

## Scavengers 731

### Chapter 731: Bold Declarations

The black-faced soldier Han Zheng thought he had heard wrong, as did the others around him.

But!

Han Zheng slightly bowed his head, and as he met the eyes of the short girl in front of him, he saw that her dark eyes were shining, flashing with light, burning with a serious emotion.

Hmm?

With a straight face, Han Zheng said softly, "Okay."

At his words, the corners of Ji You's eyes and eyebrows instantly lit up with a smile, and she hurriedly said, "Then it's a deal, I'll definitely come to you for advice when I'm free."

Han Zheng nodded: "Alright."

Ji You didn't want to delay the black-faced guy's important matters and said considerately, "Black-faced Bro, go on with your work, you're busy..."

Han Zheng's strides faltered slightly, he turned back, and with a serious expression on his dusky face, he said: "My name is Han Zheng, you can call me Senior Brother Han Zheng."

Huh?

This statement made Ji You immediately laugh, her words inadvertently grew a bit more intimate—this is a senior brother! A senior brother!

No wonder he was so kind, giving her cookies and water.

Ji You quickly asked, "Is Senior Brother Han Zheng a graduate of Lanyue Star Military Academy?"

Han Zheng nodded: "Yes, I graduated from the 101st Combat Department of Lanyue Star Military Academy."

"Wow!"

At this revelation, the other students' eyes also lit up instantly, not expecting that this formidable black-faced soldier was actually their senior from thirty terms ago!

Next to him, another teammate of Han Zheng's said with a smile: "Our Captain is currently the Captain of the Sixth Team in the Vanguard Camp of the Sixth Legion, and our superior is Admiral Bai Ji."

The students: "!!!"

Big shot!

This is a real big shot!

Everyone's eyes dazzled with admiration, just like fans meeting their idol, they almost wanted to surge forward and surround the person.

Ji You was no exception.

Fortunately, students from the Military Academy had strong discipline. No one actually acted on their impulses, but their gazes alone on Han Zheng were hot enough to burn up the temperature around...

"..." Han Zheng couldn't help but harden his face once more, facing a cluster of passionate eyes from his junior brothers and sisters, but his dark face remained stoic, only saying: "Let's go!"

With that, he stepped forward and walked away.

Han Zheng's teammates and a string of robots immediately followed.

The group had arrived quickly and left just as fast.

Ji You's eyes gleamed as she muttered to herself: "Vanguard Camp!"

That was the most elite suicide squad under the most powerful Legion of the Alliance!

This—

You have to have true strength to get in!

Suddenly, a voice cut in from the side, "I will also join the Vanguard Camp of the Sixth Legion in the future!"

Huh?

Everyone turned to look and found that the one who uttered such lofty ambitions was none other than the usually low-key, steady, and reticent Xuzhou!

When Xuzhou spoke, his large hands were clenched into fists, and his rugged face was filled with determination!

Beside him, Zhang Ye immediately said: "Me! I will definitely get in, too!"

Yue Qiguang raised an eyebrow, a tuft of red hair on his head twitching as he said cockily: "Just with you two weaklings? Rest assured, Daddy will be the first from this term's Combat Department to make it into the Vanguard Camp!"

Ignoring him with a glance, Xuzhou and Zhang Ye turned their faces away from him.

The others, Lou, Lance, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, and others did not speak, but the excitement on their faces and in their eyes was enough to show their ambition!

And then—

All of a sudden, they saw Ji You, who had just been silently contemplative for a few seconds, leap up and shout, "I've decided! I am going to be the Camp Commander of the Vanguard Camp of the Sixth Legion!"

"Cough cough cough..."

"Cough cough cough..."

"Cough cough cough..."

This statement led to a chorus of coughing fits around them, which continued on and off for a while...

Mu Jianling just happened to be walking out of the tent with her hands behind her back when she overheard Ji You's bold declaration. Her steps abruptly halted, and the corner of her lips twitched.

Then.

Without alerting any of the students, Mu Jianling glanced at Ji You indifferently and headed back into the tent.

On this side.

The students, who had just managed to suppress their coughs, said one after another:

"Cough..."

"Number 4444, in broad daylight, let's not daydream!"

"Right!"

"Hurry up and work, so we can rest earlier."

"Exactly, it's because of the lack of rest that you get these wild thoughts."

"Look at her, the dark circles under her eyes are almost blending into her entire face; her head must be in a fog too."

"Hahaha..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You patted her chest and loudly declared, "You foolish mortals, just wait and see! I am destined to be the king standing at the pinnacle of the world."

"Cough cough..."

Next to her, Yue Qiyuan stepped forward, patted Ji You on the shoulder, and said indifferently, "King, it's time to move bricks."

Ji You: "..."

Yue Qiyuan pointed to the few large stones at her feet and said, "Shen Changqing's supply is running out, can't you move faster?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You, clutching her chest, cursed, "What a spoilsport!"

Couldn't he wait until she had her moment of glory and swagger before coming out to ruin it?

Disdain filled Yue Qiyuan's eyes as he said, "Having fun boasting?"

Bending down with difficulty, Ji You hoisted a stone onto her shoulder and chuckled, "Of course, it's joyful!"

"Keep boasting, and who knows, it might just come true?"

"Wouldn't that be splendid?"

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Somewhat speechless, Yue Qiyuan bent down to lift another stone and walked toward the temporary dwelling.

Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Chu Jiaojiao, and others also moved stones, following Ji You and Yue Qiyuan.

Shen Changqing decided to construct a lookout platform and had designed detailed blueprints for it. The entire Group 44 team followed his orders, bustling around busily.

After placing the stones, some were responsible for cutting, some for stacking, and some for...

Everyone worked swiftly and efficiently. Within the 1 hour set by Teacher Mu, they completed the reinforcement and repair of the dwelling on time and also successfully constructed the lookout platform.

The height of this lookout platform was a few meters taller than the highest hill in the camp. Standing on it gave one a feeling of overseeing the entire area.

Ji You was quite satisfied with it.

Just then, Mu Jianling, who had just finished watching the latest episode of "Ugly Girl's Spring" inside the tent and turned off her Light Computer, leisurely stepped out and said, "Assemble."

Her voice wasn't loud or striking, just softly spoken two words, yet all of the more than nine-hundred students in the camp heard her.

This——

She used her spiritual power!

Ji You's eyes sparkled:

To transmit her voice so far quietly, as if whispering in the listeners' ears, and making it completely natural without any odd feeling or discomfort.

Ji You couldn't help but glance at her own Spirit Space's six plump threads! Cough cough...

It was embarrassing to look at.

When could she achieve such a feat herself?

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The students dropped what they were doing, not a single one lingering, and quickly assembled. In less than 5 seconds, everyone stood in front of Mu Jianling.

Mu Jianling nodded, "Good."

#### Chapter 732: Xiaoqing, You've Changed

The sunlight is abundant above the planet NY50, with lengthy days of about 20 hours before night falls. At this moment, the sunlight drapes over the students' faces, dense beads of sweat trickle down through their pores...

On those youthful faces, a warrior's resilience has taken shape, regardless of sleepless nights and hardships, none complained or faltered.

A faint touch of sentiment could almost be discerned in Mu Jianling's indifferent eyes:

When I first met them, they were mere kids, their faces and eyes filled with curiosity and longing for the new school.

And now?

Some have grown taller, some have grown bulkier, some have gotten tanned, some...

The one constant remains their fervent passion to enter the battlefield and defend their homeland, undiminished.

As the guide in their academic journey, all I can do is to be strict! More strict! Even stricter!

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Mu Jianling's gaze slightly lowered, then suddenly announced: "Everyone, begin a 100-kilometer march on foot, starting now—"

Students: "..."

Now?

kilometers?

That's lethal.

With an internal cry, the students resigned themselves and started running under the scorching sun, their faces dripping with sweat.

minute.

minutes.

minutes.

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As the students ran ahead, Mu Jianling, in a small flying device, lazily followed behind. After setting it to autopilot, she raised her hand and turned on her Light Computer to watch a TV series.

Ji You knew her Physical Strength was weak; sprinting quickly or for short bursts was fine, but the whole 100 kilometers demanded conservation of strength.

Luckily, Ji You and her team, unlike other groups, were well-fed and rested last night; everyone was energetic and strong.

To care for Ji You and maintain order and discipline, her teammates closely followed her, not rushing to stand out, staying in the middle of the whole troop.

While running, Ji You glanced at the small flying device piloted by Teacher Mu overhead and couldn't help muttering:

"What is she doing following us?"

"Who knows, maybe she's up to something."

Sheng Qingyan yawned, carelessly agreeing with her. His originally delicate and fair skin, even more tender than a girl's, now seemed harshly dehydrated, particularly around the dark circles under his eyes...

This guy was the only one who barely slept last night. According to him, a delicate 'Little Cutie' like him didn't like nor was accustomed to sleeping in big common beds, especially with Yue Qiguang grinding his teeth at night! It nearly drove the universe's number one 'Little Cutie' to climb out of bed and slaughter his teammate!

Sheng Qingyan continued yawning, struggling to keep running—

Ji You paused, smacked her head: "Ah? Spicy Eye is right though—"

Shen Changqing pondered for a moment, then said: "We must be wary of Teacher Mu."

Yue Qiyuan also said: "Being cautious can't hurt."

Chu Jiaojiao scratched her head, tilting it to ask: "What do you think she might do to mess with us?"

Yue Qiguang loudly said: "What's there to fear! In the face of absolute strength, all crooked thoughts and actions are but paper tigers."

Yue Qiyuan: "Cough cough... Maybe say less."

Yue Qiguang's brow furrowed, gearing up to refute, then Yue Qiyuan somberly said: "Bro, you're almost out of allowance for this month."

—So if you want to keep lowering Yue Family's IQ, don't expect me to bail you out.

"Cough..." Yue Qiguang pursed his lips and finally tightened his mouth.

Ji You's eyes darted around, her mind spinning, and she asked, "Little Zhouzhou and Zhang Ye explored hundreds of miles around yesterday, and the highest terrain was the forest in the plantation area about 200 kilometers away from the camp. The rest of the terrain is very flat; there are only 3 small hills and a river around the camp..."

"So you are saying our training area is completely flat, then—" Lou stared with his deep blue eyes and asked, "So, how is Teacher Mu planning to trick us?"

Lance took over, "If they set up an ambush on the ground, it would be easy for us to spot."

Shen Changqing pondered, "If not on the ground—"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, Xuzhou... everyone simultaneously looked up, saying in unison:

"Then it must be from above!"

Upon hearing this, Yue Qiguang exclaimed, "Damn, no wonder I felt something weird above my head, a sense of danger that I just can't shake off."

Saying this, he even reached up to scratch a tuft of his red hair.

Hmm—

Ji You glanced at Yue Qiguang and couldn't help but sigh internally: Though this guy isn't fond of using his brain, his natural combat talent and intuition were truly enviable.

Ji You's face turned serious, "Everyone be on alert for an air strike, Sheng Qingyan, get your Energy Bow and Arrow ready."

Upon hearing this, Sheng Qingyan's pretty cheeks puffed up in annoyance, "Can't a girl get a little rest?"

Ji You coldly said, "Do you want to rest, or do you want to die?"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Stomping her foot, Sheng Qingyan said, "I choose to die gracefully, then."

Despite her words, she still took out the Energy Bow and Arrow, her dark eyes serious.

Ji You also had a set of Energy Bow and Arrow; she just took them out and saw the energy storage was low, frowned, then turned around and said, "Spicy Eye, lend me an energy box."

Sheng Qingyan pouted and flatly refused, "Don't have any."

Ji You turned to the more reliable Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Xuzhou, and Chu Jiaojiao.

Chu Jiaojiao giggled, "Well, Ji You, as long as you let me touch your face—"

Ji You ignored her and stared intently at Xuzhou, "My boy—"

Xuzhou: "..."

Xuzhou: "None."

Just as Ji You turned around, ready to brazenly beg—Yue Qiyuan immediately waved his hand, disgusted, "Don't look at me with that damn expression, I really don't have any."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You looked at Shen Changqing, "Xiaoqing, it's all down to you now..."

After entering Planet NY50, many supplies like food and tents had been confiscated, and the students only kept their weapons and a few portable tools. The big battle with the Star Beast last night consumed a lot of energy from their energy weapons; now, very few people had many energy boxes on hand.

And—most students thought they were being assessed on Mecha skills, and didn't expect that they wouldn't even touch a Mecha after entering the camp.

Feeling Ji You's expectant and eager gaze, Shen Changqing pursed his lips and remained silent.

Silence continued.

In the silence, he seemed to be pondering something, and his clean-cut face inexplicably blushed...

Ji You: "???"

What's with Xiaoqing, randomly blushing out of the blue?!

Ji You was utterly confused.

A few seconds later, the blushing Shen Changqing finally seemed to make up his mind and said, "50 points each."

Ji You: "!!!"

Chapter 733: Stink Bomb Attack

Ji You stared with wide eyes, thinking he had heard wrong.

Did Shen Changqing just try to rip him off?

Could it be possible?

This guy is one of the most honest people around!

But!!!

Ji You clutched his chest and looked at Shen Changqing, whose handsome face turned completely red after saying that, even his earlobes and neck blushed, saying: "Xiaoqing...you..."

"50 points. Not expensive," Shen Changqing said, his face red, his eyes slightly downturned. Now that the hardest part had been said, it was not too difficult to continue talking.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath. "Not expensive? You're robbing me!"

"Cough..." Shen Changqing coughed, trying to say something, while Yue Qiyuan rolled his eyes and interjected: "Number 4444, speaking of robbing, 10 Shen Changqings don't compare to one you. Don't you feel ashamed saying that?"

Ji You: "..."

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth, yawned and said, "Right, when it comes to robbing, you're the expert, little cutie never lies."

"Cough cough cough..." Ji You, disturbed by these interruptions, ignored them and just stared at Shen Changqing, saying: "5 points! Let's make a deal right now!"

Shen Changqing: "..."

That's a tenfold reduction.

Ji You hummed: "Xiaoqing, 50 points is really too much! That's like 10 servings of braised pork ribs! Also, the level 1 energy boxes on the market are only around 500-600 credit points! A serving of braised pork ribs is only 500 credit points..."

"You're so ruthless, who taught you that? Tell me, I'll help you beat them up!" Ji You said, clenching his fists, furious.

Shen Changqing: "Cough cough..."

Shen Changqing had never worried about money since he was young, but he was also not one to waste money carelessly; instead, his spending was always on necessities...

Thus, Shen Changqing had never encountered bargaining before, and he was somewhat panicked at this moment.

But—

Although he didn't know how to bargain or haggle, the honest man had his own way of dealing, no matter what Ji You said, Shen Changqing just shook his head in refusal: "Just 50 points."

Ji You: "..."

It's over!

An honest man turning ruthless is really unexpected.

Realizing he might have been a bit harsh, Shen Changqing's face turned red again, explaining: "This is a level 2 energy box."

"Huh?"

Ji You immediately laughed when he heard this, thought it wasn't that bad, not being ripped off too much, and said: "30 points, no more bargaining! A level 2 energy box is only 3000 credit points, besides, points and credit points can't really be compared, credit points are easy to earn, points aren't... Xiaoping, we are brothers, you can't make money off your brother."

—So, you have the nerve to make money off your brothers?

"Cough cough..." Yue Qiyuan, Xuzhou, Lou, Zhang Ye, and others couldn't help but cough upon hearing this, struck speechless by Ji You's shameless audacity.

Shen Changqing's face turned red once again.

Indeed, compared to credit points, points from the Alliance University were harder to obtain.

In student trades, the exchange rate is 1:100, one point is equivalent to 100 credit points, and most students are reluctant to exchange points with others.

Also—

Ji You usually does business with everyone using credit points.

Shen Changqing, not lacking in credit points, thought about changing to points instead.

Shen Changqing thought for a moment, then said, "Okay."

The troop's drills were still ongoing, and Ji You, Shen Changqing, and others continued participating in the training exercise while bargaining.

Upon hearing Shen Changqing agree, Ji You didn't delay further and said, "Deal! Give me the energy box now."

Shen Changqing didn't delay, he took out the level 2 energy box from the Space Button.

Ji You loaded her energy bow and arrow and immediately said, "Now, everyone pay attention to the sky. We're live targets and can't run, so—don't hold back later if you want high scores and show what you've got."

Teacher Mu's next move was unpredictable, and since she was in the sky while the students were on the ground, with no shelter in sight, the students were sitting ducks with no escape.

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As time ticked away, halfway through the training exercise, Teacher Mu Jianling, who had been following along in a small flying device, remained silent—

"Hey?"

"Did we think wrong?"

"Is this just a simple pull exercise?"

After being on guard for half the day, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, Lou, Lance, and others couldn't help but start to doubt.

Yue Qiguang furrowed his brow and bluntly said, "Impossible! Dad's forehead is still tight, that old witch will definitely stir up trouble!"

As soon as he finished speaking, an unidentified object suddenly flew down from the sky, targeting—Yue Qiguang!

Yue Qiguang felt his scalp tingle and quickly dodged, but the object seemed to have targeted him specifically, as it relentlessly pursued him regardless of where he tried to hide.

"Clang—"

It hit Yue Qiguang right on his head!

Ouch, ouch, ouch...

Yue Qiguang winced in pain, reached up, and grabbed the object, exclaiming:

"Melon rind?"

"Cough, cough..." Everyone cleared their throats, then couldn't help but glance up at the small flying device:

Deservedly, Teacher Mu, the devil on earth, managed to insult someone from halfway up in the sky without making a sound!

Throwing a melon rind, wasn't that calling Yue Qiguang a "melon head"?

Cough, cough...

Continuing.

The air was quiet for a while, no one dared to speak ill of Teacher Mu Jianling.

At this point, more than half the journey was done, and the students' physical strength and spiritual power were dwindling, many showing signs of fatigue and gradually slowing down.

When people are tired, they naturally relax their vigilance, making it easier to catch them off guard...

This principle applies in any situation.

Ji You always remembered it.

Suddenly—

Snowflakes began to drift down from the sky?

Snowflakes?

Everyone was startled, snowflakes in this blazing weather? As the 'snowflakes' showering from mid-air were about to strike, Ji You immediately shouted, "Run!"

These were not snowflakes, they were 'bombs'!

Ji You was sure that getting hit by these would not end well!

At her command, the others were not fools; they all ran swiftly, quickly advancing to the front of the group—

Other students were a bit perplexed: what's group 44 up to again?

Originally, they wanted to stop them to ask, but these people disappeared like long-eared rabbits.

And—

Students began to notice the snowflakes in the sky becoming denser and then, they started showering down heavily on the students!

Many were hit and immediately cried out in pain, and the stuff that hit them quickly turned their heads and clothes pitch-black and emanated an indescribable stench!

Damn!

A stink bomb attack!

Chapter 734: Taking Hits Passively

Snowflakes came quickly and left quickly, but at least half of the students were affected. Not only were their clothes dirty, but their heads were also covered with remnants of stink bombs.

Across dozens of miles, an unbearable stench pervaded the air...

The students felt faint, but since the drill was only halfway through, they couldn't stop, so they had to pinch their noses and continue.

Ji You, Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, and 10 other fast-running students had gained a distance from the others, but the stench was inescapable.

Ji You shouted loudly, "Did anyone get hit?"

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, and others: "No!"

Ji You pinched her nose, cut a piece from her protective clothing with a small knife, made a makeshift mask, and said, "This stench might be toxic; let's make masks from what we have on hand."

Hearing this, the others became alert and followed Ji You's method, cutting their clothing to make masks.

As they talked and ran, the 100km drill had a fixed route, meaning Ji You and her group couldn't deviate from it, or else they would fail.

After they made masks, Ji You turned around and realized that many students had caught up, though in much smaller numbers than the original 900.

Ji You looked back and noticed only about 500 students.

Ji You puzzled, "What happened?"

And these 500 students either hadn't been hit by the bombs or had covered their mouths and noses in time.

Sheng Qingyan pinched her nose and said, "Maybe they were stinked to death... What in the world is this? It's so foul; even Stinky Grass is ashamed by comparison."

During the online team competition, Ji You and Sheng Qingyan using Stinky Grass disrupted the arena, overcoming fearsome creatures like the Peak Eagle and Flame Beast with its smell.

Shen Changqing reflected for a moment and said, "This contains Stinky Grass elements, but not just one type; the snowflake stink bombs must be composed of at least five substances!"

Chu Jiaojiao, frowning, said, "Feels kind of familiar," and then—

"Ah!" Chu Jiaojiao suddenly slapped her thigh and exclaimed loudly, "I remember now! Inhaling a certain amount of this odor can induce unconsciousness!"

Lou, Lance, and others suddenly realized, "No wonder! No wonder so many students are missing!"

Chu Jiaojiao explained, "I once spent time in my aunt's Legion and saw them use these stink bombs in training," she laughed and added, "Ji You is really clever! Five minutes of continuous inhalation, and we'd all be kneeling!"

With these masks, they were temporarily protected.

In the sky, the annoying flying device steadily followed above the students, prompting Ji You to squint and warn, "Don't lower your guard."

Of course, no one dared.

Then, they ran for another stretch.

And then—

It started drizzling!

Now, everyone understood one thing:

"Rain without a source, an omen of misfortune!"

At what moment, without needing orders, the students started sprinting! Naturally, some ran slowly and ended up drenched, internally screaming, "Damn, my life is over!"

And then—

Many found, to their surprise, they hadn't fainted?

Nor died.

But...

Were still bouncing around!

Only their hair and clothes were wet!

"Hahaha..."

"I didn't die!"

"Don't panic!"

"Everyone, stop running!"

"This is just like taking a cold shower! It even got rid of the stink!"

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The slower ones, hearing this, couldn't help but slow their pace and also got drenched, only to find really nothing wrong happened.

The rain was just ordinary rain, as simple as that.

For a moment, many students stopped fleeing, gasping for breath and already exhausted, they let themselves slow down and allowed the rain to drench them.

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Listening to the noise behind, Yue Qiguang couldn't help saying, "I say, should we also stop since it's just ordinary rain?"

Ji You rolled her eyes, "Where did this Iron Fool come from? Can I decide to kick him out of the team?"

Chu Jiaojiao responded, "Agreed!"

Sheng Qingyan didn't hesitate, "I agree too."

Yue Qiyuan shook his head, "Even though you're my brother, I decide to sacrifice our kinship for justice!"

Lou, Lance, Zhang Ye, and Xuzhou didn't say a word, but they all nodded.

Shen Changqing thought for a moment and said, "Don't take it lightly, getting drenched in this rain is definitely not good."

As soon as he said this, suddenly, the voice of Teacher Mu Jianling echoed overhead through a loudspeaker, not very loud, but loud enough for all the students to hear:

"Those knocked out by stink bombs will be scored zero for this training."

Damn!

The students stared in shock!

This wasn't over yet!

Next.

The cold, emotionless voice of Mu Jianling continued, "Anyone who gets drenched by the rain will have their lunch canceled."

Hiss—

Everyone gasped, and those who got drenched were now beating their chests and stomping their feet in regret.

If only they had known, they had spent a high price on just a low-level nutrition earlier in the day!

Now, they had digested it and were starving, and their lunch was being deducted?

After Mu Jianling finished speaking, disregarding the students' gloomy faces, she said, "Continue the training, and whoever dares to stop—"

The students: "..."

So, everyone pulled themselves together, re-equipped, and continued the training.

Startled, almost losing lunch, Yue Qiguang slapped his head fiercely and decided to obediently follow the large group of Squad 44 from now on.

Next.

From the sky, flying devices intermittently dropped various traps like stink bombs, Flying Arrows, etc., making it hard to cope and defend against.

From the original 971 people in the large troop, people were continuously being eliminated, and some groups had even been completely eliminated.

When the training had covered two-thirds of the distance, only less than 150 students of the 131st Combat Department remained.

Such a high elimination rate!

Being tormented to their limits, no one dared to relax anymore and remained alert to Teacher Mu's next move.

Ji You led her teammates, constantly running at the front, extremely tired, legs weak and sore, and she couldn't let her guard down. Ji You looked up at the flying devices overhead, grinding her teeth in anger!

But—

There was no way out.

With nowhere to hide in the open surroundings, the students could only passively take what came at them.

This passive beating was truly unpleasant.

Ji You gritted her teeth and decided to keep running—

But!!!

At that moment—

From the high-flying devices, a rumbling noise came again!

"Damn!"

"Here it comes again!"

"What is it this time?"

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As many students grumbled annoyedly, suddenly, they heard Ji You loudly commanding from the front, "Everyone, follow my orders—"

Chapter 735: We Mecha Warriors

"All forces, heed my command—"

Ji You squinted her eyes, her face calm, enunciated each word forcefully: "Shoot down that flying device!"

Surroundings: "..."

Cough cough...

Her words left the remaining 150-plus people of the entire training regiment utterly stunned.

They collectively froze for half a second, then uncontrollably raised their hands to their ears: Did they hear wrong? Or had Number 4444 gone mad?

When Ji You spoke these words, she faintly imbued them with spiritual power, her first attempt at doing so. Fortunately, the 150-member training regiment wasn't too long for all students to hear her.

Then—

"Cough cough cough..."

"She's gone mad."

"Cough cough cough..."

"Is she the one who's crazy? Or am I going deaf?"

Then everyone realized that Number 4444 indeed had gone mad; they saw her suddenly draw the bow, take aim at the flying device above, and squint slightly—

"Whoosh—"

An arrow shot straight toward the flying device that Teacher Mu was on!

"Bang!"

The energy arrow, overcoming air resistance, struck squarely on the wing of the flying device with a faint clang.

Sitting inside the flying device, Mu Jianling, who was watching a drama, felt a slight shake in the craft and couldn't help but look up:

[Huh?

What happened?]

In that moment, Ji You burst into a broad laugh: "It worked!"

Surroundings: "!!!!!"

Ji You shouted loudly: "Comrades! Listen to me, it's time to rebel! Only through rebellion can we carve out a path to survive!"

Surroundings: "..."

"Only 50 li left until our final destination! But do you think just muddling through will let you survive to the end?"

"How naive!" Ji You shouted again, her face stern, her demeanor serious, and in her words, once again a hint of spiritual power emerged.

Upon hearing this, everyone's spirits were visibly lifted.

Ji You proclaimed loudly: "If we don't resist, we can only suffer passively! Out of 971 of us, more than half are kneeling now, and I'm sure by the time we reach the end, even more of us will be kneeling!"

"You! Me! Him—"

"Any one of us could be the next one to kneel!"

"Think about the lunch we lost! Think about the academic points we've had deducted! Think about the beatings and torments we've suffered, are you willing to accept it?"

"Do you want to kneel and wait for death?"

"I—Number 4444, Ji You, for one, am not willing!"

"All of this, just because we resigned ourselves to accept being beaten, but why can't we fight back?"

"Because we have no power?"

"No!"

"It's because we lack the heart to rebel!"

"We, Mechanical Warriors, would rather die standing than live on our knees!!!"

Boom—

At her words, the students' eyes lit up with unusual fervor!

That's right!

We lacked the heart to resist!

Why is that?

Even someone as strong as Teacher Mu, should we just not resist?

Without trying, how would we know?

The students' eyes gleamed with inner fire, and several spiritually sensitive students, such as Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, and others, were utterly astounded—

Number 4444's words, every phrase like a hammer to the ear, uplifting the spirit, exhilarating the hearts of all who heard!

How—how did she manage to do it?

Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan exchanged a look and simultaneously shook their heads, clearly conveying to each other:

They could not do the same.

Ji You looked at her classmates, whose spirits she had stirred with just a few words. She took a deep breath, grounded herself, and shouted: "Classmates! Take action! Even if our rebellion does not succeed, we must not let Teacher Mu sit comfortably in the flying device and enjoy the melodrama!"

On the flying device.

When Mu Jianling heard this, she couldn't help but twitch the corner of her mouth, feeling an inexplicable itch in her palms.

Then.

"Screw fear! Be indifferent to life and death; those who don't agree, bring it on!" Ji You slapped her thigh fiercely and shouted:

"I, Number 4444—Ji You, will lead. Everyone follow my command—"

"All snipers shoot fiercely at the flying device's power system! The others, cover the snipers and block all attacks!"

Boom—

These words exploded like thunder, reinvigorating the spirits of the 150-plus students, stirring their blood once more. That's right!

Screw fear!

Be indifferent to life and death; those who don't agree, bring it on!

Even if we cannot successfully rebel, we must not let Teacher Mu watch TV dramas comfortably and steadily in the flying device!

"I, as a Mechanical Warrior, would rather die standing than live kneeling!" Yue Qiguang was the first to respond: "Let's do it!"

He took out his most familiar energy Big Iron Hammer and stood ready.

After Yue Qiguang, Lou, Lance, and others responded one after another.

Ji You said: "Spicy Eye, coordinate with me to attack the flying device's energy system specifically, Shen Changqing, you're in charge of overall coordination, responsible for directing the other teams!"

"Chu Jiaojiao—protect me and Spicy Eye!"

"Xuzhou and Zhang Ye, constantly scout for any movements ahead on our path. Be wary of dangers from the sky, but don't overlook those on the ground. Otherwise, it won't be good if we take down the flying device only to capsize in the gutter on the ground."

"Yue Qiyuan, your spiritual power is strong, also serve as a messenger. If my spiritual power isn't enough, you'll convey my latest commands!"

"..."

"..."

Ji You issued order after order, and her teammates, without any objections, executed them swiftly!

...

In the blink of an eye, the student team resolved to uprising, rapidly integrated, and actually looked rather organized. The key was that this group of hastily assembled Rebellion Group members didn't seem like a disorderly crowd. Under the command of Ji You and other team leaders and members, after a brief moment of chaos, they actually started to coordinate with each other!

"Bang—"

The mech suddenly shook. Mu Jianling: "..."

Then.

"Bang—"

The flying device vibrated once more.

Mu Jianling's face, originally entertained, instantly darkened.

"Bang—"

These damn brats had really hit the flying device.

Mu Jianling pinched her palm and was about to press the button to release a swarm of Flying Arrows.

Suddenly—

"Clang—"

The whole flying device trembled violently!

Mu Jianling: "..."

The energy system was hit.

Since she needed to monitor the students and create trouble for them at any time, she had set the flying device to autopilot and slowed it down, also keeping it at a low altitude, which facilitated the students' attack.

Otherwise, how could mere energy weapons hit her flying device?

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

Mu Jianling was preoccupied with her thoughts when her flying device suffered damage once again!

Again, the energy system—

Mu Jianling, with a darkened face, immediately replaced it with a new backup energy system and then pressed the 'Flying Arrow' button without any hesitation!

"Whoosh—"

"Whoosh—"

"Whoosh—"

Countless Flying Arrows scattered down from the flying device, and the students quickly prepared their defenses, encircling the snipers they were protecting—

Among these, a few Flying Arrows seemed to home in on Ji You and Sheng Qingyan, coming at them ferociously and narrowly missing their foreheads!

Chu Jiaojiao, wielding a Big Chopper, swept around in a circle and with two swift motions intercepted those arrows!

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Ji You and Sheng Qingyan, with Chu Jiaojiao wielding a knife by herself behind them, blocked all the incoming arrows.

Yue Qiguang single-handedly took care of all the stray arrows within 50 meters behind them.

Surrounded by danger, the expressions of Ji You and Sheng Qingyan remained utterly unchanged, not even a blink of an eye.

With Chu Jiaojiao and Yue Qiguang behind them, they were utterly focused.

Ji You drew his bow—

So did Sheng Qingyan!

"Swoosh—"

"Swoosh—"

"Swoosh—"

Energy Arrows, smashing towards the flying device's energy system in the sky, bang! bang! bang!

Ji You scored a hit with one arrow!

Sheng Qingyan followed closely behind!

Ji You landed two arrows, Sheng Qingyan followed up with two more! Excitement shone in both of their eyes!

Because they both realized the flying device had changed its energy system! This meant their attacks were very effective!

Ji You said in a deep voice, "Spicy Eye—it's time we show our real skills!"

Sheng Qingyan squinted, speaking with an unprecedented focus, "Poor dead, when it comes to shooting, I, Sheng Qingyan, refuse to admit defeat!"

Ji You hit back, squinting, "When it comes to shooting—everyone is my junior!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Then, their competition grew even more intense!

...

In addition to Ji You and Sheng Qingyan, snipers from other teams also acted without hesitation, following Ji You's orders, their Strength not scattered, all focusing their fire on the flying device's power system!

The so-called multitude of ants can devour an elephant; even if they didn't hit every shot, they still had a 70-80% hit rate. Just then, the small flying device Teacher Mu Jianling was on started to shake unstoppably from the attacks—

Clang—

Clang—

Clang—

"Crack~"

A few faint cracking sounds were heard—cracks actually appeared on the casing of the power system!

This scene stunned everyone and also roused all the students' hearts!

"It's effective!"

"Keep going!"

"We are so cool!"

"Charge!"

...

The flying device kept trembling, and Mu Jianling really couldn't sit still and watch TV dramas any longer. Luckily, the latest episode of "Ugly Girl's Spring" had just finished. Mu Jianling simply turned off the Light Computer, raised her hand to rub her temples, and cursed:

"Damned thing!"

After a wave of Flying Arrow attacks, Mu Jianling raised her hand and released a stink bomb assault!

"Puff—"

"Puff—"

"Puff—"

Snowflakes drifted down, some exploding mid-air, and waves of stench enveloped them!

Before it happened, Ji You anticipated this: "Hold your breath"

"Masks!"

"Run—"

Upon hearing the order, the students bolted—

There were still 10 miles to the finish line!

"The flying device has no energy replacement left! She has at most one attack left!" Ji You shouted loudly, "There are 10 miles left, everyone hold on! Victory is just ahead—"

Hearing Ji You's exuberant voice, Mu Jianling's back teeth ached!

"Little brat!"

"You really think Teacher Mu has no way to deal with you?"

Mu Jianling raised her hand to rub her aching temples, thought for a moment, and decided to stop any real harm.

A group of kids with the courage to act, don't let a single move from yourself break their spirit.

Forget it.

Thus, with the energy system damaged and the power system compromised, Mu Jianling could only manually control the flying device, letting it continue to be hit.

minute.

minutes.

minutes.

...

miles to go!

miles to go!

miles to go!

...

As victory was in sight, many students' eyes brightened, and their spirits slightly relaxed!

"There are obstacles!"

"Everyone! Keep your wits about you!"

Ah?

Obstacles?

What?

Ji You loudly commanded: "Jump now!"

Ever since the rebellion started, the voice of number 4444 had been like a tranquilizer, always able to rally the students at critical moments. She was like a stabilizer, and at this moment, those who were slightly relaxing all tensed up. The instant Ji You gave the order, they all leaped up—

Boom—

Ji You: "Jump as far as you can!"

The moment the students jumped, the spot where they were standing suddenly sprung a net, but it caught nothing!

Students: "!!!"

If it weren't for number 4444's warning just now, many would have been caught by the net at the last moment, leading to a training failure!

Damn it!

Totally despicable!

It's the last minute, and so far only threats from above were expected, nobody anticipated that a trap would be set on the ground at the last second!

Such a cruel Teacher Mu!

Such a sneaky Teacher Mu!

Such a cunning Teacher Mu!

The students all grumbled internally but didn't dare to delay, each desperately sprinting towards the finish line!

One!

Two!

Three!

...

Only after crossing the finish line did everyone stop and, unable to help themselves, turned back to look—

We... succeeded!

Of the remaining 150 members of the Rebellion Group, 130 made it past the finish line!

Only about 20 were lost along the way!

Did we... really succeed?

And with so many people!

Panting heavily, the students could barely believe their eyes, they glanced at each another and then, all together, burst out cheering:

"Holy shit!"

"The Rebellion Group rocks!"

"We're so strong!"

"That's insane!"

...

In the midst of the excited cheers, Ji You, gasping for breath, then suddenly took a deep voice from her dantian and shouted:

"Listen to me, everyone!"

Hush~

At Ji You's command, the students, now accustomed to it, quieted down in an instant as soon as she spoke, all turning to look at Ji You.

Then—

Ji You loudly announced: "Water for sale! 100 credit points a cup!"

Everyone: "..."

"Cough..." Ji You, with a straight face, asked: "Aren't you thirsty?"

Everyone: "..."

The speechless and choked expressions on everyone's faces were really too much to bear, even someone as thick-faced as Ji You felt her face turning a bit red. She tried to keep her composure and said, "First come, first served. Too late and there's none left!"

Everyone: "..."

After a while—

Yue Qiguang swaggered over and said: "One cup for me!"

"Give me one too!"

"Count me in!"

"I want one as well!"

"Damn it! I'm really dying of thirst!"

"Hey! Take it easy, guys. I haven't had my share yet."

...

This business was exploding! Ji You was actually so tired she could hardly speak and didn't even want to move a finger, but this cost-free trade could earn her 100 credit points per cup!

Ji You was as energized as if on a chicken blood, pouring water and counting money with a wide grin on her face...

Suddenly—

The little flying device in the sky slowly descended—

Ji You had been keeping an eye on it from the corner of her eye. The moment the flying device touched down, Ji You quickly stowed away the water bucket:

"All gone!"

"Sold out."

Someone protested: "Hey! I haven't got mine yet!"

"But there's still half a bucket left, isn't there?"

"Number 4444, you can't do this!"

Ji You waved them off dismissively and shooed them away: "Nonsense! There's nothing left!"

"Off you go!"

"Off you go!"

Saying that, Ji You jumped up and ran toward the flying device, shouting from afar in an extremely flattering tone:

"Teacher, you've worked hard..."

Everyone: "..."

#### Chapter 737: Rewards and Punishments

"Teacher, hard work pays off!"

Just after disembarking from the Flying Device, before Mu Jianling's feet were even steady, she suddenly heard this sycophantic howling. Her footsteps abruptly halted, and at the same time, the itch in her palm began to act up.

Ji You scurried up to Mu Jianling like a sycophant, showing a cheeky grin, saying: "Although the journey was fraught with challenges, our long-distance training has finally come to an end. A little hardship for us kids is nothing, but everyone knows that you, Teacher, are the one who has it tough, the one who has given the most. Our respect and admiration for you are like the endless flow of a river!"

Mu Jianling: "..."

Without uttering a word, Mu Jianling raised her hand to knock on Ji You's head—

Ji You had a bad premonition and tried to dodge, but it was as if she was trapped on all sides, unable to escape.

"Slap!"

Teacher Mu's smack on the head was a fierce one for Ji You.

Ji You: "..."

Mu Jianling spoke with a chilly tone: "No matter how hard I work, it's nothing compared to you—having to deal with training and leading a rebellion, while simultaneously juggling a side business..."

"You really are a busy person, aren't you..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You's heart twitched, and her eyes darted to Teacher Mu's small Flying Device, assessing the extent of damage and guessing it wouldn't cost too much to repair... Besides, with so many students having caused trouble together, it wouldn't be fair to let her take the blame alone. So, she let her anxiety drop somewhat.

Ji You forced a simple and honest smile: "Ahem... This bit of trouble is not worth mentioning! Not at all!"

Saying this, Ji You quickly tried to play it off with laughter, changing the subject: "Teacher, now that the training is over, shouldn't the students get some rest?"

Mu Jianling glanced at her and suddenly said: "Hand it over!"

Ji You: "???"

Mu Jianling raised her hand to knock on her head again: "All my things, bring them to me!"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You felt a pinch, pretending to be clueless: "Teacher, I don't know what you're talking about?"

Mu Jianling raised her voice slightly: "You're really not going to hand it over?"

Ji You shivered, and after an internal struggle, she decided to be prudent, taking out Teacher Mu's belongings:

Cooking utensils like ladles, pots, bowls, and chopsticks.

A water purifier, medical kit, blanket, and various other miscellaneous items...

...

Mu Jianling collected each item into the Space Button, then said: "Water!"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You whispered: "That water, it isn't really your belonging, is it?"

Mu Jianling raised an eyebrow: "Water purified by my water purifier isn't my belonging?"

Ji You was a bit speechless: Why would that count as yours?

But!!!

She didn't dare say it out loud.

In the end, she obediently took out the last half-bucket of water and handed it to Teacher Mu Jianling.

Mu Jianling appeared satisfied, nodding her head, then suddenly asked: "Do you want the water purifier?"

Ji You: "!!!"

Mu Jianling's lips curled up slightly: "500 points."

Ji You couldn't help but gape, wanting to curse: Damn! To take it and then sell it back to me!

What kind of shrewd move is this—simply incredible!

Unbeatable~

Unbeatable~

Ji You was impressed and sincerely nodded her head, saying, "I want it."

Mu Jianling: "Transfer the points over."

Ji You felt the price was a bit steep, hesitating inwardly.

Mu Jianling said indifferently: "I won't wait if you're late."

Where could Ji You care about that now, fearing she might miss the chance, she immediately transferred the points.

Mu Jianling's lips held a slight smile as she said: "Good kid, sacrificing for others; that's quite commendable."

Ji You: "???"

A bad premonition set off alarm bells in Ji You's mind: What... what's going on?

Mu Jianling said with a smile, "From now on, you will be providing the drinking water for the students, and you are not allowed to charge for it in any form!"

Ji You's face immediately fell: "No... you can't be serious?"

"Not willing to do it?" Mu Jianling added, "Hmm... you can try starting a rebellion again."

Ji You: "..."

Rebel my ass!

She was able to coax her classmates into a successful rebellion because everyone shared the same interests, standing on the same ground!

But providing water for free, it was clearly only she who would lose out, benefiting those who drank the Overlord water!

How could they possibly join her in a rebellion?

The students around, upon hearing this, looked at Ji You, number 4444, with her constipation face, and laughed unkindly:

"Ha ha ha..."

"She's crashed!"

"A major crash scene!"

"Number 4444, the big swindler, finally got what was coming to her!"

"So satisfying!"

...

Ji You glared at the people around her, about to shamelessly ask for a return, when suddenly, Mu Jianling shouted loudly, "Gather."

In an instant, everyone took their places, assembling together.

Among them were over 130 students who passed the drill, as well as those who were eliminated early or midway through, dropped by the large grain transport Floating Car of the farm.

Mu Jianling chatted with Ji You just now, waiting for these students to arrive.

The students looked up at Mu Jianling, who then announced, "For those who passed the drills, everyone is awarded 5 academic points."

Wow!!!

The faces of the 130-plus people immediately beamed with joy!

As expected!

With a slight smile, Mu Jianling said, "However, considering some of your extremely poor behavior during the drills, everyone is penalized with cleaning the pigsty for one hour!"

"Cough cough..."

"The pigsty?"

"What???"

"They're raising pigs here?"

Mu Jianling obviously had no intention to explain further and continued, "Those who didn't pass the drills will receive 0 points."

Over 800 students, hearing this, hung their heads, their spirits anything but high.

Mu Jianling obviously had no sympathy as he went on to add, "In addition to receiving 0 points, your lunch will be canceled."

The students who hadn't passed were silent...

Miserable and forlorn~

Their plight was beyond mere misery!

Ji You couldn't help touching her little heart, relieved that all this was within her expectations—and it seemed that Teacher Mu had already forgotten about the Flying Device damage, only punishing everyone with cleaning the pigsty!

Cleaning the pigsty, what was there to fear?

It was just exerting some physical effort, perhaps enduring some stench, that's all... As long as it didn't deduct her credit points, she couldn't care less about the rest.

Following that.

After announcing some punishments and rewards for various groups, Mu Jianling suddenly changed the subject, "Now, we begin arranging the new assessment tasks."

Eh?

All the students perked up, thinking that finally, there was a formal, overt assessment task.

Everyone's eyes widened in anticipation, nervousness, and curiosity... staring at Teacher Mu Jianling.

Mu Jianling said, "Before announcing the task, I'll first reveal the current top ten groups in terms of academic points."

Ji You's eyes brightened, this was needless to say, it must be their group!

Mu Jianling's tone was still calm as he stated, "First place, Group 44!"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing... everyone couldn't help but smile.

Chapter 738: Grading

First place!

Just as expected!

This group truly deserved it!

After hearing the results, the other students weren't surprised, because the members of this group included Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan, two S-level Spiritual Power Users, as well as Yue Qiguang, Chu Jiaojiao, Lou, and Lance, four individuals with S-level physiques. Although there were also Xuzhou and Zhang Ye, whose strengths were not outstanding, and...

There was also Sheng Qingyan, such a Spicy Eye, even though a sight for sore eyes, her strength isn't.

And...

They even got number 4444!

Number 4444, who was considered weak at the start of the term; everyone definitely saw her as a drag.

Now?

This one is really something else!

A mere poker face, and already invincible on this earth.

...

If this team didn't take first place, that would've really been a surprise accident!

Next, Mu Jianling began announcing the second group: "Second place, Group 22!"

The captain of Group 22 is Yu Song, who is among those who are very outstanding but not top-notch in the entire 131st Combat Department, and his teammates are more or less at his level of strength.

Following that.

Third place.

Fourth place.

Fifth place.

...

The top 10 groups from the first hundred students, their rankings were almost without surprise, encompassing the top hundred of the 131st cohort.

The strong get stronger, and the weak get weaker...

This grouping, to say it was unfair to the other students is putting it mildly, but the students did not raise objections, clearly, Teacher Mu Jianling had her reasons.

Maybe she intended to select and train the best from the beginning, or maybe it was a tiered assessment?

After announcing the top 10 groups, Mu Jianling said: "All members of these 10 groups, step forward immediately!"

Ji You and the others behind her, like Chu Jiaojiao, all stood up.

Yu Song and his team members also immediately stepped forward!

Group three, group four...

Within a second, everyone had stepped out.

Mu Jianling glanced at them and said, "All 10 teams will be assigned to the breeding farm this afternoon for a tentative period of three days."

Ji You and others: "Huh?"

All students: "!!!"

No... shouldn't they be rewarded?

How... Why does it sound like a punishment?

Ji You couldn't help but raise her hand: "Report! I have an objection!"

Mu Jianling didn't even look up: "Dismissed!"

Ji You: "..."

Shouldn't she normally be allowed to state her opinion?

Mu Jianling clearly had no intention of listening to any opinions and continued: "All other groups will be assigned to the plantation for a period of 10 days."

The students: "..."

Mu Jianling: "Rest for 30 minutes, now—dismissed on the spot."

The students: "..."

After a few seconds of silence, the battlefield was in an uproar~

"Cough cough cough..."

"Think about it, those of us in the plantation area, it seems we're not as miserable as the breeding area."

"Cough... I think so too."

"I've heard, the pig farm, cow farm, and chicken farm... all smell really bad!"

"Not just smelly, those animals are particularly fierce. Don't mention anything else, just the Long-legged Chickens in the chicken farm are especially combative and like to fight and peck at people when they fly up!"

"Those cows in the Cow Farm also love to charge and kick people! I heard that breeders even have to learn how to milk cows by hand..."

"The pig farm isn't great either, you might even have to help a sow give birth!"

"Cough cough cough..."

"Hiss~"

"That's rough..."

Within moments, the rest of the students looked at Ji You and the others with sympathetic eyes.

Ji You and co.: "..."

"Hiss~" Yue Qiguang clutched his hair fiercely and grimaced, saying, "Just the thought of it gives me chills; please don't make me help the old sow give birth again."

The past is too painful to look back on.

Yue Qiyuan snapped, "Shut up!"

Crows mouth!

Don't you know the saying, 'the bad news always comes true'?

Chu Jiaojiao and the others went, "Tut tut tut...children don't know any better!"

Yue Qiguang, holding his red hair, didn't dare to make a sound anymore.

Other students were still discussing the various miseries of the husbandry area, and the atmosphere within the top ten groups was also a bit odd...

Ji You rolled her eyes and spoke loudly, "Hey you guys, why don't you listen to the main point?"

Huh?

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Lou, Lance... and the other surrounding students all turned to look at Ji You.

Ji You said, "Is the main point the difference between the husbandry area and the farming area? The main point is—"

Ji You didn't immediately continue, playing coy.

The students, full of anticipation, frowned: "..."

"Out with it!"

"Speak up!"

"What's with the dilly-dallying?"

Ji You grinned, chuckled, and said, "Let me finish this glass of water first—"

Saying so, she actually started to leisurely drink from her cup.

Other students: "..."

Many of them took a deep breath, holding back the urge to give Ji You a beating.

And then—

The always silent Shen Changqing suddenly said, "The main point is that the husbandry area's task is set for 3 days. And—the farming area is 10 days."

One is for 3 days, and it is tentative.

The other is for 10 days, without the word tentative.

Ji You smiled, not at all upset about being interrupted by Shen Changqing, and instead said cheerfully, "Shen Changqing, you're really not a blockhead like Yue Qiguang!"

Shen Changqing: "..."

Not flattered by the compliment at all.

Also—

Yue Qiguang suddenly jumped up in anger: "Dummy number 4444, watch how you talk to me! Or else—"

"Crack~"

He fiercely crushed a small stone.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You muttered, "Beast!"

That's how beasts are; resorting to force at the slightest disagreement.

Me...

When can I become such a beast too!!!

Suppressing the envy in her heart, Ji You curled her lip and said, "That's right! Shen Changqing just said, our deadline is tentatively set for 3 days, which means if we complete it within 3 days, we might switch to another task. If we can't finish..."

There was no need to spell it out, everyone knew that failing meant continuing to raise pigs, chickens, cows...

Out of these 10 teams, it's not guaranteed that all will finish on time.

Ji You and her companions, although lacking extensive husbandry experience, she, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan—these six had rich experience in cleaning horse stables and rabbit sheds.

Assigned to the husbandry area, they actually weren't too panicked.

Other groups, like Yu Song and Yu Yi's team, might not be the same.

Moreover, students assigned to the farming area, which constitute 90%, can't compare with Ji You and her team in terms of abilities. If these top students continued training and assessing together with the majority of ordinary students, it would actually hold back these sharp students.

That's why teacher Mu Jianling separated them out.

Regarding this point, not only did Ji You, Shen Changqing, and others realize it, but also some more perceptive students naturally noticed as well.

The stronger the ability, the greater the responsibility, and over this, no student felt jealous—

But—

Teenagers all have a competitive streak: if they can do it, why can't I?

Never give in!

The 90% of students assigned to the farming area all felt a surge of fighting spirit in their hearts.

Chapter 739: Collecting a Little Interest

Rest for 30 minutes, which is also lunchtime, but there's only nutrient solution available, and it's low-level. Moreover, students have to pay for it themselves using points.

At this rate, there are still plenty of people going hungry because—those who didn't pass the training had their lunch purchasing rights revoked.

...

Ji You was tricked by Teacher Mu into buying a water purifier for 500 points, and she even had to provide water for everyone for free during the break...

Just thinking about it nearly made her explode with anger.

Now, Ji You pinched a nutrient solution and frowned as she said: "I feel like I've made a losing deal."

The entirety of Group 44 was puzzled: "???"

Ji You raised her hand, pointing towards the not-so-distant team led by Zhong Qing, where the team's vice captain Ren An and two other members had to end their exam early due to injuries from the Star Beast.

Even with these three members gone, the overall strength of Zhong Qing's team was still ranked towards the lower middle, and they failed the training exercise this time.

If they didn't pass, they wouldn't even have the qualifications to buy food, so how could they pay Ji You the reward they promised initially?

Following the direction Ji You pointed, everyone suddenly understood.

"Ahem..." Yue Qiyuan said: "Consider it as our good deed for the day."

Shen Changqing was the second to respond: "Forget it, the school doesn't provide food for free. They have short-term issues with ensuring enough food and warmth let alone repaying our debts..."

The two of them took turns speaking, prompting Ji You to raise her eyebrows: "Bro, what's going on with you guys? Suddenly so generous? Why are you guys so stingy when I ask you for something?"

Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan: "...cough cough..."

Shen Changqing thought about the energy box he sold for 50 points and his face reddened slightly, without making a sound.

However, Yue Qiyuan forced an explanation: "Nonsense, I was never generous! Why should I force myself to be generous?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You suddenly stood up and said, "Ah! I am not generous either. It's impossible not to receive any compensation. Let's just collect some interest first."

So—

Ji You took steps towards the team of Zhong Qing.

Seeing Ji You, Zhong Qing and the others felt slightly embarrassed; seven people holding their shrunken bellies, blinking with a bit of shame.

Zhong Qing stood up and said: "Classmate Ji You, our payment may have to be delayed."

Ji You squinted her eyes, her face sporting a warm and cheerful smile, "No rush, no rush. Knowing that you guys have no food and still forcing you to give up food, am I that indifferent?"

Zhong Qing and others: "cough cough..."

Although they knew Ji You wasn't like that, her smile at the moment still made them feel a bit uneasy.

Ji You waved her hand, set her face seriously, and said: "Let's not talk about the debt for now, I'm here to ask if you guys are thirsty?"

Upon hearing this, Zhong Qing and his team couldn't help but smack their lips:

Thirsty!

Really thirsty.

It's just—

Ji You's charges were a bit too high.

Seeing their expressions, Ji You knew what they were thinking, and immediately glared her eyes, seriously saying: "Cough cough—Teacher Mu told me not to sell water anymore, I'm not born with a black heart, how could I still sell it? Don't worry! I won't charge a penny!"

With that said, Ji You paused, still radiating a warm and approachable glow, and said: "I was just thinking since everyone has drunk and there's no water, I thought of asking you guys for help. This way—since Teacher Mu sold the water purifier to me for 500 points, Zhong Qing, would your team be willing to help me carry water from the river to purify? Also—those who help will get priority to drink!"

Upon hearing this, Zhong Qing's face instantly turned red:

Embarrassed.

I actually doubted Ji You with a petty mind again, but Ji You is such a selfless person!

The lives of Ren An and his two companions were saved by Ji You taking risks!

How could someone like Ji You be cunning?

Besides, selling a cup of water for 100 credit points was a last resort; everyone was short of water, and the entire 131st batch of the Combat Department had 971 people. How could the water purification carried by Ji You alone be enough?

How could she handle it all by herself?

Doesn't she need to focus on her own assessments?

Setting the price at 100 credit points per cup also sets a certain threshold.

Those who are really thirsty and urgently need to replenish water naturally wouldn't mind paying these 100 credit points.

Relatively speaking, Ji You cleverly avoided trouble for herself.

Zhong Qing suddenly understood Ji You and admired her even more.

So, Zhong Qing looked at Ji You seriously and said: "Ji You, rest assured, from now on, providing water for everyone during rest times will be taken care of by our team."

After Zhong Qing finished speaking, her teammates also nodded one after another:

"Right, leave it to us."

"With so many of us, we can finish quickly."

"Ji You, I guess your assessment tasks are definitely harder than ours. You should go rest and not let these little things affect your recovery."

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Listening to their words, Ji You's fair face showed an even warmer smile, slightly blushing, "That... how can I accept this?"

Zhong Qing loudly said, "What's there to be embarrassed about? We are all classmates and comrades in arms!"

"Comrades in arms?" Ji You suddenly stood up straight, smiling, "I like that word! Then, Zhong Qing, giving water to everyone will be left to you!"

Zhong Qing and the others shouted: "Okay!"

Seeing Zhong Qing and others looking pitifully hungry, Ji You weighed her options over and over again, thinking there's no such thing as a free lunch. She bit her lip in slight pain and took out a pack of compressed biscuits from the Space Button, and then took out the half bucket of water she hadn't sold. Following that, she took a knife, crushed the biscuits, and put them into the water.

Once the compressed biscuits met water, they quickly dissolved and expanded, filling up half of Ji You's bucket...

The biscuit porridge is ready!

This scene stunned Zhong Qing and the others:

[Wow! Can compressed biscuits be eaten this way?]

Ji You handed the bucket to Zhong Qing, saying, "Here! Share it among yourselves, eat well and have energy to work!"

Zhong Qing mumbled, "This—"

Ji You scolded, "Stop dawdling. Take it!"

Zhong Qing took it, her face turning red, and said softly, "Thank you, Ji You!"

Ji You raised her eyebrows: "Can't hear you!"

Zhong Qing loudly, "Thank you, Ji You!"

Ji You smiled, very gratified, and patted Zhong Qing's shoulder, her tone quite emotional: "Big sister Zhong Qing, you are capable, but always hesitant, lacking decisiveness! You mustn't be like this in the future, be confident, be decisive, got it?"

Tears glistened in Zhong Qing's eyes, the shine too complex, filled with the touch of being understood, the joy of affirmation, and the gratitude of being guided...

After a while, Zhong Qing nodded vigorously: "Got it!"

Ji You smiled.

Then—

Watching the seven members of Zhong Qing's team sharing the biscuit porridge, even more grateful, Zhong Qing promised that they would definitely manage the daily drinking water well, Ji You waved her hand and left nonchalantly, without a cloud in the sky.

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Ji You left gracefully, and Zhong Qing, along with her seven teammates, under the envious gazes of their famished classmates, shared the remaining half-bucket of biscuit gruel till there was none left.

Not a drop was spared.

With their stomachs finally somewhat filled, Zhong Qing exclaimed, "Let's go! Everyone, time to fetch water!"

The group of seven, as if injected with chicken blood, was full of energy and in no time, they hauled dozens of buckets of water for Ji You.

After setting down the water, Zhong Qing, full of spirit, patted her chest towards Ji You and said, "Ji You, if it's not enough, just command us anytime! And if you need any other help, just give us a shout."

Ji You smiled and replied, "That's enough, but I actually do need your help to distribute the water, I really can't handle it on my own."

What's difficult about that?

Zhong Qing was already planning to help, so she immediately lifted the water and began proficiently directing her teammates to distribute it.

Eventually, they didn't even need Ji You to purify the water; Zhong Qing's team took over the task entirely.

Ji You felt very happy inside:

Such obedient and pleasant talkers, and so reliable at work... truly perfect labor!

Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and others saw it all and were speechless.

Yue Qiguang grabbed a bunch of his hair, saying, "Compared to these naïve sweethearts, dad feels pretty smart."

"Cough..." Yue Qiyuan scolded, "Shut your mouth!"

Yue Qiguang retorted aggressively, "Yue Qiyuan, are you asking for a beating?"

Yue Qiyuan ominously said, "Pocket money..."

Yue Qiguang's lips twitched, and he prudently clamped them shut.

Meanwhile, Zhong Qing continued working hard for Ji You, becoming livelier, her eyes and mouth full of admiration and gratitude for Ji You...

For instance:

Zhong Qing: "Ah! The method Ji You taught me just now, I tried it, and it really doubled the outcome. Ji You is so amazing!"

Ji You: "Not at all, not at all, you're also amazing, getting it in one go!"

Zhong Qing: "Ji You... you... you're really too good."

Ji You: "Don't be like that, we're classmates! Comrades! We should naturally communicate more and progress together!"

"Ji You..." Zhong Qing opened her mouth, her eyes sparkling with countless twinkles.

Sheng Qingyan glanced at Ji You's face, which was evidently overjoyed yet artificially stern, and couldn't help but sigh deeply, saying, "Alas~ They had no fate, all fueled by her daydreaming..."

Chu Jiaojiao clutching her chest: "I also think Ji You is amazing! Not just a pretty face!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

The others seized the time to rest, not joining the conversation.

Thus—

When Mu Jianling came out from the new luxurious tent and saw Ji You leisurely recharging while Zhong Qing and a few other drudges were hard at work, Mu Jianling's face twitched again!

She quickly grasped the full context.

Mu Jianling's palms began to itch again:

This little rascal, always full of tricks.

Assigned to provide water to over 900 students as a punishment during her rest period, she turned around and sweet-talked a bunch of people to help her...

Unbelievable little scamp!

Mu Jianling muttered a curse under her breath, then raised her hand to rub her brow and loudly declared, "Break time's over, assemble!"

With her command, the students immediately gathered together!

Mu Jianling instructed, "Everyone to your positions, proceed to your assigned tasks according to the schedule!"

The planting area and the breeding area were about 100 kilometers apart, and the camp where the students were stationed was situated right between them.

The students assigned to the two areas immediately split off and set out on their own.

Ji You led her team at the forefront, everyone feeling a bit anxious, as before setting out, Ji You had shamelessly asked Teacher Mu which animals they were responsible for, but Teacher Mu didn't reveal anything.

It wasn't just Ji You's team that felt nervous, the other nine teams were also apprehensive.

Thus,

Along the way, many in the large group were murmuring under their breath:

"Please, please, I hope we don't have to raise cattle... I heard they like to kick people."

Everyone: "..."

Everyone: "Shut your mouth!"

"Please, please, let's not raise Long-legged Chickens. I heard they get crazy when they fight and peck the breeder's hair!"

Everyone: "What do you mean by that?"

This person: "That explains why most chicken breeders are bald!"

Everyone: "...shut up!"

"Please, please, don't let it be pigs; they're stinky, dirty, and you even have to assist them in giving birth."

Everyone: "..."

Everyone took a deep breath, sounding exasperated, "Can't you guys hope for something good?"

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Among the ten groups present, breeding wasn't entirely unfamiliar since, out of these hundred people, except a few, most had been to Taoyuan Space Station for special training where they gained some short-term farming experience.

But!!!

Due to those experiences, which weren't very pleasant, not many were looking forward to the three days of farm tasks.

Ji You, unusually, started to pep up her nine teammates with motivational words, mentally preparing them before starting:

"Later on, no matter the task, we all need to seriously carry it out and complete it!"

"Because—I think the breeding tasks are meant to train our spiritual power!"

Hearing this, everyone's eyes lit up, and Chu Jiaojiao couldn't help but ask, "Really?"

Ji You confidently said, "Almost definitely!"

Shen Changqing pondered for a moment, quite agreeing, he said, "We've trained for a semester, constantly focusing on Physical fitness and Mechanical Driving skills, yet there's very little training for spiritual power. Why? Because there are very few methods available within the Alliance for training spiritual power. Usually, our training in physical fitness and Mecha control also serves as training for spiritual power, so previously the school never specifically designed separate spiritual power training for students."

Yue Qiyuan stroked his chin, contemplating their past punishment of cleaning the stables and rabbit shed due to Ji You's influence, he couldn't help saying: "Does this mean—the school has proven that breeding animals and planting crops are effective ways to train spiritual power?"

Yue Qiguang frowned and said, "Why bother so much? When the time comes, just follow the assessment requirements and do as told."

Yue Qiyuan took a deep breath and listened as Ji You surprisingly agreed, "Although we suspect it's effective for training spiritual power, Yue Qiguang is also right! First, follow the assessment's requirements. Afterward, we'll see if the results match our speculation and verify them one by one."

Ji You paused briefly then continued, "Everyone, remember when doing the task, to be serious, diligent, and observant, don't stop thinking."

After saying that, Ji You swung her hands grandly, spiritedly declaring, "Let's go! Let's raise pigs together!"

Where did that crows mouth come from?

Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Zhang Ye, and others immediately opened their mouths: "Tch! Tch! Tch! Kids say the darndest things!"