

## Scavengers 941

Chapter 941: Anomalous Spot

"I... I've never seen my mom."

After saying this, Liu Fufeng lowered his head and fell silent.

Ji You was stunned.

Little Golden Dragon was also taken aback.

Liu Fufeng seemed to be enveloped in tangible sadness, which left Ji You and Little Golden Dragon a bit at a loss. The two exchanged glances, and Ji You quickly said, "Student Fufeng, don't be sad. We're all the same, I haven't seen my mom either. Actually, it's no big deal. Life goes on, we must continue living and get used to it. Not only do we have to live well, but we also need to make ourselves happy."

Cough cough...

Ji You was not exaggerating here. What she said wasn't about Xiao You's identity, but her previous identity. In her past life, she was an orphan too, having never seen either her mom or dad.

Yet she managed to grow up just fine.

Whether in her past life or current life, Ji You is someone who loves life and living. She believes being alive is wonderful, allowing her to do what she wants and strive tirelessly for her dreams and goals...

With this, it is enough.

Liu Fufeng glanced at Ji You somewhat surprised and then lowered his head again and said, "Hmm."

Next to them, Mengmeng, who was still upset about the watermelon crushed by Liu Fufeng, suddenly paused. It turned back, glanced at Liu Fufeng, sensed his sadness, and then let go of the watermelon, nudging its head into Liu Fufeng's lap, "Baa~"

[With Mengmeng, Mengmeng will be with you.]

Liu Fufeng gently reached out and rubbed Mengmeng.

"Cough cough..." Little Golden Dragon awkwardly said, "Actually, I'm not very familiar with Xia Man either, but I've seen her several times. She's quite close with my family's repairman. If you ever want to know about Xia Man, you can ask me."

Liu Fufeng nodded lightly, "Thank you, Little Heavenly Dog."

Little Golden Dragon flicked its tail, "What's Little Heavenly Dog! I'm Lord Heavenly Dog! Lord Heavenly Dog!"

Liu Fufeng nodded, "Hmm, Lord Heavenly Dog."

Only then was Little Golden Dragon satisfied, saying, "Hmm, you're quite nice, even cuter in personality than Xia Man."

Cough cough...

Xia Man's petty nature... remembers grudges well.

Cough cough...

Five credit points, remembered for such a long time, year after year, month after month, day after day... Looking at Liu Fufeng's face, Little Golden Dragon felt like it could faintly hear Xia Man pressing for payment.

Goosebumps.

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After leaving the hotpot restaurant and returning to the dormitory, Little Golden Dragon, first darting onto the sofa and then leaping to the ceiling like a gecko, suddenly said, "Ji You, you should spend less time with Liu Fufeng, there's something wrong with his brain."

Ji You: "Huh?"

Little Golden Dragon: "Spend less time with Liu Fufeng, there's something wrong with his brain."

Ji You: "???"

Ji You didn't understand, turned her face to look at Little Golden Dragon somewhat oddly and said, "Are you just using this as an excuse to gossip? Student Fufeng actually seems quite nice."

—Except for always asking me for money, which is annoying, other than that it's okay.

Little Golden Dragon heard Ji You's misunderstanding and was momentarily speechless. It rudely rolled its eyes and said, "Am I that kind of Mecha?"

Ji You snorted.

Little Golden Dragon, seeing this, instantly got angry and said, "How could I possibly talk bad about people behind their backs? I always speak frankly in front of them."

Ji You: "..."

Little Golden Dragon leaped from the sofa onto Ji You's shoulder, then footed up and leaped onto Ji You's head. It fiercely pulled at Ji You's little tuft of hair, saying, "I'm saying there's something off about

his brain, it always feels very strange... because I sense his spiritual power is extremely odd, I don't know why, I've never seen this before." As the first Biological Mecha, Little Golden Dragon's abilities aren't just about fighting, it can actually sense most humans' spiritual fluctuations...

Liu Fufeng's spiritual power, sometimes it's there, sometimes it isn't. When his spiritual power disappears, even when Little Golden Dragon is very close and focused, it still can't sense any fluctuation.

But!

When Liu Fufeng's spiritual fluctuation appears, Little Golden Dragon can't accurately capture it, let alone identify it clearly...

In short, it's very peculiar.

Ji You was stunned and asked, "Really?"

Little Golden Dragon rolled its eyes and said, "Why would I lie to you? Is Lord Heavenly Dog so idle?"

Ji You thought about it and couldn't understand why she should have less contact with Liu Fufeng, so she looked at Little Golden Dragon in confusion. Little Golden Dragon lifted its jaw and said disdainfully, "Lord Heavenly Dog's principle is that anything I can't understand, can't guess, can't see through, can't defeat... I resolutely stay away from, don't touch. In short, avoid it."

Ji You laughed, "You're quite cowardly."

Little Golden Dragon: "Cough cough..."

After clearing its throat, Little Golden Dragon continued, "I'm not a coward, it's survival! Do you understand survival? People drifting in Jianghu, how could they not get hurt? To live long, avoid harm. Understand? The repairman taught me this."—But the repairman didn't accomplish this himself.

Ji You: "..."

Little Golden Dragon ignored Ji You's eye-roll, glanced diagonally at her and explained, "I'm telling you to avoid him not because his spiritual power is unusual, look, you also have abnormal spiritual power, and I'm not avoiding you, do you know why?"

Ji You looked sharply, "You can tell my spiritual power is abnormal?"

This thing, even people as strong as Mu Jianling and Principal Hong need precise instrument tests to be sure that Ji You's spiritual power is abnormal. This Little Golden Dragon just scanned her and knew there was an issue with her spiritual power.

Ji You was genuinely curious.

Little Golden Dragon snorted lightly and said, "Of course I can see it, your spiritual power is very peculiar too. When at rest, it seems frail like bean sprouts, but once it erupts, it's incredibly terrifying!"

"..." Ji You found it odd, "You even know 'incredibly terrifying'?"

Little Golden Dragon proudly lifted its chin and said, "I've read many novels and watched many TV dramas. There's nothing you can think of that I haven't seen."

Ji You was full of admiration, asking, "What's the difference between my spiritual power and Student Fufeng's spiritual power?"

She really wanted to know.

Little Golden Dragon lifted its chin and answered, "Your spiritual power seems harmless, but it's actually vast like the sea, boundless, making people unable to sense an end... Liu Fufeng's spiritual power also looks weak, but it's actually very formidable, no less powerful than yours, but—do you know why I want you to avoid him? Because his spiritual power subtly hides a very violent energy, like an unstable bomb. It's not good, not good... Being with him could get you blown up. In contrast, your spiritual fluctuations, although incredibly terrifying, have a clear and pleasant aura, making it feel very comfortable."

Ji You's eyes widened, "Are there really that many differences?"

Little Golden Dragon: "Uh-huh~"

Chapter 942: Late Arrival

Ji You was quite shocked when she heard the Little Golden Dragon say so much. Her spiritual power anomaly, the Little Golden Dragon actually knew about it long ago? And— Liu Fufeng turned out to be a spiritual power anomaly too?

Her anomaly mainly involves 100% clearance rate, and only 6 spiritual silks with self-awareness. So, what about Liu Fufeng?

Where does Liu Fufeng's anomaly lie?

Clearance rate?

Threshold?

Spiritual Silk?

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Thinking about it, Ji You was genuinely curious.

The Little Golden Dragon glanced at Ji You's expression, and hummed, "I advise you not to be so curious. Haven't you heard the saying curiosity killed the cat?"

"Cough cough..." Ji You said heavily, "Don't worry, I absolutely won't be curious, and I definitely won't actively approach him."

The Little Golden Dragon said, "Even if there's nothing, stay away from him."

Ji You was surprised, "Do I have to be so cautious?"

The Little Golden Dragon raised a hand, pointing to its head, and said, "His head is like a bomb with an uncertain explosion time. Maybe a year, two years, three years... maybe the next second..."

"Got it?" The Little Golden Dragon pouted at Ji You, "You're not one of those highly curious fools, right?"

Ji You rolled her eyes and said, "Do I look like a fool to you?"

The Little Golden Dragon hummed, "Some people with brain issues don't show it on their faces. Some fools also mostly don't realize it themselves."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said speechlessly, "Little Golden Dragon, is your mouth designed to be so annoying by nature, or is it formed by the acquired environment? Don't you want to change it a bit?"

The Little Golden Dragon wagged its tail and hummed a bit discontentedly, "I, Lord Heavenly Dog, don't need to be likable."

After saying this, the Little Golden Dragon leaped to Ji You's head, messed up Ji You's hair with its paw, and said, "Woman, don't talk about all this nonsense to divert attention. I just want to ask if you want to get close to Liu Fufeng?"

Ji You waved her hand, driving the Little Golden Dragon off, and said, "I plan to stay far away from him. Even if I must approach him, I'd keep at least a 10-meter social distance from Student Fufeng."

The Little Golden Dragon was satisfied hearing this, nodded, and said, "That'll be more acceptable; if you really want to do something foolish, then I, Lord Heavenly Dog, would have to consider running away, or directly changing the feeder."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You stared with wide eyes, "I spent a hundred billion to buy you, and you want to run away?"

The Little Golden Dragon: "Cough cough... consider running away selectively."

Ji You: "..."

The Little Golden Dragon rolled its eyes and said, "I, Lord Heavenly Dog, am not a fool. If you want to do something foolish, do you expect me to die with you? Woman — stop dreaming!"

"Woman, let me officially tell you — if you do something foolish, I, Lord Heavenly Dog, will definitely be the first to run away." The Little Golden Dragon glanced at Ji You, its face full of disdain.

Ji You rolled her eyes and said, "Alright, alright... I know, I promise you, if one day I really do something foolish, you abandon me and prioritize your own safety."

The Little Golden Dragon: "Hmm."

One human and one Mecha reached a simple consensus.

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In the morning, Ji You got up, went for a morning run, and after that, met up with Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan. After having breakfast together, they arrived at the departure location.

This is a specially set spaceship dock by Lanyue Star Military Academy, used for faculty and students to perform tasks or travel outside.

The group of people gathered together, all squatting on the ground, waiting for Liu Fufeng.

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Chu Jiaojiao suddenly jumped up, "Damn, where did Student Fufeng go, why isn't he here yet?"

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth corner, yawned, and said, "What else could be the reason, he definitely overslept. The bed is so cozy, why run outside early to suffer?"

As a lazy person only wishing for a free meal, Sheng Qingyan really didn't want to come out for any group task...

At this point, Sheng Qingyan suddenly regretted, yawned several times, then suddenly said, "How about we not go on the task, just dissolve here?"

Chu Jiaojiao slapped over, "Shut up! Dare whine a bit more, I'll beat you to death."

"..." Sheng Qingyan muttered softly, "Early knew Student Fufeng would be late, could have slept a bit more."

As they were talking, a swaying figure slowly walked towards Ji You and others, step by step, Ji You and the others focused and looked, sure enough, it was Liu Fufeng.

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Time was passing bit by bit, Liu Fufeng was not far away, but forcibly walked this stretch of road as if it were a hard Long March.

Yue Qiguang crossed his arms, frowned, and said, "Does Dad feel he's going to fall soon? Should Dad go support him?"

Yue Qiyuan said, "I think it's feasible."

Shen Changqing nodded, "It's okay."

Sheng Qingyan covered her mouth corner and said, "Ah Guang, you'd better hurry up, or else letting him walk alone, he'll make it by nightfall."

Chu Jiaojiao already stood up and said, "I'll go!"

After saying that, Chu Jiaojiao dashed like an arrow to Liu Fufeng, but the next moment she dashed back again and said, "Cough cough... his foot has a problem, I'm a girl, not convenient to carry him. Yue Qiguang, you go!"

Yue Qiguang stood up, complaining, "You're a girl?"

Yue Qiyuan was puzzled, "I never realized she's a girl either?"

Shen Changqing said, "Cough cough... I... me neither."

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes and said, "She's not a girl, she's a brute."

Ji You kept her mouth shut the whole time.

Chu Jiaojiao waved her fist at several people and cursed, "Who dares shout nonsense again..."

Then, quiet settled around.

Yue Qiguang already left, Ji You asked, "Jiaojiao, what's wrong with Liu Fufeng's leg?"

Chu Jiaojiao shook her head and said, "Don't know, anyway, it's lame."

While speaking, Yue Qiguang already carried Liu Fufeng swiftly over like a gust of wind. Upon arrival, he dropped Liu Fufeng off, and Shen Changqing asked, "Student Fufeng, are you okay?"

Liu Fufeng slightly tucked his foot back and said, "I'm fine."

But!

Whether it was Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan... all saw the blue and purple bruise exposed on one of his legs.

Yue Qiyuan said, "You're injured, why didn't you find a floating car to get here?"

Liu Fufeng's face flashed with a trace of embarrassment, explained, "Didn't... didn't have money. Managed to wait for a kind-hearted student willing to give me a free ride."

Everyone was a bit speechless upon hearing it.

Yue Qiguang rolled his eyes and said, "You could have completely called us; once we received the call, we could have picked you up."

"Cough cough..." Liu Fufeng explained softly, "...I don't have your contact numbers."

The crowd: "..."

Chapter 943: Petty Temper

Everyone was left speechless, Chu Jiaojiao said: "Can't you just ask others? Or maybe ask in the Combat Department's chat group?"

Liu Fufeng lowered his head, whispering: "I don't have a Combat Department chat group either."

Chu Jiaojiao: "..."

Yue Qiguang frowned, saying: "You've already transferred halfway through the semester, and you don't even have the Combat Department's chat group?"

Liu Fufeng seemed quite embarrassed, lowering his head like a little wife, and letting the others discuss the matter.

Ji You checked the time, waved his hand, and said: "Let's board the spaceship? We need to arrive at our destination by this morning."

Thus, everyone stopped wasting time and started logging onto the spaceship. This spaceship was an Alliance-standard spaceship, with a propulsion system and energy system both of a high circulation level in the market, and its price was very civilian. Naturally, this spaceship was the fixed property of the Lanyue Star Military Academy, and Ji You and the others had borrowed it from the school to carry out their mission.

Yue Qiguang was the first to step onto the spaceship.

Next was Yue Qiyuan.

Then came Shen Changqing.

Next was Chu Jiaojiao, followed by Sheng Qingyan; Ji You was at the end of the boarding line, carefully checking to ensure nothing was overlooked.

As Ji You lifted his foot, he noticed Liu Fufeng standing still beside him. Ji You quickly said: "Wait a moment, I'll have Yue Qiguang or someone else carry you."

Liu Fufeng was a bit embarrassed, saying: "Sorry to trouble you."

Ji You asked: "What's wrong with your leg?"

Liu Fufeng lowered his head, speaking softly: "I accidentally tripped and hurt it."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said, speechless: "You really can trip while walking?"

Liu Fufeng kept his head down, whispering: "Yeah."

Ji You glanced at the bruise on his leg, seeing it was quite serious, with the skin covered in streaks of bruises. A strange sense of dread crept up in Ji You's heart.

Could it be—

This is influenced by Liu Fufeng's abnormal and violent spiritual power?

Ji You was puzzled but adhered to Little Golden Dragon's advice, resisting excessive curiosity. Liu Fufeng's situation was surely known to him, and given that he was the Empire's first heir from birth, with many capable people around him, if the entire nation couldn't solve Liu Fufeng's guest issue, Ji You didn't believe he could figure it out...

So, suppressing curiosity and not asking too much was the proper thing to do.

Initially, Liu Fufeng thought Ji You would sympathize with him or offer him convenience, like someone carrying him onto the spaceship... if not, he hoped Ji You would at least say something consoling. Instead...

Instead, not a single word was left, she turned around and entered the spaceship.

Liu Fufeng: "..."

At least, comfort me a little.

Liu Fufeng's body swayed, yet he was still strong and determined, reaching out his hand to slowly climb onto the spaceship's elevator.

Once Liu Fufeng entered the spaceship's cabin, he didn't idle for a moment. He immediately spread out the paper and started folding small figures in front of Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and Sheng Qingyan.

Swish~

Swish~

Swish~

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The sound of fine brushing filled the air, and shortly after, a meticulously crafted small paper figure was done. Originally, no one paid much attention to what Liu Fufeng was doing; each was occupied with their own tasks.

After folding a small paper figure, Liu Fufeng raised his hand, placing it aside, then began making the second one.

The indifferent Ji You and the others turned their heads, suddenly noticing the small paper figure in Liu Fufeng's hand looked somewhat like Ji You, particularly the hairstyle and stature, almost a replica.

Ji You, speechless, said: "Bro, you really have too much free time."

Upon hearing this, Liu Fufeng lowered his head, yet his hands never stopped. In that short moment, he'd already crafted a second lifelike figure, which upon a close look, remarkably resembled Chu Jiaojiao.

Chu Jiaojiao, surprised, asked: "You're folding me?"

Liu Fufeng nodded, saying: "Yes."

Chu Jiaojiao's face lit up, moving closer to get a better look, saying: "It really does look like me, except..."

Chu Jiaojiao stared at her paper figure for quite a while, suddenly suspicious, saying: "Something feels strange. You wouldn't be using these figures to do weird stuff, would you?"

"Cough cough..."

Liu Fufeng cleared his throat, saying nothing. He paused his work, and at this moment, everyone noticed the freshly crafted small paper figure looked eerily like Sheng Qingyan, even mimicking his closed-mouth, closed-eye sleeping demeanor.

If it wasn't Sheng Qingyan, it's absolutely impossible!

Sheng Qingyan jumped up, saying: "Oh damn... why are you folding figures of me?"

Before long.

The third figure was freshly crafted. Everyone gathered around to look, finding that it closely resembled Yue Qiguang, notably the figure's blazing red hair.

If it's not Yue Qiguang, it can't be possible.

Next.

It's Yue Qiyuan, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan...

Six people, none spared, all had their vivid likeness crafted by Liu Fufeng's skillful hands into small paper figures. And on each paper figure was inscribed a curse, like eating instant noodles without seasoning packets, the mild one, and more vicious curses like guaranteed exam failure.

The six: "..."

The six coughed in unison, Yue Qiguang said: "Hey, isn't this a bit too vicious?"

Liu Fufeng: "Cough cough... it wasn't written by me, I only bought paper with such content."

The six: "You are definitely this vicious."

Liu Fufeng, wide-eyed with clear gaze, said: "I'm not, I didn't. Really."

Seeing Liu Fufeng seated in the spaceship's cabin, seemingly unharmed, yet having leisure time to fold figures and curse everyone, thus, everyone's worries eased, and they resumed their own tasks.

The spaceship was currently set on automatic pilot, so there was no immediate need for manual control, and the environment near Lanyue Star posed no danger, hence everyone divided their duties and got to work.

Ji You and Sheng Qingyan stayed in the cockpit, having discussed with the rest, pairing up in turns for watch, excluding Liu Fufeng. Now, Ji You and Sheng Qingyan peered through the monitor, observing the endless Star Sea in the distance...

No wind, no waves.

The starry sky was beautiful.

Even though the monitor displayed everything as normal, without any issues, Ji You kept a watchful eye on the monitor, scrutinizing everything around.

Meanwhile, Sheng Qingyan was snoozing off to the side, and before dozing off, he boldly told Ji You: "Oh, poor dead, I'm going to sleep first; if there's anything unusual, call me, if not, don't disturb my rest."

Chapter 944: Crow's Mouth

Inside the cockpit.

The spaceship was set to automatic navigation, speeding towards its destination, Bee Head Star, but the distance from Lanyue Star to Bee Head Star was too far, located at the border of the Sixth and Seventh Star Systems, where the terrain was slightly complex.

Beside her, Sheng Qingyan was already leaning back in his chair, snoring loudly with his mouth open, drooling, which seemed extremely mismatched with his enchanting, beautiful face.

Ji You leaned back in her chair, staring at the starry sky map, carefully checking the surroundings. After confirming there were no dangers within a thousand kilometers of the spaceship, she breathed a slight sigh of relief.

"Phew~"

"Phew~"

"Phew~"

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It was just like a broken bellows, the snoring was unbearably loud, and it gave Ji You a headache. She raised her hand and rubbed her brow: [With such thunderous snoring, I wonder where Sheng Qingyan gets the nerve to complain about Yue Qiguang's snoring and teeth grinding?]

Then.

Click~

Click~

Click~

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Using the Light Computer, Ji You took pictures and recorded holographic videos of Sheng Qingyan from all angles, 360 degrees without any blind spots. She then nonchalantly put her hands in her pockets: [The Universe's Number One Little Cutie's embarrassing moments, let's keep a few more, maybe we can sell them for money in the future.]

Cough cough...

Ji You calmly continued to stare at the monitor.

"Hmm~" Sheng Qingyan hummed lightly, suddenly opened his eyes, and said: "Poor dead ghost, what time is it now?"

Ji You said: "Alliance Standard Time, 11:55 AM."

Sheng Qingyan's eyes lit up, and he said: "So, our shift is almost over, huh?" The two of them had been on duty since 8 AM, watching for 4 hours, and it was almost 12 PM now...

Sheng Qingyan stretched lazily and said: "I'll keep sleeping, call me when the time's up."

"..." Ji You rolled her eyes and said: "You've already been sleeping for 4 hours, and you still want to sleep? Are you a pig?"

Sheng Qingyan gave her a sidelong glance and said: "What do you know? Isn't life just about eating, playing, and sleeping? There's nothing to eat, drink, or play with now, so what else can I do but sleep?"

Ji You waved her hand, "Alright, alright, go to sleep."

"However, I just took embarrassing photos of you drooling and snoring. If you're willing to give me a million credit points, I might consider deleting them completely."

Sheng Qingyan said speechlessly: "This is extortion~"

Ji You: "That's right."

Sheng Qingyan waved his hand indifferently: "Whatever, oh. Are there many photos? Should I cooperate more and let you take a few more, oh?"

Ji You: "..."

Just then, Yue Qiguang and Yue Qiyuan pushed the door open and came in. Yue Qiguang said: "Hurry out, it's time for me to show my might! Damn Star Beasts, come on, the more the merrier..."

Ji You, Yue Qiyuan, and even the drowsy Sheng Qingyan suddenly jumped up, and the three of them exclaimed in unison: "Shut up!"

Sheng Qingyan cursed: "Ah Guang, if you say such a thing again, I'll kill my teammate, oh!"

Yue Qiyuan rolled his eyes: "I'll turn in my own family for the greater good!"

Ji You rolled up her sleeves and said: "I'll bury the body, not even ashes left."

Yue Qiguang shuddered and muttered: "I was just saying, Daddy..."

Ji You said: "Don't you know your crows mouth is annoying?"

Yue Qiguang: "Cough cough... No such thing."

Just then, the monitor, which originally showed everything was normal, suddenly started flashing red dots continuously and emitted a series of piercing alarms. Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Sheng Qingyan's faces changed simultaneously. They saw that at a 45-degree angle from the spaceship's forward direction, about 10 light minutes away, a large batch of red dots suddenly appeared. These red dots represented Star Beasts.

Zooming in, the true face of this group of Star Beasts was revealed; they were a group of flying Red Crowned Birds.

Ji You slapped her thigh: "Damn!"

Sheng Qingyan cursed: "Damn, oh~"

Yue Qiyuan gritted his teeth: "Idiot."

Yue Qiguang: "..."

Yue Qiguang opened his mouth wide: "No... it can't be?"

Everyone didn't even have time to scold Yue Qiguang's crows mouth. Ji You immediately sat up straight, and activated the spaceship's built-in camouflage system and Protective Shield, lowering their presence to the minimum before forcibly rerouting the spaceship.

Yue Qiyuan was guarding the monitor, connected to the Spiritual Connector, closely watching the screen, saying: "We've flown towards 47 degrees, but we still have over 60% remaining. We'll continue to detour."

Sheng Qingyan was lying at the cannon firing port, aiming at the target, ready to attack at any moment.

Yue Qiguang was stunned for a moment, but quickly reacted by contacting Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, and Liu Fufeng, who were resting. The three of them trembled all over, quickly putting on their gear and weapons.

The surroundings were extremely quiet, no one made a sound, and no one relaxed their mind at this time, all prepared for the worst.

Ji You's mind was stretched to the limit. Sitting in the main pilot seat, she hadn't even had time to switch with Yue Qiguang or Yue Qiyuan before encountering such an emergency, having no choice but to step up as the main pilot of the spaceship.

Ji You controlled the spaceship, bit by bit, moving very slowly in another direction. Because the distance between them and the birds was very close, any slight deviation might expose them to the Red Crowned Bird group, and they couldn't be careless. Any misstep would be a situation of life and death.

Plop~

Plop~

Plop~

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Large beads of sweat fell from Ji You's forehead onto the control panel. She couldn't spare a moment to care. Next to her, Yue Qiyuan also didn't have a moment of relaxation; he released all the available Spiritual Silk without the slightest reservation...

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Constantly releasing and extending... A rare solemnity and seriousness appeared on Yue Qiyuan's handsome face. His dark eyes stared at the monitor, organizing and simplifying the detected information, and promptly feeding it back to Ji You.

"At a 35-degree angle, there's a dead small asteroid."

"Turn."

"Go straight for about 3 light seconds, and be careful of meteors."

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Ji You's Spiritual Silk was limited, and she couldn't investigate the surrounding situation herself at this moment, so she had to leave it to Yue Qiyuan and rely on his judgment.

Turn.

Straight.

Accelerate.

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Ji You's commands came, one after the other, and as Yue Qiyuan's voice grew softer and he spoke less, Ji You's entire back was soaked, and the sweat on her forehead kept dripping in large beads, but she still didn't dare to relax.

Finally—

"We're clear." Yue Qiyuan's voice was very low, very low... As he spoke, his pair of clean black eyes still didn't look away from the monitor for a second...

"The Red Crown Bird group is completely gone." Yue Qiyuan said, and after speaking, he let out a gentle breath.

Ji You, Sheng Qingyan, and Yue Qiyuan also let out a heavy breath, and then Ji You and Sheng Qingyan almost simultaneously turned their heads, shouting: "Yue Qiguang, come out and meet your doom!"

Chapter 945:

Ah Guang grabbed his hair, somewhat helplessly saying, "Dad doesn't know Dad's mouth is so sharp, huh?"

Saying that, Ah Guang slightly pulled at his lips with a bit of helplessness, spread his hands, and said: "Dad thought at most 1 or 2 would come, but unexpectedly—"

Ji You squinted his eyes, drew out his Big Chopper with lightning speed and swung it towards Ah Guang:  
"You never thought you'd die under my Big Saber!"

Ah Guang jumped in surprise and quickly retreated suddenly—Ji You's hand suddenly softened, her knife unexpectedly fell off mid-air.

Clang~

Ah Guang saw this and immediately mocked, slapping his thigh and laughing wildly: "Hahaha...4444 you turned soft? That's all you've got? That's not gonna cut it."

Suddenly—

"Bang!"

A shoe flew diagonally over and accurately hit Ah Guang's face, slowly sliding down with a bit of a foot odor, making Ah Guang's face turn black: "Sheng Qingyan, do you want to die?"

Ji You slapped her thigh, laughing wildly: "Ah Guang are you an idiot? Don't you know what blind eye method is? How could I possibly go soft? I'm just covering for Spicy Eye."

Sheng Qingyan, fitting a new shoe taken from the Space Button onto his foot, covered his mouth and laughed sneakily: "Oh Ah Guang, how's the taste of that shoe, huh?"

Ah Guang gritted his teeth: "Come and die!"

Sheng Qingyan squinted: "Seems like just one shoe's taste is too little, huh, well—let me add another one for you."

Ji You joined in loudly: "Fight! Fight! Fight already!"

Ah Guang rolled up his sleeves—

Suddenly—

"Bang!"

His head was hit hard, having guarded against Sheng Qingyan, and being alert towards Ji You, didn't expect to get hit again, turning angrily, he saw that it was Yue Qiyuan who hit him, Ah Guang roared: "Yue Qiyuan—"

Yue Qiyuan calmly withdrew his hand and said: "Bro, what's up? Want to fight? Forgot Mom transferred your allowance for this month to me?"

Ah Guang: "..."

With financial control in someone else's hands, Ah Guang was muffled, and after a while, he gritted his teeth and said: "You're ruthless."

In the cockpit, amidst the noisy commotion, Chu Jiaojiao and Shen Changqing walked in, and even Liu Fufeng, who had been in his own world, squeezed into the cockpit at this moment.

Chu Jiaojiao rolled up her sleeves and asked: "Have you beaten this idiot Ah Guang yet? If not, I will."

Ah Guang: "..."

Shen Changqing glanced at Ah Guang, his expression very complex, and after a while, said: "I think we should always pay attention to what Ah Guang says and prepare in advance."

Ah Guang: "..."

Liu Fufeng, who had remained silent, walked over to Ah Guang, held out his hand, and handed something to him. Ah Guang was stunned and asked: "What's this?"

Liu Fufeng said: "I made you a little person."

Ah Guang: "Huh?"

Liu Fufeng said: "To curse you."

Ah Guang: "..."

Ah Guang clenched his fist, ready to hit, but before he could, he saw Liu Fufeng swaying unstably, forcibly retracted his fist, took another look at the intricate little paper man in his hand, the craftsmanship was quite detailed, lifelike...

Liu Fufeng said: "Reverse curse, curse your crows mouth to be ineffective."

Ah Guang: "..."

Ah Guang dazedly asked: "Does this thing really work?"

Liu Fufeng righteously replied: "Trust me, trust science, it absolutely—won't work."

Ah Guang: "..."

With a raised hand, ready to tear it to pieces, but somehow, he put it away, storing it in the Space Button.

All the onlookers were speechless, Ji You said: "Rest assured your mouth can't be cured, because bad breath can't be cured unless you shut it forever."

Ah Guang rolled his eyes and said: "Are you all so idle?"

"Cough cough..." Shen Changqing interrupted, breaking off this eerie topic, actively said: "We are here to discuss the situation with the Red Crown Bird flock just now."

Chu Jiaojiao nodded: "That's right."

Liu Fufeng silently found a seat close to Ji You, seeing this, Ji You complained: "Why are you sitting so close? Move farther, farther..."

Liu Fufeng: "..."

Pointing at the distance between them, Ji You said: "10 meters ok."

Liu Fufeng asked softly: "Why?"

Ji You waved off and stated: "I think being too close to you won't live long. I want to live a bit longer."

Liu Fufeng: "..."

The two stopped speaking, focusing on listening to Shen Changqing's analysis, Shen Changqing pointed to the holographic screen and said: "Here, here, and here... there's been signs of Red Crown Bird activity in three places publicly announced by the Alliance, and our current location is—"

Shen Changqing pointed at a spot and said: "We are here."

Everyone followed his direction, seeing the spaceship's location was right at the intersection of the three Red Crown Bird activity spots, Ji You asked: "So—are the Red Crown Birds actively gathering from these three locations?"

Shen Changqing's tone was slightly serious and said: "That's right. Red Crown Birds typically are not strong in group consciousness as Star Beasts, usually act alone or in pairs, even during breeding periods, they absolutely won't gather in large groups. Such a large, flocking bunch of Red Crown Birds is very rare. The only explanation is they're being driven, forced to gather together."

Shen Changqing's words made the group fall silent.

A few seconds later, Ji You asked: "What could drive so many Red Crown Birds?" Whatever it is, it must be even more terrifying than the Red Crown Bird group itself.

Shen Changqing shook his head, saying: "I don't know, and it's impossible to investigate the reason." Something unknown capable of controlling such a large flock of Red Crown Birds, who knows whether it's friend or foe?

If regardless of its ferocity, we were determined to find out the reason, even using detection equipment and searching in the direction of the light source might not provide answers, and could severely alert the enemy, exposing our entire group.

It's not worth the risk.

No one dared to take action.

Chu Jiaojiao asked: "Then—why are the Red Crown Birds gathering in such masses now, what exactly are they going to do?"

Shen Changqing's face grew slightly solemn and said: "Estimate some place is about to experience a small-scale Star Beast disturbance."

Everyone: "..."

Ji You pondered for a moment, then couldn't help but ask: "So... are we continuing the mission, or letting everyone disband, each back to their home, finding their mom?"

Upon hearing this, everyone glared at Ji You, cursing fiercely, especially Yue Qiyuan, almost gnashing his teeth, saying: "Continue sailing! Screw going home."

#### Chapter 946: Cane

Ji You stared with wide eyes, "Usually you all act like cowards, but now, knowing there's danger ahead, you still don't care for your lives?"

"Ahem..." Shen Changqing, originally with a heavy expression, coughed lightly after hearing Ji You's words, his furrowed brow slightly relaxed, and said, "It's not necessarily that severe."

Ji You said, "Not necessarily means it's not 100% certain. So, should we retreat now?"

Yue Qiyuan asked, "Retreat to where?"

Here there's no village ahead, nor any shop behind, such an awkward distance, even turning back isn't easy, and there's a possibility of encountering unexpected dangers along the way.

Once Yue Qiyuan raised this issue, everyone hung their heads, deep in thought. Shen Changqing stared closely at the navigation map, constantly pondering the best docking point.

Beside them, Yue Qiguang said, "What retreat? Charge forward, I simply don't believe we'll be that unlucky!"

"Ahem..."

"Ahem..."

"Ahem..."

Instantly, a series of vigorous coughs erupted, everyone glared at Yue Qiguang, wishing they could turn his face into a pig face!

Since just now, Liu Fufeng hadn't said a word, he lifted his head, glanced at Yue Qiguang, his delicate, pretty face showed an indescribable expression, then Liu Fufeng said, "Yue Qiguang, please don't speak again, I... I'm scared."

Yue Qiguang, hearing this, was a bit speechless and was about to say something to clear his name when he saw Liu Fufeng, who had just spoken, match his gaze, and his body suddenly shivered, followed by swaying as if he was genuinely frightened, almost falling onto Ji You nearby, but Ji You slightly leaned aside to avoid it, and in that instant, pulled out her Big Chopper, using the flat of the blade to support Liu Fufeng.

Liu Fufeng: "..."

Seeing this, Yue Qiguang's tense heartstrings finally relaxed: [Damn! Won't scare this delicate crown prince again, simply won't—]

Beside them, Ji You grinned cheerfully and said, "Liu Fufeng, your body can't handle it, always at risk of falling. How about I make a cane for you?"

Liu Fufeng: "..."

"Ahem..." Chu Jiaojiao coughed forcefully, trying to wink at Ji You, "Ji You, don't discourage people like that." A young man being suggested to use a cane, this...

This...

It's hard to put into words.

Ji You grinned and said, "Just a joke, just joking, don't mind it."

Liu Fufeng looked at Ji You, his gaze falling on her Big Chopper.

Ji You quickly withdrew the knife, saying, "Haha... used to using a knife, not used to using my hands, don't mind." Saying this was slightly awkward, thinking of saying some polite words, originally thought Liu Fufeng wouldn't care, but—

Liu Fufeng said, "I mind."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You said speechlessly, "Don't be so petty, petty people aren't liked, you know?"

Liu Fufeng earnestly said, "I take after my mom, small-minded."

Ji You: "..."

Ji You was genuinely struck speechless.

Then~

When Liu Fufeng said this, his body began swaying again, almost falling towards Ji You, beside him, Shen Changqing suddenly extended a hand, supporting Liu Fufeng and stood up, saying, "Liu Fufeng, there's a seat here, let me help you sit down?"

Liu Fufeng shook his head, saying, "I won't sit."

Shen Changqing was taken aback, "Why?"

Liu Fufeng said rather stubbornly, "You're all standing, if I sit, I'll look short."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Ji You and others: "..."

Everyone was speechless, then, in unison, Ji You, Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, all six of them found seats to sit down, Shen Changqing coughed and said, "Now, let's discuss the next leg of our journey."

Seeing this, Liu Fufeng finally decided to sit down, first lifting his feet, moving slowly towards a nearby seat, his body subtly trembling as if the wind might blow him away, making everyone anxious.

Liu Fufeng successfully sat down, only then did everyone breathe a sigh of relief, simultaneously feeling a tad regretful: shouldn't have coveted Liu Fufeng's Soul Device, looking at his delicate manner, what if he can't walk anymore and needs to be carried or carried?

What to do then?

Is the mission still going on?

...

"Cough..."

Liu Fufeng interrupted their thoughts with a cough, saying, "I can walk."

Everyone: "..."

"Ahem..." Amidst awkward coughing, Ji You took the initiative to speak, "We're not afraid you can't walk, but worry that if your condition continues and you can't complete the mission personally, Teacher Mu might not acknowledge."

Liu Fufeng's dark eyes fixed on Ji You, suddenly changing the subject, "Ji You, earlier you said you'd make a cane for me, were you serious?"

Ji You: "???"

Everyone: "???"

Liu Fufeng lowered his head, his face slightly flushed, "I want it."

Ji You: "!!!"

Everyone: "!!!"

Ji You said speechlessly, "You're not joking, are you?"

Liu Fufeng looked up at Ji You earnestly, "I'm not."

Ji You said, "But I was joking."

Liu Fufeng: "..."

Liu Fufeng's expression showed clear disappointment and dejection, Ji You ignored it, directly waving her hand, "I can't make that thing. I think buying one online is better."

"Ahem..." Ji You forcefully changed the topic, saying, "Back to the earlier issue, you can be sure that these Red Crowned Birds have encountered something unusual, causing them to gather alike. And looking at them panicking, they haven't even noticed our presence nor cared about the surroundings."

Everyone listened attentively.

Ji You asked, "What do you think caused these Red Crowned Birds to react so strangely?"

Beast Tide?

Clearly, it's unlikely. Because Star Beasts affected by Beast Tide become frenzied, almost losing their consciousness, venting their violence by destroying everything.

These Red Crowned Birds showed only panic and fear, there was no violence and they hadn't lost their minds.

Moreover, the Beast Tide is 10 years away, the current Star Beast anomalies haven't shown any sign of Beast Tide.

So, what could it be?

Everyone lowered their heads, deep in thought.

Ji You looked at everyone, "Just now, through the monitor, I casually glimpsed at least 10 Red Crowned Birds of level 8 or higher...this is simply terrifying. What force is chasing or driving these Red Crowned Birds? That even so many level 8 ones are scared of it?"

Chapter 947: Biological Granddaughter?

Yue Qiyuan's expression was extremely serious, and he nodded, agreeing with Ji You, saying, "I can confirm that among this group of Red Crowned Birds, there are at least 100 that are above level 8, at least there are..."

Chu Jiaojiao and others were all wide-eyed, Shen Changqing frowned and said, "This... so many?"

Yue Qiyuan nodded: "Hmm."

Then, Yue Qiyuan continued, "So, as Ji You asked, what force is driving this group of Red Crowned Birds?" Star Beasts above level 8 are equivalent to the Alliance's high-level strength.

of them...

If these 100 really appear on the Alliance's habitable planets, the life and property loss to the Alliance's citizens would be simply incalculable.

Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, and Liu Fufeng, who were in the resting room, heard Yue Qiguang say that he encountered the Red Crown Bird Group and might be in danger, but they didn't expect the danger to be at this level...

And, it wasn't until they were completely out of danger that the three realized. For a moment, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, and Liu Fufeng all looked at Ji You —

Earlier, the pilot of the spaceship was — Ji You.

If it were them?

All three shook their heads internally: If it were them, they couldn't stay so calm.

Ji You noticed the gaze of the three and grinned: "I am the king standing at the Peak of the Universe, such trivial matters are not worth mentioning."

The three: "..."

Yue Qiguang rolled his eyes, saying: "Show-off king."

Sheng Qingyan said: "I second that."

Chu Jiaojiao said: "Showing off Ji You, you're good-looking too, the best in the universe in looks."

Ji You wasn't embarrassed at all, tugged at his cheek directly, and said: "Jiaojiao, I know I'm good-looking, very good-looking, but — don't keep saying it out loud, it makes me feel awkward when people hear it." Then, Ji You cleared his throat and continued: "Now, let's talk about something serious. Use your imagination and figure out what's causing it."

At this moment —

Shen Changqing suddenly became slightly excited, he pinched his thigh rarely, saying: "No, this matter must be reported to the Alliance official immediately."

Yue Qiyuan was stunned and nodded, saying: "It must be reported."

Chu Jiaojiao thought for a moment and said, "Why don't I call my Second Aunt now and tell her about this?"

Sheng Qingyan's expression was also rarely serious, saying: "Those of you with military backgrounds, try to contact someone too, I will talk to my grandfather."

Then —

Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan all started making emergency phone calls to their families.

Second Aunt Chu, being the Commander of the Alliance First Star System's First Legion, is busy with affairs, her phone wasn't connected, instead, it was picked up by her deputy officer, who, upon hearing what Chu Jiaojiao conveyed, his face changed: "Jiaojiao, are you sure?"

Chu Jiaojiao nodded firmly: "I'm sure."

Then, Chu Jiaojiao said: "This is the video that our spaceship monitored, you can take a look."

The deputy officer's expression was heavy, saying: "Okay, rest assured, I will report it to the Commander immediately."

Chu Jiaojiao said: "Hmm."

After cutting the call, Chu Jiaojiao turned to the side of Yue Qiyuan, Yue Qiguang, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, and Yue Qiyuan's calls were already done, summarizing it concisely and clearly was enough.

Upon receiving the calls, Daddy Yue and Mrs. Yue, who held a free-range attitude towards their children, reminded the two brothers to take care of themselves and immediately hung up the phone.

Yue Qiguang stared at the hung-up line blankly, muttering: "What is this. I haven't even told mom about managing my pocket money yet, how could she just hang up my call? This year's pocket money is clearly earned by me working for her, is she planning to swindle my money?"

Yue Qiyuan: "Cough cough... Say less."

Yue Qiguang shut his mouth timely.

...

Everyone turned their gaze toward Shen Changqing, Shen Changqing was still on the call with General Shen Chi, on the holographic screen, they could clearly see General Shen Chi sitting in a large office, his brows and eyes full of seriousness.

After listening to Shen Changqing finish speaking, General Shen Chi said: "Hmm, Grandpa knows, I will check it out."

Shen Changqing was surprised: "Grandpa, you're coming personally?"

General Shen Chi nodded: "Hmm."

There are too many anomalies appearing in the Sixth Star System here; relying solely on Admiral Bai Ji is slightly overwhelming, General Shen Chi has secretly come to support the Sixth Star System, but for certain considerations, the Alliance official hasn't disclosed this matter, therefore, citizens do not know that General Shen Chi is no longer in the Third Star System.

Shen Changqing was a bit thrilled but even more worried: "Grandpa... you..."

General Shen Chi suddenly swept away his solemnity, his brows and eyes filled with laughter, saying: "Grandpa's Little Stupid, are you worried about Grandpa? No need to worry, Grandpa has his measure."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Shen Changqing whispered: "Why do you call me by my nickname in front of my classmates again? You clearly promised not to call it."

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan... all said in unison: "We can pretend we didn't hear."

Shen Changqing: "..."

General Shen Chi laughed out loud upon hearing this: "Little Stupid, your classmates said they didn't hear."

Shen Changqing blushed and said: "Grandpa, if you're coming personally, please ensure your safety."

Ji You followed and shouted: "Grandpa, please ensure your safety, because I'm worried with Shen Changqing and everyone else, we'll be very worried about you."

This kid is naturally friendly...

General Shen laughed and said: "Little Ji You, don't worry, Grandpa's got skills."

Ji You said firmly: "Grandpa, be cautious, safety is paramount, I feel this matter is a bit bizarre, it's not as simple as it appears. Trust me, my intuition never deceives me."

General Shen Chi: "Hmm."

Facing General Shen Chi, Ji You repeatedly reminded... meticulously more than Shen Changqing, her biological grandchild, after speaking for quite a while, she finally stopped, General Shen Chi was extremely patient, keeping a kind and amiable expression, listening to Ji You until she finished before he smiled and said: "Little Ji You, anything else to tell Grandpa? If not, Grandpa will hurry over."

Ji You thought seriously and then shook her head, saying: "No more. But I'm not sure if I've missed anything."

"Hmm." General Shen Chi smiled and said: "The missed parts, Grandpa will think about them himself, now, Grandpa has to end the call."

Ji You: "Hmm."

Finally, General Shen Chi's call was ended, everyone looked at Ji You and General Shen Chi's harmonious grandparent-grandchild scene, for a moment, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Liu Fufeng, even Shen Changqing himself, couldn't help but wonder who between Ji You and Shen Changqing is actually General Shen Chi's real grandchild?

Chapter 948: Really Straightforward?

Facing the odd looks from a group of fair-weather classmates, Ji You felt a bit strange, but she didn't care. Instead, she raised her hand, scratched her head, and squeezed out a smile at Shen Changqing, saying, "Little Stupid, our grandpa is really a very kind person."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Sheng Qingyan rolled his eyes and said, "You definitely don't want to know that Grandpa Shen is also super scary. As long as you dare bully Aqing..."

"Ahem..." Ji You cleared her throat and said, "What's that supposed to mean? How could I possibly bully Little Stupid? I don't have enough time to protect him!"

Everyone was speechless, and Shen Changqing mumbled softly, "I can obviously protect myself."

Upon hearing this, Ji You stepped forward, patted Shen Changqing's shoulder, and laughed, "Little Stupid, don't be afraid, and don't be shy. Being protected by a girl isn't a shameful thing."

Shen Changqing: "..."

Confronted with Ji You's shameless bravado, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, Chu Jiaojiao... all were speechless and choked up for a moment; only Yue Qiguang stepped out boldly, curling his lips in a sneer, "You 2B, you're going to protect S-class Shen Changqing? What were you thinking?"

"Ahem..."

"Ahem..."

"Ahem..."

Instantly, there was a chorus of coughing; Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiyuan, even Shen Changqing himself all forced awkward smiles and made faces at this fool Yue Qiguang—

[Idiot!]

[Who just got protected by a 2B?]

[Idiot!]

...

This idiot Yue Qiguang, with just one sentence, managed to hit a wide range, including himself.

This statement made everyone awkward, and the quick-tongued Yue Qiguang finally realized it himself. His mouth twitched slightly, and he managed to keep it shut.

Ji You waved her hand, maintaining the demeanor of a great sage, casually said, "No need to be ashamed. You guys shouldn't be ashamed. Protecting you is my creed; one day, I can use my 2B abilities to protect you, protect the Alliance, protect the whole world..."

Everyone: "..."

Amid the awkwardness, a clear and melodious voice suddenly broke the silence.

Liu Fufeng stepped in front of Ji You, his pretty eyes earnestly staring at her, and asked, "Ji You, will you also protect me?"

Ji You: "Ahem..."

Liu Fufeng spoke rather seriously, "You mentioned protecting the whole world."

Ji You: "Ahem... Of course—"

Liu Fufeng's eyes brightened as he heard Ji You say, "As long as the money's right."

Liu Fufeng: "..."

Lifting his head, Liu Fufeng earnestly said, "I'm quite fragile; please protect me."

Ji You: "Ahem..."

Liu Fufeng said, "I have money."

Aware that Ji You might not agree, Liu Fufeng added, "As you said, being protected by girls isn't a shame. I... I agree with that statement."

Ji You: "..."

"Ahem..." Hearing Liu Fufeng mention the money, Ji You originally wanted to readily agree, but recalling what Little Golden Dragon told her, seeing Liu Fufeng standing so close to her, she instinctively took a step back and said, "I don't protect beggars."

Liu Fufeng said, "In the future, I won't borrow on credit."

Ji You laughed dryly, "We'll talk about future matters in the future."

...

Ji You had already been replaced from the driver's seat, and Chu Jiaojiao and Shen Changqing took over the navigation duties; the others were granted rest time. Ji You, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, and Liu Fufeng got to rest. Sheng Qingyan didn't waste any time and immediately fell asleep. The remaining four glanced at each other, feeling a bit bored.

Ji You said, "How about we play a game?"

Yue Qiguang stood up and said, "Let's go."

Ji You: "Ahem... I meant playing cards."

Yue Qiguang said, "Farewell."

Those without pocket money aren't qualified to play cards.

Ji You turned to Yue Qiyuan and Liu Fufeng, "How about the three of us play 'Fight the Landlord'?"

Thinking about Ji You's lousy card skills, Yue Qiyuan immediately nodded and said, "Sure."

Liu Fufeng replied softly, "I'm not very good at it."

Ji You's eyes lit up, revealing a smile: "No worries, I'll teach you."

Then.

First round.

Ji You lost.

Second round.

Ji You was still losing.

Third round.

...

Ji You angrily slammed the cards down and said with resentment, "Didn't you say you don't know how to play cards?"

Liu Fufeng had an innocent face, "I don't know. I learned just now."

Ji You cursed, "This doesn't look like you don't know at all! You're a sly old fox."

Liu Fufeng's eyes suddenly lit up, asking, "So you're saying I'm good at playing cards?"

Ji You's face turned dark.

Noticing Ji You's expression, Liu Fufeng immediately smiled with squinting eyes, saying, "I like playing 'Fight the Landlord.'"

With a smile, his face was like fireworks in the dark night, dazzlingly bright, incomparably splendid...

For a moment, Ji You, Yue Qiyuan, and Yue Qiguang all froze, and then Ji You was the first to react. She immediately turned to the snoring Sheng Qingyan.

Compared to the dazzling Sheng Qingyan, Liu Fufeng's face was not inferior at all.

...

So, given Liu Fufeng inherited Empress Xia Man's appearance, then Empress Xia Man back in the day must have been an extraordinary beauty! No wonder Little Golden Dragon said Xia Man relied on her face to swindle free meals.

Ahem...

Ji You put on a stern face, warning herself: Beauty is deceptive, especially Liu Fufeng's.

This was considered Liu Fufeng's first smile. He noticed Ji You and the others had peculiar expressions, so he asked, "Are you upset about losing to me? Don't worry, we can play 'Fight the Landlord' without betting money."

Yue Qiyuan muttered, "What's the point without money?"

Liu Fufeng promptly said, "We can bet soul devices."

"!!!" Ji You, Yue Qiyuan, even cash-strapped Yue Qiguang shivered suddenly, and the sleeping Sheng Qingyan was shocked into waking, hearing these words made everyone's eyes widen, and they asked, "What did you say?"

Facing everyone's astonishment, Liu Fufeng said, "I was joking."

Ji You and others: "..."

Liu Fufeng said, "Even I have to rack my brains buying soul devices. How could I waste them like that?"

Yue Qiyuan glanced sideways at him, "Who was it that said they had so many soul devices they didn't know where to throw them?"

Liu Fufeng shook his head, "Not me."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

Confirmed!

This is someone who lies through their teeth.

Liu Fufeng stood tall, calmly explaining, "I only said the industry is a bit large, there's lots of money, and lots of soul devices, nothing else worth mentioning. Seriously, those words you just said, I never said them. Even if it's me, I wouldn't casually discard soul devices that I can't use."

Yue Qiyuan: "..."

—So, is this Liu Fufeng being straightforward? Or naive? Or—

Ji You, Yue Qiguang, Sheng Qingyan listened and were equally speechless, and after a long time, none of them knew what to say.

## Chapter 949: Terror

In silence, the spaceship traveled at a very steady speed, and soon it would cross a Jump Point, entering another part of the starry sky. Within this area of starry sky, there were 12 habitable planets within a 10-light-year radius, and the Alliance Military had stationed troops nearby, making it much safer than the starry sky where they encountered the Red Crown Bird Group. The tense nerves of Ji You and his companions relaxed slightly, but until they truly entered the Jump Point, none of them dared to fully relax.

Next.

The pilots rotated again, and it was Ji You and Sheng Qingyan's turn.

Ji You and Sheng Qingyan entered the cockpit, replacing Chu Jiaojiao and Shen Changqing.

Once Ji You sat in the main pilot seat, Shen Changqing advised, "We expect to enter the Jump Point in about 10 light minutes. According to the monitoring information from behind, the Red Crown Bird Group is still gathering and continuously heading toward that place... The reason is unclear for now, so we must not let down our guard."

Ji You nodded, "Hmm."

Looking at Ji You's handsome face showing faint signs of fatigue, with noticeable dark circles under his eyes, Chu Jiaojiao felt slightly distressed and said, "Ji You, if you find anything unusual, don't push yourself; I will be standing by."

Indeed.

She didn't plan to rest.

Even if she were to rest, it would have to wait until they truly entered the Jump Point and exited from it smoothly.

Ji You thought for a moment and said, "You and Shen Changqing should rotate for sleep. You must rest, because without rest, we won't know what we might encounter in the next second, and we need to maintain the best battle state."

Chu Jiaojiao listened and nodded, "Alright. I will rotate rest with Shen Changqing."

Chu Jiaojiao and Shen Changqing lifted their feet to leave, and suddenly—

The spaceship jerked violently!

"Boom—"

"Boom—"

"Boom—"

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Sheng Qingyan... all their faces changed, "What the hell!"

"What happened?"

"What's going on?"

Ji You tightly checked the spaceship's monitoring system and found nothing.

Nothing at all.

The spaceship's monitoring system didn't capture any abnormal situation; it only recorded the spaceship suddenly shaking violently as if blown by a gust of wind.

But—

Where did the wind come from?

Before the incident, the energy field around was extremely stable, with no abnormalities, and this Cosmic Storm seemed to have no source, emerging as if out of nowhere.

All the unknowns equate to danger.

...

Ji You didn't dare to think more, she drove the spaceship, immediately heading towards the Jump Point, when suddenly, a terrifying force swept in, startling Ji You so much that she shuddered all over, her whole body trembled, her hair stood on end, her hands and legs weakened.

Clang—

Not only Ji You, but Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Chu Jiaojiao... all at this moment, their bodies weakened, collapsing onto the floor. As everyone fell, they struggled to stay calm, but their bodies kept trembling...

Yue Qiguang pinched his thigh violently to slightly dispel that trembling, then swore, "Who!"

"That shameless person dared to ambush your daddy?"

"Come out!"

...

As Chu Jiaojiao fell to the ground, she swiftly leaped, leaning against Ji You's back. She raised her hand, holding onto Ji You's seatback, nearly gritting her teeth trembling, saying, "Ji You, don't be afraid, I'm here."

"I can replace you at any time." Slowly and steadily, after finishing the sentence, large beads of sweat appeared on Chu Jiaojiao's forehead.

Shen Changqing felt weak all over, his spiritual power seemed on the verge of exploding, not daring to move at all, yet he tried hard to stay calm, crawling slowly towards the monitors, saying, "I'll guard the monitor."

Crawling behind Shen Changqing was Yue Qiyuan, "Me too."

Sheng Qingyan stayed silent, his hands trembled uncontrollably, as he shook, he aimed, but the turret shook continuously, unable to accurately target anything, yet Sheng Qingyan continued trying...

Liu Fufeng curled up in a corner, shivering...

Ji You tingled all over, her hair stood on end, every cell vibrating, terrified... She didn't even have the energy to open her mouth and say a word, yet Ji You's hands remained firmly, holding the spaceship's control keys tightly.

Her partners were all there.

Lives were on the line.

Even facing an 8-level Viper Worm, Ji You never felt this kind of fear, she couldn't spare any mind to think of anything else at this moment—

Spirit Space.

Six Spiritual Threads, at this instant, all shivered together, curling up...

Sixth tightly held onto Fifth, Fifth held onto Third, Third held onto Second, Second held onto Boss, Boss was entangled with the four threads, unable even to breathe properly, and even more infuriating—

Fourth, at that moment, leapt off Fifth's head, jumping into Boss's mouth to hide... Just fitting between Boss's two large front teeth, making it impossible to close his mouth.

Boss: [Aoo—]

[Fourth, come out quickly, I need to close my mouth.]

Fourth: [I won't—]

Boss and Fourth said just this bit, and then both shut up together, Boss even shrank violently, shrinking, shrinking, shrinking...

Huge enough to almost burst the Spirit Space, Boss was now smaller than even a fine needle, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth dared not make a sound and hurriedly followed Boss's actions, shrinking their bodies to nearly invisible...

Silence.

Complete silence.

Even eerily silent...

The Six Spiritual Threads, since Ji You discovered them, had never seen them this scared, even pretending before, now they were genuinely intimidated...

What exactly is it?

Ji You's hands tightly grasped the control keyboard, she almost used all her strength to say a complete sentence: "Everyone follow my command—stay quiet."

One word out.

Chu Jiaojiao, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Sheng Qingyan, even Liu Fufeng, who joined the team for the first time, all stopped at Ji You's words.

Ji You's voice was very light, very light: "Don't move, don't speak, don't listen, and even don't think, relax... We... we can make it through." The Six Spiritual Threads didn't even get the chance to warn Ji You of the problem before this situation happened... and given their posture, they completely had no opportunity or time to report the situation or issue an alert themselves...

Seeing their performance, Ji You didn't think more, immediately followed suit, the Six Spiritual Threads even more worried about their lives than herself, just matching their performance, replicating and doing it.

The spaceship quietly hovered in the starry sky...

Silence.

Silence around.

...

It seemed the entire spaceship and space had completely come to a halt.

Chapter 950: Terrifying Strength

The spaceship quietly hovered in the pitch-black starry sky, surrounded by dead silence...

second.

seconds.

seconds.

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No wind, no waves, as if the sudden cosmic storm earlier hadn't occurred, and all previous encounters were merely the hallucinations of Ji You and the others. But!!! Ji You knew that terrifying presence still lurked around...

It's here.

It hadn't moved an inch.

...

Tension.

Ji You's whole body was tense. She hunched her back, gripping the spaceship's pause button tightly.

Yue Qiguang thought it was over. He was the first to get up, wanting to say something, but Ji You suddenly had a solemn look and whispered, "Don't move, as before."

Yue Qiguang withdrew: "???"

Ji You frowned, offering no explanation.

Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, and Liu Fufeng originally wanted to stretch their limbs but upon hearing Ji You's words, they continued their previous actions, not daring to move.

Suddenly~

An unusual wave, like a sound wave yet not quite, approached the spaceship from a distance.

Gulu gulu~

...

As this wave spread, a tingling, itchy feeling invaded everyone's bodies, painful thousands of times more than being pricked by needles. No one dared to make a sound, not even the noise of swallowing.

At that moment, a slight cracking sound came from Ji You's wrist, and everyone couldn't help but follow the sound source with their eyes, immediately widening their eyes in shock.

It was the Mecha Space Button.

Ji You's Mecha Space Button cracked.

It actually cracked! Everyone knew that the Space Button was developed over generations of research and improvements by countless Space Science scientists based on wormhole technology. It had three main features: stability, robustness, and convenience. It could even withstand the assault of Level 12 cosmic storms. Yet—it had now cracked?

Crack~

Crack~

Crack~

The crack kept expanding, growing larger and larger...

Thud~

A small figure rolled out from the Space Button——

When the Little Golden Dragon rolled onto the ground, its tail hooked upwards in a blink, snagging onto Ji You's clothing, then jumped up along the clothing, and threw itself into Ji You's arms, curling up tightly: "Ji You, I'm scared~"

Ji You: "..."

Ji You's whole body was tingling, her hair, cells, even her bone marrow trembling, yet she still managed to lift her hand, gently massaging the Little Golden Dragon's head as a form of comfort.

The Space Button specifically for the Little Golden Dragon had shattered, but hiding in Ji You's arms made it feel safer than being inside the Button. It huddled tightly, not daring to move or make a sound.

Ji You, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan... everyone held their breath consciously.

Meanwhile——

As this strange wave rippled out——

Spirit Space.

Six Spiritual Silks tightly clustered together, like a taut spider web, spread across Ji You's Spirit Core, the web formed by the Six Strands lay still, not daring to move...

And, at the far end of the Spirit Space, nearly void——

Xiao You nestled within the Iron Plate's enclosed space, had been simulating material creation when she suddenly felt the single light source above extinguish.

Xiao You froze: [Sister?]

No response.

Xiao You grew anxious, and then noticed the Iron Plate Space begin rapidly contracting around her, centering on herself~

Whoosh~

Whoosh~

Whoosh~

Unprepared, Xiao You was tightly enveloped by the Iron Plate, like a silkworm cocoon, unable to budge.

The light source went out.

The light source—represented her sister!

Xiao You grew anxious, breaking out in a cold sweat: [Sister!]

[Sister!]

[Sister!]

...

But, no response came.

Xiao You called out repeatedly for her sister... but there was no reply, as if she were the only one left in the world, surrounded by darkness stretching infinitely... her tears flowed silently, drip, drip...

...

Ji You was unaware of these events inside the Iron Plate Space. At that moment, driven by a strong instinct, she almost subconsciously severed her connection with Xiao You.

Silence.

Silent and still.

...

Suddenly~

Gulu gulu~

A wave similar to the previous eerie one, but slightly different, surged from all directions~

Ji You, the Little Golden Dragon in Ji You's arms, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan, Yue Qiguang, Yue Qiyuan, Liu Fufeng, all curled up tightly, teeth not daring so much as to twitch.

second.

seconds.

seconds.

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Once the strange wave dissipated, the presence that had horrified Ji You and the others faded away rapidly.

Yet Ji You and the others still dared not move.

A long while passed.

Only after confirming the terrifying presence had completely vanished did Ji You release the spaceship's main control button weakly.

"Phew~"

'Phew~'

"Phew~"

Everyone panted heavily, looking at each other, confusion appearing in their eyes simultaneously:

Yue Qiguang pinched his thigh tightly: "Damn! What the hell was that just now? I've never been so scared in my life!" In fact, Yue Qiguang had always had a courageous nature. Since birth, he hadn't known what 'fear' was. But—in the face of that presence, fear seemed to seep into his very bones...

This!

Yue Qiguang was frustrated: "Damn it! What exactly is it?"

Shen Changqing, Yue Qiyuan, Chu Jiaojiao, Sheng Qingyan all frowned hard, Chu Jiaojiao murmured, "Could—could it be the Star Beast?"

Shen Changqing shook his head, his brows knitted, saying, "No. Doesn't seem like it. My intuition tells me, it's not the Star Beast."

Yue Qiyuan bit down on his still-trembling teeth, saying, "If there are such forces in the Universe, opposing humanity, then—does humanity still have hope?"

At these words, silence fell over the group once more.

Ji You grabbed her tingling scalp, saying, "It doesn't necessarily mean they're against humanity... huh?"

Halfway through speaking, feeling strange, Ji You looked down only to see Liu Fufeng sitting sprawled on the floor, hands wrapped around her own legs like an octopus...

Ji You: "..."

Ji You was speechless: "When did you wrap your legs around me?"

Liu Fufeng's face remained calm, not flushed or short of breath, her pretty face totally unperturbed, saying, "Five minutes ago."

Ji You: "!!!"

What the heck!!! She was wrapped around my legs five minutes ago, and I didn't even realize!

How is that possible?

Ji You almost couldn't believe it: "Are you sure?"

Liu Fufeng's eyes were clear as she said, "Yeah. I was too scared, couldn't hold back, had to crawl over."

Ji You: "..."

The others witnessing all this were left speechless. Only Chu Jiaojiao jumped in envy, shouting, "Damn! Why didn't I think of that? I'm scared too... Next time, I'm holding onto classmate Ji You's legs."

Ji You: "..."

Everyone else: "..."