

Scavengers 771

Chapter 771: Sea Iron Bull

Having thick-skinnedly obtained some food, Ji You only received a small portion but outwardly seemed infuriated, even though she didn't really care much since she can't eat all by herself and was planning to share with everyone anyway.

It's just—

It's a shame she couldn't make some extra money along the way.

Thinking about it, Ji You glared fiercely at her plastic companions once again.

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On the way back, since a large batch of supplies had been successfully delivered to the Military Supply Department, the spaceship was now empty, significantly reducing the psychological pressure on Ji You and her fellow students.

With the supplies on board, they were always worried about being hijacked midway, but now with an empty ship, that concern was gone.

However, Ji You still didn't dare to relax. She looked around and said, "Everyone, stay sharp. Our primary task now is to ensure our and our teammates' safe return to planet NY50."

Upon hearing this, Chu Jiaojiao and others responded loudly, "Received."

Following that.

Everyone took their own roles, and the spaceship traveled steadily along the predetermined route.

Of course, along the way, everyone was busy. Ji You focused on the monitor screen, fearing she might miss any opportunity to get rich.

You see, in the boundless starry sky, it's not just Star Beast corpses that can be picked up; the flying debris in the universe varies so much in kind and quantity that it's worth scavenging through, and you might just find a treasure.

For example, it's said that some pauper, who wanted to exile himself in the endless universe using a flying device, unexpectedly encountered a centuries-old wrecked spaceship and found countless treasures inside.

Besides that, damaged Mechas, Starships, meteorites...

All in all, scavenging in the interstellar space is also a good way to make money.

As Ji You was dreaming of making a fortune, suddenly she felt a bone-chilling sensation. She shivered and without minding anything else, she quickly leaned into the monitor, switching to a direction she felt uneasy about, then saw something flash by on the screen. She immediately zoomed in and took a closer look, and couldn't help but gasp, "Damn! Run!"

Everyone: "???"

Ji You urged, "Jiaojiao! Speed up quickly!"

Although Chu Jiaojiao was confused about the situation, it did not affect her performance; she immediately accelerated. The spaceship swiftly moved away from the spot.

Others also reacted quickly, Xuzhou and Zhang Ye had already noticed something was off. Xuzhou pursed her lips, her throat moved a bit before she finally opened her mouth and said, "It's a Star Beast; if I'm not mistaken, it's a Sea Iron Bull."

Zhang Ye took a harsh breath and said, "It seems... it's at least Level 8."

Everyone: "!!!"

At this moment, Ji You had already turned off the monitor watching the Sea Iron Bull. The higher the Level of the Star Beast, the more sensitive it is; if it discovered someone secretly monitoring, it might decide to turn back and attack!

Ji You took a deep breath and asked, "Are you sure it's a Sea Iron Bull?"

Xuzhou nodded, "Confirmed."

The Sea Iron Bull is an amphibious Star Beast; it mostly lives in water but moves onto land during its breeding period. Although it is called a Sea Iron Bull, it doesn't look much like a bull; rather, it resembles a frog, with a huge belly and a massive mouth, and in addition, it has a pair of horns similar to those of a bull. Its skin is very thick, and ordinary metal weapons almost can't pierce through...

To deal with it, only energy weapons work. Of course, that's for Levels 1-3 Sea Iron Bulls, but for those Level 4 and above, you must use high-damage weapons like Particle Cannons.

Ji You, holding her chest, said, "I think, it should also be above Level 8." Ji You has never truly seen a Level 8 Star Beast, just a fleeting glance, yet that immense intimidation was enough to terrify anyone.

Yue Qiguang scratched his head and asked with a frown, "Why does it feel so different from the Level 8 Star Beasts described on Star Network?"

In the online team event, everyone worked together to defeat a Level 8 Peak Eagle, which also felt incredibly dangerous, but since it was virtual and everyone knew deep down that they would not be truly harmed, they were not genuinely frightened when facing the Level 8 Peak Eagle, or even a Level 9 Flame Beast.

Therefore, the question Yue Qiguang asked was obviously a silly one.

Ji You glanced at Yue Qiguang, then looked at Yue Qiyuan, who rolled his eyes and said, "Why are you looking at me? His mouth is on his own face, can I stop him from saying stupid things?"

Ji You shook his head and said: "You misunderstood, I mean having such an unreliable brother, you are really pitiable."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Ji You then asked Chu Jiaojiao, "Jiaojiao, have we left the danger zone?" The so-called danger zone refers to the perception range of the Level 8 Sea Iron Bull.

"We've shaken it off," Chu Jiaojiao nodded, suddenly her expression changed, and she said, "It's a bit strange."

Ji You: "Hmm?"

Chu Jiaojiao said with a serious face: "This Sea Iron Bull, it suddenly turned back towards our direction?"

Everyone: "Damn!"

Ji You: "Run!"

Chu Jiaojiao and Xuzhou each piloted the spaceship, pushing the speed to the limit—

second.

seconds.

seconds.

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Everyone panted and rubbed their heads, asking: "How about it? Has it caught up?"

Chu Jiaojiao shook her head, saying, "No, it chased us for a while, then suddenly stopped."

Ji You frowned: "What happened?"

Normally, a Level 8 Star Beast should be very fearless, at least it wouldn't fear their small spaceship, especially a high-level Star Beast, which inherently has the ability to sense spiritual pressure.

Among Ji You's student group, only Shen Changqing and Yue Qiyuan have S-level spiritual power, but although their levels are high, their purity is low, and they can't exert a terrifying deterrence like Teacher Mu Jianling, so the Sea Iron Bull shouldn't be able to sense any danger.

Since it's not dangerous, why wouldn't it attack humans?

Everyone pondered...

Ji You asked, "Under what circumstances would a Sea Iron Bull leave the planet and enter space?"

Yue Qiyuan stroked his chin and said, "Planetary environmental upheaval?"

Ji You: "That's a possibility, but I don't think it's likely."

Zhang Ye thought for a moment and said, "I heard that during the breeding period, Sea Iron Bulls will also cross star domains to lay eggs in another star domain with a higher temperature."

Ji You asked, "Is it the breeding period for Sea Iron Bulls now?"

Zhang Ye opened his mouth: "No."

Ji You stroked his chin: "So, it's definitely not the breeding period, nor due to environmental changes."

Meanwhile, Xuzhou guessed a possibility, saying, "Maybe it was driven manually? Chased here deliberately by someone?"

Chu Jiaojiao thought it was unlikely, saying, "Driven manually? By whom? Who has such a capability to drive a Level 8 Star Beast?"

Shen Changqing revived from his thoughts, he softly said, "We're very close to the frontline, we cannot exclude this possibility."

Chapter 772: No Escape

Shen Changqing's statement silenced everyone momentarily.

The frontline—

During this period, there has been a fierce confrontation with the Star Beast. It was very possible that an 8-level Sea Iron Bull had come to this area.

Ji You thought of something and immediately asked, "Little Zhouzhou, can you check the nearby flight routes and see what are the nearest planets suitable for Sea Iron Bulls?"

Xuzhou immediately started to search.

The results came out quickly. Xuzhou looked at them, pursed his lips, and said, "There's only one, Heihe Star, five light-years from Bella Star."

That is to say—

This 8-level Sea Iron Bull very likely ran over from Heihe Star.

Xuzhou continued, "Heihe Star is from our current location... wait!"

He suddenly exclaimed!

Xuzhou, who is generally quite straightforward and stable, seldom reacts so dramatically. His sudden exclamation startled the others, and Ji You asked, "Son, what's wrong?"

Xuzhou: "..."

Unable to care about Ji You's behavior of always taking advantage of him, Xuzhou, frowning deeply, said, "Our flight path has deviated!"

Everyone: "Huh?"

Ji You was shocked: "How is that possible?"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Impossible! The direction I adjusted just now was clearly—" Her voice suddenly cut off because the flight path had indeed deviated by about—

And, their current position was less than five light-years from the nearest checkpoint to the frontline. According to the spaceship's speed, they were estimated to arrive at the Military Department's alert checkpoint in about an hour and a half.

Chu Jiaojiao frowned, took a moment to reflect calmly, and said, "I guess, maybe I panicked a bit when the Sea Iron Bull was chasing us and I accidentally issued the wrong navigation command."

During their conversation, Chu Jiaojiao, Ji You, and Xuzhou had already reviewed the navigation records, and indeed, Chu Jiaojiao had made a mistake in the heat of the moment and pressed the wrong command, causing the flight path to deviate.

Most of the flight paths in the eight star systems under the jurisdiction of human society are developed by humans and have been proven safe. A deviation, error, or change in the flight path can easily lead to many uncertain dangers, which is not a good thing...

In severe cases, they could get lost in the starry skies.

Ji You's frown deepened, and she said loudly, "Adjust the bearing immediately, and return the way we came."

Chu Jiaojiao and Xuzhou followed immediately.

Everyone understood that if they didn't urgently adjust their course, they would deviate further and eventually put themselves in danger.

Ji You had been quite composed all along, but now, cold sweat suddenly appeared on her forehead!

Absolutely!

There must not be any mishaps!

Thinking so, Ji You set her face and started giving orders: "Sheng Qingyan, switch with Xuzhou at the helm! Remember, steady! It must be steady!"

Little Cutie might seem unserious, but she is actually the most meticulous one, quite powerful when it counts. And Xuzhou? Among everyone, Xuzhou is the most rigorous and disciplined. Handing over the task of adjusting the flight path to them made Ji You most reassured.

After being replaced by Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao looked at Ji You, feeling quite ashamed and uncomfortable as she tentatively said:

"Ji... Ji You, classmate..."

Ji You, focusing ahead, said: "The way you're hesitating, it doesn't look good at all."

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Ji You said: "One mistake isn't the end of the world. Just make sure it doesn't happen again."

Chu Jiaojiao: "Ji You, classmate, I'm going on alert! I won't be careless this time!"

Ji You waved her hand: "Go ahead!"

After speaking, Ji You watched Chu Jiaojiao's slightly hunched back, not able to help saying: "I trust you."

Chu Jiaojiao paused in her steps.

Ji You with a slight smile said: "You're such an animal! Of course, I trust you!"

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao turned her head back, showing a smile: "Ji You, classmate, even when you're putting me down, you still look good."

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao finished speaking and immediately hopped away.

Ji You cursed: "Stupid face dog, really asking for a beating."

Then, Ji You arranged everything one by one.

After Sheng Qingyan took the helm, he immediately changed the course and, to avoid encountering that level 8 Sea Iron Bull again, Sheng Qingyan didn't return to the original location but instead moved forward a certain distance.

Just as everyone was cooperating and about to get back on track, and the crisis was about to be resolved—

Suddenly—

Boom—

A huge roar burst forth!

"Huh?"

Everyone looked back together, their faces changing:

"Fuck!"

"Holy shit!"

"Where was this bull hiding before?"

"Why wasn't it detected earlier?"

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But!!!

There's no time for shock or confusion.

Ji You: "Run!"

Sheng Qingyan and Xuzhou didn't even need to be told, they had already maxed out the thrusters upon spotting the level 8 Sea Iron Bull.

Whoosh~

Whoosh~

Whoosh~

Although there was a distance, the damned Star Beast behind them seemed to be right behind the spaceship's ass, everyone could even hear the sound of the wind it was creating while chasing.

"Moo—"

The Sea Iron Bull suddenly opened its huge mouth and let out a howl, and at that moment, it jumped forward, leaping a long distance and instantly closing in on the spaceship. Then, the Sea Iron Bull twisted its head and with its pair of sharp horns, it ferociously charged towards the spaceship Ji You and the others were on—

Everyone's mouths fell open: "Fuck!"

Yue Qiguang even grabbed his hair, cursing loudly: "Damn it! Dad has decided! The creature I hate most in my life now, is bulls!"

Water buffalo, scalper, dairy cow, Sea Iron Bull...

All of them go straight into the most hated list!

Yue Qiyuan gritted his teeth: "Me too! I never get personal, but every creature with 'bull' in its name is too damn ugly!"

Shen Changqing opened his mouth, originally not wanting to chime in, but still sternly said: "I hate bulls too."

Lou, gritting his teeth: "Is it trying to ram our spaceship?"

Lance looked at Lou surprisingly, "Are you just realizing this now?"

Chu Jiaojiao clicked her tongue: "Why do bulls never like to attack from below?"

Zhang Ye: "Your focus is really weird, isn't it?"

Chu Jiaojiao: "Cough cough..."

Facing the pressure of a level 8 Star Beast, there's a real risk of death.

It might be one person.

It might be two people.

Maybe...

Maybe the entire team could be wiped out.

Although everyone was joking around, they all sprang into action, grabbed their weapons, and were mentally prepared to fight to the death.

At this moment, Ji You, keeping her eyes firmly on the Sea Iron Bull, raised her hand and commanded: "Everyone follow my orders—"

Chapter 773: One Mishap After Another

In a corner of the starry sky of the Sixth Star System, an uneven battle is about to commence.

Without any disturbance or influence from the Beast Tide, the High-level Star Beasts are not merely low-level creatures that act solely on instinct. On the contrary, they are rather intelligent. The Sea Iron Bull that Ji You and the others are facing now, from the fact that it knew to ambush them in advance, it is clearly intelligent, and this also means that it is difficult to deal with.

And—

A group of rookies who've just obtained their Basic Mecha Driver's Licenses up against a level 8 Sea Iron Bull, there's no doubt, this will turn into a one-sided massacre.

—a massacre of the students by the Sea Iron Bull.

Ji You's psychological pressure is like a mountain collapsing and a tsunami hitting her. She clenches her teeth tightly, refusing to let her tension and anxiety show. She then shouts loudly, "Everyone, follow my command—"

Except for Sheng Qingyan and Xuzhou who were piloting the spaceship, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, Zhang Ye, Lou, and Lance, all seven faces turned solemn at once.

Ji You: "Aim for the eyes!"

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

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Ji You draws a huge Energy Bow and Arrow, firing the first shot at the Sea Iron Bull!

At the same time, the others follow suit.

As the Sea Iron Bull, with its giant horns, is about to ram the spaceship—

At the critical moment!

The scene is incredibly tense and thrilling, but all of the students manage to remain calm, their ranged weapons firing simultaneously at the eyes of the Sea Iron Bull!

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

All three of Ji You's arrows hit their mark, and, sticking in the pupils of the Sea Iron Bull, the creature violently twists its body, desperately trying to pull out the accursed Energy Arrows. But alas...

Its body is too enormous, making its movements too cumbersome, and it can't pull them out in a short time. Ji You's precise shooting has instantly given the others confidence.

Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, and Yue Qiguang all hit their targets.

Lou, Zhang Ye, and Lance miss, but they don't get discouraged and immediately adjust themselves, waiting for the next attack command.

All of this happens in a mere instant, the Sea Iron Bull, in pain, keeps rolling its massive body in the space—

Ji You's voice is steady: "Spicy Eye—"

Sheng Qingyan gets the hint, and as the Sea Iron Bull comes to a brief halt, she immediately pulls the spaceship to maximum speed.

Boom—

The distance between the spaceship and the Sea Iron Bull is widened once again!

Seeing this, the Sea Iron Bull howls in frustration, giving up on pulling out the arrows and chases after them again—

Ji You raises her hand: "Attack the nostrils!"

She stands in front of Chu Jiaojiao and the others, her slender and small figure erect and correct, and her voice is even and rhythmic, no different from casual chatter, showing no sign of change.

Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Lou, Lance, and Zhang Ye, all, like Ji You, remain calm and indifferent—

As the words fall, the ranged weapons shoot incessantly at the target like intensive rain.

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Countless arrows and Energy Bullets miss, but several firmly lodge into the nostrils of the Sea Iron Bull!

The Sea Iron Bull staggers, opening its mouth in pain: "Ao—"

Taking advantage of the Sea Iron Bull's brief pause, Sheng Qingyan adjusts the command, and the spaceship once again creates distance from the Sea Iron Bull. Seeing this, the Sea Iron Bull grows even more angry and madly charges around in space! The annoying insect in front of it is always out of its attack range; otherwise, it could crash this insect into smithereens!

Ji You's voice is grave: "Spicy Eye, pay attention to the course."

Sheng Qingyan narrows her eyes: "Don't worry."

Through the monitor, watching the Sea Iron Bull constantly colliding like a mad bull, a single slap from it even shattered a small asteroid about a hundred meters in diameter to pieces...

This scene still did not cause any change of expression on Ji You's fair face. She stared intently at the screen, calculating the best moment to make a move. Then, when the Sea Iron Bull roared, Ji You spoke calmly: "Attack its mouth!"

Chu Jiaojiao and the others immediately sprang into action!

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

The hits on its body, although not fatal, were like annoying mosquitoes, biting you from time to time. Ji You and the others' actions completely enraged the Sea Iron Bull!

It gave up caring about those tickling attacks and began to speed up frantically, vowing to squash that distant bug in one hit!

Huff~

Huff~

Huff~

Watching the Sea Iron Bull's frenzied movements once again narrowed the distance to the spaceship.

Ji You: "..."

On the surface, Ji You was steady as an old dog, but in her heart, she was already:

Fuck!

Fuck!

Fuck!

Sea Iron Bull, your clumsy body and your nimble posture are out of sync!

Damn it!

It must be cheating!

How are we going to escape now?

After discovering this terrifying Sea Iron Bull, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, and the others briefly discussed and realized that it was impossible to withstand it head-on, so everyone unanimously decided to play it safe.

Shen Changqing had specifically calculated the speed of the spaceship against the theoretical speed of a level 8 Sea Iron Bull. According to the calculations, as long as they managed to hold out until Jump Point 38, Ji You and her team could escape to safety!

Jump Points are a great invention of human technology. They utilize wormholes and space folding technology to artificially create nodes in the vastness of space that link one space to another, greatly shortening the distance of space travel.

Of course, Jump Points, being a man-made technology, also have their limitations. The biggest limitation is the exorbitant cost of manufacturing. All Jump Points found throughout the eight major Star Systems where humans are active have been constructed in cooperation by the Alliance, the Galaxy Empire, and a few other nations.

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Fortunately, because Jump Points are human-made, Star Beasts do not use them. If you are unfortunately encountered by High-level Star Beasts in space, escaping into a Jump Point is also a good way to save your life.

Ji You and her team planned to escape into Jump Point 38.

But!!!

The damn Sea Iron Bull suddenly cheated, speeding up by half compared to before, and was about to catch up!

However, according to everyone's estimates, the Sea Iron Bull couldn't sustain such high explosive power for long, so there was still a chance for the spaceship to escape.

Ji You was about to raise her hand to continue giving orders when suddenly—

Sheng Qingyan suddenly shouted in horror: "Oh my God!"

Everyone looked at the monitor and instantly widened their eyes: "Fuck!!!"

Not far from the set course of the spaceship, two planets collided, suddenly unleashing a terrifying burst of energy. If the spaceship continued its course, it would definitely get caught in it and be torn to shreds!

In her heart, Ji You was incessantly cursing, biting her lip so hard that she drew a deep red mark without realizing it.

Staring at the screen, Ji You suddenly asked: "How far are we from the first checkpoint on the front line?"

Shen Changqing was stunned: "You want to go to—"

The front line?

Yue Qiyuan immediately shook his head: "No, that's too dangerous."

Although the first checkpoint was on the outermost part of the front line and not at the central point of combat, it still posed a certain degree of danger...

Ji You waved her hand, resolutely saying: "No matter how dangerous, we must go. My mission is to ensure the safety of the crew's lives if there is even a sliver of a chance for survival!"

Chapter 774: Frenzied Survival

As soon as the words were spoken, Ji You raised her hand and said forcefully, "Change course!"

Sheng Qingyan, covering her twitching face, changed the course of the spaceship while mumbling, "We're doomed... The universe's number one Little Cutie is about to die..."

Ji You turned around abruptly, and shouted, "Shut up!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan sniffled, slightly aggrieved, "You... you're scolding me... You actually scolded me, how could you scold the universe's number one Little Cutie..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath, "Shut up!"

Sheng Qingyan pouted, "I really don't want to die..."

At such a critical moment, everyone was keeping a straight face and trying hard to stay calm. But there was Sheng Qingyan, seemingly about to burst into tears, whining like a woman, as if about to throw a tantrum on the floor the next second. But her hands kept moving steadily and calmly every time she pressed a button, making one think she was just casually playing Candy Crush.

"I'm really afraid of dying."

"Only I, as the sole heir of the Sheng family, if I die, who will inherit Old Man Sheng's fortune?"

"I still have several hundred billion in inheritance to spend, I really don't want to die."

"The most important thing is that I don't want to die with you impoverished people at all."

"I..."

Buzz buzz buzz...

More annoying than a mosquito, Ji You had a bit of a headache, she lifted her hand to rub her temples and yelled, "Shut up! With me here, you won't die!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Where does she get the confidence?

Ji You loudly declared, "I am destined to be a king standing at the Peak of the Universe, I don't believe I can't get over this obstacle!"

"Cough cough..." Yue Qiyuan smirked and asked, "King, the bull is chasing us again, what should we do?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You gritted her teeth, "Of course, we—"

"Run!"

"Damn! Sheng Qingyan, can you handle it? Why did it catch up again?"

"If you can't do it, just say so!"

"Damn! Damn!"

"Speed up!"

"Speed up!"

"Aaaah!!! Left, avoid that small meteor!"

"Damn! I told you to avoid left, why did you hit it? You— if you want to die, don't drag me down!"

"Damn! I don't want to die with someone as annoying as you!"

"I despise the rich!"

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Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Unable to bear it any longer, Sheng Qingyan shouted, "Shut up!"

Ji You didn't listen, continued to scream, "Aaaah!!! Hang in there! Just hang in there!!!"

Sheng Qingyan grabbed her hair harshly, "Aaaah!!! You shut up!"

Ji You opened her mouth, "Ahead—"

Beside her, Xuzhou, who had been exceptionally calm, suddenly said, "Can you be quiet for a bit? I'm having a hard time controlling my hands—"—wanting to hit someone!

Ji You: "..."

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth, snickering, "Even Little Zhouzhou can't stand your noise anymore."

Xuzhou: "You shut up too!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

"Ha ha ha..." Ji You slapped her thigh hard: "Just like my bushy-browed, big-eyed son Little Zhouzhou!"

Xuzhou: "..."

Xuzhou wanted to shut down.

As Sheng Qingyan and Xuzhou, steering the spaceship, crazily fled, Ji You, together with Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and others, occasionally took the chance to fire shots while the spaceship advanced non-stop toward the first Checkpoint on the front line.

minute.

minutes.

minutes.

In this tough tug-of-war, everyone's nerves were stretched to the limit, and the speed of the Sea Iron Bull also gradually slowed down. Gradually, it became invisible to the naked eye unless using a detector.

But!!!

Everyone knew it was still closely following behind, unwilling to let go.

Originally, this Sea Iron Bull was a dominant force on the planet it inhabited, seldom encountering any rivals. If not for the sudden change in the planet's environment, it would not have willingly left to find a new home.

Then, while the Sea Iron Bull was halfway through its run, it was almost slaughtered by a group of people and barely escaped. It then encountered this mosquito, and just when the Sea Iron Bull was getting hungry, wouldn't it eat the food that came to its mouth?

Moreover, the Sea Iron Bull bore grudges—it remembered that it was a group of creatures similar to this mosquito that had nearly slaughtered it, thinking both to satisfy its hunger and take revenge...

Unwillingly—

This mosquito had learned to escape too.

Every time it was about to be caught, it escaped again.

The Sea Iron Bull was furious!

Once furious, it lost its sanity and thought that no matter what, it must catch the mosquito and tear it apart viciously!

Then—

Unknowingly, the Sea Iron Bull had chased them to this point.

Ji You kept her eyes on the navigation map; the spaceship was now less than 30 minutes from the first Checkpoint on the front line, and the distance between the spaceship and the Sea Iron Bull was consistently maintained at a just-right safe distance.

Ji You's tense eyebrows relaxed slightly as she turned to Shen Changqing and said, "Send out a distress signal and also truthfully report the details about the Sea Iron Bull."

There were 30 minutes, which should be enough for the warriors at the front line to make suitable arrangements.

Shen Changqing immediately proceeded.

Time ticked away—

As Ji You and others patiently waited, their distress signal received a response from the warriors stationed at the first Checkpoint.

The other party asked Ji You and her group to continue accelerating forward, maintaining a distance from the Sea Iron Bull, and that rescue would arrive in 15 minutes.

Having received an accurate response, the mountainous, ocean-deep, iron-like pressure in Ji You's heart was reduced by more than half! She was even so happy she thought about doing a split and shaking her legs—

However—

Not having seen the rescue in person, Ji You only thought about it and dared not truly relax until a few Mechas emitting a stern gleam appeared ahead, Ji You immediately said, "Prepare for retreat—"

Among the rescuers, one warrior drove a Po Jun.

The bulky body of Po Jun, in his hands, seemed light as a feather. Without exchanging idle chatter with Ji You and others, the moment he appeared, he turned mid-air and kicked the Sea Iron Bull.

Caught off-guard, the Sea Iron Bull staggered all over and almost crashed into a passing meteor.

That strike! It instantly pulled the aggro, the Sea Iron Bull roared and turned to charge at the driver of Po Jun.

Ji You and her team, immediately got a chance to breathe, Ji You promptly said, "Retreat 100 kilometers! Exit the battle zone!"

As Po Jun landed a successful hit, behind Po Jun's Mecha, two Mechas simultaneously fired, Particle Cannons blasted on the body of the Sea Iron Bull.

Crackle and Pop~

But, the Sea Iron Bull's skin was thick and flesh tough, several Particle Cannons only burst its skin, and the driver of Po Jun seemed not at all disappointed with others attacking, and while attracting the attention of the Sea Iron Bull, he activated the full thrusters again, charging toward the Sea Iron Bull.

Chapter 775: Battle

In the vast starry sky, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, and others who had retreated from the battle line were all staring unblinkingly at the figure of the Mecha Po Jun in the center of the battlefield.

As soon as Po Jun made a successful hit and drew the hatred of Sea Iron Bull, he began to lead the Sea Iron Bull on a stroll through the vast starry sky. The Sea Iron Bull repeatedly attacked and failed, roaring angrily...

The Sea Iron Bull turned its head, trying to switch targets, but Po Jun fired shots and exchanged cannon fires, re-securing the hatred each time the Sea Iron Bull tried to leave.

Meanwhile, the other four Mechas, taking advantage of the moment Po Jun was leading the Sea Iron Bull on a walk, took the chance to fire shots.

Boom—

Moo—

Boom—

Moo—

Amidst the continuous booming sounds of the cannonade, the frantic roars of the Sea Iron Bull mixed in...

Yet—

The swift movements of the Mecha Po Jun's pilot, his concise and decisive attack methods, and his clear and to-the-point maneuvering... all made Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, and the other 10 students feel their blood boiling with excitement, aching to join in and try themselves!

After the rescue team led by the pilot of Po Jun appeared, the situation changed instantly. Although they didn't immediately defeat the Level 8 Sea Iron Bull, they systematically cornered the Sea Iron Bull into a desperate situation.

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Ji You, with her mouth agape, exclaimed, "Who is the senior piloting the Po Jun? I really love his way of fighting!"

He strikes when he needs to, flees when he should, and every movement is calculated, without any unnecessary actions.

Strong!

Truly strong!

Chu Jiaojiao smacked her lips, her eyes shining brightly, and said, "This senior is so strong! I've been around the First Legion since I was young, and this senior from Po Jun is also among the top Mechanical Warriors I've seen!"

Shen Changqing pursed his lips, his handsome face showing rare excitement as he said, "The senior is so strong!"

A Level 8 Star Beast is no joke; Level 1-3 Star Beasts are manageable with Ji You and their level of strength.

But Level 4 and above Star Beasts represent a qualitative leap in danger.

Levels 5, 6, 7, 8, and even up to 9 and 10 – every increase in level is not just a simple increment; their strength and danger rise to another level.

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The pilot of Po Jun, facing the Level 8 Sea Iron Bull, was quite evenly matched, indicative of his strength.

Shen Changqing, with wide eyes, couldn't bear to look away. This kind of battlefield teaching wasn't something easily witnessed.

Yue Qiguang, as he watched, clenched his fists and couldn't help but excitedly shout, "Cool!"

"Beat it up!"

"Awesome!"

"Beat it up!"

Yue Qiyuan tried to maintain his composure, but his dark shining eyes already betrayed his unsettled emotions.

Zhang Ye gaped.

Xuzhou pursed his lips tightly.

Lou scratched his head, then his head again, and even tugged at his ear, suddenly saying, "Is it too late for me to switch to Po Jun now?"

Ji You, upon hearing this, pursed her lips, "Don't you understand? It's not about the Mecha, it's about the person."

Lou: "..."

Lou pouted, feeling wronged, "Ji You, why are you discouraging me? I need encouragement."

Ji You: "Cheer up!"

Lou: "..."

That's so insincere, you might as well not encourage at all!

Beside them, Lance said, "I also think what Ji You said is right! With that senior's skills, even if he were given an antique mech, he could still pilot it spectacularly cool!"

Lou: "..."

A double blow to the heart!

Sheng Qingyan remained silent. As the cutest in the universe, he valued his life greatly, so while everyone else was uncontrollably excited, he consistently observed the control monitors, just in case.

At this moment, a significant change in the battle center began to unfold—it was time to determine the outcome.

Ji You immediately raised her hand: "Quiet!"

Inside the spaceship, it suddenly became quiet.

In the starry sky.

Avoiding harm and seeking benefit is the instinct of all animals, and the Star Beast is no exception. Sensing danger, the Sea Iron Bull regained a bit of its sanity and realized that it faced a tough opponent, so it turned around and fled—

Whoosh~

In an instant, the Sea Iron Bull darted far away, and just as it was about to disappear, one of the four Mechas, specialized in delivering the final blow, suddenly became anxious and rushed out.

"Stop!" Inside Po Jun's cockpit, a magnetic and pleasant voice suddenly commanded.

But!!!

It was a bit too late, the pilot in the silver-white Wind Wing Mecha had already given chase!

Just then, the fleeing Sea Iron Bull suddenly turned back and swung its tail directly at the Wind Wing!

Slap—

The Sea Iron Bull's giant tail, about 50 meters long and covered with sharp spines capable of cutting through iron, if it precisely struck the Wind Wing—

Would the Wind Wing fall apart?

Just as Ji You and the others watched wide-eyed, their hearts in their throats, they heard a loud smack—

A booming sound.

Ji You couldn't bear to look any longer, but she told herself she must face it with eyes open—

Then, she saw it wasn't the Wind Wing that got hit, but the Mecha Po Jun, using its sturdy body, had directly collided with the Sea Iron Bull the moment it swung its tail. Po Jun pushed the massive body of the Sea Iron Bull back continuously for dozens of kilometers until the Sea Iron Bull barely managed to stabilize itself.

Then—

The Sea Iron Bull turned and ran!

This time, Po Jun didn't hesitate and decisively tangled up with the Sea Iron Bull.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Po Jun accelerated to the extreme. Ji You only saw a blur of afterimages, unable to distinguish that it was the Mecha Po Jun—

The wounds on the Sea Iron Bull's body became more and more numerous...

The momentarily stunned Wind Wing and the other three Mechas reacted quickly as well, all forming an encirclement to assist Po Jun.

In the midst of the fierce battle, Po Jun suddenly commanded: "Fall back."

The four Mechas, including the spaceship piloted by Ji You and the others, instinctively retreated in that moment.

Then—

You could see Po Jun, who had also retreated a hundred kilometers, coldly aiming its cannon at the open mouth of the Sea Iron Bull!

Boom—

A massive explosion resounded through the starry sky.

When Ji You regained her senses, she saw the body of the Sea Iron Bull, which had been the center of the battle, now split into several large pieces, quietly floating in the starry sky...

Seeing an Level 8 Sea Iron Bull, which she thought unbeatable, torn apart, Ji You excitedly jumped up: "It's done!"

Chu Jiaojiao exclaimed with her mouth wide open: "So strong! So strong! So strong!"

Yue Qiguang, with a slightly uncomfortable expression, said, "That's just a bit stronger than Dad, but one day, I'll surpass him!"

Yue Qiyuan tried hard to stay calm and stated: "Me too."

Shen Changqing blinked, the light in his eyes dazzling.

Xuzhou pursed his lips, unusually conflicted: "I... I want to ask him for an autograph, but—"

But felt too embarrassed.

Zhang Ye: "I want one too."

Lance: "I want one too."

Lou: "I really want one!"

...

With the crisis averted, Po Jun's pilot, along with the other four Mechas, headed towards Ji You and their spaceship.

Ji You's eyes suddenly lit up!

Chapter 776: Thick-Skinned You

Mechas, with their cold metal shells emitting a fluorescent glow, among them Po Jun was flying while operating a detector to scan the surroundings.

Not until all dangers had been completely ruled out did the 5 Mechas arrive next to the small cargo spaceship where Ji You and company were.

Immediately after,

Po Jun sent a request to communicate.

Inside the spaceship, Ji You promptly chose to accept.

Then—

Through the holographic screen of the spaceship, when seeing the somewhat familiar dark face inside Po Jun's cockpit, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan...

All widened their eyes:

"Senior Brother Han Zheng!"

"!!!"

"It's actually Senior Brother!"

"Senior Brother is so strong!"

...

Facing the burning gaze of his younger schoolmates, Han Zheng's complexion went slightly red, though with his dark skin, this went unnoticed. To others, Han Zheng, with a stern face, still appeared very serious and proper.

Then—

Ji You heard Han Zheng, with a stern face, say: "This is Captain Han Zheng of the Sixth Legion's Vanguard Camp, Sixth Team. I've been ordered to come for the rescue, please open the spaceship's landing hatch."

Ji You loudly responded: "Received!"

She turned her head, looking towards Sheng Qingyan: "Spicy Eye, open the landing hatch."

Sheng Qingyan, already prepared, rolled his eyes and said with slight discontent: "It's fine normally, but could you not call me Spicy Eye at a time like this?"

Ji You: "???"

Sheng Qingyan puffed up indignantly: "Doesn't anyone care about their face?"

Ji You was shocked: "You have something called face?"

Chu Jiaojiao was also shocked: "You really have something called face?"

Shen Changqing remained silent, but gave Sheng Qingyan a somewhat strange look.

Yue Qiguang clapped his hands and laughed heartily, saying: "This fool probably doesn't even know what face means!"

Yue Qiyuan glanced at Yue Qiguang with a ghostly gaze, saying: "I don't think you know either."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Amidst the laughter, Sheng Qingyan, with an unflushed face and calm composure, arms akimbo and pouting, said: "If you laugh at me again, I'm going to get mad."

Ji You and the others: "..."

After a chill went down their spines, everyone immediately turned around, staring at Senior Brother Han Zheng's dark face for quite a while.

—Sheng Qingyan is too Spicy Eye, we must cleanse our eyes with Senior Brother's handsome face.

Han Zheng: "..."

The spaceship's landing hatch opened, followed by the extension of hundreds of mechanical arms from the wings of the spaceship. These arms perfectly interlocked within seconds, forming a wide deck with a Protective Shield above it, enveloping the deck and completely isolating cosmic radiation. Inside there was safe air...

The 5 Mechas landed on the deck one after another, and then Han Zheng took the lead, retracting Po Jun into the Space Button.

Of the other 4 mechs, the pilots of 3 stepped out of the cockpits and also stowed away their mechs.

Only one black mech said something to Han Zheng, to which Han Zheng obviously agreed.

At this point, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Lou, Lance, Zhang Ye, Xuzhou all couldn't wait to rush onto the deck, Sheng Qingyan though grumbling kept up with pace, and everyone excitedly stared at Han Zheng.

Then, they saluted in unison:

"Senior Brother!"

"Thank you!"

Han Zheng, with a slight smile on his lips, said: "It's my duty, no need for politeness."

Ji You and the others still had stars in their eyes, staring fixated at Han Zheng.

Han Zheng: "..."

Han Zheng, with a stern face, said officially, "Is anyone injured and in need of treatment?"

Ji You and the others shook their heads: "No!"

Han Zheng looked slightly surprised, "Does anyone else need help?"

Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, and the other 9 people immediately shook their heads in unison: "No!"

Ji You didn't make a sound, her eyes quickly scanned around, taking a good look at Senior Brother Han Zheng's expression, then she showed a big smile and loudly said: "Yes!"

Chu Jiaojiao and the other 9: "???"

Han Zheng: "Speak!"

On hearing this, Ji You immediately scampered to Han Zheng's side with a joyful trot and then, she pulled out a stack of miscellaneous items, including thin leaves, blank paper, stones, and...

When Han Zheng saw this pile of odds and ends that made no sense, he was stunned; everyone else's mouth twitched, all of them clueless about what Ji You was up to.

Ji You grinned, her eyes sparkling with laughter, and said loudly, "Please, Senior Brother, give me an autograph!"

Han Zheng: "..."

Everyone: "..."

Ji You spread out the very flexible leaf and respectfully handed it to Han Zheng, smiling, "Please, Senior Brother, sign this for me."

Han Zheng pursed his lips and picked up the pen.

After signing, Ji You swiftly switched to a piece of paper.

Han Zheng paused, but still wrote down his name.

Two characters, strong and forceful, square and upright, befitting of his name.

...

After signing more than a dozen autographs for Ji You, when he saw she didn't pull out anything more peculiar, Han Zheng almost imperceptibly breathed a sigh of relief.

His move, though very secretive, was still picked up by observant students like Chu Jiaojiao, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, and others, after which, the previously stirring excitement of others was immediately quenched.

Cough cough...

— After all, not everyone has the thick skin of #4444 Ji You, so naturally impervious.

Senior Brother is such an impressive person! How could they bother him over such a trivial matter?

It would be so embarrassing.

...

Then, the students proceeded to thank Han Zheng and the other warriors behind him:

"Thank you, seniors!"

These warriors were somewhat shy by nature, feeling a bit out of place in the face of the students' enthusiasm.

After exchanging a few simple words, Ji You glanced at the floating Sea Iron Bull corpse in the starry sky and was about to speak when she promptly shut her mouth.

It turned out that one of the four Mechas, the black one, had exited the spaceship's Protective Shield during the conversation and had begun gathering the scattered remains of the Sea Iron Bull.

Whoever killed the Star Beast, its materials belong to them. This Sea Iron Bull surely belonged to Senior Brother Han Zheng and his teammates.

Ji You initially thought that Senior Brother Han Zheng and his team had completely forgotten to collect the remains and was about to remind them and maybe lend a hand.

Someone had already done it.

Next.

After pondering, and considering the distance to Kite Space Station, Han Zheng softly said, "The spaceship's energy is overly depleted. After refilling at the first Checkpoint, return to NY50 star."

What reason did Ji You and the others have to disagree? They nodded one after another: "We'll listen to Senior Brother!"

Hearing this and seeing the nearly overflowing excitement in these juniors' eyes, how could Han Zheng not know they were eager to join the action at the front?

But the front line is not a place for frivolous play. If not absolutely necessary, Han Zheng wouldn't let students step into frontline territory.

Han Zheng checked the time and said, "Prepare to take off."

Ji You and others: "Yes!"

Han Zheng and his team entered the spaceship but did not take over the controls; instead, they left it to the students' operation and just sat in the rest area for some light rest with eyes closed.

Next.

The black Mechanical Warrior, who went out to clean up the battlefield in space, returned to the spaceship deck, and looking at that face—

Ji You: "..."

Chapter 777: Scumbag at His Finest

"Scumbag He Bi!"

Under the silent starry sky, He Bi, who had just stepped out of the mechanical cabin, suddenly heard a piercing shout from an angle.

He Bi: "..."

He Bi paused in his steps, almost retracting his foot back inside!

"Scumbag He Bi!"

Another shout!

He Bi: "..."

After hesitating for half a second, He Bi decisively pulled his half-extended foot back into the cabin.

At this point, Ji You had already run over giggling: "Stop hiding, I saw you. With that standard scumbag face of yours, even if you cover it in charcoal, I'd still recognize you."

He Bi: "..."

He Bi told himself to stay calm, and just as he was about to leap off the Mecha, he suddenly raised his hand and pulled out an energy gun from the Space Button, pointing it at Ji You—

Ji You: "..."

With one hand covering his ear, He Bi nonchalantly asked, "Little student, what did you just say? I didn't hear clearly."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You immediately shouted loudly: "Senior He Bi is so cool! Cool beyond the stars! Cool beyond the universe! I knew from afar it was Senior He Bi!"

He Bi: "What? I can't hear!"

Ji You: "Senior He Bi is the most handsome in the universe! Handsomeness that breaks through the skies!"

He Bi stepped forward and blew on the cold muzzle, raised an eyebrow, and said: "Louder!"

Ji You took a deep breath and, with all her might, yelled: "He Bi is really handsome!"

He Bi raised his hand and vigorously messed up Ji You's hair, making her hair all messy. He then squinted his eyes, laughing heartily: "Such a cute little junior, see~ this is a toy gun, don't be afraid."

Saying this, He Bi threw the gun up into the air with his right hand. The gun twirled in the air and returned neatly to his hand. Then, he squeezed the gun with a flick of his wrist, and the gun morphed into a lump.

Meaning, this gun was just a soft plastic replica.

Ji You: "..."

Everyone: "..."

He Bi put away the toy gun, his eyes smiling: "My gun only points at enemies, how could it aim at such a cute little junior, right?"

Ji You: "..."

Scumbag!

Absolute top-rated scumbag!

Really want to beat him to death!

The smile in He Bi's eyes deepened: "Truth be told, this was my toy gun when I was three years old. Couldn't bear to throw it away, so I've kept it in my pocket, and occasionally taking it out to scare people isn't bad either."

"..." Ji You's mouth twitched as she pounced forward: "Scumbag! Eat my blade!"

She lunged forward drawing her own energy machete instantly, but in that moment, He Bi simply tiptoed and slightly lifted his wrist, effortlessly blocking Ji You's attack!

He Bi shook his head and chuckled lightly: "Good fighting consciousness, but the attack method is too reckless. Reckless is a euphemism; the blunt way to say it would be stupid."

Ji You: "..."

"Not fun, I won't play with you anymore." Ji You tried to sheathe her blade, but when she pulled her hand back, she found she couldn't move it—her pupils shrank as alarms went off in her heart!

However, He Bi took the opportunity to knock Ji You's hand, taking possession of her big chopper in a swift motion.

He Bi reversed his grip, without any fancy movements or preamble, and drove the big chopper straight down towards Ji You's head—

Ji You suddenly opened her eyes wide; she knew at that moment, she couldn't stop Senior Brother He Bi's fast and fierce attack.

This?

Is this the gap?

When the blade was just 1 centimeter away from Ji You's head, He Bi instantly withdrew the blade, and with a smug smile dropped a line:

"Here, take it!"

"Such a stupid knife, not fun at all, only idiots would use it! Not even as good as my toy gun."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You was so annoyed inside!

As He Bi slowly turned around, his heavy footsteps creaking on the spaceship's deck, Ji You managed a smile and eagerly approached:

"Senior He Bi, when you fought with Sea Iron Bull today, you were so cool it's like you had no friends!"

He Bi turned around: "Isn't it more like I was so lousy I had no friends?"

"Cough cough..." Ji You, winking and grinning said: "What are you talking about? There's no such thing! You were just too cool for friends!"

He Bi, unimpressed, said: "Then I don't want it. In life, how can one not have friends? That would be so lonely."

Ji You: "..."

Meanwhile, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Lou... all gathered around, bombarding He Bi with questions.

He Bi seemed in a good mood, answering while also taking out a pack of strawberry cream biscuits and munching away...

Seeing everyone look even more enthusiastically at him—or rather, at the strawberry cream biscuits in his hand—He Bi, smiling, handed out a piece to everyone except Ji You.

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao, munching on the biscuit: "Senior He Bi, not only are you handsome, but you're also really nice!"

He Bi smiled: "Sweet talker, have another piece."

After saying that, he handed her another piece.

Chu Jiaojiao was delighted: "Senior is beyond handsome!"

Beside her, Yue Qiguang thought for a moment, braving the goosebumps, followed suit saying: "Senior is out of this world handsome!"

He Bi: "..."

He Bi nearly dropped the biscuits, quipped: "Rough guys, skip it! Not cute, not getting any!"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang felt like spitting blood in anger.

Seeing Yue Qiguang falter, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Xuzhou... all clenched their lips, extinguishing the sparks of envy in their hearts.

Crunch~

Crunch~

Crunch~

The rich aroma of the biscuits and that magical crunching sound were too much for Ji You, who couldn't help swallowing saliva, asking: "Senior? What about me?"

He Bi: "You get none."

Ji You glared: "Why?"

He Bi: "Because I'm a scumbag, capricious!"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath and retorted: "Senior He Bi, you behave just like a miser!"

He Bi: "..."

As the casual conversations ended, everyone entered the spaceship's cabin.

After entering, the deck of the spaceship closed back.

At this point, Ji You and the others realized that the rescue team brought by Senior Brother Han Zheng consisted only of 3 front-line warriors, the other two were second-year students from the Lanyue Star Military Academy.

Senior He Bi was one of them.

The other was the senior who drove the silver-white Wind Wing and was slightly impatient in pursuing Sea Iron Bull, named Ma Lei.

Ma Lei and He Bi were both students assigned to guard the first checkpoint on the front line. As the battle on the front line was currently stalemated and many of the soldiers stationed at the border checkpoints were drawn to the front, after receiving the distress signal from Ji You and others, there

weren't many warriors who could stand against the level 8 Sea Iron Bull at the time, yet the post had to keep strong warriors stationed. Coincidentally, Han Zheng was leading two warriors to deliver supplies and volunteered for the rescue after hearing the news.

Having heard that their junior brothers and sisters were in danger, He Bi and Ma Lei eagerly volunteered, and Han Zheng agreed after assessing their capabilities.

Chapter 778: Bribery!

He Bi and Ma Lei, knowing that the ones in danger were their juniors at school, both didn't realize it was Ji You and others, especially He Bi. When he got out of his Mecha and saw Ji You's small arms and legs, to tell the truth, it really gave him a headache.

Especially, that repeated phrase "scumbag" really hit He Bi hard in the heart.

He Bi was very petty, already thinking about ways to get back at them: Cheap Long-legged Chicken eggs? There won't be any more from now on. Red-braised pork ribs? No extras either. What? Sauce?

No sauce either!

...

But what the petty He Bi couldn't understand the most was how Ji You, with her short little legs, had ended up on the frontlines instead of taking her final exams. How did she magically get here?

Even more magical was that she encountered a Level 8 Sea Iron Bull.

It must be said, that terrible luck, like a bag of trash naturally falling from the sky, would likely land on this unlucky person's head.

Cough cough...

He Bi glanced at Ji You, sighed, sighed again, and then sighed once more.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You asked, "What are you sighing about?"

He Bi shook his head, gravely saying, "A chicken who can't even hold a knife steady might as well go back to the farm and play in the mud."

Ji You: "..."

At this point, not just Ji You, but Chu Jiaojiao and others felt a bit defiant too. If Ji You was playing in the mud at the farm, what about them? That comment hit a little too wide!

Yue Qiguang stood up abruptly, clenched his fists, and said, "Senior! Let's fight!"

Upon hearing this, He Bi glanced at him, clucked his tongue twice, shook his head, and flatly refused: "No!"

"Why?"

Yue Qiguang, full of confidence, said, "You're afraid because you don't want to lose to me!"

He Bi smiled, "You're too weak; I'm afraid it'd crush your spirit if you lost."

"One punch."

"One punch and I can finish you!"

Hearing this, Yue Qiguang, driven by a surge of impulse to fight, suddenly rushed forward!

He Bi seemed to have anticipated this; he didn't even dodge, directly facing Yue Qiguang's punch. As Yue Qiguang got close, He Bi suddenly stuck out his foot.

Bang!

Yue Qiguang wasn't paying attention and tripped.

Yue Qiguang: "..."

He Bi smiled, "When fighting, you must always calmly observe your surroundings."

"And—"

"Although I said one punch, I didn't say I would only use my fist, I could use my foot too."

He Bi continued smiling.

Yue Qiguang: "..."

That was embarrassing.

It was a huge embarrassment because he didn't lose by strength, but by carelessness.

Yue Qiguang retreated in defeat, Chu Jiaojiao rubbing her fists, eager to jump in—

He Bi laughed, "Sorry, I'm not fighting anymore."

Chu Jiaojiao rubbing her fists, "Senior, let's fight! I won't lose!"

He Bi smiled, "It's because I can't outmuscle you that I won't fight you!"

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao was frustrated.

She somewhat understood the often speechless and choking expression Ji You had when facing Senior He Bi. Now she felt it firsthand.

Shen Changqing's handsome face showed a rare look of excitement and thrill. He opened his mouth, his tone sincere, "Senior He Bi, please have a match with me."

He Bi waved his hand, flatly refusing: "No, no, why fight for no reason?"

Shen Changqing: "..."

On this side, seeing everyone retreat one by one, Lou, Lance, Zhang Ye, etc., all rested their minds.

Xuzhou's eyes gleamed as he stared at Senior He Bi, who had made a few moves just earlier, and Xuzhou found him to be truly strong! Not to mention Yue Qiguang's universally acknowledged physical strength, take Ji You for instance, from what Xuzhou knew of her, how could Ji You so easily have her knife taken away?

The strength of Senior He Bi is undeniable. And this kind of strength isn't an unreachable kind like that of Senior Brother Han Zheng!

Senior He Bi is a second-year student, just one grade above everyone else, and his fighting techniques and methods all originate from the school professors; although he has developed his own style, everyone can still see the essence of the school's training in his combat, thus, this kind of strength is visible and tangible to everyone!

Xuzhou really wanted to have a match with him.

It would be a pity to miss out.

After some deep thought, Xuzhou took a bag of beef jerky out of the Space Button and handed it to Senior He Bi:

"Senior, this is my gift. Please, I ask you to guide me a little, for the sake of this gift."

Ji You: "!!!"

Everyone: "!!!"

Alright!

This is blatant public bribery!

Everyone waited for He Bi to refuse, but unexpectedly, fearing that the beef jerky would disappear in the next second, He Bi quickly accepted the gift and laughed: "Come on, let's have a fight!"

Ji You and others: "..."

Ji You and others glared at Xuzhou who looked very honest and straightforward, "We didn't expect you to be like this, Xuzhou!"

As soon as the words fell, He Bi took the initiative to strike, like a gust of wind, aiming directly for Xuzhou's heart.

Xuzhou's pupils shrank, knowing he couldn't stop this wave of attack, immediately raised his elbow to protect his heart.

Then—

Just as He Bi was about to kick Xuzhou in the chest, he suddenly changed direction, switched from hand to foot, and kicked Xuzhou's buttocks.

Xuzhou staggered and almost crashed into a metal pillar in the hall.

Immediately after, He Bi did a side flip in the air, raised his foot—

Snap!

Snap!

Snap!

Three consecutive kicks, all hitting Xuzhou's buttocks, and all in the exact same spot.

Xuzhou: "..."

Xuzhou began to counterattack, but he found that each time, his actions seemed to be anticipated by Senior He Bi, and Xuzhou was retreating step by step.

He Bi stopped his leg movements, hugged his elbow, and laughed: "Young man, it looks like you haven't fought enough battles. Stir up more trouble and fight more, that will build up your strength."

Hearing this, Xuzhou agreed deeply. Although he had been continuously hit, within just a few short minutes, Xuzhou had still gained a lot.

But—

Xuzhou couldn't help but wonder: Senior He Bi, why do you love kicking people's butts so much?

Cough cough...

Unable to resist, Xuzhou spoke out: "Senior, please have another match with me."

He Bi shook his head and said uninterestedly, "No, no, that match just now was enough in exchange for your bag of beef jerky. Unless—"

He Bi stretched out two fingers and rubbed them together at Xuzhou.

The implication was clear.

Xuzhou: "..."

Whether to give beef jerky or to have another match, this really is a cosmic-level dilemma.

As he was conflicted, Xuzhou heard a sudden announcement inside the spaceship: "Attention, the destination is about to be reached in 5 minutes, please be prepared."

Han Zheng, He Bi, Ma Lei, and others all perked up their ears, carefully listening to the surroundings.

This part of the starry sky was quiet and not as noisy as the outside.

With Han Zheng, He Bi, and others on guard, Ji You and the rest didn't dare let down their guard completely and kept a close watch around.

Fortunately, the journey went smoothly, and everyone safely arrived at the first checkpoint on the frontier.

Chapter 779: Country Bumpkins Enter the City

minutes later, the spaceship began to slowly descend.

Han Zheng took the lead, stepping out of the spaceship's boarding chamber first, followed by two other warriors stepping off the spaceship.

Next came Ma Lei and Senior He Bi's students.

After them, it was Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, and Shen Changqing, the group of students who arrived unexpectedly.

Ji You and the others could never have imagined that they would arrive at the frontline so early. Although it was just the outermost part of the frontline, it was still the frontline!

It was the frontline where Star Beasts could emerge and wreak havoc at any moment!

It was the frontline where they had to be ready for battle at any moment!

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In any case, Ji You and the others, who were completely thrilled, were so excited that they had not even stepped off the spaceship yet but were craning their necks, eagerly trying to take in every detail of the scene before them.

But!

The frontline was slightly different from what they had imagined; the first thing that caught their eye was a small man-made space station. Unlike the expansive Kite Space Station, this station had a diameter of only about 500 kilometers. The station was shaped like an eagle spreading its wings, hence, it was named Eagle Space Station.

Apart from the Eagle Space Station, the starry space around it was dotted with hundreds of large and small detection satellites.

Beyond that, there was nothing else.

This was the first checkpoint of the frontline, which appeared somewhat monotonous.

After disembarking from the spaceship, having passed through several checks, Ji You and the others finally entered the interior.

It was then that Ji You and his companions' eyes widened, showing a look characteristic of country bumpkins:

"Holy shit!"

"Cool!"

"Awesome!"

Inside the vast space station, there were rows of giant, imposing mechas, both Heavy Armor and Light Armor, and various other kinds perfectly sorted indoor. Even without getting closer, they emitted a huge oppressive force, as if they were about to jump up and choose someone to devour at any moment.

Six warriors guarded nearby, the cold gleam reflecting off the mechas enveloped the six warriors, intensifying the deadly aura emanating from them.

This was the imposing presence naturally formed from experienced warriors.

Everyone stopped in their tracks.

Then, Han Zheng saluted the leading warrior, briefly exchanged a few words, and the leading warrior glanced over towards Ji You and the other students.

Ji You instinctively straightened up and led the others in giving a standard warrior's salute:

"Greetings, senior!"

The leading warrior nodded in acknowledgment.

...

Separated from the mecha chamber were the weapon room and energy room.

Various types of particle cannons, energy weapons, cold weapons, thermo-hydrogen power, hydrogen nuclear reactors, satellite-level superpower...

High-tech weapons and energy systems were dazzling to the eyes.

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan... the 10 students watched intently, unable to tear their eyes away until—

He Bi patted Ji You on the head and smiled saying, "This bumpkin, close your mouth, or you'll catch flies."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You raised her hand, wiped her drool, and asked: "Senior He Bi, can we touch these things?"

He Bi nodded: "Yes."

Yue Qiguang's eyes suddenly lit up: "Then, can we try getting on the mecha?"

He Bi looked at Yue Qiguang and asked with a smile: "Have you passed the High-level Mecha Driving license examination?"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Others: "..."

Ji You glanced at He Bi, thinking how good He Bi, the scumbag, was at hitting where it hurts! Just a few words and it instantly dampens the mood.

Cough cough...

After undergoing multiple checks, Ji You's spaceship was sent for maintenance, and only after it was serviced did they start replenishing the energy.

During this period, Ji You and the others were arranged to wait in the training room. The Eagle Space Station has a designated rest area, but at the strong request of Ji You and her group, they were allowed into the training room exclusively used by frontline warriors.

The training room was fully equipped, allowing them even to quench their thirst for driving mechas! However, since Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing... these 10 rookies only had Low-level Mecha Driving licenses, their thrill was limited to ordinary Low-star mechas.

Humanity has developed till now, for survival, for exploration, technology has been continuously progressing.

The evolution of mechas has also followed technological development and continued to advance.

Early human combat gear against Star Beasts couldn't even be called mechas; they were just mechanical products, also known as unmanned combat drones. Humans used wireless waves to remotely control

them, but this led to many problems. Drones often encountered issues like signal interruption and instability, causing data transmission errors, losses, leading to combat failures and impacting the entire battle situation.

Later, humans discovered the use of spiritual power, and they continuously improved weapons for survival, thus inventing the First Generation Mecha—the antique mecha that Ji You frequently used in the Star Network.

First Generation Mecha, by linking human spiritual power through a Spiritual Connector, could more advancedly and flexibly achieve human-like operation of mechas. This great invention could be said to realize the concept of 'human as mecha'!

Afterward, the entire human society began to experience a major technological transformation because of this great invention!

Starting from mechas, spaceships, starships, floating cars... even ordinary civil products shifted from relying solely on manual mechanical technology to using spiritual power-controlled products.

This greatly facilitated human life, but also caused a little bit of trouble, like Ji You, who initially had low spiritual power, always facing job rejections...

Let's skip these for now.

From the spiritual power-controlled antique mechas to the present, human mecha technology has continuously progressed, and it has now developed to the 15th generation. Based on the 15th generation Standard Mecha currently in service in the Alliance, mechas are classified from 1 to 9 stars.

1-3 star mechas are collectively referred to as Low-level Mechas.

4-6 star mechas are collectively referred to as Intermediate Mechas.

7-9 star mechas are collectively referred to as High-level Mechas.

The distinction in star levels is mainly based on differences in the materials used, manufacturing technology, precision, propulsion systems, energy systems, driving difficulty, required spiritual level, etc.

Ji You and her group were currently only able to drive Low-level Mechas. Mechas that they had seen, touched, and driven before were all Low-level Mechas, so—

These bumpkins, seeing so many High-level Mechas in the Eagle Space Station, each of them turned into Liu Laolao entering the Grand View Garden, full of wonder and amazement.

Although they couldn't drive those High-level Mechas inside the training room, everyone could still touch them and satisfy their curiosity.

Ji You was staring at the 8-star Blade right in front of her, drooling non-stop!

Beautiful!

So beautiful!

The Blade in the Star Network, compared to the Blade in reality, is just like the difference between a concubine and the Empress!

The Empress's grandeur, elegance, grace, and style, where can a concubine compare?

Ji You was completely captivated by the charm of the 8-star Blade.

Chapter 780: Big Appetite

The location of Eagle Space Station, although it's just the outer front line, it is still the first checkpoint on the front line and plays an important strategic role. Therefore, the entire station is under strict guard and does not allow outsiders to wander about freely.

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang... all the students did not want to trouble the warriors on the front line and consciously stayed in the training room without wandering around aimlessly.

Ji You couldn't help herself, she raised her hand and touched the Mecha in front of her that she coveted so much—Blade.

As her fingertips touched, the cold sensation transferred from her fingertips to Ji You's perception. In that brief moment, Ji You could even imagine the invincibility and unstoppable force of Blade when slaying enemies.

[Mecha Name: Blade.

Level: 8 stars.

In service for: 60 years, 3 months, and 19 days.

Current pilot: Wang Meng.

Previous pilots: Yan Jian, Xu Qingqing, Xie Kang, Jack Burns, Yuan Xijiang.

Count of enemies slain: 754315.

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The data before Ji You's eyes made her entire being shudder, and for a moment, she seemed to peer through time and space, witnessing the glorious past of this Heroic Mecha.

And—

The greyed-out names and photographs of its former pilots symbolized the heroic history behind the Mecha.

Ji You felt a sourness in her throat.

This world never had heroes descending from the heavens, only ordinary people who stood up to become heroes.

They...

Their lives forever fixed in that year, but their fearless spirit, perpetually immortal!

A group of students initially entered the training room in high spirits, and then they all fell silent.

Then, everyone started to train quietly.

In the training room, only the sounds of training could be heard, again and again.

Time ticked away.

After three hours of training, when it was mealtime, Senior He Bi made a communication call, and Ji You and the others went to the cafeteria on their own.

Upon arriving at the cafeteria and seeing Senior He Bi standing at the food window, Ji You and the others almost thought they had returned to Lanyue Star.

He Bi smiled and asked, "What will you have?"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing... they all followed Senior He Bi's scoop and saw:

Braised pork ribs, steamed fish, fried rice with egg, spicy crab, salt and pepper shrimp, apple pie, matcha cake, milk tea...

Hard dishes, cold dishes, desserts, drinks... The variety was astonishingly complete!

Everyone's eyes widened, and they all drooled uncontrollably.

He Bi said, "Wake up, if your drool falls into the food, you'll get beat up."

Ji You chuckled and asked, "Um, Senior, how does the food serving work? Are there any restrictions?"

He Bi smiled and said, "No restrictions."

Everyone: "Ah?"

Ji You, clutching her chest, said, "You mean, it's all-you-can-eat?"

He Bi nodded: "Yes."

Ji You and the others: "!!!"

They all couldn't believe it!

Ji You suspiciously stared at He Bi, scrutinizing him before asking incredulously, "Are there really no hidden catches?"

Annoyed, He Bi used the serving spoon to shoo her away, saying, "Are you eating or not? If not, next person."

Ji You cautiously inquired, "Um, Senior, how about the charges?"

The inexplicable expenditure of over 50,000 credit points at Kite Space Station still served as a cautionary tale for Ji You.

He Bi, in disgust, said, "It's free! All food is free! If you keep on babbling, then it won't be free anymore!"

Ji You's brows rose and her eyes twinkled upon hearing this. She looked at He Bi as if he were her own brother, "Senior He Bi, please give me one of each."

He Bi glanced at her: "Can you even finish all that?"

As he spoke, he raised his hand and knocked on the nearby dining reminder: [Cherish food, please clean your plate, and do not waste food.]

Ji You quickly nodded her head: "I can finish it all! I totally can!"

Despite his doubts, He Bi still ordered one of each item for Ji You, but after the order was placed, He Bi grimaced and said: "No taking leftovers to go."

Ji You: "Understood!"

Next up was Chu Jiaojiao, who, after some thought, decided that ordering one of each would be too much for her to finish and didn't want to waste food, so she only chose a few of her favorites.

Shen Changqing did the same, but he mostly ordered desserts.

Then it was Yue Qiguang's turn, and he ordered a huge amount of meat.

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After everyone got their food and sat down at the table, they began to eat.

Then, after a few bites, they couldn't help but pause and look at Ji You in slight shock.

Yue Qiguang couldn't help but ask: "Idiot 4444, tell daddy how many stomachs you actually have?"

"Not many, just 2." Ji You replied nonchalantly, continuing to eat at a leisurely pace. Despite her slow motions, the food disappeared swiftly, almost at a pace of one piece of meat per second, and one cake every five seconds.

Yue Qiguang: "Sure, keep bluffing."

Ji You finished another portion of pepper shrimp and said, "I'm not lying! I'm telling the truth."

Honest to God, the truth.

Doesn't she and Xiao You pretty much count as having two stomachs?

During this period, to avoid disturbing Ji You's evaluation and not to waste her spiritual power, Xiao You decided not to contact her sister frequently, keeping to herself while studying material processing in Iron Plate Space.

This time, seeing the opportunity for free good food, Ji You couldn't resist inviting Xiao You to join her.

Cough cough...

Of course, these weren't things she could conveniently mention to Yue Qiguang and the others.

Inside Iron Plate Space.

After eating, Xiao You suddenly belched. Her cheeks couldn't help but blush. Xiao You raised her hand, touched her cheek which, being incorporeal, felt neither cold nor hot and lacked any touch, but Xiao You still felt her heart warmly kindle as she whispered: "Sister, I'm full, really full."

Recently, Ji You had been filling up on many things to enhance her spiritual power, especially Cloud Mist Tea and Candy Beans.

Ji You smiled: "Good, being full is good. Whenever you want to eat something, let your sister know. I've got money to take care of you."

Xiao You blushed and said, "Mhm."

In the future, she would also try hard to earn money to take care of her sister.

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Having eaten their fill, the students relaxed in the canteen as there was still an hour before the spaceship was fully charged. At this moment, He Bi came over to check if the students had left too much uneaten food.

He Bi especially checked Ji You's plate until he confirmed she had finished and hadn't packed any food secretly. He gave Ji You a weird look and said thoughtfully: "Short and with a huge appetite - you're really one of a kind."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You retorted: "Senior He Bi, is a personal attack really necessary over a bite of food?"

He Bi chuckled: "What personal attack? I'm just telling it like it is."

Ji You asked unhappily: "Senior, other seniors are too busy to touch the ground, how come you have so much free time?"

He Bi: "..."

Ji You: "It's not because you're too weak to do anything else but odd jobs, right?"

It was only then, upon checking today's canteen announcement, that Ji You realized that today's lunch was prepared by He Bi and a few other students.

He Bi was in charge of the cooking, and it had to be said, his culinary skills were quite impressive.

After Ji You finished speaking, He Bi's mouth twitched, but!!! This impudent little junior was actually spot on.

However, He Bi was only able to work in the kitchen and a few other positions not because he lacked strength, but because he lacked experience.

He Bi rolled his eyes and said: "What 'odd jobs'? I'm a jack-of-all-trades. I'm like a versatile little brick, wherever I'm needed, that's where I go."

While they were talking, the entire Space Station suddenly broadcast an emergency assembly alert—