run.

On this side.

Ji You, quick as lightning, packed up a Level 2 long-eared rabbit and then hurriedly said, "Jiaojiao, pack up the remaining 3! My Space Button space is running out."

After speaking, Ji You glared at Xuzhou and Zhang Ye and impatiently said, "You two poor dead, don't even have a Space Button!"

Xuzhou, Zhang Ye: "..."

Cough cough... randomly subjected to contempt.

Ji You kept her eyes on the surroundings and didn't forget to babble, "Little Zhouzhou, after going back, buy less beef jerky; save up some money to buy a Space Button, got it?"

Xuzhou: "..."

Regarding the beef jerky and other snacks Xuzhou brought for the final exams, they all cost over 200,000 credit points, not to mention the constant snacking expenses Ji You saw this kid incurring at school...

In short, Little Zhouzhou wasn't someone who lacked money.

Ji You couldn't help but complain, "How old are you, still eating snacks every day."

Xuzhou: "..."

Xuzhou's rugged, honest face quietly turned red.

Zhang Ye covered his mouth corner and laughed, "He not only loves snacks, but he also likes candy! In fact, most of his pocket money goes to buying various kinds of candies."

Zhang Ye, this guy, blatantly revealing all of his friend's secrets without any regard for their past brotherhood.

Ji You curled her lip, "No wonder that day I saw you in Doctor Luo's medical room getting a tooth filled. The cavities should thank you for feeding their entire family."

Xuzhou: "..."

Xuzhou: "Cough cough..."

He just didn't have a Space Button to store these long-eared rabbits' corpses, why... why keep bringing it up?

Xuzhou really couldn't understand.

Zhang Ye covered his mouth, running while reveling in schadenfreude.

Then—

Suddenly, Ji You turned towards him and scolded, "At least Little Zhouzhou spends money on food. And you? Donating to male streamers, you have the cheek for that?"

Zhang Ye: "..."

Zhang Ye coughed vigorously, his body shaking...

After a while, Zhang Ye, red-faced, explained, "I wasn't donating to male streamers! I was donating to Admiral Bai Ji! The streamer analyzes all sorts of fighting techniques and styles of Admiral Bai Ji!"

"I was donating to Admiral Bai Ji!"

Ji You waved her hand, "No need to explain! Anyway, you are now just a poor dead without a Space Button!"

Zhang Ye: "..."

At this moment, Chu Jiaojiao finished storing away a Level 1 long-eared rabbit and immediately said, "Classmate Ji You, my Space Button is almost full too."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You, who was slicing at an approaching Level 1 long-eared rabbit, heard this and frowned, "I knew it, I should have brought Little Cutie along."

No other reason, it's just that Little Cutie's Space Button has a large space!

Feeling discarded.

Chu Jiaojiao giggled and said, "But I know how to protect Classmate Ji You better than Sheng Qingyan!"

Those words, cheesy but still very heartwarming to hear.

Just as Ji You was feeling a bit touched, Chu Jiaojiao changed the subject, "Anyway, with me here, I will absolutely protect Classmate Ji You's face!"

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao chuckled, "I swear."

Ji You: "Goodbye! I never want to be in the same group with you again."

Chu Jiaojiao: "Hehehe..."

The entire camp was thrown into chaos with the appearance of a group of long-eared rabbits, turning everything topsy-turvy within moments...

The atmosphere was tense, and the situation looked grim. At least half of the students who couldn't react in time got injured.

This was even after Ji You had Zhang Ye and Xuzhou notify many students in advance; otherwise, at least 80% would have been injured.

Ji You's group of four covered for Zhong Qing and others, providing rear guard as they fought and retreated. After 3 minutes, they finally made it back to their temporary residence.

Seeing Ji You and the others unharmed, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan, and others didn't say much, but the tension on their faces eased.

Ji You said, "Tighten the defenses around the residence."

Everyone nodded.

As the students began to retaliate, the group of long-eared rabbits no longer posed a fatal threat.

But!!!

They still needed to be wary of other Star Beasts appearing.

Ji You then discussed with Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan, saying, "We've already killed half. The most dangerous ones left are one Level 3 and five Level 2 long-eared rabbits."

"The closest to us is a Level 2," Ji You gripped the handle of his sword, "We just need to guard against this Level 2 one."

Shen Changqing said, "Yu Yi and Yu Song's teams have already killed that Level 3 long-eared rabbit."

His spiritual power Level was high, allowing for a broader and more sensitive perception range.

Yue Qiyuan frowned and said, "There are still 4 Level 2s left, and 2 have made their way here."

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Lou, Lance... seemed to be scattered guarding different sides of the residence, but were actually skillfully forming an encircling tactic. Any issue on one side could quickly receive support from the others.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

In the dark night, the long-eared rabbits moved like spectral shadows, jumping, biting...

The students, with their knives and swords, axes and hammers, or even bare fists, struggled fiercely against the long-eared rabbits...

The sounds of rain, wind, thunder, weapons clashing, and blades slicing flesh...

When everything finally stopped and the long-eared rabbit group was completely wiped out, seeming like no other dangers were present, the students, exhausted like pigs, slumped down in a random corner.

For many students, this was their first encounter with a Star Beast, their first time fighting one. There were those who were superficially hurt, injured, holding their faces with reddened eyes...

On Ji You's side, the group of ten, aside from being a bit tired, had no other issues. Sheng Qingyan, that guy, hadn't even dirtied his shoes from head to toe; he was responsible for hiding inside the residence, sneak attacking the long-eared rabbits with an Energy Bow and Arrow.

One shot, one kill.

Especially those who were on their last breath or severely injured, Sheng Qingyan's follow-up strikes were like a long-eared rabbit reaper.

The others also performed very bravely.

Now, everyone, including Ji You's team that was paid to provide protection, were all resting inside the residence.

...

Silence.

Quiet.

No one spoke.

In the pitch darkness, someone from Zhong Qing's team, enduring the pain, said, "Ren An's injuries have worsened, what should we do?"

The surrounding area fell silent once again.

This student anxiously said, "Where has Teacher Mu gone? Could she really have just left us?"

"How could that be!"

"How is that possible!"

But—

It had been so long, and indeed, there were students with serious injuries.

Chapter 719

When the Star Beast attacked, Ji You already knew that Teacher Mu definitely wasn't in the camp anymore. As reality matched Ji You's conjecture, when Zhong Qing's team reached Teacher Mu's luxurious tent and called out for a while only to dive into the tent, they found that there was nobody inside.

At the same time, students from other groups also searched, but almost everyone had scoured the entire camp and still hadn't found a trace of Teacher Mu.

She was gone, but when did she leave, and where did she go?

The students discussed it and couldn't make heads or tails of it.

The attack from the long-eared rabbit group was sudden and the students didn't have time to continue searching for Teacher Mu, they could only hastily begin to defend...

Inside the temporary residence.

Ren An's wound on the abdomen began to turn black, and their lips too were gradually changing from white to black...

This was the rhythm of the Star Beast's X toxin permeating throughout various organs of the body, and without treatment, they might really lose their life.

Members of Zhong Qing's team were extremely anxious at this moment. Suddenly, a girl shouted, "Where did the teacher go? Even if it's an assessment, they shouldn't risk the students' lives to test us!"

"Right!"

"That's too cruel."

"How could they do this?"

"It's excessive! When I get back to school, I'm definitely going to complain to the Academic Affairs Office! If they don't handle it, I'll complain to the Alliance Education Bureau."

...

In their fear and trepidation, these students began to vent their inner frustrations and panic.

Zhong Qing tried her best to maintain calm within the team, but alas, it was ineffective.

"Bang!"

A loud noise interrupted the indignantly filled teammates of Zhong Qing's team. They followed the sound and saw Ji You with a stern face, clearly dissatisfied between her brows.

People from Zhong Qing's team were startled and unconsciously shut their mouths.

Ji You cast a cold glance at these people and said, "You have time to complain here, might as well think of a way to save this idiot."

Someone from Zhong Qing's team said, "This... this is the Star Beast virus, we... what can we do?"

"Oh—" Ji You slightly raised her eyebrows with a frown and said, "So you have time to fart around here?"

Zhong Qing's team: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao covered her chest and said, "Ji You, we're girls; be a little more delicate, don't be so crude with your words, it'll affect your beauty score."

"Where is it crude?" Ji You turned to look at her and said without a good air, "And another thing— I'm a girl, are you?"

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Yue Qiguang asked boldly, turning to Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Xuzhou, and the others, "Do we have any girls in our group?"

Everyone said in unison: "No!"

Seeing the topic being sidetracked, Ji You waved her hand and said, "Stop talking about this. Although I don't know what's wrong, my guess is that Teacher Mu won't appear until dawn."

Zhong Qing was a bit anxious: "Without Teacher Mu, how can we save Ren An?"

Ren An's situation was indeed not good.

The students, having been protected by their parents and schools from danger since childhood, had never truly experienced facing such a bloody and violent death. The entirety of Zhong Qing's team was in a frenzy.

Ji You didn't respond to this and turned to Shen Changqing and the others, saying, "Nobody sleeps tonight. Xiaoqing, you go with Zhang Ye, Jiaojiao, and Lance to find Yu Yi, Yu Song, and other teams with strong abilities to discuss organizing a patrol around the camp, ready to sound the alarm at any sign of danger."

The long-eared rabbit group was annihilated, but does that really mean there is no more danger?

Little did they know, danger often strikes at the most relaxed moment.

The students had already suffered a big loss; if they don't learn from it, when they eventually go into battle, their deaths would truly be unworthy of pity.

Anyhow, from the very beginning, Ji You did not plan to treat this final examination as a mere test; she treated it with the same seriousness as facing a real battlefield.

Frowning, Ji You continued to arrange, "Lou, you stay with Yue Qiyuan and Yue Qiguang near our residence to keep watch, and by the way, protect these chickens."

Zhong Qing's team: "..."

When did we become chickens?

Blushing, Zhong Qing coughed: "Cough cough... Compared to Ji You and the others, we really are chickens."

Out of their 10 people, 9 were slightly injured, and 1 seriously. What else if not noobs?

Ji You nodded: "I appreciate your realistic attitude."

Zhong Qing: "..."

Ji You looked up at Zhong Qing's team and said, "If you don't want to admit you're noobs, if you don't want to hide and be protected, then get your spirits up and join the patrol and guarding duties."

Zhong Qing was the only one in the team who wasn't injured. She stood up and said, "I will keep watch around us."

After Zhong Qing spoke, her other teammates with minor injuries also spoke up one by one:

"Psh! Who's a noob? Count me in."

"Take me too. I never need someone else to protect me."

"Our group will never admit defeat."

"Yes! Who says our group is worse than any other?"

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Zhong Qing felt somewhat emotional; she had tried so hard to unite her team, but Ji You had managed to rally her teammates with just a few words.

Zhong Qing looked at Ji You, hesitant to speak.

Ji You said to her, "I won't interfere or make arrangements for your team members. That's up to you."

"Oh, right." Having said that, Ji You deliberately glanced at Zhong Qing's team and added, "Don't mess up this simple task of patrolling with your scattered effort, got it?"

Zhong Qing's team: "..."

Zhong Qing knew that Ji You's words were not meant to mock but to deliberately provoke them. The intention was to help her better manage the team. She nodded firmly and said, "Don't worry, classmate Ji You. People from our team won't make any mistakes again."

To be fooled once is foolishness, but to be fooled twice is both stupidity and idiocy.

"Only—" Zhong Qing hesitated. "Ren An..."

At that moment, Ji You suddenly said, "Little Zhouzhou, go find Penny and bring her treatment instrument here. I've already negotiated with her; it will be available for our use in about 5 minutes."

Huh?

There was actually someone in the student group with a treatment instrument?

Nobody really knew that.

A fully functional treatment instrument can rapidly heal the body and also alleviate and suppress the toxins from Star Beasts. With a treatment instrument, Ren An could last longer, perhaps even several days, which should be enough time to wait for rescue from the school.

Without questioning, Xuzhou nodded: "Okay."

Penny was the deputy Captain of Yu Yi's team. Their camp had been flooded by the river, and they were currently staying with another group roughly 1000 meters away. It was just the right time to go there now. Knowing that it was a matter of life or death, Xuzhou did not delay and immediately turned to leave.

Hearing Ji You's words, the hearts that everyone in the Zhongqing Group had been holding up finally relaxed all together.

Not going to die.

That's good.

These students had awkward expressions, wanting to thank Ji You but too embarrassed to speak up. Each of them blushed and stole glances at Ji You like shy brides.

Zhong Qing, acting as their representative, stepped forward sincerely: "Classmate Ji You, thank you!"

"Cough..." Ji You kept a straight face and waved her hand: "No need for thanks. It's a clear transaction. To treat his injuries, add another 100 points."

Zhong Qing and the rest: "..."

Isn't the treatment instrument borrowed? Why charge extra?

Anticipating their thoughts, Ji You's face stiffened as she stated coldly: "I borrowed the treatment instrument with my own abilities. Why can't I charge?"

Everyone: "..."

And then.

Ji You's lips curved into a smile and she said, "For the others who are injured, let's make it 10 points each."

Zhong Qing and others: "..."

In a corner, Ren An, with his lips bruised and black: "..."

He shouldn't have offended number 4444.

Chapter 720: Just Moving Some Stuff

The pattering rain finally stopped.

Thunder and lightning also vanished, and tranquility was restored above the skies.

At this moment—

The entire campsite was a mess, with collapsed dwellings, plants battered by the storm, and the scattered body parts of long-eared rabbits with no single complete corpse...

Complete disarray.

In the pitch-dark night, two students—one tall, one short, one leading and one following—stepped out of their temporary shelter.

The shorter one in front hurried along, and in the blink of an eye, darted off into the distance. Looking back, she realized her teammate had not kept up and immediately started complaining, "Spicy Eye, can't you walk any faster?"

Sheng Qingyan was actually walking quite briskly, but his habituated lethargy meant his preferred pace was slow and leisurely, nothing like 4444, the poor dead, who seemed to be rushing as if racing to get reincarnated.

Yawning, Sheng Qingyan grumbled discontentedly, "What on earth have you dragged me out here for?"

Ji You didn't answer and continued to look around as they walked.

Suddenly—

Her eyes lit up, and she dashed to a clump of weeds ahead and squatted down.

"Found it."

Catching his breath, Sheng Qingyan approached and muttered, "Found what?"

Then——

Seeing what Ji You was holding in her hand, Sheng Qingyan's sleepiness vanished completely. He jumped up in disgust, pinching his nose as he exclaimed,

"How disgusting."

"Why are you picking up long-eared rabbit corpses?"

Ji You tossed the rabbit with a broken neck to him, "Stop talking nonsense, just pack it up."

Sheng Qingyan startled, "Don't even think about it! Don't expect me to touch these disgusting things."

Ji You rolled her eyes, "What's so disgusting? What's so smelly? Can't you see it's radiating with the brilliance of credit points from head to toe?"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Covering his mouth corner, Sheng Qingyan pointed at the long-eared rabbit with its neck twisted and rolled his eyes, "It has no head."

"Ah ha~"

"Forgot about that." Ji You grinned and said, "Don't sweat the small stuff, just hurry up and pack it for me!"

Sheng Qingyan clutched his chest, pretending to be adamantly unwilling, and resisted, "Don't even think about it."

Ji You: "..."

If it weren't for his Space Button having enough capacity, would she have brought him along? Wouldn't bringing along Little Zhouzhou be much nicer?

The kid was both well-behaved and obedient!

So——

Ji You frowned, "Green Glaze Master——"

Upon hearing this, Sheng Qingyan immediately dropped his arms wrapped around his chest, and with an aggrieved expression said, "You... how can you bully the Universe's number one Little Cutie."

Whilst speaking, he reluctantly stored away the decapitated long-eared rabbit.

Ji You laughed heartily, "Kid, the organization has high hopes for you! Hang in there a little longer, and you'll win the favor of the Green Glaze Master's... cough cough... retail salesperson."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Therefore——

On the journey that followed, Ji You, leading a thoroughly dispirited Sheng Qingyan, searched along the way and found 5 more long-eared rabbit corpses.

One of them was a Level 3; Ji You was thrilled to no end.

The group of long-eared rabbits that besieged the students this time numbered around 150 in total, with 3 of them being Level 3s and roughly 20 Level 2s. With higher levels came greater strength, and naturally, the materials on its body were more valuable.

The valuable parts of a long-eared rabbit were its teeth and claws, and also its blood was useful, although the blood was no longer collectable, so Ji You gave up on it.

There was no time now to strip the claws and teeth, so Ji You planned to collect the corpses and have everyone work together to strip them later.

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Ji You went out with Sheng Qingyan, and of course, they weren't just there to pick up corpses. Credit points were tempting, but life was more important.

What she mainly went out for—

At this moment, the communicator rang.

Ji You answered it and asked, "Xiaoqing, have you finished discussing?"

Shen Changqing and four others went to negotiate with Yu Song, Yu Yi, and other teams about strengthening patrols around the area. They had reached an agreement, and the agreed-upon plan was each team would dispatch 2 people to join the Patrol Team, with 100 people per shift, rotating every half-hour...

This way, everyone could get proper rest, and the injured people could focus on healing.

Shen Changqing relayed all the details of what was discussed to Ji You, then added, "Just now, we also took the chance to find out about the treatment instruments our Combat Department currently has. We have a total of 11, and there are about 90 people who brought fully equipped medical kits."

Ji You: "Eh?"

Including the one owned by Penny, there were 11 treatment instruments. The reason Ji You knew about Penny's was that she had seen it by chance when Penny was submitting supplies, and Teacher Mu didn't seem to take it, so Ji You made a mental note.

This was also why Ji You remained calm even seeing Ren An seriously injured.

It hadn't occurred to her that Shen Changqing would go out to talk with other groups and still manage to gather this crucial information.

Ji You couldn't help but smile: "You even took the time to find out about all this! It's very useful. This means the injured students should be alright."

What she appreciated most about Shen Changqing was his attention to detail and reliability in handling things.

Shen Changqing furrowed his brow: "These medical supplies are just about sufficient for the current situation, but—should there be more Star Beast attacks, they'll be far from enough."

Ji You said, "That's why the Patrol Team absolutely can't be careless. Also, we mustn't fight solo. We must integrate all our combat strength and fight together."

Shen Changqing of course understood this, he said, "The others in the teams know the importance, so there's no need to worry."

Then, Shen Changqing said, "For our team's first patrol shift, I'll go with Xuzhou, and I've told Jiaojiao and Lance to return to the team."

Ji You trusted Shen Changqing's work, and nodded, "Good."

The two then discussed some details about the patrol.

Afterwards, they ended the call.

Currently, the entire camp's situation was developing for the better, and Ji You was feeling a bit happy, promptly urging Sheng Qingyan: "Let's hurry, no dawdling."

Sheng Qingyan puffed up with annoyance: "Just the thought of picking up corpses makes one utterly unmotivated..."

Ji You's mouth twitched: "We're not going to pick up corpses this time!"

Sheng Qingyan was taken aback and asked, "Then what are we going to do?"

"Cough cough..." Ji You, thinking of the task ahead, looked a bit uncomfortable and said, "Just moving some stuff."

Sheng Qingyan was somewhat suspicious, "Move what?"

"Why ask so many questions? You'll see when we get there," Ji You waved her hand dismissively, then quickened her pace.

Knowing they weren't just going to collect the corpses of long-eared rabbits, Sheng Qingyan finally perked up and hurried to catch up with Ji You.

Then—

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Having hurriedly followed Ji You to the destination, Sheng Qingyan looked incredulously at poor dead number 4444 as they brazenly entered Teacher Mu's super-luxurious tent, swiftly scavenging everything inside, foods, and utilities, and then—even took the tent itself...

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan was completely stupefied.