

Scavengers 831

Chapter 831: Sheng the Jinx

Hmm?

It's indeed a bit bad.

Ji You nodded, saying, "Teacher Mu doesn't seem very happy."

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth and said, "The relationship between the two seems worse than my family's Old Man Sheng and me. My Old Man Sheng doesn't have the most likable personality, but I think Mr. Munong seems to have a good temper?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You rolled her eyes: "I think it's your personality that is spicy and unlikable?"

Sheng Qingyan heard, and wasn't happy: "How can you say that? I'm the Universe's number one Little Cutie, it's impossible to be unlikable!"

Suddenly —

A cool voice came from behind: "Not coming up yet?"

It was Teacher Mu Jianling.

Ji You and Sheng Qingyan simultaneously turned back, grinning at Teacher Mu Jianling, saying: "Coming right away!"

"Coming right away~"

Not daring to delay further, the two hurried onto the spaceship, and at that moment, Ji You inadvertently glanced and suddenly saw a slightly familiar flying device, she tilted her head to scrutinize it, suddenly remembering that it was the group of Free Mercenaries met at the "Haolai" restaurant last time at Kite Space Station. Those arrogant mercenaries had even sabotaged their spaceship during the last encounter in the starry sky.

Last time, there were 5 of them, 4 burly men, along with a very frail young man.

This time, there are still 5 of them. However, slightly different from before, the 4 burly tall men remained unchanged, but the frail young man was replaced by a frail girl.

That's right.

It's a girl.

Her complexion was very pale, with a hint of abnormal grayness, both pupils looked very vacant, her whole person appeared listless, looking like she had been seriously ill... And, these 4 men protected the girl well, cautiously escorting her into the spaceship...

Ji You felt a hint of curiosity arise inside, Sheng Qingyan suddenly turned halfway, glaring at Ji You: "What are you dawdling for, you poor dead ghost? If you're any later you'll be reprimanded, don't drag me down with you..."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said: "Don't worry, if I'm going down, I'm definitely taking you with me."

Sheng Qingyan stomped her foot angrily: "How annoying~ How can you treat the Universe's number one Little Cutie like this?"

Ji You's fingertips trembled, suppressing the urge to hit her, and quickly darted past Sheng Qingyan, into the spaceship.

Once Ji You and Sheng Qingyan boarded the spaceship, the spaceship's door promptly closed, and within the cockpit control room, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye and others were already prepared to start the spaceship. Once the Space Station's review was complete, the spaceship swiftly took off—

Swoosh—

Into the endless starry sky.

The spaceship traveled steadily across the infinite starry sky, passing through several slightly dangerous zones, bypassing countless barren, abandoned planets, not encountering interstellar pirates, nor spotting Star Beasts.

None at all.

Safely arrived at planet NY50.

Stopped outside the atmosphere, watching the green planet through the monitor, Ji You and others felt a long-missing calm in their hearts, realizing that the so-called peaceful existence was simply returning from a journey, to find everything as usual.

Ji You said: "We're back."

Chu Jiaojiao: "We're back."

Xuzhou slightly relaxed his tightly pursed lips, turning them up a bit, softly saying: "Finally safely arrived."

Beside him, Zhang Ye remarked with a face of emotion: "Indeed. Mission accomplished, safely and timely returned."

Lou said: "After this flight, I feel like not only has my spaceship piloting skills improved, but my Mecha driving skills have also enhanced."

Lance laughed heartily: "Yes, I feel like if I retake the Basic Mecha exam, I won't have to redo it."

Yue Qiyuan rolled his eyes and teased: "Even if you take it 10 more times, you'll still need to redo it."

Lance stammered: "As if you wouldn't need a redo if you took it again."

Yue Qiyuan: "Ahem... I wouldn't want to take the exam again."

Yue Qiguang didn't join the discussion, instead watching the monitor, touching his chin and murmuring: "I wonder if those idiots have all been eliminated yet? Dad hasn't started flexing his muscles yet, if they're all gone, it wouldn't be fun at all."

Ji You waved her hand, declaring: "In any case, everyone gained a lot this time. Except—"

Ji You paused, looking sympathetically at Sheng Qingyan.

Everyone else turned their faces, staring at Sheng Qingyan, focusing their gaze on Sheng Qingyan's head, where originally there was dark hair. Now, it was a round buzz cut, especially on the scalp, there was a very noticeable bald spot.

Tragic.

Truly tragic.

Kite Space Station sent a free wash-cut-blow voucher, Sheng Qingyan wanted to find a barber to save his hair, however, the stylists here weren't skilled, not only failing to rescue Sheng Qingyan's Little Cutie's baldness issue but accidentally cutting his hair badly.

In a fit of rage, Sheng Qingyan directly shaved his head.

Thus—

He ended up with a standard buzz cut.

Faced with everyone's sympathy, Sheng Qingyan frowned, disdainfully saying: "Why? Don't stare, none of you are my type."

Ji You chuckled: "Don't worry, I'm not fond of bald Little Cuties either."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Ji You laughed further, saying: "Also a poor ghost Little Cutie with no points..."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Listening to this, felt even more stung.

On the spaceship, Sheng Qingyan was in charge of sniping, always stationed at the cannon platform, this encounter brought him to doubt his proud sniping ability for the first time, Sheng Qingyan fired 581 Particle Cannons, only hitting 31 times.

Missed 550 times!

Such a high error rate!

Seeing the data record, Sheng Qingyan was shaking all over, almost unable to believe his eyes...

Well, that's bad enough.

This miserable man's unlucky streak continued, under Teacher Mu Jianling's penalty conditions, all the points Sheng Qingyan had saved from the start of school, were completely deducted to nothing, he even owed Teacher Mu Jianling a huge debt of points that presumably he couldn't repay until graduation.

Then.

Sheng Qingyan, in Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan... all his friends' witness, signed a stack of unfair contracts with Teacher Mu Jianling.

Pitiful...

Sad...

Regrettable...

Ji You had always thought she was unlucky, a genuine jinx, but seeing Sheng Qingyan's encounter, thinking of this tragic man's stack of contracts, she couldn't help but laugh. No one was more deserving of sympathy than Sheng Qingyan.

Truly.

Too tragic.

Chapter 832: Side Mission

The pitch-black starry sky, inside the spaceship parked outside the atmosphere, was filled with a thick sense of sympathy...

Sheng Qingyan, with a dark face, glared at Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan... He opened his mouth, showing a row of teeth, and said fiercely, "Anyone who dares mention points to me again—"

Ji You asked curiously, "What happens if someone mentions it?"

Sheng Qingyan stomped his foot hard, "I'll cry in front of them..."

Everyone: "..."

Ji You turned his back, Chu Jiaojiao looked away, and the others all turned their heads: "Forget it, let's pretend we didn't see anything."

Sheng Qingyan looked fierce, "I'll really cry in front of you..."

Ji You raised a hand to his forehead, "Cough cough... Spicy Eye, I give up, please don't cry."

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fist, "I give up too, otherwise I'm afraid I won't be able to control my fists."

Yue Qiguang looked around and asked, "Who has a knife? Give me a knife, I want to chop someone to pieces..."

Yue Qiyuan sneered, "If you want to chop, don't drag me into it." Then he paused, continued, "But if you're going to chop the Universe's most adorable Little Cutie, then please chop a few more times, thank you."

Lou, Lance, Zhang Ye all chimed in, "Please help chop a few more times for us too."

Xuzhou didn't chime in, he quietly touched his Space Button and whispered, "I have a knife here..."

As the words grew more outrageous, Sheng Qingyan heard them, and his cheeks trembled with anger. He stomped his foot, eyes wide open, "Enough oh, if you keep saying it, I'll fight you oh."

Shen Changqing had remained silent, but seeing Sheng Qingyan truly enraged at this point, hurriedly said, "Everyone, let's stop upsetting Ayan, he really might cry in front of you. And—"

Might just cry continuously, until you're out of options and have to surrender.

Cough cough...

Upon hearing this, everyone glanced at Sheng Qingyan—

Hiss~

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang... couldn't help but shiver, then, they all raised their hands simultaneously, touching their foreheads: [This guy really might keep crying, making a scene, kicking and screaming, perhaps even throwing a fit with a dramatic "one cry, two tantrums, three threats...."]

So, everyone directly conceded: "Little Cutie, we've lost, we'll never mention it again."

Anyway, it's all just pretending not to know, — even if no one mentions it, you're still bald, your points are still zero, your stack of contracts is still there...

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NY50 planet's entry review has been passed, and the spaceship is about to land on NY50. Mu Jianling, who had been comfortably lounging in the spaceship's lounge watching dramas, received the message, turned off the Light Computer, and walked out of the lounge.

Upon coming out, she naturally stood beside Sheng Qingyan, raised her hand, rubbed his close-cropped hair, and smiled, "Feels quite nice."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Mu Jianling then, taking advantage of the moment, rubbed again, smiled and said, "Hmm~ The crew cut is a bit prickly, if shaved entirely bald, the feel would be better."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan was about to explode!

Mu Jianling said, "Consider it?"

Sheng Qingyan suddenly lay flat on the ground, closed his eyes, opened his mouth, and with a raised voice began to howl, "I can't live anymore oh..."

"Just let me die, oh..."

"Why are you all bullying me oh..."

"What did I do wrong oh..."

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Mu Jianling: "..."

Mu Jianling coldly said, "Don't want your contract?"

When Sheng Qingyan heard this, his body trembled, but just for a moment. He resumed his loud howling: "Don't want it oh... I'm about to die oh, who cares about all that oh~"

Mu Jianling: "..."

Forgot this little rascal is even more shameless, more unruly than Ji You from number 4444...

Mu Jianling took a deep breath, her eyes turned dark: "In that case, I'll just send you off directly."

Saying that.

Mu Jianling raised her hand, about to strike Sheng Qingyan's forehead.

Ji You saw, hurriedly stopped her, "Teacher, spare him!"

Chu Jiaojiao also hurriedly stepped forward to stop her, said, "Teacher, don't take this guy seriously, he's not normal, doesn't even have a normal person's thinking."

Mu Jianling withdrew her hand, "Humph~"

Lying on the ground, rolling around, Sheng Qingyan heard this, a bit dissatisfied, glared at Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao, said, "You two oh, are you trying to save me oh, or stab me oh?"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao: "Stab!"

Mu Jianling frowned, "Not getting up yet?"

Seeing that Mrs. Mu really was about to get angry, Sheng Qingyan hurriedly got up, patted the dust off his body, said, "I'm being obedient oh, got up nicely oh..."

All those 'oh's made Mu Jianling's head ache, she darkened her face, said, "Everyone quiet."

Ji You, Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao... all straightened their posture, stood properly.

Mu Jianling said, "Before disembarking the spaceship, I have a task for you. Currently, all other groups' assessments have entered their final stages, only you are left. This task is related to your final assessment score, I hope you all complete it well."

Upon hearing this, everyone straightened their backs, waiting for Teacher Mu Jianling's next words.

Mu Jianling said, "What you need to do is wipe out all those fools down there."

Ji You: "!!!"

Everyone: "!!!"

Silence.

Deathly silence.

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After a moment, Ji You quietly asked, "Teacher, just wondering, what do you mean by completely wipe out?"

Chu Jiaojiao shrank her neck, "Is it the kind of extermination that leaves nothing behind?"

Yue Qiguang muttered, "Dad may not like these stupid idiots, but Dad is so strong, there's no need to stoop to their level, right?" Kill them? Exterminate them?

Cough cough...

Sorry, as a strong person, there's also a heart of pity for the weak.

Nearby, Yue Qiyuan directly said, "Sorry, I can't do it."

Shen Changqing remained silent, patiently watched Mu Jianling, waiting for her to continue to explain.

The others also held back without speaking.

Mu Jianling glanced at the 10 people, immediately scolded: "Have Carrion Vultures eaten your brains? Did I tell you to slaughter them by hand? Which word? Which phrase made your 222 grams of brain capacity generate such a huge misunderstanding?"

"Cough cough..." Everyone cleared their throats, Ji You whispered, "Clearly, every word, every phrase is easy to misunderstand. Besides—"

Ji You secretly glanced at Mu Jianling, found her staring at him with a dangerous look, quickly shut up, internally griped: Besides—You're saying such scary things with such a fierce expression.

The students remained silent, not saying a word, then Mu Jianling continued: "The assessment below has entered its final stage, with 31 groups still left. Your mission is to create disruptions so that they can't achieve high scores while also eliminating them."

Everyone: "..."

Chapter 833: Another 3-Star Warrior

Group 1 taking on 31 groups one-on-one?

Isn't this difference too significant?

Isn't the task difficulty too daunting?

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and others couldn't help but show conflicted expressions. Mu Jianling ignored the students' questions and dilemmas, unreasonably saying, "In any case, I don't care what methods you use, just make sure to do everything possible to sabotage their assessment."

Hiss~

Terrifying.

Terrifying indeed.

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Ji You and others, even before taking action, couldn't help but silently light a candle for those classmates below.

Then——

Mu Jianling's tone shifted, speaking eerily, "Of course, if you don't complete it, or if those idiots below score too high, then—it's you who will die!"

"Cough cough..." Ji You immediately stood up, wiping his forehead, saying, "They say it's better for a friend to die than oneself. We have no choice, we're forced by circumstances." Saying this, Ji You spread his hands, looked at everyone: "No choice, let's figure out a way to take down those comrades below."

Everyone: "Cough cough..."

Chu Jiaojiao used the back of her hand as a fan, continuously fanning her face: "All wanderers in a strange land, it's better for him to die than me."

Yue Qiguang said with a face full of melancholy: "Even the strong feel pity for the weak, but the premise is that the strong must be alive themselves." Finishing, he looked at Ji You, asking, "Idiot 4444, how shall we proceed, you tell us?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said: "Since your awareness is so high, I'll appoint you as the squad's top executioner, go crush them."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Right now, even before discussing how to take action, they started discussing who would act.

So, the entire team suddenly changed direction, each starting to shirk responsibility.

Yue Qiyuan seemed to have pondered deeply, then solemnly said: "Don't call me for killing, I don't kill people, I'll keep watch for you."

Shen Changqing whispered: "Cough cough... I'll also keep watch."

Zhang Ye shook his head, said: "I'm naturally not suited for killing or arson, how about I handle logistics, cook meals for you guys?"

Everyone: "..."

Zhang Ye tilted his head: "What's wrong with that?"

Ji You rolled his eyes: "With your horrible cooking skills, we can't use you for cooking, better you just honestly wield the Big Saber." Saying this, Ji You waved his hand: "Alright, Zhang Ye will be at the forefront, responsible for inspecting the situation."

"Little Zhouzhou..."

Xuzhou shuddered, lifting his head.

Ji You looked at Xuzhou's bushy eyebrows and big eyes, his sharp language unconsciously retracted, speaking kindly and lovingly: "Little Zhouzhou, you're just responsible for following Zhang Ye, if anything goes wrong, just run, don't worry about him."

Zhang Ye: "..."

Zhang Ye said speechlessly: "Captain, don't play favorites, treat everyone equally, okay?"

Xuzhou whispered: "I don't feel like I'm getting much special treatment either..."

The spaceship began descending towards the planet, its speed getting slower and slower, Mu Jianling crossed her arms, leaning against one corner, not caring about what the students were discussing, considering herself an outsider, half-closing her eyes.

Next.

The spaceship landed smoothly.

The landing point was the storage base on Planet NY50, where a large dock had been built to transport the vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, and staple foods produced on the Agricultural Star.

Because Ji You's group was tasked to replace the warriors stationed here to transport the food, they must hand over the task to the garrison here.

When the spaceship steadied, Ji You and the others stepped off just as the sunrise was occurring, they looked straight ahead to see an open plaza, at the center of which, a raising ceremony was taking place.

The bright red Alliance flag was being carefully escorted by a few warriors dressed in Sixth Legion uniforms, being slowly raised—

A song began to play.

Mu Jianling, walking at the front, halted her steps, then she straightened her back, raised her hand, giving a standard salute, then silently watched the Alliance flag rise.

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing... all stood straight, saluting...

second.

seconds.

seconds.

...

The flag fluttered high in the wind, the song stopped, and the ceremonial team gradually dispersed.

Only then did Mu Jianling move her feet, walking to the side.

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing... followed, then Ji You, as the captain, entered the task handover office, loudly said: "Reporting, Reserve Soldier Ji You here for task handover."

"Enter."

Inside was a clear, male voice.

Ji You immediately went in, handed over the written materials, and briefly orally introduced the situations encountered during the voyage.

Inside the room, the person responsible for receiving the task was a young warrior, tall and handsome, with a gentle and warm demeanor, his warrior uniform, disciplinary buttons, military boots, military hat... this attire slightly toned down his gentleness, adding a bit of severe aura.

After Ji You finished reporting, he quietly waited for the other party to speak.

The young warrior, after reading, looked up, glanced lightly at Ji You who was stern-faced and very serious, and said with a smile: "No need to be nervous. You completed the task very excellently, I will accurately report to the base here and request a certain reward for you."

Eh?

Hearing the word "reward," Ji You's eyes immediately brightened, her natural beauty was already unmatched, and now looking at someone with her sparkling eyes, even without intending to, a bit of smile appeared.

The feeling was very kind and warm...

The young warrior couldn't help but smile, softly said: "Ji You, my name is Xie Juan, a graduate from the First Military Academy of the Alliance Combat Department. Although I'm not from Lanyue Star Military Academy, you can still call me Senior Xie Juan."

Listening to the other's smooth voice, looking at the gentle smile, and receiving the caring gaze, Ji You was momentarily dazed, and a long-hidden scene in his mind gradually became clear:

"Need my help?"

"I'm Lu Zhen, you can call me Senior Lu Zhen."

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This Xie Juan senior in front of her, be it temperament or character, even the smile at the corner of his mouth, gave a feeling very much like, very much like Senior Lu Zhen... all were so gentle as jade, elegant and handsome...

Xie Juan said: "Ji You?"

Ji You recovered, squinted, smiled and asked: "Senior Xie Juan, may I ask what kind of reward will be given to us?"

Xie Juan thoughtfully said: "Perhaps fruit? Vegetables? Or meat, these agricultural products, perhaps a small pennant?"

Ji You, upon hearing, laughed, then discussed casually with Chu Jiaojiao and others behind her, said: "Then, please Senior Xie Juan strive for agricultural products as a reward for us."

The agricultural products produced on NY50 are very famous, always supplying the major legions, usually when one wants to buy, they might not even be able to get them.

Chapter 834: No Ideas

Ji You finished speaking, looking expectantly at Xie Juan.

Xie Juan said, "Alright."

Then, Xie Juan smiled and said, "The handover is complete, Ji You, do you have any questions or need any help?"

Ji You thought for a moment and shook her head, "Nothing else."

Xie Juan looked at Ji You and the dark circles under the eyes of the people behind her like Chu Jiaojiao and Sheng Qingyan, and said with a smile, "Go back and rest with your classmates."

Ji You and the others raised their hands in salute, "Yes."

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While Ji You and the others were entering the task handover room, Mu Jianling had already left early. As Ji You and the group walked out of the handover room, they looked at each other and saw admiration in each other's eyes.

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fist, "3-star warrior!"

Yue Qiyuan said, "Another 3-star warrior!"

Xuzhou's eyes shone with excitement, "So awesome."

This is just an agricultural planet, mainly focusing on crops and animal husbandry. Although it is a food base belonging to the military, there are fewer than 20 warriors stationed here, and yet there are two 3-star warriors among them.

Senior Brother Han Zheng is one.

This Xie Juan, who had such a gentle and harmless demeanor, turned out to be a 3-star warrior too.

The 3-star status is an honor that only warriors who have made significant contributions and fought numerous battles on the frontlines can achieve. Being recognized as a star-level warrior is the highest honor for all mechanical warriors.

In the handover room just now, Ji You and the others tried very hard to control their emotions and not to show too much. But now, everyone started chatting animatedly.

Xuzhou clenched his fist and said, "My dream is to become a 3-star warrior."

Yue Qiguang said, "Is that all your dream is? My dad's dream is to become a 5-star warrior!"

Hearing this, Xuzhou couldn't help lowering his head, feeling puzzled. Is his goal really too low? Should he aim higher? Just setting a 3-star goal, does everyone think he lacks ambition? Thinking of this, a blush of shame rose on Xuzhou's face.

Ji You couldn't stand that idiot Yue Qiguang bullying her simple-minded and honest friend Xuzhou, so she rolled her eyes and said, "You should work on becoming a 1-star warrior first before talking about that."

Yue Qiguang huffed, "Dad is destined to become a 5-star warrior."

Ji You: "Hmph~"

The Dock is quite a long distance from the student's base for this end-of-term assessment. Walking there would take three days and nights that wouldn't end, so Ji You and the others used a Floating Car as their mode of transportation.

In the Floating Car, 10 people sat individually as they realized the topic had drifted away. Shen Changqing said, "Do any of you have any ideas on how to complete the task Teacher Mu gave us?"

Lou, Lance, and Yue Qiguang, who didn't like to think, all shook their heads.

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Why don't we try to sneak in among them without them noticing, and launch a surprise attack?"

Yue Qiyuan shook his head and said, "Good idea, but not very feasible. There are a total of 31 groups, 310 people, and we only have 10 people. Even with a surprise attack, we can't take on so many people, and we might end up being taken down by them joining forces."

Shen Changqing said, "Ayuan is right."

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Then what do you guys suggest?"

"Is there a way to lure them all to one place and beat them all at once?" Sheng Qingyan raised a hand, wanting to touch her silky smooth hair, only to remember that it was gone, having been shaved into a buzz cut. Suddenly, Sheng Qingyan's mouth twitched with mild regret and she let her hand drop.

Ji You touched her chin, "It's not entirely unfeasible..."

Hmm?

Everyone looked at Ji You and asked, "Do you have any ideas?"

Ji You grinned and giggled, "I don't have any ideas yet, but we need to find some tricksters among ourselves first."

Everyone: "..."

The atmosphere became awkward for a moment, then Ji You suddenly said, "Shen Changqing——"

Shen Changqing: "..."

Shen Changqing's body trembled slightly as he looked towards Ji You. After hesitating for a moment, he said softly, "Ji You, are you calling me for something?"

Ji You leaned closer, staring at him for a long time, making Shen Changqing feel uncomfortable. A faint red blush appeared on his delicate face, even his earlobes turned slightly red.

Ji You smiled and said, "That's right. When it's time to trick people, use this face, it's guaranteed to be foolproof."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Shen Changqing, a bit helpless, suppressed the redness in his face, lowly protested, "I don't lie."

"Cough, cough..." Ji You turned to Yue Qiguang and said, "Yue Qiguang——"

Yue Qiguang, hearing this, frowned and said, slightly annoyed, "Idiot, what do you mean? Are you saying dad looks like a con artist?"

"Cough, cough..." Hearing this, Shen Changqing cleared his throat slightly uncomfortably, "I don't have a con artist's face either."

Ji You said, "Saying you look like a con artist is complimenting you, you just have an idiot's face. However, idiots don't lie, so when an idiot talks, most people tend to believe it."

Yue Qiguang angrily said, "4444, duel me, and dad will show you who the real idiot is!"

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fist, "Bring it on! Dare to hit Ji You, ask if Chu Jiaojiao wants that."

Ji You abruptly said, "Jiaojiao!"

"Present!" Chu Jiaojiao's eyes shone brightly, moving closer to Ji You's face, she said, "Ji You, just tell me what you need, for Ji You, I will definitely learn to deceive well."

Ji You pushed her big head away and said, "You're a brawler, why learn deception? Just go straight and whack them."

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao shouted, "Don't underestimate brawlers, brawlers have the heart for deception too." Then suddenly her tone changed, she looked at Ji You's face, with an inexplicable gentleness, "Especially— hoping to deceive Ji You's heart."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You raised her hand, shaking off the goosebumps, and said, "Enough, this stuff is outdated, not popular in Ancient Earth anymore, stop it."

Continuing on.

Ji You said, "Spicy Eye!"

Sheng Qingyan raised an eyebrow, "What is it?"

Ji You studied Sheng Qingyan, looking up and down and said, "Hmm~ Doesn't look like a con artist, but your entire being reeks of a 'coppery' smell, begging for a fight. Alright, someone needs to stand in front to take hits, that's you."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan rolled her eyes and scolded, "What did I do wrong? Is being rich a crime?"

As soon as the words were out, Ji You hadn't responded yet, everyone else simultaneously said, "It actually is a crime."

Sheng Qingyan closed her eyes and leaned back in her chair, deciding to just ignore them and rest.

Ji You: "Xuzhou——"

Xuzhou was surprised, "Me?"

Ji You looked at him and shook her head, "Forget it, too simple-minded, you'd probably get conned instead."

Xuzhou's mouth twitched, wanting to say that he's not dumb, not simple-minded at all.

Ji You raised her hand, lightly tapping the table and said, "So, besides the tricksters, we also need some people to handle miscellaneous tasks." With that, Ji You lifted her gaze to the remaining few people.

Chapter 835: Honest People

"Need a few errand boys..."

Hearing Ji You's words, facing his inquisitive expression, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Lance, and Lou all looked a bit uncomfortable. Then Zhang Ye suddenly stepped forward and said, "Doing errands is impossible for us, it will never happen in this lifetime. Us excellent warriors have no choice but to work hard and take down some nonsense-talking scammers to sustain a living."

Saying that, Zhang Ye rolled up his sleeves and rubbed his fists.

Ji You looked disdainful and said, "Seems not too clever, better not consider this errand."

Zhang Ye was rendered speechless.

In the next few minutes, after everyone gathered to discuss a bit, Ji You put away his joking demeanor and said seriously, "This is related to our assessment results, everyone let's focus, we have 10 minutes, return to the camp and get ready to fight."

Hearing this, everyone's expressions turned stern.

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In the early morning, just after night receded, the sunrise gradually ascended, its warm yellow light spreading across the earth, illuminating the students' temporary camp. However, the ambiance in the camp didn't ease up because of the sunrise.

The place was silent. In the silence, paradoxically, there was an aura of strictness and tension. Various temporary shelters of different sizes dotted the flat land, and the camp was currently deserted...

Now, everyone knew there were 31 groups in total, 310 people altogether, and every group was an enemy... Only by staying vigilant could one survive till the end.

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In a crude stone house, a male student stealthily poked his head out the window, glanced around, and was about to retract his head when suddenly—

Whoosh!

Hearing the whistle of something cutting through the air, the boy's expression changed, but it was too late.

Bang!

An arrow struck his head, and the boy opened his mouth: "Damn it!"

"Buzz..."

"Life Value is 0."

Helpless, the boy had no choice but to follow the exam's requirements, cooperatively falling to the ground. Then, his remaining three teammates looked at his 'corpse,' both annoyed and shaking their heads.

"Fool!"

"I told you not to poke your head out."

"How could you be so silly?"

"Don't you know everyone lurking outside is an enemy?"

"But you can't not gather any intel and wait for someone to kick the door down and slaughter us, right?"

...

This group of 10 people, having gone through some ordeals, ended up with their captain and vice-captain both eliminated, leaving 4 who didn't really get along. With prior disputes, none of them convinced the others, and now, with external enemies yet unresolved, they started an internal fight.

The boy who fell was someone who refused to listen and insisted on peeking out. As a result, the moment he stuck his head out, he got 'popped.'

Thus, this group of students was down to 3 people: two boys and one girl.

Once in the practical exercise, the students' weapons were all replaced with non-lethal 'duds,' and each student wore a sensor that measured their Life Value. When attacked and wounded, their Life Value would correspondingly decrease. If it was a lethal injury, Life Value would immediately drop to 0. Of course, with appropriate treatment or adequate rest, Life Value could slowly increase again.

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In short, it was similar to the model used during Ji You and their first year's freshman drills at the school.

At this moment, inside a simple cabin.

"If you want to gather intel, you go ahead, but don't drag me down if you die," a boy with short golden hair leaned against a corner wall, said impatiently.

"Do you think hiding here will get you through the assessment? Keep dreaming," said a girl as she wiggled her eyebrows, lifted a finger, and pointed at the boy's body on the ground, "This idiot died here, you think it's over? No—this is just the beginning. The enemy has discovered our location; if they can kill him, they can kill you, kill me... We can't just sit and wait to die, we should find a way to take the initiative!"

"Take the initiative?" The blond boy sized up the girl with disdain, "Do you think you're Chu Jiaojiao, taking them down with one punch! With your ability, you're not even as good as the old number 4444 Ji You, yet you want to take the initiative?"

The girl's face darkened: "Even if I'm weaker than number 4444, I'm still better than a loudmouth king like you! If you're so capable, why don't you forge a bloody path out yourself."

In a certain dark corner, a group of people was crouched together. Among them was Ji You, taking up the least space and looking skinny. His face also darkened, "Damn it, caught in the crossfire... if you're going to use an example, at least pick a suitable one, what do you mean by not even as good as the old 4444 Ji You?"

Ji You raised his eyebrows, expressing dissatisfaction, "No matter if back then, now, or in the future, I, Ji You, am always the strongest, okay?"

Chu Jiaojiao stared at Ji You's face, without taking a stance, just nodding along with a chuckle, "That's right, that's right, Ji You was always nice-looking back then too..."

Ji You was displeased, and Yue Qiguang was also displeased, hanging his eyes and saying, "Dad can also take them down with one punch; why not use Dad as an example?"

After the arrow shot, Sheng Qingyan continued to squint and scan the surroundings intently, the chatter around making his head ache. He immediately put down the aiming device, pursed his lips, and grumbled to Ji You and the others, "Why so much nonsense, it's affecting my judgment, hurry up and zip it..."

Shen Changqing asked, "Ayan, besides the ones just now, can you see any other lurking groups?"

Sheng Qingyan shook his head and said, "They're hiding as securely as mice; can't see clearly..."

Upon hearing this, Shen Changqing pondered and said, "We don't know the current camp situation, we're unclear about the specifics of the 31 groups. If we rashly enter the camp now, we might easily get targeted."

Chu Jiaojiao suggested, "Find a reason to sneak in and gather information?"

Ji You thought for a moment and said, "The group that was just fighting among themselves is the best material for gathering information. How about I and Shen Changqing go find them and ask about the situation?"

Being suddenly called out, Shen Changqing looked slightly taken aback. He understood well that Ji You's proposal, openly saying to ask them for information, was essentially planning to deceive them.

For the entire group of 10 people, when Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Lance, Lou, and Yue Qiyuan were 100 kilometers from the camp, they stopped and waited there for further news from Ji You's team.

Meanwhile, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Shen Changqing, finding it suitable for scams, were specially dispatched by Ji You to the camp's vicinity to gather intelligence first.

Scam...

Thinking of this word, Shen Changqing's face suddenly flushed red.

Chapter 836: Disliked

Inside the stone-built residence, two boys and a girl were still bickering nonstop, when suddenly, a faint 'knock knock' sounded from outside the door, causing all three to gasp and turn their heads.

"Knock~"

"Knock~"

"Knock~"

...

Each sound, with a rhythmic pace, resonated in the hearts of the three people.

Girl: "Is there someone?"

The short-haired boy took a step back: "Who?"

The other black-haired boy thought for a moment, walked to the back of the door, and boldly asked, "Who's knocking?"

"It's me, Shen Changqing." The voice outside was Shen Changqing's clear voice. Hearing this familiar voice, the black-haired boy, Liu Shun, moved closer to peek outside through the gap in the stone wall.

He immediately saw Shen Changqing's face.

No mistake.

The tension in Liu Shun's heart eased a bit, but he remained cautious. Wasn't Shen Changqing and the entire Group 44 dispatched on a special mission by the Agricultural Star's garrison to another planet?

How could he appear now?

Liu Shun felt a bit puzzled, and alarm bells rang in his heart.

Then, Liu Shun heard Shen Changqing outside ask, "Is it inconvenient to open the door?"

Liu Shun frowned: "What do you need?"

The blond-haired boy and the lone girl both hunched their bodies, watching the outside vigilantly.

Shen Changqing frowned and said, "We encountered some trouble; our spaceship deviated from its course due to a mistake as we entered the dock, landing near the farm. Plus, we ran out of energy and the propulsion system broke down. We can't move for now, so I walked back to the campsite with my teammates..."

Ridiculous!

Can a spaceship still deviate from its course while at the dock?

Liu Shun didn't believe it at all, and neither did the girl nor the blond-haired boy.

Then.

Shen Changqing said: "There's no need to deceive you. I came back to the campsite first with Ji You to find some classmates for help."

As he said this, Shen Changqing struggled to maintain composure, unable to stop his face from blushing furiously. Because these words were utter nonsense, they couldn't even fool a three-year-old child.

Shen Changqing did his best. According to Ji You, it didn't matter what nonsense it was; as long as he found an excuse to make contact, it would be fine.

Now, contact had been made, so... mission accomplished, right?

Listening to Shen Changqing, Liu Shun looked through the gap and saw Shen Changqing's face, red and white with a hint of gray and black, looking a bit embarrassed, a bit awkward, and somewhat inexplicably shy...

Liu Shun saw it, and so did the girl and the blond-haired boy beside him. The three exchanged a rare glance, and the blond-haired boy raised an eyebrow: "Did Group 44 finally mess up?"

The girl said, "Looks like they really did mess up."

Otherwise, Shen Changqing, who usually appeared calm, composed, and reserved, wouldn't have shown such an expression now. Besides, if there was a trap or an ambush, wouldn't it be more efficient for Group 44 to find a place to hide and ambush the three of them directly? No need to play tricks like this.

So, Shen Changqing was knocking openly because he had nothing to hide.

Liu Shun looked at the girl and mouthed, "Should we open the door?"

Girl: "No, ask a bit more first."

Liu Shun was about to speak when he saw Shen Changqing, looking regretful, about to turn and leave. Liu Shun quickly said, "Wait a minute. You still haven't said why you're here. Ask for our help? We can't fix mecha or spaceships, you know."

Shen Changqing lowered his voice: "It's not that. We just got into the campsite and didn't see anyone. We heard faint voices from this house, so I came to ask you."

Just then, Ji You came over and said to Shen Changqing, "We couldn't find anyone in the previous houses. Since they won't respond, let's see if there are any others around."

Liu Shun said, "You don't know there's a war going on?"

Ji You and Shen Changqing were startled, their faces full of confusion: "Huh?"

Liu Shun, the girl, and the blond-haired boy kept a close eye on Shen Changqing and Ji You's expressions through the gap. When Liu Shun said this, their instinctive reaction didn't seem like they were pretending.

The three exchanged glances, and Liu Shun said, "You don't know?"

Shen Changqing gaped and said, "We didn't know. Teacher Mu isn't here. Since we returned, we haven't been able to find her, nor did she tell us the arrangements afterward. We thought we'd return to the campsite to inquire about the situation and ask the garrison to help repair the spaceship."

Ji You curiously asked, "Even if it's an assessment, isn't it still before 8 o'clock? Isn't it supposed to be a ceasefire period?"

"What ceasefire period?" Liu Shun muttered, then thought for a moment. Talking through the gap like this could easily expose their location and raise others' suspicions, so he said, "Come in first. Let's not attract attention."

The door opened slightly, and Shen Changqing bent down to squeeze in. Ji You was about to follow, but the blond-haired boy blocked the way, saying, "One person is enough. You don't need to come in."

They had absolute confidence in dealing with Shen Changqing alone, but if Ji You joined, things might go wrong.

Ji You frowned and asked in shock: "Why can he come in, and I can't?"

The blond-haired boy glanced at Ji You with small eyes and said, "Are you as honest as he is?"

Ji You: "!!!"

Ji You pointed at herself and said, "Can't you see the word 'honest' written all over my face?"

Next to her, hearing the blond-haired boy say that, Shen Changqing's already blushing face turned even redder. He struggled to keep a straight face and said, "I'm not honest either."

This 'honest,' didn't sound much like a compliment.

The blond-haired boy was mildly choked by Shen Changqing's retort, further convinced of the truthfulness of all Shen Changqing had said earlier. Consequently, he pulled Shen Changqing in and blocked Ji You, shooing her away: "Alright, go find a place to hide yourself. Don't just stand there."

Ji You: "..."

Even knowing Shen Changqing had an honest face that probably couldn't lie, facing such differential treatment left Ji You utterly shocked. Her lips quivered, unable to utter a word for a long time out of anger.

Then.

Ji You didn't go elsewhere either. She just found an empty house, squatting under the eaves corner, waiting for Shen Changqing to finish gathering information and come out.

About five minutes later, Shen Changqing came out. As he walked out, he lightly dusted off his sleeve and then strolled towards Ji You...

Step.

Two steps.

Three steps.

...

His steps were light, his posture graceful as jade...

Ji You stood up and quietly asked: "How did it go?"

Shen Changqing kept a straight face and didn't say a word but raised his hand, making an 'OK' gesture.

Ji You immediately chuckled and said, "Not bad, honest guy."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Chapter 837: Fuming Corpse Awakening

Sunrise, gentle breeze, shadows of the trees...

Shen Changqing walked quietly towards Ji You, with a composed expression, the door of the simple stone house behind him wide open...

The person approaching was tall, with handsome features and a gentle temperament, walking neither too fast nor too slow, like a beautiful painting, but Ji You had no mind to admire him, quickly looked behind Shen Changqing and asked, "Did you handle it?"

Shen Changqing: "Yes."

Ji You was shocked: "You handled them all?"

Shen Changqing's face turned red: "Yes, pretty neatly."

"Oh? Let me see." Ji You pushed Shen Changqing aside, hurriedly walked into the stone house, and upon a closer look, saw the four 'corpses' lying inside, glaring at him with wide eyes. Ji You laughed and said, "Wow~ indeed quite neatly."

The four 'corpses' glared: "..."

Shen Changqing followed inside, saying very seriously, "One group, all nice and neat."

The four corpses nearly sprang to life upon hearing this! Especially Liu Shun, the blond boy Harry, and the only girl Huang Ting, who glared angrily at Shen Changqing as he entered. This guy, looking so kind and innocent, unexpectedly secretly played a dark hand on their group.

Although the talents of the three weren't high, Huang Ting's Spiritual Power A-level was rendered powerless in front of Shen Changqing's S-level spiritual power, this left Huang Ting shocked and anxious.

So the gap between herself and these geniuses like Shen Changqing had already become this wide?

Not only Huang Ting felt dismayed, but Liu Shun and Harry were Physique A-level and Spiritual Power C-level. Despite having a much lower spiritual power than Shen Changqing, they boasted a stronger physique, but didn't expect that when Shen Changqing took down Huang Ting, Harry and Liu Shun immediately teamed up for a counterattack, yet still couldn't beat Shen Changqing? Shen Changqing's physique was only B-level.

The three were both indignant and unwilling.

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Ji You patted Shen Changqing's shoulder, laughed, and praised, "Shen Changqing, my friend... you have great prospects."

Shen Changqing pursed his lips, remembering the phrase 'honest man' from Ji You and the blond boy lying on the ground. Suddenly, feeling slightly uneasy, his face reddened. He didn't respond to the compliment.

Ji You brought a chair over and sat right next to the blond boy 'corpse', casually ruffled his big head, then, crossing his legs, asked seemingly unintentionally, "Who said I wasn't an honest person just now?"

The blond boy Harry's face turned a mix of green and white.

Deliberately.

did it deliberately.

In the freshman exercise field, there were rumors that this guy had a hobby of insulting the 'dead'. Harry originally thought it was just hearsay, but unexpectedly, it turned out to be true. As his face grew furious, he met eyes with Ji You's obvious teasing gaze, only to hear her say: "Really is an honest man indeed."

Shen Changqing's ears twitched.

Honest man...

These three words, somehow, didn't sound like praise.

When Harry heard Ji You say this, he became even angrier, his face turning red and his neck swelling. Ji You shouted, "Harry, take it easy, buddy. Corpses don't usually look this rosy. Careful not to get your points deducted."

Harry: "..."

Harry silently inhaled, exhaled, inhaled, exhaled... After a few cycles like this, he gradually calmed down, and his face paled a bit.

Nearby, Liu Shun lying there witnessed this scene, feeling both relieved and introspective: indeed, he's not the most miserable one. Huang Ting also shut her eyes immediately, deciding to see no evil.

Then.

The least conspicuous of the four 'corpses' suddenly sprang up, glaring at Ji You and Shen Changqing, demanding, "Who! Who in our team killed me?"

The sudden mock resurrection startled Ji You and Shen Changqing, both stared at the 'corpse', looking at him as if he was a brave warrior. The year-end exam venue, and yet daring to pretend like this, truly...

Truly not afraid of losing points.

Ji You grinned, "Bro, stop glaring, the culprit who killed you isn't here."

Beside her, Shen Changqing added, "It was Sheng Qingyan."

"..." Ji You opened her mouth: "Changqing Little Cutie, aren't you worried about insulting this brother?"

Shen Changqing flushed again: "Giving Ayan something to do."

Ji You squinted at Shen Changqing, stroked her chin, and said, "Hmm... I think I now understand why Spicy Eye claimed he was often beaten as a child and frequently had parents bringing their kids to complain about him."

"Ahem..." Shen Changqing paused for a moment, then couldn't help explaining, "It's not what you think. After something happened in Ayan's family, he just didn't want to move, didn't want to play, and didn't speak to anyone. I just wanted him to have more contact with people, didn't want him to close himself off..."

Ahem... Though every time, it seemed like it backfired. For example, a female classmate once grabbed his favorite candies, specifically ate them in front of Ayan to cheer him up... and in the end, she suddenly changed her mind, wanted to eat all the candies herself, Ayan asked her for some, she refused, so Sheng Qingyan ended up fighting with her, and lost the fight...

Then.

I realized that wasn't working, I couldn't let anyone bully Ayan, so I beat that girl up as well, and eventually, the girl's parents brought her over to demand an explanation. Grandpa was frequently away from home, could never find him, so the girl's parents went to the Sheng Family next door for justice, Ayan took all the blame himself.

And then...

In short, there were several scenes like this of good intentions leading to bad outcomes when I was young.

...

Next to them, the corpse suddenly slammed the ground: "Sheng Qingyan!!!"

Ji You was shocked: "You're really not afraid of losing all your academic points."

This corpse immediately shut his mouth, tilted his eyes, and didn't move, attempting to get away with it. However, every student wears a Life Sensor on them, and once their Life Value hits zero, it signifies the student is 'dead'. After death, the sensor continuously records any students' speech or actions that don't match typical 'corpse' behaviors, then transmits this data fully to the school's review system, which scores the students' performances.

Anyway, this corpse had spoken two lines, truly commendable for his bravery.

Ji You ignored the corpse and began speaking to Shen Changqing, "So, from what the mouths of these three honest people lying here said, among the 31 teams, Yu Yi and Penny's team is the most formidable, right?"

Shen Changqing nodded: "Yes. Yu Song's team was eliminated by them."

Ji You stroked her chin: "Yu Yi, didn't expect this guy to be so formidable, huh. He's a threat. Or should we pair up now and eliminate him?"

Shen Changqing: "Just the two of us?"

Ji You looked at Shen Changqing encouragingly: "Yes, you need to trust in your honest face."

Shen Changqing suddenly corrected: "It's all about acting skills."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You stopped joking, said: "Probably just the two of us, can't deal with them, anyway Yu Yi isn't as easy to fool as these three blockheads lying here."

Liu Shun, Harry, Huang Ting: "..."

Chapter 838: Improv Performance

Ji You: "I estimate that just the two of us won't be able to handle them, since Yu Yi isn't as easily fooled as these three idiots lying on the ground."

The corpses on the ground, Harry, Liu Shun, and Huang Ting: "..."

Shen Changqing nodded in agreement, saying, "Indeed."

The three idiots were truly angry, but clearly, their anger had surpassed their limits. Everyone thought it'd be better not to see and hear so they wouldn't be provoked, so they simply closed their eyes and pretended to be completely dead.

Ji You picked up a wooden stick and began drawing on the ground. As he drew, he asked, "The three idiots just mentioned, this is the current map of the distribution of various forces. Take a look, do you want to make any modifications?"

Shen Changqing stared at it for a few seconds, then raised his hand to point to a few spots, saying, "Here, and here, need some slight modifications."

Ji You adjusted accordingly. "Look. Yu Yi's territory is the largest; their manpower is the fullest, all are tough nuts, and hard to deal with. Next is Jiang Fang's group, which currently has 7 members. Among them, Jiang Fang is most troublesome, while the rest aren't a big threat, let Jie and Yue Qiguang handle it..."

Shen Changqing nodded, then thought of a problem, saying, "But, the distance between these groups is too close; as soon as there's any commotion, other groups will immediately notice, so it's hard for us to pick them off one by one."

"That's indeed a problem." Ji You tapped the ground with the stick, casually saying, "Why not eliminate the dangerous groups quietly first, and then lure the other group members out, taking them all down at once?"

The four corpses on the ground: "..."

To say such vicious words in such a calm tone, indeed, beneath the facade of weak chicken 4444 lies a black heart and the soul of a beast.

Then.

Shen Changqing said, "The plan is good, but it's not easy to deceive so many people to come out." Between each group are competitors; every group must try its best to eliminate others.

Who would be stupid enough to come out and gather?

Ji You pondered for a moment, saying, "Let me think of a way."

"Intelligence gathering is complete; let's go back and discuss with everyone." Ji You stood up, shook off the dirt, and suddenly—

Crash~

Crash~

Crash~

Harry, lying nearby, unfortunately eating a mouthful of dirt: "..."

Shen Changqing said, "Let's go."

The two villains dusted off and left directly, leaving behind four corpses on the ground, glaring helplessly...

The place occupied by Liu Shun, Harry, and Huang Ting is on the outermost edge of the entire camp, very remote, and the concealment isn't particularly good. Ji You and Shen Changqing retraced their steps back to the previous spot where the team was hiding.

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan saw the two return, Chu Jiaojiao exclaimed joyfully, "Ji You, you finally came back."

Yue Qiguang glanced sideways, "I thought you two got done in; Dad was planning to lead reinforcements to collect your corpses."

Ji You ignored Yue Qiguang and looked at Chu Jiaojiao, saying, "We need further discussion on the specific plan; Shen Changqing and I think we should first deal with the tough nuts."

Chu Jiaojiao patted her chest, saying, "Leave it to me. In the entire 131st class, there's nobody I, Chu Jiaojiao, can't defeat."

Yue Qiguang rolled his eyes, saying, "Dad is still running around alive!"

Chu Jiaojiao looked at him oddly, saying, "Do you really want to experience your brother collecting your corpse?"

Ji You sighed, saying, "Folks, we've beaten the level 8 Viper Worms together; that's enough to brag for a lifetime. Can we be more mature? Steadier? Learn from Shen Changqing? Less bickering, more action."

Yue Qiguang, Chu Jiaojiao: "...Cough cough...Who loves to bicker with such an idiot?"

Next.

Ji You showed the intel map to Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang, then asked, "Jiaojiao, you and Yue Qiguang, along with Sheng Qingyan, can you handle Jiang Fang's 7-member group?"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Yes."

The other two didn't speak, but their raised chins said it all.

Ji You said, "Good, it's up to you."

As he thought, Ji You asked somewhat uneasily, "Five minutes? Can you do it?"

Chu Jiaojiao thought for a bit, saying, "We're in the shadows, they're in the open, an unexpected attack—five minutes is viable."

Ji You decisively said, "So it's settled; you must return in five minutes. I believe in you."

Then, after the group discussed the general plan together, Ji You said to Shen Changqing, who didn't have a task, "Bring the rest of the support crew back; we'll act together."

Soon.

The group split up; Yue Qiguang, Chu Jiaojiao, and Sheng Qingyan went to stealthily deal with Jiang Fang's group. Shen Changqing went to bring back Xuzhou, Lou, Lance, Zhang Ye, and Yue Qiyuan who were lurking outside.

Ji You himself stayed put to keep watch for the others.

Soon, Shen Changqing brought Xuzhou and company back to Ji You, and Ji You, shedding his playful demeanor, said seriously, "According to this method, we can only succeed once. If not..."

Everyone's expression turned solemn.

Ji You said, "No failure allowed!"

Everyone: "..."

Ji You waved his hand, saying, "Let's go, let's go."

Then.

They all saw Ji You stood directly, without any precaution or camouflage, openly walked toward the camp, shouting as she went, "Hey! Comrades, I'm back!"

Her voice startled everyone.

Instantly, the silence of the entire camp was shattered by Ji You's shout.

Just lifting their feet to follow Ji You, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Lou, Lance, Shen Changqing, and Yue Qiyuan stopped abruptly, their expressions complicated: "Wasn't it said that just walking into the camp normally would suffice?"

No...

No such thing happened.

That 4444 started improvising again.

Zhang Ye felt a bit uneasy, "Can this...work?"

Lou opened his mouth, "Give it a try?"

Lance said, "Trying might lead to death?"

"Don't talk about unlucky things." Yue Qiyuan said and leisurely followed Ji You, wondering as he walked, "What's happening? Where is everyone?"

"Where did everyone go? Didn't the teacher say the assessment ended?" Shen Changqing followed, his elegant face seriously surveying the surroundings, speaking naturally.

Hearing this, Ji You paused her steps; she looked at Shen Changqing, genuinely shocked!

Shen Changqing has potential! When he said this, not only was the tone extremely natural, but he picked up on Yue Qiyuan's words and understood their meaning perfectly! Ji You's sudden statement just aimed to exploit the classmates' information asymmetry, wanting to bluff, wondering if Teacher Mu had come back yet to deceive these classmates.

Shen Changqing's words perfectly created more room for Ji You to maneuver.

Indeed—

When an honest man starts deceiving, it's deadly.

Chapter 839: Acting Grand Showcase

Noticing Ji You's gaze, Shen Changqing's face looked a bit uneasy. He immediately frowned and asked, "Has something happened? Why didn't I see anyone?"

Ji You opened her mouth: "Something happened? Impossible, right?"

As she spoke.

She shouted loudly, "Hey, hey, hey... Weak chickens, it's your daddy Ji You coming back, aren't you going to come out to greet me?"

Zhang Ye scoffed, "Aren't you afraid of being beaten to death."

"Cough, cough..." Ji You cleared her throat and said, "Just joking around."

Yue Qiyuan followed behind Ji You and added in a faint tone, "Joking about being beaten to death."

Ji You raised her eyebrows and suddenly called out loudly to the surroundings, "Beat me to death? I survived under an 8th level Sea Iron Beak, killed an 8th level Viper Worm with my own hands, stomped on two 8th level Carrion Vultures... experienced countless 4th and 5th level Star Beasts. I — the king at the Peak of the Universe, who? Who can beat me to death?"

As soon as she finished speaking, the silent camp suddenly had a slight commotion... The commotion wasn't just in one place; there were faint sounds from the four corners east, south, west, north.

Yue Qiyuan rolled his eyes directly at Ji You, saying, "Enough. The boasting is too much... The 8th level Viper Worm was killed by frontline warriors, okay? Stop giving yourself undue credit."

On the spot.

Ji You glared at Yue Qiyuan, defiantly saying, "I, boasting? I walked the Viper Worm around for a few hours alone, isn't that enough to boast for a lifetime?"

Shen Changqing whispered, "But the 8th level Viper Worm wasn't really killed by you."

Shen Changqing's voice was very low, while talking, it was in the usual tone of muttering and complaining, but this small volume very cleverly reached every corner of the camp with the wind.

On a wooden sentry tower, marked by Ji You and the others as 'dangerous' and must be eliminated in advance, was Jiang Fang, a tall boy about 2 meters 4, with short black hair, bright and spirited eyes, very masculine temperament... Jiang Fang, at this moment, was watching Ji You and her entourage that suddenly barged into the camp with another student. Initially, hearing Ji You boasting, he didn't believe it, but—

Then, hearing Yue Qiyuan and Shen Changqing's complaints, Jiang Fang felt a twinge of doubt: really that great?

Jiang Fang was half-believing, half-doubting, and carrying a bit of envy. It turned out that when their group was still playing around on the Agricultural Star with classmates, Ji You, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and the others had already gone to the frontline!

The frontline!

It's the battlefield many Mechanical Warriors aspire to be!

An 8th level Sea Iron Bull?

An 8th level Carrion Vulture?

8...^8 level Viper Worm!!!

Just hearing about it made Jiang Fang's heart excited and blood boil.

Suddenly—

Jiang Fang frowned, "Something's off!"

Teammate asked, "What's off?"

Jiang Fang slapped his thigh, "Ji You's group number 4444, ten people, why are there only seven?"

The teammate, upon hearing this, also felt it was odd and said, "Yeah, where are Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan?"

Jiang Fang scratched his head, still hadn't figured it out when suddenly an extreme sense of danger washed over him, oh no! But before Jiang Fang could alert his teammate, an arrow suddenly shot straight toward his chest!

Bang!

Jiang Fang: "Damn!!!"

Life Value was dropping quickly, almost reaching zero. Jiang Fang grabbed his sniper rifle and fired towards the direction the arrow came from, but before he could pull the trigger, he was suddenly grabbed.

Whoosh—

Another punch hit his chest, and behind him, a female voice sounded, "Looking for me? I'm here."

—It was Chu Jiaojiao!

Jiang Fang stared in shock, falling to the ground.

Life Value zeroed.

Dead.

After Chu Jiaojiao dealt with Jiang Fang, Yue Qiguang also took care of Jiang Fang's teammate. Then, Sheng Qingyan jumped down from a tree in the distance, leaving the lookout tower occupied by Jiang Fang's team covered with 'corpses.'

Looking at these wide-eyed 'corpses,' clearly with a look of 'dying with regret,' Yue Qiguang deliberately let out a strange sound and laughed, "Wasn't Jiang Fang's team supposed to be strong? So weak?"

Chu Jiaojiao rubbed her chin, "Kind of weak."

Yue Qiguang rolled up his sleeves and regrettably said, "Daddy thought he could show off his skills."

"What's there to admire about corpses." Chu Jiaojiao looked at the bodies disdainfully and urged, "Stop dawdling. Let's hurry and join the main group."

Jiang Fang and the corpses: "..."

Fuming.

Within just under five minutes, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, and Sheng Qingyan had dealt with Jiang Fang's group. Having gone through these many twists and challenges, both Chu Jiaojiao and Yue Qiguang deeply felt the difference between themselves and other normal students for the first time.

It wasn't that Jiang Fang and his teammates became weaker, but— they had become stronger!

Jiang Fang, his teammates, and other classmates didn't change much in strength, perhaps even got stronger. But their group went through the grinding, and their Physical Strength, spiritual power, battlefield adaptability, way of thinking, personal willpower... all soared upwards.

The battlefield—

Indeed, it's a place that sharpens people and fosters growth.

Chu Jiaojiao and Yue Qiguang both felt some emotion, then they didn't waste time. Quickly, they headed to Sheng Qingyan's location, and after joining him, the three swaggered into view:

Sheng Qingyan covered his mouth, yawned, "What the heck? Why are the poor dead moving so fast? Couldn't they wait for us?"

Chu Jiaojiao looked at him disdainfully and scolded, "If it weren't for you delaying, I'd have returned ages ago! Can't you walk faster?"

Sheng Qingyan, listening, felt no guilt at all, "Jiaojiao, you clearly slept in yourself, why blame me?"

Yue Qiguang strode briskly, seemingly ashamed to be with Chu Jiaojiao and Sheng Qingyan. After walking for a while, he was puzzled, "What's going on? Why is there nobody in the camp?"

"Mrs. Mu..."

"Cough!"

"Didn't Teacher Mu say the assessment was over, aren't the others back yet?" Yue Qiguang stopped, looked around, scratching his head, looking perplexed.

At this time, Sheng Qingyan also stopped and said, "Yeah... Why is no one here? Didn't the teacher say to meet with other classmates here, and then return to school together?"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "It's impossible everyone went back already, isn't Teacher Mu still on the frontline and hasn't returned?"

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One question after another arose in the hearts of the entire 44 group members. This group, seemingly fearless of attacks or ambushes from other teams... really seemed to have just returned.

Seeing this scene, Yu Yi, who remained silent and vigilant, had a big question mark pop up above his head: "Did Teacher Mu not return?"

Chapter 840: Shen Changqing's Little Schemes

Tall and strong Yu Yi stood with his hands behind his back at the guard post, continuously staring at the performance of Ji You, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, and others outside. Their sudden appearance surprised not only Yu Yi but also other groups.

Group 44 is back?

In this manner?

Confident, arrogant, smug... all labels on this group of 10 people, especially number 4444, a rare person whose face is stronger than their capabilities. Her bold return didn't really surprise anyone, nor did it seem strange...

However, from what they're saying, it seems like Teacher Mu still hasn't returned?

Moreover, from what they're saying, it seems they don't know that the assessment on their side hasn't ended and is still ongoing?

Thus, many people simultaneously thought of a key point at this moment: the entire group of 10 from Group 44 has been excluded from this assessment by Teacher Mu. In other words, the 10 people from Group 44 are currently not a threat?

Everyone's eyes suddenly brightened.

To be honest, all the members of Group 44 are strong. If they also joined the assessment, it would be a huge pressure on all the students being assessed. Plus, everyone has already been engaged in a battle of wits, fighting for several days, and each group has suffered various injuries... Now, it's finally about to result in scores, if the people from Group 44 join temporarily, it wouldn't be quite fair to the other students.

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Now, after carefully analyzing what the people from Group 44 said, excluding that they're not a threat, everyone's eyes actually flashed a sense of relief.

But!

No one dared to relax immediately; at this time, none of the 31 groups in the entire camp dared to slack off. All were watching closely at Ji You and the others, who were swaggering up and down the camp's main road, bragging all the time.

Everyone kept their eyes on Ji You and the others, being loud and noisy, which slightly lowered their guard. Consequently, when Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, and Sheng Qingyan quietly infiltrated Jiang Fang's team and swiftly destroyed this group, the students in the camp didn't even notice.

At this moment, accurately spoken, only 29 groups remain in the entire camp.

Jiang Fang's group was wiped out without anyone knowing. Liu Shun, Harry, and Huang Ting's group had been wiped out long before Jiang Fang's group.

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Yu Yi, along with his teammates, are the only group with all members intact in the entire camp. This group, with Yu Yi as captain and Penny as vice-captain, are both extremely cautious individuals, and the team members all understand unity and cooperation, thus making the group's atmosphere harmonious and friendly. Every time they engage in a battle of wits with other groups, everyone cooperates intimately...

Ji You and the others suddenly appeared, astonishing Yu Yi, Penny, and the rest of the 10 members. Initially, they were all fooled by Ji You's words; Yu Yi first sensed something odd. "Not right, where did Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang go?"

Other people were shocked by Yu Yi's question.

Penny blinked and asked, "Right, where did they go? What could they possibly do?"

Yu Yi frowned and asked, "Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang, two agile, body technique strong individuals, and a sniper, what do you think they can do?"

Penny was startled, "An ambush?"

As soon as these words were spoken, Yu Yi and Penny both turned their heads and said to their teammates, "Stay alert, prevent sneak attacks from enemies!"

Before the words were even finished, someone in the team suddenly reached out a hand and pointed outside, "Isn't that Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang?"

Yu Yi, Penny were shocked, gazing intently, and sure enough, it was Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiguang, these three were cursing and blaming each other, Yu Yi and Penny dared not relax, they listened closely to the conversation between them.

After listening, they realized the reason they lagged behind others was due to Sheng Qingyan's procrastination disorder, Chu Jiaojiao oversleeping, and Yue Qiguang without a reason, but he suddenly acted stupidly and was late.

These three, compared to the previous seven with Ji You, had a time difference of less than 3 minutes.

minutes... Yu Yi stroked his chin, slightly reassured, said, "In 3 minutes, they shouldn't be able to accomplish anything."

Penny said, "Let's maintain alertness."

Yu Yi said, "Hmm."

The whole team was on high alert, preventing Group 44 from plotting tricks, just in case there's an air strike or other ambush?

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Ji You saw Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang approaching and immediately said disdainfully, "If it weren't for not needing assessment, your drag behavior would get you expelled from the team!"

"Cough cough..." Chu Jiaojiao laughed lightly, said, "Ji You, it's early morning, I haven't eaten anything, I'm hungry, do you have anything to eat?"

Ji You rolled his eyes, "No!"

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Anything is fine, even nutrient solution works, I'm not picky, as long as I can fill my stomach."

Ji You protected the space button on his wrist, warily saying, "No! I've already said there's nothing."

Sheng Qingyan said, "Cheapskate."

Ji You shouted, "You're generous, then you give her something to eat."

Sheng Qingyan puffed his cheeks, said, "I don't have anything, how can I give anything?"

While they were arguing, the others were silently walking while observing around attentively... At this time, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye especially checked thoroughly, almost exploring the entire camp's situation.

Just then, Yue Qiguang suddenly found a boy hiding behind a big stone. He walked up, grabbed him, "Damn! Qi Fang, what are you sneaking around here for?"

Oops!

Qi Fang had exposed himself; he wasn't worried, but his exposure undoubtedly also revealed his entire team. Qi Fang squeezed out a smile, saying, "Hey, let go of me."

Ji You gestured to Yue Qiguang to let go, asked, "Qi Fang, can you tell us the situation now? Why aren't the people around? No, why are you all hiding?"

Yue Qiguang released his grip, and Qi Fang, once gaining freedom, couldn't help but pout, "What's the situation? The assessment!"

Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan... all were shocked, with Ji You exaggeratedly saying, "What? Assessment? Not finished yet?"

Next to them, Shen Changqing had been maintaining his calm expression without any noticeable reaction, yet his peripheral vision kept lingering on Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, especially Ji You.

For instance, now her surprise was just right, not too much, not too little, too much would be slightly exaggerated, too little wouldn't express enough, hence it was precisely right, perfectly natural...

This acting, truly... truly remarkable.

Shen Changqing kept a composed face, quietly clenched his palm: still needs more effort.