

Chapter 1311

Negotiation and the New Stage

Looking at the solemn expressions of the three of them, Han Xiao raised his hand and shook his index finger.

“You don’t want to?” Marbruce’s expression became nervous.

“No, I mean it’s... not enough.”

Han Xiao looked calm but tutted in his mind.

You guys really are incomparable in terms of being shameless. Only not long ago you were still targeting the Beyond Grade As with all your forces, now you changed your attitude right away and want to work with us? Although your motive is right, do you guys think the Beyond Grade As are tools at your disposal anytime?

Ever since the new law was made, the association had suffered severe losses. Even though they were on the same boat now, since the World Tree had yet to attack, there was no way the association was going to help the three Universal Civilizations without anything in return.

Considering the association members’ interests was part of his duty too; he was not going to let the three Universal Civilizations ‘morally kidnap’ him.

“What’s your suggestion then?”

The three of them narrowed their eyes and leaned forward slightly.

No matter how much they admired Han Xiao's contribution, when it came to matters like this, they were not going to agree to everything Han Xiao said.

Maybe, with respect to the fact that they were on the same boat and that Black Star actively shared the information about the World Tree, they could consider compromising. However, if the terms were too over the line, the three of them were still not going to agree with it. Han Xiao nodded and said, "Though we're working together for the big picture's sake, I hope you can understand that I'm the association's president, which means I have to give my members an explanation... The trade sanctions have caused severe losses for the Beyond Grade A members of the association, so firstly, they have to go. Furthermore, their losses have to be made up for. What do you guys think?"

"Sure." The three of them nodded. This was already within their expectations.

Han Xiao then continued, "Also, the association requires compensation for the time wasted and the emotional damage caused, in the form of resources. In our future partnership, the three Universal Civilizations will also have to continue providing us with resources. Although we have a common enemy, you guys are the rulers of the explored universe, which means we're protecting your territories for you. We won't be working for free."

The three of them pondered for a moment and agreed as well. "That's not a problem. The exact numbers can be discussed."

Han Xiao paused before slowly saying, "Lastly, the three Universal Civilizations have to approve the Beyond Grade A association's authority. It shall no longer be a civilian organization but an official Super organization. This means that our independence and the sanctity of our territory will be recognized. We'll be allowed to openly share all Super knowledges, and our political position will be on the same level as the advanced civilizations, having the same rights. All of this will also be written into galactical law... Furthermore, at the edge of the explored universe, the association shall be given a territory, of which it has the full rights of governing."

Hearing this, the three of them frowned in their minds.

One of the most crucial reasons they could openly suppress the Beyond Grade A Association was that it was still a civilian organization that was not protected by galactical law, including the Peace Treaty. Never had any civilian organization been treated the same way as advanced civilizations, not even the powerful Beyond Grade A organizations. This request meant they had to make the first exception in history.

Plus, this was not just a verbal agreement but had to be added into the laws. By doing this, the Beyond Grade A Association would be attempting to become the true authorized and official Super Organization. Once they approved that, the association's rocketing reputation would be able to almost monopolize all the Supers. Plus, if the association was protected by the law, tons of methods they could use against them before would no longer be effective. It would be very troublesome.

At the same time, by asking for a territory it had the full rights to govern, it would almost be like forming a civilization on its own. Furthermore, asking for it to be located at the edge of the explored universe was most likely because it would allow the association to retreat away anytime, preventing the possible cleansing that might happen again in the future.

Han Xiao waited for a while. Seeing that the three of them looked like they were contemplating, he tutted and added, "Don't take it the wrong way. This is a request made with the association's safety in mind. I believe the three Universal Civilizations are willing to satisfy the association's wish of keeping itself safe, right?" The three of them exchanged looks and quickly exchanged opinions in their private channel.

After not long, Marbruce tapped the table and said, "If the information regarding the World Tree is true, we'll agree with this condition. At the same time, if a war against them breaks out, the association will need to contribute all of its forces. We'll confirm the detailed terms later."

"Good then. When you guys fulfil your side of the agreement, we'll have more bases to work together."

Han Xiao nodded. He was crystal clear in his mind that this was an exchange of interests and gamble of risks.

Even with the knowledge of an exterior enemy existing, life had to go on. The three Universal Civilizations would undoubtedly plan for what to do after the exterior enemy was banished. Then, they would still have to solve the problem of too many Beyond Grade As existing. Agreeing with this term would make their future cleansing plans tougher.

However, due to the pressure of an exterior enemy, the three Universal Civilizations had no choice but to compromise to a certain extent. If they disagreed with this request, their motive would be too obvious. Even if the association still worked with them, they would not be trusted. This request was one they could not reject despite knowing the consequences.

Furthermore, it was completely unexpected for Black Star to know about this, which disrupted their plans. Satisfying Black Star was even more important than keeping the association steady.

The three of them pondered for some time and agreed in the end. Other than this being a compromise, they were also betting on another possibility-rather than doing the cleansing themselves, they were hoping for the exterior enemy to reduce the number of Beyond Grade As. This was a more suitable path.

The Beyond Grade A Association suffering heavy casualties in the war against the exterior enemy was the most ideal result for them, much better than internal conflicts. Not only would it temporarily solve the problem of individual strength being out of balance, but it would also get the most value of these Beyond Grade As' deaths. This way, the side effects of agreeing with Black Star's request would be reduced. They would have more than enough time to consider what to do before the individual strength in the universe next went out of balance.

Han Xiao knew what the three Universal Civilizations were thinking too, but causing heavy casualties to the Beyond Grade A Association was also one of his goals.

The core reason for that was that Sanctum Revival could be carried out an infinite number of times. He claimed it was a one-time thing; when he exposed the truth, only then would his goal of making the three Universal Civilizations fearful be achieved.

In order for the Beyond Grade As to die, there were only two ways-internal conflict and external war. It was not he could make them collectively commit suicide.

Comparatively, of course, fighting an exterior war would maximize the profits. No keys would be wasted, no internal losses would be incurred, and the effects of the Sanctum Revival could be shown.

The three Universal Civilizations only had to see the effects of the Sanctum Revival to know just how important and extremely threatening it was to them. He intended on fighting the World Tree Civilization and intimidating the three Universal Civilizations at the same time, killing two birds with one stone.

Also, he planned to add some Sanctum key materials in the compensation list. Given the rich inventory of the three Universal Civilizations, they definitely had them.

This was basically the equivalent of using their raw materials to make 'weapons' that would be used against them, which was nice.

Making contact with the World Tree was already a certainty, so Han Xiao changed his plan to maximize the profits. Of course, the three of them did not know that; they probably still mistakenly thought he was ensuring their safety. With varied plans in their minds, the two sides reached a temporary agreement.

"Also, about the World Tree Civilization, don't announce it yet. The fewer people who know about it, the better, or it would cause chaos," Marbruce said.

"I know, of course." Han Xiao nodded. In the World Tree war in his previous life, the ones who fought were only the advanced civilizations, the armed force, and the Supers. The civilians were all protected and had limited use. It was not the time to announce it publicly yet; the public knowing about it would only add trouble.

Han Xiao paused. "By the way, since you guys invited me to be the Special Safety Consultant, I'll have to monitor this matter too. I'll need you guys to share your exploration report of the World Tree Civilization."

"No problem."

Marbruce agreed very quickly this time. After all, they had even less information than Black Star.

Han Xiao received the research report of the wormhole data from the dynasty's Science Institute right away and started reading it on the spot.

He agreed to come back to being the Special Safety Consultant because he wanted to monitor the three Universal Civilizations' exploration progress and acquire firsthand information. Currently, he was the only outsider who had the right to interfere with the three Universal Civilizations' exploration of the World Tree Civilization.

Quickly looking through it, Han Xiao's eyes locked onto the first report. On the 'Confirmed existence of a Universal Civilization' conclusion, there was a question mark beside. He then looked back at the data and realized that this conclusion was not really accurate.

"Hmm? What's with the researcher who wrote this conclusion? This data isn't sufficient to prove it's a Universal Civilization. Though he guessed it right, it's too assumptive." Han Xiao raised his brows.

"Which is why I fired him. It's too careless." Marbruce nodded.

Han Xiao had a guess.

Did this guy do it on purpose? He sighed in his mind. Even insignificant people can change the world.

Han Xiao arranged his emotions and jokingly said, "No matter what, that guy made a huge contribution. Don't wrong him."

Marbruce glanced at him and did not reply.

Seeing this, Han Xiao smiled, skipped this topic, and got back to business.

"Based on the current progress, I have a few suggestions..."

This meeting lasted many hours. After achieving the 'remain in close contact' agreement, only then did Han Xiao deactivate the remote projection.

As Han Xiao's sight returned to his office, he exhaled deeply, rubbed his cheeks, and mumbled, "Luckily, at least the internal war has been avoided for the time being..."

He knew the three Universal Civilizations were certainly not going to completely let go of their hostility toward the Beyond Grade As. However, at this point, they surely knew their priorities. As long as an agreement was made, they would forget yesterday's matters and make up. As long as there was a need, the relationship between the two sides did not matter, and an exterior threat was exactly what created that need.

The two sides did not turn from enemies to friends, only temporary partners at most, working together to solve the main and shared problem.

From today onward, we'll step into a new stage of fighting the exterior enemy together. It's time to prepare for war against the World Tree Civilization.

This matter had been troubling him for close to a century, and it was finally time to face it

Chapter 1312 Awaken

One day later, on Planet Apostle, Han Xiao and Aurora walked into the research lab, stopped before SWY-001, and looked up at this enormous mechanical body.

Aurora turned and looked at Han Xiao. "Are you sure about waking this big guy up?"

"Hmm." Han Xiao nodded.

"Why the sudden change of mind?" Aurora asked.

"I've already finished studying it. There's nothing valuable left in it. It's time to wake it up and see if we can communicate."

Han Xiao made up a random reason.

"Alright then, whatever you say." Aurora rubbed her hands and said with anticipation, "Shall I start now?"

Han Xiao nodded, snapped his finger, and Mechanical Force flowed out. Mechanical soldiers appeared one after another, holding their weapons up in battle stances. At the same time, all the devices used to restrict SWY-001's movements also started to operate at maximum power output. Seeing this, Aurora extended her arms with her palms up; life energy appeared and flowed into SWY-001. In her senses, SWY-001's almost extinguished tinder of life started to quickly come alive.

Even without the life energy Esper ability, Han Xiao could sense an enormous energy presence slowly awakening. In his senses, SWY-001's cells started generating Mechanical Force, and the countless slumbering mechanical modules inside its body gradually started to operate.

SWY-001's broken mechanical body started regenerating at a visible speed. The mechanical devices used to restrain him started to break down as if they were going to become materials for SWY-001 to recover its own body.

Ka la ka la...

Mechanical parts awakening could be heard in SWY-001's body. The core reactor activated along with a deep and weird roar, like the sound of a beast awakening.

Aurora cautiously moved back a bit while Han Xiao moved forward and stood in front of her, staring closely at the various parameter changes SWY-001 was going through during the awakening

Suddenly, an enormous Mechanical Force exploded on the mechanical body and instantly flowed through its entire body. SWY-001's eyelids flickered, and its eyes slowly opened. There was no color in its eyes, as if it had slept for too long and its mind was blurry, trying to recall who it was.

After staying frozen for a very long time, it finally recalibrated its consciousness and started moving its body. SWY-001 looked around, looked down at Han Xiao who was also giving off a powerful energy presence, opened its mouth, and sent out deafening sound waves as if it was speaking.

"What is he saying?" Aurora asked. Without even turning around, Han Xiao casually explained, "This is the language of his civilization. He's asking who we are and where this place is."

He obtained a lot of information from SWY-001's memory file, which naturally included the various languages of the Karma Republic.

Han Xiao was relieved about this too. Luckily, SWY-001's consciousness was still intact. Otherwise, he probably would have had no choice but to use the Sanctums.

As he was just about to speak with SWY-001, a change suddenly occurred.

Boom!

Boundless Mechanical Force exploded. The restraining devices instantly shattered and were devoured by SWY-001. Its enormous mechanical body dashed like a giant beast, instantly shattering the wall of the lab and backing away. At the same time, the shattered parts rapidly turned into all kinds of weapon modules that attached to its body and started firing at Han Xiao.

Beams shot out one after another at Han Xiao. Without even moving, the mechanical troops around him summoned shields and blocked the attacks.

“He’s running away.” “It’s normal given he’s just woken up. Plus, he can’t run,” Han Xiao said casually. The last thing SWY-001 remembered was being defeated by the World Tree Civilization, so he probably thought he had been captured by them.

Having expected this possibility, Han Xiao had disassembled SWY-001’s many weapon modules long ago and stationed tons of mechanical life soldiers nearby.

The two of them entered space through the hole SWY-001 created and immediately saw what seemed to be an infinite number of mechanical troops surrounding this SWY-001 in the middle, who was about to attempt to escape. At this time, dozens of Apostle Weapons suddenly stepped forward. Han Xiao’s Mechanical Force landed on their bodies from some distance away, and these Apostle Weapons charged toward SWY-001, quickly gaining the upper hand.

After the fight with the three Universal Civilizations ended, Han Xiao had the Dimension Factory repair damaged soldiers every hour of the day, prioritizing the Apostle Weapons. The Apostle Weapons had almost fully recovered.

With the muscles on his body bulking, blood gushed out, weaving into flesh. The mechanical soldiers around swarmed toward him, and the evolved version of the Mechanical Deity instantly appeared.

He did not hold back and charged forward, pouncing at SWY-001 and beating him up fiercely. It was like two gigantic mechanical beasts fighting.

Han Xiao had the upper hand in all of his attributes, while SWY-001’s modules were disassembled, and it was far from its peak state. It was completely overwhelmed and no match for Han Xiao.

Since he fought the direct members of the three Universal Civilizations, Han Xiao had concluded the missions from then and received 520 billion EXP, eight Character Summon Cards, and six new skills.

Among them, two were normal talents, two were high-level talents, one was a rare ability, and one was a Molding Talent, which came from Wuornos. The Molding Talent’s name was (Divinity Enhancement). The effects increased the strength of some of his abilities and tremendously enhanced the bonuses of the various God’s Trait Transformation levels while enhancing the bonuses of talents related to religion, including (Key of Adeptus Mechanicus).

These missions also brought him three Universe Legendary Points. They were [Strongest Beyond Grade A), (Creator of the Most Legendary Battle), and (The Three Universal Civilizations’ Source of Fear).

Other than that, he also completed Manison’s request mission by forcing the three Universal Civilizations’ fleet to retreat, so he got one of Manison’s skills too. It seemed like all the luck from Feidin was concentrated into this draw. He once again obtained one of old Manison’s Unique Talents. Its name was (Ultimate Mechanical Force-Manison). It enhanced the Mechanical Force itself, tremendously increasing his Machinery Affinity and the strength of his Mechanical Force. It also increased the attributes of his Mechanical Force and his maximum energy.

Though the talent was great, having already obtained three of Manison’s Unique Talents, he felt more and more like the Mechanic Emperor himself.

All these bonuses gave him a total 2,740-Ona increase in his Energy Rank. Bringing his Energy Rank up by such a considerable amount even at his current level, the impact on his combat capability was visible.

Compared to back then, he was much stronger. The battle with the three Universal Civilizations became the nutrients for his growth.

Peak-state Han Xiao versus SWY-001, who did not even have a complete body—there was no suspense to the battle at all. The best method of convincing someone was usually with his fists. After a beating, SWY-001 was finally forced to speak calmly.

While beating SWY-001 up, Han Xiao sent messages at the same time to explain the current situation.

“Stop resisting. This is not the World Tree Civilization; we’re another advanced civilization. You dropped into our territory and were found by me...”

After explaining repeatedly, along with the very convincing fists of his, SWY-001 finally stopped resisting and communicated back, though still doubtful.

In the quantum network, the data exchange between the two parties was completed in a blink of the eye. SWY-001 knew that Han Xiao had looked at his memory module, and he also saw some information about the galactic society. He believed Han Xiao for the most part but still said in a panicky tone, “I can’t stay here. My civilization is waiting for me...”

His voice was like a mixture of the voices of countless people, strangely ethereal. His memories remained at when he was attacked and collapsed, so did not see the Karma Republic destroyed.

Han Xiao shook his head and said, “I’ve tested your age. You’ve already drifted in the universe for a very long time. In the terms of our time, what happened to your civilization was 600 years ago. Your civilization is long gone.”

SWY-001 froze as if he was lost.

Protecting his civilization till his death was the top priority written into him, as well as the reason he was born in the first place.

“I need to confirm,” SWY-001 replied.

“If you’re willing to provide the coordinates, we can help you check it... but we need your help too. It’s an equal trade.” “Help?”

“We’re facing the same threat; you’re the only survivor we know, so we need your help... Your civilization is destroyed, but if you want revenge, we can work together,” Han Xiao explained.

SWY-001 thought about it for a while then nodded in the end. He did not have much of a choice anyway, since he could not defeat Han Xiao. “... If that is true, I’ll help you.”

Plus, in his fundamental logic, there was code for revenge too—while keeping himself alive, he should take revenge against the World Tree Civilization if his civilization was destroyed. Furthermore, if his civilization was really wiped out, he would have nowhere to go anyway, so fighting alongside another civilization against the World Tree Civilization matched his goal.

“I’ll arrange to have you meet the rulers of this territory after some time then. I need you to convince them of some things and help them to see the threat of the World Tree Civilization.”

Han Xiao paused for a moment.

“I gave you a name, but you probably wouldn’t like it. What do you want me to call you?”

“... Just call me Herberlon.”

The communication between the two of them happened very quickly. Herberlon no longer resisted, letting the several Apostle Weapons take him away. There were still a lot of things he had to learn about galactic society, but Han Xiao was not going to let him connect to the internet freely; he had sealed it up using his Virtual Technology.

Only then did Han Xiao deactivate the Mechanical Deity and relax.

“That went smoother than expected... Hmm, probably thanks to my strength.”

If he was not able to control Herberlon, Herberlon would have definitely run away seeking the answers on his own. However, with his strength, this problem was solved easily. The method was simple, brutal, but effective. No way would Herberlon be so easily convinced had Han Xiao not defeated him.

Han Xiao opened the interface; [Visitor from Afar] was already shown as complete. The rating depended on how much SWY-001 had recovered, so the rating was very high. Although he disassembled a ton of his mechanical parts, because of Aurora, the rating increased tremendously. The reward of this mission itself was not high; the most useful reward was only a Herberlon Character Summon Card. The key to this mission was the unknown impact waking Herberlon up would cause to the current situation of the explored universe.

While Han Xiao was concluding the reward, Aurora slowly flew over to him with her face filled with curiosity. He did not know what Han Xiao talked to Herberlon about, nor did she know where Herberlon came from.

“What did you just say to him? What’s with this big guy?”

“He comes from a lost civilization, a wanderer who lost his home. As for the details, it’s a secret. I have plans for him.”

“Tsk, fine.”

Knowing Han Xiao did not want her to ask more, Aurora curled her limbs and snorted.

Aurora then said, “By the way, what are the Underworld Hero Spirits I revived going to do? They’re still standing by; do you want me to revert them back to their spirit forms?” “No need, keep them this way as a secret army. They’ll be of use one day.” “Is it to guard against the three Universal Civilizations?” Aurora asked subtly. The outside world did not know what was going on between the association and the three Universal Civilizations now.

“It’s part of the reason but not the main one.” Han Xiao shook his head. “I’ve already spoken to the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations. If things go well, the two sides are probably going to call it a

truce.” Shocked, Aurora said, “What? What agreement did you guys make that the three Universal Civilizations are even willing to take a step back!”

“It’s a secret for now, so I can’t tell you... but I’ll host a plenary after some time to explain the detailed terms. You’ll know then.”

More than half a month passed quickly. With concentrated attention of the galactic society, the three Universal Civilizations and the Beyond Grade A Association seemed to have really stopped fighting and were minding their own business.

As all kinds of speculations were blooming, the three Universal Civilizations who had remained silent for more than half a month finally made a joint announcement, causing an earthquake in the entire galactic society.

The three Universal Civilizations claimed that when the situation was spiraling out of control, they decided to take a step back, with the safety of the galactic society in mind. After thorough consideration, in the end, they decided not to burn the galactic society with the flames of war.

At the same time, they stated they had agreed with the association and came up with reasonable measures to deal with the virus... As for what exactly that was, not a single thing was mentioned.

As for the Beyond Grade A Association, they gave the three Universal Civilizations face and agreed with this claim, stating it was the truth and that there was no conspiracy.

At least on the surface, the reason the three Universal Civilizations made this huge military move was the Virtual Mutiny Virus. As long as this problem was ‘solved’, it made sense for them to retreat, despite the claims being quite ambiguous to say the least. They just called it confidential, and there was nothing the galactic residents could do about

However, what caused an uproar among the galactic residents was the second half of the three Universal Civilizations’ joint announcement—they shockingly removed the trade sanctions against the association all of the sudden!

Everyone was dumbfounded. They were almost at war not long ago, yet they were making peace with each other? What in the world happened?

Had the three Universal Civilizations given up dealing with the imbalance of individual strength? What agreements did the two sides make? Were the three Universal Civilizations so afraid they dared not strike?

Many people subconsciously thought of how Black Star single-handedly defeated all of the three Universal Civilizations’ direct members. Although they knew very well the three Universal Civilizations most likely did not retreat because of how unbelievably strong Black Star was, they could not help themselves from thinking in this direction... Were the three Universal Civilizations really afraid?

Seeing how the three Universal Civilizations and the Beyond Grade A Association quickly turned from aiming at each other’s throat to peace, countless members of the public felt complicated and somewhat discouraged. They felt like their feelings did not matter at all.

When eras changed, for better or worse, they could only accept it.

However, although the two sides stopped fighting, since the three Universal Civilizations expressed such a firm and aggressive stand earlier, this result undoubtedly made people feel like the Beyond Grade A Association had won.

This was one of the extremely few examples of a civilian organization forcing the three Universal Civilizations to take a step back. The reputation of the Beyond Grade A Association that had been reducing over the time suddenly rocketed, attracting all the attention in the galactic society.

Although voices of cursing the Supers never disappeared completely, they were lost in the sea of compliments. Many people's faces were hurting from this hard slap of an ending, no longer daring to voice out against the trending public opinion.

The Super Star Cluster Alliance was really the most dumbfounded party.

That's it? You guys aren't breaking up anymore?

How are we going to have a chance with the association if you guys don't quarrel?

Are we going to be abandoned again?

Being a spare tire... is so bitter!

Chapter 1313 Ahead

At the Beyond Grade A Association headquarters, the first plenary since the three Universal Civilizations decided to back off was underway. All the Beyond Grade A members arrived early at the venue, and none were not curious about what agreement Black Star had achieved with the three Universal Civilizations. They were all waiting for the president to give them an explanation.

"Frankly, this is all quite sudden for Black Star to just come to an agreement with the three Universal Civilizations. We heard nothing about it at all," Kasuyi complained.

"I wonder what kind of agreement the president made with the three Universal Civilizations. Given Black Star's personality, we shouldn't be the ones losing more than we have to gain." Kant's tone was uncertain.

Of course, no one present believed the three Universal Civilizations' public announcement. They all knew that Black Star had definitely made a deal with them privately; only, no one knew anything about it.

Psyker turned around. "By the way, Ames, you're close to Black Star. Did he tell you anything?"

"He didn't tell me anything." Ames turned to look at Hila, smiled faintly, and said, "But Hila might know a thing or two."

"... I have no idea either. I haven't seen him lately." Hila shook her head.

The people chatted for a while before Han Xiao's remote projection finally appeared in the main seat. He looked around and smiled.

"Since everyone is here, let's jump right in. I've summoned you guys mainly to tell you about the agreement I've made with the three Universal Civilizations, as well as the next steps for the association."

Han Xiao looked around, and seeing that everyone was listening attentively, he continued.

"The three Universal Civilizations have agreed to my terms. They've decided to remove the trade sanctions against us and will compensate us very generously for it. Also, they'll admit the official position of the Beyond Grade A Association, granting us the same rights as advanced civilizations. This will be written in galactic law. At the same time, we'll receive a territory at the edge of the explored universe that we'll have full rule over. That's roughly it."

As he said that, the entire place became completely silent.

The Beyond Grade As members were astounded, looking at Han Xiao with disbelief.

It was not that this agreement was bad but that it was way too good. They did not expect Black Star to be able to negotiate such outstanding terms, not to mention the fact that the three Universal Civilizations actually agreed with it.

A usual truce would be reasonable, but this was not a truce from the three Universal Civilizations at all. It was basically a surrender! No one would compromise this much unless there was a gun pointing at their productive organ! Originally, they thought it would be good if the three Universal Civilizations were even willing to give any compensation. To their surprise, these terms solved more than half of the problems that had been bothering the association all this time.

"How did you do it?" Kasuyi could not help but ask.

Han Xiao subtly glanced at those Beyond Grade As from the Star Clusters and said, "I know you're all curious as to why the three Universal Civilizations agreed to such terms, but this is quite a complicated matter that doesn't have a definitive result yet. Plus, these benefits are not given to us for free; they're part of the deal, and the price is that we'll have to help the three Universal Civilizations in some situations."

Hearing this, everyone exchanged looks.

Seeing this, Han Xiao nodded and said, "If you guys have any ideas, feel free to bring them up. The foundation of the existence of our association is respecting the opinions of all members. If you guys aren't satisfied, we can discuss it."

Beiger coughed and made his stand, saying, "I think this is quite good. After all, us Revivors have already died once and can't use the Sanctum Revival again. It's good we don't have to take the risks of fighting a war."

Hearing this, quite a number of Revivors nodded. Completely convinced by Oathkeeper, they thought if they died again, they would have no choice but to live a meaningless life in the Underworld.

Dylan, however, snorted with disdain and said, "Tsk, what a disappointment. I thought a massacre was about to begin so that we could teach the three Universal Civilizations an unforgettable lesson to pay them back for what they did to us back then. Who would've thought that after a few hundred years, the three Universal Civilizations became cowards too? Black Star, why did you even bother to negotiate? The three Universal Civilizations are definitely in a difficult situation if they're willing to compromise, so we should've used this opportunity and made their situation even worse. I used to think you're a cruel and decisive person; I was wrong about you!"

"Hmm?" Han Xiao raised his brows and made a sound.

Dylan snorted and said with still a strong tone, "To think you're not a despicable person I thought you are but a wise man with vision, generosity, and greatness. No wonder you're our leader."

"Hmm." Han Xiao nodded with satisfaction.

The others looked away with despise and ignored Dylan's voice.

Kasuyi stepped out and said with a smile, "These terms are all pleasant surprises, so we have no problems with it. But, Black Star, the three Universal Civilizations are only saying all these things for now. They have yet to acknowledge our independence publicly. Are you sure they'll live up to the agreement? I still think they won't compromise easily."

"I'm sure for the most part, but we'll have to wait for some time."

Han Xiao shook his head.

He had already gotten Herberlon to speak with the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations, making what he said more convincing. When the three Universal Civilizations came to some results in their exploration, they would carry out the terms.

Furthermore, this matter was the center of attention for now, so the three Universal Civilizations planned to not bring more attention to it for some time. They only planned to announce it after the matter had cooled down to reduce its impact.

"I hope so." Kasuyi nodded before asking, "What are the next steps for the association then? Do you have any ideas?"

Han Xiao shook his head. "Continue to rest and accumulate our forces. We'll deal with the future by the time the three Universal Civilizations carry out the terms."

He recalled another idea he once had. When their political position is recognized and their territory was granted, the association's reputation among the Supers would reach a new level. Maybe they could then create a nation belonging exclusively to Supers, taking in all free Supers in the universe, making the association the ruling parliament of the nation.

One reason was that in order to develop further, they had to expand the size of the association and recruit more members. Of course, as the 'seeds' of Beyond Grade As, the more Supers, the better. Another reason was to maintain independence. Ordinary Supers living under the three Universal

Civilizations' rule would have many worries, but if they had a new place to go, they would have a choice, and there would definitely be people who would be willing to become this nation's resident.

Furthermore, the conflict between the ordinary people and Supers had been getting worse and worse; both sides hated each other. Maybe giving Supers an opportunity to live away from the other side would be beneficial for both sides. Of course, the three Universal Civilizations would undoubtedly be unhappy with this. Therefore, Han Xiao would not carry out any part of this idea before the threat of the World Tree Civilization erupted.

"All races are welcomed as long as they're Supers... Hmm, why does this idea sound so familiar?"

Han Xiao scratched his head.

If I remember correctly, this is quite similar to a character in an ongoing comic in my previous life, 'Big Mom'.

What am I then? Big Dad?

Putting this random thought behind, Han Xiao continued discussing with the others.

The meeting only ended after discussing matters for more than an hour. Everyone left relaxed and excited.

Han Xiao deactivated his remote projection. The moment his sight returned to the office, Phillip popped up. "Master, hum... you have an advanced encrypted message. It's from the Super Star Cluster Alliance, hum..."

"Yoho, looks like their patience is running out."

Han Xiao opened the message, and it was an invitation from the Super Star Cluster Alliance to meet him in person.

He was not surprised. The association was originally working with the Super Star Cluster Alliance against the three Universal Civilizations. Now that it had stopped fighting the three Universal Civilizations, the Super Star Cluster Alliance became alone again.

Plus, the Beyond Grade As belonging to the Super Star Cluster Alliance who were in the meeting earlier definitely passed on the information about the agreement, and the Super Star Cluster Alliance would certainly be worried that the association and the three Universal Civilizations might work together again. Hence, they hastily came to test his stand.

Ten minutes later, in the Super Star Cluster Alliance conference room, the various leaders gathered and sat in their seats apprehensively.

Han Xiao's remote projection appeared in the room and immediately felt all the eyes focusing on him.

The Star Arc Civilization leader said with a deep voice, "Black Star, we agreed to fight the three Universal Civilizations together. What's all this?"

Han Xiao shrugged and said, "The goal of conflict is peace. The association's goal has already been achieved, so of course, there's no longer a need to continue fighting the three Universal Civilizations. This is beneficial for the association."

"What about our agreement?"

Han Xiao said slowly and calmly, "Our agreement consisted of four terms. Other than the first one being fighting the three Universal Civilizations together, the other three are all related to resources partnerships, which we can continue to do."

The Star Arc Civilization leader could not help but ask, "What if the three Universal Civilizations have a problem with that? Will you ignore our agreement because of it?"

"Since the three Universal Civilizations have recognized that the association can take care of the virus itself, it's an indirect way to admit that others have no right to interfere with the internal affairs of the association. Which galactic law did we violate by forming an alliance with you guys? So what if they have a problem with it?" Han Xiao shrugged. "Maybe we can change one of our terms from fighting the three Universal Civilizations together to the association not attacking the Super Star Cluster Civilizations actively other than to retaliate. Besides, the Sanctum Revival allocations I promised you guys are still effective."

They were quite surprised to hear this. They were already prepared for Black Star to stab them in the back, but for now at least, Black Star seemed to have no intention of doing that.

Han Xiao smiled and said, "Frankly, we don't trust the three Universal Civilizations, so we need to have a backup plan, which is why we're willing to maintain a good relationship with the Super Star Cluster Alliance. Also, you guys provided help when the association was troubled by the trade law, so personally, I'm willing to continue working with you guys. I have that much decency." "I see..." The Star Arc Civilization leader was relieved.

Although this felt as wrong as cheating, Black Star keeping the promise of the Sanctum Revival allocations given to them was good enough.

After the participants made their stands, no matter how wild the conspiracies were, the matter calmed down very quickly. The galactic residents and the organizations gradually went back to their normal lives.

As the trade law was removed, the various channels of the association reopened, gradually regaining business. However, the plan of uniting the black markets was still ongoing and carried out by the players. Big things happened every day, but life for ordinary people still had to go on. The issues between the three Universal Civilizations and the association went on and became just something people talked about over the dinner table, no longer brought up every single day.

However, under the calm surface, a storm was brewing. The three Universal Civilizations were secretly preparing for war while exploring the wormhole data left by EsGod that was named 'World Tree Path'.

With Han Xiao's warning, the three Universal Civilizations were very cautious. They had yet to discover any life belonging to the World Tree Civilization.

At the same time, taking Han Xiao's suggestion, the three Universal Civilizations formed a joint expeditionary army to enter the deep layers of the secondary dimensions in search of the so-called main body of the World Tree.

At one of the dynasty's outposts in the secondary dimensions, an enormous expedition fleet had gathered, carrying out its last checkup before departing. The dock was filled with the three Universal Civilizations' soldiers with serious expressions on their faces.

Han Xiao stood on the dock and watched this.

Harrison stood beside him carrying a backpack. Not knowing what to do, he said softly, "Your Excellency Black Star, what is the fleet searching for? Why do I have to participate in it?"

Han Xiao patted his shoulder. "Searching for something that will affect the fate of the explored universe."

"Must I go?" Harrison was on the verge of tears.

He was still young, yet to be that experienced senior explorer from Han Xiao's previous life. Plus, the World Tree war had not broken out yet, so people were not all on their highest alert, nor could he prioritize other things above his life.

Traversing into the deep layers of the secondary dimension was no easy mission. They had to pass through countless strange secondary dimensions, so god only knew what situations they would run into. Any mistakes could cause severe damages. Plus, communication was not convenient, meaning they would be like a fleet that advanced deep into enemy territory without having stable communication with the rest.

"What are you so afraid of? Didn't I give you a lot of equipment? They're more than enough to protect you in times of danger. You even have a Lord's Avatar and a Throne with you. I can teleport over anytime."

Han Xiao slapped his forehead.

"I'm scared I'll die before I can call you." Harrison looked discouraged. "Plus, there are so many people participating. With or without me won't make much of a difference, will it?"

Han Xiao sighed but could not reply. In his previous life, Harrison discovered the main body of the World Tree, but this time, who knew if the Goddess of Luck would help him again?

Furthermore, the World Tree's main body was not without protection. Countless armies were stationed in the secondary dimensions around it; it was extremely dangerous. Once the fleet discovered them, it would be when they were discovered by the World Tree too.

However, without finding the World Tree's main body, the chances of winning were extremely thin. Sending an expedition army in advance was already being one step ahead. Han Xiao was currently the only outsider working together with the three Universal Civilizations to find the World Tree. Other than Harrison, he had picked some trustworthy people to join the first batch of the secondary dimension

expedition army, most of which were mechanical lives, along with some members of the Black Spirit Race.

As he comforted Harrison, the expedition fleet was finally ready.

Looking back several times every step he took, Harrison still entered the spaceship in the end.

Accompanied by the roaring engines made for travelling in the secondary dimensions, the joint expedition fleet slowly took off, turned into flashes of light, and disappeared in everyone's sights, heading toward the unknown future.

Chapter 1314 Reaction

After sending off the expedition team, Han Xiao stood at the dock for a while. At this time, Guzar, who was wearing a dynasty military uniform, walked over from behind and stood side by side.

The bearded Guzar took out a red cigarette from his shirt pocket, wiped his fingers, lit the cigarette, and took a deep breath. Then, he spat out a cloud of smoke and twisted his mouth a little before speaking. "This is only the first batch. There will be a second and a third expedition team in the future. The deeper dimensions are unpredictable. I hope that the World Tree's main body that you mentioned really exists. Don't let them sacrifice for nothing."

"Don't be too pessimistic. Maybe they will come back safe," Han Xiao replied casually.

Guzar did not comment. He took out another cigarette from his pocket and passed it to Han Xiao. "This is a product specially provided by the dynasty's upper echelons. You can't buy it on the market. Try it?"

"I stopped smoking." Han Xiao waved his hands.

"Is that so?" Guzar put away his cigarette and shook his head. "Speaking of which, I've never heard of you having any hobbies. Don't you Mechanics have any entertainment needs?"

"How can smoking and drinking be more fun than machines?" Han Xiao glanced at him. "Just say what you want to say."

"Can't I talk to you?" Guzar shrugged.

Although Black Star had beaten them up not long ago, the two parties had now come to an agreement. The battle before was purely official business, and there was no enmity between them.

Most Beyond Grade As admired the strong, and the direct descendants of the three Universal Civilizations were no exception. They all respected Black Star's achievements and abilities.

"Next time. I'm quite busy." Han Xiao patted Guzar's shoulder.

Guzar sighed and said, "Alright, I'm here to tell you that His Excellency the Ruler is waiting for you online. He wants to talk to you about something."

“Why didn’t you say so earlier?”

Han Xiao turned around and walked into the dynasty’s outpost base. He went to the private communication room and picked up Marbruce’s call.

“Ruler Marbruce, what’s the matter?”

“Our exploration has made some progress. The probe has collected the exact coordinates. The Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device can already reach the territory of the World Tree Civilization, but we have no intention of sending troops for the time being.” The Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device of the Federation of Light had extremely high strategic value, so it was extremely useful.

It was a pity that the three Universal Civilizations only allowed him to interfere in limited areas. Most of the time, they only treated him as a consultant and did not allow him to use the World Tree passageway to send anything.

“Is there anything I can help you with?”

“We plan to bury some detection equipment and strategic killing weapons in uninhabited areas. For this, we need more intelligence, such as the star map on the other side and the division of factions... The efficiency of our detection is low, and as the detection range expands, the risk of encountering the creatures of the World Tree Civilization will also increase.”

“So?” Han Xiao raised his brows.

“We plan to try to connect to the other party’s network after we’re done with our preparation and see if we can steal some of their information,” Marbruce said. “We’re here to ask for your opinion.” Han Xiao thought for a while and said, “If it’s only superficial information, as long as we enter from an unimportant terminal node and erase the data before letting the Beyond Grade As analyze the other party’s basic code words, the risk is controllable.”

This was not hacking into the other party’s network but browsing through the information on the internet. Therefore, the difficulty was not high. The World Tree Civilization also had a communication system in the form of a quantum network, which was basically standard for advanced civilizations. However, the foundation of the communication method was not a quantum network but a mental network that the World Tree had. It was just that the latter was too transparent and simple, not as diverse as the quantum network.

“Then let the Beyond Grade A Mechanics take the lead and use the computational ability of the main artificial intelligence to gather the surface information of the other party’s network. When the time comes, the intelligence will be shared with you.”

After chatting for a while, Marbruce hung up the call. His purpose of calling was mainly to inform him of the exploration plan.

Han Xiao put down the communicator and curled his lips.

“Other than the secondary dimension expeditionary army, they did not allow me to interfere with other exploration tasks. It seems like they are still wary...”

The current situation was far from the stage of unity in his previous life. Although it was not to the extent of scheming against each other, they could not completely trust each other like they did in his previous life and cooperate without any worries.

After leaving the dynasty’s outpost and returning to the army base, Han Xiao summoned Phillip and issued a special summoning order to the hundreds of Beyond Grade A seeds in the army.

As the three Universal Civilizations strictly controlled the World Tree passageway, he did not have much preparation to do at the moment. Other than improving the Void God’s Trait Transformation and allowing his assembly line to churn out soldiers all day long, he could only wait for the players to work hard and slowly provide EXP.

Therefore, he planned to use the advantage of the interface to give the hundreds of Beyond Grade A seeds that had transferred to the army a year ago a long period of special training. He hoped that a new Beyond Grade A would be born from these people and strengthen the association’s top-tier strength.

After sending the message, Han Xiao left the room and walked around the base for a while. Suddenly, he came across Jenny.

Han Xiao stopped in his tracks and said, “Ames has already returned to Floating Dragon. Why are you still here?”

Jenny crossed her arms and snorted. “It wasn’t easy for me to get a holiday because of my refuge. I don’t want to go back so soon to work overtime. Let Ames take care of it herself. I’ll have some free time.”

“So, you’ve rested well. No wonder your hairline recovered a little. I almost didn’t recognize you.”

“If you don’t know how to talk, you can keep quiet. No one will think you’re mute.” Jenny rolled her eyes. “Then have a good rest here. However, if Ames comes to ask for you, don’t expect me to help you.” Han Xiao shook his head and smiled before taking his leave.

Just as he was about to leave, he suddenly heard Jenny speak again. This time, her tone was a little hesitant.

“Um... I haven’t seen Harrison in a while. He hasn’t replied to my messages either. Where did he go?”

Han Xiao turned around and looked at her with surprise. “The two of you really hooked up? I thought you rejected him, but it seems like you’re the same as Ames; your body is more honest than your mind.”

“Bullsh*t!” Jenny was furious. “I have nothing to do with that annoying fellow! I’m just curious!”

Han Xiao did not believe her at all, only casually saying, “He went on a secret mission. You probably won’t see him for a long time.” “Secret mission?” Jenny hesitated. “Is it dangerous?” “Of course,” Han Xiao replied straightforwardly.

Jenny choked and hesitated for two seconds before whispering, “Then please tell him...”

“Tell him what?” Han Xiao immediately became alert.

Damn sister, be careful. Don't set up a flag so easily. It will lower Harrison's survival rate.

Jenny gritted her teeth, turned her head, and stubbornly said, “Just ask him, when will he return the money he owes me?”

“Tsk, your words don't even match what you're thinking.” Han Xiao exposed Jenny mercilessly.

“It's fine if you don't want to help me!” Jenny was furious.

“I'll ask... but I might not be able to contact him at the moment. Let's talk when there's a chance.” Han Xiao waved and left.

When he turned the corner, he looked back and saw Jenny still standing there with a lost expression.

“Tsk, and you dare say that nothing's happened.”

Han Xiao smacked his lips and was about to leave when Phillip suddenly jumped out with a face full of surprised joy.

“Master, hum... Another army officer has become a Beyond Grade A!”

“Hmm? Let me see!”

Han Xiao was overjoyed and immediately switched to the surveillance interface.

In the image, a figure with Pugilist flames burning all over his body was sitting in the middle of the galaxy like a small star. It was Lothaire, who had been in seclusion for decades.

“After holding it in for so long, this guy finally gave birth... Bah, he advanced.”

Han Xiao was relieved.

Initially, he thought that Lothaire would need a few more years to complete his transformation, but he did not expect him to break through this barrier so quickly.

Could it be that he got inspired by seeing me defeat the three Universal Civilizations?

After swapping into the King, Han Xiao teleported to Lothaire's personal training hall. The moment he looked up, he saw Lothaire completing his final evolution.

Han Xiao summoned his mechanical army and set up an energy shield around him. After waiting for a period of time, the Pugilist flames on Lothaire's body slowly retracted. They seemed to take on a consistency like a solid crystal, and just by looking at it, one could feel an oppressive sharpness.

The nature of Pugilists' energy was ever-changing and varied. Lothaire's core energy attributes were 'Sharp' and 'Armor Penetration'.

Lothaire opened his eyes and surveyed his surroundings, immediately seeing Han Xiao. He quickly flew down and landed in front of Han Xiao.

“Your Excellency Black Star, I didn’t disappoint you.”

Lothaire’s attitude was still respectful, and he did not lose himself due to the sudden increase in strength.

Han Xiao squeezed his shoulder and said with a smile, “You’re a Beyond Grade A now, so you can address me as an equal. What do you think? Do you want to start your own organization?”

“I’m still willing to be your blade in the shadows. If not for your nurturing, I wouldn’t have my current achievements.” Lothaire shook his head and continued to address him respectfully.

Usually, Beyond Grade As would not continue to be under others, but Lothaire intended to repay the favor. Furthermore, the Black Star Army was an anomaly, and there were already two Beyond Grade As working as subordinates. With their seniors as an example, those who came later would be more accepting.

“Don’t underestimate yourself. I helped you because you have potential.” As Han Xiao spoke, he punched Lothaire’s chest, creating a dull thud.

Lothaire took a step back and rubbed his aching chest.

Seeing this, Han Xiao shook his head. “You have to continue training your body. You’re still too weak right now. In the eyes of ordinary people, Beyond Grade As are already at the peak, but in the eyes of us veterans, this is just the beginning. You’ve just stepped into this threshold, so there’s still a lot to train. I can fight dozens of new Beyond Grade As like you.”

“I saw the live broadcast of your confrontation with the three Universal Civilizations, and I have no doubt about that.”

Lothaire nodded. He was also convinced by Han Xiao’s performance back then and was filled with respect.

“Since you’ve become a Beyond Grade A, let me give you a gift. I’ll get you a Universal Treasure weapon in a while. What type do you want? If you don’t want mechanical equipment, I can ask a Mage to help you build equipment with Enchantments,” Han Xiao said.

Lothaire thought about it. “A pair of daggers will do.”

“Alright, send me the specific requirements after you’ve thought it through. I’ll customize it for you.”

Han Xiao smiled and suddenly changed the topic.

“By the way, I have a mission for you.” “Where? Who’s the target? When’s the deadline?”

Lothaire immediately became serious, displaying the professionalism and discipline he had instilled in himself. “Sigh, don’t keep thinking about fighting and killing. It won’t be good.” Han Xiao coughed and said, “There’s a genius Pugilist with extraordinary potential who is undergoing special training here. He already has a Beyond Grade A as his teacher. I hope you can train him for some time too and teach him some experience.”

Karlot's bottleneck was still in the early stages, and only by accumulating more insight would he be able to level up quickly. However, the insight provided by each expert was different. Silver Shadow was almost completely squeezed dry of his insights, but Lothaire, who had just been born, would be a new crop field to harvest.

"Alright, I will do my best to teach him." Lothaire nodded. He was also curious.

The potential of a genius Pugilist who could make the Army Commander find a Beyond Grade A to be his teacher, just how shocking would it be?

In a turquoise space, the intertwined roots of the turquoise trees acted as the ground, and they were translucent. One could see the energy that was like light bubbles flowing within the roots, giving off a sense of green vitality.

In the middle of the space, a large number of roots rose up and formed a huge throne. A tall figure sat on it with his eyes closed as though he was sleeping. Vine-like roots crawled all over his body, and the blue and green fluorescence flowed along his body like lively little elves.

Suddenly, this figure trembled slightly and slowly opened his eyes. He raised his hand and gently patted the armrest of his seat.

The next moment, the roots on the ground moved on their own, intertwining and transforming into a flower bud. Then, the flower bud opened, and a tall figure appeared out of thin air, clad in a gorgeous robe.

As soon as he appeared, the tall figure bowed to the figure on the throne and softly asked, "What can I do for you?"

Hearing this, the figure on the throne leaned forward slightly and slowly said, "An abnormal reaction has occurred in the information state warning network. There might be an unknown Information Form that has interacted with us. Someone might be spying on us. Go and investigate."

"Understood, Your Excellency Tree King."

Chapter 1315 Movement

In a certain part of the World Tree Civilization, an artificial teleportation wormhole suddenly appeared and expanded. A few unmanned engineering ships flew out and quickly set up camouflaging and communication relay stations.

After the temporary base station was completed, the three direct Beyond Grade A Mechanics of the three Universal Civilizations used it as a springboard to send the data over.

In the data field, the quantum souls of 'Defender' Romo, 'Quantum Demon Spirit' Judith, and the other appeared. In their sights were the quantum network nodes that formed something akin to a resplendent sea of stars.

“Pay attention to the data disguise. If anything abnormal happens, cut the link immediately.”

Judith gave a few stern instructions.

After the initial preparations, the three Universal Civilizations were officially carrying out their espionage plan. They sent out three direct Mechanics to make use of the various civilizations’ main artificial intelligence computing power to browse the World Tree Civilization’s network.

The World Tree passageway was only used as a springboard. Currently, the coordinates of the wormholes leading to the World Tree Civilization that the three Universal Civilizations had obtained were not limited to the data that EsGod had left behind. For safety reasons, they would rarely use the same wormhole coordinates twice.

This was the first time these coordinates were being used. They had also planned to temporarily seal it after stealing the intel.

The three of them did not waste any time, immediately using the basic translation language that they had deciphered not long ago, working together with their teammates to infiltrate a quantum network node. They began to collect data on a large scale and search for public information on the internet.

Every second, a huge amount of data would be sent to the advanced encrypted information processing warehouse created by the three Universal Civilizations.

The three Universal Civilizations monitored the situation from afar, and their efficiency was extremely high. The operation was completed very smoothly. The engineering ship immediately dismantled and retrieved all the equipment, leaving behind a few strange-shaped bombs before returning to the explored universe through the wormhole.

The moment the engineering ships returned, the three Universal Civilizations closed the World Tree passageway on the other side of the wormhole. The artificial wormhole rapidly shrank and disappeared.

Immediately after, the bomb that was left in this area exploded at the right time. Chaotic energy waves spread out, covering the area and erasing all traces.

The area regained its calmness as though nothing had happened.

After an unknown period of time, a spatial rift suddenly appeared, and a translucent turquoise root emerged from within.

Ripples appeared on the surface of the roots, and a fleet flew out. At first, it was a little ethereal, like a phantom, but when it completely left the roots, the appearance of the fleet turned solid.

In the command room of the main ship, the captain stood beside a tall figure and respectfully said, “This is the abnormal reaction area shown on the information state alert. Holy Tree Emissary, should we start the inspection?”

This tall figure's name was Barbani, and he had a ferocious appearance. He looked like some kind of arthropod, clad in a suit armor, and his body exuded a weak blue-green energy. He was not of the same species as the surrounding crew. Within the World Tree Civilization, the Holy Tree Emissaries were a special group with a high status and were the executors of the highest will. Only individuals who had a deep connection with the World Tree could take on this role. They could use some of the World Tree's abilities, such as warping, transformation, and so on.

"Activate the Information Form camera and see what's going on here." Barbani's voice was short and sharp.

This device could trace back what had happened in an area at the Information Form level. The more power injected into it, the longer it could trace back, and the clearer the details.

The order was given, and the fleet started operating very quickly. They could only see light green light beams scanning the surroundings, but there was no reaction from the areas they passed.

"There are no traces of any information form, so we can't know what happened here... We can basically confirm that an outsider has infiltrated this area."

The captain looked at the scan results and quickly came to a conclusion.

"Even the traces of any past Information Forms have disappeared. This means that the outsiders have a certain level of Information Form technology. Their level of civilization should not be low."

"Looks like we have new prey." Barbani was excited.

The captain looked at the time and analyzed, "Based on the time difference between us arriving at the scene, the target of the outsiders' infiltration might be entering our quantum network to steal intelligence."

"This is a good thing." Barbani did not care at all.

He was not worried that the information on the internet would be leaked. There were no key secrets hidden there. At the same time, this served as bait.

The Information Form warning network covered the entire World Tree Civilization's information collection, and it could detect if an outsider was spying on them. As long as they were entangled with the foreign information gathering, they would send out a warning. However, it was only limited to the alarm, and there was no way to steal the other party's information. Therefore, they could only discover that there were outsiders spying on them, and they did not know the exact situation of the other party.

However, this was not a problem. The World Tree itself had the nature of a high-dimensional information entity. The more outsiders knew of its existence, or the deeper the pilfering of data, the more obvious the connection would be.

As long as the interaction reached a certain standard, the World Tree would obtain a signal and sense the location of the other party's information gathering. Then, it would send the long-distance team to search in the direction of the other party.

This was similar to the soul connection of a Universal Treasure. It could be remotely located, but this relationship was reversed.

Most Universal Treasures would find it difficult to establish a soul connection, and they were extremely cold and aloof. Even if they acknowledged their master, they would only give in halfway. The Evolution Cube and the Spacetime Amber were both like this, but the World Tree was a Universal Treasure that accepted almost everyone.

However, outsiders would only be able to 'rub against the outside' and would not be able to obtain any substantial benefits from it. Instead, they would expose themselves.

This was similar to how if you said my name, I would be able to obtain information about you. It was similar to the characteristics of certain life forms in the universe, as though they had divinity.

Therefore, the intelligence of the quantum network was a kind of bait. It was to catch the 'fish' in the universe that had the ability to discover them and find prey.

However, the intelligence on the internet was not fake data. It was indeed true information left behind by the daily activities of countless citizens. However, all the secrets regarding the World Tree itself were strictly restricted and could not be uploaded.

"Alright, your mission is complete." Barbani let out a sharp laugh. "I'll suggest that the Tree King activate all the Information Form Foreseers and see if they can predict any information on these outsiders. Let's go." As his voice fell, the turquoise energy on his body suddenly surged. The gigantic root that was quietly lying on the side seemed to have received a signal. It suddenly curled up and swallowed the fleet before quickly retreating into the spatial rift.

The next moment, the spatial rift quickly closed, as though it never existed.

A few days later, on a secret training planet in the Black Star Army's territory, Han Xiao floated in outer space and looked down at the two meteors chasing each other on the ground. They collided time and time again, leaving huge potholes in the ground. One of them was Lothaire, and the other was Karlot.

Lothaire controlled his strength and continuously trained Karlot in actual combat. While imparting his comprehension of martial arts, he was also practicing precise control of his strength. Karlot was like a sponge, rapidly absorbing the essence of the training to enrich himself.

"Now that I've found the right training method, this guy's improvement is tremendous."

Han Xiao nodded with satisfaction.

Karlot was not the only one. In the past few days, he had also been training the other Beyond Grade A seeds. He was teaching them according to their talents and providing them with a customized cultivation plan. The effect was not bad. He felt that if this continued for a long time, there should be many seeds that could 'sprout'.

Beep beep...

At this time, his communicator rang.

Han Xiao took a look and saw that it was a message from the three Universal Civilizations. It contained the intelligence from the World Tree Civilization's network.

He raised his brows, and his spirits immediately perked up.

As the players' intelligence channels were limited, it was difficult for them to be involved in high-level secrets. His understanding of the World Tree Civilization came from the war in his previous life, and it was basically common knowledge.

He knew very little about the situation of the World Tree Civilization at this time, and this information could help him to understand more.

"...Before the war, the daily life of the World Tree Civilization was similar to that of the galactic society. Speaking of which, in my previous life, the three Universal Civilizations only dealt with the invasion and never attacked the territory of the World Tree Civilization. This is the first time I've seen the detailed star map of their territory."

Han Xiao looked through it carefully and realized that it was all ordinary information. None of it was more important than the World Tree itself.

He found the three Universal Civilizations' names at the end of the message, saying that they would fulfill the agreement and acknowledge the association's position.

Although they did not verify the accuracy of the secret that I provided, the other ordinary intelligence reports have all been matched. The three Universal Civilizations should no longer be suspicious...

Just as he was reading the message, his communicator rang again. Han Xiao looked at it, and it was from Oathkeeper. The content made his heart tighten.

"An abnormal reaction from Destiny's Child?"

Han Xiao's eyes twitched.

If he did not remember wrongly, the last abnormal reaction of Destiny's Child was when the Intelligent Plague erupted in advance. Furthermore, it had created a new batch of sub-bodies, one of which was in his hands.

This was something that Oathkeeper had told him personally after he had formed a good relationship with him.

At this juncture, for Destiny's Child to cause problems again, he vaguely felt that something bad was going to happen.

Chapter 1316 Destiny's Child's Prophecy

At the Holy Accord Organization's secret base, Han Xiao, who was wearing the King mechanical suit, teleported to the exclusive Throne Teleportation Platform. Law and Fay were already waiting there.

"Your Excellency Black Star," the two greeted.

"Where's Oathkeeper?" Han Xiao looked around.

"He's waiting for you in the Destiny's Child lab. This is very sudden. Please follow us."

The two of them did not have much and led the way. Han Xiao followed them to their destination.

Walking into the laboratory, the room was filled with busy operators. Han Xiao immediately saw Destiny's Child locked in the transparent container and Oathkeeper standing beside it.

At this time, Destiny's Child had already woken up from his deep sleep. His body was curled up, trembling nonstop, and white spots kept flashing like a projection when the signal was not good. He turned blurry every now and then, and Oathkeeper had to constantly release his Soul Flame as if to comfort him.

The researchers in the room were sweating profusely as they operated the apparatus, activating the binding force field at full power and stabilizing his anchor in reality.

Han Xiao came to the device and looked at the various parameters. "What's the situation now?"

Oathkeeper frowned. "Destiny's Child has woken up and is now in a state of Information Form disturbance. The amplitude is the highest so far, almost breaking through the containment and turning into a High Dimensional Information Form. It's not over it yet."

"Have you found the reason?"

"Not sure yet. We can only communicate after he stabilizes."

Hearing this, Han Xiao clicked his fingers and summoned a set of stabilizing anchors. He set them up around him to provide assistance, and at the same time, he carefully sized up Destiny's Child. This was the first time he had seen his true body.

Every time Destiny's Child activated his ability, there would be an information state disturbance, which would cause the prophetic ability seeds to be planted randomly across the universe. Lodi, who had been receiving treatment, was one of the children who had awakened after the last disturbance. There had already been a breakthrough in stopping the transformation process.

At this time, Destiny's Child suddenly stopped shaking and turned to look at Han Xiao as though he was observing in curiosity. Suddenly, he raised his hands and pressed them on the inner wall of the container, releasing a happy mental wave. Everyone heard a child-like laughter materialize out of thin air.

Destiny's Child stared at Han Xiao like that. Not long after, his flickering body gradually stabilized and returned to normal.

Seeing this, Oathkeeper stopped what he was doing and looked surprised.

“How did you settle this the moment you arrived? He seems to like you very much.”

“This is the first time we’ve met. You’re too unreserved... Speaking of which, why do you sound like you’ve been robbed of your love?”

“...What nonsense are you talking about?”

Han Xiao teased Oathkeeper, but he himself was secretly surprised as well.

Destiny’s Child seemed to be strangely close to him. Could it be that his (Primal Esper Ability Affinity) and (Perfect Energy Affinity Physique) had a part to play in this?

There was such a possibility. After all, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy has thought that I was attractive on more than one occasion, and it even wanted to mess around with me...

Perhaps to a Primal Esper Ability Entity, these two talents are like catnip to a feline. No wonder Destiny’s Child was attracted to me the moment he saw me. Who told me to make myself so attractive toward energy life forms?

Han Xiao thought to himself for a while before knocking on the container. Destiny’s Child immediately imitated it, and the two of them interacted happily.

This scene made Oathkeeper a little frustrated.

In the past, Destiny’s Child liked him the most, and he would personally do all the comforting work. He did not expect Black Star to only come once, and Destiny’s Child, whom he had nurtured their relationship for so many years, immediately ignored him.

The most infuriating thing was that even before Black Star appeared, Destiny’s Child would never take the initiative to get close to him...

It’s clearly me that’s supposed to be the one... Forget it, let’s not talk about this.

After watching for a while, Oathkeeper said, “Alright, whatever the reason, it’s enough to stabilize it. I’ll ask him what’s going on.”

As he spoke, he pushed Han Xiao away and gathered his Soul Flame to communicate with Destiny’s Child.

A few seconds later, Han Xiao heard Destiny’s Child’s intermittent words.

“I feel... the feedback of the sub-bodies... a convergence of information... threat...”

As Destiny’s Child spoke, Han Xiao’s mind was filled with chaotic and blurry images. Han Xiao’s eyes narrowed. In these complicated images, he suddenly saw information about the World Tree, such as the image of the World Tree roots spreading across the galaxy, or a group of robed people wreathed in turquoise energy meditating on the ground.

Oathkeeper did not know about the existence of the World Tree, so he could not understand it.

“What is this?”

“Wait, let me ask you a few questions...” Han Xiao did not have the time to explain to him. He asked a few random questions and received a reply very quickly.

After listening to Destiny’s Child’s reply, Han Xiao quickly pieced the information together and analyzed it.

The sudden abnormal reaction of Destiny’s Child originated from the World Tree. Both parties were entangled in the information state, and it sensed that the World Tree was using some method to locate their explored universe.

The reason he had a reaction was because of its affinity with the sub-bodies. The sub-bodies he once produced were randomly distributed across the entire universe. Not only did it affect the explored universe, but there were also Destiny’s Children on the World Tree’s side, which triggered its foresight ability.

To Destiny’s Child, these sub-bodies were like his eyes, ears, and antennae, collecting information about the outside world.

Not long ago, the child of the World Tree activated its foresight ability. Because the medium was connected to the information gathering from the explored universe, the two parties had crossed paths. Because the explored universe was also where the main body was, it immediately triggered the warning mechanism. Therefore, Destiny’s Child activated his ability to foresee the future and shared the memories and vision of his sub-bodies with the rest.

During this process, Destiny’s Child felt the threat from the World Tree, akin to that of a natural enemy. He even foresaw the possibility of him being swallowed by the World Tree, thus leading to him almost wanting to turn into a high-dimensional information form and flee, which explained his previous actions.

In that case, the World Tree is using a prediction method to sense the explored universe, and the three Universal Civilizations are already exposed?

Han Xiao’s heart tightened.

Indeed, as long as they had any sort of contact, the situation was already irreversible. They would be able to quickly sense each other sooner or later. The World Tree Civilization was stronger than the three Universal Civilizations, and even the three Universal Civilizations in his previous life did not know all the abilities and technology of the World Tree. It was too ideal to completely hide their tracks.

In his previous life, the three Universal Civilizations had been beaten to a bloody pulp. Even if they had won in the end, they had not completely understood the World Tree. Some of the auxiliary skills such as the Information Form warning alarms had not been used in the war, so the three Universal Civilizations were unclear of the full scope of their abilities.

Because the World Tree had taken the initiative to invade, their Information Form warning network that was used to prevent outsiders from spying was basically useless. Even the three Universal Civilizations did not know about it, let alone the players in his previous life.

The only good news now is that the World Tree Civilization only detected the existence of outsiders, and it does not have much information. Therefore, they are using the Information Form to search for us, which resulted in their interaction being discovered by Destiny's Child...

Han Xiao's brain worked quickly.

Luckily, Destiny's Child had scattered his body all over Galaxy itself, or else he would not even know that he had been discovered. At that time, even he would have been caught off guard by the other party's sudden attack.

Destiny's Child referred to the World Tree as his 'natural enemy'. One was a Primal Esper Ability Entity, while the other was a Space Wonder. Both of them had information-type abilities, but their focus was different.

According to the explanation of Destiny's Child, it could share information about the contact of the child. Because the child was connected to the World Tree, it could observe the overall movements of the World Tree Civilization to a certain extent, but there was also the risk of being exposed.

Only when the sub-body actively used its foresight ability and was entangled with the information form would the main body be able to use it as a disguise to obtain information from the sub-body. Otherwise, it would be easily discovered by the World Tree.

Even so, Destiny's Child was probably the only low-risk channel to monitor the movements of the World Tree. It was more convenient, more secretive, and more efficient than the detection methods used by the three Universal Civilizations.

Such an intelligence channel was a pleasant surprise, and there was no reason to ignore it.

Han Xiao thought about it and said in a deep voice, "You don't want to be devoured by the World Tree. Helping us is the best choice. Only by eliminating the other party can we eliminate the threat once and for all. Otherwise, even if you escape far away, there will still be risks."

Hearing this, Destiny's Child shook his body, his voice ethereal.

"How... can I help you?"

"Just try to hide yourself, monitor the other party's movements, and tell me everything."

"I... can do this."

Destiny's Child did not reject him. He suddenly clapped his hands together, and a small white ball of light separated from his body and floated in the container, drifting toward Han Xiao and sticking to the inner wall of the container.

Han Xiao understood and raised his brows.

"Is this for me?"

"Use it... to create a sub-body... and extend my senses..."

In his mind, Destiny's Child explained the use of this light cluster.

When it activated its ability, it could give birth to a sub-body in the entire universe, or it could give birth to a sub-body in a designated area. However, the latter had a prerequisite. It had to use its own energy to circle an area in advance and turn this area into an independent 'information assembly location'. Only then could it be designated as the birthplace of the sub-body.

To put it simply, this was akin to a hose running around its area... or rather, it was like a dog peeing on its territory.

Just as Han Xiao finished listening to Destiny's Child's explanation, a notification appeared on his interface.

You have triggered the mission (Destiny's Child's Plea)!

Mission Introduction: Destiny's Child has a good impression of you. Because it feels threatened, it has decided to seek your help.

Mission Requirements: Head to the designated location and use the energy of Destiny's Child to circle a sufficiently large area.

Reward: 120,000,000 Experience, +25 Destiny's Child Favorability, 1 Random Reward, milestone talent (Deep Within Enemy Territory). [Deep Within Enemy Territory]: When you are operating within your enemy's sphere of influence, you are not easily discovered. At the same time, you will obtain a 3% buff to all Attributes.

"You want me to go to the World Tree Civilization?"

Han Xiao was stunned.

By limiting the birth area of Destiny's Child to the territory of the World Tree Civilization, the number of children would increase, which meant that more information would be intercepted.

Although the ability to encircle land had a time limit, its duration was measured by years. This could be used for a long period of time.

"It seems like I'm the most suitable person for such a hit-and-run mission. It seems like I'll have to apply to the three Universal Civilizations to head to the World Tree Civilization..."

Han Xiao nodded.

He got Oathkeeper to temporarily open the container and took out the ball of light.

As soon as it came into contact with him, the ball of light entered his palm and turned into a mark that stored the energy Destiny's Child had lent him.

"What's going on? What are you guys talking about?"

Oathkeeper's face was filled with confusion.

Han Xiao thought about it, pulled Oathkeeper aside, and briefly explained the situation.

“You’re saying that the three Universal Civilizations discovered an even stronger Unknown Civilization?” Oathkeeper was surprised, but he soon understood what was going on. “No wonder the three Universal Civilizations made so many concessions.”

“It’s good that you know about this. It’s not suitable for you to tell anyone for now. Remember to keep it a secret,” Han Xiao instructed.

With the help of Destiny’s Child, he naturally could not avoid Oathkeeper, so he told him the truth and made him understand the importance of the matter. Only then would he cooperate.

In addition, Oathkeeper’s character had been tested, and he was quite trustworthy. There was no harm in letting him know.

“Don’t worry, I won’t tell anyone about this.”

Oathkeeper’s expression was solemn. He suddenly paused and softly asked, “You mentioned in the meeting that the three Universal Civilizations acknowledged the association’s position, and we will have to help at some point. Is this what you mean?” Han Xiao nodded. “That’s right. If a war breaks out, the members of the association will have to participate in the war with all their might to fight against the foreign enemies. This is the deal, and we don’t have any choice. Therefore, I need you to prepare more Sanctum keys.” “...I understand your plan. I will cooperate with you.” Oathkeeper exhaled.

If the Beyond Grade As went all out to fight, they would probably suffer heavy casualties. Black Star probably wanted to use this opportunity to show everyone the truth of unlimited Sanctum Revivals. As someone who knew the truth, he felt that this was a very feasible plan.

While he was thinking, Han Xiao suddenly patted his shoulder.

“Then work hard. The organization will not treat you badly after this is done.”

Oathkeeper frowned.

Tsk, I was so busy digesting the information that I forgot to steal the lines!

Chapter 1317 Dispute

The two of them chatted for a while before reaching a consensus. Han Xiao left a Throne and a Lord’s Avatar in the Destiny’s Child laboratory and interacted with Destiny’s Child for a while before leaving the room. He turned around and went to visit the Revivors who were living in seclusion in the Holy Accord, gathering them for a meeting. The current President of the Beyond Grade A Association had pointed out in the meeting that the Holy Accord Organization had to take the mental states of the Revivors seriously and help the Revivors follow the pace of the times. They had to follow the basic principles of people as their core and implement the ‘two for one’ requirement, which was to ensure the best treatment of every Revivor, yet not lose their vigilance.

The founder of the Holy Accord organization, Oathkeeper, praised the association's current achievements and emphasized that both parties had always worked together to contribute to the Beyond Grade As. He hoped that the association would continue to work together with the Holy Accord.

Many of the revivors expressed their admiration for Black Star's contributions to the Beyond Grade As and unanimously welcomed Black Star to come and give guidance to the Holy Accord.

No matter what, both parties still had a good exchange of opinions. After the daily communication, Han Xiao then left the Holy Accord Organization base and teleported back to Black Star Palace, which was a few Star Fields away.

Returning to his office, Han Xiao rubbed his chin. Without any delay, he contacted the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations and sent the information he had obtained from Destiny's Child through the encrypted channel.

Not long after, his communicator rang, and he received an invitation.

Han Xiao turned on the remote projection and arrived at the joint office of the three Universal Civilizations. He immediately saw the three leaders.

"Black Star, where did you get this information from? Is the situation true? You have to be responsible if you spout nonsense!"

As soon as they met, Marbruce fired off a string of questions. His tone was extremely serious, as if he was doing an interrogation. The intelligence provided by Han Xiao showed that the World Tree Civilization had already discovered the traces of the outsiders and was trying to track them in reverse. This was a huge matter that affected the entire strategy, and they could not afford to be careless.

This piece of intelligence did not contain any evidence, so it looked like an irresponsible guess. Furthermore, even they only dared to carefully explore the uninhabited areas and had no clue about the World Tree Civilization's movements. Where did Han Xiao's intelligence come from? The three of them could not help but doubt its authenticity.

"I have a special intelligence channel. This is a special Primal Esper Ability Entity called Destiny's Child. It has extraordinary abilities at the Information Form level..." Han Xiao explained Destiny's Child's ability.

"Destiny's Child?"

The three of them looked at each other with doubt in their eyes.

This Primal Esper Ability Entity did not exist in the known Super High Risk Esper Ability Table, nor was it recorded in the secret database of the three Universal Civilizations. This was the first time the three of them had heard of this Primal Esper Ability Entity.

"So, you guys really don't know?" Han Xiao was helpless.

He had once tried to find out more about Destiny's Child. There were no records in the dynasty's database, so he thought that the information might be stored in a secret database. It seemed like the three Universal Civilizations did not know about Destiny's Child either, but they were indeed good at hiding their existence.

"The Destiny's Child is in your hands now? Is it reliable?" Louis asked.

"It's indeed in my hands, and there's no problem with the intelligence."

Han Xiao nodded and hid the existence of the Holy Accord.

Hearing this, the Pope of the Arcane Church said with a deep voice, "Words have no evidence. We can only confirm its authenticity after checking it. Furthermore, this kind of intelligence channel should be controlled by us."

Han Xiao shook his head, and his tone became solemn.

"At this point, you guys still have doubts about me? Who provided the secret information about the World Tree? It was me, right? I showed my sincerity, but what did you guys do? In order to confirm that the information is true, you guys went to explore the World Tree Civilization through the wormhole, and in the end, you were exposed... Of course, from your standpoint, this is understandable. I understand you guys, but it's also a fact that you were discovered by the enemy. No matter how correct your motives are, there's no way to change the predetermined bad outcome... Because I knew that you guys might mess up, I didn't tell you about the World Tree beforehand."

The three of them were stunned.

Marbruce coughed and took the initiative to explain.

"It's not that we doubt you, but we can't just trust the authenticity of the information. If we don't confirm it beforehand, it will be too late when a problem arises..."

"This isn't the first time you've said this, but what happened in the end? You're still following the confidential information I provided. The so-called confirmation is just unnecessary in my eyes. It will only increase the risk of exposure."

The three of them opened their mouths, not knowing what to say.

"Black Star, don't get too emotional," Louis said. "We have always been cautious and did not meet any life forms of the World Tree Civilization. With just the senses of a Primal Esper Ability Entity, I don't think we can be completely sure that they have already detected our presence..."

"You still want a hundred percent confirmation?" Han Xiao's eyes widened. "Then why don't you just show yourself and ask the World Tree Civilization? That will definitely be a hundred percent."

Louis' mouth twitched, and he stopped talking

Marbruce said helplessly, "But the intelligence..."

Han Xiao cut Marbruce off.

"I know you're worried, and I don't expect you to completely trust me. However, you stole the intel from the network, so you should have confirmed the World Tree's attitude toward the outside world. Since everyone is prey, we're on the same side. Do you still need to worry about me having any bad intentions and remain specially guarded against me?"

"The threat is imminent. Now is not the time for internal speculation. We all have to believe that what we're doing is for the same goal. We will not deliberately cause trouble. If I cannot confirm the authenticity of this information, would I dare say it? If you insist on checking and this information channel is exposed, what should we do?"

The three of them frowned.

That was true. They were comrades who were united against the enemy. They should at least trust each other.

However, since Black Star had made such a statement, could it be that he did not want them to confirm it on purpose so as to hide the fishy side of this intelligence? They had no choice but to think in this direction.

Seeing their reactions, Han Xiao knew what they were thinking and shook his head in disappointment.

"At the end of the day, the countless years of peace have made you arrogant, thinking that you can deal with any situation... Maybe my intelligence gave you too many misconceptions, making you feel that you have an advantage and can control the situation. It's a huge mistake! I hope you guys can recognize the reality. The World Tree is stronger than all of you combined. As long as it finds us to start a war, the situation will instantly go out of control. We can be wiped out at any time and become the next Karma Republic!"

"... What do you suggest?" Marbruce asked.

"I'll be straightforward. I will never give you this information channel. Even if you don't believe me now, you should consider dealing with this situation. The World Tree Civilization has advanced unknown detection methods and has discovered the traces of outsiders. They have entered a state of alert, but they have yet to succeed in tracking us down... Therefore, I suggest that we stop the regular exploration and reduce the chances of further contact. We will standby for the time being and give the secondary dimension expedition team more time to find the World Tree's main body."

"But if we don't explore, how will the intelligence come?" "With all due respect, most of the intelligence that you guys have obtained so far is meaningless. Since there are no results, you might as well stop and use the channels of Destiny's Child."

"It means that we don't have to do anything but listen to you obediently, and take whatever you say... Do you think that's possible?" The head of the church, who was standing at the side, spoke with a dissatisfied tone. He paused for a moment before adding on.

"You can either give us Destiny's Child or let us send some researchers to study it together to prove that the intelligence is reliable."

Han Xiao smiled.

“Are you forcing me now? Yes, I can make concessions for the sake of righteousness. We can study Destiny’s Child together and dispel your suspicions. If I don’t do this, it will appear to be my fault. Because I have the channels, I have to make concessions and give in to benefits. If I don’t let you guys have a share, you won’t accept my opinion.”

“You misunderstood. We...” Marbruce felt that the atmosphere was a little off and wanted to explain.

Han Xiao interrupted him once more, his smile turning cold. “You three dogsh*ts, I’ve already tolerated you all for a long time! You guys don’t seem to have figured out who here needs whom. Do you really think I have no other choice? I’m willing to protect the Galactic Society; that’s why I’m helping you, since both of you are closely related. However, the universe is so big. Do you think I really need to stay here? If you anger me, I can just leave with the Beyond Grade A Association and the organizations under me. It’s fine if I move to the unexplored universe or the secondary dimensions, leaving you guys to deal with the World Tree Civilization alone. Do you want to try?”

The three of them were shocked.

They almost forgot that the Beyond Grade A Association had a way out. With their abilities, they would be able to live very well even if they escaped into the unexplored universe. To the three Universal Civilizations, this was definitely the worst outcome.

As long as the Beyond Grade As made up their minds, they could completely abandon the galactic society that they had lived in for a long time. To be honest, even if all the living beings here died, it would have nothing to do with most Beyond Grade As. There was no reason for them to stay and fight.

If news of the World Tree spread, there would definitely be people who would choose to escape. If even Black Star, who had the Sanctum Revival, was not willing to stay, then the other Beyond Grade As would definitely choose to escape.

With such influence, Black Star was not a partner with no way out. He was an equal who held the bargaining power, a force that they had to fight for.

Marbruce could no longer sit still. “Don’t be angry. That’s not what we meant.”

“Black Star... Your Excellency, our doubts are just a matter of fact. We don’t have any thoughts about benefits,” Louis quickly comforted.

Even the Pope had no choice but to lower his head in frustration. “...I didn’t choose my words correctly and caused a misunderstanding. Please don’t take it to heart.”

We’re the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations. When have we ever been so humble?

Seeing this, Han Xiao stopped being angry and regained his poker face as he slowly stated, “I will continue to share the intelligence, but whether you believe it or not is your problem. I can’t be bothered. Also, I will be going to the World Tree Civilization’s territory in a while to increase the surveillance of Destiny’s Child. Remember to prepare the World Tree passageway or the Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device... If we don’t even have this bit of trust, I think there’s really no need for us to cooperate.”

“Alright, we will deal with it,” Marbruce answered. Now was not the time to continue bargaining

Han Xiao nodded and suddenly added, “One more thing. Hurry up and fulfill your promise, admit the independence of the association. Don’t think of delaying it. Don’t think that you can get away with it when the war breaks out. As I said, I’ll just leave.”

With that, the communication was cut off. and the remote projection disappeared.

There were only three people left in the room. They looked at each other with complicated expressions.

“I didn’t expect to be scolded by him in person. Did we push him too hard?” Louis smiled bitterly. “Don’t look down on him. How could someone as ambitious as Black Star lose his cool so easily? He’s just using this as an excuse.” The Pope shook his head, paused, and said helplessly, “However, he did hit the nail on the head.”

“Black Star is really...” Marbruce hesitated for a moment before sighing. “His wings are completely spread open.”

When Han Xiao returned to his office, he snorted and threw the communicator aside.

“These three are definitely born in the year of the dog. If I didn’t give them two slaps, how would they understand who their daddy is?”

Chapter 1318 Establishment and Setting Off

As the saying went, if the sky collapsed, there would be a tall man to hold it up. Currently, only the three Universal Civilizations and Han Xiao were stopping the World Tree Civilization from pressuring the Galactic Society.

Under the surface of peace, undercurrents were brewing. Half a month quickly passed, and it was time for the Galaxy Central Civilization Court Assembly.

The Galaxy Central Civilization Court was hosted by the three Universal Civilizations, and the participants included the Super Star Cluster, Star Cluster, and Star System Civilizations.

Unlike the regional Civilization Conference of the various Star Fields, the Galaxy Central Civilization Court was the most authoritative Civilization Conference, the core of the entire galactic society. It was solemn and respectful, also known as the ‘Central Council’.

Every year, there would be a fixed meeting period that lasted several months. During this period, there would be frequent meetings to review the issues submitted by the various civilizations, to coordinate the development of all the galactic civilizations, to mediate disputes, to discuss the management of the galactic society, and so on, including many topics such as civilian life, economy, military, and disaster relief.

However, the galactic residents did not pay much attention to this matter because they had meetings every year. Most of the time, they only talked about some old topics. Most of the galactic residents only looked at the brief news coverage after the meeting.

The venue of the Galaxy Central Civilization Court was shaped like a flower petal. In the center was the chairman's board, and around it were the representatives of the three Universal Civilizations. There were rows of fan-shaped seats that were arranged according to the level of the civilization. The Super Star Cluster Civilizations sat in the inner circle, and the Star System Civilizations sat in the outermost circle. The invited news reporters had a dedicated broadcast area.

At this moment, the venue was filled with diplomatic envoys from various civilizations. This conference had been going on for quite some time.

The president had just finished a round of voting and rejected a proposal to increase the security budget of the region. He then flipped to the next topic and looked at the representatives of the three Universal Civilizations. He cleared his throat before speaking

"Then the next topic is a joint proposal by the Federation of Light, the Crimson Dynasty, and the Arcane Church. This proposal believes that the Beyond Grade A Development Association plays an indispensable role in maintaining the galactic society and has extraordinary influence. At the same time, it is dedicated to maintaining the peace and stability of the Galactic Society and has made an indelible contribution. This proposal is to revise the universal laws of the universe such as the Peace Treaty and make an exception to accept the Beyond Grade A Development Association, allowing it to enjoy an independent official position. Its rights and benefits are equivalent to the treatment of the advanced civilizations. May the proposer of the proposal come on stage to explain."

The president finished reading the topic according to the script. The venue, which was originally filled with small discussions, suddenly became silent.

Other than a portion of the subsidiary civilizations that were in close contact with the three Universal Civilizations, the other representatives were all stunned.

The three Universal Civilizations had made peace with the Beyond Grade A Association not too long ago, and now they were eager to help?

Not to mention the inside story, there had never been such a precedent in history for a civil organization to have the same official position as a civilization. The three Universal Civilizations' proposal had opened a new path, and the rebound from the outside world could be imagined.

What made the three Universal Civilizations willing to pay such a price to obtain political benefits for the association?

Most of the civilizations' representatives were dumbfounded. They thought that this was just a routine meeting, but they did not expect the three Universal Civilizations to suddenly throw out such a bombshell.

The news reporters immediately perked up.

This was juicy news!

Under the attention of everyone, the dynasty's diplomatic representative stood up and walked up the stage. He looked around the venue and slowly explained the reason for the proposal, emphasizing the unique position of the Beyond Grade A Association in the current galactic structure. His speech was full of praise, as though he wanted to praise the association to the skies.

After listening for a while, the expressions of the various civilization representatives turned strange.

Why does it sound so familiar? Did you guys just slack off and simply just change the negativity of the trade sanction declaration into positivity?

After the representatives of the three Universal Civilizations finished their respective statements, the president announced the start of the debate and consultation. A large number of civilization representatives immediately requested to speak. Although the Galaxy Central Civilization Court was presided over by the three Universal Civilizations, if they wanted to add a new clause in the Universal Civilization Law, they still had to put it to a vote.

However, as the final winner of the exploration era, the three Universal Civilizations naturally would not be so stupid as to hand over too much power. They all gave themselves the privilege of having one veto and one decision vote.

The veto vote would negate the voting result of an issue, returning it to the proposal stage, to repeat another round of presentations, debates, amendments, and voting, and so on until they were satisfied with the result. If the decision vote power was used, the voting stage was skipped directly, but the priority was lower compared to the veto vote, which meant that only the three major civilizations could exempt each other's decision vote power.

However, the number of times the three Universal Civilizations had used their privileges could be counted on one's fingers. As long as it did not involve their own benefits, they would not interfere. Most of the time, they only acted as the judges and rarely took part in the battle.

The representatives of the three Universal Civilizations easily dealt with the questions of the participants, and they answered the sharp questions with one sentence.

Among them, the Super Star Cluster Civilizations were the calmest. They had long received this news, and while watching coldly, they were secretly trying to figure out what was going on between Black Star and the three Universal Civilizations.

Amid the excitement of the crowd, it was soon time for the voting. The civilizations' representatives who did not know about this earlier all had different opinions, and no one wanted to be the first to take on this issue.

The result of the vote was shown on the virtual screen. There were a lot of objections, and they did not meet the criteria to pass the draft.

The president took a look and said, "We don't have enough votes, so we shall reject this..."

Before he could finish, the Federation of Light representative knocked on the table and said, "My side will use our right to veto."

The president nodded, not surprised at all. "Then, let's enter the proposal stage again. Please..."

However, before he could finish, the Crimson Dynasty representative slowly said, "My side will exercise the decision vote."

The moment he said that, the Federation of Light and Arcane Church expressed their agreement.

Seeing this, the representatives of the various civilizations did not find it out of their expectations, but they were still surprised.

They had expected that the three Universal Civilizations would use their privileges, but no one expected them to use two privileges.

The three Universal Civilizations had basically never used two privileges at the same time. After a single veto, they would usually let everyone re-evaluate their decision and do things like lobbying during this period to fight for votes. This would more or less make the other civilizations feel they had a sense of participation. However, after vetoing the proposal, a decision was immediately made. The representative's attitude was very firm, implying that this proposal had to be approved. It was unquestionable and very overbearing, as though they did not mind performing a one-man show.

"Are the three Universal Civilizations so determined to stand up for the Beyond Grade A Association? What exactly is going on?"

The representatives of the civilizations felt an inexplicable itch to understand the situation.

As many media outlets fought to repost the news, the news that the three Universal Civilizations were fighting for the Beyond Grade A Association's official identity spread like wildfire in the Galactic Society!

The conflict between the three Universal Civilizations and the Beyond Grade A Association had just ended, but another shocking news story broke out, instantly turning into the hottest topic.

The majority of galactic residents could not understand what the three Universal Civilizations were doing.

Not long ago, during the peace negotiations, although the three Universal Civilizations had given in, they at least had a dignified reason. How could they explain this now? Just reconciliation was not enough, and they even had to help the association to be promoted. What were they doing? Compensation for what?

First, they attacked aggressively. In the end, they were so scared that they took the initiative to give in. This was already embarrassing enough. He did not expect the three Universal Civilizations to compensate the association and furthermore insist that they were not cowards... Only a fool would believe that!

As soon as this proposal was exposed, it was met with strong opposition from a large number of galactic residents. Originally, they had already suppressed their dissatisfaction toward Beyond Grade As, but

seeing that the association was about to become an official organization, many people could not take it anymore and started attacking the association. The most mainstream argument was that the association did not have the right to become an official organization and that they should not allow a Beyond Grade A group to have such an identity.

Due to the escalation of the class conflict, the Beyond Grade A Association had already become the main target of hatred. Seeing that the association was going to develop further and even be 'purified', many galactic residents were furious. This mentality was akin to seeing their enemy living a good life.

On the contrary, most of the Supers in the various Star Fields were excited. They had been looking forward to the Beyond Grade A Association being their leader, but they did not expect it to really come true. Furthermore, it was the first time in history. No matter how the association did it, many Supers were full of admiration.

With the official position, the three Universal Civilizations could no longer promote the association's illegitimacy. Supers no longer had to worry about losing their citizenship after joining the association.

Due to the three Universal Civilizations having a say in the Galaxy Central Civilization Court, many civilizations expressed their opinions through various channels. They first acknowledged the important influence of the association, but they tactfully felt that giving them an exception was a little too much. They claimed that they did not know about the private transactions between the three Universal Civilizations and the association and expressed their dissatisfaction.

Comparatively, the reaction of the players to this news was a little delayed, mainly because most of them did not quite understand the meaning behind it. In their eyes, it was enough as long as the Beyond Grade A Association was strong enough. These political things seemed meaningless. However, after some storyline-loving players explained it on the forums, the players finally understood the difference.

"Treating a civilization as a country, which means that the Beyond Grade A Association used to be a company but is now a country?"

"Does this mean that the Beyond Grade As are building a nation?"

"More or less. Initially, no matter how powerful the association was, it was still a civilian organization. Now, it has finally evolved."

"I've figured it out! The main storyline should be based on the Beyond Grade A nation as the main body to witness the birth of a different Super civilization. Black Star is the highest leader, so it's called the Black Star Era?"

"66666, I understand."

"Sigh, as an old player who fell into this rathole in Version 1.0, I personally witnessed Old Black starting from nothing and climbing to his current position step by step. I'm so touched. It's like I'm recalling my youth... No, I have to watch Bun-Hit-Dog's Black Star Army series from the start!"

"Previous poster, please cover your ID when you're advertising yourself. Thank you for your cooperation."

On the forums, many players were extremely excited.

When the three Universal Civilizations and the association were in a standoff, many players thought that the main storyline would be a battle between the two sides, but they did not expect it to end with a truce. Now that a Beyond Grade A nation had been founded, the players felt that the main storyline missions would definitely revolve around this point, and they could not possibly be wrong this time!

While the outside world was abuzz with the news of the association being promoted, Han Xiao was already prepared and headed toward the territory of the World Tree Civilization.

At the border of the Abyss of Stars, an enormous fleet surrounded a Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device, which was currently heating up. Han Xiao was the only one inside.

“We have set the coordinates, which lead to a location that has never been activated. It’s located in an uninhabited area. If what you said is true, then the World Tree Civilization has an unknown detection method. It’s best if you leave immediately when you reach the other side and find a way to hide yourself...” In the communication channel of the mechanical suit, Fleet Commander Simon was carefully instructing him on what to take note of.

“You guys can just send me there. I’ll take care of the rest,” Han Xiao replied. Simon nodded. “Hmm, since you have the King mechanical suit, you don’t need us to pick you up. Just adapt to the situation.”

In the end, the three Universal Civilizations agreed to send Han Xiao to the territory of the World Tree Civilization. Because Han Xiao had the King, there was no need for them to wait and receive him.

To Han Xiao, as long as he left behind a Throne in the past, he could teleport to it anytime in the future. This was the reason the three Universal Civilizations did not allow him to participate in the previous exploration.

However, he was worried that the connection between the King and Throne would serve as a clue to his location, so he placed many Thrones in different secondary dimensions. Furthermore, he had to choose his location carefully when leaving the Throne in the World Tree Civilization’s territory.

I hope I can achieve something this time...

Han Xiao’s brain worked quickly.

This trip to the territory of the World Tree Civilization was only one of the goals of helping Destiny’s Child. Besides, the World Tree Civilization had already discovered the outsiders. So long as he did not leak any information about the explored universe, he might be able to act more boldly. If there was a chance, he wanted to see if he could find clues about the World Tree’s main body on the other side. This was extremely important. Just relying on the expedition fleet left too much to chance.

At the same time, he also wanted to see if (Virtual Purification-Restore) was effective on the members of the World Tree Civilization.

Just as Han Xiao was thinking, the Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device finally finished its preheating and began to spin rapidly, turning into a circle of light.

“Cut off all the links,” Simon said in the channel before turning off the communication network.

Han Xiao activated the silenced mode of his mechanical suit, blocking all network links, including Phillip. Very soon, the Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device reached its maximum speed.

Buzz!

All of a sudden, there was a flash of light, and the teleportation device rapidly slowed down. Han Xiao's figure had disappeared in front of everyone's eyes.

Chapter 1319 Nothing to Hide

The Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device felt almost the same as the King's Teleportation. His vision blurred, and his body became light. The figures of the three Universal Civilizations' soldiers around him disappeared, and he reappeared in an empty space in the universe.

This is the territory of the World Tree Civilization... Let's determine my location first.

Han Xiao quickly activated all kinds of detection devices to observe the surroundings. It was indeed a deserted region.

The exploration of the three Universal Civilizations was not completely useless. At the very least, they had stolen the star map of the World Tree territory from the internet, which gave him a lot of assistance in his infiltration.

However, because it was not convenient for him to connect to the network of the World Tree Civilization, he could not enjoy the GPS positioning of the network. He had to find a planet as a reference to confirm his exact location. Then, he would use a backup artificial intelligence synchronized star map model and utilize the space measurement technology as well as the calculation formula of star distance and vision to create a self-made navigation device. He had no need to rely on a network link. Although there would be some errors, it would be precise enough.

As he had come to the territory of the World Tree Civilization alone, it would not be convenient for him to communicate with the explored universe. Therefore, he could not obtain remote assistance at the moment and could only act on his own.

Han Xiao entered the quantum network but did not connect to the node. Instead, he used this method to check for densely packed areas of the node to determine where there were people.

I wonder what the World Tree Civilization's detection method is...

Han Xiao's eyes sparkled. Ever since he came to the territory of the World Tree Civilization, there was a faint sense of danger in his heart, as if just staying in the territory of the World Tree Civilization was a dangerous thing.

Just relying on this intuition, Han Xiao could guess the reason for the three Universal Civilizations' exposure.

Just staying here makes me feel out of place, as if I'm being spied on. The World Tree has a powerful information state ability, so maybe it's a detection method specifically for foreign information states?

Logically speaking, the three Universal Civilizations had never come into contact with any life forms of the World Tree Civilization, and the areas they had explored before were all uninhabited areas. They had made sure to conceal themselves, so they should not be discovered. However, if the World Tree Civilization had set up an unknown information network in its entire territory, the situation would be a different case.

According to Han Xiao's understanding, the progress of the three Universal Civilizations' research in the Information Form state had always been slow, and there was no related technology to it. If their roles were changed and the World Tree Civilization used the same method to spy on the explored universe, the three Universal Civilizations would most likely not discover it.

I hope the mark of Destiny's Child will be of some use.

Han Xiao looked at the mark on his hand.

Destiny's Child was also an expert in the Information Form field, and he had the trait of being unobservable as a High Dimensional Information Form. This temporary mark could activate the corresponding concealment function, achieving a 'closed information loop' like Rody. It would not be observed by ordinary people, and it might be able to hide from the unknown surveillance methods of the World Tree Civilization to a certain extent.

However, the three Universal Civilizations had already alerted the World Tree to detect the presence of outsiders. The main reason he hid his tracks was to make it easier for him to carry out missions. As long as he did not reveal any information about the explored universe, it would not be a big deal if he was discovered. It was fine as long as he could escape in time.

Let's set up the map.

Han Xiao calmed himself down and activated all kinds of concealment devices before picking one direction.

After sailing in the direction of the quantum node for a period of time, a yellow planet finally appeared in his vision. It seemed to be a colonial planet. A few spatial cracks had opened up near it, and translucent turquoise roots extended out from within, inserted into the planet. They kept expanding and shrinking as though they were breathing.

The roots of the World Tree...

Han Xiao stopped and used this planet to calibrate his position in the star map, finally creating a navigation module.

He only looked from afar and did not approach.

If he could obtain a portion of the roots and use it to find the location of the World Tree's main body... It was a pity that his previous life had proven that this method would not work. He had to think of a different method.

Han Xiao looked at the yellow planet again and nodded.

This should be a planet that has been transformed.

Everything that the World Tree devoured would turn into information form storage after digestion, which could be remade into a physical entity. A planet being devoured did not mean that it would disappear, but it existed in a different form. The World Tree could build it again, and it only required a certain amount of energy and resources.

However, the resources needed to materialize did not require matching materials. The World Tree had an inseparable relationship with psionic energy. Psionic energy could be decomposed into many forms of energy, and it was often treated as a form of 'universal energy'. The World Tree also had a similar function, involving changes in matter.

For example, the materials used to make steel through the World Tree could be wood, seawater, or all kinds of random things. With enough energy, a series of unknown transformations within the World Tree would eventually turn into solid steel, like a high-level alchemy product that no one could understand.

Although the World Tree had a will, it was also a tool-type Space Wonder that was used by the civilization. After many years of experimentation, they had managed to calculate the synthesis requirements of countless objects.

It was because of this characteristic that the World Tree Civilization's war strength was extremely strong. They had almost never been disadvantaged, and their army was endless.

Many resources came from planets, and the World Tree Civilization would convert those valuable planets back in their main camp, allowing them to continue evolving and produce all kinds of materials. From there, they would accumulate more resources. Swallowing a planet in one go was like getting a one-time deal, and after it was converted, there would be a long-term harvest.

Now was not the time to cause trouble. After Han Xiao activated the navigation star map, he immediately left and disappeared. After a long time, ripples suddenly appeared on the roots of the earth yellow planet, and a fleet quickly materialized.

In the command room, Barbani looked at the yellow planet curiously. "There seems to be an abnormal reaction in the vicinity? Could it be that the outsiders are not satisfied with exploring the outskirts and wish to spy on our planet?"

The captain shook his head. "I'm not sure. The reaction of this information state alert is very weak. I don't know if it was a false report."

"Let's take a look at the Information Form camera first." Barbani waved his hand.

Very soon, the fleet activated this device, and the light green light screen quickly scanned the surrounding area. The results showed that everything was normal, and there was no situation where all traces of Han Xiao were cleared like the three Universal Civilizations.

The captain looked at the results, nodded, and said, "The traces of the information state are intact, and there are no abnormal clues. Given how the outsiders cleared all their traces last time, it's either a false report, or this time, the outsiders have even higher level Information Form technology."

"Could it be new prey?" Barbani got excited again.

"Hmm, I can't rule out this possibility. The level of the later intruder's Information Form technology is clearly higher than the outsiders who cleared all the traces last time. They might be two different groups of people... However, there's the World Tree Root beside them. If the outsiders cleared all traces here like the previous time, they would have been discovered immediately. I'm more inclined to it being misinformation." The captain analyzed the situation for a moment before speaking out again. "To be safe, since the camera has lost its effectiveness, the other party might have used a high-dimensional information form, so we need you to personally investigate."

Hearing this, Barbani nodded and flew out of the cabin, entering space with just his bare body.

Then, a turquoise light emerged from his body and concentrated on his visual organs, emitting a hazy green light. He patrolled the area while scanning the surroundings.

Suddenly, Barbani stopped and looked in a certain direction. It was the area that Han Xiao had stayed in previously.

The green light in his eyes gradually grew stronger. At this time, within the range of the light, a blurry shadow that looked like water ripples suddenly appeared. It was like a cluster of glowing particles, just extremely dispersed.

"I see it. It's indeed a high-dimensional information form."

Barbani perked up.

The high-dimensional information state had an unobservable nature, and the related technology was very advanced. Even if one stood in front of it, ordinary people would not be able to detect it, and the information state camera would not be able to detect it either. The disguise provided by Destiny's Child's Mark was the high-dimensional information form state.

However, as the Holy Tree Emissary, Barbani could use the high-dimensional information vision of the World Tree to offset the 'Closed Information Feedback Loop'. He could view any High Dimensional Information Forms were previously unviewable to the eyes of others. That was how he discovered the trail.

Just by borrowing the high-dimensional information vision, he was unable to completely reverse the situation like a camera. He could not obtain any specific information and could only detect certain traces of movement.

"The number of outsiders is unknown, so there shouldn't be too many. They stayed around for a few seconds..." Barbani suddenly exclaimed in excitement. "Eh, this outsider seems to still be here."

In his vision, this light particle-like trail extended in two directions, pointing in the directions the outsiders had come and gone in. This meant that the outsiders had not teleported away but had continued staying in the territory of their civilization.

“Holy Tree Emissary, what do we do next?” the captain asked in the channel.

“Humph, wait in the tree. I’ll chase after them and see if I can capture this outsider alive.”

Barbani could not wait to move. He turned into a turquoise beam of light and chased after Han Xiao.

Meanwhile, Han Xiao was speeding through the universe, looking for a suitable starting point according to the star map. Just as he was focused on his journey, the interface suddenly pinged.

You have triggered an urgent mission: Nowhere to Hide!

Mission Introduction: In the territory of the World Tree Civilization, outsiders have almost nowhere to hide. Your whereabouts have been discovered. Someone is following the clues you left behind.

Mission Requirements: Face the pursuers.

Reward: Unknown

Han Xiao frowned. “I had the concealment device activated and even used the high-dimensional information form of Destiny’s Child’s Mark, but I was still discovered so quickly. Is the World Tree’s surveillance method so penetrative?”

Chapter 1320 Determined

The mission notification said that in the World Tree territory, there was almost no place for outsiders to hide. Han Xiao was now even warier of the World Tree’s unknown detection methods.

Han Xiao frowned. The World Tree Civilization has far more control over their territory than the three Universal Civilizations. If I don’t figure out what’s going on, I’m afraid I won’t be able to move an inch here...

Since his whereabouts had been discovered, he would only be pursued if he continued to escape. With the convenience of the World Tree’s mental network, the pursuers could share information and surround him. It would be quite troublesome for him.

Looks like I have to adjust my plan. It’s not suitable for me to carry out the mission now...

If they did not figure out what the detection method of the World Tree Civilization was, they would not even know how they were exposed, much less know how to avoid it.

Since the pursuers were behind him, he had no choice but to get rid of them. He wanted to see if he could find out the principle of the detection method from them. Furthermore, since he originally wanted to see if the virtual purification would work on the people of the World Tree Civilization, this was a good opportunity.

Due to the mechanism of the mental network, when he came into contact with the people of the World Tree Civilization, the scene of him taking action would be observed. There were many risks, such as the other party calling for reinforcements, and he might have to abandon the mission and leave.

However, this was not a big problem. It was not like he could only go to the World Tree Civilization once. There was no time limit for this marking mission. If he could not deal with it this time, he could do it next time. On the other hand, if he could learn about the World Tree detection method from the pursuers, it would be more valuable to him. At the very least, he would not have to poke around blindly in search of it.

Han Xiao's eyes sparkled. "Although I've been discovered, I still have an advantage..."

The current situation seemed to be that the enemy was in the dark while he was in the light. However, the pursuers had discovered him, but they probably did not know that he had detected the enemy through the interface mission. From another perspective, perhaps the enemy was in the light while he was in the dark.

Although he did not know what was going on with the pursuers, they were likely following his movements. He might be able to ambush them from the opposite direction and quickly end the battle so that the pursuers would not see too many of his methods.

"Tsk, I wanted to move stealthily, but you just had to force me."

Han Xiao's mouth twitched, but he did not continue forward. Instead, he turned around and flew a distance before beginning to set up his scheme.

A green beam of light streaked across the sky, speeding forward. Barbani had been constantly activating his high-dimensional information form vision to track the traces left behind by Han Xiao. In his eyes, a path formed by light particles extended out.

"What guts you have, how dare you stay and try to gather more information? You're courting death."

Barbani was not angry but excited. Although the Holy Tree Emissary had a high position and power, most of the time, he had nothing to do. After all, the World Tree was connected to everyone, and there were no criminals or rebels. There were basically no internal conflicts, and these experts had nothing to help with. Other than training and enjoying material benefits, there was nothing else they could do. Many of them did not even bother to show themselves and had been sleeping in the tree, living in the virtual world.

Now that he had finally encountered something interesting, Barbani was overjoyed.

"I hope these outsiders have some ability. Let me have some fun."

However, just as he was fantasizing, something out of the ordinary happened!

The space around him suddenly shook, as if it had solidified in an instant. Barbani's speed plummeted, as though he had fallen into a swamp.

At the same time, dozens of points of starlight suddenly appeared in his vision. The next moment, dozens of huge blue and white beams of light came from all directions, attacking from a distance. Barbani was at the intersection point of the beams, and the dazzling light instantly swallowed his body.

“This is an ambush?”

The intense pain of his flesh evaporating like a volcanic eruption instantly swept through every nerve in his body. Barbani felt that his body was dissolving, and his life force was rapidly flowing out. The power of the attack exceeded his expectations, and he was shocked and furious.

Other than the outsiders, there was no way it could be anyone else. Barbani could not believe that this group of outsiders had sensed his pursuit. Not only did they not escape, they even wanted to attack him!

Barbani was shocked and furious. Just as he was about to struggle out of the restraints, a red light suddenly appeared from within the dozens of blue and white light beams. The next moment, the red light suddenly expanded and dyed the light beams red. The output power increased exponentially.

The intersection point of the beam exploded like the dawn from a red sun!

Barbani's figure was sent flying. He was covered in wounds and looked like he was burnt. He looked horrific.

The lethality of this round of attacks gave him a shock. He did not expect that with his ability, he would be heavily injured in a single exchange. He did not even see the enemy.

The outsiders this time actually had such powerful strength!

“I can't solve this alone. I have to call for help!”

Barbani was about to take action, but at this moment, a glimmer of light suddenly appeared in his vision and swept across his body.

His body suddenly froze, and he revealed a blank expression.

Han Xiao, who was looking at this area through a remote device, raised his brows in surprise.

“The virtual purification worked?”

Han Xiao had set up an ambush at the place he had passed by earlier and used a bunch of technology from Jayz's treasure to conceal it as much as possible. These dozens of high-intensity light beams came from a special hovering weapon array. It was a Universal Treasure-level machine, one of the parts of the Mechanical Deity.

Han Xiao had originally thought that the pursuers might be a fleet, so he had planned to launch an attack after failing the ambush. However, he found out that it was only a single person. According to his understanding of the World Tree Civilization, this person was most likely a Beyond Grade A Super like the Holy Tree Emissary or the Ancestral Spirit. It was impossible for him to be one of the Five Tree Kings.

Without saying a word, he launched an ambush and obtained the other party's combat information through the interface. He secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

Barbani's level was far lower than his, and his energy level was around 53,000. He was only an ordinary Beyond Grade A, and even if he could borrow some of the World Tree's power, he would still not be able to fight back.

Therefore, after using (Virtual Purification, Restore), Han Xiao was prepared to kill it immediately. However, the combat information made him stop. The interface indicated that the Virtual Purification was effective!

"It actually worked!"

Han Xiao took a deep breath.

When he obtained the skill (Virtual Purification-Restore), he had suspected that this move might be effective on the World Tree, but he did not expect it to actually come in useful.

The mental network of the World Tree connected everyone. To him, it was like an enormous smartphone, processing, distributing, and monitoring the information of every individual. All the lives devoured by the World Tree had their thoughts rewritten. No matter how much hostility they had, they would ultimately be loyal to the World Tree. The negative memories did not disappear but were diluted.

(Virtual Purification-Restore) purified intelligent targets infected by a virus, and the nature of those life forms that had been swallowed by the World Tree would also change, becoming some kind of symbiotic relationship. Even if they did not have a physical body, they could still live in the virtual world created by the World Tree, similar to an artificial intelligence. Therefore, Han Xiao was not sure if this would work, but it seemed like his hunch was right.

However, Han Xiao was not happy for long before he realized a problem.

The Virtual Purification only temporarily restored the other party's original thoughts, but the other party was still an individual devoured by the World Tree. This connection would not be broken, so the World Tree could rewrite the other party's thoughts at any time, covering the Virtual Purification effect. This meant that this move might only temporarily wake the other party up.

Furthermore, this move could only be used on those enslaved targets. If the target was originally loyal to the World Tree, it was obviously useless.

Fortunately, this guy called Barbani was not a native race of the World Tree Civilization but an enemy that the World Tree Civilization had devoured during their universe wars.

"This is..."

Barbani was stunned on the spot. Countless memories collided in his mind, and the memories of his civilization being destroyed by the World Tree's iron hooves came back to life. He even remembered that after he was devoured, he had become an accomplice in destroying his civilization, and countless of his own race had died at his hands.

His twisted mind quickly corrected itself, and his view of things returned to normal. The long-lost hostility and anger gushed out like a volcanic eruption.

“World Tree! What did you make me do?”

Barbani covered his head with his hands, his entire body trembling. It was a furious roar, but it also sounded like a sorrowful howl. The pain contained within made Han Xiao shiver.

However, right at this moment, Han Xiao activated the short-range teleportation device and appeared beside Barbani in an instant.

“Are you awake? Time is of the essence, and I don’t have the time to waste with you. Tell me the secrets you know while you’re still clear-minded!”

Barbani withdrew from his grief and indignation, as he immediately recalled what he had been doing before he regained consciousness. These memories would not be erased by the virtual purification.

Without further explanation, he instantly understood the intentions of this outsider and his current situation.

Without any hesitation, Barbani immediately told him the secrets of the World Tree that he had. After he regained consciousness, no matter who this outsider was, as long as he became enemies with the World Tree, he would be someone worth helping.

Seeing that the other party was so understanding, Han Xiao heaved a sigh of relief and focused on memorizing the content.

Barbani quickly explained the important secrets of the World Tree. Not long after, his expression suddenly changed, and a look of struggle flashed across his face.

“They’ve noticed. Leave quickly. The people of the World Tree will arrive at any time... It’s monitoring everyone and has discovered that I’ve regained my will. I can’t resist it and will soon have my thoughts rewritten.”

Han Xiao also saw that the duration of the virtual purification in the status bar was rapidly decreasing, and his heart skipped a beat. He knew that the World Tree had already noticed this ‘uncontrollable’ individual.

He released his grip and was just about to retreat when he realized that Barbani had taken the initiative to raise his hand and push him away. Immediately after, his entire body lit up with lights that seeped through cracks in his body. He was going to detonate all his energy.

When the light was at its highest point, Barbani looked at Han Xiao deeply and said firmly, “We’re hopeless. No matter who you are, don’t lose!”

Boom!

The next moment, a violent explosion spread out, and Barbani exploded, turning into bright fireworks.

Han Xiao was slightly moved.

The actions of this ‘awakened’ were far more decisive than he had imagined. Only strong hatred could drive him to make such a choice.

I might have underestimated this move...

However, there was no time to think about it. Han Xiao quickly put away the mechanical equipment and activated the short-range teleportation device.

After a while, a spatial rift suddenly appeared in this area and out extended the roots of the World Tree. A huge fleet sailed out and quickly turned from illusory to solid. Several Holy Tree Emissaries descended and checked the scene.

“The Information Form alert has just issued the highest warning, indicating that the most serious information leak has occurred!”

The Holy Tree Emissaries had solemn expressions. They had rushed over as soon as they received the alarm.

Not long ago, the World Tree had shared what it had seen through the mental network, causing them to all be shocked.

“Barbani betrayed us? How is that possible?”

“He actually leaked the secret!”

“What happened? How did the outsider bewitch him?”

“He has turned back into a seed. We’ll have to wait for him to mature again before we can ask him what’s going on.”

The Holy Tree Emissaries could not understand this situation because no one had ever betrayed the World Tree, not even having the thought of betraying it.

At this time, more and more spatial rifts opened up, and roots extended out, sending batches of fleets and experts over.

Suddenly, the Tree King’s cold voice sounded in everyone’s mind. “Kill him; don’t let this outsider leave alive!”