

Mechanic 1321

Chapter 1321 Secret and Pursuit

In the bright star space, Han Xiao's figure was speeding away.

"So, that's what happened. Information Form alert..."

Thinking back to the information he had just received, Han Xiao's expression was grave.

Barbani had told him quite a lot of secrets, including the Information Form warning networks, high-dimensional information vision, and so on. Han Xiao finally knew how the other party had discovered him, and he could not help but have a headache.

Unless he possessed Information Form technology that surpassed the World Tree, such detection methods were almost impossible to solve. No wonder the three Universal Civilizations had exposed themselves so quickly. It was indeed difficult for outsiders to do anything in the World Tree Civilization's territory.

When he triggered the alert, it should have been because he had observed the earth yellow planet and the World Tree Root at a close distance. As an outsider, he had interacted with the World Tree Civilization's information gathering, so he had been discovered. That was why the Holy Tree Emissary had come to check, using his high-dimensional information vision to track the traces he had left behind. Even with the mark of Destiny's Child, it was not effective in completely shielding him.

It was like having an extremely strong sixth sense. Anyone looking at him would allow him to be able to sense the direction of their gaze, and it might even be able to allow him to pinpoint their position.

"This won't be easy. I don't think I'll have a chance to complete this mission..."

Most importantly, as long as the alarm was not triggered, the World Tree would not be able to detect it even if he left a trace.

However, now that he had been discovered, the World Tree Emissaries could follow the traces and track him. Under such circumstances, if he used the energy of Destiny's Child to encircle the area, he was worried that he would be discovered by the high-dimensional information vision, and this would make it inconvenient for him to even leave a Throne behind.

According to the system of the Information Form Alert Net, it was not impossible to avoid it. As long as he had the awareness to avoid the interaction of information and only flew within the barren universe, not coming into contact with anything related to the World Tree, it was still possible to hide. Just like when he first teleported over, there was no information entanglement, so the World Tree did not discover it.

However, this was easier said than done. At the very least, the alarm had already been triggered this time, so there was basically no chance to hide anymore.

As for the other secrets, Barbani had also told him some of them. Some of them were already known by Han Xiao, and some were unknown to him.

The most important thing to him was the ability of the World Tree to sense the external locations where there was information about it. The more people who knew about it, or the deeper the conflict between the two sides, the more accurate the directions to the explored universe would be. This was not good. "Although the three Universal Civilizations hid the information, they still let a portion of their people know about this in order to explore in secret... If we don't take further measures to keep it a secret, the number of people who know will only increase." Han Xiao's eyes twitched.

The more one knew, the easier it would be to sense them. The World Tree's anti-tracking ability was too troublesome.

It was a pity that this information did not contain the coordinates of the World Tree's main body. According to Barbani, he had never read any related information in the mind network. None of the Holy Tree Emissaries or upper echelons that he had come into contact with knew anything about it either.

Even so, the value of this intelligence exceeded all the results of the previous explorations. It was probably the biggest gain of this trip. Only after uncovering the various methods of the World Tree could they take measures against it.

"Luckily, virtual purification is effective. Otherwise, I would not have been able to obtain these secrets."

Han Xiao thought that he was lucky. The intelligence that he had now exceeded that of his previous life.

After witnessing Barbani's resolute action, he realized that the effect of virtual purification might be beyond his expectations. There were many foreign races that had been assimilated by the World Tree. If everyone received the same awakening through purification, they could all become potential spies.

The World Tree would definitely target this move once it was prepared. Once someone 'lost control', it would immediately rewrite their mind and cause the duration of the virtual purification to plummet. However, at the very least, they should be able to have some time for self-destruction. This way, the foreign experts that the World Tree devoured might not be of any use.

However, the emissaries of the World Tree would not completely die. Once one died, they would turn into a seed and return to the World Tree, falling into a deep slumber. The World Tree could consume resources and time to mature the seed, allowing them to reawaken and revive. The mechanism was somewhat similar to the Underworld, but there were also subtle differences.

The foundation of an Underworld Spirit's existence was its soul. By obtaining a physical body, it could recover its combat power. As long as the Hero Spirit existed, it did not matter if its body died because it was still 'alive'.

The revival mechanism of the World Tree was different. It was an information-type ability, and every individual was unique. Because of the World Tree's connection, the information was refreshed in real time. When an individual died, they would not be able to maintain their consciousness like Hero Spirits, and their thoughts would become dormant as though they had really died, turning into 'seeds'. Only when the World Tree replenished their nutrients could they be revived.

From this perspective, the revival of the World Tree and the Sanctums had similarities. However, the revival of the Sanctums only required the activation of the Sanctum and did not require additional

resources and time. The revival of the World Tree required a lot of resources and time, which meant that as long as one died, they would not be able to revive in a short period of time.

Han Xiao could not help but think of the 'military barracks' of the strategy games he played in his previous life. The production units needed to be trained, and the stronger the unit, the longer it would take.

"The revival principles of the World Tree and the Sanctums are related to the information form, but there is a unique principle. What will happen if the Sanctums revive the expert that has been devoured by the World Tree first? Will the connection still exist?"

Han Xiao could not help but be curious.

If it was possible, the Sanctum Revival might be able to continuously take away the powerhouses controlled by the World Tree, causing the strength of both parties to even out.

However, the possibility of failure could not be ruled out. After all, the individual had a symbiotic relationship with the World Tree, so even if the individual died, as long as the individual's information form template still existed, the individual who died might be judged by the Sanctum as still alive. That way, they would not be able to revive and would forever be enslaved.

Furthermore, according to the mechanism of the World Tree, Han Xiao even suspected that the World Tree was like the previous owner of the Underworld, keeping the information form of his subordinates and not allowing them to enter the Sanctum. Thus, there was no way for them to revive.

Han Xiao pondered. "For now, I can only guess. I'll only know if I try it myself... Hmm, but it's not convenient to take the risk now."

Since Barbani was dead, Han Xiao did not want to take the risk of using the Sanctum Revival. If the connection between the World Tree was not broken because of this, it would bring many more risks. This could be tested after the war broke out. At that time, he would not have to worry about being discovered.

All kinds of thoughts flashed through Han Xiao's mind. After digesting the new information, he opened the interface.

The mission (Nowhere to Hide] that he had triggered previously had been completed, and he immediately collected the rewards.

A notification popped up on his interface, showing that he had received 210,000,000 EXP, two Random Reward chances, and a Barbani Character Summon Card. However, the card was an offensive skill and was not very useful to him.

Other than that, it also indicated that the Favorability of the World Tree Faction had greatly decreased. At the same time, a new mission was activated.

You have triggered the urgent mission: World Tree's Rage!

Mission Introduction: Your actions angered the World Tree, and it sees you as a huge threat. It has decided to launch a large-scale operation to hunt you down.

Mission Requirements: Face the pursuers and escape from the territory of the World Tree Civilization.

Reward depends on mission rating. Mission rating depends on the amount of resistance put forth while escaping.

Remarks: The moment you activate this mission, it means that the World Tree has remembered you. No matter when it discovers you, it will hunt you down. This will take effect permanently.

“Heh, I really poked a hornet’s nest.”

Han Xiao clicked his tongue.

It seemed that the virtual purification had left a deep impression on the World Tree, and it saw him as the number one threat. As long as he was discovered, the World Tree would immediately chase after him.

The mission itself was very simple. If he wanted to escape, he could just use the King suit to escape. However, the rating depended on resistance. If he completed the mission so easily, he would probably get the lowest rating. He did not have a chance to complete his original mission this time, so he could only come again at some point. However, Han Xiao thought for a while and did not plan to retreat immediately.

Since he had been discovered, he might as well use virtual purification to obtain more intelligence and kill some of the World Tree powerhouses at the same time, allowing them to return to their seed state and temporarily reduce the World Tree’s advanced combat power. It was a pity that he did not know what would happen to the connection between the World Tree and the individual after the Spacetime Amber sealed the target. He did not dare take the risk at the moment, afraid that he would be remotely located after taking the amber away.

“However, this is the enemy’s base camp after all. There are many strong people here, and there are many factors that can threaten me. If I treat this too casually, I’m afraid I’ll fail.”

Han Xiao calmed himself down and took out bombs that were specially used to remove traces. As he sped forward, he set them up along the way.

This type of bomb could remove the usual traces of information form, other than the high-dimensional information forms, preventing the information form from being read by the Information Form Camera.

Setting up these bombs could also expand the area that the World Tree Army could not detect, which was beneficial to him.

Behind Han Xiao was a huge fleet in pursuit.

In the command room, a group of Beyond Grade As looked out the window, using the power of the World Tree to light up the high-dimensional information traces.

“The outsiders have begun to eliminate their traces on a large scale. The other party already knows about the existence of the Information Form Camera from Barbani’s mouth. This is most likely a targeted measure... Send more people to search the area to prevent the outsiders from leaving anything behind.”

The tall figure standing at the front slowly spoke with an unquestionable tone. Everyone present followed his lead.

Tedrian, a Nine Leaf Executive Officer, was in charge of this chase and was the highest ranked person present.

There were five Great Tree Kings in the World Tree, and each of them had two Executive Officers who were ranked from One Leaf to Ten Leaf.

The Tree Kings were usually in a deep sleep, absorbing the power of the World Tree to strengthen themselves. Therefore, these Executive Officers were the highest Executive Officers who dealt with the affairs of the World Tree Civilization. Not only did they have a high position and authority, they also had powerful personal strength. None of the Executive Officers under the Kings were below the pinnacle Beyond Grade A level.

Other than him, there were other pinnacle Beyond Grade As in the room.

“If we just chase from behind, it will be easy for the other party to escape. I’ve already informed some Holy Tree Emissaries to use their roots to intercept them,” a person beside him said with a deep voice. This was a high-level Holy Tree Emissary. He had a deeper connection with the World Tree, as well as stronger personal strength. He was far from what Barbani could compare to.

“There seems to be only one outsider. He’s very strong, at least at the level of an executive officer. Be careful not to let him ambush you,” another person said. This time, it was an ancestral spirit. This identity was usually responsible for matters related to faith.

The person who spoke was not an ordinary ancestral spirit but a member of the Thirteen Ancestral Spirits’. This represented the strongest thirteen of the ancestral spirits, all of which were at the pinnacle of Beyond Grade A.

“Don’t worry, His Excellency Tree King has been paying attention. If the situation isn’t right, he will come personally,” Tedrian replied coldly before looking back.

“Barbani was bewitched by others, but there are no weak-minded people who are following me in this pursuit. I hope all of you can resist the strange bewitching methods of the outsiders.”

Everyone nodded.

Although the World Tree did not know the theory behind the virtual purification, it felt threatened when it saw the performance of Barbani through the mental network.

To be on the safe side, the people who were sent to chase after the World Tree were all individuals who were loyal to the World Tree. There were no ‘outsiders’ who had their mindset overwritten.

Chapter 1322 Guerrilla Warfare

Right at this moment, the World Tree experts in the command room suddenly stopped moving. The movement in their High Dimensional Information Vision suddenly split into seven and headed in different directions.

“The outsider threw out bait to confuse our tracking; they are trying to disperse our manpower. It seems like they have the intention to retaliate.”

Seeing this, Tedrian narrowed his eyes and said with a solemn tone.

One of the thirteen Ancestral Spirits, Roxilian, stroked his beard-like small tentacles on his chin out of habit and said slowly, “In this case, we can only split up. We can’t ignore any trail.”

Although the High Dimensional Information Vision could see through ‘Information Closure’ and track the traces, it could not trace back to the specific details like the Information Form camera.

The World Tree still had its limits, so they could not immediately tell which one of the seven tracks Han Xiao was on. Only by collecting enough information samples could they differentiate the traces. This would take some time, and they would have to follow the trail and collect samples to lock onto the outsider.

If the goal of the outsider was to escape, scattering thousands of trails was a good way to mix things up, and it was enough to stall for more time. However, since there were only seven trails, Tedrian guessed that the outsider had not given up and wanted to fight back.

Even if the other six trails were just bait, they had to deal with them to prevent the outsider from leaving their troops or other dangerous things in the territory of the civilization.

“Then let’s gather more people. Our reinforcements are very fast anyway.”

The high-level Holy Tree Emissary Offerman nodded in agreement.

The group did not have any objections. In the territory of the World Tree Civilization, they could travel quickly on the World Tree roots. As long as someone discovered the target and shared their location through the mental network, the others would arrive quickly.

“Leave some people to act as mobile support troops. The rest will split up.”

Tedrian nodded.

Not only were they chasing from behind, but they were also following the direction of the trails, allowing some troops to pass directly to the front and intercept them. After confirming the changes in the trail, they would keep on shrinking the range.

The troops of the World Tree were constantly mobilized, gradually forming a large encirclement.

A fleet followed one of the trails for quite some distance, and the Holy Tree Emissary on the ship focused on maintaining the High Dimensional Information Vision.

At this time, a message came from the mental network. The sender was the intercepting troop in front of this trail.

“There’s no follow-up information trail ahead. We’re turning back and heading toward you, narrowing the search radius. Be careful.”

Hearing this, the Holy Tree Emissary immediately perked up.

They were some distance away from the intercepting troop. Since the trail ahead had been cut off, it meant that the target was likely within this distance, and it was very likely that they would meet each other.

“Be careful. The enemy is close,” the Holy Tree Emissary instructed the crew. He carefully sensed his surroundings and was a little angry.

It was a pity that the Information Form Camera was of no use this time. Otherwise, they would have no need to be so careful regardless of what the enemy had planned.

After traveling for some distance, an alarm suddenly sounded on the spaceship’s radar.

“High energy attacks detected. Shield activated. Please watch out!”

At the same time, beams of light shot over from afar, penetrating the fleet’s formation and quickly destroying many battleships.

“Enemy attack!”

The Holy Tree Emissary shuddered, and without hesitation, he called for reinforcements through the mental network before immediately activating his energy shield to protect himself.

A small mechanical troop surrounded by golden Mechanical Force suddenly charged over from the distance, closing in rapidly and firing continuously.

In the High Dimensional Information Vision, the source of this trail was this troop, but the outsider did not seem to be here.

“It seems like the trail I’m chasing is just bait.” The Holy Tree Emissary had a frustrated expression, as though he was regretful that he had not caught up to the outsider.

At this time, spatial rifts appeared around them, and many roots extended out. Reinforcements quickly arrived, and several Beyond Grade As arrived.

Seeing this mechanical troop fighting with the fleet, everyone knew that this path was not where the outsider was.

“One trail removed; there are six left.”

“Let’s get rid of these mechanical troops first. Let the Holy Tree swallow them and analyze the information.”

Without any hesitation, they charged forward, planning to end the battle quickly.

However, at this moment, one of the mechanical soldiers suddenly self-destructed, and a blue psionic light burst out, instantly swallowing the surrounding mechanical soldiers. The light expanded rapidly like it would never stop. “Damn it, it’s Primordial Psionic Energy!” The expressions of the World Tree experts changed drastically; they hurriedly stopped and retreated. The encircling fleet also dispersed and turned to leave immediately. However, there were still some spaceships that could not escape in time and were swallowed by the Primordial Psionic Energy.

The larger the sphere of light was, the faster it expanded. All matter and energy that came into contact with it were assimilated, and psionic energy expanded continuously.

However, at this moment, spatial rifts appeared once again. The World Tree roots extended from the cracks and stabbed into the psionic energy ball and absorbed its energy rapidly like sucking a jelly. Only then did the psionic ball stop expanding and slowly shrink until it disappeared.

Everything that had been devoured by the psionic energy before was completely destroyed.

The World Tree experts who had run far away finally stopped, their faces ashen.

This was not the stable secondary psionic energy but the violent Primordial Psionic Energy and quite large at that. Although they were Beyond Grade As, they did not want to test the Primordial Psionic Energy's strength with their bodies.

The Holy Tree Emissary had a lingering fear in his heart, and he angrily said, "That outsider must have set up Primordial Psionic Energy on all the bait to blast the pursuers to oblivion. Tell the others to be careful!"

The news quickly spread from the mental network to their comrades. Every chasing team immediately became cautious.

"A troop has already detonated...?"

Han Xiao was speeding through the universe when he suddenly sensed the Mechanical Force feedback.

Not long ago, he had sent out six mechanical troops to split up. On one hand, they were to split up the forces of the pursuers, and on the other hand, they served to act as a ward to see the size of the pursuers. The mechanical army did not enjoy the protection of the Destiny's Child's Mark, which meant that all their actions would be seen through by the Information Form Camera. However, after receiving the Mechanical Force link, the mechanical army would be able to share the disguise of the Destiny's Child's Mark and become bait.

Han Xiao had left some tricks with the bait, and the Primordial Psionic Energy was one of them. He did not mind spreading psionic energy pollution in the World Tree Civilization's territory. Planting mushrooms in the enemy's home would not only damage the pursuers but also wipe out his own troops, preventing them from being swallowed by the World Tree.

However, he did not count on the Primordial Psionic Energy causing too much damage to the other party. After experiencing the war in his previous life, Han Xiao knew very well that the World Tree's ability to devour energy was just as effective against the Primordial Psionic Energy. This way of dealing with the psionic pollution was much more convenient than the three Universal Civilizations' method.

At this time, Han Xiao suddenly felt something. He turned around and saw a spatial rift not far ahead from which a World Tree fleet appeared.

"Found him!"

The Holy Tree emissary leading this intercepting fleet was both surprised and delighted. He immediately sent the location through the mental network.

Seeing this, Han Xiao turned around to attack. Golden Mechanical Force was released, and a large mechanical army emerged, bombarding the fleet unreservedly.

With his current energy level, the destructive power of his mechanical army was already shocking. It destroyed this small intercepting fleet almost instantly.

The Holy Tree Emissary hurriedly dodged and defended, but he was unable to withstand the firepower of the mechanical army. He was riddled with wounds immediately and was scared out of his wits.

At this time, spatial rifts appeared around him one after another. The first batch of reinforcements from the World Tree Civilization quickly arrived, and Han Xiao sensed five Beyond Grade As' energy.

However, he did not care. His energy erupted as he charged forward. A portion of his mechanical soldiers quickly gathered and turned into a small Mechanical Deity, almost instantly arriving in front of the injured Holy Tree Emissary.

Splitting rays were released from the fingertips of the Mechanical Deity, tearing apart the defense of this Holy Tree Emissary in the blink of an eye. Han Xiao activated the device in his palm; a spatial shockwave shot out, temporarily freezing the target in midair. Then, he threw a punch at the horrified Holy Tree Emissary.

Boom!

Shockwave erupted. The accumulated power of [Charge-Endless Potential] hit the Holy Tree Emissary's body with full force. The powerful force crushed his muscles and bones, and even his cells instantly withered.

Green blood exploded in midair. This Holy Tree Emissary's body disappeared, leaving only bloodstains on the mechanical fist.

With one punch, his HP was emptied! "You aren't even an S+ rank, yet you dare to block my path. Do you think I flew so far for nothing? Let's start this by killing one!"

Han Xiao grinned.

The combat information showed that this Holy Tree Emissary's Energy Rank was less than 50,000, slightly weaker than Barbani. He had moved quite far, and the power of [Charge—Endless Potential] had stacked quite a lot. Together with the focus fire of the mechanical army, he insta-killed this Holy Tree Emissary.

He did not waste any time and immediately changed his target. He led his mechanical army and charged toward the five World Tree experts who had just arrived. The upgraded Celestial Punishment Edge was unfolded in his hands and slashed. The surging psionic energy turned into a sharp blade. "Dodge!"

Seeing how Han Xiao had insta-killed their comrade, the expressions of the five World Tree experts changed drastically. They did not dare take the attack head-on and quickly left the fleet behind to escape.

Boom!

The fleet could not dodge in time. The battleships along the path were crushed by the Celestial Punishment Edge, instantly exploding into fireworks. The fragments of the battleships were swept up by the blade, turning into hot lava that splashed on the surrounding spaceships and burned their shields.

Han Xiao used Virtual Purification on the five of them. However, the five of them only swayed slightly before returning to normal. They did not look lost like Barbani.

“Is the World Tree on guard? It didn’t send foreign races to chase after me. It reacted quite quickly.”

Han Xiao narrowed his eyes, but he was not surprised. He turned his blade and locked onto the weakest of the five people shown by the combat information. He charged forward, scaring the other party so much that he turned and fled.

The other four people hurriedly launched long-range attacks from the side, trying to restrain Han Xiao. However, it was like scratching an itch. Their focused fire could not even penetrate the Mechanical Deity’s shield; Han Xiao could not even be bothered to block.

At this time, more and more reinforcements arrived. When these World Tree experts saw this, they immediately joined the battle. The number of people surrounding Han Xiao rapidly increased to double digits, and it was still rising

However, what shocked the many World Tree experts was that even though the number of attackers had reached double digits, this outsider was still able to run amok as though there was no one around. He ignored the damage and only attacked without defending. He endured the focused fire of so many people and killed an Ancestral Spirit that he had locked onto. This gave them the second casualty!

However, as more and more reinforcements arrived, the group finally managed to tie down this outsider and stop his killing spree.

Not long after the battle, Tedrian and the others also arrived on the battlefield on the World Tree Express. They immediately saw the Mechanical Deity, which was protected by a large number of mechanical soldiers, fighting dozens of World Tree powerhouses without being suppressed.

“This outsider’s combat strength is too excessive!” Tedrian’s expression changed slightly.

“Could it be that he comes from a civilization with extremely advanced individual strength?” Offerman was shocked.

Looking at the chaotic battlefield, Roxilian was terrified. “It seems like I was too conservative in the past. He’s definitely at the level of a Tree King!”

The three of them had previously judged Han Xiao’s combat strength from what happened to Barbani, but now, they realized that this outsider’s strength was a little frightening, far beyond their expectations. “The situation isn’t right. I have to summon the Tree King.”

Tedrian made a prompt decision and immediately contacted his superior through the mental network.

This time, the Mechanical Deity suddenly unleashed its full power, temporarily forcing back the surrounding people.

The next moment, the Mechanical Deity disintegrated and revealed Han Xiao. The mechanical troops around him shrank rapidly and were absorbed into his body.

Han Xiao looked at the situation on the battlefield. There were more than thirty Beyond Grade As who had come to help, and there were even a few peak Beyond Grade As. Under such circumstances, there was basically no chance for him to continue killing. Furthermore, the World Tree was still sending in reinforcements, and if he stayed there, he would definitely be kicked around like a ball. Furthermore, the World Tree did not lack top-notch individual strength, and the five Great Tree Kings were each stronger than the last.

He turned to look at Tedrian and the others and narrowed his eyes.

“Tedrian, Roxilian, Offerman... Hehe, they’re all familiar faces.”

During the war in his previous life, there were casualties among the experts of the explored universe and the World Tree Civilization. Han Xiao naturally knew some of the powerful figures of the World Tree.

If he did not remember incorrectly, all three of them had blood of Beyond Grade As on their hands in his previous life. The previous owner of the Spacetime Amber had his head smashed by Tedrian, causing this Universal Treasure to fall into the hands of the World Tree Civilization. Later on, he was killed by Karlot.

Just as Han Xiao was recalling, something happened. Another World Tree root appeared, and a powerful pressure far exceeding that of the others spread out.

The next second, a tall figure with an imposing aura descended. His long white hair hung loosely, and his eyes were cold. His entire body was surrounded by blue-green light, mixed with dark-red electric arcs.

This person had a light green mark on his forehead, shaped like a burning flame. He was currently staring at Han Xiao. “Yo, here comes a strong man.”

Han Xiao raised his brows.

One of the five great Tree Kings, ‘Subduing Tree King’ Saint Grace Bellandor, a Pugilist. In his previous life, he caused huge casualties in the explored universe. ‘Dragon King’ Milizaus and ‘Beast Ancestor’ Gorutan had both died to him. In the end, Karlot and ‘Love Carrier’ Silver Shadow merged and killed him with great difficulty, almost dying together.

In his previous life, during the war, he had personally witnessed the Subduing Tree King attacking many times, and he had even been killed more than twenty times just by the shockwaves. It had left a deep impression on him.

“If I can kill you, the revival time will definitely be quite long...” Han Xiao had this thought, but after looking at the dozens of World Tree experts around him, he immediately dismissed it. If it was a duel, he would not be afraid of the other party. However, in the enemy’s base camp, it was basically impossible for him to do this.

At this time, the World Tree experts who had been forced back earlier were about to surround him again.

However, right in front of everyone's eyes, Han Xiao's figure suddenly disappeared, leaving everyone dumbfounded.

"How did he disappear? Has the space anchor lost its effect?"

Tedrian was shocked.

In order to prevent the outsider from teleporting away, they had locked this space during the battle. Logically speaking, other than the World Tree Express, which was unique to the civilization's territory, no other teleportation methods should work.

However, he soon received a reply from the others on the mental network, saying that the space lockdown was normal.

"He actually escaped in this almost impossible situation?" Roxilian was unhappy.

"It seems like he has some kind of special teleportation method that can ignore a spacetime anchor... Then we have no choice." Offerman frowned.

The group was instantly discouraged. They had finally surrounded their prey, and even the Tree King had personally descended. But they actually failed at the crucial moment.

Tedrian had no choice but to bow to the Tree King. "Your Excellency Tree King, we did not do our job well and let this outsider escape." The Subduing Tree King glanced at him and said indifferently, "He escaped quite fast. Otherwise, I would have given him to the Mother Tree to devour and grasp the location of this foreign civilization."

"Sorry, I ruined your plan. It's my... Hmm?"

Tedrian was about to continue his self-reflection when he suddenly stopped, his expression turning interesting.

At the same time, everyone present received the same message through the mental network.

The pursuing troops that had gone to chase after the other 'bait' had suddenly encountered the outsider and were completely wiped out. The Holy Tree Emissary, who had led the team, only had time to send out a distress signal before the sound disappeared. He was dead.

Tedrian's face turned dark with anger.

"This outsider did not leave! He finished another troop!"

At the same time, at the location of one 'bait' mechanical troop, Han Xiao grabbed a dying Holy Tree Emissary and broke his head.

Then, he took back the Throne that this mechanical troop was carrying and smirked.

He did not just put Primordial Psionic Energy in these 'bait' teams; he had also given each team a Throne without caring about the losses.

This time, he did not bring much equipment with him when he came to the territory of the World Tree Civilization other than bringing many Kings.

After so many years, he had used his banknote ability to accumulate a large number of Kings, so he did not need to worry about them.

Throwing away the corpse, Han Xiao licked his lips.

“Indeed, we have to fight in other people’s homes.”

Chapter 1323 Using Force to Break Tactic

Just as Han Xiao was about to use the King suit to teleport and finish another fleet, spatial rifts appeared around him, and the troops that had surrounded him earlier rushed over again.

However, before Tedrian and the others could arrive, Han Xiao changed into another King and disappeared in front of everyone. This time, he was teleported to a ‘bait’ team that had yet to be caught.

When the Tree King, Tedrian, and the others arrived, they were only left with the wreckage of the fleet and the corpse of another Holy Tree emissary.

“Damn it!”

Tedrian was furious.

Even though the World Tree Express’ reinforcement speed in its territory was already fast enough, they were still a step too late, allowing the outsider to kill another one of their companions. The other Holy Tree Emissaries and Ancestral Spirits also had gloomy expressions.

High Dimensional Information Vision had locked onto the target. Everyone had thought that this outsider had nowhere to run, but they did not expect him to have such a method, catching them off guard. Although the other party’s trails were still visible, he teleported to another bait team that had yet to be caught, so they could not immediately lock onto Han Xiao’s position. They had to retrace the trails.

The three Universal Civilizations did not know much about the World Tree, but equally, the World Tree Civilization had even less of an understanding about the explored universe. This was also the first time they had seen the King’s teleportation method. “If that’s the case, the outsider might appear in other bait trails at any time. The trails are dangerous, and it’s very likely that the pursuing troops will be killed instead...” Roxilian’s face turned grave.

When they thought of the outsider’s strength, they could not help but feel a chill down their spines. They could chase after him, but it was hard to say who would be the unlucky one.

“This outsider definitely wants to use this method to chip away at our forces. As long as we split up and chase after him, there will be a risk of us being killed. However, we have to chase after him and not let this level of strength roam freely in our territory... Speaking of which, what kind of civilization does he come from? To actually send out a Super of this level to take the risk alone, could it be that this civilization has many high-level combatants of the same level?” Offerman said with unease.

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When they thought about how the outsider was not only strong individually but also had this kind of powerful mobility method, most of the people present felt a deep sense of fear.

Just one person had caused them so much trouble, running amok in their territory. This was a provocation to the entire World Tree Civilization.

Originally, it was a one-sided hunt, but not only did the outsider not flee, he even treated them as prey. They did not expect to fall into a passive situation in their own territory. This was something that had never happened before.

After fighting in the universe for so many years, which hostile civilization would not make careful probes when coming into contact with them? They had never seen such an arrogant guy.

“... No matter what, we have to solve this problem,” Tedrian said with a deep voice. “Wake up those guys who are not showing themselves and join the pursuit!”

For the time being, he did not think of a way to deal with the strange teleportation ability of the outsider. However, since the target of the outsider was to kill the lone troops, it was a good idea to increase the manpower of every pursuing force to restrict the other party so that he could not deal any damage before the reinforcements arrived.

However, Tedrian was very worried that the outsider would send out another batch of bait to force them to split up. Initially, he could have collected a high-dimensional information sample to lock onto the outsider's route, but the other party's teleportation method made it possible for every 'bait' to turn into the main body, so there was no way to tell.

With that, Tedrian turned to look at the Tree King and nodded. “Your Excellency Tree King, what do you think?”

The Subduing Tree King had been listening to the discussion and did not interrupt. He then said slowly, “Notify me when you surround him... Also, I will clear out this Star Field and lock it down. There's no need to care about the losses.”

After saying that, Subduing Tree King turned into a turquoise stream of light and disappeared among the World Tree roots.

He had already made a wasted trip this time, and it was likely that he would not be able to get rid of the outsider anytime soon. He did not want to be messed around along with the others.

Hearing this, Tedrian and the others heaved a sigh of relief.

The planets in the World Tree Civilization's territory were not formed naturally. Instead, they were high-value planets that the World Tree had 'regurgitated' using Information Form. They could freeze the current evolution at any time, swallow it back, store it in the information state, and restore it in another location.

With this characteristic, the World Tree was like a mobile base, taking away the entire civilization and relocating its base in the universe to deal with all kinds of situations. It was almost born for war.

Clearing this Star Field meant letting the World Tree take back all the planets and creatures in this area. This way, they did not have to worry about the outsider wreaking havoc everywhere.

Only the Tree Kings were given this level of authority by the World Tree and could give such an order to the World Tree. The others did not have the authority to do so.

However, the World Tree could not leave as it wished. After changing the location of the base camp, it had to 'take root' in this area from the beginning and turn into its own information assembly points, 'fusing' with each other. Some abilities could only be used in areas after fusion, such as the World Tree Express, which could only travel quickly in one's own territory like the stargates. In other places in the universe, it was impossible to arrive as casually as now.

Ohm!

At this moment, spatial rifts appeared again, and many troops that had received Tedrian's summons came to reinforce them.

Among them were many high-level Holy Tree Emissaries and Ancestral Spirits who had woken up from their deep sleep. There were also a few executive officers who had arrived, as well as some high-ranking military generals who were in charge of foreign battles. The size of the group was snowballing.

Although the opponent was only one person, the World Tree gave him a very high level of treatment. An army of this size was more than enough for a universal war.

The pursuit battle continued, and ten days passed in the blink of an eye.

In the past few days, Han Xiao had been kiting around this Star Field to deal with the encirclement of the World Tree's troops.

He split up the bait troops time and time again, constantly using King's teleportation to cut through the pursuing troops of the World Tree. Sometimes, he set up a Throne, but sometimes, it was just Primordial Psionic Energy bombs mixed with fake ones. At the same time, he also used the King's positioning function to repeatedly warp around, making the World Tree troops suffer. The King was like a god of guerrilla warfare. Using this tactic, Han Xiao obtained some results, killing six Beyond Grade As. However, as the World Tree experts gathered, it became more and more difficult to kill the enemies in every battle. Every pursuing force had a sufficient number of experts, enough to restrain Han Xiao for a short while. In the blink of an eye, dozens of Beyond Grade As would appear as reinforcements. With the peak Beyond Grade As appearing, Han Xiao was forced to reduce the time of each battle, not daring to stay in one place.

Furthermore, the size of the World Tree fleet was too large, and they surrounded the entire Star Field. Han Xiao's guerrilla warfare range also decreased, and the time it took for the pursuing troops to catch up to the bait was getting shorter.

At the same time, Han Xiao also realized that the navigation star map had lost its effect. The planets in this area seemed to have disappeared, and he could not locate them accurately.

"Could it be that the World Tree swallowed all the nearby planets? To deal with me alone, it actually paid such a large price."

In the empty space, Han Xiao sped forward alone while pondering.

This was somewhat out of his expectations. Only the World Tree had such rich assets and did not care about such a small loss, resolutely clearing out the field.

After more than ten days of guerrilla warfare, he had already fought the World Tree experts almost a hundred times and met a lot of 'acquaintances'. Other than the Tree King, almost all the pursuers had fought him.

Although he did not get the chance to kill the enemies later, Han Xiao was able to obtain a lot of information about the attributes of the World Tree experts through combat information. He also learned about the specific abilities of many of his opponents, which was all extremely valuable information.

"My guerrilla warfare range is getting smaller and smaller. If this goes on, I'll be blocked very soon. Furthermore, I can't kill the enemy's experts now. There's no need to continue guerrilla warfare..." It was true that the World Tree could not restrain the King's guerrilla tactics, but this was their base camp; they could destroy all tactics with their army.

Although guerrilla warfare was good, when faced with the overwhelming strength of the World Tree Civilization and the rapid reinforcement system, it was reaching its limits.

"Time to slip away."

Han Xiao nodded inwardly.

Although he did not complete the map this time, the harvest was beyond his expectations. Not only did he obtain a lot of important intelligence, he also sent several World Tree experts to heaven. This was more than he had expected, so he could retreat. It would not be good if he stayed.

However, before he left, Han Xiao wanted to find an opportunity to meet the Tree King and find out more about the other party's combat information.

"All the bait has been cleared, and there's only one high-dimensional information trail left. The outsider has not sent any more bait, so we can lock onto his main body."

In the command room of the main ship, Tedrian looked at the current situation; his gloomy expression that had lasted for over ten days finally disappeared.

"We've finally surrounded him. This outsider is too difficult to deal with."

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief. God knew how they had spent the past ten days. An outsider had disturbed their peace.

The number of World Tree experts participating in the chase was much higher than ten days ago. There were six high-level Holy Tree Emissaries, seven of the thirteen Ancestral Spirits, and a few military commanders and executives. There were about twenty peak Beyond Grade As with an Energy Rank above 71,000, which was equivalent to two-fifths of all the peak Beyond Grade As of the World Tree Civilization.

At this moment, a high-ranking general in a military uniform coldly said, "Don't be too happy yet. Since he has such a teleportation method, there's a high chance he can escape."

Hearing this, everyone was a little helpless. They naturally understood this logic, but after researching for more than ten days, they still could not crack the teleportation method of the outsider. Their requirements had already decreased from killing the outsider to banishing him.

“Let’s chase the outsider away first before considering what happens next. This might be the strongest civilization we’ve ever encountered,” Tedrian replied with a frown.

At this time, everyone’s mental network suddenly received a message. The pursuing troops had finally caught up to the outsider’s main body and shared the coordinates.

“Go!”

The faces of everyone present turned dim. They immediately activated the World Tree’s Express and quickly moved through the roots.

Not long after, they arrived at their destination.

The outsider was floating in space and did not attack the pursuing troops like before. The pursuing troops were waiting for reinforcements and did not dare take the initiative to attack. For a time, there was no movement on either side. Seeing this, many World Tree experts turned into streams of light and shot out of the fleet, landing around Han Xiao and forming an encirclement. More reinforcements were also arriving unceasingly. The number of Beyond Grade As present quickly approached a hundred, surrounding Han Xiao like a tiger eyeing its prey. Due to the elimination of all the bait this time, the outsider could no longer use guerrilla warfare to trick them. Tedrian then informed the Subduing Tree King. Boom!

The next moment, the Tree King’s figure descended rapidly, and his oppressive might swept through the entire place.

“Your Excellency Tree King.”

Tedrian and the many World Tree experts greeted him in the mental network. The Subduing Tree King looked at the situation and nodded. “You have finally surrounded him. Why aren’t you attacking?”

“This outsider seems to be fearless. He will probably use that teleportation method to escape our territory,” Tedrian explained.

Just as the two of them were conversing, Han Xiao suddenly raised his hand and pointed at the Subduing Tree King. He then curled his finger; energy fluctuations increased steadily, locking onto Subduing Tree King.

Seeing this action, everyone present understood what the outsider meant. He was provoking their Tree King.

The Subduing Tree King looked at Han Xiao with an expressionless face. He casually raised his hand and waved it down.

“Get rid of him.”

Chapter 1324 Escape and Fear

Ten minutes later, in a certain space deep in the secondary dimension world, a light suddenly flashed; a figure fell out of nowhere and landed on a boundless, white sea of sand. It was as if it lost its balance and staggered. Han Xiao barely managed to stabilize himself. He took a deep breath and put away the dark gold King mechanical suit, revealing his body that was covered in wounds. Blood spurted out from

his wounds and seeped into the sand. Very soon, the ground was dyed golden red. There were large scorch marks on his body, and his cells were dying.

“Phew... almost lost my life. One against a hundred is indeed too much. Ouch, it hurts.”

A burning pain filled his entire body, as though every single cell in his body was screaming in pain. Han Xiao’s face trembled slightly. He took out a syringe and injected a tube of highly concentrated life essence from Aurora into his body. A numbing and comfortable feeling immediately swept through his body, suppressing the pain and filling his body with warmth.

The pale golden light surged, and the wounds on Han Xiao’s body quickly closed up, restoring his body to its peak state. There were only congealed blood stains left.

It was quite a close call just now. The combined strength of more than a hundred Beyond Grade As had exceeded his limit, and there were more than twenty peak Beyond Grade As, as well as experts at the level of the Tree Guardian King. However, he was fighting alone.

They were all Beyond Grade As, so even if his combat capability was off the charts, as long as he did not break through to a new level, he could not completely ignore the difference in numbers. Just the Subduing Tree King alone would be difficult to deal with, and he was the strongest Pugilist he had fought so far. Furthermore, he had the help of a group of experts.

There was no need to elaborate on the process. It was impossible for him to have the upper hand, and it was also an extravagant hope to ask for a draw. The combined damage of so many experts had already exceeded his recovery speed, his HP fluctuating up and down like a roller coaster. At the most dangerous moment, his HP had even dropped below sixteen percent. If it were any other Beyond Grade As of the explored universe, they would already have died, and even Wuornos with Church National Treasure would most likely not be able to take it.

However, Han Xiao did not plan to fight to the death. He had hidden many abilities, mainly to achieve his goal and obtain the combat information of Subduing Tree King. Although the other party’s level was higher and some of his attributes were question marks, many of his abilities were exposed. The value of the information was not small. If he met the Subduing Tree King again, he would have a rough gauge in his heart. After receiving the information of the Subduing Tree King, Han Xiao did not continue fighting. He immediately changed into the King and left. He came to the temporary secondary dimension where the King’s Throne was buried and escaped from the siege.

“With the secondary dimension as a buffer, it will be safer.”

Han Xiao patted his chest, shaking off the bloodstains on his body, and changed into a new set of clothes.

Although the probability of King’s Teleportation being tracked by the World Tree was very low, to be safe, he still used the secondary dimension as a transit zone and did not directly teleport back to the explored universe.

Then, Han Xiao took back the throne and left behind the secondary dimension destruction device, shattering this secondary dimension and allowing it to be devoured by the chaotic space flow, removing all trails.

After doing all this, Han Xiao opened the interface to take a look. The (World Tree's Rage] mission was completed.

As expected, the bigger the ruckus he caused, the higher the mission rating. He had already reached the highest rating, and the reward was quite generous. Just the EXP alone was 740 billion, which was more than the EXP he had gained from defeating the three Universal Civilizations. With a large amount of EXP, he was closer to the level 360 Promotion.

Another reward notification popped up.

You have received 5 Random Rewards and the milestone talent (World Tree Nemesis).

(World Tree Nemesis]: When fighting enemies of the World Tree faction, damage increased by 12% and a certain probability of triggering [Fear] status.

You have received 5 God's Trait Transformation Points.

You have received 1 Universe Legendary Point.

Universal Legendary Point: (Mysterious Outsider)—You have made a name for yourself in the World Tree Civilization. Countless people know about you, a powerful and mysterious outsider, and they are shocked. Your deeds are being spread around here, awing the World Tree, and able to make children stop crying.

"Sweet." Han Xiao's eyes sparkled. There was no need to talk about (World Tree Nemesis). It was a faction targeting talent, similar to (Elderly Killer). Although its effect was simple, it was quite useful.

Five God's Trait Transformation Points was exactly what he needed. It was equivalent to building five Universal Treasures. Currently, the God's Trait Transformation-Void had reached the thirteenth level, and he was just short of the last two points to level up. This windfall was enough to raise the God's Trait Transformation—Void to the fourteenth level and still have some surplus that would push him close to the fifteenth level. This reduced his workload.

Finally, this Universe Legendary Point had clearly left a deep impression on the World Tree Civilization, and they were filled with fear of him. The next time they met, the people of the World Tree should be able to recognize him immediately.

There was also the last reward notification on the interface. Han Xiao looked at it and saw that it was a piece of each Sanctum fragment. This meant that his level of authority in each Sanctum had increased by one level. This was the bonus reward for the highest mission rating.

"Yo, good stuff!"

Han Xiao was stunned for a moment before he was pleasantly surprised.

Sanctum authority was something that he needed urgently. The higher the authority, the closer the time flow of the Sanctum was to the main universe. It was a pleasant surprise to be able to level up the authority from the mission. Suppressing his excitement, Han Xiao left with his bountiful harvest.

In order to be safe, he planned to travel in the deep layers in secondary dimensions for some time before returning to the explored universe.

In the World Tree Civilization's territory, the battlefield was a mess. The wreckage of the World Tree fleet was everywhere. Roots were sweeping the battlefield and swallowing all the debris.

In the command room of a flagship not far away, many World Tree experts who had participated in the siege surrounded the Subduing Tree King. Their expressions were solemn and somewhat horrified. A portion of them had injuries on their bodies.

Tedrian pressed down on the table and said with a surprised tone, "There's no doubt about this outsider's combat strength. He's one of the strongest individuals we've seen in our many years of fighting in the universe. It's unbelievable that so many of us couldn't even kill him... It's basically certain that none of us are his match in a one-on-one fight. Even His Excellency, the Tree King, will find it difficult to gain the upper hand." Many of the World Tree powerhouses felt a lingering fear, and many peak Beyond Grade As fell silent.

Even the expressionless Subduing Tree King did not refute and only shook his head.

Facing the siege of more than a hundred people, this outsider actually dared to stay behind and fight head-on. This was already very shocking to them, but they did not expect him to still have the strength to fight back and even injure quite a number of them.

Although they had the absolute upper hand in the siege just now, this outsider was unbelievably tough. He endured the focus fire of more than a hundred people and held on for more than ten minutes before retreating with the strange teleportation method.

Although the enemy had been expelled, the strong performance of the outsider had been deeply imprinted in everyone's hearts, almost becoming a trauma. Every time they thought about it, many of them could not help feeling deeply shocked.

"Although we chased this outsider away this time, we can't guarantee that he won't come again. This is very tricky," Roxilian said with a deep voice.

Tedrian nodded, his tone grave.

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"If we can't restrict the other party's special teleportation method, our territory will become the other party's backyard. He can come and go as he pleases, putting us in a passive position... We can't always clear out the Star Field and send so many people to chase after him."

As he spoke, his expression became even more shocked.

"Furthermore, only a civilization with extremely strong individual strength will produce Supers of this level. Who knows how many high-level combatants there are in this foreign civilization? We've leaked too many secrets this time. If they send more Supers of the same level next time, we'll be in trouble."

Hearing this, everyone was worried. Han Xiao's astonishing combat strength made them make the wrong judgment. They thought that there were more experts of the same level in the explored universe, and they could not help but be frightened.

They had always been conquerors, and they were basically the ones who took the initiative to invade. However, at this moment, they felt a rare sense of fear, and they even had thoughts of escaping

“Then, what do you suggest?” an Executive Officer asked.

Tedrian clenched his teeth and said, “This unknown civilization has already grasped our coordinates. My suggestion is to clear out all the Star Fields and move our base immediately. This way, we can avoid being harassed by them. Then, we will think of a way to find out more about them.”

“This is indeed a method, but we can’t use our advantage...” someone objected. “If we stay here and let the enemy continue to harass us, information will become more connected. This way, we will be able to locate this unknown civilization faster. “.

Before Tedrian could speak, someone else interrupted. “I don’t think that’s possible. This outsider used some tricks to bewitch Barbani. Now that the other party knows about the secrets of these abilities, they will definitely avoid more information connection.”

Hearing this, everyone had a helpless look on their face. The biggest problem now was not that the outsider was strong but that the intelligence gap was too big. Their side had leaked too much information, but they knew almost nothing about the outsider. The group was divided into two factions. One side suggested migrating while the other suggested staying. Both started arguing.

Tedrian turned around. “Your Excellency Tree King, what do you think?”

Everyone stopped discussing. In the end, it was the Tree King who would make the final decision.

The Subduing Tree King closed his eyes and pondered for a while before opening them again.

“There’s no need to migrate. The loss of territories is not important, but the information connection is crucial. Now that we have had some interaction, I will speed up the sensing speed of the World Tree. At the same time, I will inform the Information Form Foreseers to increase the frequency of the prophecies. Then, I will get the expedition team sent out in recent years to speed up their journey...”

Subduing Tree King paused before continuing.

“Also, strengthen our internal surveillance and set up more detection devices. The outsider has already obtained some of our confidential information. We can’t just rely on the Information Form warning network... If you find the outsider again, inform me immediately.”

Despite the calm expression on the Subduing Tree King’s face, his heart was actually racing. Han Xiao’s strength had also shocked him, but he did not show it on his face.

Although he did not say anything, the Subduing Tree King had already engraved Han Xiao in his mind and was looking forward to fighting him again.

It was because of the fighting spirit that was compulsory to a Pugilist. But more than that, the World Tree had expressed its desire for Han Xiao...

In the face of all new things, the mother tree had an extremely strong appetite. It requested that the Subduing Tree King send this outsider into its mouth as a tribute.

As one of the executors of the World Tree’s will, the World Tree’s request was his mission, and he could not reject it.

Chapter 1325 Cause and Effect

After staying in the deep layers of the secondary dimension world for a few days, Han Xiao returned to the explored universe and immediately visited the Holy Accord Organization to ask Destiny's Child about the World Tree Civilization's movements. As he arrived at Destiny's Child's laboratory with ease, the staff around looked at him before lowering their heads and continuing with their work.

"You came to see me..."

Destiny's Child sensed something and turned toward Han Xiao. He pressed his hands on the inner wall of the container and let out a happy mental wave.

Han Xiao smiled and knocked on the container.

Destiny's Child noticed that the mark on Han Xiao's body had yet to fade. He tilted his head and said, "You didn't... set the area?"

"There was an accident, so I didn't have a chance to do this." Han Xiao shook his head and said, "I need you to tell me what the other side is doing."

"Okay..."

Destiny's Child did not reject and shared the information in the mental link.

Han Xiao quickly browsed through the images. He could almost see the real-time movements of the World Tree Civilization.

He soon saw that the World Tree Civilization had been stimulated by him during the few days that he stayed in the deep layer of the secondary dimension, and they were looking for clues related to him. They had also increased the frequency at which the Foreseers activated their abilities, indirectly increasing the surveillance of Destiny's Child.

His trip had left a deep impression on the other party. The reactions of the World Tree Civilization entered his eyes through Destiny's Child's surveillance, so he was not completely clueless about the developments in the World Tree Civilization. Destiny's Child was the most important intelligence channel at the moment. Observing the real-time movements of the other party would allow him to make targeted arrangements ahead of time. Like two players in a real-time strategy game, one side removed the fog of war while the other side was still trying to figure out the opponent's position. The difference was obvious.

Seeing the World Tree Civilization's disordered movements, Han Xiao heaved a sigh of relief.

At this moment, black flames surged, and Oathkeeper arrived. "Black Star, why didn't you tell me before coming?"

As he spoke, Oathkeeper's gaze swept between Han Xiao and Destiny's Child. His expression had the feeling of 'you guys had a rendezvous behind my back'.

"I'm just here to ask about the surveillance. I'll come over more often in the future. If I have to tell you every time, it will be too troublesome. Just get used to it."

Han Xiao waved his hands.

Do you think you're the leader? Inspecting whenever you want... Oathkeeper cursed silently.

"Alright, that's all. I have other things to do, so I'll take my leave." Han Xiao nodded. Without waiting for Oathkeeper to speak, he changed into another King suit and disappeared in the blink of an eye.

Oathkeeper helplessly retracted his gaze and turned to look at Destiny's Child.

Destiny's Child also ignored him. Seeing that Han Xiao had left, he went back to sleep. There was no initiative like when he met Han Xiao earlier, as if he was treating Oathkeeper like air; the discrimination was obvious.

Seeing that Destiny's Child was not giving him any face, Oathkeeper's mouth twitched. He took a deep breath, suppressed his heartache, and turned to leave.

In the conference room of the three Universal Civilizations...

Marbruce sized up Han Xiao's remote projection and said with a confused tone, "Black Star, you're finally back. What took you so long?"

Louis and the church leader were also curious.

After sending Han Xiao away, they had thought that Han Xiao's first exploration would not take too long, but half a month had passed in the blink of an eye, and there had been no news from him. If not for the fact that Han Xiao contacted them, they would have been unaware that Han Xiao had returned.

In the past half a month, the three of them had been living on tenterhooks. Because they were unable to contact Han Xiao, who was far away in the World Tree Civilization's territory, they had been worrying every day, thinking that something had happened to Black Star.

Seeing that Han Xiao had taken the initiative to contact them, the three of them heaved sighs of relief. They were curious about what Han Xiao had done during his long stay in the World Tree Civilization.

"There was an accident along the way, and I was delayed. Let's not talk about that for now. I got some intelligence on this trip. Take a look."

Han Xiao waved his hands. He was too lazy to chat with the three of them and went straight to the point, sending the World Tree secrets that were revealed by Barbani to the three of them.

A virtual screen appeared on the table, and the three of them could not take their eyes off it.

"This... this is all information you obtained from this trip!"

Marbruce's eyes widened in disbelief to the point of being stunned.

The three of them originally had limited expectations for this intelligence. They felt that since Han Xiao had gone to the enemy's headquarters, it would be difficult for him to move easily. Even if he did gain something, it would not be too shocking. However, what was with this piece of intelligence? It was all unheard-of secrets!

Information Form warning network, Information Form camera... a ton of important strategic intelligence. It was obvious that this was not information that could be easily obtained. Could it be that Black Star had hacked the World Tree's secret database?

The three of them could not help but feel a little dazed.

How many times had they explored the World Tree Civilization? The best they could have done was steal some general information from the internet, but it was all superficial. Black Star had only gone there once, but he had already obtained an explosive harvest. Be it the quality or quantity of information, it was countless times greater than theirs!

The repeated explorations of the three Universal Civilizations were not as good as Black Star's one trip... The three of them looked at each other with complicated feelings.

Black Star had given them a headache when he was their opponent, but he was extremely reliable when he was their teammate. If not for the confidential intelligence that Black Star provided, they would not have known how passive their three Universal Civilizations were. Suppressing the shock in their hearts, the three of them focused on browsing through the secrets of the World Tree that Han Xiao had shared. Their expressions kept changing sometimes grave, sometimes surprised, and sometimes frustrated.

Very soon, the three of them read through the information and showed complicated expressions.

"So, this is how we were exposed..."

Louis sighed. After seeing the Information Form warning network, they finally understood how the World Tree Civilization discovered them.

"This kind of technology is impossible to guard against. The World Tree Civilization's research standard is much higher than ours regarding Information Form." The Pope frowned with concern.

"Looks like Black Star is right. We'd better stop the regular exploration..."

The three of them looked at the intel and felt immense pressure. At the same time, they were glad.

It was all thanks to Black Star for stealing these secrets. If not, they would have continued exploring without knowing what was going on, and they might have suffered a heavy blow one day. Now that they knew about the World Tree's detection method, they would be able to deal with it.

Marbruce could not help but ask, "... Black Star, how did you get this information?"

The other two also pricked up their ears.

"Nothing much, I just fought them and interrogated some people... By the way, I recorded the abilities of all the high-level combatants of the World Tree I fought. I am sending the files to you."

Han Xiao did not reveal his ability and gave a simple explanation. After thinking for a while, he shared the intelligence about the World Tree experts with the three of them. The information recorded was not as detailed as the combat information on the interface, but it was enough to roughly understand the abilities and combat strength of more than a hundred World Tree experts.

Gathering this information was not for his own use but also to let the Beyond Grade As in the explored universe gain a basic understanding of the enemy so that they would not be caught off guard. There was no need to hide it. Seeing the data of over a hundred World Tree experts, the three of them were stunned.

Damn, did you go to infiltrate or to fight?

Having fought over a hundred high-level combatants in someone else's base camp, your life is really full of excitement!

"Isn't this too radical?" Louis could not help saying

Han Xiao looked at him and spread out his hands. "If I did not do this, do you think those secrets would fall from the sky? Don't worry, although I fought the enemy, all traces were cleared. My intelligence channel monitored the real-time movements of the World Tree Civilization. They did not discover anything."

Marbruce was speechless and somewhat moved.

"Black Star, you took such a huge risk to gather intelligence. Everyone will remember your contribution..."

From his point of view, if not for collecting strategic intelligence, Black Star would not have taken the risk to fight the World Tree experts, resulting in him being pursued. All of this was for the big picture.

The other two also nodded and sighed.

Han Xiao raised his brows.

Seeing that the three of them had misunderstood his motives, he did not bother to explain himself. He was more than glad for them to think that way since there was no harm in it.

"No matter what, this piece of information you brought has extremely high strategic importance. It can provide an important reference for our strategic direction."

The three of them sighed for a while before getting excited.

Whatever the case, the intelligence that Black Star had obtained this time had solved their urgent needs. It was more than enough to change their strategic deployment.

The three of them began to discuss the next step of the plan, asking for Han Xiao's opinion from time to time.

Hearing that the three of them had finally accepted the suggestion and decided to stop the regular exploration, Han Xiao let out a sigh of relief. He had finally convinced the three Universal Civilizations not to do anything unnecessary, and his trust level had increased.

Somewhere in the unexplored universe, two spindle-shaped, dark-green spaceships sped through the endless desolate universe. Their concealment devices covered the trajectory of the hyperdrive light. In the cockpit, more than ten operators sat in their seats and worked. No one spoke, and the room was

silent other than the operating sounds. The cabin looked clean and tidy, but traces of time could still be found in some subtle areas.

Every once in a while, the World Tree Civilization would send out exploration teams in different directions in an attempt to find other civilizations in the vast galaxy. These two spaceships were one of them, and the crew could not remember how many years they had flown for. It was like they were silently wandering in the cold universe. Suddenly, the radar that had been silent for many years made a sound.

“Unknown metal object detected, direction...”

The people in the room were stunned for a moment, but they quickly reacted and immediately controlled the spaceship to fly in the direction indicated by the radar.

The two spaceships dragged streams of light and turned around. Very soon, the object locked onto by the radar entered their sights.

Not far away, an egg-shaped metal cabin was slowly traveling through the universe while letting out low-power exhaust flame. Its outer shell was mottled and had traces of cosmic radiation erosion, as if it had been sailing for a long time.

The people present looked at the metal cabin on the observation screen and had the same thought.

“This looks like... an escape pod?”

The group of them turned on the vital sign detection device; the extremely high level of technology penetrated the outer shell of the escape pod, detecting the life signals inside.

The appearance of the life forms in the escape pod was quickly displayed on the screen.

Chapter 1326 Interlude

After obtaining the secrets of the World Tree, the three Universal Civilizations accepted Han Xiao's suggestion and adjusted their strategy. They would no longer send any detection devices to the World Tree Civilization's territory, reducing the possibility of an information link forming between the two sides, and they increased their investment in the secondary dimension expedition team.

Han Xiao rested for a period of time. With the help of the Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device, he made another trip to the World Tree Civilization's territory. Because he had the intelligence advantage this time, he carefully avoided contact and completed the mission safely, obtaining the reward (Deep Within the Enemy Camp). After that, Han Xiao did not continue to infiltrate the World Tree Civilization's territory and harass them. He also reduced his contact with the World Tree Civilization and stayed in the explored universe to build machinery every day. Occasionally, he would go to the Holy Accord Organization to check on Destiny's Child's surveillance. On the surface, he returned to his normal life.

In the short term, he did not plan to go to the World Tree Civilization again. Now that the enemy was prepared, he was also afraid of getting into trouble. Furthermore, he had enough intelligence for the time being, so Han Xiao did not plan to provoke the enemy anymore and concentrated on expanding his strength.

The unaware Galactic Society maintained the pace of normal life. As time passed, the buzz created by the news of the three Universal Civilizations acknowledging the Beyond Grade A Association's independence also gradually cooled, but it did not disappear. The dissatisfaction of the galactic residents toward the three Universal Civilizations settled down and remained in their hearts.

After the political position was written in the galactic laws, the Beyond Grade A organization had a much better life. No matter how complicated the civilizations of the various Star Fields felt about this, they still acknowledged this point. They treated the Beyond Grade A Association like they would treat a civilization and increased their cooperation with the association.

Initially, all the organizations thought that the Beyond Grade A Association would take action, but the association continued to develop as usual and kept a low profile, as if they were not the recent topic of discussion.

Whether the Galaxy was chaotic or not was up to the big shots. Since the top organizations did not want to do anything, the life of the Galactic Society gradually returned to normal. Time slowly slipped away in this atmosphere.

In the Flickering World, more than ten small battleships with the army's insignia slowly landed on the Kunde Race's planet no. 77. They docked at a parking platform with three large transport ships. The wind pressure kept blowing out, blowing away the tiny dust on the ground. Landing gears propped out of the bottom of the ships, latching onto the Magnetic Force Suspension Lock and stopping steadily.

The cabins opened one after another, and groups of Kunde Race members wearing the standard armor of the Black Star Army alighted from the spaceships. Leading them was a tall Kunde Race member wearing the special uniform of the logistics department. It was Barton, who had been imprisoned and released by Han Xiao.

There were already groups of people waiting on the ground. They took the initiative to welcome them, and both sides exchanged greetings.

Barton was used to it. He waved his hand and said, "The supplies have been delivered. Help me unload them."

His prestige here was very high here. When the people heard his words, they started to work. They unloaded batches of goods from the transport ships, loaded them onto the transport vehicles, and sent them to different cities.

Barton stood at the side with his hands on his hips. At this moment, a Kunde Race member wearing a robe walked to his side and smiled. "How long are you planning to stay this time?"

"...Half a day at most. The army's logistics department has a very important mission. I can't delay it. I'll leave after sending these supplies."

Barton looked back. The person who had spoken was someone he knew. It was the person in charge of this planet, a feudal lord-type figure.

Over the past few decades, the Kunde Race planets had been freed one after another, but due to some interference, there was no unified regime. Every planet had a feudal lord, and they were only responsible for the affairs of the planet. They allied with each other like a union.

After tens of years of adaptation, the Kunde Race gradually integrated into Galactic Society and got used to the various rules and regulations. However, they were still very weak and developed slowly. The industrial system was not complete, so relying on Supers to feed them was still their main way to obtain various resources.

In the past few years, a large number of the Kunde Race members had chosen to join the Black Star Army and acquired various resources through working for the army. As the subsidies for the various planets were decided by these Supers, their status was extremely high, and the various Kunde Race Lords had to fight for the support of the Kunde Race Supers, forming a dependent relationship.

“Yes, the army’s work is more important. I was thinking of hosting you properly, but since you don’t have the time, let’s postpone it for next time,” the supervisor said.

“We’re already acquaintances. There’s no need to specially entertain me.” Barton shook his head.

“That won’t do. You’re a famous person from our planet after all. Planet No. 77 has been developing quite well all thanks to you,” the supervisor said warmly.

“...Alright, you won’t miss out on the supplies for the next period.”

Barton sighed. He knew what the other party meant.

A few decades ago, after he was pardoned by Han Xiao, he had joined the army without a second word, determined to support his race, and slowly climbed up from the bottom.

As he was a Mechanic, Barton joined the logistics department after passing the internal assessment. He was initially a low-level researcher, but after successfully advancing as a Super to Grade B, he was promoted to a middle-level officer in the logistics department. He was one of the highest ranking Kunde Race Supers in the army. Due to his position, his purchasing of resources was discounted. Thus, Barton’s position in the Kunde Race was very important and prestigious. Every planet’s feudal lord wanted to please him, and he was already used to it.

“How are the thoughts within the race now?” Barton changed the topic.

Hearing this, the supervisor turned to look at his people who were working and smiled. “We have been carrying out ideological reformations. There are fewer and fewer radicals, and most people now yearn for peace.”

“That’s good.”

Barton nodded and looked at the Kunde Race members who were full of vitality. He could not help but feel gratified.

They had a grudge against the Crimson Dynasty for destroying their homeland, but the difference between the two sides was too great. Barton had always been using his position to request the feudal lords of the various planets to strengthen their ideological education so that their descendants would not be influenced by hatred.

After so many years of hard work, the Kunde Race had finally taken a positive development path, and the radicals were rare, unstable factors. Who knew what kind of trouble they would cause under the

influence of hatred? Barton did not wish for his race to be implicated by a small group of radicals, destroying the peaceful situation that was obtained with much difficulty.

Luckily, the past few decades had changed the minds of most people, and the number of radicals seeking revenge had decreased. Most of the Kunde Race were satisfied with their current lives and had hope for the future.

“If only we could maintain this peace.”

Barton sighed in his heart.

The courtyard of Bennett’s residence on Planet Aquamarine was like a transparent greenhouse, filled with rows of plants. Bennett walked among the plants, holding a watering pot and slowly watering the plants. He was wearing regular clothes like an ordinary old man, and it was difficult to tell that he was the leader of a civilization.

“Father, we’re here to see you.”

The sound came from afar. Nero pushed open the door while holding Mia’s hand. The two of them walked into the courtyard.

Bennett put down the watering pot and looked back. A kind smile appeared on his wrinkled face. He waved and said, “You guys are here. It’s rare for you to have the time to come and see an old man like me.”

“Don’t say that. Your body is strong; you will still live for a long time. Today is your birthday, so don’t say such things.”

Nero brought Mia to Bennett and pretended to grumble.

“He-hello...” Mia greeted shyly. She was a Calamity Grade Super who killed without batting an eyelid, yet she was so nervous right now.

“You’re here too. Don’t just stand there. Let’s eat together today. Have a taste of my cooking.” Bennett looked at Mia with a satisfied expression as if he was sizing up his daughter-in-law.

Nero had brought Mia to meet his parents before, and Bennett knew that Mia was currently in a relationship with Nero. He did not interfere with his son’s choice, and he was rather satisfied with Mia. Bennett brought the two of them to the dining room beside the courtyard before returning to the courtyard to pick some fresh plants. He personally went to the kitchen to cook a table of dishes and hosted them with a smile. One was the leader of a civilization, and the other two were Calamity Grade Supers. The three of them ate at the same table, talking about family matters like ordinary people.

After chatting for a while, Nero took out a tube of medicine from his pocket and said with a smile, “This is the birthday gift that godfather told me to bring over. It’s a life potion personally made by Her Excellency Aurora. It can extend one’s life and maintain one’s youth.”

“Please thank Black Star for me.”

Bennett smiled and accepted the potion.

“Godfather expected you to say that. He wants me to tell you that with your relationship, you don’t have to thank him.”

“Alright, that’s his style.”

Bennett laughed and shook his head. He then turned to look at Mia and smiled.

“What about you guys? Do you have any plans to have children?” Mia’s face instantly turned red, and her voice was as soft as a mosquito. “That... I don’t have such thoughts for the time being...” Nero scratched his head and said embarrassedly, “It’s mainly because the higher the life level of an individual, the harder it is for them to give birth to a child. Mia and I have tried many times and used all kinds of positions, but unfortunately, we were unable to...”

Bang!

Before he could finish speaking, a shy iron elbow landed on his ribs, causing Nero to almost suffocate.

“D-don’t talk nonsense!”

Mia flew into a rage out of humiliation and subconsciously gave Nero a loving elbow strike. She immediately thought of Bennett and quickly returned to her lady-like sitting position like an innocent person.

“...It’s good to be young.” Bennett wiped off his cold sweat. The elbow strike from a Calamity Grade had made his hair stand on end, and he could not help but look at Nero.

Dear son, you’ve worked hard.

“It’s... it’s fine. I like this kind of play...”

Seeing Bennett’s complicated expression, Nero quickly defended Mia and rubbed his ribs for a while, feeling pain and joy together.

After coughing twice, Nero changed the topic and said with a serious expression, “Oh right, godfather also told me to tell you something important.”

“What is it?”

“Godfather said that he might migrate everyone on Planet Aquamarine.”

“Moving the entire Planet Aquamarine?” Bennett was shocked. “Where to?”

“He didn’t say. He just wants you to be mentally prepared,” Nero replied.

Hearing this, Bennett’s smile disappeared, and his expression became serious. He rubbed his chin and pondered, trying to figure out what Han Xiao meant.

To suddenly migrate Planet Aquamarine, could it be to move into the territory promised by the three Universal Civilizations to the Beyond Grade A Association? Or was it an emergency refuge?

If he was talking about refuge, could it be that some kind of battle was about to break out? But wasn’t everything going well?

“I don’t think it’s a good thing...”

All kinds of thoughts flashed through his mind, and Bennett was secretly worried. At the same time, on a wasteland on Planet Aquamarine, Hila and Aurora were walking slowly.

Not far away, there was a huge crater with rubble obliquely inserted into the ground like fragments thrown by a violent explosion. It was the ruins of the Germinal Organization, which was now protected as a historical document.

The two of them had originally come to visit Ames, but because they had come at the wrong time, they had been chased out. Suddenly, they wanted to revisit their old place, so they came to the Germinal Organization’s ruins to take a stroll “Do you remember? I was locked up here in the past. At that time, I thought I would never be able to escape.”

Aurora picked up a piece of metal and played with it.

Hila looked at her surroundings, and the memories of the past came back to life. She softly said, “That’s right. I did so much dirty work for the Germinal Organization, saying that it was to save you. In fact, I was just as lost, sinking deeper and deeper like a walking dead. If not for Black Star, I probably would not have survived.”

After experiencing so many things, the two of them could finally face the painful memories of the past. Looking back at the past, it was like a dream.

Aurora suddenly laughed and said, “Speaking of which, Black Star was so young back then, unlike now.”

“Humans have to grow.”

Hearing this, Hila’s lips curled up slightly. She remembered the time she tortured Han Xiao for more than half a year, and when she thought of the infamous Black Star, she had a feeling of joy at having seen the big shot at his weakest. Although they were not really childhood sweethearts, they were old friends.

However, Hila’s smile quickly disappeared, and she sighed with complicated emotions.

Aurora turned to look at her sister.

“What are you sighing about?” “... I was thinking, if I had chosen to go with him when he first entered the galaxy, maybe now... I wouldn’t be late.”

Hila had a complicated expression on her face.

On Floating Dragon Island... “Are you leaving?”

“Hmm, when I rushed over, the machinery was only half done. I have to go back and finish it.”

Han Xiao put on his clothes, buttoned up his shirt, and covered his strong chest muscles, preparing to leave.

At this moment, two fair fingers grabbed onto his shirt and tugged gently.

“Accompany me for a while more.”

“...Alright.”

Not long later...

On the other side of Floating Dragon Island, in Aesop's residence, the plates on the table moved slightly, and the juice spilled onto the table.

Aesop held onto the cutlery and looked at the corner of the ceiling helplessly. The wall was trembling slightly, and dust was falling. "Sigh, it's shaking again..."

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Half a day later, a light green force field rolled up a set of clothes and brought it into the air. Han Xiao reached out and put it on. He rubbed his tired waist, came before a mirror, and rubbed his cheeks.

Ames untied her hair and ran her fingers through it, letting her black hair flow down like a waterfall. She opened the fridge with her force field and took out a half-finished bottle of hard liquor. She poured it into two glasses and walked to Han Xiao's side. She sat on the edge of the table and handed one glass to Han Xiao with a smile.

"Have a drink?"

Hearing this, Han Xiao looked at her and took a sip of the wine. Ames smiled, tidying Han Xiao's clothes and straightening his collar.

"You've been quite busy recently. I tried to look for you some time ago, but I couldn't reach you."

"When am I not busy?"

Han Xiao licked his lips and tasted the wine; the sweet and cold taste filled his mouth.

Ames took a sip of wine elegantly and said with a teasing tone, "Be honest, where did you go a few days ago? Did you go to the secondary dimensions with someone else?"

"Nonsense. I've only entered the secondary dimension with you. At most, I'll add Kasuyi." Han Xiao finished the wine in one gulp, put down the glass, and casually combed his hair with his fingers.

Ames shook her cup and said with a smile, "You can be considered successful now. You've won independence for the Beyond Grade A Association. The three Universal Civilizations have acknowledged your identity once again. Most of the goals set by the association are completed. You can relax now, right?"

"It's still early. It's not the time to relax yet."

"Why? Are you still not satisfied and want to continue climbing up?" Ames raised her brows. "You're already one of the top big shots in the universe. It's a little dangerous for you to continue climbing up. Could it be that you want to steal the position of the rulers of the three Universal Civilizations?"

"You're thinking too much. I'm not referring to that but some other things. There's still a huge threat that hasn't been resolved, but I can't tell you yet."

Han Xiao glanced at her helplessly. He did not reveal too much information about the World Tree, not even to those close to him.

“Alright, you always have big plans anyway... but you won’t be so busy all the time. You’ll have to stop sometime.”

“If this matter can be resolved successfully, I should be able to rest for a long time.”

“Then I’ll wait. Don’t go back on your word.” Ames smiled.

“We’ll see how it goes. If I am free, I’ll spend more time with you.”

Han Xiao casually chatted for a while and was about to change into a King suit and leave when his communicator suddenly rang.

When he took it out, Han Xiao was delighted to see that it was Aesop. “Heh, it’s the old man. His timing is really accurate.”

Ames looked over and said indifferently, “He must have called you because the earthquakes stopped.”

“Do you want to come along?” Han Xiao waved his communicator.

“He’s looking for you, not me. He probably has some prophecy to talk to you about, so I won’t be going. I still have to see Hila and the others later. Go see the old man yourself. I’m going to take a shower.”

Ames waved her hand lazily and patted Han Xiao’s butt before leaving the room.

Han Xiao shook his head and left Dragon Emperor Palace. He arrived at Aesop’s house with ease and was quickly welcomed in by the AI butler.

The moment he entered, he saw Aesop sitting on the sofa and raising his eyebrows at him.

“You’re out?”

“You’re asking the obvious.”

Han Xiao curled his lips, picked up a piece of fruit from the fruit plate on the table, and threw it into his mouth. He sat on the sofa beside Aesop, placed one arm on the back of the chair, crossed his legs, and casually asked, “Why’d you call me?” “Don’t make so much noise next time.” Aesop sounded helpless. “It’s not the first time. When did you start to care so much?” Han Xiao looked at him strangely.

“I’m saying pay attention to the impact it causes. Every time you guys are done, the logistics department has to repair it. They even thought that Ames was training, and they’ve complained to me more than once. They told me to tell her not to keep causing trouble for Floating Dragon.”

Aesop shook his head.

He knew that the relationship between Han Xiao and Ames had been going on for a very long time. Although Ames was his adopted daughter in name, he knew that this kind of private matter had nothing to do with him, so he did not interfere nor did he have the ability to. Furthermore, Black Star had always satisfied him.

As an Ancient One with a rich romantic history, Aesop was quite open-minded in this respect, and he was not surprised at all that Ames had hooked up with Black Star. In his eyes, the two adults of the galactic era had known each other for close to a hundred years, and their statuses were on the same

level. They had experienced many things together and found each other pleasing to the eye. Sleeping on the same bed was just a matter of time.

As for the fact that the two of them were not married, it was not a big deal in Aesop's eyes. The old marriage system had gone out of fashion a few thousand years ago. Galactic races had long lifespans, and they lived colorful lives. Lifetime monogamy was a backward system that many galactic civilizations had eliminated. Now, the mainstream marriage contract type was usually the legal polygamy system, as well as contracted monogamy system. However, no matter which type of marriage it was, it was no longer a necessity for galactic residents. Due to the strong population circulation, the identity registration of most galactic civilizations had long been simplified. The household registration was very simple, and many galactic residents raised their offspring before marriage. The civilization gave them high subsidies and even built a public foster home.

Han Xiao was speechless.

"You didn't call me here just for this, did you? If there's nothing serious, I'm going back."

"I'm not that bored. Of course, I have business to discuss with you."

Aesop calmed himself down, threw away the distracting thoughts, and said solemnly, "I recently saw a new prophecy. I saw an ominous cloud looming over the galactic society, containing blood and fire, roars and screams. It's very likely that a disaster is brewing... Do you still remember my prophecy? Endless wormholes opened, and countless fleets invaded. The two seem to be related, and an unknown war might break out in the near future."

"Is that so?"

Han Xiao raised his brows. Aesop's prophecy probably referred to the World Tree.

"You don't seem surprised?" Aesop blinked.

"Since you saw a prophecy, there's no need to hide it from you. You must be very curious about the reason the three Universal Civilizations compromised so much. This is the reason." Han Xiao shrugged.

Aesop was shocked. "So there are enemies. This makes sense. The three Universal Civilizations had no choice but to unite their forces, so they reached an agreement with you."

"That's about it. I can give you some information. The enemy this time is very difficult to deal with. It might be the strongest enemy the three Universal Civilizations have seen in all these years. As for the details, I can't tell you for now. Just be mentally prepared," Han Xiao said.

"...So a universal war is about to break out. Sigh, the days of peace are always so short. If it's an external enemy, it won't be a small war. Who knows how many people will die then?" Aesop sighed.

As he spoke, his expression turned solemn. "Black Star, if the situation isn't good, I hope you can leave with Ames. There's no need for you to be buried with the three Universal Civilizations."

"... How tragic was the scene you foresaw that made you so pessimistic?"

Han Xiao raised his brows.

Aesop said with a serious expression, "I'm just taking precautions. Remember, if the situation isn't right, don't walk down the wrong path."

In the Void Dimension, at Kasuyi's palace, Kasuyi sat at one end of the table, facing Manison's remote projection. On the table was a virtual interface of Wayne Cards. The two of them were playing cards and chatting casually. Kasuyi casually threw out a card and slowly said, "Now that the association has an official position, according to Black Star's personality, he should strike while the iron is hot and carry out the next step of the plan. But he's keeping a low profile and has yet to start a new plan. This isn't like him."

Manison looked at his cards and casually replied, "Black Star definitely has his own plans."

"Recently, he's been acting mysteriously, connecting with the three Universal Civilizations. I don't know what he's doing. Speaking of which, the three Universal Civilizations' concessions are quite strange." Kasuyi crossed his arms.

Manison did not mind. "The three Universal Civilizations' choice is obviously due to pressure, and there are only a few scenarios where pressure would worry them. Based on the current situation, the most likely scenario is the invasion of the enemy. Black Star should have reached an agreement with the three Universal Civilizations to fight the enemy together. Let's just wait."

"Not necessarily." Kasuyi shook his head.

Because he had information about the Iterations, he thought more about it. Other than the possibility of foreign enemies, he also felt that the three Universal Civilizations might have discovered the existence of the Iterations and thus dropped the conflict. However, this was all speculation. No matter what, he supported Han Xiao's current actions.

Although Han Xiao did not reveal the truth of the World Tree, many Beyond Grade As had thought about it over the past few days and roughly guessed that the reason for the current situation was the existence of external enemies.

However, since Black Star did not announce it, many of the association members had a tacit understanding and pretended not to know. In fact, many Beyond Grade As were already secretly preparing for battle.

Somewhere in the unexplored universe, the World Tree exploration team's spaceship had changed direction and was moving at full speed in hyperdrive. The crew in the cockpit were all excited, and there were a few trembling old Kunde Race members tied up in the corner.

"After so many years, I've finally found some prey."

The captain stared at the coordinates on the screen with excitement.

After wandering in the universe for so many years, they had been searching for unknown civilizations alone. The universe was so vast, so their chances were like finding a needle in a haystack. To the long-distance fleet, this was akin to a punishment of exile, and they only had a harvest today.

Not long ago, they discovered an escape pod with low technology and captured the beings inside. Through various methods, they obtained information from the memories of these intelligent creatures who called themselves the Kunde Race.

When the dynasty defeated the Kunde Race civilization, there were batches of people who escaped through the escape pods. After many years of travel and some chance factors, some survivors left the explored universe, and this escape pod was one of the escapees.

The Kunde Race's memories of the explored universe were only at the stage of the war between the Crimson Dynasty and them. Because they were a native civilization of the Flickering World and had never integrated into the galactic society, they did not know much about the explored universe.

However, to the World Tree exploration team, the most valuable information was the coordinates recorded in this escape pod, as well as the navigation records of the past few years. This gave them a navigation target that pointed to the original location of the Kunde Race civilization, which was the Flickering World Star Field.

Due to the uniqueness of the World Tree mental network, every exploration team was a universe coordinate recorder that was connected in real time. The coordinates of every location would be sent to the World Tree simultaneously.

This meant that as long as the exploration team arrived at their destination, they would be able to obtain the coordinates of their enemies. After the World Tree base analyzed it, it would be able to use the wormhole generator to send a large number of troops over. The three Universal Civilizations had also used this method when entering the World Tree Civilization's territory for the first time. It was basically a spatial technology that the advanced civilizations used.

At the same time, the exploration team was also responsible for carrying out intelligence work. They would infiltrate the unknown civilization and collect information about the other party. The World Tree would only invade on a large scale if they knew about the other party's state. They would not start a war the moment they discovered their prey. "I wonder what level of civilization the prey we discovered this time is. Could it be the nest of the outsider who recently caused a ruckus in our territory? Tsk, I have to be careful!" The captain muttered to himself and was extremely vigilant. He had also learned of Han Xiao's battle in the World Tree Civilization.

If the coordinates were really the hometown of that brave outsider, the danger level would be raised to the highest!

Chapter 1328 Discovered

In a certain restricted military area of the Black Star Army, two large Mechanical Deities were clashing like interstellar beasts in close combat. With every clash, sparks flew everywhere, and shockwaves spread out like endless ripples.

Bang!

Among them, the black and gold Mechanical Deity with a thick psionic shield slammed into the opponent's abdomen, causing light fragments to fly everywhere. Taking advantage of this collision, it

opened up a small distance; countless light beams shot out from the cannon barrels on its shoulders, condensing into a golden beam of light that pushed the opponent away.

The Mechanical Deity that was sent flying rolled in space for a while before quickly stabilizing its body. Its flickering shield blocked the attack, and it was not injured.

“You are recovering well.”

The black and gold Mechanical Deity did not chase after him. Its body opened and closed like scales. It retracted its weapon and spoke in the channel. It was Han Xiao himself.

The other Mechanical Deity was Herberlon. Hearing this, he stopped, stretched his shoulders, and said, “This configuration needs to be readjusted. The power output is not enough.”

After waking up to prove the existence of the World Tree, Herberlon repaired his body with Han Xiao’s help and recovered his combat capability. He then added various weapons and equipment to form different sets of equipment, constantly adjusting his state of operation. From time to time, he would spar with Han Xiao to test the combat capability of different configurations.

“I think this set of close combat equipment suits you quite well. Just add a few more sets of reactor modules. Although you can’t beat me, you should be able to fight on par with the Mechanic Emperor.” Han Xiao smiled.

To him, sparring with Herberlon was a good leisure activity. After all, most Beyond Grade As would not be able to withstand his size, and Herberlon was about the same size as him. At the same time, he was also durable and could fight freely.

Although Herberlon had once been defeated by the World Tree powerhouses, the situation he faced was one against many. His strength could not be underestimated. After recovering his strength, he would be able to enter the first tier of the Beyond Grade As in the explored universe, and he would even be able to reach the top tier. He would be a great help.

Hearing this, Herberlon disarmed himself, removed a metal tube from the groove on his arm armor, and threw it to Han Xiao. “Another mutated carrier.”

Han Xiao took the metal tube and sized it up. He sensed some special structures from it, nodded, and put it away.

Although he was now a living body Mechanical Deity, that was a cheap trick, and it did not completely replicate the uniqueness of Herberlon.

Herberlon’s body was extremely strange. Flesh and blood life combined with mechanical life, and the mechanical parts that were assembled over a long period of time had a chance to undergo a natural mutation like biological tissues, turning into special equipment similar to Apostle Weapons.

A body like Herberlon was a treasure in the eyes of the average person. Any piece of it would contain a shocking amount of technology. However, Han Xiao only needed the mutation module; he made Herberlon dig out the mutated body tissue from time to time and give it to him for research. This was one of the rewards for testing Herberlon’s body.

After doing all this, Herberlon asked, “How’s your contact with the World Tree going?”

“Not too bad. I have obtained quite a few secrets now, so I’ll temporarily hold back and accumulate my strength...”

Han Xiao briefly explained the process of him stealing the secrets of the World Tree, as well as his current strategy. This was the information that he said he would share when he invited Herberlon to fight the World Tree together.

Hearing that the three Universal Civilizations had gained an advantage in intelligence with Han Xiao’s help, Herberlon hesitated for two seconds before saying, “The three Universal Civilizations are really lucky to have someone like you...”

If one were to ask Herberlon how he felt right now, it would be envy and jealousy.

The Karma Republic that he was in did not react until they were attacked by the World Tree Civilization. They were caught off guard and easily defeated. He could not help but envy the fact that the explored universe had Black Star. If the Karma Republic had Black Star’s help, at least they would not have lost without any resistance...

Herberlon had mixed feelings as he said, “It’s a pity that we didn’t have such luck and did not have someone like you.”

“Cough, it’s not that bad...”

Han Xiao was helpless.

Why are you suddenly flattering me? Did I ask you to flatter? Just as he was about to comfort, his communicator rang.

He took it out and saw Oathkeeper’s message.

There are new discoveries in Destiny’s Child surveillance. Come quickly!

Han Xiao narrowed his eyes and immediately lost the mood to chat.

He casually bade farewell to Herberlon and teleported to the Holy Accord with the King.

His vision blurred, and he arrived at Destiny’s Child laboratory. This time, Oathkeeper was waiting for him in the room.

“What’s going on? What’s the situation?”

Han Xiao looked at Destiny’s Child and walked to Oathkeeper’s side. “Things have changed. Take a look.”

Oathkeeper had a serious expression and was not in the mood to joke. He moved aside.

Han Xiao turned around and connected with Destiny’s Child. Information flowed into his mind, and his expression changed.

“The World Tree exploration team got our coordinates?”

This information was somewhat unexpected, and Han Xiao’s mood immediately became heavy. Destiny’s Child’s surveillance came from the interaction of information when the sub-bodies activated their foresight ability. This time, the intelligence that was caught was that an exploration team of the

World Tree had found the coordinates of a new unknown civilization. The World Tree used all the information that this exploration team had as a medium for foresight and organized a large number of foreseeers to activate their abilities. Therefore, Destiny's Child knew about the situation of the exploration team.

As such, Han Xiao saw in the intelligence that the World Tree exploration team had discovered a group of Kunde Race members, as well as the information they had obtained from them. The coordinates pointed to the old location of the Kunde Race civilization, which was in the middle of the Flickering World.

The surveillance intel showed the origins of these Kunde Race individuals. They were the survivors of the war. Although the refugees knew almost nothing about the galactic society, causing the World Tree to not know if this unknown civilization was the same group as the outsiders who were spying on them, the coordinates' exposure was a fatal matter. The World Tree would definitely investigate thoroughly before letting the matter rest. Then, they would be able to find out more about the three Universal Civilizations.

Han Xiao frowned. "For such a thing to occur..."

In his previous life, the World Tree invasion had been unstoppable, and they had come prepared. It was obvious that the exploration team had discovered the three Universal Civilizations long ago, but they had been secretly stealing intelligence and only started fighting when they were ready. No one knew when the World Tree first discovered the three Universal Civilizations, but to Han Xiao, it did not make sense for it to be so early. It was most likely due to the butterfly effect. Due to his influence, the path of the Kunde Race refugees had changed, and they had unfortunately run into the World Tree exploration team.

Without the coordinates, it would be difficult to find something. If they knew the location, their efficiency would be multiplied countless times, not to mention in the vast galactic universe. The World Tree exploration team had the same logic. In his previous life, the exploration team had most likely searched aimlessly, finding a needle in a haystack, and coincidentally arrived in the explored universe. Now that they had the navigation coordinates, they could directly travel in the direction of the explored universe. The time to arrive in the explored universe would definitely be much earlier, exposing the three Universal Civilizations in advance.

"What do you plan to do?" Oathkeeper asked with a deep voice.

Han Xiao came back to his senses and frowned.

"If that's the case, I can only interfere. I can't let the World Tree find us easily."

Destiny's Child's surveillance showed the location of the exploration team. The only thing he could do now was intercept the exploration team halfway and try not to let the World Tree figure out the three Universal Civilizations' details. He would win some time and let the three Universal Civilizations mobilize their forces publicly, officially turning into war mode to face the enemies.

However, no matter what he did, the World Tree had already obtained the coordinates, and finding the Flickering World was a foregone conclusion. Even if he destroyed this exploration team, there would be a continuous stream of reinforcements.

“I thought there was still a lot of time, but plans can’t keep up with the changes...”

Han Xiao shook his head helplessly.

He had finally managed to convince the three Universal Civilizations to follow his suggestion and reduce their contact with the World Tree Civilization, giving the secondary dimension expedition team more time. However, the unexpected factors turned out contrary to expectations. The Kunde Race Civilization had once been destroyed by the dynasty, and now, the refugees brought an even greater disaster to the three Universal Civilizations. It was like a cycle of fate; no one could be blamed.

Sighing, Han Xiao composed himself.

No matter what, it had already happened. He could only think of a way to deal with it and accept reality.

“The World Tree has discovered our coordinates?”

In the conference room of the three Universal Civilizations, the three of them received Han Xiao’s intelligence and were shocked.

“As for the details...”

Han Xiao explained the whole story. After he left the Holy Accord, he had immediately shared this intelligence with the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations.

After hearing the explanation, the three of them looked solemn.

The three of them did not have any other thoughts about the Kunde Race escapees leaking the secret. At most, they would curse that they were unlucky. They were more relieved that Han Xiao had the surveillance channels to discover the World Tree’s movements this time.

After all, they did not have the overpowered information network like the World Tree. If they were infiltrated, no one would be aware of it.

After pondering for a while, Marbruce said in a serious tone, “Black Star, I’ll leave the exploration team to you... Everyone, from now on, we have to enter a state of war.”

Chapter 1329 Interception

Somewhere in the unexplored universe, Han Xiao’s figure appeared out of thin air with a flash of light.

“This is where the exploration team passed by...”

Looking at the coordinates, Han Xiao mumbled to himself.

The World Tree used all the intelligence of the exploration team as a medium, which naturally included the route of the exploration team. Destiny’s Child also intercepted the detailed coordinates, so Han Xiao used the Multi-Dimensional Sky Opening Transportation Device to enter the coordinates and teleported to this unexplored area that the three Universal Civilizations had never set foot in.

The exploration team had passed by this place recently, so they were naturally not far away.

“According to the coordinates given by the Kunde Race, the exploration team is heading this way...” Han Xiao took out the interstellar locator, adjusted his position, and locked onto a direction.

With the navigation coordinates, the exploration team would most likely advance in a straight line. Therefore, he could confirm the direction of the other party. Although the exploration team was very fast and had already run ahead, he could use this method to give chase.

With a flash of his Mechanical Force, the gate of the secondary dimensional army camp opened, and a large number of mechanical troops rushed out. Han Xiao led a group of troops and chased after them in a straight line to the navigation coordinates, while the rest of the mechanical troops scattered in different directions.

This was partly to be safe, as they were afraid that the exploration team would take a detour. Also, their task was to set up a stargate terminal nearby. The three Universal Civilizations had set up a terminal on the other side of the stargate, allowing the two sides to connect.

This was related to the next step of the plan that they had discussed before they set off. Due to the World Tree's devouring mechanism, the three Universal Civilizations did not wish to start a war in their own territory. This would be too passive, so they decided to use the stargate to send a large number of troops to this area and build a defensive circle along the exploration team's route. At the same time, they would stop the World Tree's subsequent exploration teams and increase the difficulty of infiltration.

Between the defense circle and the Flickering World, there was still a large area that had yet to be explored as a buffer zone. Even if the World Tree broke through the defense line, it would not be able to immediately attack the territory of the explored universe. This way, the three Universal Civilizations would be able to bombard the area as much as they wanted with their strategic weapons. They would try their best to eliminate the World Tree's strength to reduce the number of enemies attacking.

These were all necessary preparations. However, from Han Xiao's perspective, an all-out war would not erupt just because of this. He had learned about the World Tree's habits from Barbani. Even if it discovered that they had built a defensive circle, the World Tree would not attack rashly. It would most likely take a detour and find a way to infiltrate their base to steal intelligence instead.

The World Tree mainly focused on invasion. It looked very aggressive, but that was not the case. After Barbani's explanation, the World Tree's biggest advantage was that it had an endless supply of troops and its amazing radar technology, which was its hard strength and intelligence ability. Why was it always able to launch an all-out invasion? It did not rely on brute strength but more on having detailed information about the enemy before the battle, understanding their weaknesses and accurately striking straight at the hearts.

As Han Xiao calculated in his mind, he brought his mechanical army and activated hyperdrive, turning into streams of light that flew across the galaxy. All of them were equipped with high-speed hyperdrive engines, and with the support of Mechanical Force, they were even faster than the exploration team. After chasing for a long time, the two spaceships of the exploration team appeared in his radar.

"It's indeed in this direction..."

Seeing that his target had appeared, Han Xiao heaved a sigh of relief. Destiny's Child was indeed powerful, or things would not have gone so smoothly.

The exploration team had activated a concealment device, but they could not avoid his detection, and he would not be easily discovered by a small exploration team.

Han Xiao had no intention of going up to communicate with them. He waved his hand and ordered a group of mechanical troops to set up a Space Stabilization Anchor to force the exploration team out of the hyperdrive mode. He then raised his long-range weapons and locked onto the two spaceships. Not long after, the two spaceships of the exploration team crashed into the trap set up by the mechanical army. With a sudden jolt, their speed plummeted and returned to normal mode. Han Xiao opened fire without hesitation, and a thick stream of high-energy particles shot out from the muzzle and swept past the two spaceships.

The shields of the two spaceships shattered in the blink of an eye, and the bodies of the spaceships melted, disappearing without a trace. In an instant, both the spaceships and the personnel on board were annihilated. A small exploration team naturally could not withstand Han Xiao's attack.

Seeing that the target was successfully eliminated, Han Xiao shook his head, but he could not be happy. He knew that this was only the beginning

Due to the connection of the World Tree's mind network, it was basically impossible to mislead this exploration team. Right now, the World Tree base camp definitely placed a lot of importance on the progress of the exploration team, so if anything went wrong, the World Tree would discover it. It was equivalent to the 'mainframe' having all the data prepared. He could hack the exploration team, but he could not hack the World Tree's main body. It was very easy to detect tampered data. By getting rid of the exploration team, he could only buy some time.

Han Xiao did not leave immediately. Instead, he gathered the spatial coordinates around him and summoned the construction team to set up the location.

At the same time, in the World Tree Civilization...

"... The mental network connection of the exploration team has been cut off. The members of the team have all been turned into seeds. They are suspected to have been attacked."

In the main hall of the Tree Kings, Tedrian stood under his throne and reported the situation with a shocked tone.

Due to the discovery of their prey, the World Tree Civilization had been paying close attention to the progress of the exploration team and had been communicating with the team telepathically. The moment the exploration team lost contact, the upper echelons noticed it.

"Enemy attack? Could it have been done by this unknown civilization? How did they discover the exploration team?"

The Tree King frowned.

At this moment, another Tree King sitting by the side laughed and slowly said, "It seems like this unknown civilization isn't simple. They either have a special anti-surveillance method similar to the information state alert network, or they built an outpost outside their territory... It's also possible that the refugees discovered by the exploration team were just a trap."

There were five thrones in the hall, each corresponding to one of the five tree kings. At this moment, three of the thrones were empty, and only two tree kings had appeared. One of them was the Subduing Tree King, and the one who spoke was the Heart Tree King, Minacho, a pinnacle Beyond Grade A Psychic. After Han Xiao caused a huge ruckus, the World Tree Civilization entered a state of alert, and the Heart Tree King woke up from his deep sleep. Two of the tree kings were on standby, and the other three were also observing the current situation.

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At this moment, there were still a few executives waiting in the hall. Hearing this, one of them asked, "Trap? Are you saying that the coordinates obtained by the exploration team are problematic?"

The Heart Tree King did not comment directly, instead casually replying, "The coordinates and intelligence provided by this group of refugees might have been specially forged by an unknown civilization. Their goal might be to lure the enemy in and lead outsiders into the trap they have prepared... After all, the universe is so big; we're not the only hunters."

The executives' expressions became more solemn.

The exploration team had only just discovered the coordinates when they were wiped out. They had no choice but to be wary of this unknown civilization.

In the process of conquering the universe, it was not as if they had never met a tough opponent. They had seen civilizations that were also focused on invasion, and they had always been on guard against such existences.

This time, Tedrian exclaimed and said, "That's not right. If this is a trap to lure the enemy, there's no need for this unknown civilization to attack the exploration team. This will only alarm others. They should be showing their weaknesses instead."

The Heart Tree King smiled and nodded. "That's right, so the possibility of it being a trap isn't high. This unknown civilization probably doesn't wish to come into contact with outsiders and is afraid of being exposed. However, their actions have also exposed some things... After the unknown civilization discovered the exploration team, they immediately attacked without any intention of capturing them alive. Isn't this suspicious?"

Hearing this, the eyes of many executives flickered.

"Logically speaking, if a civilization discovers an exploration team of unknown origin, there's a high chance that they will capture them alive and try to obtain intelligence..."

The Heart Tree King nodded and slowly said, "That's right, but this unknown civilization did not do so. Maybe it's because they're cautious, but it's more likely that they have intelligence on us and know that the World Tree has a mental network link, so they don't dare show their faces, afraid of being observed... Think about it, if they didn't know about our mental network, what are the chances of them destroying a foreign exploration team so carelessly?"

Tedrian was shocked. "So what you're saying is that this unknown civilization might be the hometown of the outsider who stole a lot of our secrets?"

Everyone's expression changed.

The psychological trauma that Han Xiao had left on them was not small, and it was still fresh in their minds. Just the mention of him made many World Tree members feel pressured.

"All of this is just speculation. As for what exactly happened, we'll have to verify it first." The Heart Tree King waved his hand and calmly said, "The next step is to locate the coordinates that this exploration team has recently passed by and reopen the wormhole tunnel. We'll send advance troops there, continue the exploration, and advance toward the navigation coordinates... Whether it's a trap or not, this is the only clue we have at the moment. We have to investigate it thoroughly."

"That was also my intention." The Subduing Tree King nodded.

The executives bowed in unison. "Understood. We will assemble the fleet now."

Somewhere in the Central Galaxy, a few enormous stargate devices were placed in the middle of the galaxy. At this time, the channel was not opened, so it only existed as a gigantic circular mechanical device.

In front of these stargate devices, there was a fleet that stretched endlessly. The armies of the Federation of Light, the Crimson Dynasty, and the Arcane Church had been waiting there for a long time.

These stargates were a set with the stargate terminals that Han Xiao had taken away. As long as Han Xiao completed the terminal connection, the two sides would be able to build an express channel.

After learning of the World Tree's existence, the three Universal Civilizations had been secretly gathering troops. Currently, most of the armies were on standby, ready to move out at any time.

While Han Xiao was dealing with the exploration team, the three Universal Civilizations efficiently gathered their troops and waited to set off.

"With Black Star's efficiency, it should be soon."

In the main flagship of the Federation of Light, the commander-in-chief, Simon, was playing with an antique replica pocket watch, looking down at the time from time to time. The surrounding crew members all had solemn expressions on their faces, and the atmosphere was stifling.

At this time, the few stargates outside the window activated one after another, and a dark blue space vortex appeared within the ring device. Starlight sparkled, and it led to the exit on the other side. Seeing this, Simon closed his watch and placed it into his pocket.

"All troops, move out!"

Chapter 1330 Public Announcement and Response

In the area where the exploration team had been wiped out, Han Xiao's mechanical army had already set up the stargate and activated the channel. The space vortex slowly spun, and not long after, batches of troops from the three Universal Civilizations flew out from the stargate.

Simon immediately saw the mechanical base floating in the starry sky outside the window. This was a temporary stronghold built by Han Xiao.

Simon sent Han Xiao a message. "We're here."

"I see you. Here is the exploration team's projected route. I'll leave the rest to you," Han Xiao replied casually before sending the intelligence to the various commanders.

Simon nodded. Without exchanging pleasantries, he turned and gave the order for the fleet to start moving. The allied troops of the three Universal Civilizations immediately split up, and the construction team built the prototype of the defense circle on the spot. The mechanical army then followed the exploration team's route, setting up a space stabilization device along the way. Because the World Tree could only take coordinates based on the exploration team's route to open wormholes, the three Universal Civilizations' method was a perfect counter.

Looking at the three Universal Civilizations' fleets working in an orderly manner, Han Xiao nodded.

Although both sides had come into contact in advance, compared to his previous life, the three Universal Civilizations were in a much better position. The World Tree had yet to grasp their strength and was not prepared, so they could not invade from the secondary dimensions. Therefore, the three Universal Civilizations only needed to pay attention to the battlefield of the main universe for the time being, which saved them a lot of time and energy. Furthermore, they still had the upper hand at the moment, managing to keep the enemy outside their territory. The situation was quite good.

Everyone was engrossed in their preparations for a long time. Suddenly, a spacetime anomaly occurred somewhere on the exploration team's route, attracting everyone's attention.

A wormhole vortex appeared out of thin air. However, along the way, the wormhole was disrupted by the stabilizing anchor nearby. The process was interrupted, and the wormhole was destroyed. "The teleportation of the World Tree failed."

Seeing this, many of the officers of the three Universal Civilizations were overjoyed. This was obviously because after the exploration team died, the World Tree had tried to send the next batch of troops. This proved to the three Universal Civilizations that their current plan was effective, able to successfully stop the World Tree's teleportation team.

This way, the World Tree could only choose to teleport to further coordinates and keep trying until it succeeded. At that time, the three Universal Civilizations, who were prepared, would naturally surround and intercept them. Since the plan was effective, Han Xiao did not keep an eye on it. The three Universal Civilizations would be in charge of this. With more people, the efficacy would naturally be higher.

Leaving behind a Throne, Han Xiao changed into the King and returned to the explored universe. He still had many things to do.

After Han Xiao returned to the Beyond Grade A Association headquarters, he immediately called an emergency meeting. The association members received the news and all attended.

Ever since the three Universal Civilizations' ban was lifted, Black Star had not summoned everyone so urgently. In the venue, many Beyond Grade A projections landed on their seats and gazed at Han Xiao curiously.

Kasuyi turned and asked, "Black Star, why did you call us for an emergency meeting?" Han Xiao looked around and said with a deep voice, "I know that all of you have always been curious about the basis of

our ceasefire with the three Universal Civilizations. Previously, due to the confidentiality agreement and some strategic considerations, I did not disclose it to the outside world. However, the situation has changed. I can tell all of you that... because the three Universal Civilizations discovered a foreign civilization that lives on aggression and threatened the safety of the entire galactic society, they chose to compromise with us at the crucial moment. They hope to work together with us to fight against the foreign enemy.”

Hearing this, the expressions of the Beyond Grade As present changed. Some came to a realization, some were shocked, and others remained unsurprised.

Many people had already faintly expected this possibility, so they did not show a great reaction.

Manison’s eyes flashed, and he slowly said, “This is the deal that the three Universal Civilizations gave us for our independence?”

“That’s right.” Han Xiao nodded.

“How strong is this enemy?” Kasuyi was curious.

“Because of some reasons, it’s not convenient to reveal the details for the time being, but the overall strength is very strong...” Han Xiao briefly described the size of the World Tree.

After hearing the introduction, many people looked at each other and frowned. They were afraid of the strong enemy that Han Xiao described.

“I never thought that I would have to fight alongside the three Universal Civilizations in the blink of an eye.”

“The enemies are so strong. Can the three Universal Civilizations win?”

“Even if we win, it will probably be a tragic victory.”

Many people whispered to each other, worried. Dillon frowned. “In other words, we still have to work for the three Universal Civilizations?”

Han Xiao waved his hand and said, “It’s just a deal. Furthermore, we’re also the prey of the foreign enemies. We have nothing to do with the three Universal Civilizations.”

“Bullsh*t! The three Universal Civilizations can’t even take care of themselves, so we can definitely leave on our own. They won’t dare stop us at this juncture, but aren’t they using our lives to protect the three Universal Civilizations?”

Dillon was clearly dissatisfied. His hostility toward the three Universal Civilizations was very firm.

“If we join the battle, who knows how many people will die? Even if there’s the Sanctum Revival, I think...” Beiger hesitated.

The majority of people there were willing to fight the three Universal Civilizations for the treatment of the Beyond Grade As because of what happened in history, but for them to ally and fight alongside the three Universal Civilizations, it was the exact opposite.

Among that group, the Revivors took the lion's share. They felt that since they could no longer enjoy the Sanctum Revival, losing their lives for the three Universal Civilizations was not worth it.

Protecting the people was not a priority for a portion of the Beyond Grade As. After all, the strength of an individual was different from that of a civilization. If they did not need to rely on the masses, they naturally did not have much obligation to protect them.

Now that the problem of the Beyond Grade As was basically solved, many of the Revivors had achieved their goal, and their mentality was inevitably going to shift toward being independent.

Han Xiao took in everyone's expression and said, "These are the terms of the deal. If we don't participate in the battle, the association's independence and status will be nullified." Dillon snorted. "Come on. It's not even certain if the three Universal Civilizations can win. We'll be risking our lives to fight, but if the three Universal Civilizations lose, these agreements will still be useless. To us, it's a bloody loss... There is clearly a method to gain something without risking our lives!" "You're right, but there are two sides to everything. This is also an opportunity. Furthermore, we were all born from this galactic society, so this is not the time to abandon our homeland. Escaping should not be the first choice." Han Xiao shook his head. "Alright, let's assume that we've defeated the enemy. But what if the three Universal Civilizations take the opportunity to wipe us out again? Will we still have the strength to fight back then?" Dillon questioned.

"Of course, I've considered this. Don't worry, we won't be the main force fighting against the foreign enemies. The three Universal Civilizations will only suffer greater losses than us. By then, the association will still be able to retain enough strength or come out even stronger."

Dillon snorted coldly. "It's easy to say. I don't care about the others, but I won't agree. You want me to fight for the three Universal Civilizations? No way!"

Han Xiao ignored him and looked at the others. "What are your thoughts?"

Listening to the argument between the two, many Beyond Grade As had different expressions. Some were hesitant, while others remained calm.

"Black Star is right. This is a deal with risks and benefits. We're not fighting for the three Universal Civilizations but for our homeland. At least for me, I'm already used to living here. If it's not necessary, I don't want to watch the galactic society be destroyed," Kant said slowly.

Kasuyi nodded and said, "No matter what, it's too early to discuss escaping before the battle starts. I believe that Black Star's intention is not to fight to the death. If the situation is truly irreversible, with his style, he will not lead us down a path of no return."

"That's right." Secret Master nodded expressionlessly.

Other than the Revivors, most Beyond Grade As understood Han Xiao's actions. After all, not everyone was willing to abandon their hometown. Furthermore, as a Beyond Grade A, even in the face of a universal war, they still had the confidence to protect themselves and would not panic. Being scared away by the enemy was not within the consideration of most. Whether they could win or not would only be known after they fought.

Hearing this, Han Xiao nodded before looking at Dillon and the others. "The war has yet to break out, so you still have plenty of time to consider. The association respects the opinions of every member and will not force anyone to participate in the war... Of course, if you change your mind one day, I welcome all of you to fight alongside us."

"Humph, even if the galactic society is gone, I will not regret my attitude today!" Dillon snorted.

Han Xiao's expression was calm, and he was not angry. It was normal to have disagreements. He had already considered this point.

However, in his previous life, everyone in the explored universe was a soldier, so it was clear that most of them were upright. Furthermore, in his previous life, Oathkeeper had convinced many Revivors to participate in the battle at the critical moment. Clearly, it was not just because they were emotionally moved but more because the Sanctum Revival was used as a bargaining chip to move all the Beyond Grade As.

When the truth of the unlimited number to Sanctum revivals was exposed, he believed that these cold and aloof combat avoiders would come back knocking.

Han Xiao gave some instructions before announcing the end of the meeting. Everyone left with their own thoughts, except Manison.

Han Xiao looked at him and asked, "What do you have to say to me?"

Manison crossed his hands on his legs and calmly said, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Do you want to reconsider my route?"

"What, you want to replace the three Universal Civilizations?" Han Xiao smiled.

"Can't we?" Manison glanced at Han Xiao. "If we lose, just pretend that I didn't say anything. If we win, this is a very good opportunity. It might be the weakest moment of the three Universal Civilizations so far, and the Virtual Mutiny Virus in our hands will come in handy."

"You still haven't given up. In fact, the things you want are even more exaggerated." Han Xiao shook his head.

Manison was expressionless. "When the three Universal Civilizations recover, they will still see us as a thorn in their side. As long as they stay on our side, we won't be able to have any true peace. Your method of checks and balances is effective, but isn't it better to solve the threat once and for all?" "It's too early to say that. Let's focus on dealing with the enemies." Han Xiao waved his hands.

To the citizens of the galactic society, this was a normal day, but on this day, the peaceful life in their eyes was easily broken by the galactic announcement issued by the three Universal Civilizations. The three Universal Civilizations announced that a powerful foreign civilization was planning to invade the galactic society. The entire universe was to enter a state of war, requesting the Flickering World and many other Star Fields to begin mass migration.

This earth-shattering news swept through every Star Field like a hurricane. All galactic residents and civil forces who saw the news could not believe their eyes, thinking that it was fake news.

However, the actions of the three Universal Civilizations proved that this was not a joke. Large batches of official fleets forcefully migrated the civilians in the various Star Fields, and the various civilizations cooperated extremely well. Spaceship after spaceship of galactic residents of different races were sent to the transport ship, heading toward the hinterlands of the explored universe.

The recently renowned Beyond Grade A Association also issued a statement, proving that the three Universal Civilizations were not lying. They would fight against the enemies together and start to recruit Supers from all over the universe.

This series of actions did not pause at all. It was as if they had been prepared for this. The tension of the impending storm swept through the entire galactic society.

There had been no related news before this, and the situation had come too suddenly. It was as if a meteor had landed on the calm surface of the sea, causing huge waves. The public opinion exploded instantly. However, one characteristic of the interstellar era was that the people were used to seeing all kinds of strange things. They were adaptable and could accept things fast enough. Although the period of long and comfortable life slowed down the reactions of many people, the majority of the galactic residents still quickly accepted the fact that a war was about to break out. They did not have time to think too much and quickly responded.

Fortunately, the conflict between the three Universal Civilizations and the Beyond Grade A Association had given many galactic residents an experience. At this moment, they were practically escaping without hesitation.

Without the forced migration of the three Universal Civilizations, most of the galactic residents left the border Star Field of their own accord, forming a huge migration wave. The public stargates were all jammed, and the fleet could extend to the end of their sights.

At the same time, the armies of the three Universal Civilizations began to move toward the periphery of the Star Field, requiring the majority of the area to start their war preparations.

In daily life, the various Star Fields were all living areas. Once a war broke out, the entire explored universe would be a strategic location in the eyes of the three Universal Civilizations. All Star Fields were war zones with different functions.