

## The Mechanic 451

### Chapter 451: Superstitions Cannot Save the World

*Is he going to kill me?*

The Lord of Runes looked behind him. Not even one guard stepped forward, and the officials were hiding far away, not daring to show their faces.

The Lord of Runes panicked. As resolving himself, he clenched his teeth. Suddenly, he grabbed the statue, took a few steps back, and held it before him. He then took a rune sword from the guard, pointed its tip at the statue, and fiercely yelled, "Don't do anything, or I will destroy what you have been looking for!"

Han Xiao stood still and expressed that the Lord of Runes could do as he wished.

"Destroy it then. If you are actually able to, I will spare your life," Han Xiao said in a mocking tone.

This statue looked like it was made of wood, but it did not even break after falling from space. How could it possibly be destroyed by a sword? The Lord of Runes had lost his mind.

Bang!

A bloody hole appeared on Lord of Runes' forehead. This old man's eyes opened wide in hatred, then they turned lifeless as he collapsed.

The people of the City of Runes trembled. They felt a mixed feeling watching their ruler being killed right before their eyes, but they were not very angry. The sense of national belonging was not very strong in Planet Secret Blue as the residents often migrated. Besides, the Lord of Runes was not very liked by his people.

Han Xiao holstered his gun and picked up the statue. After some blood spilled on it, the already strangely shaped statue felt creepy.

"Let's go." Han Xiao looked up at the sky.

Just as the people were confused as to what he was doing, the buzzing sound of an engine came from the sky. A spaceship quickly passed through the atmosphere and came to the sky hundreds of meters above Han Xiao. It shot out a blue beam and shrouded Han Xiao.

Han Xiao's body rose as he was sucked into the spaceship before countless pairs of eyes.

On the ground, the people in the City of Runes were dazed.

"Is that the tool that the space people use to travel?"

"It looks like a piece of machinery. Could the Iron Fire Castle's technology be the most correct one?"

Hu!

While they were discussing, the spaceship turned around. Blue fire shot out from its tail thrusters, and it broke through the sound barrier in an instant, disappearing.

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The alien left just like that, but the City of Runes and other organizations on Planet Secret Blue had yet to recover from its impact.

Knowing what had happened to the Lord of Runes, the other organizations were glad that the alien had landed near the City of Runes instead of near them, or they would have ended up the same way.

When receiving the information on the previous night, these people had still been holding urgent meetings on how to deal with the alien. Many of them wanted to snatch the alien away from City of Runes. In their eyes, the City of Runes would most likely capture the alien successfully. At this time, the ones that made the most aggressive suggestions and yelled the loudest last night were all covered in cold sweat.

Since Han Xiao arrived, only around ten hours had passed, but the huge impact that he had brought to Planet Secret Blue deeply changed this planet's perspective on the world. Their first contact with an alien was not peaceful, and there was no deep communication, but the influence that Han Xiao had on them was incalculable.

After all the organizations were shocked by Han Xiao's strength, they looked forward to having that power. The warriors that explored ways to train themselves saw Han Xiao as a goal. They researched his actions when he fought the army, hoping to find a method to become stronger.

As they saw how strong a galactic mercenary was, the various organizations on Planet Secret Blue woke up to a certain extent. They felt that their internal battle was useless. Maybe in the eyes of those people in space, they were like ants fighting each other. This fueled their will to maintain peace and stop the battles.

Because of this, this incident was recorded in the history of Planet Secret Blue. The philosophers analyzed the impact that the alien had on society from different perspectives.

At the same time, because they saw that the interstellar spaceship was a piece of machinery, the technology in Planet Secret Blue finally showed signs of uniting. Iron Fire Castle's machinery technology became the 'truth' that was agreed upon by all the organizations. They felt that this was the future direction that a civilization should take. Hence, they stopped research on other systems and focused on technology. Under the pressure from all the other organizations, Iron Fire Castle had no choice but to share all their knowledge.

Since then, most of the people on Planet Secret Blue became materialists. Their social structure changed without them noticing.

Although Han Xiao had been there for trouble, the influence that he had was very positive. Planet Secret Blue learned a lesson from their ignorance and wrong decisions, and they had a new understanding of how strong the people in space were, so they became more cautious. When they finally came into contact with a galactic civilization, the organizations on Planet Secret Blue were extremely glad that the

first alien on their planet was a mercenary who gave them a chance. If they messed with a higher-level civilization when they were so arrogant, later... no, they would not even have had a 'later'.

Those were all changes that happened after the Great Mechanic Han left, which he was not concerned about.

After gathering all the statues, Han Xiao did not notify Chen Xing immediately but went to the nearest Star System civilization colonized planet.

His goal was to buy some special consumables, something that could be used on the statue.

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A few days later, the spaceship returned to the Rain Star System. After the Union Day Celebration, Chen Xing stayed in the New Phylen Alliance for his tour. When he received the message from Han Xiao, he was shocked and surprised.

*It's only been a few days, but the other two statues have already been found?*

*My god, what level of efficiency is this!*

The item that he had spent years looking for had been found by this group of mercenaries in a few days. They were indeed the professionals!

The spaceship docked on a colonized planet of the New Phylen Alliance. Chen Xing was performing in a city there. With the passionate welcome of the assistant, Han Xiao and the others met with Chen Xing in the most expensive suite of a high-class hotel.

"Hahaha, Black Star, you've really surprised me. I never thought you would be able to find all the statues so quickly." Chen Xing was overjoyed, and his face was slightly red from his excitement.

This time, Han Xiao had brought everyone along. This was the first time that Herlous had met Chen Xing. "Being this pretty, is he a man or a woman?"

"I'm a man. It's natural beauty." Chen Xing heard Herlous' murmur and replied with a smile.

Han Xiao coughed and said, "I've brought the stuff. There will be more than enough time later for chitchat. I think it's better to carry out the holy deal first."

Chen Xing gave him a seductive look, chuckled, and said, "So impatient. Alright, I'm very satisfied with your efficiency. I'll pay double the reward to repay the surprise you've given me."

"Double? Wouldn't that be..." Sylvia counted with her fingers, and her mouth fell open. "Two—two hundred thousand!"

"Calm down, don't act like you've never seen money before." Han Xiao knocked her head. Celebrities were, of course, wealthy; it was nothing to be surprised about.

The four statues were placed on the table. Chen Xing checked them, made sure they were the right statues, and paid the money instantly.

[Statue Search] Completed

Grading mission...

Grading complete.

Mission Rating: Unbelievable

You have received [Unbelievable] level bonus reward: Bonus 120% experience (1,320,000), bonus 100,000 Enas, random reward x 1, special item x 1.

You have received [Character Summon Card – Chen Xing]

Character Summon Card—Chen Xing: [Flirtatious Smile]: +688 CHA. Duration: 15 seconds. Usages: 0/3

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Seeing the effect of the Character Summon Card, Han Xiao was silent.

Other than the word ‘ridiculous’, he could not think of another word to describe it.

*688 points of attribute boost, but in charm? Is this supposed to make the enemies lose too much blood from nosebleeds? If this boost was for Intelligence, I'd go beat up a Grade A right now!*

Han Xiao's mouth twitched. He was speechless.

*A flirtatious smile? Are you serious?*

The Charm attribute had always been a side attribute. It was mainly used to get discounts in deals or enhance illusion abilities, affinity with creatures, taming beasts, farm favorability, and so on. Almost no player would focus on increasing their character's Charm... other than some female players. Technically, no player would spend this many points on Charm. Han Xiao felt that this value would give him natural seductiveness, and anyone that looked at him had to be above a certain level of resistance to not be affected.

*Why did it have to be charm! I already have enough of it!*

Other than the extra reward, he received 2,430,000 experience and 200,000 Enas. The monetary reward was really high—celebrities were generous indeed. His savings finally exceeded one million and reached more than 1.1 million.

He had gotten a very high completion rating for the mission but did not receive any legendary points nor a Medal of Honor since the difficulty of the mission itself was only C. He already had one Medal of Honor, [Germinal Organization Slayer], which he had received after destroying the Germinal Organization. Its effect was a three percent boost in all attributes. Gathering three Medals of Honor would turn them into a special Medal of Achievement which gave a twelve percent boost in all attributes.

However, the random reward from the [Unbelievable] mission rating was the key.

Han Xiao's eyes became firm. He pulled Herlous aside and touched him here and there.

“What are you doing?” Herlous felt a disgusting shiver and jumped away hastily.

“Getting some of your luck.” Han Xiao rubbed his hands. He knew how good his luck was. Old Herlous was at least a main character and had the lucky aura, so he was willing to believe in superstitions in such times.

The Great Mechanic Han took a deep breath. With a solemn and serious expression, he slowly clicked on the ‘confirm’ button.

Randomizing...

Randomizing complete.

You received the Random Reward Type: [Talent]

“Damn it!”

### **Chapter 452: Sudden Attack!**

Only if the reward type was [Item] would there be a chance to obtain the Mission Completion Card.

*Are you a fake main character Old Herlous?*

Han Xiao turned around and looked at Aroshia. He felt that touching her was more dependable.

Aroshia looked at him with a poker face, and they looked at each other for three seconds.

Han Xiao shook his head, rubbed his temples, comforted himself, and thought, *This is just the first time. It’s normal to meet a small obstacle. It’s normal... normal...*

Han Xiao knew that the chances of getting a Mission Completion Card on the first try were very low. Although abilities were not what he needed most at the moment, it could have been worse.

*Sigh, things would be much easier if the players were here. I could just give out a mission to have them give me Mission Completion Cards, and I wouldn’t have to hope to get lucky.*

Han Xiao shook his head and looked at the interface.

Please select 1 from the 3 talents below.

[Flame Affinity]: +16% Fire Resistance, +10% damage of fire element abilities

[Advanced Mental Toughness]: +35% Psychological Resistance, decrease Psychological Resistance needed to be immune to mental controlling debuffs, -30% duration of these debuffs.

[Cell Engine]: +21% Energy recovery speed, +330 energy

With just one look, Han Xiao had already made a decision. [Flame Affinity] was suitable for the Mage class and had a very limited effect on him. [Cell Engine] was not bad, but it was not as practical as [Advanced Mental Toughness]. Anything that had the 'Advanced' prefix was usually half decent. Furthermore, the Psychic class could attack through the armor of the Mechanic class, so this talent could largely enhance his Psychological Resistance.

Plus, he would be able to use it on the spot.

After some pondering, Han Xiao suddenly realized that something was wrong.

*Wait a minute, why am I becoming tankier?*

*Is there really no way for me not to be a tank! I want to deal damage, damn it!*

Although he did not get a Mission Completion Card, he did garner quite a number of benefits on this trip—two talents, one Character Summon Card that felt kind of useless, more than two million experience, and 200,000 Enas.

Chen Xing was staring at him with a smile, expressing his intention of sending these guests off graciously. He suppressed his emotions and could not wait to do his stuff after the mercenaries left.

Han Xiao reached out his hand and said, "Since the mission is completed, we shall get going."

"Sure. If there is a chance in the future, I will work with you again."

Chen Xing smiled politely and grabbed Han Xiao's hand.

Suddenly, without any warning, Han Xiao's hand locked onto his hand tightly. Han Xiao abruptly pulled Chen Xing to his side before he could react.

In an instant, the Void Dragon mechanical suit covered his body. Han Xiao leaned back slightly, then heavily headbutted Chen Xing's face with his armored forehead.

Bang!

Being suddenly attacked, Chen Xing felt the world was spinning.

Han Xiao activated all the enhancing modules of Void Dragon. With the Electromagnetic Pulse Controller stimulating his body, he entered the [Excited] state. Together with the attribute boost from Void Dragon's combat form, his Strength increased by more than one hundred points. One headbutt was not enough, so he headbutted Chen Xing again, stunning him for a short period.

Using the short opportunity, Han Xiao grabbed Chen Xing's head with his hands and released [Void Jet Spray]!

Boom!

The shockwave turned the luxurious hotel suite into a total mess like it had been visited by a tornado.

"What are you doing?"

Herlous, Sylvia, and the Volga brothers were all shocked!

*A mercenary is attacking the employer!*

*It was still so peaceful moments ago, why did he suddenly attack?*

“You...” Chen Xing’s resistance was not low. He finally regained focus after taking two charges of Void Jet Sprays. His eyes turned pure white, and the surging Psychic power pushed everyone away.

He clutched his head full of pain, stared at Han Xiao with hate, and bit his lips. He was shocked and enraged.

He did not understand why Han Xiao suddenly attacked him, but that did not stop him from feeling threatened.

“Argh!” Chen Xing opened his mouth. Psychic power flew into his voice, and the sharp high note pierced into the others’ brains like a spear, causing a strong pain.

They felt like the world was spinning, and their organs were distorted like they were going to vomit. Sylvia was the weakest. She grabbed tightly onto her brain like it was going to explode the next second.

Han Xiao felt painful too like a blade was stirring in his brain. The [Advanced Mental Toughness] that he had just acquired instantly showed its effect. He had planned to attack long before he chose this talent. It largely reduced Psychic damages and debuffs, which was very useful against Psychics.

After all, he knew everything about Chen Xing.

Han Xiao endured the pain and pounced forward. His elbow slashed onto Chen Xing’s psychic shield like a tomahawk, making a loud crash of the sound barrier breaking, then it landed on Chen Xing’s pretty face.

Pa!

Blood splashed out from Chen Xing’s nose and mouth. He held his bleeding nose and backed off in a panic. His eyes were filled with rage and shock.

“Herlous, go outside the door and stop the guards. Volga brothers, protect Sylvia and don’t get too close to us.”

Han Xiao spoke very quickly. At the same time, his fist covered in armor punched and broke Chen Xing’s shield time after time, forcing him to back off without a choice, not able to use psychic attacks. He was moving closer to a dead end.

“What is going on?” Herlous was still lost. He clenched his teeth and decided to trust that Han Xiao had a reason to do this.

Boom boom boom!

Herlous rushed out the room door, swung his Battleship Slicing Blade, and stopped the guards outside.

“Piss! Off!” Chen Xing screamed like a woman, and blood flew out from his eyes. He used some kind of secret technique to stimulate his mind and go beyond his psychic power limit. The windows and walls of the room exploded and shattered, and dust suffused with the air. Han Xiao was pushed aside as well.

With the opportunity to catch his breath, Chen Xing clenched his teeth and activated his psychic power. All the items in the room floated up into the air and fused into a wave, pushing Han Xiao back and not letting him get closer.

This time, Chen Xing’s face was covered in blood. His luxurious and beautiful clothes were coated in dust and blood, and he was in a very bad state. He was still suffering from the concussion resulting from Han Xiao’s headbutts, so he was unable to focus, and his psychic power was flowing slower than usual.

The next second, the four statues that had fallen to the ground were grabbed by Chen Xing with his psychic power. Like a thirsty man seeing water, he pressed the statues against his forehead.

A unique psychic rhythm appeared in the air. In a spectrum invisible to the human eye, the Psychic Current in the statues was flowing into Chen Xing’s brain. His weakened Psychic powers recovered extremely quickly.

This was the statues’ effect on Chen Xing. The Psychic Current in them was like a strong supplement to him that could enhance his psychic power. Items like this that received prayers over a long time could all be used by him to strengthen his powers. This was a method used by the Psychics, absorbing Psychic Currents to strengthen themselves. It was rare and had a very strong side effect, the user would usually be impacted by all the thoughts in the Psychic Current, which might even damage the user’s mind.

Aroshia saw this and was about to stop Chen Xing but realized that Han Xiao was secretly giving her a hand sign, telling her not to do anything. Hence, Aroshia stopped and watched things unfold.

Originally, he needed to be very cautious when absorbing the Psychic Current from the statues or his mind would be influenced by the countless thoughts in it. However, Chen Xing could not be bothered about that now. God knew if this mercenary had become crazy. All Chen Xing knew was that if he did not save himself, his life might be in danger.

Whoosh!

After gulping down the Psychic Currents from the four statues, the statues fell onto the ground and lost their uniqueness, only left with their tough exteriors.

After absorbing the Psychic Currents, Chen Xing’s eyes turned red. A horrifying Psychic power surrounded him, and even the air was distorted. His psychic power was so strong that it was visible. His head did not hurt anymore, and his back did not ache anymore; he recovered to his peak performance and even beyond.

“How dare you beat me up to this extent? I—I will turn you into my Silent Slave!”

Chen Xing wiped off the blood on his nose and lips. His tone was full of rage like a woman who realized that her beautiful face had been destroyed.

Strong Psychic powers gathered as Chen Xing prepared to launch his strongest attack.



This time, Han Xiao's eyes sparkled. Suddenly, he activated Hila's Character Summon Card, and a hologram of a redhead woman appeared behind him.

[Whisper of the Dead]: Deals psychic damage three times to the enemy. Damage is based on the user's INT or MYS (can be indicated). Decreases all status of the target by 15%.

Duration: 3 hours

Usages: 2/8

Dark red energy surged from Han Xiao's eyes and shot straight at Chen Xing.

Although he did not have the ability to enhance Psychic attacks, his Intelligence was very high. The three consecutive attacks were quite powerful.

Hum!

The world before Chen Xing's eyes was spinning. The heavy hit landed on his mind and caused him to lose control of his Psychic powers. The Psychic power that he had gathered exploded before it was launched.

Blood poured out Chen Xing's nose and mouth, and his eyes turned blood red. This was not because he used some ability to break his limits or anything like that but because the veins in his eyes exploded.

Psychic's Psychological Resistance was supposed to be very high, yet Chen Xing's mind was like it was almost defenseless, causing him to be heavily hurt instantly.

Suddenly, his state became even worse than before he absorbed the energy from the statues. His mind became extremely slow, and his knees became weak. Chen Xing fell onto the ground and gasped for air. He grabbed a statue in disbelief.

"You... did you do something to these?"

### **Chapter 453: The Real Owner**

Han Xiao's lips curled up. Before notifying Chen Xing, he had purchased a type of specially made mind poison on another planet and coated it on the statues. As long as anyone's Psychic powers came into contact with the poison, they would be damaged and suffer decreased Psychological Resistance. It was effective for Psychic type Espers, Mages, and Psychics.

Not only was Chen Xing already injured by Han Xiao, but he also absorbed all the energy from the statues, which made his mind weak, and now he was poisoned too. With all these factors, his resistance was largely decreased. Hence, his mind directly fell apart.

Chen Xing was Grade B, but Psychics were normally like paper, so Han Xiao did not dare to use Flaming Will. He was afraid that if he got lucky, or maybe unlucky, he would kill Chen Xing right away.

Blood poured out from Chen Xing's nose and mouth to the floor, Chen Xing had lost the ability to resist. He looked at Han Xiao with a death stare, his face was filled with loath.

For an instant, Chen Xing's expression seemed to become very calm, but that was so brief that it felt like an illusion.

"Why are you doing this?" Chen Xing clenched his teeth. "Did you accept a request to assassinate me?"

Han Xiao answered Chen Xing by grabbing onto his hair and slamming it heavily onto the floor, knocking him unconscious.

*Explaining is a job for the villains. We are just!*

"Old Herlous, come back here and let's retreat!"

"Thanks to you, I might be quite busy at the moment..." Herlous' annoyed voice came from outside the door. He had blocked several waves of guards outside, so the fight outside the door was getting intense.

Han Xiao grabbed Chen Xing's clothes and threw him to the Volga brothers, then he aimed his hands at the hotel wall and launched a maximum output Void Jet Spray.

Boom!

The gray shockwave blasted through the wall. Bricks and rebars showered onto the ground, and the air became filled with the pungent smell of dust. A huge hole appeared on the outside wall of the hotel. The ground was hundreds of meters below, and about a hundred meters below them was the nonstop traffic of hovering cars.

Han Xiao caught an opportunity and jumped down, smashing through a hovering car's roof and landing on the seat. The driver was horrified, but before he could speak, Han Xiao knocked him out and threw him onto the backseat.

Han Xiao quickly sat on the driving seat and held onto the steering wheel. He immediately felt a sense of familiarity. The next moment, the car flew upward and deviated from the midair traffic track, stopping outside the hole in the hotel's wall.

"All of you, come in!" Han Xiao said as the door opened.

The people squeezed in. Before Herlous could enter, the blaring alarm became even louder. Han Xiao looked in the rearview mirror and saw a convoy of hovering police cars coming from behind.

This was a high-class hotel, so there were a large number of police patrols nearby. The commotion had already raised alarms, and the hotel had informed them of the situation.

Han Xiao did not dare to continue waiting. He controlled the car to drive away and yelled, "Jump! Quickly!"

Herlous slashed sideways with the back of his sword and swept all the guards away, then he hastily turned around and sprinted to the hole on the wall. With a step that cracked the floor, he crossed almost a hundred meters in the air like a leap of faith and fell right into the car from the hole that Han Xiao smashed through earlier.

“Close, that was close...”

Herlous had yet to recover from the intense fight earlier. Suddenly, he felt he was sitting on something very soft. He looked down, and it turned out that he was sitting on a stranger’s face. He asked in a surprised tone, “Who’s this?”

“A driver that kindly gave us his car... Hey! Don’t sit on his face, be appreciative.”

Seeing that everyone was here, Han Xiao sped up immediately and charged forward like an unruly rhinoceros.

Not only were there police hovering cars behind chasing them, but there were more in front as well. However, as they were in the air, forward and backward were not the only two directions, so there was no way that they could stop him from escaping.

The turbulence made the people in the car feel like they were sitting inside a sardine tin that was being violently shaken. Herlous wanted to question Han Xiao about why he was doing this, but he had no choice but to put that thought away for the time being—he was afraid he might throw up if he opened his mouth.

Aroshia turned into her energy form and instantly felt better.

Sylvia, who had fainted from the Psychic wave earlier, slowly woke up. The world before her eyes was spinning wildly, making her think that she had a concussion. In less than thirty seconds after she woke up, she felt nauseous and vomited, fainting once again.

“Stop your car immediately, or we will open fire!” An announcement was made from the speakers on one of the police hovering cars.

Han Xiao grabbed the steering wheel. His car crashed directly and accurately into that police car’s tail. The police car spun rapidly in the air like a gyroscope, and waves of shouting came out of the speakers.

Han Xiao felt zero pressure when facing such an amateur force. He downloaded the map of the entire city from the mechanical suit database, and the artificial intelligence assistant quickly planned a route and showed it on the analysis screen.

After more than ten minutes, he quickly got rid of all the pursuers. The tattered hovering car stopped at the gap between two buildings.

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Bleugh!

Herlous held onto the car window and vomited for a while before he finally felt better. He breathed heavily, stared at Han Xiao, and said with a fiery tone, “My dear captain, do you now have the time to explain what is going on to us laborers?”

He was very frustrated. How did a normal reward collection process turn into them being chased by the police all over the city? Furthermore, they had kidnapped a galactic celebrity.

*If it was a woman, it would be fine, but it's a man! What are you trying to do, captain!*

Han Xiao changed his position and looked at the backseat. He pointed at Chen Xing's head covered in dry blood and said, "My target is this guy. He's not as simple as he looks."

"... Thanks for your reminder. I didn't know a Grade B Psychic is not simple!" Herlous clenched his teeth.

With worry written all over his face, the youngest Volga said, "He's a huge celebrity. We will definitely be wanted by the local police, and we might even be reported to the New Phylon Alliance's direct police department. This will damage our mercenary name. Furthermore, the Rain Star System is New Phylon Alliance's territory. What should we do?"

"Don't worry." Han Xiao looked at Chen Xing and said, "That guy will speak for us, and as long as he does, we'll be fine."

"Are you going to threaten him? I don't think that will work." Herlous expressed his doubts.

"Threaten? No, there's no need for that." Han Xiao smiled. "He will choose to help us."

As he was speaking, he pulled Chen Xing out of the pile of people and threw him into the passenger's seat. After some pondering, he took out some tissue and wiped the blood off Chen Xing's face.

Chen Xing's face was covered in bruises and swollen parts. His delicate looks during his performance were nowhere to be found.

"I used too much strength earlier. Sigh, he was quite a handsome boy. What a pity..."

Han Xiao sighed sympathetically.

Pa pa pa!

Since his face was already in that state, Han Xiao gave him a series of slaps as a wake-up service.

Chen Xing's eyelashes shook, and he slowly opened his eyes. His pupils gradually focused, and he sat up straight.

His temperament changed completely. If he was more like an alluring woman earlier, he was now completely like a masculine man. He turned to look at Han Xiao and smiled calmly; there was no sign of him being furious like earlier.

"Hello, I have been looking at you since just now. Although you might have attacked me to kidnap me, I would still like to thank you for giving me the chance to come out and breathe some fresh air."

Completely unlike his earlier feminine tone, his voice was gentle and deep. It was almost like he was a different person.

"Yo—you..." Herlous was bewildered.

'Chen Xing' nodded and smiled gently.

"Nice to meet you, my name is Adrian Kelvinsin Feidin. You can call me Feidin. You don't have to be surprised—I'm the real owner of this body. The Chen Xing that you met is... how do I put it... I would say she is a not-so-friendly guest."

## Chapter 454: Helping Hand

*Schizophrenia? Paranoia? Faking?* The people were perplexed. *What is wrong with this guy?*

“Mind Possession,” Han Xiao said with a low voice.

A tint of surprise flashed through Feidin’s eyes as he heard this. He did not expect Han Xiao to know the truth.

“I didn’t expect you to realize.” Then it occurred to Feidin—it turned out that Han Xiao had suddenly attacked him because he had discovered Chen Xing’s secret.

As he understood why Han Xiao attacked him, he became skeptical. Why did this mercenary called Black Star help him? Mercenaries were not ones who would kindly help others without asking for anything in return—he definitely had a motive.

“So, it’s Mind Possession...” The youngest Volga understood and immediately started explaining it to the others. He was a Psychic, too, so he knew what Mind Possession was.

Just like how a Pugilist trained their body, a Psychic trained their mind and soul. The strong ones could detach their soul and consciousness from their body and possess the mind of another, giving them a second life.

Usually, they would only use this spell when their body was heavily damaged and they had no choice, as the detaching process would cause irrecoverable damage to their soul. Furthermore, the success rate was only 0.3%, and failure would cause their soul to shatter, killing them on the spot.

Most people were not willing to abandon their original body and change into someone else’s body unless they were left with no choice. Chen Xing was a perfect example for this. She was a woman, so why would she ever want to change her body into a man? They did not even have mutual hardware!

It was impossible for Psychics to possess someone whose mind was stronger than their own. As soon as a Psychic successfully possesses someone’s mind, they would gain control of that body, and the original owner’s body would be trapped in a cell. The original owner could feel what the body was feeling but would not be able to control the body, like a spectator.

Chen Xing was heavily injured, and her mind was very weak, so she had to rest. Hence, Feidin took over his body, and Chen Xing became a spectator.

Han Xiao had attacked because he wanted to meet Feidin, and injuring Chen Xing’s mind was the most direct method to do that. It just so happened that he had Hila’s Character Summon Card, which could attack one’s mind, so there was no need to beat Feidin’s body up to the brink of death... although his injury was still not light.

The youngest Volga briefly explained the principle of Mind Possession, and the others finally understood what it was.

No wonder Chen Xing was so feminine—it turns out she was a woman from the start.

“When did you get possessed?” Herlous said curiously.

“You mean, when was the last time I controlled this body?” Feidin shrugged. “4 years, 9 months, 14 days, 8 hours, and 23 minutes, oh, now it’s 24 minutes.”

“About five years ago...” Sylvia had woken up. She had heard their conversation and was puzzled. “Isn’t that when Chen Xing made his debut?”

“Yes... my home is in a remote Star System in the Shattered Star Ring. I didn’t like the completely modified main planet, so I migrated to a remote half-colonized planet. That planet is a gathering ground for the poor, also an abandoned planet in the others’ eyes. However, I felt that place was more full of life than the city surrounded by iron and steel. I lived in the wild, making a living through farming land and hunting. Everything was peaceful. One day, a spaceship fell onto the land of my house, and inside was a heavily injured, unconscious woman. She was Chen Xing. I saved her and treated her wounds, but her injuries were too heavy. Before she died, she took away my body and continued living with it, then she became a celebrity. That’s the gist of what happened.”

Feidin spoke very calmly as if he did not have much hatred or anger on how his body had been taken away. He had long adapted throughout the five years, so there was no more resent and anger like when it first happened.

Han Xiao nodded. Despite the fact that Chen Xing had been crushed by him without being able to fight back, it was because her power had been heavily damaged when she extracted her soul from her body. Her strength had once been extremely close to Grade A. Because she changed a body, she became tremendously weaker and almost dropped to Grade C. That was why she was collecting things like these statues—it was to recover her powers.

Chen Xing was not a main character, but Feidin was!

Furthermore, his luck was stronger than Herlous, who was just a local main character. His Luck Glow was high-class!

Having someone so strong staying in one’s mind was a standard main character storyline. However, for others, it was an old man, whereas for Feidin, it was a young woman.

If not for Chen Xing, Feidin would never have maximized his potential with his old man personality and would have been an ordinary person forever. Although Chen Xing took away his body, she also brought him on an unknown path. If that did not happen, Chen Xing would never have discovered how much potential he had. Furthermore, he would only face this difficult situation temporarily. Although Han Xiao did not know the exact time, he knew that Feidin would become stronger than Chen Xing in the future and retake his body.

Feidin’s personal growth storyline was [The Legend of a Singer]!

How strong was a main character with High-Class Luck Glow? When Feidin was at his peak, he was as strong as Hila. His voice could reach one’s soul directly without air to spread it.

He could use his holy voice to cleanse those souls filled with anger and hatred, making everything peaceful and filled with joy.

His one song solved a galactic war that had been about to break out!

That was what Feidin was known for!

Furthermore, Feidin did not keep all his secrets to himself. He publicly passed his Psychic knowledge on to others. The Psychic class players could learn the way to use Psychic powers through songs from him, which was one of the combat styles for Psychics. Feidin was like a high-class Psychic mentor.

When Han Xiao thought of this mission, he had already made a complete plan. If he could get the Mission Completion Card, he would not mess with Chen Xing for the time being and go for Promotion first. However, if he did not get the Mission Completion Card, he would then trigger this storyline. The players who did the [Statue Search] mission, of course, did not know Chen Xing's secrets. Many players only regretfully found out that this character had a storyline later.

Although Han Xiao did not know what the result would be if he triggered this storyline at this time, he decided to give it a try as he was not completely ignorant. He somewhat knew about Feidin's personality and could guess how things went. He could not say that he was a hundred percent certain, but there were definitely some benefits that he could get from it.

"I can help you to control your body and evict the guest in your mind, or your body will be hers again when she recovers," Han Xiao said.

Feidin was not moved. "What do you want? I believe this help does not come free."

"Chen Xing is very wealthy, you and her share your body, so you definitely know her account and password. I want her savings," Han Xiao said.

Chen Xing was indeed wealthy, but this was not the Great Mechanic Han's main goal. However, he could not directly say that he was interested in Feidin's potential, or he would not be able to gain his trust. Targeting his money was more convincing and would make Feidin lower his guard to a certain extent.

After all, the body belonged to Feidin—he would rather have Chen Xing control it than risk it entirely.

Feidin was instantly convinced; mercenaries wanting money was more normal than anything. Furthermore, this could not be considered a kidnapping but helping someone who was possessed, so they did not break the mercenary contract.

Feidin thought that it was a good idea. Although Chen Xing was the one who had made this money, she was using his body, so he did not feel any guilt about spending it.

"Sounds good... but if you want the money right away, I'm afraid I won't be able to do that." Feidin pointed at his head and smiled bitterly. "She just threatened me, saying that if I touch her savings, she will die together with me. Therefore, before her problem is dealt with, I won't be able to afford the reward."

Han Xiao's eyes sparkled. When he made this request, he had already guessed how Chen Xing would react to it, and this result was exactly what he wanted. He was secretly delighted. He nodded and said, "Then you have to be following me all the time—only then will I be able to suppress Chen Xing for you. Until we find a way to completely deal with her."

Feidin paused and said, "I hope that her life is not harmed. She possessed my body because she did not have a choice, and she did not use my body recklessly. In these five years, although she blocked my voice because she felt I was too annoying, I looked through all her memories, and she really is a pitiful person."

Usually, when someone's body was taken away, the owner of the body would most likely want the one who took that body to turn into ash. However, as a main character, Feidin's personality was obviously unique. He still thought of Chen Xing even in this situation, which surprised everyone else.

"Sure."

Han Xiao nodded. He looked very confident on the outside, but actually, even he did not know how to deal with Mind Possession. No player had triggered this storyline before, so he could only figure it out himself. However, this did not stop him from agreeing first.

"Since we have come to an agreement, we will need you to deal with the current situation. As long as you help to speak, our wanted status will be canceled."

"No problem." Feidin smiled gently. He looked at his full of bruises face in the mirror and said, "But the wounds on my face need to be treated first, or it will not be convincing at all."

#### **Chapter 455: Hidden Mission, Choice.**

"This morning, the famous singer Chen Xing was attacked in the Colton Star Cluster, Rain Star System, New Phyllen Number Eight Colonized Planet. His whereabouts are currently unknown. According to information from witnesses, the kidnapper is the Black Star Mercenary Group, a mercenary group with a good name in Colton Star Cluster and the field team of Floating Dragon Island. The details are still unknown. We are currently closely communicating with the local police department and Chen Xing's assistant team..."

The hole outside on the hotel wall was surrounded by hovering cars. Other than the police team that was sealing off the scene, there was also a huge group of reporters. Some were local New Phyllen Alliance reporters, and some were galactic reporters. They quickly arrived at the scene after the incident happened like sharks chasing after the smell of blood, fighting to report first-hand news.

If it was just a normal kidnapping, those reporters would not be very interested. But this time was different—it was a famous person who got kidnapped, a celebrity singer. Furthermore, it happened in the middle of the city, and the kidnapper was a known mercenary group. These reporters were very sensitive to hot news material, and they immediately realized what was unusual about it. Other than reporting the incident, they also started creating rumors.

Assassination hire?

A crime of passion?

Property dispute?

Anyway, the titles were all created for the sake of attracting attention. Chen Xing had many fans in various places in Shattered Star Ring, and these fans were all shocked. The news spread like a hurricane.



The local police were extremely overwrought. A galactic celebrity being attacked in their territory was not a small thing. If they did not deal with it properly, the negative influence would be severe. Furthermore, Chen Xing was a guest performer for the Union Day Celebration. If something happened to him, the New Phylen Alliance would be the one losing face. The central police department had already focused their attention on this incident, which made the local sheriff tremendously pressured.

Just as the incident was unfolding, without anyone expecting it, Chen Xing returned himself, and together with him were the kidnappers, the Black Star Mercenary Group. This surprised both the police and the media.

As soon as Feidin returned, he was surrounded by countless people and reporters asking him questions. The police divided the crowd and protected him. On the other side, the hovering car of Han Xiao and the others were also surrounded by layers of police cars.

After convincing Feidin, Han Xiao had let the oldest Volga brother to cure the wounds on Feidin's face with his water element spells, which turned out to be very effective. Although Feidin still looked quite exhausted, he returned to a handsome young man again. Unlike the feminine and alluring feeling that Chen Xing gave off, when Feidin controlled his body, he gave off a very gentle and tender vibe.

Feidin calmly dealt with the media with the script that he had already prepared. Back when he was trapped, he had been watching Chen Xing's every move, so he had no problem with doing the same.

If it was five years ago, Feidin would not have known so many things. The memories and experiences that Chen Xing had gained when using his body were all things that Feidin had never gone through—they all became his experiences.

The police and reporters had their doubts on the excuses Feidin had thought of, but since he had explained it himself, there was nothing more that they could do. The local sheriff filed a report and left, and the reporters also left with disappointment.

The manager of the hotel found Han Xiao and requested that he pay for the damages on the wall. It was a very reasonable request, so Han Xiao did not reject and paid for it. After the hotel people left, he woke up the driver of the hovering car and paid him 20 Enas to repair his car, which was more than enough.

After these things were dealt with, it was finally peaceful. Just as Han Xiao was about to walk to Feidin, Chen Xing's manager stood in front of Feidin and yelled, "This place doesn't welcome mercenaries. Please leave now!"

Chen Xing did not belong to any entertainment group; she had built a logistics team herself that was made up mostly of females. The manager was a purple-skinned young Dunan girl with rather large eyes. She had completely fallen for Chen Xing and worked for him willingly. She was staring at Han Xiao with rage in her eyes.

Feidin dry coughed and said, "I have something to announce. First, cancel all the following tours and clear out my schedule."

"O—okay." The manager could not bother about Han Xiao and quickly noted it down. When she turned around and saw Feidin was looking at her, she immediately blushed and almost panicked out of shyness.

She quickly lowered her head and did not dare to look Feidin in the eye. She did not even know where to place her hands.

Seeing this, Han Xiao curled his lips and thought, *He really is an attractiveness focused main character. With such a high Charm attribute, he probably has a default Seduction Spell...*

“Relax.” Feidin smiled gently like the spring wind. “Second, I’m going to stop my performing career temporarily and leave here with these mercenaries.”

“Okay... what?” The manager was about to agree subconsciously, but she suddenly realized what he had said, and her face changed dramatically. She was completely dumbfounded. She turned to look at Han Xiao with incomparable rage and hatred.

“Sorry, you guys might have to look for another job.” Feidin waved his hand and patted the manager’s head. The manager, who had been like a furious lion just a second ago, instantly quieted down and started crying.

On the side, his other female assistants all cried as well. They looked at Han Xiao with eyes filled with hostility like he was their romantic rival who had snatched their love away. But when they looked at Feidin, their expression became sorrowful again, and they ran toward Feidin for hugs. This scene looked like a group of people who had just lost their lover, yet none of them blamed their ‘ex-boyfriend’ and forgave him instead. It was very peaceful.

Han Xiao’s mouth twitched.

If handsome people could stand on a few boats at the same time, Feidin had the potential to stand on hundreds of boats at the same time.

*Being extremely attractive really allows people to do anything they want.*

*I have nothing to say.*

After Feidin disbanded the group and told everyone to pack up their things and leave, he ignored Chen Xing’s screams in his head, walked over to Han Xiao, and shrugged. “I’m free now, how do you plan to help me?”

Just as Han Xiao was about to speak, the interface notified him that he had received a new mission.

You have triggered the hidden mission [Choice].

Mission Introduction: You discovered that Chen Xing is actually a Mind Possession lifeform. You met with the original owner of the body, Feidin. He decided to completely deal with Chen Xing, who is in his mind, and your choice is extremely crucial.

Mission Completion Requirement I: Evict or kill Feidin’s consciousness and let Chen Xing control the body.

Mission Completion Requirement II: Evict or kill Chen Xing's consciousness and let Feidin control the body.

Mission Completion Requirement III: Help Chen Xing and Feidin come to an agreement and have them take turns to control the body.

Mission Completion Requirement IV: Unknown.

Remarks: As long as one requirement is met, the mission can be considered as complete. Different results give different rewards.

"I can help Chen Xing?" Han Xiao was surprised. As he knew about Feidin's future, he did not think about this possibility.

This meant that the fate of a main character, Feidin, was in his hands. If he helped Chen Xing, he would not have a future.

Interesting.

Han Xiao squinted and read through the mission requirements carefully again. The fourth requirement was unknown, and in his experience, this kind of hidden requirement usually gave the greatest reward. In that case, other than helping one party or helping them come to an agreement, what result could be better?

No player in his previous life had done this mission before, so Han Xiao could only judge from his experience of doing countless missions over the years. The first two choices were simple and straightforward; the third requirement, however, needed more time to have the two of them communicate with each other. All he could do at the moment was let Feidin continue control his body and create an environment for two of them to communicate peacefully. If Chen Xing regained control of Feidin's body, she would definitely mess things up.

Furthermore, the mission could be completed based on his choice of when to complete it—this meant that the fourth requirement would need more time.

Although he had only just seen the mission, Han Xiao already knew what the keyword was—time! Time was the difficult part. The longer it took, the more chances Chen Xing would have to gain control of the body. This was an unstable factor.

Furthermore, the only reason that Feidin's consciousness had lasted for so long was that Chen Xing had held back—she could have wiped Feidin's consciousness out long ago. Maybe it was because Feidin had saved her before, so she felt guilty. However, if Chen Xing was really forced into a corner, she might kill Feidin when she recovered. Hence, the reward for the first requirement should be very small. No matter who controlled the body, the problem would be considered solved, so the mission would be completed.

After some pondering, Han Xiao said to Feidin, "If you don't want to hurt Chen Xing, I will not use any destructive methods. I have a few ways to suppress Chen Xing. There is a Psychic in my team. Despite him not being very strong, not being too strong allows him to weaken Chen Xing consistently without hurting her too much, so she would not be able to recover. If you want to deal with the problem

completely without hurting her, the only way is for you to come to an agreement with her. The most I can do is not let her control your body. However, this way, you won't be able to leave us, or Chen Xing might take over again anytime."

What Han Xiao said was for Chen Xing as well, to prevent her from doing anything extreme.

"... Alright, I will try."

Feidin nodded and smiled—he was quite optimistic. "Letting me control the body is enough. I happened to learn the ways to train my Psychic powers from her memories. If my mind becomes strong enough, she won't be able to do anything anymore."

Han Xiao had a flash of insight after hearing what Feidin said.

He had a rough idea of what the fourth mission requirement was.

*If that's really the case, it indeed does require a lot of time...*

#### **Chapter 456: Power of the Main Character Aura**

Han Xiao had a rough idea as to what the fourth requirement was. Extracting again was impossible given the 0.3% success rate; neither Feidin nor Chen Xing would be willing to take the risk. Therefore, the only path left would be for them to reconcile. The extent of 'reconciliation' for the fourth requirement would definitely be more perfect than the third requirement, so it would require more time. Of course, Han Xiao preferred the fourth requirement with the greatest reward, but even if not for the reward, letting Feidin walk the same path as the previous life was beneficial for Han Xiao.

Since Feidin had decided to stay with the mercenary group, his position was not a member but an employer who needed help. However, this guy was potential stock. If his problem was dealt with, Han Xiao would at least be able to get more than half of Chen Xing's savings. According to Feidin, with the money that Chen Xing had made throughout the five years of her career, they were a multimillionaire.

Of course, Han Xiao had more hopes to make Feidin an officer of the mercenary group. In that case, he would get all the benefits!

However, this was not easy to achieve. With Feidin's personality, he would not become a mercenary. He was only following the mercenary group to solve his problem.

*Although I have him in my team temporarily, he is not considered as a member. He is just a customer, so he definitely will not help in combat,* Han Xiao thought.*Hmm... In order to make him join us, it will take some time. I shall first see how [Choice] goes, then plan from there.*

They had to take care of Feidin since he was following them around, or he might face danger. The youngest Volga brother was suitable for this job, since his combat abilities were not strong anyway, so he might as well do something else.

The mission [Choice] needed time and had to develop naturally, so Han Xiao was not hoping to complete it any time soon.

Feidin handled his matters with ease and became a completely free person. Han Xiao was not planning to stay for long. He brought everyone to the dock and arrived at the parking spot of their spaceship.

The spaceship let down a ladder, Han Xiao and the others climbed up. Han Xiao turned around and saw Feidin still on the ground sizing up the spaceship with complexity in his eyes.

“Stop standing there,” Han Xiao said, “let’s go.”

“... Fine.”

Feidin took a long, deep breath. This was the first time that he had controlled his body after five years, and he missed that feeling. Chen Xing stopped talking in his head and focused on recovering, waiting for an opportunity.

As long as he stepped onto the spaceship in front of him, he would go on an unknown journey once again. The difference was, this time, he was not a spectator. As someone who disliked the advanced technology, Feidin felt like it was like a dream. Five years earlier, he had never thought that he would become a celebrity singer known throughout the galaxy, or that a woman would be living in his body, making him fight for the control of his body with her, or that he would ever end up following a group of mercenaries and even try to train his Psychic powers.

Feidin sighed. He had once thought that he would spend his entire life as an ordinary person. Living his life in the wilds, having a pet as a companion, hunting while he is young, put down his hunting bow to farm his land once he got older before he got killed by a beast, maybe falling asleep near the fire one day and never waking up again. But that fallen spaceship shattered his life plan like a hammer, suddenly and without any warning.

“Although this life now is not what I wanted,” Feidin murmured, “it seems quite interesting.”

Just as he was about to step onto the ladder, a commotion came from far away. A large group of people flooded toward them, shouting Chen Xing’s name. He looked over and realized that they were reporters.

After thinking for a while, it occurred to Han Xiao.

“Right, Chen Xing’s assistant group has disbanded. Someone must’ve contacted the reporters.”

As he expected, the reporters smelled a hot topic from the fact that ‘Chen Xing’ gave up his singing career and left with the group of mercenaries who were suspected to have kidnapped him earlier. They immediately turned around and came back like maniacs.

“Chen Xing, what are the reasons behind you doing this?”

“Were you threatened?”

“Tell us, don’t be worried about someone hurting you. We will protect you.”

These reporters surrounded Feidin and almost wanted to take him away. Feidin struggled to squeeze out of the crowd and waved. “This is my own decision. I have something else to do...”

As he spoke, he hastily rushed up the ladder. Han Xiao moved aside and let him in.

The reporters were not going to let Chen Xing go this easily. They squeezed up the ladder one after another, wanting to push Han Xiao away and rush into the spaceship no matter what.

Boom!

A ring of energy erupted!

All the reporters on the ladder were blown away and rolled down. They barely stood up enduring the pain but did not dare go forward anymore. Only then did they remember that it was a dangerous mercenary who was standing before them.

Han Xiao closed the hatch with an expressionless face.

The spaceship took off and left that colonized planet.

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Outside the window was the dark universe in which the spaceship slowly traversed. In the hall, Feidin was sitting in the middle of everyone. The youngest Volga brother pressed onto the back of Feidin's brain, and rings of formless Psychic waves spread out from his forehead. After a while, he took his hands away.

"I found Chen Xing. She's very weak and could not resist my invasion. I have set four layers of walls and trapped her inside, at the same time hypnotizing her consciousness and slowing her thinking speed, which equals to reducing her recovery speed. In the next fifteen days, she won't be able to do anything."

Feidin nodded. "She's scolding me, so it seems to have been quite effective."

He turned and smiled at the youngest Volga brother, releasing his attractiveness without holding back. "Thank you for your help."

"Er, yo—you're welcome." The youngest Volga brother's face blushed for some reason.

Han Xiao sat in the middle of the sofa. On his left was Aroshia and on his right was Sylvia. He said with a deep voice, "Exterior forces are not stable no matter what. Only you becoming stronger is the right path."

"I know." Feidin shrugged. He looked at an object on the table. A slight wave of Psychic power reached out, and that object slowly levitated and floated in the air. "Actually, I awakened Psychic powers on the way here."

Plop!

Sylvia fell onto the ground.

She hurriedly climbed up, and her face was covered in shock. "S—So quick?"

Feidin smiled and said, "There are full sets of Psychic training methods in Chen Xing's memories, and I could feel it when she trained her Psychic powers. It's easy to do the same. Apparently, I am rather talented. She used three days to awaken her powers back then, whereas I only used a few hours. By the

way, when she is curing herself, I can take some Psychic power from her more or less. She and I use the same body, so there's no power rejection."

Chen Xing's memories were an enormous treasure, and all of that was now shared with Feidin. It was like Feidin had already walked that path once so now he would not make any mistakes. Furthermore, he was very talented. Only Feidin himself did not know how fast his growth was.

Han Xiao's mouth twitched. Feidin surely lived up to his high-class main character aura.

Sylvia had no tears left to cry.

*For me to become a Super, not only did I have to memorize tons of books every day, but I still had to be electrified. Why are you so lucky?*

Herlous snorted and did not really like Feidin. He turned around and asked Han Xiao, "Where are we going now?"

Han Xiao pondered and said, "Let me think about it..."

Han Xiao did not get a Mission Completion Card this time, but he was not going to give up. This was only the first try—maybe he would get it on the next try. Compared with taking the risk and fighting a Grade A Super, although taking his chance with the random reward required luck, it was steadier.

*Promotion is the most important target currently. Level 100 is the gateway to Race Evolution; the enhancement will be huge. Strength is the most important thing—everything else has to be put aside. The version update is in more than one year's time, so there is quite some time left. I have to find another familiar mission to get a random reward chance. Luckily, my list of missions is very long. I refuse to believe that I will not get the Mission Completion Card even after so many chances.*

After some contemplation, he chose the nearest mission. Just as he was about to change the route on the autopilot system, Aroshia, who was silent most of the time, spoke. Her tone was hesitant, and she spoke more than usual.

"The past few days, I've felt a restriction on becoming stronger. It seems to be the Grade B limit you spoke of. I have a feeling that as long as I surpass it, my power will be much stronger. However, this limit is not as strong as you said. I should be able to break it any time..."

"Also, I have been dreaming. I saw many blurry images in my dream that felt familiar, but I can't recall the most of it after waking up... Do you think these are the memories I've lost?"

Han Xiao was surprised, and his eyes narrowed.

## **Chapter 457: The Second Grade B Officer**

This news was a little too sudden. Even the Great Mechanic Han could not react to it instantly. He thought about it and realized that Aroshia had been at Grade C+ for quite some time. With her growth speed, it was indeed about time for her to enter Grade B.

In Aroshia's A ranked chain mission [Reboot], the requirement of the first round was to reach Aroshia and help her reach Grade B. The rewards were very rich—5,200,000 experience and one chance of a random reward. Han Xiao just happened to be in need of random reward chances, so this was an unexpected, pleasant surprise.

Aroshia was very special. She said that she had recently dreamed of many familiar images and that those might be the memories she lost. Every time Aroshia died, her memories would reboot, and she would forget everything before that. After so long, it was unknown how many memories she had lost.

"When you step through the doors of Grade B, there might be a special change," Han Xiao said.

Due to this sudden situation, Han Xiao changed his destination and made the spaceship stop at the nearest small planet.

Aroshia was not a player. Plus, she was an Esper that had no certain pattern. Her class advancement might release a powerful force. For the sake of being cautious, he did not let her advance her class in the spaceship.

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Stepping onto the ground, Aroshia closed her eyes. Her body slowly levitated up, and beams of bright light shot out from her body, causing an energy tide in a range of a few hundred meters.

Whoosh!

Violent winds stirred up stone and sand, and the energy wave kept expanding like a ripple.

Around the spaceship, Han Xiao and the others watched Aroshia go through class advancement from afar. Their hair was dancing in the wind as sand and dust blew on their faces.

"It's quite a huge scene..." Herlous raised his hand to block the beams of light.

"She's very special. She was around Grade C as soon as she awakened, and there's an enormous amount of energy hidden in her body. Breaking through Grade B is a piece of cake for her." Han Xiao nodded.

Herlous' face twitched. "Am I the only one who feels that breaking through grades is not easy?"

The oldest Volga patted his shoulders and said meaningfully, "Be satisfied with what you have."

Like the expanding sea, the light energy quickly filled up the space within a few hundred meters. That area became a sea of light. It was as if Aroshia's powers far exceeded before.

Ohm!

Suddenly, the light stopped expanding and rapidly retracted to the center many times faster than before. A countless number of light beams rushed into the middle point, making a loud noise like the howling wind. The light converged into a tornado, and the center of it got brighter and brighter. However, when it reached its maximum brightness, it looked like it suddenly got darker.

All the energy was infused into a point. That point suddenly enlarged and exploded into light dust, turning into a human figure of light without a face. It was covered in ripples of energy waves and golden electric currents.



Then, under the effect of Aroshia's Esper power, the energy followed a certain unknown principle and turned into matter. Aroshia's body appeared again as she slowly landed on the ground.

Han Xiao took out the energy level detector and aimed it at Aroshia. The energy that she was emitting now had exceeded the lowest Grade B energy level standard.

First round of [Reboot] completed.

You have received 5,200,000 Experience.

+5 Risa Favorability.

You have received Random Reward x 1.

*This Risa definitely has an unusual relationship with Aroshia, but who is he?*

Holding back his joy, Han Xiao temporarily left the random reward in the interface, walked to Aroshia, and asked, "How are you feeling?"

Aroshia checked herself and said, "I can control more energy now."

"Other than that?"

"I saw more familiar images, way too many... my head is hurting a little." Aroshia frowned.

Han Xiao looked down, reached out his hands, and rubbed her temples, easing her pain. "What else are you feeling?"

"I don't know. Some places that flashed past in my memories seem to be summoning me. I have a feeling that if I go to these places, I should be able to recall some things..." Aroshia moved her fingers in the air and drew out the images of different locations in her memories with light energy.

Han Xiao raised his brows. Initially, Aroshia was not curious about the memories that she had lost at all, but after she entered Grade B, she seemed to have awakened a more human side of her. She had new desires, and her emotions were richer.

Could it be that as Aroshia became stronger, her secrets would be gradually exposed?

At this time, a new notification popped up on the interface.

[Reboot]

Second Round: According to Aroshia's descriptions, head to the various locations in her memories and help her look for the pieces of her memories.

Current Progress: 0/?

Reward: 10,300,000 Experience, +10 Risa Favorability

Failure Condition: Aroshia's death

*The second round is to help her find parts of her memories?* Han Xiao's eyes sparkled. Being this special, Aroshia's origin was definitely extraordinary. If she found her memories, he was not certain whether it would be a good or bad thing.

He felt that Aroshia was good the way that she was. If she recovered her memories, her personality would definitely change. This current state between them would most likely not be able to carry on.

Han Xiao was a little hesitant.

Maybe keeping things as they were and not doing this mission was the best choice.

No matter what, Aroshia was a very decent friend, and she was now the second Grade B officer in the mercenary group. If she continued to grow, she would be of more use.

With three Grade B Supers, including Han Xiao himself, the rating of the mercenary group in the alliance would increase, and he would have another strong comrade.

However, this should be Aroshia's personal storyline. Even if he did not do it, she might remember more memories as time went on. By then, she might choose to leave nonetheless. When thinking this way, Han Xiao thought that he might as well do the mission and see how things went.

This second round of the mission was like treasure hunting. Aroshia could only briefly describe the images, and they still had to find the actual locations of those images. It would be like looking for a needle in a haystack. Furthermore, there were multiple locations. Although there was no information regarding this mission in his previous life, Han Xiao remembered quite a number of places, so he would not be completely clueless

*This mission is definitely impossible to complete in a short period of time. Sigh, I shall look for it slowly then. Promotion is the most important matter right now.*

Han Xiao patted Aroshia's back and told her to get back to the spaceship with the others. The spaceship then took off and left the planet.

There was still a random reward chance in the interface. Han Xiao rubbed his hands together, took a deep breath, and activated it.

Randomizing...

Randomizing complete.

Your Random Reward Type is: [Item]

Han Xiao's eyes immediately brightened; he was excited.

*There is a chance!*

He subconsciously held his breath in trepidation.

Time felt like it was stretched out, and everything became slower. The three choices appeared one after another.

Please select one from the three items below

Small Potential Potion: Grants 1 bonus Potential Point

Mechanic Blueprint: 1 random Mechanic blueprint.

Blank Character Summon Card: Choose a character and randomly generate that character's Character Summon Card. Can only be used once.

Han Xiao's eyes widened in shock.

*Wow, they were all complete trash!*

*I finally got the [Item] type, and this is what you give me?*

Han Xiao almost wanted to smash the table.

He had caught a glimmer of hope, and the next second, it was extinguished. The highs and lows of life were too exciting!

*I want the Mission Completion Card!*

### **Chapter 458: Attention from a Distant Star Field**

After panicking for a while, Han Xiao finally calmed down. He clenched his teeth and smiled.

*It's not a big deal. I didn't get it this time, but I will try it the next time and even the next time after that!*

It was just like card games, where normal people had to rack their brains to win but lucky ones just had to use whatever card they got in order to win.

*I'm not panicking at all!*

Han Xiao drank a cup of water to calm down and looked at the interface again. The three items were still there waiting for him to choose.

None of the three items were rare, so Han Xiao could only choose the best out of them.

Although Potential Points were important, the Small Potential Potion only gave one point, which was negligible. Han Xiao would only have considered it if it was a medium or large one. One random Mechanic blueprint looked good, but it was actually complete garbage. There were way too many Mechanic blueprints, so the chance of getting a good blueprint was way too low. Even if he did get a

very rare blueprint, it would most likely be a piece of equipment that could only be built at very high levels. If his level was not high enough, it would be completely useless. Furthermore, Han Xiao did not need any random blueprints. He remembered the knowledge combination for most blueprints, so he could make them himself.

After contemplating, he felt that only the Blank Character Summon Card was worthwhile. If he chose to generate Ames' Character Summon Card, who knew what effect it would have?

Although he had the Super-Gene Extractor, it was obviously impossible for him to use it on Ames; he did not want to die yet.

Its lower limit was not too low, and its upper limit was over the top, so it was quite a good choice.

You have received [Blank Character Summon Card] x 1

Han Xiao nodded. *The next time I see the Dragon Emperor, I shall use this. If I can generate some overpowered effect, I might be able to use it to fight a Grade A Super directly, so that will be an option.*

No matter how strong a Character Summon Card was, it was considered the user's ability, which met the requirement of the Promotion mission. He did not get the Mission Completion Card this time, but he got another possible method to complete it. Han Xiao took it as a backup choice, but of course, it was based on the fact that he would generate one of the extremely strong abilities from Ames. Something that would demolish a Grade A Super would be best.

For the time being, Han Xiao still preferred to continue trying the random rewards. Although the results at the moment were not satisfactory, he did not think that the plan was a bad idea. He would not give up because of the obstacles so far.

He set the next destination, and the spaceship started its autopilot and headed in that direction. This rented spaceship was focused on speed, so it was suitable to travel to many places.

His choice this time was a simple and straightforward BOSS mission. It did not have rich rewards, but this kind of time-saving mission was exactly what Han Xiao needed.

Furthermore, Aroshia was now Grade B, so fighting a BOSS around the same level would definitely be much easier.

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At the same time, in a Star Field extremely distant from Shattered Star Ring, a black spaceship in stealth mode was quietly hovering in space. The exterior of this spaceship was very smooth, reflecting the scenery of the space like a black mirror. It looked like a fan from above and a diamond shape from the front.

It was a Stealth Level Scout Ship, usually known as the Black Light Prowler. As a product of the Federation of Light, it was extremely expensive—top-notch in stealth, detection, speed, and many specifications. Its technology far exceeded most civilizations. On the spaceship black market in various

Star Fields, the spaceships from the three Universal Civilizations were the most popular. A second-hand Black Light Prowler could be sold for tens of millions of Enas. It was among the top scout ships.

In other words, this was like an extremely luxurious, high-class sports car.

One nanosecond earlier, a special wave had traveled through countless light-years in the quantum realm and arrived there in an instant. In the cockpit of the spaceship, a finger-sized, oval-shaped accessory was hanging at the top of the cockpit. This transparent accessory received this special wave and emitted a golden glow.

“Hmm?”

A sound appeared in the empty cockpit.

Countless streams of light appeared out of nowhere and gathered into a human-shaped cluster of light. It reached out its hand and touched the accessory that was flickering with weak light.

“Your energy level finally recovered to the level that’s locatable by the detector... So, you were thrown to the Shattered Star Ring by the wormhole... I will look for you very soon. Wait for me.”

In the blink of an eye, this Black Light Prowler turned into a stream of light and disappeared. It only needed microseconds to warm up before jumping. It was so swift that it was almost impossible to catch.

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After Feidin left with the Black Star Mercenary Group, the impact that it made on the entertainment industry stirred up quite a controversy.

The news that ‘Chen Xing’ had given up his singing career when it was soaring shocked many. Although the reporters and the media did not get any information from Feidin, they started making guesses. Stories with headlines like ‘The Real Reason...’ spread very quickly, stunning the Chen Xing fans and sparking heated discussions.

However, the entertainment news and the mercenary industry were two different worlds, so Han Xiao did not care. He only paid a little attention when this actually made him more famous.

After completing Chen Xing’s mission, he did not waste time and went on to the next location to trigger one of the missions.

In a remote Star System in Colton Star Cluster, the Godoran Civilization had set up research space stations to scout unpopulated planets, researching different planets, life forms, and environments. There were many Observers like Kerlodd in such space stations.

In 075 Godora Research Space Station, upon receiving permit, the spaceship entered the railroad of the space station and parked at the internal dock.

Alighting from the spaceship, Han Xiao and the others looked around. This space station was built to have a very typical Godoran theme.

A few Godora Observers waited at the dock, and one of them asked, “Black Star Mercenary Group, may I know why you are here?”

“Just happened to pass by, and my spaceship needs to refuel, so I’m here to rest for some time. We will pay the corresponding fees, or we can do some missions,” Han Xiao said. “Do you have anything here that needs to be dealt with?”

The leader hesitated and shook his head. “There is no extra work here. Since your spaceship needs to be repaired, you can use our shipyard.”

Mercenaries were semi-neutral and slightly leaned toward the lawful side. They had an access permit by default and could park in many strongholds of Galactic Civilizations. They have reported their arrival before entering the space station, and as the Black Star Mercenary Group had a good name and had fought against DarkStar some time ago, the space station allowed Han Xiao and his friends to park.

If their negative reputation was too high or even were wanted, not only would they not be able to enter many places, they would also be chased by the police once their location was exposed.

After talking for a while, the Godoran Observer led the way and guided them out of the dock into the space station lounge. According to the management regulations, as soon as their spaceship was refueled, they would have to leave.

Of course, Han Xiao did not go there just to refuel. This Research Space Station had a mission that he wanted to trigger. It was easy to get a high rating and simple to do.

The mission’s setting was that a research ship had gone missing and lost contact in a nearby desolate planet. The space station sent another team to look for them, but that team lost contact as well. Hence, the space station reported the situation to the Godoran Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation and waited for them to send more Observers to investigate the situation. As this was an internal job, the Godoran Observer did not talk about it earlier. They did not want to request help from mercenaries.

However, the players could trigger this mission through the internal personnel in the space station. This was not a hidden mission, so the players just had to pay close attention to the clues, and they would be able to find that person.

That person was Han Xiao’s target.

## **Chapter 459: Low Attribute Does Not Mean That I Am Not Handsome**

The space station was not huge. Its exterior was dark gold and gray colored, and its overall design followed the traditional Godora theme—light and twisted.

Unlike other civilizations that focused on accuracy and simplicity, the interior of the space station was rather complicated. One might even get lost without looking at the map on the devices along the corridors. Han Xiao and the others were outsiders, so the restricted areas were not open to them. They could only move around the dock, lounge, and guest hall.

The space station chief was the one who came to welcome them. Despite the Great Mechanic Han not being good at differentiating one Godoran from another, he could tell that this station chief was a very serious person. Standard Observer compressed orbs hung from his Godoran-style hair knot, and his movements and clothes were neat and tidy, classic military style.

Godora Observers came from many backgrounds—some were selected from the military, some were recruited from the society or the security forces then trained, and some took exams to become one. This station chief had clearly once been a military officer; he did things strictly according to the rules and regulations.

The spaceship was sent into the shipyard for repairs and refueling. Han Xiao and the others were resting in the hall. Han Xiao did not tell his friends about the goal of this trip, so the others thought this was just the usual refueling and resting process. Herlous and the three Volga brothers were playing a casual card game at the side. It was a strategic battle style card game—these cards were all renowned individuals and civilizations across the galaxies. Different Star Fields had their own set of cards. For example, in the Shattered Star Ring card set, there were the four Beyond Grade A bosses including Ames.

The battle could be carried out between two or more people. The players would play as a Star Field, pick out a certain number of cards from that Star Field as their card combination, then start the battle. These cards were also classified into different functions—civilization card, strong individual card, exploration card, organization card, ability card, history card, mercenary card, fortune card, treasure card, spaceship card, monster card, and so on. It was very popular across the universe. It was like poker for galactic residents. Other than the standard playing method of acting as a Star Field, there were also many other ways to play it.

In Han Xiao's previous life, quite a number of casual players liked to play this game. They could even find out about the organizations and the force structure of different Star Fields. This card game was made by a galactic commercial organization, and they would update the cards every once in a while, adding new famous people as cards or placing the deceased ones into the 'abandoned card set'. This could almost be considered as the fame leaderboard of the various areas.

Recently, Herlous and the others had become addicted to this card game. This was because in the last update, a few new cards had been added to the Shattered Star Ring card set and the Black Star Mercenary Group was one of them, acting as a new mercenary card.

Mercenary cards were neutral troops, available to recruit any time by spending money, entering the table directly from the card set. It could be used for many purposes including fast attacks and turning around the situation. In the Shattered Star Ring card set, most of the mercenary cards were large mercenary groups consisting of tens of thousands of people such as Sky Ring and Blades. The Black Star Mercenary Group was a new special card. As the Black Star Mercenary Group's size was small and not very strong, the producers gave the card the lowest attribute among the mercenary cards, but it had a special effect.

Since the Black Star Mercenary Group card had the identity of Floating Dragon Field Team, it could be infused with the organization card 'Floating Dragon Island'. If certain requirements were met, the player would be able to draw [Dragon Emperor] Ames directly from the card set.

Han Xiao did not even have to guess where the idea for this card came from—the top news last year about him summoning Ames and Ames destroying the DarkStar mothership with one hit.

In his previous life, the Great Mechanic Han had rarely played this card game as his luck was too bad, but he knew how popular this card game was. He did not expect to now have become a member of the card set, and it was a very pleasant surprise to him. When the players entered space, this would become another way for him to increase his fame.

Since they had been added in as a new card, they could more or less be considered famous. Herlous and the others were having a blast playing it. Of course, they would definitely put something on the line when they played cards.

Beside these gamblers, Sylvia was holding onto a book and memorizing it, immersing herself in the abyss of education. Not far away, Aroshia was resting with her eyes closed. Ever since she entered Grade B, different images had flashed through her mind regularly, causing her to frequently lose her focus. Feidin was sitting in the corner, training his Psychic powers.

The station chief had told them about the rules and regulation in a very serious tone before leaving the hall. Another slightly chubby Godoran with a friendly smile had stayed to take care of them. He had introduced himself as the deputy station chief.

Unlike the station chief, the deputy station chief was very good at chatting and kept a consistent smile on his face. The clue for the mission was with him. Han Xiao vaguely mentioned the topic, and the deputy station chief exposed the clue in a casual chatting tone.

“One of our research spaceships lost contact in a nearby planet. The search team that we sent ended up the same. We saw signs of a spaceship crashing and exploding, so the station chief reported the situation to the superiors. The Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation planned this mission into their schedule, assuming no one survived... but there’s a possibility that those people are still alive waiting for us to send people over. We might have already missed the rescue timing... Sigh, Nereja’s wife is in the research team—he has been very anxious recently...”

Han Xiao’s eyes sparkled as he asked, “Where can I find this Nereja?”

Deputy station chief shook his head. “This matter has been given to the superiors. According to the rules and regulations, we are not allowed to privately request help from mercenaries.”

“I just want to have a talk with him.”

“Alright then, he should be at the porthole corridor.”

Han Xiao stood up and took his leave, heading toward the location that the deputy station chief told him. Nereja was the person that would trigger the mission.

The deputy station chief looked at Han Xiao’s back, and a strange emotion flashed in his eyes.

Han Xiao came to the porthole corridor, and from far away, he could already see a Godoran Observer staring out the window in a daze with a worried expression. Han Xiao quickly walked up to him and asked, “Are you Nereja?”

“You’re the mercenaries parked here?” Nereja turned his head to Han Xiao. He was a little on edge.



“Yes. I heard two of your research ships lost contact on a planet. My intuition tells me that there is a job here that needs help.”

“This is an internal matter of us Godorans; there is no need for an outsider’s help.” Nereja frowned. His expression was noticeably irritated when mentioning this matter, and this emotion was clearly not toward Han Xiao, whom he had just met for the first time.

“I heard your wife is in the team. I’m sure you’re worried. Maybe she’s still alive. For just a small reward, I can help you to find the targets,” Han Xiao said.

Hesitation flashed past Nereja’s face. He became silent. Han Xiao thought that he would agree, but to Han Xiao’s surprise, he shook his head and said, “This is none of your business.”

Then, he continued staring outside the window and dazing.

Han Xiao froze. According to the steps in his memories, as long as he mentioned this clue, Nereja’s mission would be triggered.

*Could it be that I missed something?*

He tried convincing Nereja again, but no matter what, Nereja was unwilling to request help from mercenaries. Han Xiao was out of ideas. He pondered hard, and suddenly, he had a flash of inspiration.

*Could it actually be because of that?*

Han Xiao went back to the hall and dragged Feidin along. On the way, he explained the situation to Feidin, who was still confused. After seeing Nereja, Feidin adjusted his collar and approached him with a gentle smile. Only a few sentences in, Nereja’s eyes were filled with tears, and he turned around to look at Han Xiao.

“He’s right, I can’t let myself regret because of hesitation. Mercenaries, I want to request you to find my wife. This is an act against the regulations, so please don’t tell the others.”

A notification popped up on Han Xiao’s interface immediately.

You have triggered mission [Interstellar Beast]

Mission Introduction: You accepted Nereja’s request and are planning to head to a desolate planet to look for the research team that has lost contact.

Mission Requirements: Head toward the target planet and investigate the reasons for them losing contact. Search for the missing research team.

Remarks: Your investigation results affect the final rating of the mission.

Basic Reward: 1,358 Enas (In gray), 85,000 experience, Kenorn Diamond Ring (Purple equipment)

Han Xiao narrowed his eyes, his feelings indescribable.

*It really is because my Charm has yet to reach the standard of triggering the mission...*

### **Chapter 460: Interstellar Beast (1)**

The Great Mechanic Han had evolved his race once; his genes were optimized, so his looks were naturally good. Even he was sometimes shocked by how handsome he was when he looked in the mirror. However, Charm was more like affinity—it influenced the default Favorability and hidden options when communicating with others. The effect of some abilities also depended on Charm, such as the summoning abilities and beast controlling abilities.

When affinity was insufficient, others might refuse to communicate further.

The player that triggered this mission in the previous life definitely had enough Charm, so they did not meet any obstacles. According to Han Xiao's rich experience, if the missions could not be triggered even after following the process that he remembered, it would most likely be because a certain hidden prerequisite was not achieved. In those cases, Charm not being high enough was a common one.

However, Han Xiao was definitely not going to put points into his Charm attribute as he was not short of missions. Plus, what on earth was the use of affinity? Being strong was much more useful!

Feidin lived up to his role as an attractiveness focused main character; he convinced Nereja straight away. This mission was not difficult—they just had to investigate the target planet. The mission could be completed even if they only investigated the remains of the spaceships. However, getting a high rating as not that easy. They had to find the majority of the truth about why the research teams had lost contact and find the missing Observers. The mission was called [Interstellar Beast], which was a clue for the players.

Of course, finding Nereja's wife was one way to increase the rating, dead or alive.

In the mission reward, the monetary reward was grayed out, which meant that it was locked, and no matter how high the rating was, there would not be any extra monetary reward. Nereja only had so much money.

*I triggered this mission many years before the players did before, so the process should be somewhat different. There are many uncertain factors in this, but the key point should be the same...*

When the previous players accepted the mission, the background was different. At that time, the Godora superiors had already sent more than one research teams in, but they had all gone missing. However, they did send back some new intel before going missing, stating that the planet was shrouded in a strange magnetic field that could disrupt most common communications, hence causing all the research teams that landed on that planet to lose contact with the outside world. The crash marks of the spaceships could only be seen by the observation equipment in the space station, which meant that there was definitely something else that had happened to the research team between the time of them losing contact and landing.

Due to it being a natural cause, this did not attract a lot of attention from the Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation. They were responsible for the investigations of an entire Star System, so there were countless missions for them to do every day, and only the extremely important matters would be passed by the smart system to real people to handle. The smart system ranked the missions according to how important they were, so this mission was placed into a regular mission. After another research team completely lost contact once again, it assumed that all the Observers were dead and stopped investigating that planet. They then told the astronomical observatory to research the environment of this planet first before making further decisions.

Hence, the investigation was put aside for the time being. When the players arrived, only then did this problem get solved—no one was more suitable in exploring unknown dangers than the undying players.

The deputy station chief beside Han Xiao at this time had already become the station chief in his previous life, but he was still the one who gave the mission clue.

Now, these clues had yet to be exposed. Luckily, Han Xiao remembered them, or they would meet dangers if they went there without any information. Han Xiao guessed that if he brought these clues back, it should be calculated into the mission rating.

Nereja took out his communicator, sent over many files, and solemnly said, “Here are the coordinates of that planet and the location of the spaceship’s crash site. My wife’s name is Lenny. This is her photo, please find her.”

“Got it.”

Han Xiao nodded and pulled Feidin back to the hall.

As the spaceship had completed its refueling, the station chief appeared again to express his intentions of sending them away. Han Xiao had gotten the mission that he wanted, so he did not stay any longer. He boarded the ship with the others and told them about this operation.

“You actually accepted a private hire? This is Godora’s internal matter, and we are sticking our nose in it without their permission—won’t Godora have a problem with that?” Herlous was hesitant.

“It’s not like that planet belongs to Godora. Nobody said we can’t go there.”

Han Xiao shrugged and entered the planet’s coordinates. It was shown as an unnamed planet. This planet had not yet been fully investigated, so there was no official name for it in the database. This was one of the differences as compared to the situation in his previous life as well.

In the enormous universe, there were still quite a few undiscovered planets. These resource planets with serial numbers were all recorded into the database after field investigations. The planet this time was clearly an unexplored mysterious planet.

In the dark universe, the spaceship tail was producing a dark blue light as the spaceship headed toward the destination. As the spaceship’s speed reached its maximum, it turned into a stream of light and entered the jump state, disappearing among the fabulous river of stars.

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A few days later, outside the porthole was a small, gray planet. There was no vegetation and no Fixed Stars nearby; it was desolate. No sun could be seen on the planet, and the surface temperature was extremely chilly. There were some markings of volcanoes, so it should not be as cold as absolute zero.

Clearly, the environment of the planet was not suitable for most life forms to survive.

“Wear the protection suit properly. Once your skin is exposed to the air, your body will be damaged.”

As Han Xiao was speaking, he activated his Void Dragon mechanical suit, adjusted the inner temperature, and maintained it at a stable level. This slight energy cost was not even worth mentioning for the Mini Portable Nuclear Reactor. Although the suit was powered by nuclear energy, the radiation was blocked by the reactor’s special shell. Of course, even if he was exposed to it, Han Xiao would definitely not be damaged with his current Endurance. It would at most give him a negligible damage reduction debuff.

As Herlous was putting on Amphiptere, which Han Xiao lent him, he sighed and said, “If only the Commander Class armor that my brother gave me was still here.”

Han Xiao extended his hand with an expressionless face and said, “Give it back if you’re not wearing it.”

“Come on, don’t be so petty.” Herlous cracked a joke and hastily put the mechanical suit on.

Aroshia did not need the mechanical suit to protect her. As long as she turned into her energy form, she would be able to ignore the harsh environments.

For this mission, Han Xiao had only brought Herlous and Aroshia along—the rest had all stayed in the spaceship. They were not strong enough, so bringing them along would only burden Han Xiao.

As the magnetic field of the planet could block communications, Han Xiao parked the spaceship outside the atmosphere and set a time to pick them up. The three of them used the mini aircraft to land on the planet.

The spaceship entered the edge of the atmosphere. The cabin under it opened, and a mini aircraft flew out. This was the ‘Dragon Butterfly’ scout aircraft, a model used by the Floating Dragon Guards. Han Xiao had learned this blueprint long ago.

After the aircraft took off, the spaceship instantly rose higher and left the atmosphere.

Inside the aircraft, Han Xiao sat at the pilot seat and operated the control panel with ease and familiarity. The other two sat in the passenger seats behind him.

“Let’s go, the research team’s crash site is below.”

The magnetic field affected radars too, but Han Xiao adjusted the location when they were on the spaceship. Their destination was right below.

With a tug of the gear lever, the anti-gravity pipes under the aircraft illuminated slightly as they landed quickly.

It was dark around them, and it was very difficult to see. Such planets that did not have light from a Fixed Star existed in many parts of the universe. Han Xiao switched on the aircraft's light perception, and their vision became clearer. They could now see the nearby environment.

"About 6,000 meters to reaching the ground," Herlous said.

"Hold on, there might be some turbulence." As Han Xiao spoke, he suddenly turned off the engine and the anti-gravity levitation device.

Hu!

The aircraft instantly descended forcefully.

Shocked, Herlous said, "What are you doing?"

Before Han Xiao had chance to reply, the aircraft suddenly trembled. Electric sparks erupted from the internal circuits, and at least three-quarters of the buttons on the control panel became unresponsive.

A warning appeared on the radiation detector, and a shadow that looked like a sandstorm swept toward them as seen from the screen.

"At 2,000 to 6,000 meters altitude on this planet, there is a radiation storm that can incapacitate most of the devices in a spaceship. That's how these research spaceships crashed. However, there are still about 2,000 meters for them to buffer before crashing onto the ground, so their shield would be able to prevent them from shattering into pieces when they smash into the ground," Han Xiao explained. "High-class spaceships can make it through, but Godora's research spaceships obviously would not have too many high-end devices equipped."

"What should we do then?" Herlous was stunned. "Aren't we trapped on this planet in that case? Plus, our spaceship won't be able to pick us up."

"Don't worry. Every once in a while, the radiation storm will weaken—we will be able to leave then." Han Xiao was not worried at all; he remembered the mission process. Furthermore, when it was completed, this mission was turned into a dungeon, and the Dungeon Crystal could be earned through doing daily missions in that space station. Countless players had come to this planet before, so he was extremely familiar with it.

The gravity of the planet was quite strong, the aircraft was falling at a very fast speed. They passed through the radiation storm very soon and saw the mountains and craters on the ground, rapidly closing in. At this height, with the strength of the aircraft shield, it would definitely successfully shatter into pieces.

Of course, the three of them would not die from the fall, but the aircraft was a resource, and Han Xiao did not want to give it up easily. As he pressed a button, gliders popped up from the two sides of the aircraft. He switched the aircraft to nerves controlling method and connected the gliders to the nerve signal of his arm. It was as swift and smooth as controlling his own arms.

With the engine still off, the aircraft slowly turned from falling into gliding, quickly approaching the ground.

Boom!

Finally, the aircraft landed on the ground in a slanted angle, stirring up a huge amount of sand and dust. The shield generator was still working and flickering. The shield and the incapacitated thrust engine were not in the same system and had different fundamentals. Although the shield had been affected by the radiation storm, it had already recovered to a certain extent.

Turbulence still lasted in the aircraft for quite some time before quietening down. Aroshia rubbed her butt. Since she did not turn into energy form, her butt was hurting from the turbulence.

Han Xiao stood up and pulled down the manual handle on the hatch. The hatch popped open, and extreme coldness blew onto their faces. The temperature inside the mechanical suit lowered largely in an instant before slowly recovering to the normal temperature.

“The air temperature is about minus a hundred degrees. It is... actually higher than expected. Looks like there are bodies of water on this planet.

Han Xiao stretched his arms and legs, breathing in the oxygen from the mechanical suit. He was not planning to run around in this kind of place without wearing a mechanical suit.

Aroshia almost froze from the coldness and hurriedly turned into energy form. After entering Grade B, she had become much more skilled in using her powers. When she turned into energy form, she still maintained her human figure, including all of her facial features. Other than her body being made up of bright energy, everything else remained unchanged.

“The landing location deviated a little from the target without a radar.” Herlous looked around. “Looks like we can only slowly search for the remains of the research ships.”

Han Xiao squatted and touched the ground. Under the rough and black dust were hard rocks—the density of the planet surface was rather high. He then looked up and searched for certain markings on the sky.

Very soon, through the vision zoom of the mechanical suit, he saw the light from the spaceship outside the atmosphere. He pointed in that direction and said, “There is no need to search. The target is right there.”