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Chapter 171: Trading Storm 2

After a few minutes of waiting, a man wearing a pair of sunglasses, a hat, a dark green coat, and a scarf covering the lower half of his face came into the cafe and sat opposite Han Xiao. He placed the metal suitcase that he was carrying on the table, looked at Han Xiao, and did not say a word.

The seller knew that the buyer was Black Phantom, but Han Xiao was using a different face.

Han Xiao and the seller stared at each other for a while and confirmed the other party's identity in silence—strangers would not have stared at each other for this long without saying a word. The seller entered the passcode and turned the open suitcase toward Han Xiao.

Inside the suitcase was a doughnut-shaped small device with its wires exposed outside. The exterior was coated in metal, with an intruding cylinder in the cross section and dim red lights flashing through the gaps.

This was the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace, an energy core that was able to generate electricity automatically from solar and condensed fuel. It was also a piece of superhuman equipment as energy could be turned into fuel as a power source.

A rechargeable battery was a core material for Heroal suits; it eliminated the need and trouble of battery supplies.

Just imagine having to change batteries in the middle of a fight. Han Xiao confirmed it was the real thing with his hands, took out his laptop, sent the money to the seller in a flash, and immediately said, “Run!”

Without waiting for the seller’s reaction, Han Xiao shoved the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace into his backpack and stood up suddenly, he took out his Berserk Eagle and shot many times at the people that he had previously confirmed to be monitoring him.

Ordina agents took action as soon as the deal was completed, but Han Xiao was a second quicker, he had the upper hand!

The firepower within ten meters from a gun with such high caliber was comparable to a sniper, so all the monitoring agents who got shot flew backwards.

Although the agents were well trained and wore bulletproof vests, they were just normal soldiers. On the other hand, Han Xiao was a LV 55

Hero, so his guns were strengthened, and he had all kinds of skills that further increased their power. One shot was enough to make the agents lose their fighting ability and put them in a critically injured state.

Without any hesitation, the seller broke through the floor-to-ceiling window

and ran with all his might. He was a superhuman, too, as he covered a few meters each step he took.

To divert the numbers of the enemy, Han Xiao ran in another direction.

“Damn it, who is this buyer!” The Ordina mission commander burst into a rage as he did not expect the buyer to be strong enough to notice the danger beforehand. This had caused the plan to be interrupted. He ordered the agents and the soldiers to split up to chase them separately.

Han Xiao splashed water across the streets as he dashed across the puddles with high speed.

As countless footsteps closed in on Han Xiao, agents appeared from the streets around and started shooting at him. The people on the street ran away screaming.

The magnetically-controlled retractable armor that Han Xiao had just equipped reflected the bullets away. He slid across the battlefield with a gun in both hands and shot at any agent who exposed their head. Naturally, he did not miss a single shot.

Suddenly, Han Xiao felt a pull on his feet. He looked down and saw something water-like wrapping around his calf, slowing down his speed.

Glancing at the information of the enemy on the interface, Han Xiao saw

that it was an Esper around LV 30.

As Han Xiao's speed slowed down, two Pugilist agents used the opportunity to dash out from the roadside and started attacking him with energy covered fists and legs.

The flames vaporized the rain and created a white fog, which obstructed the view of the agents.

Han Xiao has no intention of fighting in Ordina against their own agents, so

he tore apart the water wrapped around his calves by turning his Electromagnetic Hover-boots to full capacity and backed away from the enemy Esper controlled area as quickly as he could.

It was at this moment that he heard the sound of engines as two enormous black police vehicles dashed out from the intersection. The vehicles splashed the water in an arc with a drift and stopped in front of Han Xiao, facing him sideways and blocking the path.

High caliber guns extended out from inside the windows as they rolled down and shot Han Xiao at the same time. The firepower was so strong that it created sparkles out of the muzzle for an astonishing half meter. As the bullets expanded in his sight, Han Xiao got hit head-on.

These guns were high caliber assault rifles, and some of them were shotguns that had knock-back effects. Although he had armor on, he still stumbled from the bullets.

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Information of the enemies appeared on the interface; they were Ordina's Special Operations Unit.

Han Xiao made a sharp change in direction and slid over the roofs of the two vehicles with his Electromagnetic Hover-boots. The soldiers in the vehicles alighted hastily to fire at him, but the bullets could not catch up to him and left a trail of holes on the walls of the building. Han Xiao took out a sonic grenade, pulled out the pin with his teeth, and threw it in between the vehicles.

The soldiers split out hurriedly, trying to find cover, but the sound waves from the sonic boom were not obstructed by their cover. The force spread out, and the entire special units fainted immediately. Han Xiao burst their tires and left at a stroll.

Ordina had a lot of men around the area. No matter how Han Xiao tried to get rid of the pursuit, there will always be another car at the front of his path. He shot down the traffic cams, took detours, used his Electromagnetic Hover-boots to climb over walls and buildings, outran the soldiers time and time again, but there were always cars stopping him.

How were they able to always find me? Han Xiao thought, then suddenly, he realized something. As he turned back to look up the sky while

sliding,
he discovered three drones that were following him. No wonder
they knew
where he was!
He took out Red Falcon and shot them down with one bullet each.
Ordina's mission commander bashed the table in anger. The
other team had
already lost the seller. Han Xiao was the only target left, but he
was too
difficult for his men to catch.
“Mag, take him down!”

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Having successfully escaped from the last few cars, Han Xiao
jumped
across the gaps between buildings and looked for a hidden place
to change
his face and clothes. Suddenly, bullets from a shotgun exploded
on his back
as smoke and flames broke out.
Han Xiao got knocked straight into the wall, and shattered bricks
fell to the
floor.

The close range explosion had made Han Xiao lose his hearing for
a little.

He got rid of the dust on his head and looked up with a frown. A
man was
standing at the top of a building. He had all kinds of equipment
on him—a
bulletproof vest, waterproof clip belts, four handguns around his
waist and
thighs, a sniper rifle and two different assault rifles hanging
behind his
back, and a shotgun in his hands with smoke coming out of the
muzzle.

The damage from one shot exceeded the damage of common firearms. Han

Xiao looked at the interface, and surprise appeared on his face.

A Cannon Master ?

You have entered combat. You have received the following information.

Mag · Lesley

Level: 56

Class: [Agent Lv10], [Elite Agent Lv9], [Eagle-Eye Shooter Lv11],

[Novice

Hero Lv10], [Cannon Master Apprentice Lv10], [Cannon Master

Trainee Lv6]

Attributes: 54 STR, 131 DEX, 65 END, 146 INT, 17 MYS, 11 CHA,
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Health: 1900/1900

Stamina: 940

Energy: 1230

Abilities:

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- Well Trained: +100 Health
- Strengthened Body: +400 Health, +4% Abnormality Resistance
- Sharp Eyesight: Increased field of vision, +20% Accuracy, +13% Ranged Critical Chance

- Heroal Professional: +18% Damage When Using Heroal Weapon

- Gun Master: +1% Ranged Damage per 5 Dexterity

Skills:

[Explosive Shooting Lv5]

[Moving Snipe Lv4]

[Cannons and Flames Lv2]

[Pouring Ammunition Lv3]

[Basic Shooting Lv10]

[Accurate Shooting Lv8]

[Suppressed fire Lv5]

[Eagle-Eye Target Lock Lv1]

[Intermediate Machinery Affinity Lv8]

[Extra Clip Capacity Lv5]

Equipment:

[RX-108 Assault Rifle]

Grade: White

Damage: 41 – 48

Fire Rate: 5.6/s

Active Range: 380m

Clip Capacity: 30

Power Output: 41

[“Butcher” Assault Rifle]

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Grade: Green

Damage: 71 – 85

Fire Rate: 3.4/s

Maximum Fire Rate: 5.7/s

Active Range: 350m

Clip Capacity: 24

Power Output: 49

[“Tiger Claw” Shotgun]

Grade: Green

Damage: 20 – 187

Fire Rate: 1.5/s

Maximum Damage Range: 10m, damage decreases as range increases

Clip Capacity: 8

Power Output: 48

[Synthetic Ceramic Bulletproof Vest]

Grade: Green

Ranged Defense: 24 – 26

Durability: 560

[Pox Handgun]

Grade: White

Damage: 34 – 40

Fire Rate: 2.5/s

Active Range: 80m

Clip Capacity: 12

Power Output: 28

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[Grappling Hook Gun]

Description: Shoots a grappling hook

Range: 20m

Chapter 172: One of My Men

Mag was a Cannon Master, a second-tier class of the basic

Hero class

with very high damage. The better the weapon was, the greater the

advantage they had. This was the first time that Han Xiao

had fought a

high-level enemy of his own class.

Every meter from a Cannon Master was a wall of

obstruction, and the enemy was at the top of the building while Han Xiao was at the ground.

In the blink of an eye, Han Xiao completed the analysis of the situation, the

enemy, the nearby terrain, and the escape route.

Cannon Master, level 56, high damage but low HP. I have one chance of

dealing explosively high damage, but killing him will not be easy. Their

backup will arrive in no time if I'm stalled, and I don't have enough supplies

to deal with an outnumbered fight. I need to use the opportunity created by

damaging him to escape, Han Xiao thought.

Blue lights flashed from his shoes, and he slid away.

"Trying to run?" Mag remained expressionless as Han Xiao ran away. He

had noticed much earlier that the speed Han Xiao had was from his shoes,

so he used his RX-108 assault rifle and shot with high accuracy. He knew

that Han Xiao would not be able to escape if his shoes were broken.

However, a piece of magnetically-controlled retractable armor quickly

covered the shoes and blocked the bullets.

That was close. Han Xiao was shocked. Luckily, he had been prepared and

was able to react in time. Had his shoes been destroyed, the difficulty to

escape would have been many times higher. Being attacked and not fighting

back was not Han Xiao's style. Whilst tactically retreating, he fired back at Mag with high accuracy on par with the latter, and three high caliber bullets hit Mag's chest. Physical fitness was not Mag's strength, and he could barely handle the power from the bullets. He endured the pain and followed after Han Xiao using his Grappling Hook Gun to move between buildings.

Mag had an advantage of having the high ground, so he used [Explosive Shooting] with his Tiger Claw shotgun and fired another shot at Han Xiao.

The force of the explosion knocked Han Xiao into the wall once again.

Before Han Xiao could pull himself out of the wall, he felt a sense of danger and immediately covered his entire body with armor.

Mag stood on the ceiling with one assault rifle in each hand. He used [Moving Snipe] and [Pouring Ammunition] at the same time.

The increased fire rate from both skills together turned the bullets into a storm raining down on Han Xiao, keeping him stuck on the wall. The holes in the wall turned to waves of dust, and the cracks grew even larger. "He should be almost dead." Mag was confident, this round of explosive damage that he had dealt with the combination of abilities and hundreds of bullets should have left the target almost dead, if not dead.

Dust filled the air and blocked the view inside the pit.

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Hum—

A loud and weird sound appeared.

Suddenly, an invisible force field exploded on the wall,

pushing away the

rain and bullets, creating an area of empty space.

Field Repulsive Machine!

Using the repulsion from the machine, Han Xiao jumped

out of the pit and

remained stagnant in the air for a short moment. He held

up the Phantom

Ghost Sniper with one hand and aimed at Mag from afar,

locking onto his

position.

Time seemed to have slowed down.

Mag felt a chill down his spine. The gun gave him a

piercing sense of

coldness, and his intuition told him that it was extremely

deadly. He tried to

dodge as soon as he could, but Han Xiao fired his shot

before he could

dodge fully.

In the flash of blue light, Mag felt an irresistible force

bursting on his chest.

He was knocked into the air and rolled to the other side of the roof, barely

grabbing the edge of the rooftop in the last second before falling down.

The pain from his chest hurt like hell. He looked down and

saw a bloody

hole on his right chest that penetrated his body through the bulletproof vest.

Blood was gushing from within.

He shot through my lung... Mag was sweating heavily from the pain of the wound. Every time he took a breath, it felt like a knife was carving back and forth in his lung. He was shocked and frightened; the power from this shot was stronger than one of his even when he was at peak performance!

Where the hell did this extremely strong guy come from?
And who was he?

His explosive power was even superior to the Ace of Ordina, but Mag had never seen him before!

Had Mag not dodged, the bullet would have hit his eye. He had ended up in this state even with a bulletproof vest. If he had been even half a second slower when he dodged...
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Mag's fear toward Han Xiao peaked.

You destroyed Mag • Lesley's [Synthetic Ceramic Bulletproof Vest].

You dealt 772 points of damage to Mag • Lesley.

Mag • Lesley has entered Moderate Bleeding state, losing 5 health/s for 60s.

Mag • Lesley has entered Penetrated Lung state, -10% Dexterity, -15%

Movement Speed.

This explosive shot was used with [Flaming Will] and [Overload], so the

damage was frightening.

Han Xiao took a deep breath. For the first time, his

Magnetically-Controlled

Retractable Armor was close to being destroyed; the damage from

Mag's

storm of bullets had decreased its durability to the alarming zone of 100

points. If he had still been wearing the first version of it without all the

improvements that he had made, it would have been destroyed.

Cannon Masters were known for their firepower. If Mag could get better

firearms, his damage would have further increased.

To Mag, the fact that Han Xiao was still standing after all the

bullets he had

fired was already quite unbelievable.

If Han Xiao were to stay and continue the fight, he would almost certainly

win, but he heard the engines from afar—their backup was here.

This is Ordina's territory. I'll be outnumbered easily by their countless men.

Mag already knew my explosive damage, so his plan from now on will

definitely be stalling me. I have already got my thing, so there's no need for

me to stay and fight. Running away now is the priority, Han Xiao thought to

himself and retreated without hesitation.

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Mag was still horrified by that shot from Han Xiao, so he acted with a lot of

caution, firing a few shots and hiding into cover straight after. He seemed

like a different man.

Han Xiao's pressure decreased tremendously. While Mag was being cautious, he used [Overload] on his skating shoes, accelerating rapidly in a split second and disappearing from Mag's sights.

Mag lost Han Xiao completely in the complicated streets of the city. He called his colleagues instantly to check on the cameras in the city, but Han Xiao was nowhere to be found. It was like he had vaporized.

The mission target was the seller, who was experienced in escaping after so many years of being chased, and because this buyer reminded the seller a second earlier, he had found a chance to escape from the agents.

Thus, Mag could only go after the buyer, but despite being the Ace, not only did he not catch the target, he was even badly damaged. Anger and dismay filled his chest; failing the mission was like a slap on his face.

Ordina agents started searching the area, which expectedly lead to no result.

They could only pass their recorded fighting video to the intelligence unit for analysis. However, although they did not have any hope that doing this would give them any valuable information, they surprisingly found someone who's fighting style was the same as the buyer's.

Black Phantom!

“They look completely different, but he might have worn a skin

mask.”

“It all makes sense now. Only Black Phantom could disappear like a ghost!”

In the action command room, Mag was being treated by the doctor. His face

was gloomy. He had heard of Black Phantom before, but as an Ace agent of

an intelligence organization, he had looked down on assassins like Black

Phantom. However, through this accidental clash with Black Phantom,

despite being the pursuer, he had been defeated and critically damaged,

unable to even follow the target. Mag felt ashamed.

No wonder he is a legend. The action commander did not blame Mag as

failure was not unacceptable when the opponent was Black Phantom. The

question was, why did Black Phantom come to the Western Continent? Did

he have a deal with the outlaw they were following?

Ordina’s intelligence unit took the appearance of Black Phantom very

seriously. They opened a meeting and told the hacker unit to play with the

source of this information, which was the short call Han Xiao had with the

seller about the deal location.

“Greetings.”

“How are we going to carry out the deal?”

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“In three days. In a moment, I will send you the location. Bring your

money, and I will bring the stuff.”

“Okay, I will get one of my men to carry out the deal.”

The last sentence was the key. The person that the buyer sent was astonishingly Black Phantom, which meant that the identity of the buyer was clear!

Chapter 173: You Can't See Me

After running away from Mag's sights, Han Xiao turned back to the direction that he had come from where the surveillance cameras were destroyed. He changed his clothes and the face on the skin mask, dived into the crowd, and escaped successfully.

He headed to the border, and just as he expected, the border was locked down as special operation units and scouts searched everyone who passed by.

Aren't I so unlucky, getting into a fight with agents when I just wanted to buy some equipment? It seemed Antonio's words had become the truth. He

really met people from Ordina's intelligence organization.

Their ability to extract information was undoubted, Han Xiao figured they would probably be able to sniff out that he was Black Phantom from his fighting style. Well, he had no choice since he was running for his life. Of

course he had to not held back, or he would have been dead.

Why is it so tough to just keep a low profile? Han Xiao sighed.

Exposing

his identity was not going to affect him since nobody really knew

who he
was, but he felt like someone got into trouble because of that.

Never mind,
it was a small issue anyways.

At least Han Xiao got the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace, he was
contented.

Han Xiao knew where human smuggler was. The border being
locked down
would not obstruct him from smuggling himself out. Although the
price
increased, it was acceptable to him.

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After going to a rural area in Severus and smuggling himself out
of the city,

one hour had already passed.

The rain had stopped. Replacing the clouds and fog, the sky was
sunny and
bright.

While on the road with his Hover-shoes, Han Xiao's phone
suddenly rang.

It was from Bennett.

“Why did the Ordina intelligence organization call the
higher-ups of my
organization, asking for an explanation and even compensation?”

What the
hell did you do on the Western Continent?”

Bennet was at a loss for words; it felt like misfortune just fell
down onto
him from the sky out of nowhere.

Ordina showed him the evidence, which was the recording of the
phone
call, and Bennett could easily tell that the voice of the buyer was
clearly

Han Xiao.

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Who in the world would say “Okay, I will send one of my men over” then go over himself? Even if you want to confuse others, at least don’t fight in such an obvious and unique style!

It’s very misleading you asshole! “Well, it was supposed to hide my identity, but it seems like that didn’t work. Anyways, don’t worry, it’s not a big issue. I only fought some Ordina people, beat up a few agents, and destroyed some a few building, nothing much. The people of Ordina were quite welcoming. By the way, the weather here is not good at all; it keeps raining and feels really gloomy. It’s not like the Southern Continent, where it feels like spring and is very comfortable. I prefer Southern Continent’s weather much more” Bennett was stunned. “How did you change the topic so naturally to talk about the weather? Could your skills to change topic be any worse?” Han Xiao laughed it off and said, “It was an accident, that’s all. I’ve got something to attend to, got to go.” “You asho—”

Han Xiao hung up the call quickly before Bennett finished the sentence.

Whew—That was definitely a misstep. Didn’t expect Ordina to be this angry. Did they really have to be?

[Dragged In] Completed

You received 65,000 experience.

You completed the hidden requirement—stop Mag and help the mysterious seller to escape within three minutes.

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Han Xiao raised his eyebrows and thought, So, this is the hidden requirement. Luckily, I didn't leave the seller behind.

He had actually come up with two plans at the time, one was to not do anything and let the seller attract the attention of Ordina since he was not the target anyway. But he went with the other plan, which was to warn the seller.

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Looks like I made the right choice. Han Xiao had a smile on his face. He had hoped the reward to not be experience anymore. Since there were already players, he was not in need of it.

You received bonus rewards.

Character Summon Card: Dion.

LV 30 Special Dungeon Crystal, [Olayna Infiltration Plan]

+30 Relationship with Dion. Trading is now available.

Dion? Han Xiao remembered with joy after thinking back for some time.

Dion was a mysterious NPC on Planet Aquamarine; he was part of a hidden organization that kept a very low profile. Dion sold all sorts of rare supplies. He was like a hidden store, and there was no fixed mission for players to meet him. They had to pray to the Goddess of Fortune. And even if players had the chance to take on the mission, if they did not fulfill the hidden requirement, they would also miss the

opportunity.

So, he was the seller... Han Xiao was a little astonished.

His phone rang again. This time it was from the seller.

“My phone was tapped. I have settled it, so my calls will not expose any more secrets. I dragged you into this. I heard Mag also took part in the mission. If you did not warn me, I might not have been able to escape. I owe you one.”

“Since you are calling me, it means you wanted to repay me.”

Han Xiao acted like it was not a big deal, but he was laughing with happiness on the inside.

“You can call me Dion,” the seller said. “Usually I don’t do business with new customers, but you’re an exception, I will give you 20% off everything”.

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“Only 20%?” Han Xiao raised his tone. “Can you give a bit more.”

Dion was stunned. Should a legendary killer not be more... mysterious? He

remained silent for a moment and replied, “20% is a very high discount already.”

“Fine,” Han Xiao said mockingly.

Not long after, Han Xiao received a message—the item list of Dion’s Store.

There were many rare items, and some of them were likely even secret

research documents of the Six Nations.

There were even high-tier machines, which included the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace and a few nanotechnology machines that he had seen before from Lei Zhenyu, who had also traded with Dion before. Han Xiao was very delighted. He had a large sum of money earned from the two Novice Villages in Western Continent, which he could spend in any way he wanted to, and he was in need of new parts to build the Mech.

Quickly deciding with a few Heroal items, Han Xiao asked, “How do we make the deal?”

“Through a meetup, but this time at a rural area, in three days’ time. I will give you a location, and I will send someone to pass the stuff to you. My identity is rather sensitive, so I will not turn up due to my own safety.

Please understand.

Han Xiao was pleased. He only had one step left to finish his Mech, and once he got the materials, he would be able to complete it.

Han Xiao hung up the call and paid close attention to the other two items that were part of the rewards—Character Summoning Card of Dion and a Lv.30 special Dungeon Crystal.

Character Summoning Card: Dion

Ability: “You Can’t See Me” (D)—Lowers one’s sense of

existence, making
living or non-living things nearby have deviated sense when they
are
detecting him...

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It is not an Esper power or pure invisibility but something like a
power that

adjusts one's self to fit the surroundings. It is a unique power.

It seems to be quite useful, except its name was weird...

Chapter 174: Viper

He looked at the other item.

Lv.30 Special Dungeon Crystal—"Olayna" Infiltration Plan

Introduction: Olayna is a secret research lab of Ordina. A few
years ago,

Dion infiltrated this facility and stole their military secrets, this
will be your
test.

Dungeon Type: Backwards Time Travel Dungeon

Player Completion Count: 0

Shortest Completion Time: 00:00:00

Record Holders: None

The Dungeon Missions only appeared when inside the dungeon.

Han Xiao

guessed that it would require him to take on the identity of Dion
and steal

the secret documents just as Dion did.

Using Dungeon Crystal was risky for him, so he kept it unclaimed

in the
interface, considering selling it to players in the future.

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Three days later, at the meetup location, two of Dion's man were waiting in masks, carrying the items that Han Xiao had ordered. Han Xiao paid the money and got the things right at the spot; it went smoothly this time.

Going back to the cargo plane, Han Xiao opened the metal suitcase that he had received, which held the materials securely.

U9 Colloidal bulletproof Membrane, its functions had already been mentioned before.

'Nerves' Biological Transmission Cable increased energy efficiency, which

led to a higher output. Using it in a Heroal suit would slightly increase its basic stats.

High-Speed Injection Module could be placed inside the Heroal suit to inject some potions, such as healing potion and steroids. He also bought some pain killer.

Han Xiao had studied enough blueprints, and now he had all the materials he needed, so he decided to self-create a Heroal suit.

To prevent distractions, he had the plane parked in a hidden place and stopped all other activists.

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Five days later, with dark bags under his eyes, Han Xiao looked at the

completed suit with a smile of relief.

It's done.

The scan is successful. You have successfully created a new prototype blueprint!

Please name the blueprint...

Han Xiao contemplated for a while. This light Heroal suit was a knockoff of the Python, but many parts and modules were different from the original, so it suited his needs. He had an idea for a suitable name.

Named Successfully, you received customized blueprint [Light Heroal Suit—Viper]

This is a good name. Han Xiao was satisfied.

Viper was a completely black combat suit. There were platinum alloy plates on the outside of chest, belly, thighs, and back. A little below the back of the neck was where the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace was slotted into,

emitting a faint red light. Spaces between the armor were filled with U9

Colloidal Bulletproof Membrane, which had very high defensive power.

On the inside of the combat suit was PE-0 fiber that was designed to look

like muscle outlines, which increased the user's powers.

The helmet was a one-piece mask made of high breathability

materials,
which had a filtration device at the mouth made of metal and a
“B” shaped
protective goggles at the eyes. From the user’s perspective, the
goggles had
technical functions that listed out data scanned and captured
from the
battlefield.

There were also many weapon modules in the suit.

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Viper

Type: Single Unit Light Heroal Combat Suit

Grade: White

Basic Stats:

- Armor 5600/5600

- Defense 137

- Power Level 578

- Energy 2600/2600

Height: 1.82m

Weight: 108 lb

Control Method: Body + Low-Class Smart Chip

Power Source: Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace – Self Charge

Recovers Energy at 20/min

Energy conversion rate from user: 10:6

Stationary Mode Energy Usage: 12/min

Combat Mode Energy Usage: 28/min

Core Power Capacity: 421/600

[Bone Structure Module: PE0 Nanotechnology Fiber]

Biological Muscle Inner Bone

Strengthens muscle when the user moves the body

Hardens muscle under attack

Increases Attributes: STR +38, DEX +25, DEF +12

Power Output: 70

[Armor Plating Module: Platinum Alloy Plate]

Armor +1800

DEF +30

Power Output: None

[Armor Plating Module: U9 Colloidal bulletproof Membrane]

Armor +2400

DEF +45

Power Output: None

[Exterior Module: Optical Camouflage]

Reflects light to achieve invisibility to a certain extent

Power Output: 20

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[Eye Module]

Combination of: Electrical Scanning, Thermal Vision, Night

Vision

Display information in Technical Hologram Screen

Power Output: 25

[Right-Hand Module: Heating Hand Plate]

Produces a high amount of heat and deals continuous damage

Energy Cost: 1.2/s

Damage Level: 94

Power Output: 50

[Left-Hand Module: As above]

[Right-Wrist Module: Sunworm Mini Flamethrower]

Energy Cost 1/s

Damage Level: 98

Power Output: 50

[Left-Wrist Module: Field Repulsive Machine (Directional)]

Releases repulsive energy in an arc of 150° and 20m.

Cooldown: 30s

Energy Cost: 10 per use

Power Output: 60

[Leg Module: Electrical Hover Boots]

Energy Cost: 5/min

Power Output: 30

[System Module: Body Condition Check]

Power Output: 5

[System Module: Smart Fire Control System]

Aim Assist

Power Output: 5

[System Module: Target Analysis Database]

Power Output: 5

[Subsidiary Module: High-Speed Injection Needle]

Equipped: Pain Killer

Power Output: 10

[Subsidiary Module: Mini Spider Detector] * 8

Power Output: None

[Subsidiary Module: Electromagnetic Pulse Controller]

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Applies [Excitement]

All Stats +5%

Duration: 15 mins

Energy Cost: 5 per use

Power Output: 10

[Subsidiary Module: SUI Anti-Radar Coating]

Power Output: None

[Subsidiary Module: Mini-Radar]

Power Output: 18

[Subsidiary Module: Air Filtration Device]

Includes Oxygen Storage Capability, can store up to 15 minutes worth of oxygen.

Power Output: 8

[Subsidiary Module: Thermostat]

Power Output: 10

[Additional Ability: Strong Capability]

During Combat, distributes energy to Biological Muscle Inner Bone,

Increases stats: STR +40, DEX +20

[Additional Ability: Toughness]

Using Platinum Alloy and U9 Colloidal Bulletproof Membrane, gains high

resistance against corrosion, high temperature, and other abnormal states.

[Remark: A successful knockoff]

Finally, I have completed the Heroal suit. Han Xiao was excited.

He

had also received close to 20,000 experience from making it.

Viper was mainly used to increase the power of a single person and

consisted of generally smaller modules. The power capacity was not full

yet, so it could include more modules in the future if Han Xiao so desired.

Viper raised the combat power of Han Xiao to a whole new level, and it did

not interfere with him using other guns, grenades, or weapons.

This

Heroal suit was a second combat tactic, which provided higher survival

capabilities and increased all of his stats. If it was in combat mode, it would increase Han Xiao's strength by more than two times.

Han Xiao now had a sniper at long range and Heroal suit at close combat. Furthermore, Viper was lightweight; it could be folded into a suitcase, and Han Xiao had his Magnetically-Controlled Retractable Armor for when he was not wearing the Heroal suit.

I will have to test out its actual combat capabilities. Han Xiao decided on the next destination—it was where the tragedy of La Potter took place.

What convenient timing—killing the beast BOSS over there was also part of his plan.

...

The tragedy of La Potter occurred in a forbidden zone that was filled with wild beasts. The beasts in the area were strengthened by a mutation virus called 'Death Virus'.

A group of mutated rhinoceroses galloped across the maroon earth. They were enormous and muscular, their bones bulged from the body like an armor, and the cone-shaped horns on their heads were shining like metal.

Above, an anaconda with two pairs of bat wings dashed across the sky toward a corpse. Suddenly, a tiny blue flower beside the corpse turned into a gigantic mouth and swallowed the anaconda whole before turning back to

its harmless disguise.

“All the beasts here are mutated.”

At the exteriors of the forbidden zone, with serious expressions on their faces, Yan Dian and Ned were analyzing the situation through their binoculars. They were lone superheroes that had taken on a contract to enter the zone and search for a group of civilian explorers. This civilian exploring group had entered the forbidden zone and put themselves in such a dangerous spot all to investigate the source of the virus, which was very noble in the eyes of Yan Dian and Ned. Therefore, they had accepted the contract without hesitation.

“There has always been radiation in La Potter, which is the cause of virus mutation,” Ned said.

“From the last location report of the exploration group sent before losing contact, they went missing in a valley that is quite some distance from us.”

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“There’s a lot of unknown danger inside. We’ll have to be careful.”

In this area, any large transportation tool would become an obvious target both on land and in the sky. Therefore, they walked in on foot as it was the safer option.

Chapter 175: Beast King

On the other side of the forbidden zone, Han Xiao had arrived at his destination. The air was filled with a rotten smell and a hint of poison. The plants on the ground were mutated as well.

The spawn area is a little too huge. I don't know where the Beast King is.

Han Xiao put down the metal suitcase, opened it, and donned the Viper Heroal suit. The hologram display had zooming functions and compiled data collected from many scanning modules, which provided more detailed information on the surroundings. There was also a radar at the top left side of the screen that could detect any signs of life within a radius of 500 meters. By increasing the power output, this radius could be improved to 1,500 meters.

The scanning module had plenty of useful functions. It could analyze the collected data from tiny signs and traces on the ground to determine the source of said traces, and it could also record previously unknown data into the database for future analysis.

The filtration device got rid of the rotten smell in the air. Han Xiao could hear himself breathing inside the suit, and the thermostat made him feel very comfortable in it instead of feeling stuffy.

He brought along some firearms and grenades that were all fixed into respective slots and firing tracks in the suit.

Han Xiao moved around to familiarize himself with the Heroal suit controls, then jumped into the zone with each step covering close to ten meters.

The suit was in standby mode, which used less energy than the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace generated, so the energy was always full.

The radar was active at all times. If it detected any being with strong vital signs, it could be the Beast King, and since the species of Beast King was random, even Han Xiao was uncertain of what species would it be. After running for five minutes, a dozen or so vital signs appeared on the radar. The view from the hologram screen zoomed in like a sniper scope as Han Xiao gave the suit a voice command. The current controlling mode did not have nerve connection, only voice control for its various functions. The smart chip had voice identification and could analyze simple commands from Han Xiao; no one else could be able to use it.

At a few hundred meters away were a group of more than ten giraffe-like creatures with fearsome bone spurs, which clearly indicated they were not a tamed species. A few of the larger ones raised their necked and looked over to Han Xiao's position; they seemed to have noticed him.

Stealth Mode.

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Optical Camouflage was turned on, and the exterior of the Heroal suit

turned into the same color as the surroundings like a chameleon.

The gaps

in the suit was also closed up, not letting out any scent.

The giraffe-like creatures shook their heads around but could not find him,

so they lay back down.

If the level of the enemy was high enough, they would have been able to

see through the camouflage, but these beasts were clearly far

from that

level. Han Xiao continued to move forward, searching for the

target.

Two hours had gone by, and Han Xiao had already scanned

dozens of

mutated flora and fauna, which were all stored into the database.

He had

also fought a few beasts with various levels and vital signs to

determine the

approximate strength certain vital sign levels presented.

The highest leveled beasts that he had met was a pack of

wolf-like beasts at

LV 42, which was not his target.

The sun had set, and the night became more dangerous as

howling filled the

forbidden zone.

If Han Xiao did not have his Heroal suit, the night would have been

dangerous to him as well, but Viper's stealth ability was

strengthened by the

night. It sealed all of his sound and scent and made him as

inconspicuous as

a rock.

I've yet to find the target, Han Xiao thought. He sat by a large rock and inserted bullets into the clip as he changed the visor mode to night vision.

The chance of the Beast King spawning at the heart of the zone, The Ruins of La Potter, was higher, as the closer toward the center, the more beasts there were.

With a voice command, the armor around Han Xiao's calves split open.

Inside was a small space that stored the Spider Detectors. He activated them and made them spread out toward the center of the zone. The images captured by them were displayed on his goggles.

Spider Detectors worked in a shaky but rather quick way. After a while,

Han Xiao could see the situation of the center zone, which was filled with ferocious looking beasts.

Suddenly, the image from Spider Detector No.1 experienced a slight shake,

and loud crashing sounds could be heard from afar. The beasts were then seen all going in the same direction.

Spider Detector No.1 climbed up a long-haired boar and headed toward the same direction. Two Superhumans running for their lives from the beasts appeared in sight. One of them was an Esper who could release white

shockwaves from the hands, which was quite powerful and knocked closing beasts back again and again. However, the sound it produced attracted more and more beasts. It was a vicious cycle that only made the situation worse.

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There are others who have entered this forbidden zone? Han Xiao raises his eyebrows in surprise.

Right the next moment, a white lion that was five meters tall and more than ten meters long appeared. All the other beasts got out of his way with fear, and those who did not were all dead.

Han Xiao's eyes twinkled. That was most likely the Beast King.

...

Yang Dian and Ned ran with all their might to the extent that their lungs felt like it was burning. Behind them were more than a hundred mutated beasts and an enormous white lion.

“All of this is because of your power. Its sound attracted so many beasts!”

Yang Dian said while clenching his teeth in anger.

“Shut up! If not for your carelessness, we could've avoided that pack of wolves! Stop complaining and making useless comments, what should we do now?” Ned said as he released another shockwave, knocking back a few beasts that came too close.

Yang Dian took out his laptop while running to look at the map

and said,

“We’re getting closer to the center of the zone. It’s extremely dangerous there, so we have to change direction now!”

They turned hastily. The beasts were chasing closely with the enormous white lion leading ahead. Ned’s shockwaves could only stop its movement for a mere second and could not even push it back even the slightest distance. Ned was sweating heavily; he was running out of energy. This time, a cliff appeared in front. There was a gap on the ground that could only fit a human, and he had to enter sideways.

“Quick! Hide inside!” They were overjoyed.

Suddenly, Ned noticed a huge shadow below him expanding at a fast pace.

Turning around with surprise, Ned saw the white lion jump toward him and slam its claws straight down. The wind from the raw power of the beast was so strong that Ned could barely open his eyes or breathe.

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“You go first!” Yang Dian shouted as he pushed Ned away. He then punched toward the claw with blue flames wrapping around his arm.

He was a Pugilist that had a stronger physique and could endure more damage than Ned, so he was confident it would not be a problem to block just this one attack.

Fists and claws clashed with each other.

The sound of bones breaking could be heard clearly; Yan Dian's arm was fractured, and a few of his ribs were also broken just from the impact alone.

He threw up a mouthful of blood and flew up like a pebble. Ned quickly pulled him along into the gap between the ground, and the claws followed them the next moment and broke stones into pebbles.

Almost... they almost did not make it.

“Such strong raw strength!” Yan Dian's face was twitching from the pain. A

strong Pugilist like him had been critically injured by just one hit; the power of this lion was unheard of.

Ned was even more aghast. He knew the power of Yan Dian, but even he could not handle a single hit from the white lion.

They probably would not survive this time.

The beasts surrounded the outside, so they had no other choice but to depend on this gap to live.

Fortunately, the beasts could not enter... for now. They kept scratching the entrance, trying to create a bigger gap. Every time they heard the sound of claws against the rocks, their heartbeat became faster.

Yang Dian took out bandages and ointment to treat the wounds.

What they would face next could very well be a death battle. Thus, he had to recover as quickly as possible. Ned was also trying to recover as much energy as

possible even it meant he would suffer more injury in the future.

All they
wished was to get through this.

All of a sudden, the beasts outside gathered tightly and started
running
toward each other. The white lion let out a loud growl and started
killing

other beasts. The beasts also started to turn against each other.

Blood spilled
everywhere, and growling rumbled on continuously.

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Chapter 176: Actual Combat with

Heroal Sui

“The beasts started killing each other.”

Smiles appeared on their faces as they decided to wait and see.

The beasts fought for more than half an hour, leaving corpses
everywhere.

The white lion was the final winner. Blood from other beasts had
added red

to its snowy fur. It stood before the gap and growled at the rest of
the

beasts, indicating that they were his prey. The beasts backed off
and left the
prey for the king of the beasts.

The beast herd was gone, but the strongest one of them all, the
white lion,

was still waiting outside. As it clawed at the hole, the opening
became

larger, so it would not be long before Yang Dian and Ned had
nowhere to
hide.

Their hearts sank to the bottom.

Ned bit his lips and said, “Your wounds are too severe. You be

the bait, and
maybe I can live.”

Yang Dian looked at his heavily wounded body and said, “It’s
true I won’t
be able to escape. It’s better for one to die than both. If you can
make it out
alive, remember to take care of my family.”

“I will. I will raise your child and take care of your wife.”

They looked at each other and stayed silent for a moment. Then
they both
gave a bitter smile.

“Stop talking nonsense. If we’re going to die, we’ll die together.”

Yang Dian stood up in a struggle and said, “We’ll use everything
we have
left.”

Ned nodded. White light started lighting up on his hands as he
got ready for
combat.

Just as they were going to leave and use everything they had, a
flash of blue
light dashed across the night sky and hit the white lion’s left eye.
Immediately, it burst into blood. Then they heard the sound of a
gunshot.

The white lion roared in anger and sprinted toward the source of
the
gunshot.

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Yang Dian and Ned were stunned, which then turned into
excitement.

“Someone’s came to help!”

Five hundred meters away, Han Xiao lay prone on the floor with
the Ghost
sniper rifle, blue light glowing along the circuits on its body.

Through the sniper scope, he saw the white lion rushing toward him with a bloody left eye.

This shot was fired with Flaming Will, which this time it triggered a lucky 2.2 times damage, together with [Overload], vital point, and sneak attack critical damage. The damage was an astonishing 1,800! This was the highest damage Han Xiao had dealt with a single shot.

However, the white lion was still alive and well like it did not affect him.

Han Xiao looked at the information on the interface, and as he expected, the white lion was indeed the beast king. Its real name was Mutant White Lion King, LV 56. It had a lot of beast specialty abilities. For instance, its health was a horrifying amount of more than 18,000, so the shot only took around 10% of its health, as well as a sight loss debuff.

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Mutant White Lion King

Level: 56

Health: 15724/18700

Status: -50% Field of View, Moderate Bleeding State

Attributes: 135 STR, 126 DEX, 240 END, 30 INT, 22 MYS, 31
CHA, 24

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Its attributes were very high, and it had many special abilities, which included one called [Crazed Rage] that largely enhances movement speed, attack speed, and damage as health decreased. An extremely dangerous ability.

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This BOSS was supposed to be fought by a team, but Han Xiao was solo.

However, with the new Heroal suit, the risk was much lower. Han Xiao stood up and slid backward while firing with his sniper continuously. Despite wearing Viper, he would not opt for close-range combat. Mixing combat strategies was the right way to go. By using the sniper and Heroal suit at the same time, he could have an advantage in both close-up and ranged combat. The scanning module analyzed the nearby terrain and backed up automatically without Han Xiao having to look back, so he could fully focus on dealing damage.

After kiting for a while, when Han Xiao finished all the clips of Red Falcon and Berserk Eagle, Mutant White Lion King finally closed in to within a hundred meters.

Han Xiao stopped backing up and instead dashed forward to the beast king.

“Switch to Combat Mode!” Han Xiao yelled.

Electricity pumped through the cables. As bright red light shone from the

Bonfire Reaction Furnace on his back, muscle fibers in the suit expanded and provided Han Xiao with even more power.

Clenching his fist, Han Xiao could clearly feel the amount of power in the Heroal suit just waiting to be let out; the additional attributes from the suit had more than doubled his STR and DEX.

Yang Dian and Ned saw from afar that Han Xiao was going to face the white lion king head-on.

“Don’t fight him at such a close range!” they shouted at Han Xiao in shock.

This mysterious person in the Heroal suit was there to save them—he was their hope. They could remember how easily Yang Dian had been defeated, and this guy might very well end up the same.

Such a small sized human, yet he still chose to face the enormous beast head-on! It was like throwing an egg at a stone—it would have no impact!

The man and the lion crashed against each other. The result was certain in the minds of Yang Dian and Ned. They almost wanted to close their eyes and not see how cruel the end would be for that mysterious man. But they were wrong. The mysterious man not only did not suffer a tragic loss, but it was the white lion that was growling in pain. The white lion king was knocked back, and half of Han Xiao’s body was hammered into the ground. They were unbelievably on par!

Han Xiao had a lighter weight. He had to direct the strength into the ground

to not be knocked up. With the leg muscles unleashing their energy, Han

Xiao jumped out of the ground and swung his leg onto the white lion's head

like a whip. With a loud sound, a ripple appeared in the air.

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The white lion's skull changed shape from the power. Its whole body was

sent rolling away and smashing onto the ground.

“Oh my god!”

Yang Dian and Ned were completely stunned by what they saw.

Their sizes were more than ten times apart, and that terrifying white lion

had just lost to this mysterious person! In strength!

Yang Dian felt his throat going dry. What he had seen was too impactful.

Just because he could not do it, did not mean others could not. He had

fought with other Pugilists that were stronger than him, and none of them

even came close to how strong the White Lion King was. Yet, this mysterious man was even stronger than that.

“What Heroal suit is that? I've never seen that before,” Yang Dian said.

Ned's eyes continued staring straight ahead, not sparing Yang Dian a

glance. “Could it be a secret research of some giant organization?”

During combat mode, Viper gave an attribute boost of 78 STR and 45 DEX,

which made these two attributes of Han Xiao even higher than

the White
Lion King's. What was even more horrifying was that his
[Overload] could
further improve the attributes from Viper!

Han Xiao had noticed Yang Dian and Ned much earlier, but since
he did not
know who they were, he did not bother much about it.

Han Xiao fought the Mutant White Lion King at a very close range,
each of
his punches and kicks dealing a high amount of damage. Energy
was
flowing rapidly from the Mini Bonfire Reaction Furnace, and the
high
amount of armor protected him from White Lion King's attacks.

Only using fists and legs was a total waste on all the functions the
Heroal suit had. Han Xiao had turned on the Heating Gloves and
Sun
Worm and lit the White Lion King's fur on fire, leaving burn
marks around
his body.

Their fight shook the ground like an earthquake. Even the duo
watching
from afar could feel it as they spectated the heated fight in awe.

Although
White Lion King's attacks became strong and faster over time,
Han Xiao
still had the upper hand. He could avoid most attacks because of
how agile
he was, and even for those that he did not manage to avoid, they
could not
penetrate his suit.

The duo intended to help, but they realized that not only were
they not able
to, they might become a burden even if they tried to help.

However, they
were not the kind to leave their savior behind, so they stood aside
watching
helplessly.

Curiosity and amazement of Han Xiao's Heroal suit filled their
minds
—they had never seen or heard any country that was ever able to
make such
a strong single unit combat suit with so many functions before.

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Planet Aquamarine's progress in Heroal suit research has always
lacked
behind. Rumor had it that only the country of Theseus had
exoskeleton

Heroal suit prototypes, but they were heavy and bulky and could
not
improve the user's physical abilities. However, this Heroal suit
was far
beyond their knowledge and understanding.

In galactic civilizations, single unit combat suit was standard
equipment for
soldiers, which reduced the gap between humans and
Superhumans, and it
was more than a bargain for players.

The Viper was a piece of equipment ahead of its time—it should
never have
even appeared in front of players in version 1.0. In fact, no
Heroal suit
was supposed to have been created in version 1.0 and definitely
not owned
by any player.

Chapter 177: The Start of the

'Inhuman' Incident

The White Lion King jumped up in the air and pounced toward

Han Xiao.

As the wind pressure came closer to his head, Han Xiao calmly raised his hand toward the White Lion King. An invisible force shot out from his arm as he turned on the Field Repulsive Machine. The White Lion King was knocked back and fell to the ground.

Han Xiao was using many modules simultaneously, so the energy level was steadily decreasing over time.

After countless punches, the White Lion King's health was down to around 30%. The White Lion King howled toward the sky. Its skins turned red; it

had entered Rage Mode. Or as the players called it, the second phrase. Han

Xiao could feel the pressure bursting in a short moment I shouldn't face him directly during Rage Mode. Han Xiao decided to retreat to a safer range. For the time being, it was his combat style to be able to strike and escape anytime he wanted.

The White Lion King chased him for some time, then it slowed down, showing signs of exhaustion.

Just at this moment, [Flaming Will]'s cooldown ended, Han Xiao immediately held up his Ghost sniper rifle and shot at the other undamaged eye of the White Lion King.

This was the highest damage multiplier he had gotten ever since he learned [Overload]—4.1 times!

Lucky!

With this one shot, the only eye that the White Lion King had left burst into a cloud of blood. It was gravely injured and fell to the ground with just a few hundred points of health left.

“It’s dead!” In his excitement, Han Xiao let out a sigh of relief.

Viper’s

power was higher than he had expected, and it covered the

Heros’

weakness of having low physical attributes and provided strong protection

at close range, and it had high functionality in almost all aspects.

Viper was the basis of his secondary combat strategy. Just like

how his

sniping strategy built up slowly, his Heroal suit also needed more modules to be completed. This was just the beginning. This battle

was a test

of its actual combat capabilities, so he could figure out a clearer

plan for

future improvements. There was room for improvements in both

combat

and stealth abilities.

The White Lion King was unable to move, so Han Xiao went up

and

finished it easily. He took out the retractable knife and cut out its

heart. It

was the size of a basketball, filled with violet colored nerves, hot

like a ball

of fire.

You received a special item [Mutated Heart].

You have triggered mission [Virus Research]!

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Mission Introduction: Beasts in this area are all infected by Death Virus.

Some organizations are looking for research samples that are strong enough. That's right, I'm talking about this heart you're holding.

Mission Requirement: Bring [Mutated Heart] to Louis Biological Research

Institution in seven days.

Reward: Death Virus Drug x 1

This mission was a bonus rewards mission triggered by the heart.

The drug reward was able to increase one's attributes permanently, and there was a small chance to give the user a rare talent ability.

In the previous life, the Beast King BOSS was always killed within hours after spawning, and since the Death Virus Drug could be used more than once, the biggest guilds were the ones that controlled the area to grind the drug.

Louis Biological Research Institution was open to the general public, and players could exchange all kinds of weird materials for drugs that were not any less weird. It was in Maple.

Han Xiao took out the liquid nitrogen suitcase that he had prepared and placed the lion heart inside, then he heard the sounds of footsteps.

Yang

Dian and Ned walked to him with hesitation.

“Thank you for helping us,” Yang Dian said as he looked at

Viper's mask.

However, he could not see Han Xiao's face.

Han Xiao did not reply. He checked through his inventory and left—the smell of blood would attract more beasts. Plus, he needed a place to rest.

The duo looked at each other awkwardly, then caught up to Han Xiao and introduced themselves. With high hopes, they said to Han Xiao, “We came here to save an exploration team. They went deep into the zone to find the cure of the virus and have lost contact. We hope you can help us.”

You triggered Grade D Mission [Save the exploration team].
Accept or reject?

“Reject.”

This content is taken from Han Xiao swung his hands, turned his voice to an electrically mixed fake voice, and said, “Don't bother me.”

Saving them would mean having to bring a group of normal people across the forbidden zone—the chance of success was too low. Every second spent there would increase the level of danger. Han Xiao's target was only the mutated heart, and it was completed. Thus, there was no need for him to waste his time in the zone. He did not want to just follow the missions blindly.

“They are in danger because they wanted to solve the disaster.

How can you
not help!” Ned said anxiously.

Han Xiao turned on his hovering shoes and left without replying.

It was
clear what he meant at this moment. Do whatever you want, but
don’t drag
me into it.

The duo watched with resignation as Han Xiao left.

Not everyone is kind like them, and they knew that, but they
were still upset
over losing such strong help.

...

Han Xiao left the Forbidden Zone and went back to the cargo
plane that was
parked far away. He took the Heroal suit off and let out a sigh of
relief.

Viper had amazing capabilities, and he was satisfied with the
actual combat
results.

The plane took off for Maple, to get in touch with Louis Biological
Research Institution and exchange the heart for the drug. He also
planned to
do a threatening mission while he was there, and the contact for
the Blood
Pact Society was also in Maple.

Han Xiao looked at the brief mission introduction on his laptop.
My contact is a hitman? Wait a minute, this name looks familiar,
Golden
Fox? I might have seen it somewhere before.

Han Xiao raised his brows a little but did not bother much about
it. Putting

the matter aside, he opened the forum—his focus at the moment

was
players.

Han Xiao still had two novice villages in the Western Continent that he had not visited. The new players there had already almost reached an average level of ten. By this time, they would have all started leaving the village to explore the map, but because of Han Xiao, some players stayed to wait for his arrival.

The feeling was great. His actions had affected the players in what they did, which was all because of the recent popularity and influence he had gained.

Reading through the forums, some new posts had attracted his attention.

They were mostly from players in the land of Andrea, and the content was all complaining.

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“Question, why is the Germinal Organization coming to novice villages to capture us?”

“I have been brainwashed, my faction is locked, and I have lost relationship points—why is this happening?”

“An NPC sliced me into pieces and asked about my origins...”
“Me too!”

“Is this part of the storyline? But I did not get any alerts on my interface.”

Some players recorded the process of Germinal Organization capturing players in the novice villages. Fully armed soldiers placed

handcuffs on
players one by one, and some players resisted but were shot
immediately by
paralysis bullets.

A group of cuffed players sat in the back of the car. Space was
tight, and
they could only see the outside world through windows covered
by bars.

These players were brought to the bases of Germinal
Organization one by
one. Its bases were unlike the ones on the other three continents,
which was
very hidden. The bases of the headquarters in Andrea were all
humongous
and had extremely tight defenses.

The land of Andrea was brown. If someone could see from a
satellite
vision, they would see the bases of the Germinal Organization as
black
colored areas spreading across the brown land, like virus spots.

This
forsaken land was filled with abundant radiation and dirt with
depreciating
signs of life. The Germinal Organization took many old country
facility
ruins and inherited their facilities, including places that were
once military
sites.

Inhuman incident has started. Han Xiao's eye twinkled. He had
experienced
this incident before in the previous life; it had been the hottest
topic at the
time.

Curiosity toward players from NPCs is the core attraction point of

Galaxy

—players appearing was part of the storyline. Different planets had different approaches toward the players, and Planet Aquamarine was the first planet for this to happen.

Before, as a player, he was basically rubbernecking and did not do anything.

Now that he had a different perspective, he felt he could find out something else.

I have made the Germinal Organization lose all of their secondary bases, so the number of players joining them would be much fewer, and they have probably realized the damage that has caused.

Just imagining how angry their leader would be made Han Xiao happy.

Han Xiao turned on his laptop and browsed information through the Dark Net. The existence of players had already been noticed by many organizations; the natives of Planet Aquamarine were surprised by their arrival.

The Six Nations might make a move very soon, which would delay the expedition war, but it would still be earlier than my previous life.

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Han Xiao narrowed his eyes. The war occurring earlier give him both advantages and disadvantages, advantages being the players have yet to grow strong enough, and when the Six Nations burst into an

all-out war,
their impact would be minimal, which reduced the accidental factors. With
the power of the Six Nations, as long as the players did not interfere, they
would totally crush the Germinal Organization.
Because of Han Xiao's interference, the main storyline of the war between
Six Nations and the Germinal Organization would very soon enter the
climax, before the players even had enough ability to join into the story.

Chapter 178: Fermentation

Stardragon's Western Capital, Division 13 headquarters.
Gu Hui, the vice-chairman, and Division 13's leaders gathered in the secret
meeting room. Gu Hui pressed a button on the table, and the doors and the
windows shut entirely. All surveillance devices lost their functionalities.

Gu Hui put on a serious look as he distributed the documents to everyone in
the meeting. The documents had authorization stamps from the highest
officials, which meant this information was highly confidential. It was the
observation information of the Inhumans.

“Five days ago, rumors about the existence of Inhumans started spreading
through the Dark Net. After investigating, it has been confirmed to be true.

The documents state it clearly. Inhumans have been appearing and

spreading in every continent like a virus. They appeared out of nowhere, and their origins are unknown.

“From the information that we found on the Dark Net, the Inhumans have the following characteristics...” Gu Hui stated the information that they had on the players, which was similar to what the Germinal Organization had.

They knew that the players disappeared instantly, would not die, and one other point. “Through our observation, their average power is not high. The threat level is identified as low.”

“If we don’t suppress this phenomenon, it might spread like a disease and cause a disaster,” one person said.

Gu Hui nodded and said, “The highest officials have given us their commands. Contacting these Inhumans will now be our priority.”

“What about the expedition? The supplies and our army have already been prepared. We can head to Andrea anytime.”

“The highest-level superiors have already come to an agreement with the leaders of other countries to temporarily stop the expedition. We have to first understand the situation of this inhuman phenomenon; it has higher threat potential.” Gu Hui Knocked the table, he scanned through everyone and said, “Ask our people to bring back some Inhumans. Also, be friendly

—we do not know anything about their origin.”

“Some of our agents are undercover in Andrea. Should we call them back?”

the head of field operations said.

“No need, let them retrieve more intelligence. We have enough manpower,”

Gu Hui said. “When we have a conclusion on this, maybe the officials will seek help and answers from the Galactic Civilizations.”

...

As the average level of players became higher, their actions made a greater impact and attracted the attention of the organizations. The Six Nations,

Vagrants, Dark Net, and many large financial organizations were all paying attention to the Inhuman Phenomenon. They had been sending their people to contact these Inhumans with different approaches. Some were friendly,

and some were not. The exception was Germinal Organization—they

captured large numbers of players in Andrea, which forced player in the novice village to leave the village early.

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For players, which organization they joined would not actually make a difference to them, but they would naturally want to resist if they were forced. The Germinal Organization had definitely left a bad impression on players, and for those who were already captured, they could

only accept
their fate.

Players in Andrea had a tough time. Their game experience was extremely bad, but it made players very curious about one thing—Why were the NPCs surprised about their existence? The NPCs acted almost like real people.

More and more organizations started contacting players, and more and more players experienced similar situations. They started making guesses actively on forums about the situation, and this topic soon became the most popular topic in the forum.

This only happened on Planet Aquamarine and not any other planets, so a large number of players from other planets visited the Planet Aquamarine site, which made it the most visited planet site of all the novice planets.

There were hundreds of new posts every second; its popularity was astonishingly high.

All kinds of speculations surfaced. The seemingly most possible and accepted theory was the Electrolux theory, but the game developers did not give any response. Players could only make random guesses, some of which were quite out of the box.

“We actually went through reincarnation to conquer a new world for our gods, serial number A12651 reporting for duty!”

“Bullshit, we’re Earth’s army to conquer alternative dimensions, and we have an honorable mission on our hands.”

“798 Space feet from the Earth Association. Commander Blacky is waiting for deployment. Victory belongs to earth!”

“You’re all wrong. The earth is just an illusion. This is actually the reality.”

“You youngsters are too naïve. This is all part of the Elder’s plan.”

“This marks the first step of Skynet’s domination over mankind. One day, all of our minds will be locked up in the game.”

“Hail Hydra!”

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“Previous commenter is in the wrong set!”

“Sigh, I’m a retired soldier of the 1999 clan wars. Come to think of it, that was a really dark age.”

“This Grandpa above surely has a strong body, playing Full Dive VR games at such an old age.”

These ridiculous speculations became a joke that was trending all over the forum.

In a big picture, organizations contacting players with caution was beneficial. It was easier for players to pick a side or organization to join, except for players in Andrea who were being continuously captured.

Han Xiao was following the situation. He had information from

both the Dark Net and the forum, which meant that he knew much more than any players or NPCs.

The mindset of both parties was very different. The organizations were careful and serious about it, while the players found it fun.

Interesting. Han Xiao raised his eyebrows.

The influence from the Inhuman incident was slowly fermenting as the organizations found out more and more about the players' characteristics.

The pro players from my previous life should have met their opportunities by now.

Planet Aquamarine was China's base camp, so there would definitely be some players who had met an opportunity, unlike other normal players.

The storyline was going on the right path. Han Xiao rushed to Maple, as the Mutated Heart Mission had a time limit.

Louis Research Institution was in Kaylos city in Maple. It was not near the border this time, so Han Xiao had to travel in a car for two days after being smuggled into the country.

This content is taken from The country of Maple felt lifeless. Its rigid political system, uneven wealth distribution, and resources were all tightly controlled by politicians, and the low class had very limited opportunities to improve their life. 'Barely living

and just waiting to die' was the best phrase to describe civilians in Maple.

Walking on the street, long-faced pedestrians passed by him. Han Xiao rubbed his face. He felt that such a confident and handsome face did not fit in with the state of the people on the street.

Han Xiao changed his face again and even wore spectacles. He was sure that nobody could recognize him.

Louis Research Institution building was very tall and silver, which fitted the technology theme. The people in the building were all wearing white coats, as if they were worried about others not knowing they were doing technological research.

A receptionist walked to him with a well-mannered smile as soon as he walked in.

“Hi, do you require an introduction to the business scope of Louis Group Companies?”

Han Xiao raised the metal suitcase in his hands and said, “I have a heart from a Death Virus infected being. One of your researchers might be interested.”

“Please wait a moment, I will inform a superior.” The lady receptionist guided Han Xiao to the sofa and left.

Louis Research Institution accepted exterior research projects, so there were always customers who came to visit.

Han Xiao sat on the sofa and scanned the environment of the hall.

It was

built in the shape of a sphere, which made it look like a hotel hall.

After some time, two people covered in bandages walked in. Han

Xiao

raised his head as he smelled the odor of blood. It was the

‘superhero’ duo

he had met in the Forbidden Zone.

These guys were saving some exploring team, could it be that the

team was

from Louis Research Institution ?

Looks like they failed and are badly injured.

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Han Xiao raised his brows but stayed put as they did not

recognize him.

Chapter 179: The Research

Institution

Yang Dian and Ned were frustrated. The exploration team that

they were

trying to save belonged to Louis Research Institution, and it was

Louis

Research Institution that entrusted them with the rescue mission.

After Han

Xiao left, they had rested for a while and started searching with

caution.

Eventually, they found the target at the valley that the

exploration team had

lost contact in.

However, all of them had been infected by Death Virus and had

mutated.

Bone spurs grew on their bodies, and they had turned into crazed

beasts.

There was no way to save them anymore.

The leader of the exploration team had been able to retain a small part of his sanity. He gave the duo a metal suitcase and told them it contained an important material that could create the cure for Death Virus. With his remaining rationality, he requested that they take it back to the Research Institution.

The duo had no choice but to abandon the incurable exploration team and leave the forbidden zone with the suitcase. They were attacked by a herd of beasts on their way out, and they protected the suitcase with their bodies.

They luckily escaped with the suitcase undamaged, but they were covered in wounds. Yang Dian and Ned dragged their exhausted bodies onto the plane and came to Kaylos feeling pitiful. They could not save the exploration team and were ready to be blamed by the research institution, as they felt they did not live up to the trust they had been given.

A guy with spectacles and looking like someone of a high position walked out the lift and trotted toward the duo with a face full of hope. "Heroes, you have returned." He sounded very welcoming. "Sorry Mr. Kate, we failed the mission," Ned said in a very apologetic tone.

Kate's expression changed. "Are they all dead?" "Sorry, they were infected. We couldn't do anything." Yang Dian could not

look at Kate's grief-stricken face.

"It's not your fault..."

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Seeing Kate taking off his spectacles and rubbing his eyes made the duo

feel even worse. Ned took out the metal suitcase and said, "The exploration

team asked us to make sure this is delivered to you. It's an

important

material that can solve the Death Virus!"

Kate took over the metal suitcase and gave it a gentle touch.

"Sigh, I wish

they made it back alive. This is their accomplishment, and we'll never

forget that. If we are able to make a cure out of this, it will be

named after

them."

The duo could not agree more. Yang Dian sighed and said, "They are

heroes. Not being able to save them is a regret that I'll remember for life."

"Don't feel that way. Their hard work wouldn't have paid off if not for you

guys. You have done what you could, and you shouldn't blame yourselves

for that. If you don't mind, we would like to take care of your wounds for

free," Kate said with appreciation.

"No need to, I can't trouble you any further." The more

appreciation Kate

showed, the sorrier the duo felt. They rejected the invitation and walked out

with straight backs.

Kate pushed his spectacles and watched the duo leave. He then

walked
toward Han Xiao with a smile and said, “Greetings, do you have
any
business for the Research Institution?”

Han Xiao returned the smile and opened the metal suitcase,
showing Kate
the mutated heart.

“This is a Death Virus infected heart from a very strong being.”
Kate’s eyes sparkled, and he said with an even brighter smile,
“Please,
follow me.”

Kate led the way into the elevator, and they went up to the
thirteenth floor.

A long, white corridor came into sight after the doors opened. At
the sides
of it were many experimental labs with glass windows. Some of
them had
people that were running experiments, some had machines and
materials,
and there were also a few free researchers that were chatting in
the corridor.

The thirteenth floor was one of the experimental floors of Louis
Research
Institution. As he led the way, Kate said, “The Death Virus has
always been
a very important project in our research. We kept running into
obstacles and
meeting limits because we don’t have enough supplies of lively
materials.

This heart is very important to us; we might be able to make a
drug out of it
straight away. As usual, we will give you a dose of it once it’s
completed,

but of course, we can exchange that for something else if you would like other rewards.”

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“No need for that, I want the drug.” Han Xiao pointed at the metal suitcase in Kate’s hands that came from Yang Dian and Ned and said, “I thought you already have the material.”

“This? Hehe, well, this is important, too.” Kate laughed it off and did not explain further.

They stopped outside a big biological experiment lab. “Please kindly wait here. Unauthorized personnel are not allowed in the experimental lab.”

Han Xiao passed the suitcase to Kate, who then walked in with both suitcases and spoke to someone that seemed to be the supervisor of the experimental lab. The suitcases were opened on the table. Inside the other suitcase was a white colored egg. Han Xiao was unsure what creature was it from.

Kate and the lab supervisor spoke quietly, but with Han Xiao’s LV 55

senses, he could hear everything they said.

“What happened to the exploration team. All dead?” the supervisor asked.

“Yes,” Kate replied, “the heroes couldn’t save them.”

“At least the stuff is delivered. Never mind that they died, with this heart,

we can make the drugs very soon. What did the ‘heroes’ say?”
“They felt they couldn’t live up to our trust. Hehe, employing these heroes is so much cheaper than mercenaries. As long as we give them a good reason, they might even do things for free. Saved me quite some money.”

“You didn’t get found out, did you?”

“Of course not, they’re stupid and naïve. A few lies, and they were easily touched and even almost cried. These so-called heroes are the easiest to convince. A little compliment and appreciation will make them lose their senses. They thought that they did a very honorable thing when they left. I almost burst into laughter.”

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“Don’t offend these heroes. Do our best to build a good relationship with them.”

“Don’t worry, I gave them a good impression. If there are any dangerous things, we can still find them. They will not reject us as long as we give them a good reason.”

Han Xiao waited calmly without changing his expression.

Kate finished the conversation not long after. He came back outside the room and said with a polite smile, “It takes one day to make the drug. If you don’t mind, we can provide a room for you to rest, and the drug will be

handed to you as soon as it's done.”

“Okay.” Han Xiao did not object.

They took the lift to the residential floor, and Han Xiao was given a guest room. Kate mentioned a few areas that he was not allowed to enter and found an excuse to leave.

Han Xiao checked the room for cameras and found two of them, so he took out his laptop and hacked into the system, controlled the cameras in his room, and set it to a loop.

He then hacked into the database of the research institution without hesitation to look at their research projects.

[Elementary Coding] was already at the highest level. His hacking skills could get him through most of the firewalls on Planet Aquamarine, except for the Six Nations, Germinal Organization, the core of the Dark Net, and a few other large organizations. A small research institution could not stop him at all. He entered with ease without triggering any alarms, and he could erase his traces afterwards, so no one would be able to find out he had ever hacked into the system.

He opened the projects file of the research institution, and names appeared on the screen.

“Green Lizard Potion, Wild Bull Steroid, Thunder Claw Extraction, Stone

Plaque Pathogen...”

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Many names were drugs that players received in his previous life.

After

some time of finding, he finally found the Death Virus project. Its

full name

was [Death Virus Enhancement Agent]. In its detailed description,

this was

an experiment that could enhance one’s physical capabilities, and

the

research institution was certainly not doing any research on the

cure that

Yang Dian and Ned talked about.

Han Xiao’s eyes flashed as he clicked his keyboard, and he had

planted a

program.

Chapter 180: Robbery

Kate came to Han Xiao’s room on the next day, carrying a metal suitcase.

He placed the suitcase on the table, patted it, and said, “The drug

has been

completed.”

When Han Xiao opened the suitcase, thick white gas escaped

from within,

and inside was a dark red, viscous drug. He reached out his hands

to touch

it, and information showed up in the interface.

Death Virus Enhancement Agent (Low Concentration 3.5%): A

drug made

from some kind of gene mutation virus. Its essence can be used on

human

beings with high stability. Consumption affects: STR +1, DEX +1,

chance

to awaken [Extraordinary Physique].

Remarks: Although its color looks like the product of menstruation, worry not, its taste is also like...

Only low concentration, they gave me the one with the lowest quality, Han

Xiao thought as he closed the suitcase.

“I’m satisfied with this,” he said with a smile.

“We look forward to our next partnership,” Kate replied politely.

“No need to look forward. I want to buy more drugs; what do you have in stock?”

“We only provide long term bulk supplies to large organizations and customers with abilities. If it’s a single customer... especially one with an unknown origin, I’m afraid it will be quite difficult. We hope you can understand. However, we can sell it in bulk to you if you can prove your ability to afford them in the long term.”

Kate expressed his difficulties just the right amount and made it look like he really wanted to agree but could not because of the rules and regulations.

However, in the eyes of an experienced person like Han Xiao, it was very obviously done on purpose, most likely to raise the price.

Han Xiao smiled mysteriously. He adjusted his collar and said, “Allow me to introduce myself officially, I’m an Executive Officer of Germinal

Organization, Heisenberg.”

Kate was very surprised.

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Germinal Organization? Didn't they leave the Western Continent?

Is this so-called Heisenberg guy a secretly active executive officer, or is he lying?

“Forgive me for being so straightforward, but your identity is very suspicious.” Kate took two steps back and placed his right hand in his pocket holding the alarm. If Han Xiao made any suspicious movements, he would trigger the alarm.

“Don't have to be so nervous, give me a moment.” Han Xiao walked into the toilet with his backpack.

Why is he going to the toilet? Just as when Kate was confused, Han Xiao walked out wearing Viper. The Heroal suit that looked highly advanced gave Kate a shock.

“Wha-what are you...”

Han Xiao swung his arms around and said through the suit's speaker, “This is the latest single unit Heroal suit invented by the Germinal Organization. If your eyes still work, you should be able to see the amount of advanced technology used in this. Even the official experimental lab of the Six Nations doesn't have this technology. You don't have to worry about me lying; this is a secret project of our organization, and it should suffice to

prove my identity.”

Kate opened his mouth slightly—he felt something was off.

“But...”

“I am aware of your concerns. If you want to find a stamp of Germinal Organization on the Heroal suit, I suggest you save the effort. Times are very tough for us, and it is very dangerous to have a high profile. I’ve been given full responsibility for this matter, so if you want to contact a higher ranked official... Forgive me for being so straightforward, but your position doesn’t warrant that,” Han Xiao said in a serious tone. He almost believed it himself.

Kate hesitated and said, “I need to discuss with the other high ranked officials.”

He walked to the side and opened his laptop to contact the other high ranked officials. They were all experiment lab supervisors, and they were surprised by Han Xiao’s origins.

“He can’t prove it, not trustworthy.”

“Do you want him to shout ‘I’m part of the Germinal Organization’ everywhere he goes? I think there’s no need for him to lie. We will know if he’s the real deal when we make the trade.”

“Makes sense to me.”

“But cooperating with the Germinal Organization seems somewhat dangerous...”

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Han Xiao cut in their conversation and said, “Any trade we make will be kept confidential. As long as you and I don’t tell anyone, no one will know.

We can even give you some financial support to build new divisions in Andrea.”

The eyes of all the high ranked officials in the research lab turned bright.

Andrea was filled with radiation, and many genes mutated flora and fauna avoided by others were treasures to them. They had heard about the generosity of Germinal Organization. In Maple, the government was corrupt, and they had just about had enough of it. It seemed like a rather good plan to change the environment.

Even if they did not move their headquarters, opening a research division in Andrea was a pretty good idea, too.

“Shall we try to make a deal?”

“Bring him to the exhibition room.”

With the discussion coming to an end, Kate smiled and said, “We accept the trade, Heisenberg. Please follow me. I will show you our research results.”

Han Xiao nodded. Without taking off the Heroal suit, he followed Kate into the lift, and they descended two floors.

The drugs exhibition room looked like cold storage from outside the door.

Kate entered the password, and the doors slid open. Inside was a dark compounded room separated into two levels connected by a metal staircase.

Showcases were laid out at the side of the walls, and inside them were drug tubes of various colors with tags describing their names and test results. All the drugs had finished products with different levels of concentration.

“These are the products of our research institution. Which ones does your organization want?” Kate said with a smile.

Han Xiao acted like he was looking around and said, “Every one of them.

Money is not a problem... as long as you have enough in stock.” Joy filled the faces for the high ranked officials who were watching through the camera—this was a big order.

Han Xiao raised his eyebrows. “But I will have to verify their effects first.”

Kate opened the showcase’s password lock, took out a drug, and passed it to Han Xiao. Han Xiao read the information on the interface. It was a temporary enhancement drug; consuming it would grant a +3 Endurance buff for three minutes.

After making sure all the drugs in these showcases were real, Han Xiao calmly said, “I will need a large quantity.”

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Kate received commands through the headphones. He took out a

laptop,

opened the price page, and said with a smile, “We have enough inventory.

After you have made the payment, these cute little things will be yours.”

Han Xiao narrowed his eyes. “I will only make payment when I see the products with my own eyes.”

“Don’t have to worry, we are just a small organization, and we don’t have the guts to go against a large organization like yours. We won’t go back on our word, and we hope you understand our concerns. Anyway, I believe this is an insignificant amount of money for your organization,” Kate said with a smile on his face.

Seems like this is as far as I can get by lying. Han Xiao’s eyes flashed. He had no intention of paying. He placed the gun against Kate’s forehead before he could react and said, “This is my payment.”

Pa!

The laptop fell onto the ground with a bang.

The threatening feel from the gun muzzle made Kate tremble all over. “You are a fake!”

Han Xiao did not reply. He fired at the showcase, but the glass was bulletproof; it only cracked but did not shatter.

Far away in the surveillance room, the high ranked officials were shocked.

“He wants to rob our finished products.”

“Luckily, we brought him to the exhibition room where there are security systems!”

The metal door of the exhibition room shut tight, and the showcases moved back into the walls, leaving no traces behind. The room became empty, and the ceiling moved aside, revealing three rows of guns who range covered the entire room. Han Xiao and Kate were both under the guns, The proud voice of a high ranked official sounded from the speaker.

“Didn’t expect that, did you? We were suspicious of your origins from the start. Now that your life is under our control, you have no escape. We just have to press a button, and you will be dead. Unless you want to know how many seconds it will take for these guns to turn you into a puddle of blood, put down the guns, take off the Heroal suit, and get down to your knees. Then tell us your true identity, origin, and who sent you. “
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