#### Crossing 781

#### Chapter 781: Actualise?

"Why not you all come out and fight instead of being useless in there," the calm personality said unemotionally. If he did have emotions, he would have vomited blood in anger by now. However, even if that was the case, he still felt slightly unhappy. He wanted to give up and stop fighting but his calmness prevented him from doing such irrational things. Thus, he squeezed out that sentence to ask these bastards to do something and stop provoking him.

"You are taking the spot now. How can we come out when you're there?" The other personalities rolled their eyes. They wanted to go out but without the body, they couldn't do anything.

"Force your way out then. If one of you can't do it, try two. If that doesn't work, then all of you should force together, and maybe we can break the barrier." The calm personality felt that instead of talking, they might as well do something. Who knows, they might find a solution in the process.

"That could be possible!" Everyone seemed enlightened. All the personalities rushed towards Luo Lang's brain and force their way out. The possibility of them breaking the barrier was slim but they still tried their best.

"Hey, why are you all bringing me along?" Shouted the primary personality in frustration. He was mushed in the middle of everyone and was dragged by them along the way. He suspected that his other personalities were plotting to kill him with this so that they could become the owner of the body.

"Without you handling the body, everything might be a mess if we really advanced to the domain stage without you," one of the personalities replied.

Thus, all the personalities charged into Luo Lang's brain crazily. Just when the primary personality felt that it was going to die from being squeezed together from the shoulder that was pushing on his cheeks to the elbow that was stabbing his back, an explosion occurred.

Due to all the personalities rushing into the brain at once, the calm personality's brain went dull for a moment, slowing his actions down which allowed his entire body to be swallowed by the sand.

Boom! The sand that engulfed Luo Lang suddenly exploded. Luo Lang opened his eyes slowly and a light flashed passed them.

#### "Activate domain!"

Two figures appeared beside Luo Lang, one on the left and one on the right. The one on the left exuded a strong killing intent while the one on the right looked indifferent and cold.

Luo Lang looked at the two people who had the same face as him but with totally different auras. He smiled brightly. "I didn't expect to be able to fight along with you two one day."

The person on the right scoffed. "If you were strong enough, we would not have been trapped in there for so long."

"Although there are only two extra spots, it's better than last time." On the left was the pouting malicious Luo Lang. He looked dissatisfied.

"No worries. As long as the primary personality continues to gain a deeper understanding of his domain, more and more personalities will be able to appear." The calm personality thought about Luo Lang's domain and understood the crux of its power. His domain concept was to allow his other personalities to appear within their domain space. Luo Lang's domain was exactly the opposite of Li Lanfeng's domain. As the latter could virtualize reality while the former could actualize the personalities in his mind. If Luo Lang continued to understand his domain even further, he might be able to let more personalities out in the future.

"I didn't expect the two of us to be the first to come out. The other personalities must be furious." The malicious Luo Lang smiled. He was proud that he was able to be one of the first to come out. The other personalities in Luo Lang's mind heard what he said and started biting their nails in anger. Why did they lose to him?

"I have to say that you are quite lucky," the calm personality replied. Besides the primary personality who would definitely be able to come out, the other personality that could come out would be him. Before the primary personality was able to understand more about his domain, the two personalities that could come out would be the strongest among all the personalities. Hence, one of the positions was rightfully earned by him. On the other hand, the malicious personality managed to win against a few personalities who had the same strength as him and succeeded in getting a spot.

"I have to admit that." The malicious personality didn't feel that there was anything wrong. He was indeed lucky. He just didn't know if he would be able to come out next time.

"But no matter what, they are still jealous of me." The moment he finished speaking, a strong killing intent started to leak into the area. The sand element domain realm master felt his body being frozen by the malicious intent, making him unable to move at all.

Soon, the malicious personality appeared behind the fake domain realm master silently.

The fake domain realm master struggled furiously, and a sturdy sand shield appeared behind him.

"Good reaction." The malicious personality smiled and disappeared again. The killing intent pinning the fake domain realm master down was suddenly gone. He coughed and tried to stand up, but a long thin wound on his back was forced open by the movement of his body, and blood started dripping off his back.

The fake domain realm master sensed the attack and tried his best to resist it. However, he was still a step too late. The malicious personality already managed to injure him. Fortunately, he was able to prevent the malicious personality from killing him.

"You didn't manage to kill him in a single strike? Looks like you got weaker." The calm personality saw this and felt surprised.

"If we did everything for him, how can the primary personality master his own domain?" The malicious personality gave a mysterious smile. He didn't kill that fake domain realm master not because he couldn't. He didn't kill him because it was not beneficial to him.

"It is rare for you to be smart," the calm personality agreed.

"There is no need for me to be in the past. I can only come out for a few minutes so why would I waste it thinking? Of course, I will just do what makes me happy." The malicious personality raised his eyebrows. In the past, all the other personalities queued up and waited to come out. How could he waste his time thinking? He would rather kill some people and make himself comfortable and happy. As for using his brain, he had much time to think when he goes back to the depth of Luo Lang's mind.

However, everything is different now. The sooner the primary personality's understanding of domain gets deeper, the sooner they could come out in the future. This was why he was willing to control his urge to kill. That way, the primary personality had a chance to grow and understand his domain faster.

## Chapter 782: Combine And Reset!

The calm personality thought the same way too. He didn't choose to fight. Instead, he just looked at Luo Lang. His appearance was just to give some moral support to the primary personality. Honestly, he was worried about this pure and slightly stupid primary personality.

Luo Lang's face turned red. He seemed to have sensed the thoughts of the two personalities in front of him. How dare these personalities to look down on him... fine, I'll let you two off this time. Luo Lang closed his eyes angrily and started to get a feel of his domain. After a few seconds, he opened his eyes again but they were filled with puzzlement.

He opened his hands and a bright long knife appeared on his palms. Luo Lang grabbed it tightly with both hands and slashed it in the air.

Suddenly, a strong killing intent exuded from his body. The uncertain look in his eyes disappeared but it also took all the emotions from his face.

"So this is what it means," Luo Lang said calmly. He waved the long knife in his hand.

The long knife was around 1.5 meters in length. When he waved it, a strong knife aura was released. The knife aura appeared to have increased in length as it slice towards its opponent. The knife aura it released was frightening, seemingly able to slash everything apart.

The fake domain realm master's expression changed tremendously. He wanted to evade the attack but his body remained still due to the malicious personality's killing intent. The knife aura came closer and closer to him. He frantically used his domain to try to break free from the killing intent.

"Ah!" Fresh blood spurted everywhere, and an arm fell to the ground. The fake domain realm master grabbed his bloody right shoulder. He tried his best to escape but he still lost an arm.

Run! He knew he was not the match of his opponent who just advanced to the domain stage. Plus, there were three people on the other side. Two had attacked him. One injured him while the other chopped his arm off. If the third one attacked him too, he would just be dead.

The fake domain realm master turned around and escaped.

"Do you need me to act?" A cold voice asked.

"No!" Luo Lang replied coldly. He finally knew what his domain was. A strong killing intent was released from his body again. The malicious personality saw this and understood something. "I see!"

This time, the killing intent he released was much more powerful than before. It seemed to have consumed every single inch of the place. A few domain realm masters around him got affected by the killing intent too. They felt as though they were fighting in water, facing resistance with every action they make.

The fake domain realm master ran for a few meters before he got frozen by the killing intent again, completely immobilizing him. His face turned pale and there was a look of despair in his eyes.

Luo Lang seemed to have cut himself away from all forms of emotion. It was as if nothing could bother him. The only person in his eyes was his opponent. To the fake domain realm master, he was Hades. Without any hesitation, Luo Lang raised his knife and slashed it twice. The visible cross-shaped knife aura flew towards the fake domain realm master.

"Ah!" The fake domain realm master gave another scream of agony before he was sliced into four big chunks by the knife aura. The four chunks slowly fell into a pile of blood, piece by piece.

"The weapon the primary personality created is a knife?" The calm personality looked at Luo Lang in surprise. The knife didn't suit Luo Lang's current face. Although he had that face too, he always felt that it belonged to the primary personality. The primary personality was always lively and positive. People would feel happy when they see that face.

What caught him off guard was the fact that the primary personality's domain had another ability besides actualizing his personalities. He was able to combine and reset! It meant that he could take parts from the actualized personalities and combined it with his primary personality. Just now, the primary personality took the killing intent from the malicious personality and took his ability to control his emotions, making the primary personality someone calm with a suffocating killing intent, thus allowing the primary personality could kill his opponent that easily.

Suddenly, the killing intent disappeared from Luo Lang's body. His face was full of expression again. He blinked and smiled brightly. He tipped his head high and said, "Look, I did pretty well, right?" Even though he seemed proud of himself, one could see the clenched fist behind his back.

"Not bad." The calm personality wanted to nag about his performance but he felt that for someone who used his domain for the first time, Luo Lang did quite well. Hence, he swallowed whatever he wanted to nag about and went back to Luo Lang's mind along with the malicious personality.

"Work harder next time, don't..." The malicious personality didn't manage to finish his sentence before he was sent back into Luo Lang's mind. Luo Lang's domain disappeared. The calm and the malicious personalities disappeared along with it.

As soon as they disappear, Luo Lang flopped on the ground weakly and muttered to himself, "Having domain is good and all but it used up too much energy." Then, he gave a bright smile. "I will work harder and let us all appear together. This is my promise to all of you!" Luo Lang never took his other personalities as his slaves but as friends who went through thick and thin together. Thus, when he knew that he could fight together with them, he was extremely motivated to do just that.

"I can finally catch up to Boss!" Every time his boss fought with other domain realm masters, he and his comrades could only hide behind their Boss and just try to not be a burden. All the members of Lingtian felt unhappy about this so they worked hard and pushed themselves for the day when they could stand together with their Boss with their heads held up high. Now, he finally took his first step to achieve that. Luo Lang was elated.

Then, he looked at Qi Long. Qi Long and Li Lanfeng were fighting with a domain realm master with their activated domains.

"Damn it, he is faster again." Luo Lang pouted. He was unhappy that he lost to Qi Long again. However, he regained his smile quickly. That's good, they had all advanced to the domain stage. It's all up to Xie Yi now!

Luo Lang looked at Xie Yi's direction. He couldn't be seen due to paper dome trapping him. He prayed silently, 'All the best! Don't lose to us!'

At that moment, a loud explosion occurred in that direction. Multiple purple lightning shot out from the center of the paper dome, burning the paper into ashes. A man with lightning snaked all around him walked out.

Luo Lang's eyes lit up. Did Xie Yi succeed too?

## Chapter 783: Half Domain?

As Xie Yi was walking out of the paper dome, he suavely flicked his wrist and a bolt of lightning quickly flew towards his opponent, giving him no time to evade. He got struck by the lightning bolt and his body slowly crumbled, forming a neat pile of ashes where he once stood for the wind to eventually blow away.

Luo Lang jumped up excitedly when he saw Xie Yi. Before he could walk a few steps forward, he saw Xie Yi smiling widely with black smoke coming out through the gaps of his teeth. Just as he was about to say something, Xie Yi patted his chest and said, "Phew, I almost died!"

Luo Lang was speechless. What is this Xie Yi up to?

Xie Yi saw Luo Lang staring at him intently so he quickly retracted his domain. After the lightning around him disappeared, Luo Lang discovered that Xie Yi was covered entirely in soot and his hair was reaching for the skies. This was an entirely different image compared to the suave moment when he had just now.

"What on earth happened?" Luo Lang asked curiously. In the past, Xie Yi didn't fully awaken his powers so, whenever he used his innate talent, both he and his opponent would get injured from the backlash. It was like dealing 80 points of damage to himself to inflict 100 points of damage to his enemy. 'Did he fail to advance to the domain stage? But that doesn't make sense. If he didn't advance to the domain stage, how could he kill his opponent that easily? Is there a problem with his Domain? Is it the same problem as last time?' "I only have a half domain," Xie Yi replied helplessly. He was happy that he managed to advance to the domain stage but he also unhappy that he didn't manage to do it perfectly. This had to do with his bloodline but he didn't know how to explain it without exposing his secrets.

"What?" Luo Lang asked with a hint of confusion. Their boss told them that there were three domains they could get if they were to advance to the domain stage. The three domains they could get were a fake domain, a pseudo domain, and a real domain. Their boss wanted them to get the real domain and become a real domain realm master. But, he never said anything about a half domain.

"A half domain is not a fake domain... however, it is not a real domain... yet, it is different from a pseudo domain..." Xie Yi didn't know what to say.

"Talk human language," Luo Lang replied angrily.

"It means that the other half of my domain is on my other personality," Xie Yi finally answered honestly.

"Your dark character!" Luo Lang was shocked.

"How do you know that it is my dark character?" Xie Yi raised his eyebrows. There was suddenly a cold aura around him.

Luo Lang waved his hand nonchalantly. "No matter who comes out, the one not coming out is the dark character, right?"

Xie Yi smiled brightly again. His teeth seemed exceptionally bright when compared with his charred look. "I got the Yang lightning and he got the Yin lightning. However, I'm the only one who advanced to the domain stage. Therefore, there is currently an imbalance of power between the Yang and Yin lightning so I injured myself. That year when I was constantly injuring myself when I used my power, it was also due to this reason."

"He is not willing to cooperate?" Luo Lang was puzzled. Why aren't they working together?

"No, we are both willing to help each other. However, we have two conscious so we can't work cohesively." Would they only be able to solve the problem if one of them disappeared? Xie Yi frowned. This was not what they wanted.

Luo Lang understood Xie Yi's thoughts but he couldn't do anything to help. "Why don't we ask Boss later? He might be able to find a solution."

Xie Yi sighed. "That's my plan too. If I can't solve the problem, I may never be able to maintain my domain for an extended period of time. If I try to force it, I might as well be burnt to death." Luckily, his opponent was a paper domain realm master, and lightning restricts paper. If it was some other domain realm master, he might not be able to kill him that easily.

As Xie Yi and Luo Lang were speaking to each other, loud explosions were constantly heard in the background, signifying the battles on the other sides finally coming to an end. The battles were able to end so quickly because Ling Lan came and ended it for them as her presence alone caused the opponent to give up and want to escape. However, when fighting with someone on par with you, any loss of attention could lead to dire consequences. The moment these people wanted to escape, openings appeared in their moves. The domain realm masters who Ling Xiao sent were all experiences domain

realm masters who had been in the domain stage for many years so they would not give up on this opportunity. Hence the instant the openings showed themselves, they quickly used their most powerful technique and killed their opponent.

The 23rd division didn't have many people so they couldn't just throw caution to the wind, and just keep these domain realm masters as prisoners. Even if they could seal off their opponent's domain, they wouldn't dare to take them as their prisoner. Thus, they could only kill them. If the seal broke, all their efforts before this would be wasted. Plus, no one knew if their opponents had a way to send information out. If the organization knew of their position, they might be ambushed and become prisoners instead.

Ling Lan knew this so she just silently watched the massacre. In the end, only the Boss of the headquarters, who was still hiding in the manor, was left. However, the Boss was a decisive person. When he knew all hopes were lost, he decided to commit suicide, keeping the secrets of the organization to himself. Was this because of his loyalty or was he afraid of the organization?

Ling Lan, however, was not surprised by his actions. When she decided to block their path of retreat, she had already predicted this ending. As the boss of the headquarters, when he was unable to protect the safety of the headquarters and the results of the experiments, he would have to commit suicide to compensate for his inability. If the boss didn't commit suicide, then that would be surprising.

They searched through the entire manor and confirmed that there were no more enemies hiding in the manor. Ling Lan contacted He Xuyang to ask him to come over. This time, however, He Xuyang didn't just bring domain realm masters. He also brought a full transport logistics team. When he saw the resources starting to roll out from the manor, his eyes lit up with credits flashing his eyes.

Very soon, He Xuyang took away all the resources in the manor. If he could, he wanted to take the manor away too. Luckily, he maintained his composure and knew he must not embarrass the 23rd division's name, so he controlled his urge and allowed the manor to remain as it was. In actuality, there was nothing left inside.

Ling Lan saw that everyone seemed elated except Xie Yi. She said, "You can all go back and stabilize your domain, especially Lanfeng. Your domain is in a fragile state so you must be careful. As for Xie Yi..."

Xie Yi immediately looked at Ling Lan hopefully. He seemed like a hopeless little puppy who had finally seen its owner. Ling Lan wanted to pinch his cheeks so much. Sob, why are there so many cuties in her team? She really couldn't maintain her cold persona anymore.

Ling Lan coughed and continued indifferently, "Wait for me to go back, I'll try to solve it."

"Yes, Boss!" Xie Yi shouted excitedly. If their Boss decided to do something, he would be able to do everything.

'I hope so!' The other Xie Yi pouted. He was not a brainless fan!

### Chapter 784: Hostage!

Ling Lan organized everything and quickly returned to the Azure Central Scout Academy while Li Lanfeng and Li Shiyu secretly went back to the Li family. Little Four had already tampered with the footage on the surveillance cameras along the way, showing that the Li brothers went back to their house the moment the attack happened. As descendants of the Li family, it was understandable that they decided to return home and seek protection from their family. No one would suspect their actions.

At that moment, all the scouts from the Azure Central Scout Academy were already gathered at a vast field somewhere in the school, far away from the forest. They waited for the result of the battle there.

Ling Lan silently sneaked into the crowd of scouts. Of course, to make sure that she was not discovered, she entered from the edge.

"Why did you run out?" Coincidently, two familiar people were at the place where she attempted to sneak in. It was Yu Zhengyuan and Little Jin.

Yu Zhengyuan looked at Ling Lan who was standing at the edge with a confused look. He frowned. He thought that Ling Lan was bullied.

Little Jin shook his head and said, "The edge is more dangerous. No one knows if there are any enemies left so you should come back inside.

Ling Lan saw them and immediately looked as though she had found her life savior. "Brother Little Jin, I lost Little White."

Yu Zhengyuan quickly realized that Little White was not in Ling Lan's arm. Ling Lan always carried it around with him.

"Did you left it in your apartment?" Little Jin asked quickly.

"No, it was always beside me. When I was thrown by that huge monster just now, I didn't manage to grab it. I lost it." Ling Lan was so worried that she looked as though she was going to cry at any moment. Yu Zhengyuan and Little Jin couldn't bear to see her cry.

"Little White looks smart. It can probably... find you..." Yu Zhengyuan wanted to console Ling Lan but Ling Lan gave him a look of disdain when he said that. He couldn't continue his sentence. Fine, that fat little ball had nothing to do with the word 'clever'. He once saw Pei Shaoyun asking Little White for direction a few times but Little White always gave the wrong direction, so it must be bad with directions. If it was lost, it probably wouldn't be able to find its way back.

"Once this matter ends, we will help you to look for it." Little Jin was better at consoling people. He immediately suggested helping Ling Lan to look for Little White.

Ling Lan's expression immediately lightened up. Little Jin's words managed to comfort Ling Lan. Little Jin looked at his leader proudly, seemingly implying 'look, I know our little brother better'.

Yu Zhengyuan bitterly smiled and shook his head. As expected, people with the same level of intelligence communicated better with each other.

Boom! A loud explosion suddenly came out from nowhere. Yu Zhengyuan quickly grabbed onto Ling Lan who lost her balance from the small earthquake. He frowned and looked at the direction of the explosion. The military had reached the forest now. Why did such a huge explosion occur here?

Suddenly, a middle-aged man appeared in the crowd's vision. When they blinked their eyes just once, he was already in front of them.

When the middle-aged man saw the valedictorian uniform Yu Zhengyuan was wearing, his eyes lit up, and he quickly flew to grab him.

"How dare you!" A lightning bolt and a stream of water suddenly attacked the middle-aged man. At the same time, a fire wall appeared in front of Yu Zhengyuan and others, preventing the middle-aged man from harming them.

The middle-aged looked at the lightning bolt and the stream of water. He had been injured by the combined attacks of these two elements before, so he would not be injured by that cheap trick again. He exponentially increased his speed and ran away from the lightning and water. Then, he charged through the fire wall and rushed towards Yu Zhengyuan.

"Ah!" Ling Lan appeared to be shocked by the situation. She seemed to have lost control of her emotions and pushed Yu Zhengyuan who was beside her. Yu Zhengyuan knew that he was unable to escape so he was preparing to fight the middle-aged man to his death. However, he didn't expect Ling Lan to suddenly push him so he fell to the side, landing heavily on the ground.

At first, the middle-aged man wanted to catch Yu Zhengyuan. But after Yu Zhengyuan fell down, he instead grabbed Ling Lan who was standing beside Yu Zhengyuan. He was shocked but he didn't have any more time so he just settled with Ling Lan and quickly flew out of the school. He originally wanted to use his ultimate technique to kill some scouts at the field. That way, the military would have to split their attention to the cadets. However, with more than ten domain realm masters behind him. If he used his ultimate technique, he would be stranded here. His life was more valuable than just some scouts.

Only the middle-aged man knew who his target was. People might think that it was Ling Lan, but his actual target was Yu Zhengyuan who was just slightly injured by his force of presence.

"Damn it!" Mu Chaoran and Tang Ningyu were furious when they saw the middle-aged man grabbing their beloved roommate, Pei Shaoyun. They quickly chased after him. The water element domain realm master who cooperated with Tang Ningyu, as well as a few other domain realm masters, chased after the middle-aged man too. They didn't expect there to be another titled domain realm formidable warrior guarding the headquarters. Fortunately, they outnumbered the middle-aged man. If not, they might all have died here as the middle-aged man was much stronger than them. They didn't want the talented youths who were groomed by the military to lose their life here but at the same time, they wanted to trap the titled domain realm formidable warrior here as he would be a huge threat to the Federation if he escaped.

Very soon, colourful figures disappeared from Yu Zhengyuan's view. Yu Zhengyuan picked himself up from the ground in shock and looked at the people who disappeared with a mysterious glint in his eyes.

"Leader, are you alright?" The other members of his team were shocked too. They didn't expect to face a domain realm master that closely.

"I'm fine!" Yu Zhengyuan shook his head. Deep inside, he knew that if Pei Shaoyun hadn't pushed him, he would instead be the hostage. Did Pei Shaoyun do that on purpose? If it was a coincidence, he was really lucky. If it was intended... Yu Zhengyuan felt his heart pumping loudly.

"Pei Shaoyun, you must come back safely," Yu Zhenyuan softly muttered. His query could only be answered if Pei Shaoyun came back.

"Pei Shaoyun got taken away." Little Jin felt fortunate that his leader was safe but he wanted to cry when he remembered that Pei Shaoyun was captured. His cute little brother. What should he do? He wished that he was the one who was captured instead.

The middle-aged man was unable to throw the people chasing him away. He didn't want to expose the other secret bases of the organization so he turned around angrily and activated his domain. Then, he pushed his palm out.

Two ice mountains suddenly appeared and flew towards Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran who were the closest to him.

### Chapter 785: Revenge!

In order to save Pei Shaoyun, Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran released all their energy and chased after the middle-aged man, which allowed them to tail the middle-aged man closely. This must be the fastest they had ever flown in their lives.

When they saw the ice mountain coming towards them, they gritted their teeth and threw out a lightning dragon and a fire dragon. The two dragons slammed onto the ice mountain. Even though they could have evaded the attack, but they didn't as they were afraid that the middle-aged man would escape when they were wasting their time evading.

"Boom!" Cold met hot. The ice mountain exploded when the lightning and fire dragons crashed onto it, shrouding the surrounding in a dense mist.

This was exactly what the middle-aged man wanted to happen. He quickly turned around and flew again. Two domain realm masters, who were two of the faster pursuers of the middle-aged man, suddenly jumped forward. The two of them worked together to release a strong gust of wind which cleared up the mist.

Just as the group of domain realm masters was about to catch up to him, the middle-aged man flashed them a cruel smile. He was now going to show them why he captured a hostage.

He released Ling Lan from his grasp, allowing her to freefall with her terrified face facing towards him, who still had a cruel smile on his face. He raised his palm towards her face, and Ling Lan's face was instantly frozen with a frightened expression. The ice started to spread from her face to every part of her body, creating a glistening ice statue in the sunlight.

Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran'e eyes turned bloodshot when they saw this. They quickly flew forward and caught Ling Lan in their arms. Then, they controlled the speed of their bodies and softly landed on the ground. They gently laid Ling Lan on the ground.

Mu Chaoran quickly used his fire domain energy in an attempt to melt the ice around Ling Lan to save her. When the middle-aged man saw this, he scoffed heartlessly.

Ling Lan, who had turned into an ice status, started to crack. Bits and pieces of the statue started to fall off slowly in front of Mu Chaoran.

"Little Brother Shaoyun!" Mu Chaoran shouted in despair. He desperately tried to hold the statue from crumbling but it was of no help.

When Tang Ningyu was about to chase after the middle-aged man, he suddenly heard a loud scream of agony, stopping him in his tracks. He rushed towards the source of the scream, Mu Chaoran.

When Tang Ningyu arrived next to Mu Chaoran, he only saw a Pei Shaoyun's cracked face. There were even frozen tears near Pei Shaoyun's eyes. 'Shaoyun didn't want to die, right?' Tang Ningyu wanted to spend time with Pei Shaoyun again but he didn't have the chance to anymore.

The ice statue continued to crack even more until there was only dust of it once was. A breeze suddenly came by and blew the dust away, leaving nothing behind. It was as if Ling Lan never existed in the world.

Mu Chaoran felt the emptiness in his arm. He was at a loss.

He was originally someone who didn't care about anything. He felt that the world was unfair and his anger towards the world made him indifferent towards everything. In the past, he thought that this was how he would spend the rest of his life, but he didn't expect for someone to enter his life and impact his life that much. Pei Shaoyun was a sincere and honest person. His eyes were pure and bright like the stars in a dark night. Every time Pei Shaoyun looked at him with those eyes, he would feel guilty at the fact that these pure eyes would eventually be stained by the filth of the world, so to prevent that from happening, he vowed in his heart to treat him well. It was only half a month but Pei Shaoyun had already entered the depths of his heart.

This was the first time he wanted to treat someone well. He wanted to become lifelong brothers with Pei Shaoyun. He wanted to protect him from the filth of the world. Yet, this person disappeared before him so easily and there was nothing he could do to stop it. This helplessness made his heart hurt. He was filled with grief and anger.

Tang Ningyu looked at griefing Mu Chaoran helplessly. The timid, sincere, and innocent young man was gone. He was really unable to accept this fact. He was already prepared to protect Shaoyun when he enters the military. However, the middle-aged man had killed him, right before his eyes. This was clearly a joke. Hah! Did he want to become the leader of the new generation at the Flying Dragon Special Forces? He couldn't even protect the person he wanted to protect. How could he have the conscious to even try to become the leader of the new generation at Flying Dragon Special Forces?

Tang Ningyu was greatly impacted by Pei Shaoyun's death. He finally lowered his head. He never lowered it before... he was in pain.

Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran weren't in the right state of mind to chase after the middle-aged man anymore. The other domain realm masters wanted to chase the man but they were too slow. Thus, the middle-aged man managed to escape from his pursuers. "Damn it!" The fastest wind element domain realm masters quickly activated his domain and scanned the area around them with his wind. There were no foreign forces of presence around them anymore. It seemed like the middle-aged man had quickly left this area. They didn't know which direction he went and he was more powerful than them, so they didn't dare to split up to look for him as they might fall into his trap.

"He's gone." The domain realm masters had no other choice but to give up on the pursuit. They landed next to Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran's side. Very soon, they realized that something was wrong with these two people. They quickly called out them in a worried tone. Tang Ningyu regained his senses first. He clenched his fist and then let go of them. He raised his right hand and placed it on Mu Chaoran's shoulder, who was still half-kneeling on the ground.

"I'll definitely destroy this organization and get revenge for Shaoyun!" Tang Ningyu held Mu Chaoran's shoulder tightly.

"Don't forget to inform me at that time. We will go together!" Mu Chaoran replied coldly. He would not forgive these people. Since Little Brother Shaoyun was gone, these people must also not exist in this world. Mu Chaoran gave a sinister and eerie smile when he imagined that world.

Very soon, Mu Chaoran, Tang Ningyu, and the other domain realm masters left with regret and anger in their hearts.

A few minutes later, a figure started to take physical form in the air. It was the middle-aged man. The middle-aged man never left. He just turned himself into ice elements and blended himself into the surroundings. He made this bold decision because he believed that his vast experience would fool those domain realm masters. As expected, those domain realm masters didn't notice his presence and left regretfully.

The middle-aged man left happily and rushed towards a secret base of the organization. He didn't have his guard up so he didn't notice the faint cold mist that was creeping beside him. Even if he did, he would have thought that it was the aftereffect of his energy.

The middle-aged turned a few rounds and finally came to the manor which Ling Lan destroyed. The moment he landed, he saw the ruined plaza. There was no one here. His expression changed. He quickly activated his domain and felt around the area. "Ice element, fire element, lightning element, and something unknown..." So many domain realm masters were here. An intense fight must have occurred here. He could still smell the faint scent of blood in the air.

"Who did this?" The middle-aged man gritted his teeth. His eyes were burning with anger.

"I also want to know who you all are." A cold voice suddenly sounded behind him. The middle-aged turned around in shock. He narrowed his eyes to see the figure in the distance and he gave a look of disbelief.

### Chapter 786: Cross-grade Technique!

A young-looking youth was smiling at him. His face was like an angel but his eyes were like a devil.

"Are you human or ghost?" The middle-aged shouted fiercely. This young man was killed by him just now so how could he appear here?

"What do you think?" The young man continued smiling brightly.

The middle-aged man's eyes instinctively went to look for the young man's shadow. When the middleaged man saw the young man's shadow on the ground, he repeatedly patted his chest as if to let out the fear in his heart. But, he still couldn't understand how this young man escaped from death, but since he was still human, there was nothing to be afraid of.

"You were lucky to escape once. Why did you follow me? You are really looking for death." The middleaged sneered. He waved his hand and an ice arrow shot towards the young man. This young man had seen the embarrassing side of himself so he needed to kill him personally to cleanse the embarrassment he felt. Thus, the middle-aged man didn't show any mercy.

"That is the ice element?" The young man didn't retaliate. He just let the ice arrow hit his body. However, the moment the ice arrow touched his body, it broke and disappeared into the air. The young man was unharmed.

The middle-aged man was flabbergasted. He understood why this young man didn't die. He was a domain realm master too. Only domain realm masters were able to resist his attacks. But, he still didn't know how this young man disappeared without a trace after he was turned into ice. He didn't sense the young man's presence at that time too.

The young man's next action instantly cleared his queries. The young man was an ice element domain realm master too.

"That is not how you use ice!" The young man said coldly. He stomped his feet and powerful ice energy started to spread out from his feet. The ice quickly crept up to the middle-aged man's leg.

The middle-aged man was shocked. However, he still managed to jump into the air in time and evade the attack.

"Trying to dodge it? It is not that simple." The young man stretched his right hand and pointed at the middle-aged man. The ice energy on the ground suddenly shot up into the air, forming a huge mouth with sharp icicles as teeth, wanting to swallow the middle-aged man up.

"Ice world!" The middle-aged man shouted. A hail started to rain down around him. The frozen pellets were like a machine gun, it continuously shot at the icy huge mouth formed which was created by Ling Lan. The icy huge mouth also retaliated by blowing out wind in subzero temperatures

Boom! The two sides eventually reached their limit, before finally exploding in perfect unison. The huge explosion formed a deep crack in the manor.

"You are a titled domain realm formidable warrior." Ling Lan felt the power of her opponent's ice element. The techniques her opponent used were very different from hers. Although they were both ice element titled domain realm formidable warrior, the temperature of her opponent's ice element was higher than her own. Thus, her opponent's most powerful technique, which they both knew how to use, was weaker than hers. "Same element, same rank, different amounts of power. So the domain stage is not fixed. How much you understand depends on your capabilities and how hard you work." Ling Lan was deep in thought. This was something new. The rules in the domain stage were weird. The combination of talent, comprehension, and hard work allowed for there to be a difference in power even with the same rank and technique.

'Survival of the fittest.' Ling Lan understood the true meaning behind this phrase. She knew why the Federation followed this rule, the only rule nature gave.

The middle-aged man noticed that his most powerful attack was not able to injure the young man. The young man must be a titled domain realm formidable warrior too. He might even have a deeper understanding of the ice domain. He had this thought because he felt a painful coldness deep in his bones. As an ice element domain realm master, he was not supposed to feel cold. Thus, the only explanation was that this young man was significantly more powerful than him.

As an ice element domain realm master, the middle-aged man could already feel the difference between them. If he continued fighting, he would be at more of a disadvantage. Thus, he threw another ice world technique at the young man. In the next second, he turned into ice particles and quickly escaped towards the manor.

But, the moment he moved, he was stopped. He wasn't able to move anymore.

"Why did you change into ice particles to escape when your enemy is an ice element domain realm master who is much stronger than you? I really don't know what to say." The cold voice rang beside the middle-aged man's ear. Then, his body started congregating. His arm was already caught by the young man. If one particle of his body was caught, he would be unable to escape anymore. This was the rule, and no one could change this rule.

The middle-aged man lost all hopes of escaping now. Thus, he made a huge decision. He vomited blood and then his body started greedily absorbing all the ice elements in the surroundings. The huge suction force caused Ling Lan to let him go. She moved back quickly and left the boundary of the suction force.

Ling Lan frowned. She got serious. A technique that could only be used after injuring himself must be a technique above his stage. The middle-aged man was prepared to give his all in this final attack.

Suddenly, the middle-aged man exploded into numerous ice needles. The ice needles altered their trajectory towards the direction where the shocked Ling Lan was at.

Ling Lan quickly swiped her right hand and an ice wall was erected up from the ground. The ice needles split into three groups. Two groups of ice needles flew around the ice wall while the last group of ice needles stabbed into the ice wall forcefully.

Multiple ice needles pierce through the ice wall, which completely collapsed the ice wall. Those needles were so powerful and sharp. They managed to destroy her ice wall in a blink of an eye.

The two groups of ice needles managed to go behind Ling Lan. The three groups of ice needles surrounded Ling Lan and simultaneously flew towards her.

Ling Lan decisively activated her most powerful attack, Ice Blockade. She tried to freeze the ice needles, but this time she miscalculated her strength. The ice needles broke through her Ice Blockade.

The ice needles pierced into the spot where Ling Lan was standing at. The ice needles all released a thick mist when they reached their destination which blocked one's vision. When the mist dissipated, the spot where Ling Lan was originally standing at was empty. When the ice needles noticed that they had missed their target, they flew into the air again and prepared themselves for the next round of attack.

### Chapter 787: Half!

"Condense!" Ling Lan suddenly appeared in mid-air. She clenched her fist and all the ice element in the area around her started to condensed rapidly, forming many perfectly shaped water droplets. In response to this, the ice needles turned into water droplets too. It was essentially a battle between two domain realm master with two different perspective and understanding of the ice elements.

Suddenly, red mist appeared out of mid-air, symbolizing the final fate of a titled domain realm formidable warrior.

Ling Lan looked at the red mist with cold eyes. She raised another hand and clenched it into a fist again.

"Ah!" A faint scream could be heard and all the water droplets exploded. The force from the explosion of the water droplets injured Ling Lan too. Fresh blood dripped down from the corner of her mouth.

"Just half a step more, then I can advance to the imperial level. But..." Ling Lan's understanding of her ice elemental domain was at the imperial level. What was stopping her from becoming an imperial level domain expert was her understanding of her own imperial level technique. She had only understood 50% of her imperial level technique, Condense. This was the name she had given to the technique.

An imperial level technique was given the term 'imperial level' because of the significance it had in one's domain stage battles. Every imperial level technique was the perfect blend of offense and defense, it was perfect in every situation depending on how much the user understood the technique. Unfortunately, Ling Lan only understood how to use Condense for defense as she was unable to comprehend its offensive power yet. Hence, she was stopped by this.

The ice needle technique the middle-aged man used almost reached the standard of an imperial level technique. If he just had a deeper understanding of his technique, Ling Lan would not be able to defeat his ice needles technique so easily. However, even if the ice needle technique reached the standard of an imperial level technique, it would still be incomplete as it only had its offensive power with no means to use it for defense. This was its lethal weakness.

Ling Lan didn't use Condense right from the start because she wanted to find an opportunity during the battle that could help understand her imperial level technique better. This kind of opportunity was difficult to find. Ling Lan didn't get enlightened even after she fought so many hard battles.

"Maybe the time is not right yet." Ling Lan was not frustrated. Since no results could be found now, she just pushed this thought to the back of her head. Her master had told her once before that she had progressed too quickly, resulting in a flaw in her foundation. Maybe this was why she was still unable to fully understand the imperial level technique.

'Looks like I have to experience more battles.' Ling Lan thought to herself. After some time, once 250 Ace Mecha Clan was fully prepared, she would try to request to the division headquarters to send her

mecha clan onto the battlefield. There would have enough battles for her to gain more experience on the battlefield.

Suddenly, Ling Lan frowned as she detected numerous domain realm masters running in her direction. Her battle with the middle-aged man probably had alerted the domain realm masters from the military as even Tang Ningyu and Mu Chaoran were in the cohort. Ling Lan had completed her mission and made Pei Shaoyun disappeared successfully so she didn't want to meet her roommates now.

Ling Lan snapped her fingers and her ice element energy around her dispersed a little. Then, a breeze of frosty wind blew by, completely shrouding Ling Lan from the world. When the wind finally went pass Ling Lan's original position, she was not there anymore.

A few seconds after Ling Lan left, many people appeared at the manor.

"What a strong ice element energy. There seems to be other domain energy as well. It's really messy. I can't put a finger as to what they are" Some of the domain realm masters tried to sense their surroundings.

"I felt a tinge of fire element." Mu Chaoran was sensitive to fire elements so he immediately sensed the faint fire element in the air. He frowned.

"There is lightning element too." Tang Ningyu was serious. Without a doubt, while the battle at the Azure Central Scout Academy was ongoing, a huge battle was happening here too. Tang Ningyu had the feeling that the people who fought here were those fake domain realm masters who had escaped from their headquarters. However, their new-found freedom was brutally taken away. Is there another secret organization observing them silently, waiting to profit as the third party?

"It's a pity that we can't trace them." Although they could only feel the huge mass of domain energy in the manor, no signs of domain energy could be found leading out of the manor. Looks like the other party was very careful and didn't leave any traces behind.

"Do you think that bastard died along with these people?" Mu Chaoran narrowed his eyes. He really hoped that the bastard didn't die that easily.

"The ice element here is dominating any other elements so we can conclude that bastard won his fight and got to flee before we got here. Plus, that bastard won't die so easily." Tang Ningyu didn't believe that an ice element titled domain realm formidable warrior could be killed in such a short time as only an imperial level domain expert could do such a deed. Plus, if there actually was an imperial level domain expert, the domain energy left behind in this area would be much greater than what they had detected.

Tang Ningyu felt the energy left behind by an imperial level domain expert in the past, that was why he didn't believe an imperial level domain expert was here. At that time, he had only just recently advanced to the domain stage, and unluckily while walking around, he stumbled across a tinge of energy left behind by an imperial level domain expert but it was enough to destabilize his domain. If his captain didn't save him in time, he might have been crippled for his entire life. This experience engraved the overwhelming strength of an imperial level domain expert into his mind. By his estimations, even a titled domain realm formidable warrior would be killed instantly if he were to meet an imperial level domain expert in battle.

The ice element energy in the manor was definitely suffocating but it wasn't as much of a stranglehold of an experience like the one he had in the past. The energy might just be left by an ice element titled domain realm formidable warrior.

'That's good too.' Tang Ningyu thought in his heart. If they couldn't kill this person personally, they wouldn't be able to feel appeased for the rest of their lives, becoming the devil in their hearts.

"What should we do now?" Mu Chaoran asked.

Tang Ningyu sighed. "Let's just go back and report our mission for now and the military will take care of the rest."

Mu Chaoran nodded. The two of them disappeared.

On the way back, Mu Chaoran suddenly remembered something. "This time, you lost to the person who took the same mission before you, right? Did you manage to find out who he is?"

Tang Ningyu remained silent for a moment. "Yes, I lost to him this time and I intend to fully accept my defeat. But until now, I don't know who he is. He might be among the transfer students or he might not. Honestly, I would have suspected Shaoyun if he didn't die. However, he didn't give me a chance to suspect him."

"I would rather suspect him and hurting him than him being killed by that bastard." Tang Ningyu clenched his fist. If Pei Shaoyun was still alive, their relationship might not be the same anymore after they had tricked him so much and took a lot of advantages of him. But, he still wished that Shaoyun would jump around in front of him, waving his finger at him and be angry at them for lying to him.

Tang Ningyu recalled the shy and timid young boy who always wore a smile on his face. He was heartwarming and considerate. However, he was now gone.

"Yes, even after he knew about everything and still broke ties with us, I will accept that, and I'll be comforted to know that there is still a Little Brother Shaoyun in the world being angry at us." Mu Chaoran was depressed. The image of Pei Shaoyun flashed past his mind. He could almost imagine how he would look if he was furious, the angry but helpless expression on his little brother's face when Shaoyun knew he couldn't do anything to him. In just a month's time, Pei Shaoyun let him, a lonely person, understood what brotherhood meant.

They suddenly stopped walking. They turned their heads side to side and realized that they had returned to the place where Shaoyun had died.

# Chapter 788: That's Good!

"Shaoyun, no matter where you are, have a good life..." Tang Ningyu said in a low voice.

"You must live a carefree life, remember that. I hope you have an older brother who pampers you. I hope your older brother will help you settle everything that was bothering you. I hope your older brother is not as evil as me. I hope he won't tease you, and I hope he would pamper you with all his heart." Mu Chaoran suddenly smiled. There were tears in his eyes. "Let him do the things I wasn't able to do for you. Don't be like me, a worthless person who sees no value in life. Don't live a regretful life

like mine. Live happily..." He regretted not telling Shaoyun that he had already taken him as his brother. He really liked him.

Tang Ningyu looked at Mu Chaoran in surprise. He didn't expect him to develop such deep feelings towards Pei Shaoyun in just 30 days.

"I didn't expect it too. When I realized it, it was already too late." Mu Chaoran gave Tang Ningyu a forced smile. Then, he disappeared from his spot.

Tang Ningyu sighed. Pei Shaoyun was an obstacle that he and Mu Chaoran had to eventually get over. He disappeared thereafter too.

### "Squeak?"

Little White looked around and was confused by what it saw. It was looking for directions in the forest. It looked up at the sky in resignation while crying.

That stupid person... he took me here and just threw me here! How irresponsible of him! How could he do this! Ahhh! I will curse you. May you not be able to get a wife! (What an evil curse.)

Little White tried to use the tall trees as indicators of which direction he took but... all the trees here look the same. It finally gave up. It hugged a tree trunk and admitted its mistakes.

'My dear master, Little White has learned from its mistakes.' Little White should not be so excited and accidentally throw you out Master, please come and bring Little White back. Don't leave me alone.'

'Sob, why isn't master here yet? Is it because my apology is not enough?'

Little White remembered how it ran away in times of danger and dare to escape from its master. It was enlightened. There was still a mistake it didn't apologize for. 'Sob, Little White learned from another from its mistakes. Little White shouldn't run away with a man whom I don't know the name of. I learned that running away is wrong. I won't dare to run away again. Master, please bring me home.'

The forest remained quiet. Little White was finally scared out of its wit. It finally made a decision and gave its promise. 'Master, if you bring Little White back, Little White promise to listen to you obediently and... and... you can do anything to me!'

The moment it finished relaying its thoughts, Ling Lan appeared in front of Little White.

Little White started crying furiously. 'God, you must be kidding. I just made a promise and master appeared. Sob, can I take back my words? I don't want my master to do anything to me! Ah!'

Little White scooped Little White up from the bottom of the tree and held it in her palms. She gave Little White a mysterious smile. "Did you say that I can do anything to you just now?"

Little White fell to the side and pretended to be dead. It was not going to admit it.

"Little Four!" Ling Lan suddenly called Little Four.

"Boss, I have recorded what Little White said. There is enough evidence. If he dares to deny what he said, I will ask Little Blossom to destroy it." Little Four smiled as it threatened Little White.

Little White immediately jumped up and hugged Ling Lan's thumb It gave Ling Lan an obedient smile and shouted, "Master, Little White was tired from finding my way in the forest and fainted just now so I didn't notice what you said. Sob, Little White loves master. Little White welcomes you to do anything to me. Please do whatever your heart desires." It then plopped itself lifelessly on Ling Lan's palm like a ragdoll. It seemed to be telling Ling Lan that she could do what she wanted. Ling Lan wanted to laugh. After spending some time with the members of Lingtian, Little White learned how to curry favor with her. She wondered what those bunch of people taught Little White.

However, Ling Lan didn't plan to let Little White off. Although Little White throwing her out resulted in many good things, she was still unhappy at the fact that her pet threw her like a pile of rubbish without her order!

She squeezed Little White forcefully and said calmly, "That's good."

Little White cried. It could already predict its future. It would spend the remainder of its life being squeezed and squashed by its master.

"Oh? Do you have anything against it?" Ling Lan raised her eyebrows and glared at it coldly.

Little White still had tears in its eyes. "These..." Its face turned weird due to the squeezing. "These are tears of joy."

Little Four was shocked. 'Woah, Little White, when did you become so smart? Did you get smarter whenever boss squeezes you?' Little Four started to wonder if it was a wrong decision to reject Ling Lan's abuse in the past. 'Did it hinder his evolution?'

He remembered how the members of Lingtian grew up so quickly under his Boss's harsh training. Little Four started pondering. He rubbed his hairless chin and said, "Maybe I should ask Boss to hit me next time."

Little Four, you are looking for death!

The military quickly removed all the spies from the unknown organization in the Central Scout Academy. The two fake domain realm masters staying at the Xiao family and the Su family were also invited to the school by Su Pei and Xiao Yiqiu. Unfortunately, before they could be caught, the two fake domain realm masters committed suicide.

The people in the headquarters in the forest had all escaped. The ones who were left were just the lowlevel workers who didn't know what was happening.

In a secluded room, the military found various organs and body parts that were almost fully rotten. The workers who were left behind at the headquarters confirmed that this room was the most important laboratory as only the higher authorities had the right to enter this room so they were oblivious as to what went on in this room.

There were other gory materials in other laboratories too so the military didn't place much importance in this room. They just compiled all the body parts together and burnt them. Then, they asked the earth element domain realm masters to bury the ashes. They hoped that those people who got experimented on could rest in peace now. Su Pei and Xiao Yiqiu were tricked into coming here and almost becoming materials for the organization. It was actually a blessing in disguise as their talent finally got recognized by the military. To compensate them, the military allowed them to enter the Third Men's Military Academy without having to take the exam. Su Pei and Xiao Yiqiu were elated.

This was their first step to their similar goal. Both of them wanted to get the ticket to the entrance evaluation for the Flying Dragon Special Forces.

Su Pei remembered what Mu Chaoran said to him. In order to get the ticket to the entrance evaluation, he needed to fulfill one of the two requirements, either he advanced to peak-level ace mecha master or above, which Su Pei was not able to complete this within a short time, or the other requirement was for him to obtain a pseudo domain. This was what Su Pei strived for as he was already peak stage of Qi-Jin so he had hopes of fulfilling that requirement.

Xiao Yiqiu looked at Su Pei and smiled. "Su Pei, let's work hard together. We must go to the Flying Dragon Special Forces together."

Su Pei looked back at Xiao Yiqiu and gave a warm smile in reply. "Yes! We must go together!" He was lucky to have such a friend.

### Chapter 789: Conference For The Team Leaders!

At the 250 Ace Mecha Clan's base, Zhao Jun rushed into the meeting room, which was next to the regiment commander's office, angrily.

Upon entering, there were already many people sitting orderly in the meeting room. When they saw Zhao Jun entering, some of them smiled and welcomed him.

Li Lanfeng smiled brightly and walked up to him. "Zhao Jun, we were all waiting for you. What sort of gains did you get for this mission?"

Zhao Jun looked at the smile. He should be happy to see it but he was furious now. He gritted his teeth and snorted. "Compared to you all, my gains are basically nothing."

This bunch of people was so lucky to be called by their Boss when he was on his mission. What was worse was that they managed to advance to the domain stage because of that. 'F\*\*k, he advanced to the optimal peak of Qi-Jin at the same time as Qi Long, so shouldn't he and Qi Long be the first ones to advance into the domain stage and followed by Luo Lang and Xie Yi, right? Most importantly, what the hell did Li Lanfeng do? He was at the peak stage of Qi-Jin but he managed to advance to the domain stage after just one mission with their Boss. Damn it, I shouldn't have taken the mission. Curse my hand!'

After Ling Lan left for her mission, the 23rd division gave 250 Ace Mecha Clan an assignment. They were just tasked to guard some supplies until they reached the agreed upon drop-off point so only one team was required for this mission. Besides Li Lanfeng who was on leave, the other nine team leaders decided to draw lots for this mission. In the end, Zhao Jun was the lucky one that day (This was what Zhao Jun thought at the start. Later on, he realized that he was not lucky at all... sob). He left with his team happily and completed the mission perfectly.

When he came back excitedly to report the rewards of the mission to Lin Zhong-qing, he heard that Qi Long, Xie Yi, Luo Lang, and Li Lanfeng managed to advance to the domain stage with the help of their Boss. He exploded in anger at himself. Hence, when he knew that his Boss called for a meeting, he came over hurriedly.

The moment he entered the room, he felt pressure from just being in the presence of Qi Long, Luo Lang, Xie Yi, and Li Lanfeng. Li Lanfeng used to be weaker than him. In the past, Li Lanfeng was jealous and envious of them but now, it was his turn to be jealous and envious.

"You're back." A cold voice sounded beside him. Ling Lan walked over from the regiment commander's office.

"Boss!" Zhao Jun called her with a slight hint of grievance.

Ling Lan frowned a little. She couldn't stand it when a man shows this kind of whiny expression.

She pointed at a seat immediately. "Sit down. We will talk about you later." She must have owed these people a lot in her past life. Ling Lan felt helpless. However, she was unable to ignore them too. 'Fine, she is destined to worry for her comrades.'

Zhao Jun's eyes lit up. 'Does this mean that his Boss already had plans for him? Yes, I'm sure of it, Boss is such a fair person. Of course he would not forget about me.' Zhao Jun thought about this and calmly sat on his seat.

Ling Lan walked to her seat after calming Zhao Jun down. When she was about to arrive to her seat, Qi Long obediently pulled her chair out for her. Ling Lan glanced at him coldly before sitting down on her seat. She felt quite speechless about this whole situation. She then saw the ten team leaders standing up simultaneously like they were in some kind of mafia and felt even more speechless. She felt like a mafia boss. She coughed before saying in a cold voice, "Have a seat."

"Yes, Boss." All the ten team leaders sat down.

Ling Lan didn't know what to say. 'When did the three veterans become like this too? Were they influenced by her childhood friends too?' Ling Lan felt that there was something amiss about her situation. She remembered her father, General Ling Xiao who had great sway in the military and political scene with a God-Realm formidable warrior, Mu Shui-qing, backing him. This was the dream situation for an ultimate boss-like figure.

'Fine, I must stop myself from becoming like that. I must prevent them from using this address. It might cause a really big misunderstanding in the future.' Ling Lan looked at everyone sharply. Even those people who had just advance to the domain stage were unable to withstand her gaze.

"You must follow the rules of the military and address me accordingly. If not, you will be punished," Ling Lan said indifferently.

The ten leader got a shock but they hurriedly replied, "Understood, regiment commander."

Yang Mingzhi, Liu Furong, and Gu Dongyang gave a look of satisfaction. Ling Lan's actions won their approval. Although they followed the crowd and called Ling Lan, Boss, their intentions were to test her. From the looks of it, Ling Lan was a good soldier. She had no intention of building her own faction.

Qi Long noticed that Ling Lan was not angry so he smiled and interrupted her. "We will call you that in private. That is okay, right?"

Ling Lan glanced at him. "Remember that you are still in your uniform but once you take off your military uniform, you can call me whatever you want." It was just too striking when they call her Boss in the military. Ling Lan didn't really like to attract more attention to herself.

Qi Long immediately lowered his head. He said dejectedly, "Yes, regiment commander!"

'Sob, but it feels better to call him Boss.' When he called his Boss, regiment commander, Qi Long felt it was creating distance between them. He didn't like it. Fortunately, his Boss was doing this out of irritation. He just didn't want to break the rules of the military. Qi Long was slightly comforted by his thoughts. Ever since their Boss allowed them to advance to the domain stage, Qi Long told himself that he would follow his Boss for life.

He had the same thought in the past too but his decision was even firmer now. Even if his father beat him to death with a baseball bat and cut ties with him, he would still follow his Boss.

The three veterans nodded their heads when they heard what Ling Lan said. Their regiment commander knew how to differentiate private and official matters. He was a very professional soldier. While Ling Lan was testing them for the entire year, they were also testing her. They respected Ling Lan for her decisiveness and ruthlessness. However, they were worried that she was heartless to her own soldiers and that she would place her own benefits in front of the country's benefits. Within this one year of monitoring her actions, they concluded that Ling Lan was vicious but she knew when to make the right decision. Her character was good too. She finally won over the hearts of the three veterans.

Actually, Ling Lan just wanted to keep a low profile. She didn't know that her actions gained the approval of the three veterans, making them decide to follow her wholeheartedly from now on.

"It has been a year since I took over the role as the Regiment Commander of 250 Ace Mecha Clan. I want to know what is the situation with all the teams after a year of training." Ling Lan looked at everyone.

Everyone turned to look at Yang Mingzhi. Ling Lan didn't give ranks to the 10 teams but everyone recognized Senior Colonel Yang Mingzhi as the number one team of 250 Ace Mecha Clan. Hence, Yang Mingzhi should be the one answering Ling Lan first.

# Chapter 790: Preparation For War!

Yang Mingzhi coughed and opened his mouth. "Team 01. Number of qualified ace mecha masters, 22. Everyone is in good condition. They can go for war anytime." As a veteran, Yang Mingzhi knew why Ling Lan called for this meeting. After reorganizing the mecha clan for one year, it was time for the mecha operators to go on the battlefield. That was the only way they could know how if these mecha operators were back to their old form.

Ling Lan's gaze landed on Liu Furong. Liu Furong said in a loud voice, "Team 02. Number of qualified ace mecha masters, 21. We can go for war anytime too."

After the other eight team leaders reported the situation of their teams in order, Ling Lan tapped on the table lightly in a fluid rhythm while in deep thought. The ten team leaders didn't dare to say anything. They waited silently for their regiment commander to make a final decision.

Finally, Ling Lan made her decision. She stood up and placed her hand on the table. She tilted her head downwards and looked at the ten team leaders. "Order!"

All the ten team leaders stood up immediately to receive their orders.

"We will officially start preparing for war!"

"Yes, regiment commander!" The ten team members received the order and quickly returned to the teams. They passed this order to their team members.

Soon, the entire 250 Ace Mecha Clan started working towards a shared objective. As the head of the Logistics Department, Lin Zhong-qing and his four deputies started worrying about their lack of manpower again. They looked at everyone who was furiously working. Lin Zhong-qing clenched his fist tightly. 'The next time I meet Boss, I must ask him for more people! Damn it!'

The heavy workload finally caused the calm and patient Lin Zhong-qing to explode in anger.

At the headquarters of the 23rd division, He Xuyang had a cup of hot tea in his hand as he sat in his office. He smiled and lazily looked at the list of rewards they got due to their performance on Planet Azure. He was the one in charge of this mission so he knew how much benefits General Ling Xiao asked from the military. The continuous good performance of the 23rd division caused the military to change their attitude towards them. They no longer ordered them around like a boss ordering around his teenage part-time worker. Whenever the military came to talk to him, they would speak nicely to him now.

Young Master Lan played an important role in helping the 23rd division to gain its current status. The military was definitely paying more attention to him now as the two greatest achievements were achieved by Young Master Lan. 'As expected of General Ling Xiao's son. General Ling Xiao is a bug in the system and his son is a bug in the system too.'

He Xuyang remembered a few weeks ago when the entire Federation was elated over a 25 years soldier who managed to advance to the domain stage. They didn't know that their Young Master Lan had reached the standard of a titled domain realm master. He Xuyang calculated with his fingers. Young Master Lan must have achieved the domain stage when he was just 20 years old. He was much stronger and better than those talents in the Flying Dragon Special Forces.

As General Ling Xiao's adviser and confidant, he knew some secrets of the Federation, which the Federation didn't even know of.

He Xuyang was in a good mood. Suddenly, a young deputy second lieutenant who was in charge of collecting information knocked on his door carefully. He came to report his work.

"Chief of staff, the list for the first season of application for entering the battlefield is out." The deputy greeted He Xuyang before reporting his work.

He Xuyang always wore a smile on his face and had a warm attitude. He seemed easy to talk to but everyone knew that he was a wolf in sheep's clothing. The person in this position before him made a minor mistake and got sent to the grass-roots units. This young second lieutenant had just came for his first day of work so he didn't know what his superior was like but the rumors he heard were enough to strike fear in his heart.

He Xuyang was in a good mood so even if this second lieutenant appeared too timid for his likings, he still didn't get angry. He just nodded and said, "Continue."

"Yes, chief of staff. There are 27 mecha clans who applied to go on the battlefield. The detailed list is as such: Wuying Ace Mecha Clan from East First Corps, Qingyang Ace Mecha Clan from East Second Corps, White Wolf Ace Mecha Clan from East Second Corps..."

He Xuyang listened attentively to what the second lieutenant said. He raised his teacup slowly and took a sip of the hot tea. It was relaxing to have some hot tea in such a beautiful afternoon.

"... 250 Ace Mecha Clan from Middle Second Corps..."

"Pfft~" He Xuyang spat his tea out. He put down the teacup abruptly and he didn't even bother to wipe the mess on the table. He asked hurriedly, "What did you say just now?"

The second lieutenant was stunned by his superior's reaction, he was shocked. "What.. did I say just now?" 'Sob, did I make a mistake just now? What should I do? The chief of staff is scaring me.'

"Fine, let me look at the documents myself." He Xuyang saw his subordinate's fearful expression and felt a little helpless. He asked the second lieutenant to pass the documents to him. 'This second lieutenant just graduated from the military academy so I shouldn't frighten him too much. As expected, my Young Master Lan is unique'.

The second lieutenant quickly passed the documents over. When he saw He Xuyang waving his hand, asking him to leave, he immediately rushed out of the office like a rabbit that got scared. He went back to his office table and heaved a sigh of relief.

The colleague beside him saw his expression and asked curiously, "Jiang Li, what happened?"

Jiang Li's forehead was covered in cold sweat. He said in a frightened tone, "Chief of staff is so scary!" 'Sob, is he able to report his work to the chief of staff properly next time?'

"Really?" The new workers gasped. The senior workers were much calmer. 'If their chief of staff was easy to deal with, would they have to hire new people all the time?' Those workers that left had all reached their limit of tolerating chief of staff. They couldn't handle it anymore so they sent in an application to request to be transferred out of the headquarters and be sent to the grass-roots units.

However, their chief of staff still treated those capable people very well. Those officers that went to the grass-roots units became an adviser of a mecha clan or sat in a position that had real power. All in all, there were some regrets but most left happily. It was a fresh start for them.

He Xuyang flipped through the documents. His new deputy was timid but he did his job well. The list was segregated into sections and every information could be seen clearly. He Xuyang quickly found the Middle Second Corps and saw the 250 Ace Mecha Clan written under it.

"What is he doing!"