

## Scavengers 841

### Chapter 841: Mukbang

Qi Fang is only 1.9 meters tall, considered short among the boys, but he's agile and serves as the team's scout, responsible for intelligence exploration. At this moment, upon hearing Ji You's question, Qi Fang frowned and asked in confusion, "You guys really don't know?"

Ji You was about to speak up when Xuzhou suddenly said, "Know what?"

Xuzhou and Qi Fang hail from the same planet. Although they didn't attend the same school during their compulsory education, after both were admitted to Lanyue Star University, they got along quite well due to their shared origins. They often exchanged experiences privately and frequently sparred with each other...

Qi Fang considers himself fairly familiar with Xuzhou's character. Hearing the bafflement in his words, Qi Fang's vigilance significantly decreased, though he didn't entirely drop his guard.

So, Qi Fang said, "Our assessment has to end with only 10 teams remaining, you know."

Xuzhou furrowed his brows slightly, "10 teams? Then, how many are there now?"

Qi Fang replied, "31. The competition is getting fiercer." His own team's overall strength was only at a mid-level, having lost 4 teammates in the past few days of assessment. Now only 6 remained, and they were not the strongest. Qi Fang knew his team might not make it to the end, but how could they give up before the last moment?

At the very least, they should fight until their eyes close for the last time to feel satisfied.

Xuzhou said, "The competition is quite intense."

Qi Fang responded, "Of course it's intense. Our group has no advantage. I've been barely surviving, gritting my teeth to hang on till now." After saying these words, he truly felt emotional. Several times he had narrowly escaped death on the enemy's blade, and even he was moved by his own perseverance.

Thinking for a moment, Qi Fang hastily said, "I can't chat here with you any longer because of the assessment. By the way—" Suddenly stopping, Qi Fang looked at Xuzhou, then at Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao... Opening his mouth, Qi Fang said, "Your entire group is like monsters. Standing among you, I'm just a sitting duck, surrounded by lethal danger. Who knows, I might just croak in the next second. Anyway, you guys don't need to be assessed anymore, so just cover me a bit and let me hide safely."

"Ahem..." Ji You asked, "How do we cover you?"

Qi Fang replied, "Think of a way."

Ji You: "..."

You're trying to escape for your life and want the enemy to think of a way for you?

For a moment, Ji You was speechless.

"This problem is a bit tricky." Xuzhou said in a low voice, "According to what you're saying, our group of 10 people staying here are walking targets, it's impossible to hide our tracks at all, and asking us to cover you is indeed difficult."

Zhang Ye, another of Qi Fang's fellow locals, chimed in at this point, "Otherwise, why not just not rejoin your team and stick with us?"

Qi Fang: "..."

Qi Fang made a wry face: "If I could stick with you and survive till the end, I'd be delighted. The key problem is, will people from other teams let me be?"

Zhang Ye: "Ahem... Good luck then."

While the three were talking, on the side, Ji You suddenly knocked away the hand that Chu Jiaojiao was reaching out: "Enough, huh. You've already had 3 pieces, and you still want more? Are you a reincarnated starving ghost?"

Having coaxed 3 pieces of beef jerky from Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao grinned and chuckled, saying, "Ji You, buddy, I can't help it. Being hungry is intolerable in this world."

Ji You complained irritably: "I'm not your provider; you're hungry, then find a way yourself. I only have this bit of beef jerky, painstakingly sneaked back from under Mu Jianling's nose—was that easy?"

Grumbling, he still handed another piece to Chu Jiaojiao: "This is the last one! There's no more after this."

Chu Jiaojiao grabbed it, started munching, and mumbled, "Ji You, you... you're really... really handsome!"

"Cough!" Qi Fang had been enduring for a while, swallowing again and again, but just watching Chu Jiaojiao chew and catching a whiff of the faint meaty aroma was unbearable. He looked at Ji You and asked, "Um, Ji You, can you give me a piece of your beef jerky?"

Ji You: "No."

Qi Fang: "..."

Refused so curtly, Qi Fang didn't expect it, feeling a bit downcast.

Ji You: "What's your relation with Little Zhouzhou?"

Xuzhou: "Same hometown."

Qi Fang: "Fellow townsman."

Ji You squinted his eyes, smiling, "When fellow villagers meet, eyes brim with tears." Pausing slightly, Ji You continued, "Since you're a hometown friend of Little Zhouzhou, that makes you also my hometown friend, so my beef jerky..."

Qi Fang's eyes suddenly lit up.

Ji You: "...will be sold to you at a 20% discount."

Qi Fang: "..."

Grinding his teeth, Qi Fang asked, "How much?"

Initially, Ji You said it just offhandedly, but hearing it now, they were instantly interested and quickly said, "Not much, not much at all. This beef jerky is made from the high mountain Yellow cattle of Yuna Star, with a perfectly balanced savory taste. A single bite, and it leaves a lingering aroma, the more you chew, the more flavorful it gets, the more che—"

"Stop, stop, stop..." Qi Fang interrupted, urging, "Cut the crap and just tell me how much!"

Ji You immediately said, "500 credit points per piece."

Qi Fang said, "Give me 10 pieces!"

Splendid! Ji You's heart skipped a beat, hurriedly handing over 10 pieces of beef jerky, urging Qi Fang to transfer the payment quickly. Qi Fang didn't hesitate, transferring 5000 credit points to Ji You's account in less than a second.

Cradling the beef jerky, Qi Fang exclaimed, "Oh my... I'm starving!"

"Crunch~"

"Crunch~"

"Crunch~"

Qi Fang: "Delicious!"

Ji You laughed, "Delicious, right? I told you, you wouldn't regret buying it."

Qi Fang, eagerly munching, didn't have time to bother with Ji You. Before long, one piece of beef jerky was gone, followed by the second.

The third.

The fourth.

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Reaching out again and finding nothing? Qi Fang was stunned, instinctively putting his fingers in his mouth to lick them, complaining, "Damn, how many grams is each piece of this beef jerky? How did it disappear so quickly?"

Ji You said, "20 grams per piece."

Qi Fang: "So little? And you're selling each for 500 credit points? Star Network offers plenty of beef jerky at 5000 credit points per jin, are you... are you this greedy?"

Ji You was immediately displeased, "How am I greedy? I already said it's made from specialty high mountain Yellow cattle of Yuna Star, the cost is high! Besides, if you want to buy the cheap ones on Star Network, go ahead. I didn't force you at knifepoint to buy mine!"

"Ahem..." Qi Fang: "If I could buy it elsewhere, would I buy from you? During the assessment, not only is online shopping prohibited, but even the Star Network is banned, we can only connect to the region network of NYC50, just chatting with classmates."

Ji You rolled his eyes, saying, "I haven't even charged you for the agency fee, the price I gave you is exactly my purchasing cost."

"All in all, it's still expensive!" Qi Fang complained, loudly saying, "Another 10 pieces!"

Ji You: "Alright~"

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"Alright~"

Ji You responded faster than the speed of light, and the way he collected money was even more efficient than a machine. Once the money was confirmed to be in the account, Ji You quickly handed ten beef jerky sticks to Qi Fang, who hurriedly grabbed them and continued gnawing.

The group watched Qi Fang eat like this, and for a moment, they were all a bit speechless.

Walking along, chatting, they arrived at the big lawn in the middle of the campsite. Qi Fang simply plopped down on the grass, full of emotion, and said, "Sigh... You guys have no idea how long it's been since I last ate meat. We're just eating low-level nutrition, just one stick, morning, noon, and night. It's not good, and it's not enough..."

"It's hard."

"It's hard."

Qi Fang shook his head three times in succession. Then, clutching the beef jerky again, he began gnawing furiously. Halfway through, he felt a bit thirsty and was about to say something when a bottle of pure water was handed over from the side.

Qi Fang looked and saw it was Xuzhou, immediately smiled sincerely and said, "Thanks, brother."

Xuzhou pursed his lips, closed them a few seconds later.

Qi Fang gulped down the water, then resumed gnawing on the jerky, squinting his eyes in happiness as he ate, "Delicious!"

"Really tasty!"

"Amazing!"

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This Qi Fang eats so appetizingly, it's a pity he doesn't do food broadcasting. Ji You watched and watched, and suddenly passed over a box of strawberry cream rolls, saying, "Don't just eat beef jerky, how about some cake?"

Qi Fang instinctively reached to take it but held back halfway, asking, "How much?"

Ji You replied, "Not expensive, not expensive, 5000 credit points."

Qi Fang: "..."

Qi Fang shouted in dissatisfaction, "Daylight robbery!"

Pushing isn't a sale; Ji You immediately withdrew the strawberry cream roll. Qi Fang quickly said, "Just give me one."

Ji You laughed, "Here you go."

Qi Fang stuffed the half-bitten beef jerky back into its wrapper, then opened wide and bit into the six-inch strawberry cream roll, instantly leaving a crescent shape in the cake.

One bite took a huge chunk!

Qi Fang's eyes lit up suddenly, "Really tasty!"

Ji You laughed, "Tasty, right?"

Qi Fang licked the corner of his mouth. With the remaining small piece, he wasn't in such a rush, systematically savoring it like licking an ice cream. Suddenly he asked, "Anything else tasty?"

Ji You said, "Fruit, perhaps?"

Qi Fang, "Bring some!"

Ji You promptly took out a small fruit platter from the Space Button, a tiny portion, probably less than 100 grams, containing cantaloupe, grapes, strawberries, watermelon, apples, snow pears...

No need for Ji You to urge, Qi Fang asked for the price and immediately swiped to pay.

Upon tasting, Qi Fang squinted in happiness, "So sweet!"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, Xuzhou, Lou, Zhang Ye, Lance were all wide-mouthed, watching Qi Fang eat one sweet treat after another.

Gulu~

Gulu~

Gulu~

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Chu Jiaojiao looked up, "Whose stomach is growling?"

Upon this question, Shen Changqing, Xuzhou, Zhang Ye... all lowered their heads, concealing an embarrassed expression.

At the same time.

The camp's northeast, southwest, all around... every student in hiding couldn't help but clutch their stomachs, growling nonstop, and quite a few wished they could rush out and grab some food.

Damn it!

Yu Yi was a person who didn't show much emotion, but Vice Captain Penny was not! Penny suddenly raised her hand and punched the ground hard, "It smells so good! I also want to eat!!!"

Silence all around, with only the occasional rumbling sounds responding loyally to Penny.

Penny punched the ground again, "Damn it! Why do I have to endure this!!!"

Silence.

Silence.

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In the midst of silence, Penny and nine other members all looked up, silently staring at Yu Yi.

Yu Yi: "..."

Yu Yi turned his head, looking in the direction of Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao and their group, saying, "Let's go, let's all have a meal."

Penny, "Really... really go?"

Yu Yi said, "Not just us, other groups probably want to too. Someone has to step forward and break the current situation, so we might as well be the first ones to do it."

About to take action, Penny hesitated again, "But... but wouldn't going out expose us to danger?"

Yu Yi said, "We can negotiate a ceasefire agreement with everyone. For instance, during the enjoyment of food, fighting must halt, and once everyone's full, it's every person for themselves. "

Saying that, Yu Yi took the first step, heading outside. Penny quickly followed him, saying, "Can we negotiate the ceasefire agreement well? I'm worried something unexpected might happen, like someone refusing and taking advantage to attack."

Yu Yi looked at Ji You, who couldn't push enough food into Qi Fang's hands fast enough, and smiled, "Very easy to negotiate. Student Ji You from 4444 will be very happy to help facilitate this ceasefire agreement."

Penny thought about it, slapped her forehead, "Right, why didn't I think of that?"

As a shrewd business person, wherever there's a market, Ji You is there. As classmates who have trained and studied together for so long, the whole Combat Department is quite familiar with her actions.

Thinking of this, Penny immediately straightened her back and boldly headed out.

But!

Due to a moment's hesitation and doubt, when Yu Yi and Penny's group reached the lawn, they were surprisingly not the first ones to eat crab. The first group whose entire team came here was Qi Fang's group.

Yu Yi, Penny and others stopped their steps. Ji You had already seen them and promptly waved, "Yu Yi, brother, you're hungry too, right? Come on, come on, all food is 20% off! Limited-time 5-minute rush sale! After this time, no more discount prices!"

Yu Yi: "..."

Ji You threw out the words without looking over at Yu Yi, Penny, and others anymore, she was too busy running about: "Alright~ A serving of cut fruit!"

"Coming! 20 sticks of beef jerky!"

"Only 10 strawberry cream rolls left!"

"10 left! Whoever grabs them is at a profit!"

Yu Yi maintained his composure, not saying a word. Penny glared at Ji You, really not knowing what to say: A perfectly good examination venue turned into a bustling market by Ji You alone.

Amazing!

Truly amazing!

The hesitation lasted only a moment, Yu Yi, Penny bringing the whole group walked out, naturally wouldn't be scared away by such minor antics, so Yu Yi, Penny continued stepping forward, moving towards Ji You's food stall.

Just as they stood still, without opening their mouths, Yu Yi, Penny heard Ji You say, "There's a prerequisite for buying my food, you have to agree not to fight within the lawn's boundaries, once everyone has eaten their fill, you can fight all you want. Only by agreeing to my terms, I will sell!"

Yu Yi, Penny and others: "..."

Got it!

No need for them to worry at all! Student 4444 alone managed everything.

Chapter 843: The Little Card

Sure, here is the translated text:

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Ji You was busy running around:

"Come, come, come..."

"Beer~"

"Fried chicken~"

"Cola~"

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Ji You, who was loudly hawking around, took a moment to glance at Yu Yi, Penny, and the others and asked: "How about it? Do you want to buy anything?"

Penny's eyes were fixed on the beer in Ji You's hand, and she couldn't move her legs...

The expressions on the others' faces weren't calm either; they all pursed their lips, desperately pretending to be calm while secretly swallowing.

And then.

Yu Yi waved his hand: "Buy!"

Ji You raised his hand, pointing at Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Xuzhou, Lance... these people who were carrying weapons and patrolling back and forth on the big lawn, then Ji You smiled slightly and continued setting rules with Yu Yi, Penny, and others: "See those guys? They are my hired security guards. If anyone makes verbal promises but secretly tries to break the rules, my nine fierce security guards are not so easy to deal with!"

Yu Yi: "..."

In the distance, to strongly prove the word 'fierce' said by Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao waved the Big Saber at Yu Yi, Penny to display her security team leader's prowess: [Trying to cause trouble? Ask my saber if it agrees?]

Yu Yi: "..."

Yue Qiguang, Xuzhou, Lance, Lou... opened their mouths and showed a row of teeth: "Crack..."

Shen Changqing was a bit slow, mainly because he couldn't mentally accept doing such childish moves, but!!! After hesitating for more than a second, Shen Changqing overcame the psychological barrier and showed his row of shiny, sharp teeth to Yu Yi and Penny.

Yu Yi, Penny: "..."

Alright!

With such a security team, at least everyone could stay here and have a good meal peacefully.

So, Yu Yi didn't hesitate anymore and nodded: "Buy!"

Ji You's eyes curled with a smile upon hearing this, and asked: "Gentlemen, what would you like to order?"

Yu Yi, Penny, and the other eight team members all quickly stood in front of Ji You's food stall. Penny got the first spot; she opened her mouth and started listing the food: "50 beef jerky, 1 durian mille-crepe, 5 bottles of beer, a plate of fried chicken, a plate of peanuts..."

Word by word without pause.

After finishing, Penny urged: "Ji You, please be quick. I really want to immediately enjoy my food."

Ji You looked up, Penny is a blonde-haired, blue-eyed, fair-skinned, tall girl, slightly resembling Sister Liya in appearance, but her personality is the complete opposite. Sister Liya is gentle and kind, while Penny is a bit fiery, being straightforward and bold in her words and actions...

Ji You: "Okay~"

Ji You's long fingers danced swiftly, continuously rotating. Although she took out street foods like beef jerky, beer, fried chicken, peanuts... her hands moved gracefully, with long, white fingers, in a rhythm that made people feel like they were enjoying a piece of elegant music...

At this moment, Penny's gaze stayed still.

The others, too, shifted focus from the food to Ji You's nimble fingers.

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Suddenly——

"Hehehe..."

"Penny, your food is packed."

"Enjoy your meal~"

Ji You's distinctive, clearly mercantile laughter broke this nice atmosphere in an instant, and Penny, Yu Yi... all the students who came to shop snapped back to reality, and their mouths twitched:

Just now, did they think Ji You, student 4444, looked so beautiful?

Illusion!

It must be an illusion.

Penny took the food bag, got ready to leave, and Ji You quickly stuffed a small note into her arms, leaving Penny perplexed: "???"

"Take a look secretly." Ji You winked at her and said: "It's good stuff."

Penny replied: "Thank you."

With her arms full of food, Penny found a spot far from Liu Shun's group, casually sat on the grass, and started unpacking. While doing so, she glanced around, noticing that no one paid attention to her and eagerly took out Ji You's small note, brimming with excitement and anticipation, slowly, slowly opening it.

Penny: "..."

On the note, there were several big words written in bold red font: [Congratulations!!! You've received a 30% discount coupon.]

Penny: "!!!"

Was one business not enough, she wanted to make another deal with me? Meaning, she wants to rip me off again? Enough, it's ridiculous to butcher a pig twice!

At once, Penny's expression was indescribable. She raised her hand as if wanting to throw away this useless discount coupon, but her eye corner caught the usage instructions: [This discount coupon can be used throughout the venue, for any purchase at Ji You's place, at any time. Buying anything will enjoy a 30% discount on the total shopping amount.]

Driven by some unseen force, Penny stashed the note back away.

Ahem ahem...

Forget it.

Better keep it; maybe next time she might need to buy something, and with a discount coupon, she could save some money.

Penny thought emotionlessly, holding her food.

After Penny, Yu Yi also approached with his food. Seeing Penny gulping beer, he sat down, popped open a bottle of cola, and started gulping it down.

After finishing, Yu Yi put on a stern face and began eating. He ordered a large serving of river snail rice noodles.

In an instant, the unique aroma of river snail noodles spread around.

Penny held her breath, surprised: "Does she have river snail noodles too?"

Yu Yi ate his noodles large mouthful after large mouthful and replied: "Just one serving. She said it was something she kept for herself but sold to me for cheap."

Penny pinched her nose, side-eyed: "She said it's cheap, and you believe it?"

Yu Yi slurped the long rice noodles, swallowing it down, and said: "I don't believe it. This bowl of river snail noodles is absurdly expensive, thrice the market price—cheap my behind! But being able to eat a bowl of river snail noodles at this moment, even if cheated, I'd still be willing."

After speaking, Yu Yi buried his head, shedding his calm demeanor, and slurped, his face turning red, and tears welled up in his eyes...

Penny: "Ahem ahem..."

Choked!

But another teammate looked at Yu Yi's eating manner and couldn't help but open his mouth, pat his head, and say: "Why didn't I think of ordering river snail noodles?"

Yu Yi chuckled and said: "There's only this bowl."

Just as the words fell, a teammate came over holding a bowl of river snail noodles, saying cheerfully while walking: "Captain, I also bought a bowl of river snail noodles."

Yu Yi, Penny: "..."

Yu Yi said hopelessly: "Didn't she say there's none left?"

The teammate laughed joyfully and said: "Ji You rummaged through the space button again and said she suddenly found 2 bowls, hidden in the corner, luckily I asked, or they'd spoil and go to waste.

Yu Yi, Penny: "..."

#### Chapter 844: Overthinking

Ji You's bold maneuvers really dazzled everyone, but well, despite that, everyone still ate heartily. Yu Yi and Penny's team had already settled on several spots when they decided to eat—four corners: east, south, west, and north. These locations had to have the following features: relatively secluded, spacious, with wide escape routes, easily accessible, and difficult to snipe...

After much discussion, Yu Yi and Penny, as the captain and vice-captain, decided on the spot furthest from Ji You's stall, the northeast corner.

Yu Yi, worthy of being a noodle expert, had finished a large bowl of snail noodles in a few swift moves while others savored peanuts and beer leisurely. By then, Penny was only halfway through her large bag of food, and other team members had just bought food and were ready to start eating...

Yu Yi stood up, suddenly—

Plop!

Something fell.

Penny pointed at the grass and said, "Captain, you dropped a card."

Yu Yi looked down and realized it was the small card Ji You had forcefully given him when he bought snail noodles, which he initially didn't want. Didn't he throw it away earlier? How is it still here?

Penny laughed and said, "Don't be surprised; it was probably slipped into your pocket when you weren't paying attention."

Yu Yi's face darkened.

This number 4444.

Penny said, "Aren't you curious about the discount?"

Yu Yi bent down, picked it up, and saw it read: [Congratulations!!! You've got a 5% universal discount coupon.]

Penny: "..."

As expected, everyone has one of these coupons.

It's a trick.

An anticipated trick.

Immediately, Penny laughed, slapping her thigh, "Turns out Ji You treats people differently! I got a 30% discount coupon."

"Mine is a 10% discount coupon." A male teammate beside her looked enviously at the pile of yet-to-be-eaten food in front of Penny and pointed out, "Our captain only bought one bowl of snail noodles. Look at how much you bought; someone as tightfisted as number 4444 giving him a coupon is already not bad."

Yu Yi: "Ahem..."

Yu Yi said reservedly, "I don't need a discount coupon."

With that said, Yu Yi casually wanted to throw the coupon into the nearby convenient trash can. Penny quickly said, "Hey! Don't throw it away, give it to me."

Yu Yi frowned, "Why keep it?"

Penny chuckled, "It doesn't take up space, keep it. Maybe you'll buy from Ji You next time."

After hearing this, Yu Yi hesitated before handing the coupon to Penny. He wanted to take a stroll around, but as he turned, he was stunned by the scene before him:

So many people?

Did only about 1 minute pass? 2 minutes? Or just 3 minutes.

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In just the blink of an eye, a crowd had gathered on the lawn, 10, 20, 30... It seemed like almost 200 people were out, meaning more than 20 groups couldn't resist the food's temptation. And just as Yu Yi was amazed, Ji You's stall began forming a queue due to the crowding.

Long, dense, all people.

Yu Yi's mouth twitched slightly...

These are all opponents, all enemies!

If—

A gleam flashed in his eyes, and Yu Yi quickly restrained this thought. Then, with his hands behind his back, he strolled leisurely along the entire lawn, bit by bit.

Tap~

Tap~

Tap~

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Everything about Yu Yi's behavior caught the attention of Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan... these patrolling security guards. Initially, everyone didn't mind and let Yu Yi explore alone for a while. Then, Chu Jiaojiao brandished a big saber and walked over, grinning at Yu Yi, "Yu Yi, behave, this is a truce zone, don't cause trouble!"

Yu Yi: "Ahem... I'm just looking around."

Chu Jiaojiao patted his shoulder, saying, "Big brother, I know your assessment competition is fierce, but please be considerate, let everyone enjoy a hearty meal."

Left with no choice, Yu Yi withdrew to his team's spot.

However, after his leisurely stroll earlier, he had already observed every terrain of this lawn and pinpointed other teams' locations, estimating their departure routes, all completely gathered.

Yu Yi sat down.

Penny whispered, "How many teams are there?"

Yu Yi murmured, "21 teams."

Penny frowned, saying, "Are there 10 teams missing?"

Yu Yi: "Yes."

Upon hearing this, other team members paused while holding their food and immediately felt tense.

Yu Yi said, "Truce area, no need to worry for now, what's crucial is how we leave."

"Which 10 teams haven't come?" Penny asked, continuing to nibble on cake, a sweet and creamy delight with durian flavor, especially the pungent durian aroma wafting three meters afar, an ordeal for those who dislike it.

Yu Yi wasn't a fan of durian, he instinctively pinched his nose, disliking the durian mille-feuille in Penny's hand, not answering the question, instead saying, "Can't you eat faster?"

Penny paused and began to chew slowly, humming, "I didn't mind you eating snail noodles."

Yu Yi: "..."

Yu Yi moved aside slightly, saying, "Jiang Fang, Qi Hui, Jack... Those teams didn't come."

The crowd was collectively startled.

The other teams weren't particularly dangerous, mainly Jiang Fang. Jiang Fang's team not showing up, what's their plan? Ambush upfront where everyone might pass and then attack?

This is a clear situation, one doesn't need much thought. Yu Yi's team's 10 members understood. Switching perspectives, if one's team knew the opponent's location, they'd surely set up an ambush, aiming to annihilate the enemy with one strike...

Thinking of this, members of Yu Yi's team hastened their eating.

Yu Yi said, "Everyone eats faster, prepare in advance."

But!

The food was too delicious. After eating, they still wanted more, unable to stop, and some students couldn't help but rush back to Ji You's stall to buy food again.

Yu Yi's team members tried hard to ignore the pleasure brought by the food, alertly watching around.

Just—

Everywhere was the sound of crunching and the aroma of delicious food, making it really hard to stay alert. However, Yu Yi, Penny, and their group immediately noticed several teams emerge from their hiding spots.

team.

teams.

teams.

...

teams!

There you go, now there are 29 teams on the lawn agreeing to the truce and coming out to eat, only 2 teams remaining.

This way, everyone's safety increased significantly.

When Yu Yi's team members slightly relaxed, Yu Yi frowned, saying, "Jiang Fang's team hasn't come!"

Others fell silent.

Yu Yi pondered, then suddenly said, "I believe Jiang Fang is most likely targeting us for an ambush."

#### Chapter 845: The Unreliable Security Squad

Everyone paused, and Penny stuffed a few bites of durian mille-feuille into her mouth, her eyes steady, and said, "If Jiang Fang dares to snipe me, I'll shoot him dead!"

Someone whispered, "It's not that easy."

Penny glared at the member who spoke and asked her teammates, "Who else is in the other group?" referring to the group that hadn't arrived.

Yu Yi was always watching the surroundings and said, "It's Liu Shun and Huang Ting."

Penny was stunned, "Are those guys still alive?"

Yu Yi sat upright, his eyes casually scanning the students around them, saying, "We confirmed they were alive before we came to eat. Whether they've been ambushed and sent packing, we don't know."

Penny said, "Those weaklings still dare to ambush people?"

A team member proposed a hypothesis, "Could it be that they've teamed up with Jiang Fang's team?"

Yu Yi shook his head definitely, "No."

Without waiting for others to ask, Yu Yi explained, "First of all, Liu Shun, Huang Ting, and Harry are too weak to be ideal allies. Second, Liu Shun and the others are too far from Jiang Fang. If they crossed our territory to negotiate with Jiang Fang, there would be noise, and it's impossible we wouldn't notice."

Everyone who heard this felt it made a lot of sense.

"So—" After finishing the explanation, Yu Yi looked at his teammates, "Because they are too weak and easily cannon foddered, Liu Shun, Huang Ting, Harry, and Wan Jie haven't shown up because they don't dare show up, hoping to lie low and win by default."

"Win by default?" Penny laughed, "Where in the world is such a good thing?"

Yu Yi said sternly, "Everyone, stay alert and be ready for any possible ambush."

Penny and the others: "Yes."

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On the vast lawn, looking out, you see densely packed heads as each group divided into small teams, staking out a territory, sitting casually in circles on the grass.

Despite agreeing to a ceasefire, in this assessment arena, no one dared to completely relax; thus, groups kept a distance from each other to be wary.

Ji You kept busy with the monopolistic business, handing out food while silently counting money in her mind. The more she counted, the bigger her smile got, almost twisting her mouth with joy.

Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan... A security team of nine dutifully performing their jobs, watching others eat heartily while they had nothing and had to work hard for Ji You. The forever lazy Sheng Qingyan stomped his feet slightly complaining, "This stingy poor dead is so tight-fisted, working half a day for just a pound of beef jerky. Patrol for this stingy poor dead again? No way oh."

The security team had to maintain order, prevent conflicts or wars from erupting...

The task was heavy, with almost no time for rest.

Sheng Qingyan's words were filled with complaint and dissatisfaction, but his casual complaining was accidentally overheard by a nearby team.

The whole team suddenly stopped chewing and became tense.

The security team member spoke such words; it suggested negligence!

No way!

We can't entrust our safety to such irresponsible people.

On guard!

On guard!

We must stay on guard!

In an instant, the whole team tightened their nerves.

Chu Jiaojiao glanced in Ji You's direction to make sure she couldn't hear and then scolded Sheng Qingyan fiercely, "If you didn't want to work, why did you agree at the start? Why say it's not worth it after eating Ji You's beef jerky? Unlike me, I definitely... cough cough..." She suddenly lowered her voice and said, "Actually, everyone's busy eating, so we don't need to maintain order too much. Once they're done, they all leave, so don't worry too much. You just go through the motions smartly."

"Cough cough..." Shen Changqing frowned and said in a low voice, "Keep it down."

The group that had tensed earlier trembled collectively when they overheard all this.

Damn!

This security team really can't be relied on.

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Similar scenes kept happening in various corners of the lawn. It was so wide, with long distances between groups, and they didn't know Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan... had repeated the same words countless times.

Unknowingly, the harmonious atmosphere on the lawn grew tense, with everyone watching the opposing factions with alertness, every group secretly becoming prepared for prevention and combat.

Delicious food ahead, wine aromas intoxicating...

Unknowingly, the scene turned into a tense standoff.

Ji You glanced at the Space Button; she'd sold out all 100 pounds of beef jerky bought earlier, making a huge profit.

Hmm~

The fruit platters Yue Qiyuan stored here for consignment also sold out.

That's right.

50% of what's sold at the food stall isn't Ji You's; she was just a sales clerk, a poor, weak, helpless worker who worked laboriously without earning a penny. This spirit of dedication was practically moving.

Cough cough...

— Charging 30% consignment fees doesn't count.

Cough cough...

The plastic friendships in the entire 44th group were like bubbles, popping at the slightest touch, unable to withstand any test of interests. When Ji You suggested calling out hundreds of classmates for one big pot and needed some food as props, she asked her plastic friends for help, but those clever folks sensed money and refused. They only agreed to consign.

With no choice, as an excellent captain, Ji You took responsibility, not only caring for teammates but completing the team's tasks brilliantly. She had to accept her teammates' unreasonable requests.

At this moment.

Following Yue Qiyuan's fruit platters, Chu Jiaojiao's fried chicken also sold out.

Shen Changqing's cakes and sweets sold well; only a few black sesame-filled dumplings remained unsold, while those with slightly inferior peanut fillings sold out. What's going on here? Ji You frowned, pondering silently: Perhaps students don't like black sesame fillings?

Lou and Lance's beer was the first to sell out. Ji You pondered, touching her chin: So beverages sell better than food! Remember for next time, why let others do business she could do?

Yue Qiguang's cola, Zhang Ye's milk tea, Xuzhou's big pork knuckle, Sheng Qingyan's seafood set...

All sold out.

Ji You tilted her head: [Things are sold out, there's some idle time.]

Chapter 846: Disdain

The vast grassland square.

The sunrise has already reached the mid-sky, and the sunlight sprinkles down, giving a warm feeling. A breeze blows by, cool and carrying a hint of meat, milk, fruit, and the sweetness of candy...

Blue sky, white clouds, green grass...

Groups of students sitting on the ground, either smiling or talking... It really is a lively, harmonious, and beautiful scene.

Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing... a group carrying weapons, constantly patrolling around the grassland. The area is too large, and even speeding up, it takes a few minutes to complete one round trip.

This time, as they regretfully finished their patrol, Sheng Qingyan plopped down on the ground, glaring at Ji You, and shouted, "This Little Cutie is exhausted. Next time, I won't come anymore. I really won't. I'm so cute, how can I do such rough work as a thug..."

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, and the others ignored Sheng Qingyan's nonsense and returned to the stall. Chu Jiaojiao put down the Big Chopper, smiled at Ji You, and said, "Ji You classmate, do you still have beef jerky?"

Ji You said, "Yes. 500 credit points each."

Chu Jiaojiao twitched her mouth and said, "Cough, cough... Ji You classmate, I suddenly realize I'm not that hungry."

Yue Qiyuan walked up to Ji You and said, "Where's my fruit money? Please transfer it to me first."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You rolled her eyes and cursed, "You think I'd withhold such a small amount of money?"

Yue Qiyuan said, "It's better to keep your own money in your own hands."

Next to him, Yue Qiguang loudly said, "Idiot, please also settle my money. Luckily, my pocket money is running out, and I unexpectedly made a little extra."

With this money, I won't have to borrow from that idiot Yue Qiyuan, and I won't have to endure his disdain.

Yue Qiguang thought to himself.

Shen Changqing didn't say a word, but he raised his head, staring at Ji You with a very clean gaze.

"..." Ji You twitched her mouth and said, "Don't worry, you won't lose out."

After speaking, Ji You carefully reconciled the accounts one by one, and after confirming everything, she settled everyone's money. Seeing their payments in hand, the entire security team smiled brightly.

Ji You painfully watched as more than half of her newly earned money disappeared, rubbed her temples, and said, "Now, there's still 30 minutes until the ceasefire agreement. Let's hold on, and wait until everyone leaves before we rest."

Ji You said this loudly enough for the other students to hear.

Everyone's tense nerves relaxed slightly upon hearing Ji You's statement. With Ji You's assurance, it at least indicated that her group would maintain order.

Some students who arrived late quickly ate faster.

Having nothing else to do at the moment, Ji You put away the stall, then took out her Big Chopper, shouldering it, and said to Chu Jiaojiao, "Let's go, Captain Ji will personally lead you on patrol."

Chu Jiaojiao said, "Sure, sure."

The others remained silent, but when Ji You started moving, they all jumped up and followed her.

When Ji You said patrol, it was a real patrol. She led a group slowly around the entire grassland, every step stopping at a group to chat briefly, "Hey, Wei Chang classmate, isn't this beef jerky delicious?"

"Find me again next time."

"I guarantee it's authentic Yuna Star Highland beef."

After chatting with Wei Chang classmate, Ji You immediately smiled and turned to a girl next to her eating cake and said, "Hey! Shu Fen, knowing you love cake, I specially saved the strawberry roll for you. Isn't it sweet and delicious?"

The girl named Shu Fen smiled and said, "It's delicious, thank you, Ji You classmate."

Ji You waved her hand, "You're welcome, as long as you're happy eating, that's my biggest joy."

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Ji You watched her customers, her 'bread and butter,' smiling continuously. Suddenly, as they passed by a trash can, her steps halted.

Immediately, Ji You's face turned completely dark.

Chu Jiaojiao was following behind, and when Ji You stopped, she also stopped, asking, "Ji You classmate, what's wrong?"

Ji You pointed at the small cards in the trash can, angrily shouting, "Who! Who! Who! Who dares throw away my Ji You's discount coupons?"

Everyone: "..."

Ji You angrily stamped her feet while cursing, "Do you know what you've lost?"

The students tilted their heads and asked, "What is it?"

Ji You said, "You've lost the opportunity for a shopping discount!"

Everyone: "..."

Ji You snorted, "Do you think Boss Ji's discounts are that easy to come by?"

Student A: "Sorry, I don't want that opportunity."

Student B: "I don't need it now either, maybe next time, next time for sure."

Student C: "I have two discount coupons, free delivery, anyone interested?"

Student D: "I have three, free delivery, feel free to pick them up."

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"These are universal coupons! They can be used for all of Ji You's products!" Ji You's face turned completely black as a pot: "You'll regret it, you'll definitely regret it!"

The students listened, completely indifferent.

Regret?

What's there to regret about?

Anyway, the assessment is about to end. Once it's over, everyone will be free and won't have to endure this miserable life, worrying about having enough to eat. There's no need to buy from Ji You anymore, right?

"This is the last time I'm saying this, you'll definitely regret it," Ji You angrily bent down, started fishing trash out of the bin. Fortunately, the cards in the trash weren't dirty, and Ji You retrieved them.

Seeing this, Zhang Ye clicked his tongue, "Do you have to be this desperate?"

Yue Qiyuan: "Is she desperate? She's just stingy!" After all, these discount coupons can still be washed and used.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You defended, "I'm not being stingy; these are genuine paper cards, high cost, and since they're usable, why not pick them up to use again?"

After hearing her, they didn't know what words to use to describe it.

Sheng Qingyan looked disdainful and said, "Poor dead, why pick cards from the trash? You shoved so many cards at me, I'll give them back to you."

Exactly.

Not only did Ji You give out discount coupons to other students, but she also forcefully gave her teammates 100 discount coupons each.

"Cough, cough..." Shen Changqing said, "I'll return mine too."

Yue Qiguang said, "Here's your dad's 100 coupons back."

"..." Chu Jiaojiao opened her mouth, thought for a moment, and after a long internal struggle, said, "Ji You classmate, how about I use half, and you give the remaining 50 to someone who needs them more?"

Ji You: "..."

"Really, believe me," Ji You took a deep breath, "Mr. Ji's coupons are really valuable."

Chapter 847: The Waning of the Wang Clan

Even though Ji You talked until her lips were dry and her mouth was parched, not a single person believed her.

How valuable could Ji You's discount coupons really be, despite her claims?

This fellow is a fraudster; if you actually took her coupons, chances are she'd con you out of even more money. Is it not better to save your money for eating and drinking well?

Ji You huffed with anger, "You'll seriously regret this! My coupons are given out only once, and then they're gone forever."

But surprisingly, as Ji You said these words, no one paid her any attention.

Ji You gritted her teeth, "When you regret it later and want more from me? No way!"

Sheng Qingyan's ears twitched. He raised his eyelids, giving Ji You a sideways glance, and said, "Wake up, oh? Discount coupons from a poor dead like you, oh? Who's going to regret it, oh?"

Ji You raised her voice proudly, "I'm the boss!"

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes, "Somebody's the Universe's number one Little Cutie, oh! Am I proud, oh?"

Ji You snorted, "Of course I'm proud. I'm a legendary figure, the boss of all bosses!"

Sheng Qingyan squinted and said, "And someone claims to be a Soul Artifact Master... If you believe that, you're a fool."

"Ahem..." Ji You cleared her throat, took a deep breath, and with a serious expression looked around, then loudly declared, "It's time you all learned the truth! Indeed, I—Ji You—am the Universe's strongest Soul Artifact Master, bar none!"

"Ahem..."

"Ahem..."

"Ahem..."

Amid a series of coughs, Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Xuzhou... all stepped forward, shook Ji You, and said, "Wake up... Time for your meds..."

With a face unflushed and a calm heart, Ji You faced the mocking laughter around her with composure, deciding to give these ignorant classmates one more chance, and loudly proclaimed, "Whoever wants the discount coupons of the Universe's strongest Soul Artifact Master, come and get them, after this chance, there won't be another."

Everyone: "No, thanks."

"You keep it for yourself."

"The paper is quite soft; you can use it to wipe hands, mouth, or even your bum, ha."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath, telling herself to keep calm, but couldn't help stomping her foot hard, utterly unexpected that she encountered a Waterloo moment with this clearly identical strategy to the 'Haolai' restaurant, and even more infuriating to be mocked by everyone.

Ji You stomped, gritting her teeth, "I'm not playing with you ignorant folks anymore."

"Let's go!"

"Patrol!"

But this time, Ji You's patrol target was no longer around the lawn but all changed to inspecting trash bins.

Behind her, a buzz of discussion:

"Ahem..."

"She's lost it."

"She's truly gone insane."

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Ji You ignored them, wholeheartedly searching trash bins; whenever she discovered any of her discount coupons inside them, she'd angrily yell, needing to scold these students harshly.

"How dare you throw Ji You's things in the trash bin."

"Foolish!"

"Utterly foolish!"

The first time students heard Ji You's scolding, they reacted a bit.

But!

She scolded all the way; students heard it so much they were completely immune.

Scold if you like!

Students continued eating with big bites, sitting on the grass, eating and drinking, while occasionally looking up to enjoy Ji You's impromptu trash-picking performance. I have to say, aside from being ridiculous, it was quite amusing.

Singing and acting... Ji You alone, an entire show.

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Ji You, bringing her entire security team along, picked and dug through trash bins all the way. This was no joke; it was serious trash-digging; almost all the lawn's trash bins stuffed with Ji You's discount coupons on little pieces of paper.

Every time she saw the little papers inside the trash bins, Ji You would hold her nose, personally pulling out the little pieces of paper, wash them clean, and put them back into her Space Button.

Over time, even Ji You's own teammates couldn't stand it, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan muttered their refusal, Yue Qiguang directly covered his mouth, staying away from Ji You, and grumbled out loud, "Aren't you disgusted? Dad's leftover dinner is about to come out from disgust!"

Ji You raised her chin proudly, "Saving resources, I don't mind any dirtiness."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang said directly, "Dad's patrolling alone, forget the main group."

After finishing.

Left immediately.

Sheng Qingyan covered his mouth, yawned, "Someone's leaving too, oh. If not leaving, maybe I'll become the Universe's Little Cutie laughed at by everyone."

Ji You: "Spicy Eye, you stop!"

Upon hearing this, Sheng Qingyan immediately sped up, vanished in an instant.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You stomped her foot in anger.

After Sheng Qingyan and Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, Lou, Lance, Chu Jiaojiao... all proposed patrolling alone. In a blink of an eye, not a shadow remained by Ji You's side.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath, walked over to a nearby trash bin, just bent down, suddenly met with Qi Fang's face full of sympathy.

Ji You: "..."

The awkwardness was fleeting, Ji You immediately walked over, sat beside Qi Fang, sighed, "Old pal, I'm really down."

Qi Fang: "Yeah, that's kinda rough."

Ji You was instantly displeased, "How can you say I'm down? We're countrymen, old pal meets old pal, should be... ahem... old pal sees old pal, tears welling up, we should help each other, encourage each other!"

Qi Fang: "..."

Qi Fang mumbled, "But I'm not your old pal."

"Ahem..." Ji You switched her tone quickly and suddenly asked, "By the way, the discount coupon I gave you, you didn't throw it away, did you?"

Qi Fang coughed abruptly, a trace of awkwardness flashing across his face.

As the first person to buy Ji You's food, Qi Fang enjoyed Ji You's special treatment, not only getting a large discount group but also a 50% universal discount coupon, when Ji You gave it to him, she specified that as long as it was Ji You's product, Qi Fang could enjoy a discount!

This was preferential treatment, no doubt.

As soon as Ji You saw his expression, she understood. Quickly standing up, she glanced at the nearby trash bin, her face turned dark.

Qi Fang: "..."

Qi Fang looked up, stared at the sky, "It wasn't me who threw it away. Maybe it accidentally flew away."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You endured, didn't say anything, but bent over, pulled a few discount coupons from the trash bin, and stuffed them into Qi Fang's arms, "Old pal! Take care of them, don't let them fly again."

Qi Fang: "Ahem..."

Ji You patted Qi Fang's shoulder, saying, "Take care."

After finishing, she lifted her foot and left, continued to patrol trash bins, as time slowly passed, finishing her patrol, retrieving all the discount coupons, just in time, Chu Jiaojiao and the group returned.

Chu Jiaojiao asked, "Ji You, there's only 10 minutes left in the truce; what are we doing next?"

Upon hearing this, Ji You raised her head, a gentle cool breeze softly brushing her white face, she casually glanced around, and coolly declared, "The weather's getting chilly, let the Wang Group go bankrupt."

Chapter 848: Equal Treatment for All

Chu Jiaojiao was taken aback: "What is the Wang Group?"

"Ahem..." Ji You suddenly choked: "You don't know?"

Chu Jiaojiao shook her head: "I don't know, but I think it should be some kind of evil organization?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You glanced at Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and others behind, noting their bewildered expressions. Ji You's mouth twitched, wanting to punch the wall!

—The act I put on, and no one understands it, how am I supposed to continue this act?

Ji You raised her head, looked at the leisurely green lawn ahead, with a faint chill in her lips, and said flatly: "You don't need to know what it is, you just need to know that with a flick of my fingers, I, Ji You, can crush it."

The crowd: "..."

Facing everyone's speechless expressions, Ji You raised her hand to her forehead, "Ahem... Don't you think saying it that way makes me seem very imposing, very domineering, and wickedly cool?"

Chu Jiaojiao stared at Ji You's face without blinking, giggling, and said: "Not at all, just think Ji You looks good."

Yue Qiguang pouted: "Just seems incredibly stupid."

Yue Qiyuan laughed: "Even stupider than Yue Qiguang."

Shen Changqing hesitated for a few seconds and expressed his thoughts sincerely: "I don't want to comment or have any thoughts on this."

Sheng Qingyan gave a sideways glance, saying: "That sentence was quite domineering and wickedly cool... But oh, it has nothing to do with you oh, you're just dumb and silly oh..."

Xuzhou, Zhang Ye, Lou, and Lance were about to speak, but Ji You raised her hand and put on a stern face: "Ahem... Let's get down to business."

At these words, everyone straightened their backs, looking very serious.

Ji You said: "Do what? What else can we do? Since we've all earned so much money, as businesspeople, we must be honest, so of course, we will protect everyone till the last second! Let's go—continue patrolling!"

Silence.

Quiet.

No one took a step.

Ji You was stunned: "Not going?"

Chu Jiaojiao squeezed out a smile, saying: "Classmate Ji You, let's agree first, patrolling means we patrol seriously, okay? Can we not dig through trash cans? I... I really don't want to dig."

Ji You: "..."

Yue Qiyuan stepped forward, saying: "That's right, let's agree first, no digging in trash cans, we can still be friends."

Yue Qiguang said: "If we dig in the trash, Dad will make the security team disband on the spot."

Ji You's mouth twitched: "When did I ever make you guys dig through trash cans? Also, Yue Qiguang, have you forgotten how you got beaten by my Rag Queen back then?"

"..." Yue Qiguang ignored Ji You's last sentence, focusing on the first one, looking disgusted: "You dig through trash cans yourself, as your teammates, we feel embarrassed too."

Ji You turned to the others.

Sheng Qingyan disdainfully said: "No way am I digging through trash oh..."

Shen Changqing, under Ji You's gaze, a blush rose on his delicate face, hesitated for a few seconds, then lowered his head: "I'll go with the flow."

Xuzhou's eyes lit up: "I'll go with the flow too."

Zhang Ye pointed to his own head, saying: "I've never had much of my own ideas, so I'll just go with the flow."

Lou: "What ideas? I don't know."

Lance patted his chest: "Where Ji You goes, I go!"

Ji You hadn't had time to be moved when he heard Lance's next words: "But I won't help Ji You dig through trash ha."

Ji You was stumped, she glared at these fair-weather teammates, sighed slightly, and compromised, saying: "Fine, no digging through trash."

Everyone was relieved then, urging Ji You: "Let's go!"

The group from section 44, whatever they did, within the entire testing field, the students were eating but actually paying attention to them all along, their actions, words, who they interacted with...

Every detail carefully observed by cautious students.

In fact, a few groups, uneasy, even checked the trash cans Ji You had dug through, and only when they found nothing unusual, did they sit back down to eat in peace.

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Ji You, leading the security team, walked toward the lawn's edge, and coincidentally, ran into Yu Yi and Penny. From afar, Ji You waved to them: "Penny, digging through trash again?"

Penny was just bending down, her hand hadn't yet reached the trash can: "..."

A few meters away, Ji You squeezed out a look of hope: "Are you picking up my discount coupons? Don't bother, I have plenty, I can give you a hundred or eighty without a problem."

Penny: "..."

Penny withdrew her hand, stood up straight, and her fair face in the golden sunlight appeared even more pristine and delicate, but the beauty kept a stern face, not very pleasantly, said: "When did you see me digging through trash? I just happened to throw something away."

"You didn't throw away my discount coupons, did you?" Ji You rushed over to check. Seeing no discount coupons, she breathed a sigh of relief, beamed, saying: "Finally someone who knows the value."

Penny: "..."

Penny said: "We're done eating and planning to go back."

"Hold it!" Ji You suddenly slammed her Big Chopper into the ground, unleashing her Kingly Aura: "Without Ji You's permission, no one is allowed to leave the lawn privately."

As Ji You finished speaking, behind her, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan...all drew their weapons, blocking Penny and Yu Yi's group of 10 people.

Yu Yi, Penny, and others all darkened their faces. Yu Yi remained silent, but Penny hastily said: "Are you causing trouble?"

Ji You curled her lips into a smile, her tone very calm, articulating each word: "It is Alliance Standard Time, 10:45:06 AM, 14 minutes and 56 seconds until the agreed truce time. No, now it's 54 seconds, until the time arrives, you, your teammates, your opponents, all of you must follow the rules."

Yu Yi, Penny, and others stayed silent.

Ji You said: "I've said, after the truce period is over, however you want to fight, it's none of our concern, but for anyone trying to break the rules early, sorry, my promise and this Big Chopper of mine will not agree."

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang...the entire security team raised their weapons: "That's right! We are the defenders of order!"

Yu Yi, Penny, and the others: "..."

Silence.

Around them, silence.

After Yu Yi and Penny heard this, their faces showed speechless expressions, but the other observing students around, seeing Ji You's group being so assertive, all breathed a sigh of relief.

No one breaking the rules means everyone can eat in peace.

After a moment of silence, Yu Yi raised his hand: "Let's retreat."

After speaking.

The group immediately retreated.

Seeing this, Ji You looked at the surrounding students, smiling broadly: "You all saw, those who wish to break the rules, will certainly not be allowed. Since you've eaten Ji You's food, I must ensure an exit for all of you. Rest assured, with me, there are no exceptions, no special cases, everyone is treated equally."

#### Chapter 849: Terrible Acting!

The atmosphere of silence on the lawn became lively again, as someone intended to break the rules, prompting the students to eat faster and tense up anew.

Ji You and her group continued patrolling.

While walking and patrolling, Ji You, being a businesswoman, was especially dedicated. Whenever she encountered people from other groups, she would approach them for promotion, grinning shamelessly: "Hey! Big brother, big sister... While there's still time, how about I distribute some discount coupons to everyone now?"

The others: "..."

Ji You: "It's free."

The others: "..."

Among the group of silent and speechless people, the captain stepped forward, waved his hand, and shooed, "Rejected, get lost."

Ji You pursed her lips: "When buying my beef jerky, you didn't ask me to get lost."

Captain: "I'm not buying your beef jerky now."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You lowered her head slightly, a hint of faint disappointment showed in her eyes. This scene fell into the eyes of the crowd; her slightly lowered eyes, lightly pursed lips, and the hidden disappointment on her body made the onlookers feel a twinge of heartache.

Yue Qiguang suddenly stepped forward, blocking Ji You, and lifted his eyelids towards the others, saying: "No matter how dumb No. 4444 is, she's still my captain, Yue Qiguang. Disrespecting her is disrespecting me, Yue Qiguang. You want to die?"

The captain looked slightly uncomfortable.

Yue Qiguang forced sternly: "10 vouchers each for your squad, everyone must accept 10 discount coupons!"

The whole team: "..."

There's even coercion?

Yue Qiguang turned around and urged Ji You: "Fool, aren't you going to produce 60 vouchers?" This squad currently only has 6 members left.

Ji You reached out to pull out—

The captain's mouth twitched slightly, muttering: "But... but so many, it's useless for us to hold them."

Yue Qiguang angrily shouted: "Hold them! Even if they're useless, keep them!"

Captain: "..."

After finishing the words, Yue Qiguang reached out, asked Ji You for the vouchers, and Ji You pursed her lips. Suddenly, a slender white hand stretched from beside them, stopping Ji You, "Rushing isn't selling... Even if a poor dead's things aren't worth much, they shouldn't be distributed like this."

After speaking, Sheng Qingyan reached out, grabbed all the discount coupons from Ji You's hands, and said: "Let's go... off to patrol."

When the words dropped, the typically laid-back and almost wishes to be carried while walking Sheng Qingyan actually took the initiative to walk ahead.

Ji You: "Cough cough..."

Ji You whispered: "Forget it, I won't do promotions. Let's all continue patrolling together."

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After walking a few steps, Ji You hummed, "Spicy Eye, give me back my vouchers."

Sheng Qingyan rolled her eyes disdainfully: "As if anyone cares."

Ji You thought for a moment, waved, and said: "Forget it, I'll give them to you."

The group had already reached a secluded place, backs to the crowd, and Ji You lowered her voice: "The acting is really bad. Especially you—Yue Qiguang! Exaggerated!"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang: "Papa chooses to act with you, that's already giving you enough face."

Ji You hummed and turned to Sheng Qingyan: "You too, straighten your waist when you turn, walk with big steps, make the wind under your feet. Your posture? Should be more determined. Just now, you looked like a fool."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan stuffed the discount coupons back into Ji You's hands: "Take them back, Little Cutie isn't serving you anymore."

After saying so, she turned her back angrily.

Ji You cradled the vouchers in her hands, still glaring at Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Xuzhou... several others, and scolded: "And you guys, bad reviews! Each one of you stood like wooden stakes, wouldn't you give some reaction, try to liven up the atmosphere together?"

Everyone: "..."

This person is really hard to serve.

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In the corner.

Penny, Yu Yi, and the other 10 people, forcefully intercepted by Ji You's group, squatted on the grass, looking at each other, with expressions somewhat displeased.

Someone asked: "Captain, are we just going to wait until the time is up?"

Yu Yi listened, didn't answer immediately, but turned to Penny, asking: "Are you sure there was no problem with the trash cans just now?"

Penny frowned, a flash of doubt crossed her face, said: "I examined them closely, found no problems whatsoever."

Yu Yi stroked his chin: "That's strange."

Penny's face darkened, said: "There are a total of 44 trash cans, I inspected 14, the sampling rate has reached over 30%, each one meticulously checked, found no issues, it can almost rule out the possibility of hidden explosives."

Having eaten, Penny followed Yu Yi's instructions and circled the trash cans Ji You touched, discovering nothing abnormal. Out of 44 trash cans, she only checked 14 due to time constraints, proving Ji You's previous behavior was purely to reclaim her discount coupons.

But!!!

A faint unease lingered in her heart, Penny said: "Have we been too sensitive?"

Yu Yi shook his head, said: "I keep feeling that during the critical time of the assessment, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing... their presence feels too coincidental, no matter how I think about it, it seems off."

A male team member spoke, said: "Could it be we're overly sensitive?"

Ever since deciding to come out to dine on the delicacies, the group may have appeared jovial on the surface, but internally, they kept their guard up, never relaxing. However, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan... among the group of 10 people, every move was secretly watched and guarded by Yu Yi, Penny, and their team, never slacking for even a second.

No anomalies.

All 44 groups seemed to have no abnormalities, what they said and did matched their personalities...

By now, it's made everyone begin doubting their own feelings and judgments:

——Could it really be just a coincidence?

Coincidentally returned, coincidentally Teacher Mu wasn't here, coincidentally brought so much food back to sell?

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Because of doubting their own judgments, Yu Yi decided not to keep staying passive; he wanted to leave, take his group and leave immediately.

Any apparent threat is far less troubling than lurking dangers. When not sure where the crisis comes from, doing things that are a bit against the rules is understandable.

Penny said: "It's not a matter of sensitivity, I also feel a certain dangerous sentiment, but where exactly, for what reason, it's like looking at flowers in the mist, dimly and elusive to grasp."

Hearing this, other team members remained silent, still the male team member from before, said: "So now, do we just sit like this without moving?"

Yu Yi: "Hmm."

After contemplating, Yu Yi looked around, whispered: "Try to stay away from the trash cans Ji You touched."

Checked 14 trash cans, no problems. But, aren't there 30 that haven't been inspected? Perhaps, the issue lies in one of those 30.

Upon hearing Yu Yi's instructions, the team members replied: "Don't worry, captain, we will surely stay alert. And now, the trash cans around us are those already checked."

Yu Yi finished survey around, found no apparent anomalies, calmed slightly.

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## Chapter 850: Suspicion

Yu Yi, Penny, and others patiently waited. Penny looked up, continuously staring at Ji You. When she saw Ji You and the group deliberately walk to a hidden corner and turn their backs to talk furtively, Penny said, "What are these people saying? What's really going on?"

The team member said, "They don't want anyone to overhear them. Are they planning an ambush?"

Another member said, "Everyone be quiet; let me listen carefully."

The group fell into silence.

A moment later, the team member said, "I heard a few words, vaguely mentioning ambush and... something else."

Penny and Yu Yi were taken aback.

Penny frowned and said, "What exactly were they saying?"

The team member shook his head, beginning to doubt the words he had heard. He said, "Can't hear clearly; ambush may not be accurate. It seemed they were talking about food, or maybe how much money they made."

Yu Yi said, "Let's be patient. They'll slip up eventually. Besides, they only have ten people; we have over two hundred. If we join forces..."

At this point, Yu Yi said, "Penny, what do the other captains think about the cooperation?"

While checking the trash cans, Penny had another task: contact other strong teams to negotiate that if Ji You's group harbors malicious intentions, everyone must immediately join forces to resolve it.

Penny contacted six teams in total. Two outright refused, while three were very interested and immediately expressed their desire to cooperate. The other team was indecisive...

Penny said, "Three teams should be willing to cooperate, but we still need to wait for their response."

Yu Yi said, "Hmm, let's wait five more minutes. If they don't agree to cooperate, we'll find our own way to protect ourselves."

As soon as Yu Yi said this, everyone was shaken. It meant Yu Yi was sure Ji You's group was up to something, but didn't know the specific issue, so could only be secretly vigilant?

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On the other side.

Ji You carried Big Saber, got tired of walking, and randomly found a lawn to sit down. The others followed Ji You and sat down.

Ji You raised her hand, using it as a fan to cool herself off while she pondered.

Chu Jiaojiao whispered, "They are really cautious; several groups want to cooperate and eventually team up against us."

Yue Qiguang said, "Can't we just eliminate these troublemakers right now?"

Yue Qiyuan rolled his eyes at him, saying, "Idiot, if you can keep quiet now, then don't speak."

Shen Changqing said with a calm face, "The explosive equipment isn't enough. If detonated now, we can't take everyone out in one go." Ji You continued to dig through the trash; the bombs in the trash cans covered a small area and wouldn't meet their expectations.

Xuzhou said, "Should we install a few more bombs? Should I just use the remaining two?" These were the last two kept for emergencies. The entire team had no extra ammunition available, which was why Ji You's group hadn't placed more in the lawn square.

Despite Ji You's group's impeccable acting skills, the students remained cautious. Mainly, they weren't stupid and were hard to fool, especially as this was an assessment area impacting their scores and future positions... Everyone was serious.

Ji You hadn't spoken yet; Zhang Ye shook his head and said, "No, if you keep digging through the trash, repeating the same action will raise suspicion."

Xuzhou fell silent upon hearing this.

Lou said, "I knew Yu Yi was very suspicious before, but didn't expect him to be this paranoid. We're performing so hard, yet he still doesn't believe we aren't malicious."

For Lou, acting was really challenging; whenever asked to perform, he forgot his lines, moved awkwardly, and couldn't deliver a single line.

No other choice, Ji You had him step back and focus on wielding Big Saber.

Lance was similar to Lou and was sent to wield Big Saber too.

Lance said, "But we do have malicious intent towards them."

Zhang Ye gave Lance a glare and said, "That's because your acting is poor."

Lance pouted, "As if your acting is fantastic, you're also in the Saber team."

Zhang Ye: "..."

Zhang Ye, dissatisfied, said, "My acting's bad? You know how I got the name 'traitor brother,' don't you? By my explosive talent in acting!"

"Cough, cough..." Lou quietly said, "Enough arguing, acting isn't the point."

As they muttered, Ji You suddenly raised her hand, and they immediately stopped talking, looking toward Ji You.

Ji You squinted at the students talking not far away, and said softly, "Since they plan to unite, let's dismantle their alliance and create chaos instead; it'll taste better that way."

Ji You said, "Let's go."

After she spoke, Ji You walked a few steps and found no one following. She turned around: "Let's go!"

Lance scratched his head and asked, "Ji You, won't you provide any guidelines or directions?"

Ji You replied, "Improvise."

Everyone: "..."

Lance: "???" Just a hint would do. This improvisation was really tough, especially since before the plan succeeded, they couldn't directly attack.

Not only Lance felt troubled, but everyone else did too.

Lou said, "Let me fight ten at a time, no problem. But improvising will make me bald."

Ji You rolled her eyes and said to Lance, "You don't need to do anything, just continue being a useless team member."

Lance: "Okay."

Ji You turned to Lou, saying, "You also don't need to do anything, just be a prop."

Lou grinned, "Understood, being a prop is my specialty."

Ji You then told Zhang Ye, "Traitor brother, bring out your double-agent skills. Or should I remove this traitor brother title from you?"

Zhang Ye pouted, "As if I care about it."

Ji You said, "Xuzhou."

Xuzhou lightly clenched his fingers and said, "I'll give it a try..."

Ji You smiled, "Little Zhouzhou really has ambition."

Xuzhou: "I'll try being a prop."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You was speechless for a moment and pointed toward a place, saying, "Little Zhouzhou, act according to the situation, understand?"

Xuzhou earnestly said, "Hmm."

Seeing her name hadn't been mentioned, Chu Jiaojiao proactively said, "Ji You, what do you think I can do?"

Ji You pointed to Yue Qiguang and said, "When things finally fall apart, immediately team up with Yue Qiguang and take care of Yu Yi and Penny."