

## Scavengers 871

### Chapter 871: I'm a Good Person

In the park, a gentle breeze blew by, lightly tousling a strand of Liu Fufeng's slightly curly hair. He kept his head lowered, revealing a fair, beautiful face. His wounded hand held a bottle of mineral water, and he gently sipped from the straw with his pale lips.

Sip!

Sip~

Sip~

...

Ji You tilted her head and waited for a while. Liu Fufeng continued sipping his water. Guessing it was personal, she felt it inappropriate to ask further, so after a moment's thought, she said, "Student Fu Feng, I'll be leaving now."

After speaking.

Ji You turned around to leave.

Suddenly, Liu Fufeng lifted his head, looked at Ji You, and spoke, "Student Ji You, you..."

He said only a few words and then paused, his beautiful eyes intensely focused on Ji You, his mouth opened and closed several times, hesitating...

Ji You immediately frowned and said seriously, "Why are you stammering? Just say it!"

Liu Fufeng opened his mouth: "Can you find me a car?"

Ji You: "???"

Liu Fufeng lowered his head: "I don't have any money."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath: "Are you a debtor ghost? Never seen anyone so poor!"

Liu Fufeng looked down, his face almost as red as his neck, resembling a bullied little wife...

Silence.

Still silence.

Ji You rolled her eyes and said, "Put it on the tab! 5 credit points."

Liu Fufeng: "Okay."

Ji You said: "Repay in 3 years, tenfold!"

Liu Fufeng: "Okay."

Ji You was about to speak again but after thinking about it, decided to let it go. It was only 5 credit points, after all. Everyone has tough times, right? So, Ji You summoned a nearby self-service floating car for Liu Fufeng.

Perhaps Liu Fufeng had been sitting for too long, causing his legs to feel numb. As he stood up, his whole body swayed. Ji You stood next to him, and when she saw Liu Fufeng about to stumble towards her, she subconsciously jumped back.

Liu Fufeng: "..."

Ji You raised her hand, scratched her head, and laughed: "I was just avoiding being falsely accused, instinctive reaction, don't take it personally~"

Liu Fufeng's figure swayed a bit, but fortunately, he wasn't so weak that he couldn't stand. After a few moments of adjustment, he soon steadied himself. Hearing Ji You's words, Liu Fufeng whispered, "Student Ji You, you're a good person."

Ji You: "..."

Unexpectedly receiving a good person card, Ji You felt a bit awkward, but looking at Liu Fufeng's earnest expression, it was clear that he sincerely thought she was a good person...

Liu Fufeng spoke again, his tone exceptionally serious: "I won't falsely accuse."

Ji You: "..."

Liu Fufeng with a serious look said: "I am a good person."

Ji You: "..."

"Cough, cough..." Who goes around claiming they're a good person? Ji You cleared her throat and said: "Good person, bad person, I don't care, just remember to pay me back, okay?"

Liu Fufeng nodded vigorously: "Mm."

Ji You said: "Let's go."

Liu Fufeng: "Mm."

Ji You started jogging towards the cafeteria. As she ran, she continued humming a tune.

Liu Fufeng stood by the floating car, watching Ji You's back until her silhouette disappeared from his sight without moving...

As the bottle of mineral water in his hand slowly emptied...

The orange-red sunset completely dipped below the mountain foot...

The sky had a thin layer of black mist...

Liu Fufeng suddenly moved his body, lowered his head, glanced at the empty mineral water bottle, paused for a moment, then threw it into the trash can and started to move into the floating car.

The floating car started, slowly driving towards its destination, as the scenery outside the window passed by, Liu Fufeng pressed his lips together, thinking:

Another day has passed, huh.

Time is so slow.

...

When Ji You ran to the cafeteria, it had just opened. Looking around, densely packed, all were heads, even though it was vacation time, there were still so many students staying at school?

Ji You sighed a bit and walked to the braised ribs serving window.

The surrounding noise was overwhelming.

At the front of the line were tall people with long legs. Ji You tried to tiptoe to see who was serving at the window but after trying several times and failing, she reluctantly gave up.

The line slowly moved forward.

With 3 or 4 people left to go, Ji You finally saw who was at the serving window. It was neither Senior Shi Ya, nor Senior He Bi, nor the senior in the third year who had appeared a few times, and certainly not Liu Fufeng...

It was a stranger.

Ji You felt a bit disappointed. After returning to school, she had messaged Sister Lingzhi, Sister Li Ya, Brother Qiong, and Senior Shi Ya, but none of them responded. Ji You had originally hoped to see Senior Shi Ya in the cafeteria but didn't want to...

Ji You suppressed her disappointment and approached the serving window to look over the dishes.

Looking at the name tag of the new server girl, she was a student in the same year as Ji You from the Material Processing Department, named Wen Xue. The Material Department had over a thousand students, and Ji You had only attended half a class, so she wasn't familiar with the students in that department. Of course, Ji You didn't know this girl named Wen Xue.

Ji You didn't know Wen Xue, but Wen Xue knew Ji You. Not only Wen Xue, but no students in the entire 131st batch of the Material Department didn't know Ji You. From triumphantly leaving the classroom to publicly challenging all Material Department students, Ji You's name was quite renowned.

Wen Xue particularly admired Ji You, not only for her courage on the day she decisively dropped the course but also for her prowess.

Seeing Ji You, Wen Xue's eyes lit up: "Student Ji You, have you come to eat? What would you like? I heard you really like braised ribs? These ribs just came out of the pot, very fresh, still steaming hot, want a serving?"

Wen Xue babbled on, her tone didn't pause, saying a long string of words. It was the first time Ji You encountered such enthusiasm from a cafeteria server, making her a bit uncomfortable.

So, Ji You squinted and smiled: "Then, give me a serving."

Wen Xue smiled: "Alright."

Quickly.

Wen Xue picked up the spatula, but her action of shaking the spoon was a bit clumsy, taking 10 seconds to serve a ten-dollar portion of braised ribs into the tray. Wen Xue suddenly ladled a spoonful of sauce and asked: "Student Ji You, would you like some sauce? It goes really well with rice."

Ji You's eyes brightened: "Yes!"

"Alright, here you go." Wen Xue poured the sauce into Ji You's tray, smiling, "Enjoy your meal."

Ji You quickly accepted it, thanking: "Thank you, Student Wen Xue, you're really nice."

Indeed—

There are more good people in the world after all, Liu Fufeng, who's stingy even with sauce, is an exception! Extremely rare!

Chapter 872: News

It's now officially the holiday, and there are no other courses. When the 131st Combat Department returned from assessment, all the students from other departments in the same grade had already gone home, and many chose to return to their hometowns.

Wen Xue stayed at the school, which Ji You found a bit surprising, and couldn't help but ask: "Wen Xue, have you decided to spend the entire summer holiday at school?"

Wen Xue nodded with a smile, saying: "Yes. Our Material Department's study workload wasn't heavy this semester, so we were on holiday right after the assessment. Many classmates left half a month ago, but I'm from the Third Star System, and it takes a week to go back. Plus, the route seems unsafe lately, so my family wants me to stay at school and go back after New Year."

Ji You listened.

Wen Xue continued: "Just as the cafeteria is hiring part-time workers for the holidays, I had nothing to do, so I applied for a job. I didn't expect to actually get it."

Ji You listened and felt a bit envious, saying: "Oh, why didn't I catch this good opportunity?"

Wen Xue covered her mouth and giggled, saying: "I heard Ji You's roasted rabbit skills are really superb. If Ji You were competing with me, I definitely wouldn't stand a chance." Working part-time in the cafeteria does require some culinary skills because occasionally, when the chefs are too busy, the part-time workers need to step up.

Ji You blushed at the mention of roasted rabbit and said: "Stop teasing me; I don't have any skills. It's purely because rabbit meat is tasty."

Thinking about rabbits, Ji You remembered the 200 rabbits belonging to Liu Fufeng in the rabbit shed.

Cough, cough...

Maybe try to have him repay the debt with rabbits?

Ji You stroked her chin, then turned to Wen Xue: "Thank you, Wen Xue. I'm going to eat now."

Holding the tray, Ji You finally found an empty seat amidst the crowd. She quickly put down her tray and sat down, but just as she was settling in, the large screen in the cafeteria flickered. The drama originally playing was replaced by an emergency news report:

[Currently, a massive riot of Star Beasts has occurred on Yunding Star, Feiluan Star, Kite Space Station, White Horse Junction Asteroid Belt, and Eagle Space Station... All nearby individuals are urged to evacuate immediately!

Evacuate immediately!

Evacuate immediately!

...]

The news kept repeating and quickly spread across all six star systems of the Alliance, as well as the neighboring Galaxy Empire, Blue Light United States...

The cafeteria fell silent.

Students simultaneously put down their chopsticks and stared at the screen...

Silence.

Silence.

Still silence...

After repeating a few times, the news host's furrowed brows relaxed somewhat, and he continued: [With Admiral Bai Ji, the Sixth Corps Commander, leading the fleet, they are speeding towards the direction of the anomaly and are expected to arrive at the destination in 3 hours and 8 minutes. Wishing Admiral Bai Ji and his warriors a triumphant return!]

The news continued, starting to play some videos of the Star Beast abnormalities.

These Star Beasts weren't just Carrion Vultures but also Peak Eagles, Skylarks... Mostly flying Star Beasts, with a small number of amphibious Star Beasts. The entire Star Beast riot was terrifying; some small planets were shattered in the blink of an eye by this mob of flying Star Beasts. In a moment, the planet was torn apart, transforming into countless fragments of varying sizes, sweeping across the starry sky in all directions—

This scene truly shocked the students in the cafeteria, and they unconsciously tightened their grip on the chopsticks.

Honestly, all the students present, whether they were first-year newbies, second-years with some accomplishments, third-years with solid skills, or fourth-years on the brink of graduation—these twenty-year-old kids, whether knowing the terror of Star Beast riots or having watched countless old imagery of Star Beast riots... None of those matched the shock of this real-time scene.

It's real.

It just happened.

It might cause massive destruction.

It's about to trigger a disaster affecting the survival of humanity.

...

No one is left unstirred.

Ji You furrowed her brows, gripping her chopsticks: Kite Space Station, Eagle Space Station...

Senior He Bi, Elder Chen Ke, Captain Babyface Tang Qi, Senior Brother Han Zheng...

Familiar or unfamiliar faces swept through Ji You's mind. Looking at the fragrant braised pork ribs in front of her, she suddenly felt they weren't appetizing. The chopsticks wouldn't go down.

Nearby.

After a long silence, a student suddenly said: "Several hundred students from the 130th Combat Department went to Eagle Space Station nearby for assessment, and they still haven't returned."

Everyone: "..."

That statement broke the silence, and soon another student frowned, saying: "This year's fourth-year students from the Combat Department have already officially entered service at various Legions, with 70% heading to the Sixth Legion."

The Sixth Legion is in the most dangerous area.

Will these students participate in resisting the Star Beast riot this time?

Will they... be safe?

...

No student provided an answer.

The atmosphere of being unable to eat gradually spread throughout the student body. Holding chopsticks, looking at their food, all immersed in silence...

For a while.

Someone picked up chopsticks and hastily ate.

There's no time to waste.

Not a minute, not even a second can be lost.

...

Ji You also picked up her chopsticks, forcibly stuffing food into her mouth—one bite, two bites, three bites... Something that usually took a few minutes to finish was polished off in less than 3 minutes.

After eating, Ji You got up and tossed her tray into the recycling bin, immediately contacting Chu Jiaojiao, saying seriously: "Jiaojiao, do you have time? Let's have a match, the kind where the punches really hit!"

Chu Jiaojiao had already eaten, just returned to her dormitory, and upon receiving Ji You's invitation, she readily agreed, saying: "Ji You, be prepared. No matter how good-looking you are, I won't hold back."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You scoffed: "Do I need you to hold back? That's a joke, I am the king standing at the World's Peak!"

Chu Jiaojiao's voice rose: "Then let's see if it's me, Chu Jiaojiao, or you, Ji You, standing at the World's Peak!"

Ji You chuckled softly: "I'm coming."

Leaving the cafeteria, Ji You wasn't stingy. She spent 5 credit points to find a self-service floating car to head to Chu Jiaojiao's dormitory.

Unlike self-funded students, those like Chu Jiaojiao and Shen Changqing who were admitted to Lanyue Star Military Academy based on their scores had their dormitory areas in a different location, and the environment was incredibly beautiful.

When Ji You arrived, the rose flowers in the dormitory area were blooming all over the branches, and the walls of the dormitory buildings were covered with roses of pink, purple, red, white, and yellow...

Gorgeous colors and breathtaking beauty.

Looking at this scene, thinking of the resource-poor Garbage Star No. 101, Ji You sighed: "It's spring; I wonder if the Iron Pear Wood on the garbage planet has bloomed yet?"

#### Chapter 873: Strength Value

After crossing a rose-covered hallway, Ji You finally arrived at the dormitory area where Chu Jiaojiao lived. This dormitory building was 1000 meters high and had 200 floors, with Chu Jiaojiao's room right on the top floor. Ji You took the floating elevator and arrived at the top floor after a minute.

She stood at the door and knocked.

"Knock knock..."

After two knocks, the door opened, revealing Sheng Qingyan's crew cut head. Ji You was taken aback: "Spicy eye?"

Sheng Qingyan, holding the door handle, slightly disdainfully said: "Come in."

Ji You deliberately checked the room number and found it was indeed Chu Jiaojiao's dormitory. Confirming it was correct, Ji You lifted her foot and walked in. As soon as she entered, she saw, besides Sheng Qingyan, three others: Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Shen Changqing.

Yue Qiguang raised his eyebrows while tapping his crossed leg, saying: "I hear you want to compete with Chu Jiaojiao? Daddy's here to join the fun."

Yue Qiyuan sat on a nearby sofa, flipping through a book for a few pages before closing it: "Nothing better to do, came to have a look."

Shen Changqing sat on the sofa opposite the Yue brothers, opened the Light Computer, and was watching the latest news about the Star Beast uprising near Eagle Space Station. His brows were furrowed, and he didn't speak, but he did lift his head to greet Ji You with a glance.

Sheng Qingyan squeezed into the empty space next to Shen Changqing, yawned, and said to Ji You: "You poor dead, if Jiaojiao beats you to death, remember to send me a dream so I can burn some money for you over there."

Ji You darkened her face: "Can you talk? If not, then shut up."

After finding a place to sit, Ji You looked over. Once she entered, Chu Jiaojiao was still doing arm-specific training in the gym. Through a transparent wall, everyone in the living room could clearly see what was happening inside the gym. After finishing the training, Chu Jiaojiao prepared to test her current strength.

Then everyone saw Chu Jiaojiao raise her fist, without a moment's hesitation, and slam hard into the counting board.

Bam!

[Strength: 8999!]

Another punch!

Bam!

[Strength: 9304!]

Bam!

[Strength: 9666!]

Bam!

[Strength: 9890!]

With four consecutive punches, each one breaking the last score, Chu Jiaojiao remained calm, gritting her teeth and hitting the counting board again:

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

9900!

9950!

9978!

9999!

Upon seeing the final number, everyone except Sheng Qingyan who was still pretending to be asleep, Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Shen Changqing all widened their eyes: Would this time break into 10,000?

If strength breaks into 10,000, it indicates Chu Jiaojiao's pure strength has entered the advanced stage.

Chu Jiaojiao made a concentrated effort, hit!

Boom—

The entire training room shook from the force, and the numbers on the counting board started to jump like crazy: Beep—

[Strength: 10069!]

[Congratulations on breaking 10,000, successfully reaching S-level peak, entering the high-level warrior ranks!]

[Congratulations! Please continue to strive forward to the next stage!]

Hearing the final number, Ji You, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, even Sheng Qingyan who had been lazily closing his eyes, suddenly opened his eyes and stared at the screen.

But, facing the system's endless congratulations, Chu Jiaojiao remained composed, as if her breakthrough was as natural as eating or drinking water. She calmly retracted her fist, grabbed a towel to casually wipe her sweat, then walked out of the training room.

The moment she walked out, Chu Jiaojiao's indifferent demeanor vanished as she quickly leaped to Ji You's front, staring at Ji You's face, the corners of her eyes and brows filled with a silly smile, "Ji You classmate, you're here, huh? This face, otherwise, later you might not see it again."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You scoffed: "You're pretty confident about yourself, huh. But starting today, I'm going to show you, Chu Jiaojiao, you know nothing about yourself. When it comes to strength, you'll always be ranked behind me, Boss Ji."

Yue Qiguang sitting beside couldn't take it anymore, smirked and said: "Boss Ji, maybe you should go do a strength test before you say that. Otherwise, Daddy is going to teach you what strength really means!"

Chu Jiaojiao glanced at Yue Qiguang and said: "In front of me, Chu Jiaojiao, no one dares show off their strength."

Her words were filled with confidence and arrogance.

Thinking about that 10069 score, Yue Qiguang pursed his lips and finally snorted through his nose.

Ji You said: "I'll go do a test."

What level her strength had reached, she hadn't checked for a while since last testing. Dropping the words, Ji You immediately entered the gym, clenched her fists, gathering strength in her core:

"Hup!"

She swung a punch!

Bam!

The values on the counting board began to jump wildly. Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan all turned their faces, their eyes focused on the counting board, and after jumping for a while, the value stopped.

[Strength: 6666!]

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan: "!!!"

Silence.

Ji You rubbed her eyes, almost not believing them: "So high?" You know, only S-level physique could reach this point, how could she believe she reached such a high score?

She immediately started suspecting whether the machine was malfunctioning?

Chu Jiaojiao and the others were all left gape-mouthed, thinking the same, Yue Qiguang frowned: "Try again, it must be the machine that's malfunctioning."

Yue Qiyuan entirely put his book down, stood up, walked to the transparent wall side, stared at the display screen, looking very serious: "I don't believe Double B can reach this level."

As soon as the words landed, Ji You immediately got unhappy, saying: "Yue Qiyuan, your words have a lot of ambiguity, you know? What Double B, I'm not that, my strength is already S-level!"

Who knew, after Ji You protested, Shen Changqing, who had been silent, suddenly spoke up: "I also don't believe it, Ji You's last test data was Double B, how could it improve so quickly?"

Ji You raised her chin, saying: "I'm a genius! Geniuses aren't judged by conventions."

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes: "A genius like you, I could hit two of you, but I'm not interested in fighting with poor dead like you..."

Ji You: "It's like I want to fight you! Spicy eye, I'm telling you, if you want me to compete with you, you better pay up, then I'll consider it!"

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes again, disdainfully said: "Deserve being poor, I'm not sending money or fighting with you."

Ji You: "Hmph hmph."

Chu Jiaojiao put away her playful smile and suggested: "Ji You classmate, redo the test!"

Ji You was eager to find out if the testing machine had a malfunction. If it wasn't, it meant her physique had greatly improved lately. Thinking this, Ji You eagerly swung her fist again.

Bam!

And saw—

Chapter 874: Duel

Ji You threw this punch with unstoppable momentum, as if carrying a world-splitting force, striking the scoreboard.

Bang!

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, the scoreboard quickly displayed a new number:

[Strength: 3078.]

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao and others: "..."

Ji You, unwilling to give up, punched again.

3012!

Another heavy punch.

3010!

2999!

2899!

3214!

...

Ji You looked at the sequence of numbers, stopped his actions, and his expression was very complicated. The scene quieted down as soon as Ji You started, and at this moment, the atmosphere was quite frozen.

After a few seconds of silence, Yue Qiyuan shook his head and said, "I overestimated you; turns out you're still at level 2B."

Ji You: "..."

Yue Qiguang slapped his thigh, laughing wildly: "The stance is pretty grand, but you fell right at the start, it's killing your old man with laughter!"

Ji You squinted: "You're sure I fell right at the start?"

Yue Qiguang frowned: "Come and fight me! I'll teach you what a true powerhouse is."

Hearing this, Chu Jiaojiao's eyes narrowed dangerously, and she said, "You're sure you want daddy to show you what a true powerhouse is?"

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang, unconvinced, said: "Daddy is just a bit weaker than you, but it's not in Strength, it's in spiritual power!"

Chu Jiaojiao started rolling up her sleeves: "I'm not using spiritual power today, just pure Strength, I'll show you what a powerhouse is!"

Seeing Yue Qiguang and Chu Jiaojiao's words escalating into a battle, Shen Changqing said softly, "Ah Guang, Jiaojiao, we're here today to see your match with Ji You."

Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang simultaneously: "Hmph!"

As these words fell, Chu Jiaojiao and Yue Qiguang turned their faces to each other for one second, then both took a few steps back, their eyes filled with disdain, almost enough to fill the entire room.

Ji You stared at the scoreboard, frowning, unable to figure out why the difference in numbers was so large? After Shen Changqing intervened between Chu Jiaojiao and Yue Qiguang, he immediately said to Ji You, "The large difference in your numbers is because your current strength is unstable. The high values earlier were temporary outbursts."

Upon hearing this, Ji You was slightly disappointed.

Shen Changqing continued, "But that's not a bad thing, it means your Strength has reached S-level potential. With continuous training and time dedication to refine and balance your Strength, it will solidify."

Yue Qiguang frowned: "She's leaping from B-level straight to S-level?"

Upon hearing this, Ji You's eyes lit up, her joy unconcealable: "Has my Physical Strength truly reached S-level?"

Shen Changqing, with a cool tone, spoke clearly, "Not exactly. It just means you have that potential. Truly reaching S-level needs a process, which might take a day, a month, a year, ten years... it's uncertain."

Upon hearing this, Ji You was very disappointed: "How could this be? It's like getting excited for nothing."

Yue Qiyuan, rolling his eyes on the side, said, "What are you dissatisfied with? The fact you show S-level potential means if you train steadily, no matter how long it takes, you'll definitely reach S-level one day. Disappointed? Sad? Heartbroken? Many people train hard all their lives and can't reach S-level, without even a hint of hope, what do you have to be disappointed about?"

Ji You raised a hand and ran it through her hair: "You're right; I've been too hasty."

Lately, her mindset had been in a state of panic and urgency...

With bad news constantly arriving from the frontline, the crises she witnessed firsthand, and the tragic scenes... Ji You almost lost her calmness, fearing the Beast Tide might break out suddenly, and afraid she wasn't capable of protecting herself, her family, and friends...

Ji You pursed her lips when suddenly, she felt a hand on her shoulder, and turning around, she was met with Chu Jiaojiao's face. Chu Jiaojiao said very seriously, "Come on! Let's have a formal duel."

Ji You nodded vigorously: "Okay."

Rather than rushing over things she couldn't control, it was better to focus on the present, handling each matter in front of her firmly...

Both walked towards the training room for a sparring match, and Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing, and Sheng Qingyan all put down what they were holding, looking towards the training room.

Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao stood on opposite sides, and without much dialogue, they both swung towards their opponent!

Ji You dodged aside, and in the next second, a fist was right at Ji You's nose tip.

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao withdrew her hand in time, but said provokingly, "With my previous attack and your reflex, half your face would be smashed, better remember this for me, I'll reclaim the compensation later."

Ji You squinted her eyes, leaping up like lightning, launching a barrage of punches at Chu Jiaojiao. Ji You thought Chu Jiaojiao would dodge or counterattack, but surprisingly, Chu Jiaojiao did nothing. She watched as if the fist was about to smash her face and neck, then unexpectedly reached out a finger and caught Ji You's fist.

Ji You was stunned and tried to exert more force.

Chu Jiaojiao pushed forward with a hand, and Ji You nearly stumbled, regaining balance and trying again towards the immobile Chu Jiaojiao—

"Crack~"

A subtle sound was heard, and Ji You froze, then felt a sharp pain, realizing her five fingers were fractured...

Enduring the pain, Ji You jumped up, sweeping a leg—

Thud~

Falling hard on the floor, her butt hurt badly, but sensing something amiss, Ji You quickly got up and attacked Chu Jiaojiao's back neck...

Chu Jiaojiao swiveled to dodge it.

The two exchanged blows, with Chu Jiaojiao holding most of the advantage, leaving Ji You mostly on the receiving end.

"Ji You classmate, your left cheek is gone."

"Ji You classmate, your teeth are gone."

"Ji You classmate, your arm is broken."

...

Listening to each new alert, suddenly, Ji You found herself released from the previous chaos, agitation, and anxiety, regaining calmness, composure, and decisiveness... As Ji You steadied herself, she squinted at Chu Jiaojiao opposite her and leapt up again, attacking!

Chu Jiaojiao: "Don't you want your hand?"

Ji You gritted her teeth: "Defeat you first; what does it matter how many hands I have then?"

Chapter 875: On the Battlefield, Only Fists Matter

Ji You steadied her mind, took a deep breath, and charged at Chu Jiaojiao. Chu Jiaojiao stood still, letting Ji You rush toward her, as Ji You threw a punch at Chu Jiaojiao: "Take this!"

Chu Jiaojiao reached out to intercept—

Ji You suddenly stopped midway, changed her attack position, aiming her punch at Chu Jiaojiao's head. Seeing she couldn't block it, Chu Jiaojiao immediately shifted her body slightly to fend off Ji You's sudden assault. But before Chu Jiaojiao could switch tactics, Ji You's punch suddenly landed on Chu Jiaojiao's chest.

Chu Jiaojiao: "!!!"

Chu Jiaojiao stared at her already flat chest, and within seconds, her expression changed from shock to disbelief, then panicked as she covered her chest tightly: "Damn!!! Ji You, you're so ruthless~"

"Teacher Mu said you're not allowed to hit a girl's chest."

"Yingyingying~"

"Yingyingying~"

"Yingyingying~"

Ji You: "..."

Perhaps truly hurting, Chu Jiaojiao held her chest with one hand and rubbed her eyes with the other, sounding extremely aggrieved: "Yingyingying~ You're bullying me~"

Ji You: "..."

Among the spectators, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, upon hearing Star Beast Chu Jiaojiao make such sounds, felt their scalps tingle, comparable to the roars of a Level 9 Star Beast...

second.

seconds.

seconds.

...

Hearing the pervasive yingying sound, everyone felt goosebumps all over and shivered non-stop. Yue Qiguang jumped up, and shouted fiercely: "Number 4444, Daddy will help you beat her to death!"

Ji You waved to intercept: "No need! I'll take responsibility for beating the yingying monster!"

After saying this, Ji You swung her foot to sweep Chu Jiaojiao's calf but suddenly changed direction in an instant. Chu Jiaojiao, known as a beast, of course, anticipated she'd suddenly change her attack range, and with her brute Physical Strength and combat intuition, Chu Jiaojiao immediately counteracted as always!

However!

Suddenly, for a brief moment, she felt her thoughts dull slightly — how brief was this? 1 second? Half a second? So brief it was only a millisecond. But the battlefield changes rapidly, and by the time Chu Jiaojiao began counteracting, she had already been hit hard!

Bam!

A punch!

Again on the chest!

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao could hardly believe it. She opened her mouth, looked at Ji You, then looked around and finally lowered her head, pondering if there was still a chance to save her possibly flattened chest?

Is there?

Isn't there?

Chu Jiaojiao's mouth curled: "Howl howl howl... Ji You, how could you do this? How could you hit a girl's chest?"

Ji You asked: "Do you have one?"

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Heart-piercing!

Combo hit!

"On the battlefield, there's no chest! No friendship either, only fists!" Ji You squinted, and in Chu Jiaojiao's dazed expression, threw another punch!

"Damn! Again?!" Chu Jiaojiao frightenedly backed off, then spun around and kicked high at Ji You, who dodged sidewise, then Chu Jiaojiao leapt forward, raised her hand, and slammed down hard toward Ji You's head!

This punch was too swift, arriving in an instant. Even though they'd already anticipated the other's move, confirming the opponent's attack method and position, but!

Couldn't dodge!

Totally couldn't dodge!

A terrifying pressure surged towards Ji You entirely, she even envisioned her brain bursting...

This was the physique at S-tier peak!

This pressure several levels higher, carrying complete destruction and intimidation, like the sky about to pour down like a mountain rain, dark and oppressive... Ji You furrowed her brow, realizing she truly couldn't evade, even continuing to use spiritual power still wasn't enough...

Bam!

With a loud crash, Ji You, hit in the chest by Chu Jiaojiao, was forced back uncontrollably several meters, barely steadying herself afterwards. Ji You hastily looked down at her own chest...

Then, Ji You lifted her head, stared at Chu Jiaojiao, her facial expression beyond any description.

Silent.

The entire dormitory area was so quiet a pin could be heard.

Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang glanced between Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao, then Sheng Qingyan raised a hand and yawned, saying: "Calm down, it's just two beasts fighting, just don't consider them as girls."

"Eh?" Yue Qiyuan dug into his ear, saying: "These two aren't girls from the start, no need to pretend they are."

Yue Qiguang knowingly nodded, said: "Sounds right."

Shen Changqing stayed silent, but his clear eyes showed the utmost agreement.

Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao ignored the side comments from these four passerbys; Ji You squinted, her gaze towards Chu Jiaojiao was brimming with danger, her slightly upturned lips revealing a teasing smirk, saying: "Good."

"There's no chest on the battlefield! Ji You, let's hurt each other!" Chu Jiaojiao bounced and crossed motions, ready to strike!

Ji You: "Alright."

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

...

Punches landing! Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao's punching and dodging actions were too fast, at one point, Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, and the others watching could hardly discern who was more injured or who was suffering... Just felt like the whole training room echoed with the sound of fists breaking rib bones...

minute.

minutes.

minutes.

...

Usually at a disadvantage and thoroughly beaten, Ji You, however, showed remarkable resilience. Each time, seemingly about to be knocked down, yet could rise again the next second. She appeared weak, yet could hold against Chu Jiaojiao for so long. Seeing Ji You's plight, compelled Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, and the others to gasp.

"Hiss~" Yue Qiyuan lightly trembled, asking Yue Qiguang beside him: "Bro, could you last that long?"

Yue Qiguang gnawed on his lips, dared not respond.

Shen Changqing pressed his lips together, his refined face suddenly revealed a determination: If Ji You could contend with Chu Jiaojiao this long, I surely could too!

Sheng Qingyan gaped, silently watched Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao for a while, his jaws ached terribly, couldn't help but grimace, saying: "What the heck, isn't it's not a life-or-death duel, no need for this right?"

Training room.

Ji You dodged frantically in an emergency, still Chu Jiaojiao managed to punch her cheek, Ji You wiped the spot, indifferently rubbing her face that swelled immediately like a pig's head, while Chu Jiaojiao somewhat couldn't take it, abruptly retracted all her aggression:

"Face~"

"Face~"

"Face~"

Chu Jiaojiao heartchurned, clutching her chest, utterly unable to accept, and wailed loudly: "Impossible! This couldn't possibly be my doing, I couldn't have done such a thing to Ji You's face."

Ji You spat out a mouthful of blood foam, asked: "Still fighting?"

Chu Jiaojiao's expression hardened: "Fight!"

Ji You: "Come!"

In the blink of an eye, the two entangled again.

## Chapter 876: Accepting a Mission

One punch, one punch...

A while later.

Ji You slumped in the corner, unable to move anymore, only her mouth could still twitch a bit:  
"Jiaojiao...help me up, I can still fight!"

"Ji You, please... don't look at me with that face... I'm... I'm scared." Although Chu Jiaojiao could still swing her fists and could completely finish off the limp Ji You with one punch, she didn't want to move because her head hurt too much. It buzzed as if countless bees were stinging her forehead and ants were sucking her brain...

Aside from her aching head, her heart hurt too. Chu Jiaojiao still couldn't believe she did such a thing to Ji You's face, unable to accept it, she covered her face and wailed:

"Ouch~"

"Impossible!"

"Absolutely impossible."

"This is definitely not me..."

...

In the dormitory, Sheng Qingyan had already taken a nap on the sofa and just opened her eyes to find the two finally stopped. She immediately spoke up, sounding disdainful: "Boring, if I knew it would take this long, I should've checked out the Master's shop."

Yue Qiyuan was flipping through the news, and upon hearing the cessation, he also looked up at Ji You and Chu Jiaojiao, saying: "2 hours, 13 minutes, and 17 seconds, Chu Jiaojiao, you're getting weaker. You spent so much time on a 2B like Ji You, you need reflection."

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fists:

It's not that she got weaker, it's Ji You who got stronger.

Ji You, under everyone's radar, silently grew so much stronger! And she herself only improved a little!

Indeed, reflection is needed.

Then Yue Qiyuan turned to Ji You, looking at her face, his mouth twitched slightly: "That face is really ugly."

Ji You: "..."

Yue Qiyuan suddenly said: "Always fighting, always losing, why bother? Trying to gather a hundred thousand ugly failure faces?"

Ji You: "..."

On the side, Shen Changqing was dismantling and assembling a mecha model when he suddenly said: "Always fighting, always losing, there's nothing wrong, the only mistake is lacking strength. Therefore, you should persist, grit your teeth and persist... I admire Ji You."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Ji You: "!!!"

Ji You grinned, chuckled, and glanced at Yue Qiyuan proudly: "Stupid, heard that? Even an honest person supports me."

Yue Qiyuan's mouth twitched: "I didn't say I don't support you. I only said you look too ugly losing every time."

Ji You pouted: "You try, try looking un-ugly when losing?"

Chu Jiaojiao scratched her still swelling head, saying: "Everyone, take a pause, what are your plans for the holiday?"

Once this question was thrown out, the surroundings suddenly fell silent.

Chu Jiaojiao: "I'll speak first, my troublesome wife ran off somewhere, I don't plan to go back, I want to take on tasks at school for training. Anyone wants to join?"

Yue Qiguang spoke first: "Going home is boring, apart from gaming at home, there's nothing to do. Might as well earn some points. Anyway, I'm taking tasks."

Yue Qiyuan also didn't think much, directly saying: "Already told the parents, going to take tasks, not going home for the holiday."

Shen Changqing put down a mecha model leg, earnestly saying to everyone: "I'm taking tasks too; before coming here, I've already searched for tasks suitable for us. Currently, there are several group tasks; here, look..."

Shen Changqing, who is usually sparing with words and known for being pragmatic, had already planned ahead when Chu Jiaojiao mentioned it. In the eyes of everyone, Shen Changqing shared the information he gathered with Ji You and the other four.

Sheng Qingyan glanced at it and immediately jumped up, shouting: "Don't count me in, I have my whole holiday planned! I'm going to Love Star, enjoying the sea breeze and seafood at the Aegean Sea during

the day and working voluntarily at the Green Glaze Master's shop at night, hoping to win the Master's favor and get promoted to a salesperson as soon as possible..."

"Cough..." Ji You said sternly: "As long as I'm here, you can forget about becoming a salesperson!"

This remark stirred the hornet's nest, Sheng Qingyan exploded: "Don't think being the Master's salesperson lets you whisper in their ear, not even the Master can refuse me! I'm the Universe's number one Little Cutie!"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You declared: "I'm definitely whispering in their ear."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Ji You ignored the almost-crying Sheng Qingyan and turned to Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiyuan, and Yue Qiguang: "I'm taking tasks too; any thoughts on group tasks?"

Yue Qiguang: "Anyway, Daddy Universe Strongest, whether solo or together, Daddy's never afraid."

Yue Qiyuan glanced at his dumb brother, saying: "Mom asked me to keep an eye on this fool, afraid he would get himself lost."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang angrily said: "Yue Qiyuan, shut up, I won't take you for a mute."

Well!

The sibling quarrel, no need to mind, Ji You turned to Chu Jiaojiao and asked: "Jiaojiao, what about you?"

Seeing Ji You's swollen face, Chu Jiaojiao covered her heart, feeling both distressed and guilty to the core, suddenly Chu Jiaojiao shouted: "I'll pay! I'll heal your face!"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You took a deep breath, saying: "What I meant was whether to take group tasks."

Chu Jiaojiao clenched her fists, earnestly: "Wherever Ji You goes, I go. I'm Ji You's little fool."

Ji You: "..."

"Sorry, I can't accept being a little fool," Ji You quickly asked Shen Changqing: "I'm taking group tasks; are you coming?"

Shen Changqing nodded: "Yes."

Ji You snapped her fingers, "Decided! We're all taking tasks."

Yue Qiyuan asked: "Which task to take?"

Yue Qiguang immediately jumped out, filled with confidence: "Powerful cooperation, of course, the task of slaying Star Beasts! Like finding Xiao Ming's lost kitty, testing senior students' lab products, being punching bags for teachers... Yue Qiguang looked down on all of them, he wants to kill Star Beasts! Countless Star Beasts."

Everyone ignored Yue Qiguang, looked at each other, and Shen Changqing raised his hand, pointing out two tasks, saying: "This task, the destination is next to Lanyue Star, it's testing a batch of newly manufactured Low-star Mecha for the mecha manufacturing factory there, difficulty level 1 star. If we work together, we estimate completing it in 5 days."

Ji You and the others already got their Basic Mecha Driver's License and qualified to evaluate Low-star Mecha. This task poses no danger, just requires following procedures diligently for assessment and reviewing to complete it.

Upon hearing how simple this task is, Yue Qiguang, Chu Jiaojiao, and others weren't particularly interested. Chu Jiaojiao asked: "How's the second task?"

#### Chapter 877: Bee Head Star

"The second mission..." Shen Changqing raised his hand, pointing at the route map on the light computer screen, and said in a calm tone, "The second mission is to go here and capture a star beast called the Black Gold Rat and obtain the teeth of 10 Black Gold Rats of 2-star level or higher."

Upon hearing Shen Changqing reveal the mission's content, everyone followed the route map pointed by Shen Changqing's finger and looked up, pausing for a moment in awe.

Chu Jiaojiao frowned, "This place is... Bee Head Star?"

Shen Changqing retracted his hand and gently said, "That's right. The mission location is Bee Head Star. Due to the habits of the Black Gold Rat, it only likes to live on planets with Black Gold Ore, and the closest planet with abundant Black Gold Ore to Lanyue Star is Bee Head Star."

Bee Head Star, as the name suggests, the first human to discover this planet found a large number of Black Thorn Bees here. As a social star beast, Black Thorn Bees have a very strong sense of territorial awareness. Once a foreign species enters their range, they will be under mass attack. The first human who discovered this planet almost lost his life. Fortunately, he didn't actually set foot on the planet. Once he noticed something unusual, he left immediately.

Apart from Black Thorn Bees, this planet also has other kinds of star beasts, one of which is the Black Gold Rat. They live in underground caves, feeding on Black Gold Ore and mostly having no conflicts with Black Thorn Bees. Therefore, they manage to coexist peacefully with them.

...

The Black Gold Ore has numerous uses. The power systems of mechas, battleships, spaceships... all require Black Gold refined from the ore. Of course, the alliance wouldn't let go of such a treasure trove. As a result, the alliance launched a series of actions and dispatched a group of high-level combat forces led by General Chu Zhan, who was the commander of the First Legion at the time. They killed a peak level 10 Black Thorn Bee Queen that had occupied Bee Head Star for many years and exterminated most of the Black Thorn Bee swarm. Only a few managed to escape or survive. After successfully expelling the Black Thorn Bee swarm, the alliance immediately stationed warriors there and sent mining robots to collect Black Gold Ore.

However, this was a hundred years ago.

After centuries of mining, the Black Gold Ore resources on Bee Head Star have been exhausted. A large number of excavation companies have withdrawn from Bee Head Star, leaving behind only a few people to guard it. As humans gradually left, the Black Thorn Bee swarm, which had been under control on Bee Head Star, somehow began to reproduce in large numbers again. It's heard that the Bee Queen in this swarm has already evolved to level 4.

A level 4 Bee Queen is very weak to the human high-end combat forces but is a terrifying existence for Ji You and the others. Especially since this level 4 Bee Queen has tens of millions of underlings...

Upon hearing about Bee Head Star, the expressions on the faces of Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Chu Jiaojiao, and Ji You were all very serious. Ji You frowned and said, "Besides Bee Head Star, is there no other place where Black Gold Rats exist?"

"There is." Yue Qiyuan said with a solemn expression, "But they're in other star systems, and all are extremely dangerous. In comparison, the danger on Bee Head Star is actually the lowest, because the Black Thorn Bees there have been eliminated by humans before. Although the Black Thorn Bees show signs of resurgence, the current swarm is one whose numbers the alliance intentionally controls. The most dangerous and powerful Bee Queen is only level 4, while the rest are only level 1 and 2 shrimp soldiers and crab generals, not worth fearing."

Shen Changqing inserted, "After consideration, the best place for us to complete the mission is Bee Head Star."

Ji You frowned, pondering the feasibility.

Yue Qiguang said, "What's there to fear about danger? Haven't we killed level 4 star beasts before?"

Everyone: "..."

Seeing everyone with slightly speechless expressions, Yue Qiguang lifted his chin and said, "Isn't it so?"

Yue Qiyuan raised his hand and rubbed his forehead, "This level 4 is not the same as those other level 4. This level 4 has tens of thousands of level 1, 2, and 3 behind it!"

Upon hearing this, Yue Qiguang rolled his eyes, saying, "Dad doesn't know? But without knowing the danger level, can we avoid danger? What's there to be afraid of? Just these few words: face it and fight!"

Chu Jiaojiao actually quite agreed with this, waving her fist and said, "That's right, just fight! Hiding forever won't avoid danger. In that case, what's there to hesitate? If those Black Thorn Bees really show up, just find a way to deal with them!"

The words of the two rash men, Yue Qiguang and Chu Jiaojiao, could be listened to but shouldn't be used as prime advice. Shen Changqing turned to Ji You and asked, "Classmate Ji You, what do you think?"

Ji You touched their chin, and after a while, said, "I support Yue Qiguang and Jiaojiao."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Upon hearing this, Yue Qiguang immediately raised an eyebrow, revealing a proud look: "You fool, you actually have some insight."

Ji You glanced at him and asked Shen Changqing, "What is the current scale of the Black Thorn Bee swarm on Bee Head Star? In which areas of the planet are they mainly distributed? What is the current size of the Black Gold Rat population? What's their distribution location, and the danger level... give us this information to check out."

Ji You directly asked Shen Changqing because they knew Shen Changqing must have done this groundwork in advance.

Shen Changqing handed over a long-prepared document to everyone present and said, "According to satellite detection outside Bee Head Star, the current Black Thorn Bee swarm is approximately 10 million, mainly distributed in the warm climate of the Southern Hemisphere. The Black Gold Rats are mostly distributed in the cold climate of the Northern Hemisphere. As long as we prepare in advance, we have a 50% chance of not running into Black Thorn Bees."

Subsequently, Shen Changqing sent the information he had learned into the light computers of Ji You and others, and continued to describe this information briefly in a steady tone.

Everyone lowered their heads, deep in thought.

After a while, Ji You said, "How about heading to Bee Head Star?"

Chu Jiaojiao immediately approached but once faced with Ji You's pitiful face, immediately moved their head away and said, "No problem, wherever Ji You goes, I go. I'm Ji You's little caretaker."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You curled their lips and said, "Telling lies with your eyes open, aren't you ashamed?"

Chu Jiaojiao turned their head, chuckled, and said, "I have money in my pocket to fix your face, rest assured, classmate Ji You, I will spare no effort to restore your resplendent beauty."

Ji You looked at the brothers Yue Qiguang and Yue Qiyuan.

Yue Qiguang said, "Just right, I want to see whether it's the Black Thorn Bee that has what it takes or is it my dad's fist."

Yue Qiyuan didn't say anything, but by looking at Yue Qiyuan's expression, Ji You knew he would follow Yue Qiguang.

Shen Changqing didn't wait for Ji You to ask, and proactively said, "My choice is also the second mission."

After initially reaching a consensus, everyone turned to Sheng Qingyan in sync. Sheng Qingyan was asleep, with his eyes closed. His fair, pretty face had an imprint pressed on it, with a faint pink trace along the imprint, and just below it, a crystal clear droplet of drool hung at the corner of his mouth...

#### Chapter 878: Little Stupid

Looking at Sheng Qingyan's completely unflattering sleeping posture, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, and Yue Qiyuan... all had indescribable expressions on their faces. They waited for a bit, only to discover not only did Sheng Qingyan not wake up, but also started snoring...

"Snore~"

"Snore~"

"Snore~"

The snoring was like a broken bellows, piercing and unpleasant. Ji You couldn't help but step forward and kick Sheng Qingyan on the butt: "I know you're not sleeping, stop pretending and get up to vote."

"Snore~ snore~" Sheng Qingyan remained motionless, the snoring getting even louder.

Ji You: "..."

Ji You raised his foot and kicked again: "Wake up, Teacher Mu is here."

Sheng Qingyan's head tilted, turned to the other side, and continued sleeping like a dead pig.

Ji You: "..."

Even invoking Teacher Mu was useless?

Ji You's mouth twitched, and under the watchful eyes of Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and Yue Qiguang, he opened his mouth and calmly said four words: "Green Glaze Master."

"Huh?"

Sheng Qingyan leapt up, spinning his head and looking around: "Master? Where's the master?"

Ji You pointed at himself and said, "Here."

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes and disdainfully said, "Oh, come on, I'm not falling for that..."

Ji You remained stern and said, "Everyone's going to Bee Head Star, are you coming?"

As soon as he said that, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and Yue Qiguang, along with Ji You, all stared intensely at Sheng Qingyan. Facing these enthusiastic, expectant, and yearning gazes, Sheng Qingyan yawned, feeling somewhat bored, and said, "For what? I don't care about those few measly points, isn't staying at home and sleeping nice enough? Is the island not beautiful anymore, or is the sea breeze no longer pleasant, or is the seafood not tasty enough..."

Ji You, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, and Yue Qiguang all asked in unison: "Are you going or not?"

Sheng Qingyan: "Going!"

Ji You rolled his eyes: "See, one word was all it took, yet you went on and on, and—" he pointed a finger at Sheng Qingyan's chin, continuing, "wipe off your drool, it's quite spicy on the eyes."

Sheng Qingyan took out a handkerchief, wiped off the drool, and immediately glared at Ji You unhappily, saying, "Poor dead one, I'm seriously warning you, never joke about my Green Glaze Master again, at least show some basic respect..."

Ji You: "Uh-huh~"

Speaking of Green Glaze Master, everyone else perked up. Chu Jiaojiao looked eagerly at Ji You and asked, "Ji You, do you have any news about the master? Are there any new soul artifacts on the shelves recently?"

Before Ji You could answer, Yue Qiguang said, "If there are, let Daddy know ahead of time, and I'll immediately go wait." After going through so much, Yue Qiguang realized his fatal weakness—spiritual power.

The soul devices created by Green Glaze Master were effective for Yue Qiguang, and he was very interested.

Yue Qiyuan asked, "Are there any?"

Although Shen Changqing didn't speak, his pitch-black eyes were fixed on Ji You's eyes without moving, all across his eyes and face was written the desire for soul devices.

Just as Ji You was about to speak, Sheng Qingyan suddenly asked, "Poor dead one, is the master hiring new salespeople recently?"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said, "As long as I'm here, Ji You, you can forget about becoming a salesperson. In terms of selling ability, how do you compare to Ah Da? How do you compare to me? The moment you open your mouth, you'd scare everyone away, it's better not to, the master will definitely not be interested in you."

Sheng Qingyan said pitifully, "I can learn..."

Ji You waved his hand and turned to the others, saying, "I haven't received any news about the master at the moment. Soul devices are difficult to make, and the master probably can't produce them in batches. Besides, the master always strives for perfection and is full of craftsmanship spirit when making soul artifacts, how could they be available so quickly?"

Everyone thought about it and agreed.

Technologically mature soul artifact makers might be able to produce one in a month or two, but the vast majority of them only produce one piece in half a year or a year, and even then, it's not that good...

Green Glaze Master has already sold many soul devices, and these sold are all low-level. Many people speculate that the master must have taken out previous practice pieces all at once.

If practice pieces are already so strong, then what about the real, successful ones?

...

Hearing Ji You's words, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing... all showed disappointed expressions.

Ji You looked at everyone and said, "Don't worry, we are family, how could I mistreat you?" He paused slightly, then continued, "As soon as I have news about the master, I'll definitely let you know."

Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao, and others: "Okay."

Then.

Everyone discussed the specific arrangements for the group task. After everything was settled, when Ji You, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, and Sheng Qingyan were ready to leave, Shen Changqing's communicator suddenly rang.

Shen Changqing paused his steps and didn't immediately answer the call. After seeing the caller, a slight frown formed on his forehead.

Ji You casually asked, "Who is it?"

Shen Changqing replied in a low voice, "My grandpa."

"Whoa," Ji You suddenly stopped in his tracks and asked incredulously, "Your grandpa? General Shen?"

Shen Changqing: "..."

Shen Changqing retorted, "I only have one grandpa, and his last name is Shen."

Ji You waved his hand and chuckled, "Don't sweat the small stuff like that, why haven't you answered our grandpa's call yet?"

Shen Changqing: "..."

Since when did he become 'our grandpa'? How come he didn't know?

Ji You urged, "Answer it quickly! Don't let our grandpa wait too long."

Others also found it odd for General Shen Chi to suddenly appear at this time, so Chu Jiaojiao said, "Hurry up and answer the call, why dawdle?" It's infuriating to compare, Grandpa will immediately inform Shen Changqing whenever there's a big change, while at her place, that troublesome old lady is like a wild horse, never stays home and doesn't inform her at all...

The more Chu Jiaojiao thought about it, the angrier she got.

Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, and Sheng Qingyan also lifted their heads, fixating their eyes on Shen Changqing.

Under the intense gaze of everyone, Shen Changqing answered the call from General Shen Chi. The moment the call connected, everyone was greeted with General Shen Chi's handsome, stern face.

Seeing so many classmates crowded around his grandson, all of them peering at him with their heads tilting in, Shen Chi was a bit surprised, as he knew his grandson wasn't the lively, outgoing type.

Though surprised, Shen Chi maintained his serious demeanor and said, "Little Stupid... Grandpa wants to—"

As soon as those three words were spoken, Shen Changqing's face instantly turned red: "Grandpa!"

Chapter 879: Our Grandpa

In an instant, Shen Changqing's face turned beet red, Ji You, Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang... all stared wide-eyed and open-mouthed at Shen Changqing in disbelief, making the scene exceptionally awkward...

General Shen Chi, who had been maintaining a stern face, suddenly laughed and said, "Oh~ my Little Stupid has grown up and knows how to be shy now."

Shen Changqing: "..."

At that moment, Shen Changqing's cheeks were burning like a fiery sunset; he stomped his foot and turned his back: "Grandpa!!!"

Ji You: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao and others: "..."

Shen Chi looked at Shen Changqing's round back of the head and instinctively wanted to reach out to rub it, but as he was about to extend his hand, he suddenly realized his grandson had grown so tall. For a moment, Shen Chi was slightly startled:

[When was the last time I saw my Little Stupid?

month?

months?

months?

Or a whole year ago?]

After a brief pause, Shen Chi put away his guilt towards his grandson, looked at him, and smiled warmly: "Alright, alright... Changqing has grown up, Grandpa won't call you by your nickname anymore."

At this moment, Shen Changqing, with his back to everyone, felt extremely embarrassed because his recent actions were really childish, like a little kid sulking with adults...

Should he turn around?

Or continue facing away from Grandpa?

Shen Changqing was in a bit of a pickle...

Suddenly—

Standing beside the holographic screen, Ji You, who had been in a daze for a few seconds, suddenly straightened his back, standing upright and shouted excitedly to General Shen Chi: "General Shen Chi, hello, I'm your super fan Ji You; I truly admire you, respect you, and have great affection for you. Thank you for guarding the Alliance, and protecting the people. It's an honor to meet you in person. Plus, I honestly think Shen Changqing's nickname sounds really nice."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Chu Jiaojiao and others: "..."

Sheng Qingyan lifted his eyelids and glanced at Ji You; Grandpa Shen is such a fierce and insidious old man, does this poor dead guy dare to get close? Teasing his grandson right in front of him? Aren't you afraid of being caught and hung on a mecha for show?

Silence.

Quiet.

The scene maintained a momentary tranquility.

Then—

Shen Chi suddenly laughed and said, "Oh—it's Little Ji You, I heard Little Stupid mention you; you're a very clever and adorable child."

Shen Changqing turned around and muttered quietly: "Didn't you say you wouldn't call me Little Stupid anymore?"

Shen Chi curled his lips into a smile and replied: "Alright, alright... Grandpa really won't mention it again."

Upon hearing General Shen Chi's personal praise, Ji You's face beamed with joy; he eagerly moved closer, grinning, and asked: "Grandpa, are you looking for Shen Changqing to talk about something? Do you need us to step away for a while?"

Hmm? Just now it was Grandpa Shen, and now immediately changed to Grandpa, this... Indeed, Little Stupid was right, this child is bold with seemingly very thick skin, but...

Cute and likable.

Shen Chi's eyebrows twitched, smilingly said, "No private topics to talk about, no need to avoid."

Hearing this, Ji You immediately smiled so broadly you could see his teeth, and said: "Grandpa, I won't disturb you and Shen Changqing then."

After saying that, Ji You stepped back a bit but still stood behind Shen Changqing, striving for the chance to be seen.

Hearing this, Shen Chi nodded with a beaming smile.

At this moment, Chu Jiaojiao hurriedly stood out too, greeting Shen Chi affectionately: "Hello, Grandpa Shen."

Shen Chi smiled and said, "Little Jiaojiao, Jiaojiao has grown taller too."

Chu Jiaojiao raised her hand, scratched her head, and said with a goofy smile: "The last time I saw you was 3 years ago, if I didn't grow taller, I'd be a little shorty by now."

Hearing this, Shen Chi chuckled.

The brothers Yue Qiyuan and Yue Qiguang were not meeting General Shen Chi for the first time, but they were not as familiar as Chu Jiaojiao and Sheng Qingyan, so they also seized the opportunity to greet General Shen Chi.

Toward the children, Shen Chi's attitude was very amiable, his eyes and lips constantly held a kind smile as he said: "Little Guang also grew taller, Little Yuan has grown taller than his brother."

Upon hearing this, Yue Qiguang and Yue Qiyuan both blushed a little.

Then—

Shen Chi suddenly lifted his gaze and spoke to Sheng Qingyan, who had been hiding in the corner in silence, smilingly saying: "Ayan, what are you hiding from Grandpa for? Grandpa doesn't have a whip today, won't hit you."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Sheng Qingyan awkwardly walked over and pouted: "Don't talk about me."

"When did you go bald?" Shen Chi laughed heartily, reached out, and tugged at Sheng Qingyan's buzz cut, saying: "But this hairstyle looks good, lively!"

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Even though the holographic screen gives a real touch sensation, you're not really being touched but just a simulated piece of data, Sheng Qingyan still felt very awkward and couldn't help but stomp his foot in anger, glaring: "Don't touch my head."

"Not touching the head of the Universe's cutest Little Cutie is a loss," Shen Chi laughed heartily.

Sheng Qingyan whispered: "Old bastard."

Shen Chi: "Ahem..."

Sheng Qingyan immediately changed his tone and said: "Hello, Grandpa."

Shen Chi: "Hmm."

After greeting, the others wisely backed up a bit, leaving the central spot for Shen Changqing.

Then, Shen Chi turned to Shen Changqing and said: "Changqing, Grandpa called you to let you know I'm about to set off to the Sixth Star System to support the front line battle, expected to be around 3 months. During your holiday when Grandpa is away, you'll have to take care of yourself."

As the words fell—

The atmosphere around suddenly sank, Shen Changqing's apple-red face quickly paled a bit, he raised his head, looked at Grandpa, and asked: "Grandpa, you're going to support the Sixth Star System?"

Shen Chi nodded: "Hmm."

Connecting with the abnormal Star Beast outbreak in the Sixth Star System, everyone's faces turned grim—

The Third Army commanded by General Shen Chi has always stationed in the Third Star System, and now the situation in the Sixth Star System has become severe enough to necessitate support from other legions?

This—

After a brief silence, Shen Changqing gently bowed his head, lowered his eyes, and said: "I understand, Grandpa."

Once, again...

This scenario, I'm used to it.

Yet—

Even though I'm used to it, it still hurts.

Shen Changqing's head hung lower and lower.

Shen Chi tightened his lips, trying to say something—

Suddenly—

A girl's crisp voice rang out, breaking the silence in an instant: "Grandpa, the few of us have already discussed with Shen Changqing, we plan to accept the school's group mission training, so don't worry, we'll definitely look after Shen Changqing."

Chu Jiaojiao also said: "Yes, we will take care of Shen Changqing."

"Grandpa Shen, don't worry," Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang also chimed in, and even the always awkward Sheng Qingyan spoke up: "We'll take care of Aqing."

Hearing this, Shen Chi laughed: "Then I'm reassured."

Chapter 880: Little Guangguang's Thoughts

The friends all spoke up, and although Shen Changqing's mood was still a bit down, he lifted his head and looked at Shen Chi, saying, "Grandpa... I've grown up and will take good care of myself."

Shen Chi squinted his eyes, his tone carrying a hint of emotion, saying, "Yes, even Grandpa's little Stupid has grown up."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Shen Changqing took a deep breath and said, "Grandpa, please take good care of yourself."

Shen Chi: "Hmm."

Hearing this, Shen Changqing raised his head and quietly stared at Grandpa's face, but his hands behind his back quietly clenched a bit tighter.

Although Grandpa only used a simple word to answer, his tone was very solemn, as if he was making a promise to himself. Every time he went out, every time he went on an expedition, as long as he answered like this, Shen Changqing could be at ease.

Seeing his grandson, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan all had tense little faces with very serious expressions, Shen Chi couldn't help but laugh and said, "Relax, it's just a little trouble, it'll be resolved soon."

Ji You exclaimed loudly, "Yes, it's just a little trouble. With Admiral Bai Ji and you, Grandpa, a wave of your fingers can solve it! I have great confidence in both of you."

Chu Jiaojiao and the others quickly agreed.

Shen Chi laughed, "Hmm,"

Shen Changqing lifted his face, looked at Shen Chi, and said, "Grandpa..."

Shen Chi: "Hmm?"

Shen Changqing said, "I have great confidence in you too."

After saying this, Shen Changqing's face turned slightly red again.

So thin-skinned, still?

What to do about it?

It's worrying.

Seeing this scene, Shen Chi couldn't help but laugh and say, "Hmm, I'm the grandfather of Master Shen Changqing, of course, I'll be invincible."

"..." Shen Changqing quietly corrected, "I'm not a Mechanical Master yet."

Shen Chi raised his face and said loudly, "You certainly will be in the future."

Then.

General Shen Chi chatted with Shen Changqing about family matters. Before finishing, a warrior suddenly came over to report, and Shen Chi had to stop talking quickly. After saying goodbye to Shen Changqing, Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, and others, he ended the communication altogether.

As soon as the communication ended, Ji You sighed with emotion, "I never thought General Shen Chi would be so kind and friendly."

Completely different from the serious and rigid image in the news.

After Ji You finished speaking, Sheng Qingyan pouted and said, "He's quite kind when he picks up the whip to hit people... it just depends on whether you can take it..."

Chu Jiaojiao quietly agreed, "I can attest, it's true."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You rolled his eyes and said, "Unlike you guys who court death everywhere, why would he hit me?"

Chu Jiaojiao giggled and said, "Actually, I bullied Shen Changqing once when I was little and got scared once by Grandpa Shen with a whip, never did it again, only Sheng Qingyan courts death often."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

"Ahem..." Shen Changqing lightly cleared his throat, breaking off this weird topic, not letting it continue, said, "The official announcement hasn't been made about my Grandpa supporting the Sixth Star System, and Grandpa also said he's not leading a large force; it's likely to stabilize people's hearts and avoid unnecessary panic, so the official announcement probably won't happen."

The Star Beast Group in the Sixth Star System suddenly had anomalies, and the Alliance official continuously issued multiple messages reminding residents near the affected area to evacuate immediately. This news originally caused panic among the citizens of the Sixth Star System, if it were announced that the Commander of the Third Army, General Shen Chi, was personally coming to support, panicked citizens might overthink or misinterpret... creating unnecessary troubles...

Therefore, some information is temporarily not disseminated by the Alliance.

Yue Qiyuan pondered for a moment and said, "The location of Bee Head Star is very far from where the Star Beast anomaly is happening, as long as we avoid that route, the risk is minimal."

Yue Qiguang said, "What's there to worry about, Dad never worries, one word, are you accepting the Bee Head Star mission?"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing: "Accept!"

Yue Qiguang said, "Then that's settled. Tomorrow we'll go accept the mission, anything else? No, Dad's going back to train."

What needed to be discussed was discussed, next was about accepting the mission tomorrow.

Thus, everyone shook their heads and said together, "Dismissed."

Ji You, Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, all lifted their feet and walked out of Chu Jiaojiao's dormitory. Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan's dormitories were also in this building, taking the floating elevator was only a matter of 1 or 2 minutes. Shen Changqing and Yue

Qiyuan pressed the elevator button and walked in, seeing Yue Qiguang still standing still, Yue Qiyuan puzzled asked, "Yue Qiguang, aren't you coming in?"

Yue Qiguang with a stern face said, "I have things."

Yue Qiyuan was momentarily stunned and asked, "Huh? What do you have?"

"Private affairs." Yue Qiguang frowned and said, "Quickly go about your own business." Really... who is the elder brother here? This foolish little brother shouldn't think he's the father, controlling everything...

Yue Qiyuan was very puzzled but looking at his foolish brother's expression, it didn't seem like he was going to do something foolish, so he eased his mind and said, "Come back early."

Bam!

The elevator door closed.

Yue Qiguang hurriedly lifted his foot and chose the elevator going downstairs.

...

Ji You and Sheng Qingyan are students in the self-funded class, their dormitory area is on the other side, about 10 minutes away. Therefore, Ji You and Sheng Qingyan took the descending elevator together.

In the elevator, Sheng Qingyan gave Ji You a glance that showed eyes weren't eyes, and nose wasn't nose, a very discontented look.

Ji You hummed, "Keep glaring at me, but Master still likes me, not you."

Sheng Qingyan stamped his foot, annoyed, "You vixen~ Master must be temporarily bewitched by you, once she comes to her senses she'll surely realize I'm a hundred times, a thousand times better than you..."

"Ahem..." Ji You retorted unhappily, "My charm attracted Master, back then, when guarding Master's shop, I risked everything and scared off the red-haired gang causing trouble with a Big Saber, Master saw my heroic posture and chose me as the shop assistant. Don't envy, jealous, hate."

Sheng Qingyan pouted angrily, saying, "I also guarded Master's shop, why can't I be the assistant?"

Ji You: "Because you're Spicy Eye."

Sheng Qingyan: "..."

Ding~

The elevator reached the first floor, the door opened, Ji You and Sheng Qingyan walked out, Sheng Qingyan leaped onto a self-service floating car and said, "I'm Spicy Eye, don't you dare ride my car~"

Leaving those words, she drove off in a blink.

Ji You: "..."

Spicy Eye, this little brat really bears grudges~

Ji You retracted the foot she was about to put on the floating car.

However—

She just prepared to step forward when she suddenly heard Yue Qiguang's voice from behind, "Ji You, just a moment."