

The Mechanic 931

Chapter 931 Trouble Surfaces

The Colin Group Was One of the Local Financial Groups Within the Shattered Star Ring. It Was Well-known for Its Large Business Scope That Encompassed Areas Such as Resource Mining, Logistics, and Transportation, as Well as the Production of Processed Materials. While It Was Not a Galactic-level Financial Group, It Was Still a Sizable Company in Cooperation With Many Planetary and Star System Level Civilizations. At the Same Time, This Group Was Also Partnered With the Black Star Army and Provided Business Channels for the Army.

Many Similar Organizations Cooperated With the Black Star Army, Partly for the Evolution Cube, and Partly Because They Were Attracted to the Influence of the Black Star Army in the Area. Their Identities as Black Star Army Collaborators Could Bring a Lot of Convenience to Their Businesses.

The Colin Group, as One of the First Companies to Cooperate With the Black Star Army, Had Experienced a Booming Performance in the Past Few Years, and Their Prospects Were Broad, but at This Moment, All the Corporate Executives and Shareholders Were Gathered Together in the Conference Room of the Colin Group With Frowning Faces.

The Current Head of the Group, Colin Duller, Sat at the Head Seat. His Expression Was Terrible, and He Was Suppressing His Fury.

“the Hebrew and Sayde Civilizations Have Terminated Their Cooperation With Us. They Not Only Withdrew the Planetary Mining Rights That We Purchased but Also Cancelled the Long-term Contract for the Supply of Materials. Furthermore, I Was Negotiating With the Wiese Members Before, Which Would Have Allowed Us to Obtain a New Business Area. The Negotiation Had Already Come to an End, but the Wiese Actually Went Back on the Previous Terms and Chose to Cooperate With Others. Our Situation Now is Very Bad.”

One of the Upper Echelons Sighed. “That’s Right. Many of the Heads for the Civilization Departments That Had Cooperated Happily With Us Have Now Cut Off All Contact. This is Not Normal and Should Be Our Competitors Pulling Some Underhanded Moves...”

“Humph, I Know Who They Are.” Colin Snorted Coldly. “a While Ago, the Limitless Financial Group Sought Me Out, Wanting to Purchase the Colin Group, but I Rejected Them. The Recent Movements Were Most Likely Made by Them.”

“What, There Was Such a Thing?”

“Why Didn’t We Know That the Limitless Financial Group Had Contacted Us?”

A Few of Them Displayed Expressions of Shock While Some of Them Remained Silent. Obviously, They Had Found Out About This Matter.

Colin’s Tone Was Furious. “I’ve Already Inquired About It. The Limitless Financial Group Has Been Acquiring Companies in the Shattered Star Ring Recently, and Those Businesses That Did Not Agree Were More or Less Suppressed. I Heard That the Limitless Financial Group Has Decided to Enter Shattered Star Ring Due to the Development of the Flickering World, and They Are Preparing to Invest in

the Large Scale Construction of a Factory in the Hebrew and Sayde Civilizations. They Should Have Made a Deal Behind Our Back, So Both of Them Terminated the Cooperation With Us.”

At This Moment, the Second Largest Shareholder of the Company, Who Had Always Been Dissatisfied With Colin, Suddenly Sneered.

“It’s Not Only That. There Are Also Several Important Cooperative Businesses That Have Stopped Businesses With Us. Several Civilizations No Longer Approve Our Loans, and Our Management Level Employees Were Also Poached, Leaving a Significant Gap... Now Our Business Has Shrunk by More Than Thirty Percent, and Our Price on the Stock Market Has Plummeted. As I Said Earlier, You Should Not Have Rejected the Limitless Financial Group, One of the Largest Financial Groups in the Universe. There’s No Disadvantage to Turning Them Against Us.”

Hearing This, Colin’s Face Was Pale.

He Also Knew That They Could Not Compare to the Brand or Financial Power of the Limitless Financial Group. If There Was an Opportunity, Many Would Cooperate With Them, Even Abandoning Their Previous Partners, as the Limitless Financial Group Would Bring Immense Benefits.

The More Colin Thought About It, the Angrier He Got, and He Heavily Thumped on the Table, Leaving Behind an Indentation. He Gritted His Teeth.

“Don’t Even Think About It. The Colin Group is My Hard Work, and I Will Not Agree to the Acquisition Requirements of the Limitless Financial Group!”

The Second Largest Shareholder Sneered. “How Are You Going to Solve the Current Problems? If There is No Way, the Group Will Collapse Sooner or Later. Everyone Here is a Shareholder. If You Want to Gamble, You Have to Go Through Us First.”

Colin Fell Silent for a While Before Shaking His Head. “I Have No Method at the Moment...”

A Document Was Thrown Out by the Shareholder, Landing on the Table. He Coldly Laughed. “Since You Have No Methods, Just Sign This Shareholder Acquisition Document.”

Colin’s Expression Changed. He Stared at the Shareholder. “You’ve Been Bought Over by Them?”

“Bought Over? I Was Just Acting in the Interests of Our Group.”

The Second Largest Shareholder Laughed and Surveyed the Shocked or Calm Faces of the Upper Echelons.

Another Large Shareholder Understood the Idea and Said, “Colin, Just Agree. We Will Have a Hard Time Contending With Such a Large Financial Group at That Level. Besides, Their Purchase Price is Very Reasonable, and After Joining the Limitless Financial Group, Our Businesses Can Be Further Developed With Their Support.”

This Seemed to Be the Signal to Get Many of the Upper Echelons to Open Their Mouths.

“You, All of You...” Colin’s Eyes Widened. How Could He Not Understand That All of Them Had Been Bought Over? The Sum of All These People’s Shares Was Enough to Overrule His Decisions.

To Think That the Board Had Been Infiltrated Like This!

Even Those Hesitating Shareholders Were Also Staring at Colin With Hopeful Eyes Now.

Colin's Eyes Were Unreadable. "if I Don't Agree, Are You All Planning to Overthrow Me?"

The Second Largest Shareholder Indifferently Replied, "That Will Depend on the Strategy You Can Come Up With. If You Want to Drag This Whole Group Into the Abyss, Don't Blame Us for Saving Ourselves."

Colin Stared at the Acquisition Book on the Table, and Hesitated. Without a Word, He Grabbed the Book and Read It Carefully Before Signing the Agreement With a Heavy Expression.

Pa Pa Pa...

A Sudden Applause Could Be Heard Outside the Door, and the Room Opened, Showing a Man Clapping as He Walked in, a Confident Smile on His Face.

"a Wise Choice."

Colin Looked Over Frowning, but Before He Could Ask, the Second Largest Shareholder Beat Him to It.

"This is One of the Upper Echelons of the Limitless Financial Group, Mr. Madick."

"Oh, Turns Out You're the Guy Who Bought Us Out." Colin's Words Were Sarcastic.

"Hehe, There's No Need to Look at Me Like That. In the Future, the Colin Group Will Be an Arm of the Limitless, and We'll All Be Colleagues." Madick Waved His Hands While Lightly Smiling. "I'm Here to Tell Everyone That There Will Be No Major Changes to the Original Decision-making Structure of the Group. You All Will Still Remain as the Backbone."

Madick Eyed Everyone Before Continuing. "However, There Needs to Be an Adjustment in Business Direction. We Need to Immediately Terminate the Cooperation With the Black Star Army."

"Why?" Colin Could Not Understand.

Acquisition Was One Thing. What Did It Have to Do With Their Business Partner?

"Oh, Our Limitless Financial Group Has Signed an Agreement to Cooperate and Develop the Bloodshed Land. The Bloodshed Land is Prepared to Emulate the Black Star Army and Build Its Own Interest Union, So It Requires Many Organizations to Join. Every Business We Buy Must Be Converted to a Partner of the Bloodshed Land, to Provide Them With Channels to Expand Their Business."

Madick Smiled Indifferently.

Colin Frowned Before a Look of Understanding Flashed Past His Eyes.

He Had Also Attended the Previous Black Star Party, and Sorokin Had Been There, but the Latter Had Chosen to Invest in Bloodshed Land and Was Now Using It to Attack the Partners of the Black Star Army. As Someone Local to the Shattered Star Ring, a Bold Conjecture Appeared in Colin's Mind...

The Limitless Financial Group Did Not Just Wish to Enter the Shattered Star Ring; It Wanted to Attack the Black Star Army!

All of Them Were Just Pawns That Had Been Caught Up in the Storm!

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The Colin Group Was Just One of Many Examples. During This Period, Many of the Local Businesses Within the Shattered Star Ring Were Acquired or Controlled, Either Defeated Directly by Sheer Banknotes or Simply Willing to Go Under the Banner of the Limitless Financial Group.

For Those That Did Not Agree, There Were Many Methods That the Limitless Financial Group Could Use.

For Example, in Response to Conflicts, They Could Rally the Smaller Shareholders to Overthrow the Larger Shareholders. They Could Also Buy Out Some Key Personnel or Invest in Building Factories to Attract the Civilizations to Hinder the Businesses of Some Companies. The Limitless Financial Group Was Well Experienced in This.

If Someone Would Not Compromise, They Would Be Suppressed to Death Sooner or Later, and They Would Lose More Than What They Would Have Originally Obtained.

The Limitless Financial Group Had No Way to Directly Shake the Businesses of a Hegemon Like the Black Star Army, So They Could Only Erode Them Bit by Bit. To the Local Enterprises, This Universe Level Top Financial Group Was Like a Giant Crocodile That They Could Not Compete With.

You Might Be Rich, but the Limitless Financial Group... is Especially Wealthy!

Under Such Operations, the Limitless Financial Group, Having Worked Behind the Scenes for Several Months, Acquired Many of the Local Businesses, Forming a Large Number of Business Channels. They Strongly Inserted Themselves Into the Shattered Star Ring Market With a Stable Footing.

At the Same Time, the Bloodshed Land Released a Joint Announcement With the Limitless Financial Group to Publicly Announce Their Cooperation. The Bloodshed Land Also Mentioned That They Would Expand Their Business and Carry Out a Transformation of Their Organization. While It Was Not Specifically Stated, Everyone in Shattered Star Ring Knew That Their Target Was the Black Star Army.

“the Limitless Financial Group is Working in Depth With Bloodshed Land?”

In the Headquarters of the Army, Sylvia Looked at the Report on Her Hand, Her Face Revealing a Troubled Expression.

“the Bloodshed Land Plans to Steal Our Businesses. There Has Been a Conflict of Interest on Both Sides, So Those Organizations That Have Been Acquired by the Limitless Financial Group Have Terminated Their Cooperation and Turned to the Bloodshed Land.” the Secretary Next to Sylvia Shook His Head, His Tone Worried.

“They Don’t Want the Quota for the Evolution Cube Anymore?” Sylvia Frowned.

“This... I’m Not Too Sure, but Most of the Acquired Organizations Are Private, and Their Demand for the Evolution Cube is Not Great.”

Hearing This, Sylvia Nodded.

That Was the Case, as Private Organizations Were Different From Civilizations. Even if They Required Evolutions, They Would Probably Have Purchased Slots for All Their Members in the Past Few Years. The Main Reason They Cooperated Was to Maintain the Influence Created by the Network of Interests. Now That They Had Been Acquired, They Could Only Be Swayed to the Intentions of the Limitless Financial Group.

What Businesses Relied on to Compete Was Their Power, Wealth, and Influence, and Force Could Not Be Applied to Them. Furthermore, With the Bloodshed Land as a Beyond Grade a Organization and an Ally of the Dynasty, This Provided a Suitable Shield for the Limitless Financial Group to Act.

Teacher Was Right. The Limitless Financial Group Did Not Have Any Good Intentions at All.

Sylvia Secretly Huffed and Looked at the Detailed Report.

While the Limitless Financial Group Was Huge, It Would Be Impossible to Fight Against All the Businesses in the Entire Star Field. That Was Especially So for the Civilizations; It Was Impossible for Them to Give Up on Cooperating for the Evolution Cube. The Limitless Financial Group Could Only Target the Private Organizations, and Because Each Acquisition Also Required a Lot of Money, the Larger Organizations Had Not Been Targeted for the Time Being.

Thus, So Far, the Black Star Army Had Only Lost a Few Business Channels, but It Was Far From the Level of Hemorrhaging. Only Their Peripheral Businesses Were Affected. Their Core Businesses Like the Evolution Cube, Flickering World Development, and Planet Mining Were Still Stable.

But... They Had to Guard Against Any Further Upsets.

As She Thought of This, Sylvia Had a Severe Expression as She Took Out Her Communicator.

“I Have to Inform My Teacher Immediately!”

Chapter 932 The Capacity of a Beyond Grade A

At the same time, in the dynasty’s central territory, a small unmarked fleet was docked above a huge blue planet. The planet hosted one of the most famous interstellar cities in the Crimson Dynasty, with a prosperous economy and a huge population.

This fleet came from the branch of the Black Star Army in Constellation Corridor. Because of his long stay in the dynasty this time, Han Xiao immediately dispatched the local army fleet the moment he arrived in order to utilize the fleet’s machinery factory to produce machinery to while away the time on the way.

The Crimson Dynasty knew that Han Xiao had come over to the Central Galaxy with the purpose of avoiding any danger, so he did not need to proceed to Planet Crimson Ring to report. Except for the secret military areas, he was free to roam about the territory of the dynasty, and the upper echelons of the dynasty would not restrict him.

Han Xiao was practicing his Energy Training Techniques whilst searching for the famous people of the dynasty in the future. He had arrived in this interstellar city to visit just one person. The No.16 Comprehensive Superpower Academy of the dynasty was a first-class university and a famous facility on

this planet. The goal of Han Xiao's trip was precisely this academy. In his memories, a future Beyond Grade A Dynasty member had graduated from this college.

According to the data from his past life, this Beyond Grade A was recruited into the academy between the years 709 and 712 on the Galaxy Calendar. This was the early stage of the update from Version 3.0 to Version 4.0, this exact period.

Because his fleet was unmarked, the arrival of Han Xiao did not cause a sensation on the planet. Only the upper echelons of the academy were notified, and the principal immediately dropped all his affairs to personally greet them. At this moment, in one of the campuses of the dynasty's No.16 Comprehensive Superpower Academy, Han Xiao took Aurora with him as they walked down the tree-lined road. Their faces were concealed by a virtual disguise, and their real identities could not be seen.

The artificially planted trees helped to ward off the shine from the artificial sun in the sky, and the sunlight passing through their canopies was cut into slivers of golden specks. There was also a sparkling river beside the road, where several students were frolicking in the water. Further ahead, there was a patch of grass where students of different races mingled with each other in discussion, and occasionally, a few students flew past in midair holding books to rush to class. Everywhere was full of youthfulness.

"So nice..." Looking at this scene, a slight longing and envy appeared in Aurora's eyes. Her childhood was akin to hell, and she had never experienced such a normal growth process.

Gazing at the scene, Han Xiao suddenly felt a little sad. The life of a normal person is already too far away for me...

Lowering his head, Aurora's profile, under the morning light appeared particularly pure and sacred, and her long eyelashes twitched gently.

"Your Excellency Black Star, the Pugilist Department is in front of us."

At this time, the voice of the principal sounded by his ear. Han Xiao withdrew his gaze from Aurora, looking forward at a tall building complex. There were spherical gravity training spaces visible to the naked eye, and many of the pugilists were also practicing. The three of them walked around the teaching area for a while and walked past a classroom. A new class of pugilists were in the middle of a cultural class. When Han Xiao looked in, his gaze immediately landed on an unremarkable person belonging to the Galaxy Human Race. This plain and unassuming face was very familiar in his eyes...

Karlot, the Beyond Grade A directly under the dynasty in the later versions. After 'Dark Lord' Clotti died, he took over his position, and his combat ability also reached the peak of Beyond Grade A...

The memories of his past flashed through Han Xiao's mind in an instant, and Han Xiao's eyes flashed inexplicably.

Seeing that Han Xiao had stopped and did not move, the principal was a little confused. He looked over and saw Karlot seated there. He hesitated before he asked, "Your Excellency Black Star, do you recognize this freshman?"

Han Xiao shook his head. "I just felt that he has a lot of potential."

Hearing this, the principal immediately looked carefully, but he could not see anything special about Karlot. He was a little dissatisfied in his heart, but he could not help paying attention to the opinions of a Beyond Grade A. The principal secretly took out his communicator to check Karlot's files, but he found out that the freshman had yet to awaken his Super-Gene, and thus, his performance was also at the bottom of the cohort.

The majority of the freshmen in the college were ordinary people, as the college would also conduct tests to select the good seedlings to start education earlier. Within this one-and-a-half-year period, if they could not awaken their Super genes, they would be asked to leave.

"I hope to be able to chat with him," Han Xiao said. "This... ok." The principal hesitated a little but finally agreed.

Han Xiao walked into a random empty classroom, and when the bell rang, the hallways got noisy. The door of the classroom opened, and the principal walked in with Karlot.

"Sit." Han Xiao smiled.

"Why do you want to meet me? I, I didn't do anything wrong." Karlot stood dumbly, his expression cramped and speech awkward.

His family were all ordinary people who ran a small business. However, his parents wanted him to become a Super so that this family business could obtain the social welfare treatment that was unique to Supers. Thus, they allowed him to go to the college. Karlot had no opinion and thus took the admission exam, being lucky enough to pass it.

As a freshman who had never come into contact with any Supers, Karlot had only met the principal once at the opening ceremony. However, the principal had approached him personally today, which made him anxious as to whether he had broken any rules.

"Haha, you didn't do anything wrong. I just wanted to chat with you." Han Xiao laughed.

Karlot finally heaved a sigh of relief, closely scrutinizing Han Xiao's face before he asked curiously, "You... Who are you? I don't recognize you. Why are you looking for me?"

"Oh, my name is Black Star. Maybe you've heard of my name. I'm an ally of the Crimson Dynasty, and I think that you have potential. Are you willing to join my Black Star Army?" Han Xiao smiled.

The purpose of this trip was to search for potential strong candidates, but because Karlot's starting identity was too low, he was not spotted early. If Han Xiao could bring such a power over, he would not hesitate.

Seeing this, the principal began to doubt his own eyes. It was impolite to poach someone in front of him, but he did not dare say anything. It was even more surprising, seeing that Black Star would personally invite this person without any extraordinary features.

"What is the Black Star Army?" Karlot opened his eyes wide, a look of puzzlement. He never paid attention to interstellar matters and did not even know what their Dynasty Ruler was called.

Han Xiao's face cramped up, and he threw a glance to Aurora. Aurora could only explain it patiently to him.

Karlot seemed to only understand half of it. "So, you guys are mercenaries?" "You can put it this way, I guess." Han Xiao was helpless. "If you join our army, not only will you obtain better teachings, you can also obtain more benefits. I..."

Before waiting for Han Xiao to finish, Karlot began shaking his head. "I'm not going. Dad only sent me here to improve our family condition. He does not allow me to go out to fight and kill. If he learns about this, he will beat me up."

Hearing this sentence, Han Xiao did not know whether to laugh or cry. This reason was quite refreshing.

The universe indeed was not lacking people who wanted to be Super just for the benefits. However, once they obtained the strength, their mentalities would undergo a change. Thus, he could understand why Karlot was thinking like this right now. In his previous life, Karlot himself belonged to the late-bloomer protagonist character archetype. He was honest, clumsy, and had a slow growth rate, but he slowly stepped forward until he stood at the peak of all Supers. During his peak, he could even kill ordinary Beyond Grade As without losing his breath.

After graduating from this official superpower academy, the military and some government departments came to recruit him. At that time, Karlot finally had his own beliefs and joined the army against the will of his family, starting his legendary career. However, now, Karlot was still a naive child in Han Xiao's eyes.

Every Beyond Grade A was unique. If he rashly changed Karlot's future, he might not grow up like his previous life. After all, guys like Karlot were not like Hila, who had the innate potential to hit Beyond Grade A.

Seeing that no one was talking, Karlot scratched his head and hesitantly asked, "If there's nothing else, can I go?"

"Alright." Han Xiao put his thoughts aside and smiled as he nodded. He decided not to push Karlot so far right now as he did not have the value to be poached.

But he had also helped Karlot indirectly, since he showed this student's importance. The principal would definitely try to focus on his training, and he could use this time to foster a closer relationship with him.

Watching Karlot leave, Han Xiao temporarily bid farewell to the principal, returning to his spaceship.

As soon as he entered the cabin, his communicator rang. It was Sylvia on the line.

"Teacher, there's a situation with the Limitless Financial Group!"

Han Xiao's eyes flashed. "Explain in detail."

Sylvia quickly summarized the incidents, and Han Xiao frowned as he connected the picture of him conversing with Sorokin. An understanding came to him.

"Them entering the Shattered Star Ring market is false. Their true motive is to deal with me."

"Teacher, you're saying..." Han Xiao sighed. "The Limitless Financial Group acts as an economic and commercial enterprise on the surface, but its true motive is to support the Bloodshed Land in opposing us, interfering with our development. I've been waiting to see what the pressure brought about by the

Evolutionary Totems would be, and it turns out it's in this form. There should be many backers behind the Limitless Financial Group this time, likely the federation and the church as well."

"Then, what should we do? There's no way to resolve this!" Sylvia's expression was solemn.

Han Xiao was also tied up. In terms of commercial activities, the Limitless Financial Group was the undisputed ruler. The core businesses of the army were not impacted, but he was unable to prevent Sorokin from acquiring his partners. That would later cause a negative effect as his other business partners would choose to dissolve any relationships in order not to be targeted.

This was a straightforward strategy of attacking using their own abilities.

"If we hope to compete with the Limitless Financial Group, we must turn our dispersed capital into a whole. Use this external pressure to facilitate internal cohesion among our partners, encourage them to unite and form an existence similar to that of a Chamber of Commerce. We can help each other resist the malicious acquisition of the Limitless Financial Group."

Sylvia thought about it before nodding in agreement. "This method is not bad."

"Alas, there is no method to tackle the root cause. We can only stop the damage from spreading." Han Xiao's eyes flashed with a cold light. "After a period of time, I'll have the mechanical host I left in the headquarters go to the Bloodshed Land and find Heber for... a good talk!"

After discussing the countermeasures, Han Xiao hung up, and his expression sank.

Now that the Black Star Army had gained the opportunity to shine in the world and develop rapidly, Sorokin attempted to deliberately drag them down, preventing them from developing peacefully.

He wanted to destroy the network of interests Han Xiao had spent years trying to build up!

Although this method of Sorokin's could not shake the core businesses, it was very sinister and disgusting, and it would kill the future of the army!

He wanted to contact Sorokin for questioning, but he quickly banished this idea. With that old fox's character, he would definitely use all kinds of business activities as an excuse, and there would be no way to express his own dissatisfaction.

Since he knew how Sorokin was going to reply, there was no point calling him. If Heber promised to cooperate, it means that he's taking this opportunity to develop his forces. He, of course, won't mind knocking me down in the process. When I advance to level 300, I'll go and chat with him.

Han Xiao clenched his fists with a heavy expression.

Since he could not deal with Sorokin, he would cause trouble for Heber!

Ty-Ty is not giving me face at all. If you think that this wave of trading is very profitable for you, don't blame me for destroying your prestige later!

Chapter 933 Black Star's Tour

in the bloodshed land's palace, jorde excitedly reported, "... in summary, we've obtained many new channels of business in a short amount of time, and our operations will double at the very least this year."

a burly figure stood beside the window, and heber listened to the report.

jordé then continued reading the report. "the black star army completed their transformation many years back and diversified their operations. we didn't have the evolution cube, so despite having klen's support, our transformation was very slow, and we were still restricted by the quality of the employment missions that we received. about seventy to eighty percent of our funds come from various armed employment missions. after working together with the limitless financial group, they've provided great aid to our transformation, and the embryonic state of our transformation is already complete."

the black star army and bloodshed land were both beyond grade a organizations, but their operation direction was different. under han xiao's lead, the black star army managed to diversify their operations through the evolution cube. they had both military and financial strength. as for the bloodshed land, they were a classic poor army with their influence and operations being very limited. this was a problem that had been troubling the bloodshed land.

with the help of the limitless financial group, heber's problem was now resolved. as long as they continued down this path, the bloodshed land would no longer be a group of boorish individuals who only knew how to fight wars. they would have the right to fight with the black star army as a private organization.

heber turned around and calmly said, "good job."

jordé hesitated for a moment and could not help but ask, "your excellency, just what kind of a deal did you make with the limitless financial group? why are they willing to help us without holding back?"

"it is just an exchange of benefits." heber glanced at him. "they wish to enter the shattered star ring and want to borrow our influence to gain a spot in the local market. humph, although their targets are the organizations that cooperate with the black star army, we are also a beyond grade a organization, and it won't be a loss for them to join us."

this was the reason on the surface. as for the deeper intention of their deal, heber was not planning to inform his subordinates.

although heber did not say anything else, jordé could sense that this matter was not so simple. the limitless financial group did not approach the black star army but went to the second best option instead. they were obviously targeting the black star army.

jordé broke out into cold sweat as he thought about the possible meaning behind the cooperation and did not dare continue asking. he still wanted to live to the day where he could hug his grandchildren.

jordé then wiped away his sweat and left the room. heber was the only one left, and he continued looking out the window. a long while later, the corner of his lips curled up slightly.

although he maintained his calm appearance in front of his subordinates, he was actually very happy.

he was not bothered about whether the limitless financial group would succeed; he only wanted to make use of this opportunity to develop. the losses of the black star army were of no consequence to him. the both of them were the dynasty's allies but also competitors. he would be more than happy to see the black star army suffer a huge loss.

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on the other side, karlot, who had rejected han xiao's invitation, returned to his dormitory, and his friends immediately crowded over with curiosity.

"hey, why did the principal look for you?"

karlot was extremely honest, and his results were at the bottom. thus, his relationship with the others was not too bad.

a few of his friends had seen the principal approaching karlot at the end of the lesson and thought that he had done something wrong. thus, they all crowded over with concern.

karlot scratched his head and said, "nothing much. someone wanted to meet me."

"who? he is actually able to get the principal to personally invite you!" one of karlot's dormitory mates exclaimed. he was the one with the best background in the entire dormitory, but he was still far from the level of the principal. karlot's family was extremely ordinary, so he could not help being puzzled.

"he said that he is called black star and asked me to join the black star army," karlot said helplessly.

the moment he said these words, the entire room fell silent, and a look of disbelief could be seen on everyone's face.

"that legendary black star?"

"are you kidding me? why would he look for you?"

seeing his dormitory mates' expressions, karlot could not help but ask with doubt, "do all of you know him?"

"my goodness, don't tell me you don't even know who black star is?" one of his friends almost fainted.

"i... i hadn't heard of him before," karlot said with a tinge of embarrassment. "is he really a bigshot?"

"he isn't just a bigshot! he is a beyond grade a super! the peak of individual strength and an existence who can chat with the dynasty ruler!" one of his friends then began describing han xiao's history.

the others then surrounded karlot and showered with him plenty of questions. karlot briefly explained the situation, but with his lousy expressive vocabulary, it took a while for the others to understand what had happened.

that handsome dormitory mate of his then could not help but notice a sour feeling in his heart. why did such a good thing fall on the head of this bottom-ranked idiot instead of him?

at this moment, another one of his dormitory mates then realized something and asked, "did... you accept black star's invitation?"

"i didn't agree," karlot replied uneasily.

"you actually rejected the opportunity to join the black star army?" everyone was truly speechless.

"you're truly an idiot! this is an opportunity to change your fate! ordinary people like us would never be able to enter the black star army! you... you actually..."

seeing everyone say so, karlot fell into a daze and started to doubt his own choice.

did i really make the wrong choice?

i'd better ask my family first.

karlot then took out his communicator and ran to the side to contact his family. that handsome dormitory mate then looked at karlot's back, and a look of dense jealousy and resentment could be seen in his eyes.

why him? why? why did he obtain such an opportunity but not know how to treasure it? he is truly idiotic to the extreme! why would such a legendary figure take notice of such an individual!

he originally liked karlot and was willing to take care of karlot, but now, he was only filled with disgust toward karlot.

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the next day, han xiao temporarily ignored the frustration of the financial groups and continued monitoring karlot. he noticed something interesting.

the event had already spread throughout the entire level, and the attitudes of all the students changed greatly. a portion of them fawned over him while others excluded him.

"because of my actions yesterday, his entire school life has been rewritten by me. he can no longer be a transparent individual like in his previous life..." han xiao shook his head and had a greater understanding of his status as a bigshot.

for karlot to be dragged into the storm early on, the effects on his growth would be unknown. it could be a good or bad thing.

however, his actions had definitely helped him. any individual capable of becoming a beyond grade a would have grit in them and be unwilling to concede defeat. difficulties would only spur on his potential, and he would welcome all problems head on. who knew if karlot had such a character? perhaps the intense competition in the school would allow karlot to experience a change further.

"if that's the case, why don't i aggravate the situation further?" han xiao stroked his chin.

after waiting for a moment, the bell went off, and the students left their classrooms. han xiao then openly called out.

"karlot."

upon hearing someone call his name, karlot turned around. upon seeing han xiao in the same clothes as the previous day, he recognized han xiao's identity and was startled. "black... black star. it's you again."

his voice was not loud, but it seemed to have a magical force. the students in the surroundings all stopped and looked at han xiao with burning gazes.

“you seem to be very nervous?” han xiao ignored the crowd and smiled at karlot. although others were unable to see his true appearance, he could still display emotions.

“my father asked me to thank you, but he doesn’t wish for me to interact with you too much,” karlot said with a nervous look.

han xiao was not too bothered by the response. raising his finger, karlot’s communicator flew into his hands. after fiddling with it casually, he handed it back to karlot.

“it’s alright. i left my number for you. you can contact me if you change your mind.”

karlot was overwhelmed with favor and said without confidence, “i... truly do not understand why you think so highly of me.”

“i am only interested in developing more talents.”

he then patted karlot’s head and felt the changes in the gazes of those around. a profound smile could then be seen on his face.

heh, i helped you strengthen your protagonist interface. you don’t need to thank me.

han xiao then looked at karlot deeply before disappearing from everyone’s sight.

the next moment, han xiao’s figure appeared outside the atmosphere. he did not remain on the planet and left in his spaceship.

during the following period, han xiao remained in the territory of the dynasty. the upper echelons of the dynasty paid close attention to han xiao’s actions and observed that he paid visits to many different people. some of them were middle-rank members within the dynasty, and others were ordinary individuals.

the upper echelons of the dynasty understood han xiao’s intentions. black star was planning for the future and considering what kind of talents he should invest in for his authority in the dynasty to increase.

however, the choices that han xiao had made were truly strange. han xiao did not pick the current high-ranking individuals but went to find some strange people. just what kind of logic was that?

the dynasty had investigated everyone that han xiao visited. some of them truly had great potential, but the majority of them did not seem special at all.

the upper echelons of the dynasty were puzzled. they could not understand the basis behind black star’s choices. his choices truly seemed far too random.

on han xiao’s side, he paid visits to many npcs that would be famous in the future.

the majority of them rejected joining the black star army just like karlot. there were some who had accepted han xiao’s invitation, and he managed to bring some talents over to his side. of course, han xiao did not rope over any talents who would have authority in the dynasty in future.

on the shattered star ring's side, sylvia acted according to han xiao's instructions and took the relevant measures. she contacted many of the organizations working together with the army to withstand the pressure from the limitless financial group together.

this idea achieved a certain effect, and a portion of the organizations accepted the suggestion to form a loose alliance to increase the difficulty of the limitless financial group acquiring these organizations.

however, this was a method that did not resolve the root cause of the problem.

the army was not a real financial group after all, and their foundation was not as robust as the limitless financial group. these organizations only cooperated with the army and were not properties of the army.

the most important thing would be for these organizations to hang in there by themselves. as for the rest, the army could only look at convincing some of their partner civilizations to provide some political leeway to these organizations to aid their businesses.

the only way to resolve the root cause of the problem would be for the dynasty to open up the rights to sell the totem to everyone. however, this was not something that han xiao could decide alone. since competition was unavoidable, han xiao did not think too much about it and focused on training his energy. as long as his energy reached the requirement for the promotion mission, he would go and cause trouble for the tyrant.

he would not be able to solve the problem this way but could create a lose-lose situation for both of them.

he would only be able to use strength to target heber, but it was useless for him to suggest sparring with sorokin. the other party was the leader of a financial group and was using normal business means to compete with him. if han xiao used strength to deal with sorokin, the citizens of the universe would only think that the black star army was too tyrannical. furthermore, sorokin did not need prestige, and han xiao was able to think of over a hundred different reasons for sorokin to admit defeat immediately.

heber was different. as an ally of the dynasty, heber helped the enemy backstab him, and han xiao would have no qualms with beating heber up. heber placed much importance on his prestige and would never run from a spar. this was also a good opportunity for han xiao to take revenge about the time heber bullied him when he had just become a beyond grade a.

as the owner of the evolution cube, many large organizations paid close attention to all of han xiao's actions. even if he was only having a holiday in the dynasty's territory, many organizations still paid attention to him. everyone knew that he was hiding from the storm, and no one wanted to disturb him.

however, there were some who had other thoughts.

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planet ladbu was the colonial planet of a star system vassal civilization in the crimson dynasty's territory. because of the interference from the universal civilizations, all the vassal civilizations in the central galaxy made use of more lax and backward political systems. this civilization was like that. this colonial planet was managed by a local feudal lord. apart from in emergency situations, the feudal lord would not be appointed by the central power but elected from the region. it was a semi-independent system.

such a backward ruling method was not advantageous to the authority of the civilization.

the position of feudal lord on planet ladbu had always been held in the hands of a few prestigious families.

although an election would be held according to an ancient agreement, the election was only for show, and the family that took up the position of feudal lord had already been decided beforehand.

this year was the election year for planet ladbu, but it was different from the other years. an individual called iapetus, who was born in a business family, returned to participate in the election. originally, someone like him would have been suppressed by the other families, and it would have been impossible for him to emerge victorious.

but this time, the citizens of planet ladbu seemed to be tired of the various large families playing politics and wanted a new face. as such, they gave their votes to the outsider, and iapetus became the most popular candidate. first, he was a local, and second, he was from a pretty famous business family on planet ladbu. according to the current votes, he was the most likely candidate for the position of feudal lord.

“we hope that you will back out from the election.”

in one of the most luxurious apartments of the planet, the emissaries of the various families placed a communicator with a bank transfer page on the screen in front of iapetus.

“what is the meaning of this?” iapetus frowned.

“name a price.”

“i do not lack money.”

“do you really want to block our way?”

iapetus replied with a deep voice, “i am only playing according to the rules. this is what an election means.”

the emissaries then looked at each other and stood up to leave. one of them then looked at iapetus coldly and said, “you’ve made the wrong choice.”

after the emissaries left the room, iapetus let out a long sigh. his back was already covered with sweat, and he let out a bitter laugh.

at this moment, a lady wearing a secretary uniform walked in and stood in front of iapetus. she said with worry on her face, “they will not let go of you so easily.”

“i know.” iapetus waved his arms and muttered under his breath, “now that negotiating with me has failed, they will employ more violent means. if they are kind, they will kidnap me and use various methods to frame me. if they aren’t, i will not be able to survive until the end of the election.”

“i have already hired more galactic mercenaries as your bodyguards. they will protect you for sure.”

“mercenaries... people who can be bought over with money cannot be trusted.”

“... brother, why not you give up on the election? your life is more important than anything.”

this female secretary was not an ordinary employee but iapetus' kin.

“no. there are some things that an individual has to do.” iapetus shook his head.

the female secretary had a complicated look in her eyes and a tinge of admiration. she had always admired iapetus, not just because of his methods but also because of his courage.

both of them then fell silent for a while, and iapetus' eyes lit up as though he thought about something.

“right, i heard that the bigshot black star is currently touring the dynasty. his last seen location isn't too far from planet ladbu, right?”

“er, i think so.”

upon hearing that, a bright glow lit up in iapetus' eyes.

“i have a bold idea. perhaps... we can make use of black star!”

Chapter 934 You Are Truly Bold

in the dark energy gathering chamber of black star's spaceship.

a black metal sphere that was ten meters in diameter floated in the middle of the room. the surface of the sphere had many beehive-like holes lined up neatly along the surface with most of the holes being connected to a high efficiency energy transmitter cable that stretched to the wall.

the spaceship had many of these dark energy gathering chambers that were used to collect the dark energy when travelling in the universe. this black sphere was the dark energy converter. under normal circumstances, the dark energy reactor was enough to sustain the spaceship for ordinary flight. using such an energy collector was akin to harvesting solar energy for backup and for letting the energy reactor rest once in a while. it was also able to provide additional energy if required.

the room was filled with abundant dark energy. han xiao floated in front of the collecting device, and strands of dark red energy flowed around his body. the cells of his entire body absorbed the dark energy being given out, and he used an energy conversion manual to increase his own energy.

whoosh!

after a while, the red light in han xiao's eyes receded, and he spat out a mouthful of hot air. he looked at the notification on his interface. the number of refinements for his [dark energy refinement manual] had increased by one again.

among the energy training techniques that he had purchased, this was one of the best. he could absorb dark energy and convert it to his own energy with an upper limit of 240 refinements. every refinement would give him 10 energy, and he would be able to obtain a total of 2,400 energy points at most.

after triggering the promotion mission, han xiao had been training his energy every day, and his energy points had already gone up by a few thousand points.

landing on the ground, han xiao gestured with his finger, and the cable lines that he unplugged were plugged back into the energy collection device. he then walked out of the room, and his consciousness entered the quantum network. with two fingers, he grabbed phillip and brought phillip in front of him.

“has anything happened recently?”

“let me see, hum...”

phillip then took out a holographic book and pretended to flip through it. an animated lightbulb then lit up above phillip’s head.

“a few dozen dynasty organizations issued an invitation to you. they wish to get to know you, master, hum...”

“they’re here again,” han xiao said helplessly.

it was no secret that he was touring the dynasty’s territory. most of them knew not to disturb him, but a small portion of them wanted to cling onto his thighs, and there were already a few hundred organizations that had invited him. they were all rejected by han xiao without exception.

“reject them all if there are no invitations worth paying attention to.” han xiao waved his hand.

“i looked through all the invitations, and there is a pretty interesting invitation that i think you may be interested in, hum...”

as he said that, the invitation was displayed before han xiao.

“your excellency black star,

“i am the founder of the iapetus financial group, and i have always admired the black star army. i wish to work together with the black star army and build a subdivision on planet ladbu. having heard that you are in the area, i wish to invite you to take a look at planet ladbu.

“planet ladbu feudal lord, iapetus.”

han xiao looked through the invitation and could not understand what was special about it.

“what’s so special about this? isn’t this an ordinary invitation? just send someone to build the subdivision. why is there a need for me to go personally?”

“the problem is, his signature is wrong. when i checked his identity, he isn’t the feudal lord of that planet but only one of the individuals participating in the election. i looked through the database, and it is very likely that he is in a precarious situation and thus chose to issue this invitation.”

han xiao did not have any impression of iapetus and went online to check on his background. iapetus’ current situation was no secret to a virtual mechanic like han xiao.

after looking through the information, han xiao could guess iapetus’ thoughts, and a look of interest could be seen on his face.

he wants to make use of me? and he doesn’t even bother hiding it?

a teasing look could be seen in han xiao’s eyes.

their statuses were worlds apart. a small little financial group leader actually wanted to make use of a dynasty bigshot like him?

without mentioning the rest, he was at least bold enough.

“master, should i reply to him?” phillip asked.

han xiao thought for a while and smiled.

“agree to him and change course to planet ladbu. let’s take a look at this fellow who has the guts to make use of me.”

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in the room, iapetus was currently pacing around with a frown. his female secretary was dealing with the administrative work for the election and glanced at iapetus with concern from time to time.

“beep beep!”

right at this moment, the communicator rang, and iapetus picked it up immediately.

“brother, are you alright?” upon seeing the sudden change in his expression, the female secretary could not help but ask that with concern.

“i’m extremely good! black star has replied to me and agreed to my invitation. he will be arriving at planet ladbu very soon!” iapetus was truly overjoyed.

“he really agreed?” the female secretary had a look of disbelief on her face.

she actually did not think that iapetus’ plan would work. in her eyes, a bigshot like black star would never bother about insignificant people like them.

“see for yourself.”

iapetus handed the communicator over to his secretary. this was just a bold attempt of his, and he had known that it was unlikely to succeed. even if black star could not see through his intentions, it would be difficult to tempt the other party with such a small amount of benefits. but since black star had agreed to their invitation, it meant that their cooperation had begun.

“make immediate arrangements,” iapetus instructed. “i want to personally welcome black star.”

“i understand.” the secretary stood up immediately and suddenly said with hesitation, “those few families are already taking action. should we release news now and get them to...”

“no!” iapetus rejected without any hesitation. “this information cannot be revealed before black star arrives. if it is, i will be in danger. cancel all my plans during this period. we must not give the enemy any chances!”

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the representatives of the various wealthy families were gathered together. there was a pale looking man seated on the couch with a box in his hands. his hand had never left the surface of the box.

“what is iapetus doing? he’s cancelled all his plans, hiding at home. we will not have any chances to take action,” one of the representatives said.

another representative then looked at the pale man and said, “do you have an idea to get rid of him?”

this pale looking man was an assassin that the various families had been grooming. he was a grade b cannon master. he shook his head upon hearing the question.

“i had been observing the security of iapetus’ house. he’s hired many bodyguards with a few grade b supers. his defenses are extremely tight. unless he comes out in the open, it will be impossible for me to break into his house.”

“i have already come into contact with those grade b mercenaries,” one of the representatives said.

“they took my money but told me that they can only pretend to be careless. they cannot betray their employer in the open, otherwise it will affect their credibility. we’d better wait for iapetus to leave his house.”

“if those grade b bodyguards are on our side, i am confident that i will be able to kill him.” the pale looking man smiled coldly.

“alright, be ready for your orders,” one of the representatives said with a dark expression. “planet ladbu is our territory, and we will never allow it to be managed by outsiders.”

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a couple of days later, iapetus finally left the house and took a bulletproof flying device to one of the harbors. his motive was unknown.

the various large families received news and immediately sprang into action. they arranged for the pale looking man to follow behind them and waited for their opportunity.

very quickly, iapetus arrived at the harbor, and his flying device landed under the protection of his bodyguards.

the pale looking man followed behind and arrived at a storeroom under the arrangement of the families. there were no windows in the storeroom, but a cannon master had the ability to lock onto his target. he was definitely able to aim accurately without the need to see his target. this would allow his assassination to be better concealed.

he opened up the box beside him. the parts of a sniper rifle were stored within it. he rapidly assembled it, and it transformed into an electromagnetic sniper rifle. he then aimed the sniper rifle at iapetus.

the bodyguards intentionally left a gap that was a huge flaw in the eyes of the pale looking man. he then pressed on the microphone in his ear.

“i am in position. i can open fire anytime.”

“very good.” the voice of the representatives entered his ear.

in the city, the representatives monitored iapetus’ movements through the various satellites. after controlling the planet for so many years, they had plenty of resources available to them.

looking at iapetus through the satellite, all the representatives could not help but be puzzled.

“is he waiting for someone?”

“strange, who would come to meet him?”

“he has a financial group after all. perhaps he hired some new bodyguards.”

“but there isn’t a need for him to personally welcome bodyguards, right?”

since they could not understand his intentions, they decided to just not think about it. regardless of what he planned to do, they just had to kill him, and the problem would be solved.

one of the representatives then issued the kill order.

“you can...”

but before he could finish, an emergency call was made from the defensive troops outside the atmosphere.

this representative immediately picked up the call.

“what’s going on?”

“this is the observation station outside the atmosphere. an unknown fleet suddenly appeared outside the planet’s atmosphere. a group of battleships just broke through the planet’s detection net and is landing rapidly. their target should be the harbor near the capital of the planet.”

upon hearing the location, everyone was stunned.

iapetus was waiting for this fleet?

was this a show of force?

“humph, what’s the point of calling people? you’re dead for sure!”

everyone’s face darkened.

just when they wanted to give the kill order, a gasp could be heard over the communicator.

“wait a moment! i recognize it now. this is the black star army’s fleet! although there isn’t an insignia on the spaceships, they passed by here recently, and the number and models of the ships are identical!”

the expressions of all the representatives changed greatly.

at the same time, a gushing sound could be heard at the harbor, and everyone looked up. a group of spaceships was descending at high speed and becoming bigger by the second. the spaceships then landed accurately in front of iapetus’ group and messed up their hair.

whoosh!

the spaceship’s hatch opened, and a tall figure walked out from the spaceship. he then took off his disguise and revealed his true appearance.

“black star?”

all the representatives were dumbfounded, and some of them even collapsed on the ground.

black star was a bigshot that belonged to a completely different world from them.

yet, the person whom iapetus wanted to receive was black star?

how was that possible?

what was the relationship between them? why would black star make a trip to such a small planet?

not just the representatives of the families, even the bodyguards beside iapetus were shocked.

they could feel an immense pressure from just seeing black star's figure, and they felt that even breathing had become difficult.

right at this moment, the representatives seemed to have been shaken awake from their dreams and roared into the microphone.

"quickly leave! stop all your operations!"

all of them were frightened by the sudden visit of black star. before understanding the relationship between iapetus and black star, they would not dare make a rash move.

the pale looking man gulped and swiftly disassembled his rifle before running away at top speed.

han xiao looked in the direction the assassin had escaped before glancing at the leader of the group with interest.

"you are iapetus?"

iapetus suppressed the nervousness in his heart and said, "yes, i welcome you, your excellency black star, on the behalf of planet ladbu. your arrival is our honor."

although his plan had succeeded and he had already planned what he should say to han xiao, his mind completely blanked out when he saw han xiao.

his mental state was immediately shaken.

just what kind of a character did i summon this time?

han xiao then sized him up and smiled.

"you are truly bold."

iapetus' body trembled slightly, and he did not dare reply.

this time, even a deity would not be able to save him.

Chapter 935 I Will Harvest Crops with a Sickle in My Hands

iapetus had a respectful attitude before him, and the secretary beside him was extremely nervous. Han Xiao sized the two up and confirmed something in his heart. He did not have an impression of the two, which meant that they were not famous NPCs in his previous life. At the very least, they were not famous among the players. However, not having any fame did not mean that he did not have any ability.

The galaxy was extremely large, and there would be many characters that the players had not come into contact to. Perhaps Iapetus did not achieve much in his previous life, or perhaps Iapetus passed away early and thus remained without fame.

Han Xiao generally tried looking for those with potential in his previous life, but apart from this, it was also possible for him to dig up some latent talents.

Before coming, the Great Mechanic Han had checked up on Iapetus' background. His resume was complete, and his background was clean. He had founded a local financial group, and his few strategic decisions showed his foresight.

The way he saw it, although Iapetus did not have any combat strength, he was a capable talent in terms of management and could be brought back to help Sylvia.

With the various thoughts going through his head, Han Xiao did not say anything for a while. His silence had instead increased the pressure that Iapetus felt.

A drop of sweat rolled down Iapetus' neck, but Iapetus maintained his posture and did not dare wipe his sweat off.

"Are you planning to let me continue standing here?" Han Xiao teased.

"My apologies. It is my oversight. Please follow me. I have arranged everything already," Iapetus said immediately and cursed himself in his heart. Han Xiao's immense pressure made him lose control of his own thoughts, and he was afraid that he would incur the ire of Han Xiao.

Iapetus led the way in the front and boarded the flying carrier with Han Xiao and Aurora.

The flying carrier then started moving toward the city. Iapetus and his secretary were seated opposite Han Xiao and Aurora with a reserved attitude.

"You are the one who invited me. Why are you so nervous?" Han Xiao chuckled.

"There are fewer than a hundred people in the universe who can probably maintain their cool before you, and I am not included among the hundred." Iapetus calmed himself down and attempted bootlicking him.

It was a pity that Han Xiao did not like people sucking up to him. He then suddenly said with a smirk, "Right, you seem to have told me a lie. You aren't the feudal lord of this planet yet."

Iapetus tried to calm himself down and forced a smile. "This is only temporary. With my current polls, becoming the feudal lord is only a matter of time."

Han Xiao did not retort but chuckled. "This means that our Black Star Army will only be able to set up a subdivision here after you become the feudal lord, right?"

This sharp question had targeted the core of the matter. Although Iapetus had such a thought, he did not dare admit it. He could only use his silence to agree.

The other party's reaction was not out of Han Xiao's expectations. He then paused for a while and said with a smile, "If that's the case, why don't I work together with the current feudal lord?"

“The election date is arriving, and I will definitely become the feudal lord of this planet. I will still be the one in charge of working together with you. Thus, I decided to make use of you being nearby to send you an invitation.” Iapetus knew that this reason was shaky, and it was only an excuse.

Before inviting Han Xiao, he had already considered the possibility of angering Black Star. He knew that Black Star might end up choosing to work together with the other huge families. However, this was a gamble anyway. If Black Star did not come, he would not have the chance to turn the tables. Thus, even if Black Star chose to work together with the large families, his situation would not be any worse than before. After considering the possible gains and losses, he had decided to make use of Black Star’s influence.

Even though he was ‘making use’ of Black Star, Iapetus was extremely clear that it was Black Star helping him. His little tricks would not be able to fool a bigshot like Black Star, and he had not even been confident that Black Star would show up.

Now that the other party was here, it meant that even if Black Star was aware of his intentions, Black Star was still willing to help him. Thus, there was no need to make things too clear, and both parties would have a tacit understanding of the situation.

Upon hearing the other party’s words, Han Xiao did not make things difficult for him and chuckled.

He could not help but recall a story from his previous life. There was a young man who wanted to become the son-in-law of the world’s richest man. As such, he applied for a job at a famous bank and claimed that he was the son-in-law of the world’s richest man, hoping to obtain a high-ranking post. He then went over to meet the world’s richest man and claimed that he had a high-ranking post in the famous bank and wished to marry his daughter.

Although this story was fake, Iapetus’ strategy was extremely similar to it.

Although it was a little risky and had a low chance of succeeding, Iapetus’ decision wasn’t too bad.

Han Xiao nodded in his head.

However, the other party’s actions were no different from inviting the wolf into his house in Han Xiao’s eyes. With fresh crops jumping right into his embrace, he would be a fool not to eat it up!

Constructing a subdivision on an ordinary planet was almost meaningless to him. What Han Xiao wanted was Iapetus.

Regardless of the generation, talent was the most important resource.

He did trigger a mission on his interface, but the rewards for the mission were pitiful. Since he was already going to help Iapetus, though, he might as well accept the mission.

Han Xiao and Aurora then arrived at Iapetus’ villa, and Iapetus could finally heave a sigh of relief after arranging everything.

The bodyguards returned to their position. After seeing that there was no one else around, Iapetus’ female secretary could not help but hug Iapetus’ neck from behind with excitement.

“Yes! We will definitely win with Black Star’s help!”

Iapetus forced out a smile and then shook his head. "It is enough for Black Star to come. I only want to borrow his prestige. As long as the large families do not do anything underhanded, I will be able to win the election for sure!"

"I was almost frightened to death when Black Star appeared just now." The female secretary rolled her eyes. "This move of yours was truly too risky. Don't do something like this again."

"If not for me making this bold move, our ending would definitely have been terrible," Iapetus said with a resolute gaze. "There's no point to trying to guess the thoughts of a bigshot. Why not just give it a try? How could we know if the other party was willing to help us? We must take the initiative to seize opportunities!"

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On the other side, Han Xiao's arrival on Planet Ladbu had scared the few large families, and they were currently discussing what they should do next.

In the conference room, the family heads of the various families had solemn expressions on their faces, and the atmosphere was grave.

"Our information shows that Iapetus doesn't have any background. Why would Black Star come and meet him?" one of the family heads asked with doubt.

"Our intelligence report must have missed something. Immediately check his relationship with Black Star! Before this, all our schemes against Iapetus must stop!" another family head roared.

Black Star's arrival had disrupted all their plans, becoming an obstacle that they could not ignore. They had no choice but to consider Black Star's attitude in their future plans.

Everyone present was not sure about the relationship between the two, and this was the misunderstanding that Iapetus wanted them to have.

With Black Star by his side, it would be impossible for them to assassinate him. If Iapetus was truly Black Star's friend, they would be dead if they dared make a rash move.

These family heads could only do as they liked on this planet, but they were no different from ants when compared to Black Star.

Even if Black Star slaughtered them all, the universe would not be bothered by the matter. As a vassal of the dynasty, the central government would not stand up for them for sure.

Even if they died, no one would care about them!

"Thankfully, we stopped the assassination, but I'm afraid..." One of the family heads said with lingering fear in his heart.

"The current feudal lord is still a member of our family. We should first pay a visit to Black Star and try to fish for some information."

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A few hours later, the current feudal lord of Planet Ladbu visited Iapetus' villa with plenty of gifts.

Even though Han Xiao was only the guest in this place, he seemed more like the owner of the villa. Iapetus did not dare reject the guests on behalf of Han Xiao and reported it to Han Xiao obediently.

The feudal lord of Planet Ladbu waited for a while outside the gate before being allowed to enter. He then suppressed his anxiety and arrived at the guest room.

However, he was immediately stunned upon entering the room. Han Xiao could not be seen in the room, and only an adorable girl was seated on the couch.

He then remembered that this girl was one of Black Star's subordinates and sat opposite her obediently.

"You can let me know what you want." Aurora tried her best to force out a solemn expression.

The Planet Ladbu feudal lord then chuckled and said with a fawning tone, "As the leader of Planet Ladbu, I would like to pay a visit to His Excellency Black Star and personally welcome him..."

"You don't need to worry about that. His Excellency Black Star is not an individual that you can meet as and when you please." Aurora waved her hands and mimicked the words and tone that Han Xiao had taught her. "You may leave if there isn't anything else."

The Planet Ladbu feudal lord refused to give up and tried probing Aurora a few more times. He only left after he noticed Aurora frowning.

After leaving the villa, his face became extremely ugly. He was unable to meet Black Star, but Iapetus was able to personally welcome Black Star. The meaning behind this made his heart sink.

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With Han Xiao's current position, many complicated matters became simple. Just his name and appearance were sufficient to frighten the various large families. They no longer dared act as they pleased, afraid that they might anger him. As such, they had no choice but to watch as Iapetus' votes increased in number and had no way to stop Iapetus.

Han Xiao trained his energy and stayed on Planet Ladbu for a period of time. Very quickly, it was time for the election.

During the day of the election, Iapetus won by a landslide.

He then made a speech and went through plenty of ceremonies.

Night gradually came, and darkness descended.

A flying carrier moved slowly in the air, and Iapetus looked out of the window at the city.

His excitement from the day had died down, and upon thinking about the bigshot waiting for him at home, he could not feel happy.

His flying carrier stopped outside his door. Despite it being his own house, he was like a frightened beast in front of the house. Iapetus then took a deep breath and walked into the villa.

"You're back?"

Just as he entered the door, he saw Aurora leaning against the wall, waiting for him in the hall. She then pointed up and smiled.

“He is waiting in the room for you.”

Iapetus then went up into the room nervously.

Han Xiao was the only one in the room and had his back facing the door. Without turning back, he knew that someone had arrived and said, “Come in and take a seat if you’re here.”

“Alright.”

The atmosphere in the room made Iapetus gulp, and he sat in front of Han Xiao.

Han Xiao then looked at Iapetus expressionlessly.

“Since you have succeeded, it is time to fulfil your promise.”

Iapetus heaved a sigh of relief and said respectfully, “I understand. I will immediately use my authority to work together with the Black Star Army and support the construction of a subdivision over here. I...”

Before he could finish, Han Xiao interrupted him. “I am not talking about this small matter.”

Iapetus felt his intestines tangle up.

Han Xiao then looked at him and said slowly, “Since the matter is completed, I shall speak openly. You borrowed my prestige to suppress the other great families, and this is only your motive on the surface. Your second motive was to obtain the support of the army through the subdivision constructed here to ensure that you can sit comfortably in the position of feudal lord.”

Iapetus fell silent upon hearing that.

That was indeed his plan.

The election was only the start. After running Planet Ladbu for so many years, the various large families controlled the officials of all levels. Even if he became the feudal lord, he would be no more than a puppet without authority. When Black Star left and the families investigated his relationship with Black Star, his life would be in danger.

Thus, he had to find a reliable backer.

Black Star, who was in the vicinity, had attracted his attention. As such, he hoped to make the Black Star Army his backer to stabilize his position of feudal lord.

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“What do you want?” Iapetus said with a dark expression.

Han Xiao looked at him and smiled. The oppressive atmosphere in the room also disappeared.

“Don’t be so nervous. I won’t harm you since I chose to help you.”

Iapetus also felt that those words made sense and eased up slightly.

Before lapetus could catch his breath, Han Xiao's next words made him freeze in place.

"Alright. You have played enough already. Pack up and follow me onto the spaceship."

lapetus' expression froze in place.

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"What do you mean?" Shock could be seen on lapetus' face. "You should understand the Universal Language, right? I mean what I said. You are going to come with me." Han Xiao looked at lapetus with interest. "Are you joking? Leave with you?" lapetus was puzzled.

"I am not joking with you. You will need to pay the price for my aid. Since you sought help from me, you will become a member of my Black Star Army and my subordinate as the price."

"We never had such an agreement!" lapetus stood up abruptly.

"Why do you think that I need to discuss terms with you?" Han Xiao raised his brows. "Since I am the one providing help, the conditions will naturally be decided by me. My condition is you. You are already one of my subordinates now."

lapetus' face began to contort. He had never imagined that the other party actually wanted him!

All of a sudden, his heart was filled with a myriad of emotions. There was shock and frustration, and he even felt overwhelmed with favor.

lapetus then replied in a deep voice, "I am sorry. I thank you for thinking highly of me, but I will not sell myself."

"Why are you under the impression that you have a choice?"

Han Xiao could not help but laugh.

Compared to combat strength, management ability did not have a benchmark. One could only view an individual's past records to make a judgement, and Han Xiao felt that lapetus was a talent worthy of harvesting.

It wasn't that Han Xiao thought extremely highly of lapetus. There was no lack of management talents in the army, but having met a talent, he would just take lapetus back with him since he was already there.

"I won't be able to fight back if you want to force me, but will the famous Black Star do something like that?" lapetus was completely helpless and could only attempt to persuade Han Xiao otherwise.

"Tsk, you seem to have gotten something wrong."

Han Xiao then walked behind lapetus and pressed down on his shoulder to get lapetus to sit down.

"If this was an ordinary recruitment, I wouldn't force anyone who rejects me. But the relationship between us is different. You wanted to make use of me and have already obtained benefits. Furthermore, you will still need the Black Star Army to help you stabilize your position. Thus, the initiative is in my hands. It can be said that I am your creditor."

Han Xiao then retracted his smile and said calmly, "Since I am your creditor, I will decide how you should pay your debts and not how much money is in your wallet."

Iapetus had nothing to say in response. This was obviously a forced transaction, but he had no way to reject a bigshot like Black Star.

Gritting his teeth, Iapetus said, "You should have mentioned beforehand that you wanted me to work for you. That way, I wouldn't..."

Han Xiao interrupted Iapetus calmly. "Don't forget that you were the one who took the initiative to seek help from me. You did not ask me for my conditions at all."

Upon hearing that, Iapetus was completely speechless.

He had only hinted at Black Star about his intentions during the invitation. How could he openly ask the other party for his conditions? Should he have openly stated that he would not work for the other party? Would that not have been too shameless of him? How would he have known that Black Star would take a fancy to him?

Now that things had developed to such a point, Iapetus had nowhere to go. Black Star already had the initiative, and if he insisted on rejecting Black Star, he was certain that the Black Star Army would work together with the other families. The situation was different from before. Before the election, he had nothing to lose, and the situation could not have become worse for him. Now that he had already obtained the position of feudal lord, Black Star's attitude would determine the stability of his position. In fact, it even determined his life!

At this moment, Iapetus only had a single thought.

Just why do you think so highly of me? I will change!

Seeing Iapetus' difficult expression, Han Xiao narrowed his eyes and intentionally lowered the tone of his voice.

"Do you really dislike the Black Star Army that much?"

Upon hearing that, Iapetus was taken aback. After thinking for a moment, he shook his head.

Iapetus had no choice but to admit that his future in the Black Star Army would definitely be brighter.

How could the feudal lord of an ordinary planet be compared to the personal recruitment of Black Star?

"I am not against the idea of joining the army. It is just that I didn't only participate in the election for my future but also to do something for my mother planet," Iapetus said with a sigh and briefly described his ambition.

He was born in an ordinary family and started everything from scratch. After he made his mark, he became dissatisfied with the corruption in his homeland and thus tried to use many ways to wipe out the corruption in his homeland.

"You can still continue to be your planet's feudal lord while serving me," Han Xiao then replied.

“Then, I really cannot leave with you. How can I leave after being elected?” Iapetus said with difficulty. “Can you give me a few years to iron out matters here?”

“You do not have the right to negotiate with me.” Han Xiao chuckled. “Even if you are not on Planet Ladbu, you can still manage it from afar. With my support, no one will be able to shake your position even if you aren’t present.”

Upon seeing that he still had something to say, Han Xiao did not bother bargaining with Iapetus and said while leaving the room, “I don’t care how you take care of it, but I will only give you three days. You will leave with me when the time is up.”

Looking at Han Xiao’s retreating back, Iapetus sat in silence, and his face was extremely bitter.

His worst nightmare had come true. It was truly easier to invite a wolf into his house than send it away. Before he even warmed the seat of feudal lord, he would have to leave and sell himself away.

I’m so tired. I truly regret it... I shouldn’t have provoked such a bigshot.

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Three days later, Iapetus stood in front of the hatch with a complicated look on his face.

He then let out a sigh and looked at his secretary, who had a reluctant look on her face. “I will have to trouble you when I am not around.”

After three days of making arrangements, Iapetus decided to make his trusted secretary his spokesperson to help him manage Planet Ladbu. With the support of the Black Star Army, her personal safety was guaranteed.

Although he was not very willing, he had no choice.

His secretary stepped forward and gave Iapetus a hug. She could only watch as the situation turned out as such, and she had no strength to prevent Iapetus from being dragged away.

“You... be careful,” Iapetus’ secretary said with worry on her face.

Upon hearing that, Iapetus could not help but laugh bitterly. If he followed Black Star, not to mention other things, his safety definitely would not be an issue.

He then suppressed his emotions and headed toward the spaceship and his unknown future.

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News of their new leader leaving was not kept a secret, and all the large families were extremely shocked.

Is he leaving the third day after the election? Just what is this?

After a series of investigations, the various large families understood what had happened. They found out that Iapetus had become a member of the Black Star Army and was taken away. He had left his secretary behind to maintain his control over the planet.

lapetus had the support of the Black Star Army, and none of them could fight back. However, lapetus' actions did not conform to the rules. The local leader of a colonial planet was not allowed to join another organization. This was to prevent the colonial planet from being controlled by other organizations.

All of them then made a plan and made use of their network to report this matter to the central government. They did not have any way to deal with lapetus, but the civilization's government could. They would be able to take away lapetus' title of feudal lord by using the reason of 'sensitive identity' and have an official take over the position.

In their eyes, although the Black Star Army was powerful, they did not have the right to interfere with the internal affairs of a civilization.

Since they could not provoke Black Star, they could only choose to employ such methods.

This civilization had stopped progressing many years ago, and many of their officials were corrupt and easy to deal with. These large families could not do anything to lapetus, but they were still confident about roping in such an official. The situation definitely would not be worse than it was right now.

After the central government found out about this, they immediately fell into a dilemma.

Such an action had gone against their laws, but they could not afford to provoke Han Xiao. After some discussion, they could only force lapetus to make a choice. He could choose to give up his identity as a member of the Black Star Army or give up the title of feudal lord.

lapetus would want to return to his home planet, but he had no choice. However, he was not resigned to give up the title of feudal lord and could only report the matter to Han Xiao.

Since he had roped the other party into his army, Han Xiao did not mind increasing the loyalty of this newbie. As such, he immediately made a call to the Crimson Dynasty.

The effect of this call was obvious. A few days later, this Star System Civilization retracted their orders and pretended that nothing had happened.

This time, the several large families of Planet Ladbu were truly helpless. Black Star's authority made all their plans useless, and they could only accept their fate obediently.

This Star System Civilization was a vassal of the Crimson Dynasty. With Han Xiao's status in the dynasty, a single call was enough to resolve this problem.

However, Han Xiao was clear that this method would only work on the vassal civilizations of the dynasty. If it was a neutral Star System Civilization, his fame would be useless.

An outsider interfering with the internal affairs of a civilization was already taboo and touched the bottom line of a civilization. His status was indeed high up as an ally of the dynasty, and he was respected by the various Star System Civilizations. But respect was one thing, and no civilization would compromise on their principles.

However, the vassal civilizations of the Crimson Dynasty were different. Their political will was weak, and they adhered to the requests of the Crimson Dynasty.

The dynasty did not want to affect the relationship between the two because of such a small matter. This could also be considered one of Han Xiao's special rights in the Crimson Dynasty.

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Iapetus had already spent some time on the spaceship and adjusted his own emotions. Now that things had developed to such a state, he could only accept his fate. Since fighting back was useless, he chose to enjoy it and decided to do his best for the army.

Han Xiao finally summoned him that day. When he arrived at Han Xiao's office, he immediately asked about his job.

"Your Excellency Black Star, what do you need me to do for the army?"

Han Xiao placed down the communicator in his hands and looked up at Iapetus. "You started out from scratch and have good management abilities. Your business foresight isn't too bad either. I have some financial group related matters to hand over to you."

"This is my specialty." Iapetus heaved a sigh of relief.

"But before this, meet your future superior first."

As he said that, Han Xiao pressed his communicator, and Sylvia's projection appeared in the room.

"I am the Chief Administrative Official of the Black Star Army. Are you Iapetus?" Sylvia sized Iapetus up.

"Yes."

"Hmm, I have already seen your resume. Your ability isn't too bad." Sylvia nodded.

Right at this moment, Han Xiao knocked on the table, and both of them turned around.

"Alright, let's get straight to the point. I plan to set up a subsidiary financial group that is still in the preparation phase. I will be investing in a large number of talents in the future."

The current Black Star Army was extremely large, and there was a need to modify its structure a little. After some consideration, Han Xiao decided to make the Black Star Army the core and develop a few organizations.

The first organization would be a pure financial organization. The financial group would be able to make use of the Black Star Army's resources to gain business advantages.

A portion of this idea came from referencing the structure of the Limitless Financial Group, and the other reason was to deal with the Limitless Financial Group's competition.

The methods of the Limitless Financial Group revealed the weakness of cooperation through benefits. As such, Han Xiao planned to develop a subsidiary financial group and reorganize all the army's subsidiary operations. All the previous operations managed by organizations cooperating with them would be transformed into their own operations. This would limit the Limitless Financial Group's acquisition tactic.

Sylvia nodded and looked at Iapetus.

"I am the temporary leader of the financial group. Although you are a newbie, you are a talent that the Army Commander has personally recruited. I will give you a chance. You do not need to work from the bottom and can lead a team to compete with the other teams. As long as you are able to produce results, I will give you the position of a manager. As for whether or not you can be promoted, that will depend on your performance.

The army had a large number of talents, and Iapetus was only a newbie. Han Xiao would not allow him to become a manager so quickly, and he could only slowly prove his ability to rise up the ranks.

"I understand. This is fair." Iapetus nodded. He was pretty confident in doing business and was not afraid of competition.

Thinking about that, he could not help but ask, "What is the name of that subsidiary financial group?"

Upon hearing that, Han Xiao raised his brows, and a teasing look could be seen on his face.

"Let's call it... the Germinal Financial Group."

Chapter 937 Feidin, Being Lucky Is So Troublesome

Iapetus did not know the meaning of the financial group's name, but the strange smile on Black Star's face when he mentioned this name told him that this name had a special meaning. Han Xiao shook his head and knocked on the table. "I will get people to send you to the army headquarters located in the Shattered Star Ring when we reach the next planet. When you arrive, you will have time to get used to your job. That's all I have to say; you can leave now. Go and do your own homework." "Alright." Iapetus nodded, bowed, and left the room.

When Iapetus left the room, Sylvia rolled her eyes and said, "You are far too petty. You actually came up with such a name."

Although she was not someone from Planet Aquamarine, she had served under Han Xiao for many years and had also heard about his experiences in the early days.

"I am not being petty." Han Xiao grunted.

In fact, Hila, Aurora, and himself were the final three members of the Germinal Organization. Looking at it that way, Germinal was truly brimming with talents.

After joking for a while longer, Han Xiao got back to the main point. "Anyway, how are matters in the Shattered Star Ring?"

Upon hearing that, Sylvia also retracted her smile and reported the situation regarding the Bloodshed Land and Limitless Financial Group. Ever since the start of their competition, Han Xiao had gotten Sylvia to give him a report every now and then.

Currently, the remaining organizations working together with the Black Star Army had formed an alliance and restricted the Limitless Financial Group's acquisition tactic to a certain extent. The Limitless Financial Group and Bloodshed Land had also changed their tactic and started to stabilize the operations that they had acquired.

The efficiency of the Bloodshed Land had immediately shown itself. They quickly digested the market stolen by the Limitless Financial Group, and the Bloodshed Land expanded rapidly during this period.

Both parties were able to complement each other. The Limitless Financial Group smashed money to acquire organizations while the Bloodshed Land provided their influence and network to reorganize these resources. As such, the development of the Bloodshed Land went smoothly and was catching up to the Black Star Army's status in the Shattered Star Ring.

The combination of a foreign dragon and local snake gave people the greatest headache. If not, even if the Limitless Financial Group could print money, their threat would still have been limited.

The Tyrant had truly created a lot of trouble for him. Han Xiao snorted after listening to the report.

I will definitely give you a good beating after my Promotion!

Han Xiao shook his head.

"I understand the situation. You can get back to work."

"Humph, you only know how to order me around. Can't I even stay a bit longer with you? Ever since I became the Chief Administrative Official, you've become more and more distant from me!" Sylvia could not help but sniffle.

"Since when?" Han Xiao was stunned.

"I don't care! I haven't taken a break in such a long time. I want to be as carefree as Jenny!" Sylvia complained with anger. "Although I am willing to work for the army, you cannot treat me like a slave! Humph! Do you really think that I like working? If not for you... Humph!"

Han Xiao could only comfort her helplessly.

In the eyes of the members of the army, Sylvia would never complain and had a steady image. She would only start to whine and throw a tantrum when she was in front of him.

At the next planet, Han Xiao picked a few battleships and sent Iapetus back to the Shattered Star Ring.

He then continued to run around in the dynasty, searching for crops while training his energy.

He went through many different Star Clusters, Star Systems, and planets. As time went on, the various organizations no longer found his actions strange.

After touring the dynasty for a long time, Han Xiao accumulated his energy to the boundary point of Lv.19. He was getting closer and closer to completing his Promotion mission.

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Whoosh!

In the gravitational chamber, the half-naked Han Xiao was floating in midair with his eyes glowing brightly.

Han Xiao then took a deep breath and retracted all his Mechanical Force. Ending the gravity simulation, he could feel as though a layer of restriction was taken off his cells, and new energy was being formed.

I've finished training another Energy Training Technique.

Han Xiao's eyes sparkled, and he nodded with satisfaction.

This was an Energy Training Technique that used gravity to force out the energy of the cell. He had trained it to the maximum and squeezed out all its value.

During this period, Han Xiao had trained a few different Energy Training Techniques, and he now had about 119,000 energy points.

Just one last thousand points. I am not too far away from Lv.19.

Han Xiao then controlled his body to open the sweat pores of his body. Sweat immediately gushed out from his pores but evaporated the instant it left his body.

At his current level, he was able to control his body perfectly. Even sweating was something that he could control with a thought. He could choose not to sweat after an intense workout and would only feel a tinge of discomfort.

Drying up his body, Han Xiao touched his chest muscles and admired his body for a while before putting his clothes back on.

Han Xiao then walked out of the gravitational chamber, walked to the alley, and looked out of the window.

The image displayed on the window was capable of zooming in and out. At this moment, the image on the window showed the surface of a planet with plenty of spaceships taking off and landing from it.

Enya Hub, a famous galactic city in the Constellation Corridor. A high-grade transfer hub.

This was a prosperous galactic city that belonged to one of the dynasty's Beyond Grade A allies. Because of its good management and location, Enya Hub had become one of the famous spots in the dynasty.

However, Han Xiao did not come to this planet to dig up talents. His fleet needed to replenish their resources, and Aurora and his Black Star Guards complained that they had stayed on the spaceship for too long and wanted to play in the city. Thus, he brought them to Enya Hub and had stayed there for a few days already.

In order to not attract any commotion, Han Xiao disguised his fleet and got Phillip to conceal information of his arrival and create a fake identity. As such, Enya Hub's artificial intelligence did not detect his arrival, and no one knew that he had arrived.

Opening his interface, he could see an Evolutionary Totem buff on it.

This is also a planet that has an Evolutionary Totem on it. Han Xiao stroked his chin.

The sale of the Evolutionary Totems had been going on for quite some time already. The dynasty and their allies had purchased whatever they wanted and had begun putting them to use already. The Evolutionary Totems would usually be used on colonial planets, and it was rarer to see one being used in a transit station.

Han Xiao looked through the past two years of information for Enya Hub and realized that the Enya Hub had attracted more tourists and visitors. Some weak races would even send some of their members to stay on a neutral planet that had the Evolutionary Totem.

As such, a new wave of migration happened.

Han Xiao then walked over to the officers' activity room.

There would usually be many people playing cards in there, and it would be extremely noisy. But today, it was extremely silent, and not even half of the Black Star Guards were playing Wayne Cards.

All of them turned around and greeted Han Xiao before continuing to play their game.

Looking around, Han Xiao did not see Feidin, Hadavy, and the others. He then tapped someone on the shoulder and asked, "Where are the rest?"

"Oh, they went to Enya Hub to play. Hadavy led a group of them to... cough cough... to that type of bar. As for Feidin, I think he went shopping with Aurora." This Calamity Grade guard rubbed his head and said, "Do you want to call them back?"

"Forget it." Han Xiao shook his head. He would not prevent his subordinates from seeking entertainment.

He was not in a rush to leave anyway. Since he only needed another thousand energy points, he might as well remain there and finish his Promotion mission.

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In the Fourth Entertainment Zone, a grand ceremony was being held, and the streets were filled with people of many different races. A convoy moved slowly down the streets with the performers on the convoy performing strange actions toward the spectators. From time to time, there would be street performers performing alongside the convoy.

Feidin and Aurora had put on disguises and were currently mixed in with the crowd. Aurora looked around with curiosity, and Feidin followed behind her as a temporary bodyguard. He had a bright smile on his face and would comment on the performance by the side from time to time.

"Sigh, it is truly too boring to be on the spaceship. Somewhere with more people is much more fun."

Aurora was currently holding onto some snacks in her hands, and she spoke while chewing on her food.

Hila enjoyed being alone, but Aurora enjoyed crowded places. When she was young, although a traumatic experience had given her social anxiety, she no longer faced such an issue after so many years of adjustment.

She spent most of her time with Hila, and now that Hila was on a long trip, Aurora wanted to travel around to increase her worldview. However, she did not only like crowded places because of her personality, and there was also a biological factor. Her Esper Ability allowed her to detect life force, and there was a certain degree of attraction in a place with plenty of life force. Such an environment allowed her to become extremely energetic and joyful.

“Oh, I like places that are quieter.” Feidin shrugged his shoulders.

Aurora then rolled her eyes and said, “You like your two-person world, right? Is mental mating really so fun? Are both of you addicted to it?”

Feidin was not too bothered by the remark and chuckled while pointing to his forehead. “You made her shy.”

Aurora felt her hair standing up. Just when she wanted to say something, Feidin’s expression changed, and he grabbed Aurora’s shoulders.

“Wait a moment, something seems to be happening.”

Aurora immediately dropped her joking expression and threw away the snacks in her hand. She then grabbed her firearm and got ready for battle.

At the same time, she circulated her life force detection ability and scanned the direction of Feidin’s sight. She then noticed the appearance of a few life forces with a particularly weak one as though an individual was severely injured.

Both of them then looked at each other and entered an alley. After making a few turns, there was no trace of the passersby anymore.

Very quickly, they arrived at the location of the life force but were greeted with an empty patch of land.

Feidin frowned and took out a magical badge. This was a gift that Lagi had given to her. It was equipment that could detect magical fluctuations. It was currently vibrating and pointing toward the empty land in front of them.

“It seems like some magical barrier. To think that it is able to hide from the magical detection equipment of the city. However, they don’t seem like good guys if they wanted to hide in the city. Just what are they trying to do?”

Feidin wondered if they should poke their noses into this matter.

But before he could even make a decision, the space around him shattered like glass!

Clank clank!

The invisible barrier was broken from within, and a bloody figure charged out before collapsing on the ground. The scene in front of Feidin and Aurora immediately changed, and a large number of craters could be seen.

Apart from this injured individual, there were a few standing far away with war hammers in their hands and black hoods on their heads. Their robes were inscribed with a white insignia, and they had a couple of different necklaces each. They were dressed like the priests of some religious order.

A group fight had obviously just broken out here.

It might have been because of the broken barrier, and they did not wish to attract any attention. These few priest-like individuals then turned around and left without any hesitation.

Feidin thought for a moment and did not bother giving chase because he was not aware of their identities. He then walked forward to support the injured individual.

Before he could even ask about what had happened, the injured individual grabbed onto his clothes tightly and said with a hoarse voice, “St... op... them...”

The injured individual fell unconscious and left a bloody print on Feidin’s clothes.

They looked at each other with their eyes widened.

“What should we do?”

“Sigh, use your ability to save him first. We should ask him about what’s going on. I have a feeling that this isn’t a small matter.”

As he said that, Feidin shook his head and muttered under his breath, “Why do I always encounter such situations?”

Chapter 938 Meeting an Opportunity Even When Shopping

Upon seeing the severely wounded individual on the brink of death, Aurora placed her palm on his body, and a brilliant ray of life force energy was released from her fingers. The next moment, the individual’s wounds healed up at a rapid rate. His bloody wound closed up, and fractured bones connected back together. His pale appearance also regained some color, and all his wounds were healed.

“Urgh.” His brows twitched, and he gradually woke up from his slumber.

“Where am I?” He was in a daze for a moment before remembering what had happened before he fell unconscious. He then stood up abruptly and looked around cautiously. “Where did those maniacs go?”

Feidin coughed lightly to catch his attention and said, “The ones who attacked you have escaped. We saved you.”

“Escaped? Sh*t! It took me a great deal of effort to find traces of them, and I lost track of them again,” he said with frustration before sizing up Feidin and Aurora. After a while, he came to a realization. “You’re the two I saw before I fell unconscious, right?”

“That’s right.” Feidin pointed at the bloody print on his clothes. “You even asked me to stop them.”

This individual then slapped his head and said with resignation, “I’m sorry, friend. My injuries were too severe, and my consciousness was muddled. It wasn’t my intention to drag both of you into danger. I would have asked both of you to escape if I was thinking clearly.”

Just as he said that, he remembered about his wounds. After checking his body, he was immediately startled.

“Eh? Where are my wounds? Where did the large hole in my chest go!”

Aurora then imitated Han Xiao’s expression and said, “I was the one who healed you. This is my ability.”

He then moved around and realized that not only was his body completely healed, he was full of energy as though he was at his peak state.

It was not that he had not witnessed a healing ability before. But this was the first time he had witnessed an ability with such powerful effects. It had only been a few minutes since he fell unconscious at the very most; this healing efficiency was truly too frightening “I met a treasure!” This individual was extremely excited and stepped forward, wanting to hold Aurora’s hand. “Are you interested in joining us?”

Feidin helplessly stretched out his arm to block the passionate fellow. After a short period of interaction, he realized that this fellow seems to be a little dimwitted.

“You should introduce yourself first at least. This is basic manners.”

“Oh. Right right right. I was too agitated and forgot.” He then retracted his arms and said with a solemn expression, “I am called Raymond, a member of the Punisher Alliance.”

“What alliance?” Feidin had never heard of such an organization.

“Er... you guys don’t belong to this Star System, right?” Seeing the other party’s puzzled expression, Raymond rubbed his head awkwardly and explained, “The Punisher Alliance is an organization that protects the normal people and punishes evil. Our main area of operation is within this Star System.”

Feidin and Aurora immediately understood what kind of an organization the Punisher Alliance was.

The Punisher Alliance was a local vigilante Super organization in the Star System. They were the ‘superheroes’ of the ordinary galactic residents.

Those who had strength would have a slight change in mental state. There would always be wanted individuals in the various parts of the universe. The core reason for this was the strength that individuals could obtain. As such, there would be the bad guys who had various different ambitions but also the superheroes who were on the other side.

Being a superhero was also a kind of occupation, but it was different from being a mercenary. This occupation was extremely bitter. They not only had to go around saving people everywhere but might not even receive a reward in return. Their moral standard was at least as high as a five-level building.

There were few willing to go into such an occupation, and most Supers wanted to use their strength to lead a better life, obtain more wealth, and gain greater authority. Thus, there were very few Supers who became superheroes. As such, a superhero organization would usually be formed by a group of like-minded individuals.

However, there was also a benefit of such an occupation. Their fame was much higher than the mercenaries.

Although there were not many Superheroes, their numbers were not small when adding up the numbers across the universe. Most of them operated in their local region. As such, the three Universal Civilizations set up a superheroes association to make it easier to manage them. As long as one registered and obtained a ‘superhero permit’, they would be allowed to administer justice within a certain region and not get invited for tea. Apart from having a salary, any losses suffered during the process of ‘administering justice’ would be reimbursed by the association. In summary, the superheroes were like a bunch of vigilantes.

After listening to his introduction, Feidin thought for a moment and did not give his real name.

"I am Fei... cough Chen Xing. She is Au... Aura."

"Thank you for saving me." Both of them had a disguise on, so Raymond did not recognize them.

"Just what is going on?" Feidin asked.

Raymond originally did not want to drag outsiders into the matter, but Aurora's ability changed his mind, and he explained what was going on. "The bunch who attacked me belong to a cult called Blood Hammer Church. They use blood sacrifices to carry out their rituals and have committed many crimes within this Star System. They are the old rivals of the Punisher Alliance."

Upon hearing that, Feidin began to frown. He did not like the action of using an ordinary individual's blood to perform a ritual.

Even if the public security within the three Universal Civilizations was good, crimes could not be avoided in society.

Unless the preparator had extremely high combat capability or the crime was extremely severe, the governing Universal Civilization would not personally take action and leave the matter to the local vassal civilization or mercenaries. The Universal Civilization would only intervene if their vassal civilization could not deal with it.

Every blood sacrifice conducted by the Blood Hammer Church would not kill too many, and many of their operations had been stopped by the Punisher Alliance. At the same time, they would not catch the members from the dynasty's colonial planet directly. Thus, the dynasty had not found the need to personally intervene and capture them yet.

"I detected traces of them on Enya Hub and was worried that they were going to carry out a blood sacrifice here. As such, I followed them stealthily and wanted to find their base of operation but was discovered halfway. You know what happened next. If not for you two, I would be dead already." Raymond laughed bitterly.

"I see," Feidin said. "Then, what is your current plan?"

"Don't worry, I have already contacted my other partners, and they are rushing over to Enya Hub now. I will continue to pursue the Blood Hammer Church and not allow them to harm ordinary citizens." Raymond then paused for a moment and added, "But I won't be a match for them alone..."

"You can approach the military or public security forces stationed here," Aurora said.

"I will definitely make a report, but I am an ordinary superhero, and they will not allow me to join in their operation. I can't sit idly by the side without doing anything and will have to do something," Raymond said with sincerity. "I hope that both of you can help me, and I sincerely invite both of you to join the Punisher Alliance."

Many superheroes had such a habit. They enjoyed working alone. Furthermore, the other party had obviously taken a fancy to Aurora's Esper Ability.

"Alright then, allow us to consider the matter."

Feidin did not reject him immediately. He planned to report the matter to Han Xiao and hear his opinion.

It was not that he enjoyed poking his nose into others' business. They were in the territory of the dynasty, and they were allies of the dynasty. It would not be good if they ignored such a crime. After all, it was a small matter to the Black Star Army to stop such a crime.

“Punisher Alliance? Blood Hammer Church?”

In the cultivation chamber, Han Xiao opened his eyes and looked at Feidin and Aurora's long-distance projection with a strange look on his face.

He was originally training his energy and received a message from Feidin and Aurora about this matter.

Han Xiao then searched in his memories of his previous life for these two organizations.

The Punisher Alliance had quite a bit of fame and was a secondary faction, so joining it would not affect the player's status. There were some players in his previous life who joined the Punisher Alliance to enjoy the feeling of being a superhero. During that period, the Blood Hammer Church had already been destroyed, and the players could only come into contact with the Blood Hammer Church storyline through a Dungeon Crystal. Han Xiao had played the Blood Hammer Church dungeon before many times as well, and the dungeon had left a deep impression on him. The priests in the dungeon had healing abilities and could also swing their hammers around viciously, capable of both dealing damage and healing health.

In front of the Blood Hammer Church, a priest only capable of healing was like a child.

The Punisher Alliance also had a side storyline. After defeating many evil organizations, they collected plenty of items, and one of them was a relic left behind by a powerful Super. A powerful secondary dimension lifeform was sealed within it.

Many years later, this lifeform broke out from the seal and caused massive damage to the Punisher Alliance.

Han Xiao could clearly remember that the mission to get rid of this boss had two talents as the reward. One increased Psychological Resistance and the other Magical Resistance.

Furthermore, the relic was also valuable. It was able to increase a Psychic's psychic energy by a large extent.

Upon seeing Feidin's clueless appearance, Han Xiao had a complicated look in his eyes.

You can truly find gold whenever you leave the house...

939 Scheme in the Dark

I always meet unexpected events when I bring a protagonist level character out with me. I only want to train my energy in peace. Is that really that difficult?

Han Xiao let out a helpless sigh and waved his hands.

“Since there is someone creating trouble in the dynasty, just help them stop it. I will hand this matter over to you to handle. You can mobilize my Black Star Guards if you meet any difficulties. Also, let me give you another mission. You and Aurora should hide your identities to enter that Punisher Alliance and help me find information regarding an item.”

The Blood Hammer Church and Punisher Alliance was too many levels beneath him. If it was during ordinary times, Han Xiao would have been willing to interfere personally. But now, he only wanted to train his energy in peace and was not interested in joining such a matter. As such, he might as well get Feidin to help him find clues on whether that sealed item was currently in the Punisher Alliance.

He could just one hit the boss when the time came. It would save him a great deal of effort, and he would still be able to gain the talent easily.

He was at ease handing a mission like this to someone like Feidin.

“Alright then,” Feidin said. “Then, about the problem of concealing our identities...”

“I will get Phillip to forge both of your resumes, and there won’t be any loopholes. It will be enough to gain their trust,” Han Xiao said. “Since both of you are going to conceal your identities, don’t perform too outstandingly. You can just work together with that Raymond guy, and there’s no need to show too much initiative.”

“This... alright then.” Feidin hesitated for a moment before asking, “Can you help us use your Virtual Technology skills to trace the whereabouts of the Blood Hammer Church?”

Han Xiao shook his head. “Without any clues, I will need to infiltrate the main system, or even control the quantum network node, of Enya Hub if I want to investigate this matter. This is a huge matter, and this planet belongs to another Beyond Grade A ally. They will have their own defense troops, and there’s no need for me to intervene. Didn’t I just say that there isn’t a need to be too outstanding? It wouldn’t be good if you attract Raymond’s attention.”

Searching for a few targets by spying on the entire planet required a large amount of calculations. Although Han Xiao was able to do so, it was very troublesome.

The Blood Hammer Church was at too low a level, and he did not wish to waste his effort on this matter. Enya Hub’s security forces should also have a similar method to track any suspicious characters. Han Xiao would rather hand the matter over to them than poke his nose into this matter.

“Alright.” Feidin thought for a while and realized that what Han Xiao said made sense. Troubling a Beyond Grade A for such a small matter was like making a mountain out of a molehill. As a member of the Black Star Guards, how could he get his superior to help him do everything?

Raymond and the others were only at Grade B, and a Calamity Grade like him should be enough to deal with the situation. Even if things took a turn for the worse, he could still mobilize Hadavy and the other guys, who were bored to death.

As things stood, those Black Star Guards would really become sloths.

Closing his communicator, Feidin explained the matter to Aurora, and Aurora’s eyes lit up immediately.

“He got us to take care of the matter? Great! I finally have something to do!”

Feidin smiled and contacted Raymond. He then agreed to Raymond's invitation and said that he was willing to join the Punisher Alliance.

Raymond was overjoyed upon hearing that.

"Great! I welcome both of you on behalf of the Punisher Alliance. I will inform the rest immediately and arrange for both of you to enter the alliance!"

Upon seeing that Raymond was about to hang up, Feidin could only stop him and say with a sigh, "We'll need to fill an application if we want to join, right? Did you forget about that?"

"Right right right." Raymond slapped himself on his forehead and said, "I was too excited. You need to fill in a form to join the alliance. I will send it to you immediately."

Feidin shook his head and received the document that Raymond had sent. After looking at the form, it only needed them to fill in their names, abilities, Grade, and past employment.

He then filled in the identity that Phillip had forged for him. His new identity was only a Grade B Super. This was to make him seem more ordinary. If others knew that he was a Calamity Grade, his status would be completely different, and it would not be good for him to sneak into the organization. Although the Calamity Grade percentage in the Central Galaxy was higher, Calamity Grades were still a rare sight.

After filling up the form, Raymond sent it out to the members of the Punisher Alliance without any hesitation.

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Two Star Zones away from Enya Hub, there was a small spaceship in hyperdrive heading toward Enya Hub. There was a logo outside the armor of the spaceship that belonged to the Punisher Alliance.

A group of individuals were in the spaceship, either sitting down or standing up. Some of them were wiping their weapons, while others were cleaning their firearms. There were some who had their eyes shut in meditation, while others watched variety shows. They were all the superheroes of the Punisher Alliance.

They did not have an actual leader, and they were all comrades of equal level who had their own jobs. There were a few nominal leaders within the organization who were the old members with greater fame. This was a common structure within superhero organizations.

A holographic screen suddenly appeared in the middle of the room, and Raymond's message was displayed.

"Raymond sent news!"

Everyone immediately looked at the screen, and the temporary captain of the team read it out.

Raymond talked about what he had experienced and emphasized heavily on Aurora's ability. He also indicated that he hoped that they would be allowed to join the alliance.

“It is actually a powerful healing Esper Ability.” The captain was surprised and immediately understood the value of such an ability.

A superhero alliance like theirs found it difficult to recruit new members. Every time a superhero died, they had one less member. If there had been such a comrade among them in the past, they would have been able to receive timely healing, and the death rate would have been lowered greatly.

“Is there any problem with their resumes?”

“I checked it before, and it is all true,” one of the Mechanic superheroes said.

“Then we can be at ease. I support them joining us.”

“Wait a moment,” a skinny looking man said. “We have to be careful and ensure that this isn’t a scheme of the Blood Hammer Church. Perhaps they are the spies that they want to place in the alliance. Don’t forget that they also have their evil healing ability. Ask Raymond if he personally witnessed the other party healing him.”

“Slade, you are thinking too much. Although Raymond is a little rash, he is still reliable.” The captain frowned.

“I trust Raymond, but I don’t believe in such a coincidence,” the skinny man said coldly.

He was called Slade and was an old member of the alliance. He was extremely suspicious of the people around him, and no newbie would be able to obtain his trust from the start.

The captain knew that it would be impossible to persuade the other party and changed the topic. “Let’s not talk about this now. It is more important for us to foil the schemes of the Blood Hammer Church.”

“That’s right.”

Everyone’s face turned dim.

However, none of them knew that they had only witnessed the tip of the iceberg. The background behind this matter was not as simple as they thought.

A conspiracy was brewing in the dark.

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In the temporary stronghold of the Blood Hammer Church on Enya Hub, the few priests that had ambushed Raymond returned to the stronghold, and the other members in the stronghold immediately knew that something was wrong.

In the room, a tall man stood up. He was dressed in a set of luxurious robes and held onto an even larger hammer. He was the head bishop of the Blood Hammer Church and had an unfriendly gaze in his eyes.

“There’s the smell of blood. You guys met an enemy?”

“It’s a member of the Punisher Alliance. He followed us, and we used a magical barrier, wanting to get rid of him. However, he broke the barrier and escaped.”

“It’s them again! They’ve wrecked so many of our missions and are truly like flies!”

The head bishop was enraged. He hated these old nemeses of his.

Raymond thought that the Blood Hammer Church was planning to carry out a blood sacrifice, but this was not the truth.

It would not matter if this was an ordinary blood sacrifice mission. But this time, they had received an important employment mission that was related to the future of the Blood Hammer Church. As such, the head bishop was truly incensed.

“We cannot stay in this stronghold anymore. We have to change locations immediately,” the head bishop said with an ashen face. “We cannot afford anything to go wrong during this mission. Pack up your things quickly.”

Upon hearing that, everyone in the stronghold got to work and packed up the items in the room.

The head bishop then walked in front of a table and looked down on the paper map placed on it.

An important location of Enya Hub was outlined on the map, and a detailed plan was marked out with various arrows pointing toward the middle of the region.

This place was the location where Enya Hub’s Evolutionary Totem was placed!

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A couple of streets away, there was a secret stronghold of another organization.

In the room, a few people were surrounding a table, and the structural layout of another Evolutionary Totem location was on the table.

This group was a bandit group famous in the black market that specialized in stealing important items for their employers. They had also received employment for a job on Enya Hub.

“We are going to steal the Evolutionary Totem located on Enya Hub. This item is protected by many layers of defenses, and it will be a difficult mission to complete. It isn’t too far away from the appointed date by the employer. Do you guys have any ideas?”

“I’ve received enough intelligence after scouting the place out a couple of times. There is plenty of advanced surveillance equipment that is constantly monitoring the location. I already have a rough idea, but my plan needs to be perfected.”

“It would be impossible for us to steal the item alone. We will only have a chance if we have helpers like our employer said.”

The few of them then suppressed their voices and discussed their strategy.

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At Enya Hub Dock One, the main hall was crowded with people, and the passengers leaving or entering the dock needed to pass through there. In a beverage shop near the door of the main hall, an ordinary looking woman was reading a book with a drink in front of her.

She had been sitting there for quite some time as though she was waiting for someone.

A commotion suddenly arose from the entrance of the dock, and a group of bodyguards surrounded a young man.

Two of the bodyguards were different from the others. They did not conceal their auras, and the strength of a Calamity Grade Super emanated from them. They stood on the left and right of the young man. It was obvious that this young man had a huge background.

As the people in front witnessed such a scene, they immediately opened up a path for them.

After watching the group leave the main hall, the ordinary looking woman then paid for her drink and left the harbor, with her book under her arm, going in the opposite direction that the group had left in.

After walking through ten or so streets, the crowd became thin, and she walked into the shadow of a building. However, the individual who emerged from the shadow was a burly man, and the book in her arms had disappeared as well.

This individual had a disguise Esper Ability and altered her appearance many times before taking a carrier to another region of the city. He then walked into a rundown inn and returned to his room.

There were another three individuals of different races in the room. All three of them were notorious wanted Calamity Grade individuals who were once members of Fallen Ark. After Han Xiao captured EsGod, they had left Fallen Ark and led a low-profile life.

After closing the door, the disguised individual said, "The intel is accurate. The target has arrived, and he has two Calamity Grade bodyguards. His two bodyguards are the ones in the intelligence report."

"Very good. Proceed according to the plan," one of them said with thick killing intent in his eyes.

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On the mother planet of the Crimson Dynasty, a meeting concerning the present circumstances of the Crimson Dynasty was coming to an end in Tarunamir Palace.

Ever since the Federation of Light and Arcane Church implemented their plan to suppress the Crimson Dynasty, the Crimson Dynasty had suffered plenty of pressure from the various regions. Because the dynasty had invested a large amount of resources into the Flickering World, the other regions were neglected slightly, and the other two parties had an opening to seize.

Because of their miserable plight, there had been plenty of such meetings recently.

"The Federation of Light and Arcane Church are targeting us in these few regions and have created pressure for us in many areas. Their goal is obvious, and it is because they want us to allow the public sale of the Evolutionary Totem. What are your thoughts?" Urranrell said with a solemn tone.

The upper echelons all nodded with some of them expressionless. The only thing in common was that they all remained silent.

They were not in the faction of the Ruler, and there were some who were important members of other factions. Urranrell placed greater importance on the opinions of these people.

Urranrell then looked at an old official and said, "Ludwell, what are your thoughts?"

Ludwell was an official in charge of finances and also the head of the neutral faction. His status was extremely high, and he replied slowly, "Your Excellency Ruler, there will be benefits and losses regardless of our choice."

"Share your thoughts."

"Alright." Ludwell nodded. "The benefit of not selling the totems openly is that it will increase the number of vassals and earn us more allies. It will also improve the potential of our races in the long run, and we will be able to produce more talents in the future to slowly overtake the other civilizations. The downside is that the other two civilizations will target us."

"Selling the totems openly will reduce the pressure on us and stabilize the status of the three Universal Civilizations. We can still obtain political benefits by limiting the sale. However, we won't be able to enjoy the advantages of the Evolutionary Totem alone and will lose an opportunity to surpass the others in terms of potential."

Right at this moment, Ludwell suddenly changed topics, raised up a finger, and said calmly, "However, there will be a problem that cannot be avoided if we want to openly sell the totems. The equipment to manufacture the totems isn't controlled by us, and this is an unstable element. We are now enduring such huge pressure, but the majority of the benefits are given to Black Star. This isn't a good thing. We must consider this aspect if we want to sell the totems openly. If we cannot receive all the benefits from the totems, enduring so much pressure will be a huge loss."

"Alright. I know your opinions already." Urranrell raised up her arm but did not disagree with those words.

Ludwell knew that Urranrell did not wish for him to continue, and thus, he kept his mouth shut.

Urranrell could not help but sigh upon witnessing such a scene. Ludwell was the leader of a faction, but he would not go against her orders. He only had some differences in political opinions in some areas. The problem of the Evolution Cube was one of them.

Ludwell belonged to the party that strongly believed in Black Star handing over the cube. He was an official in charge of finances, and he would usually see things from an economic or political aspect. He was not well versed in military affairs.

He was not satisfied with their dynasty enduring the pressure from two other civilizations but not being able to enjoy the benefits of the Evolution Cube. He had always believed in taking back the Evolution Cube from Black Star, regardless of whether they had to use resources or force. In any case, he felt that the dynasty should be the ones to hold onto the Universal Treasure.

Urranrell placed great importance on Black Star, and they had a difference in opinion in this regard. It was because of her presence that the faction who wanted Black Star to hand over the cube could not succeed.

"Let's end the meeting here today." Urranrell shook her head.

The projections in the conference room disappeared.

Ludwell bowed before turning off his communicator. His viewpoint then returned to his own office. Sighing, he rubbed his eyes, and the creases could be seen at the corner of his eyes.

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The phone on his table rang, and Ludwell immediately picked up the call.

“Your Excellency, your grandson is calling. Should I connect the call?”

“This brat. How many times have I told him not to call the number in my office!” Ludwell frowned. “Patch the call through.”

A while later, the voice of a young man sounded on the phone.

“Grandfather? I am already on Enya Hub. I am telling you beforehand lest you send people to find me again and cause the people from my company to think that I am missing.”

“Humph.” Ludwell snorted and was slightly embarrassed.

“Right, you said that you liked to eat the delicacies on Enya Hub. I will bring some back for you this time.”

“That’s more like it,” Ludwell said. “Take care of yourself. The universe is no longer calm, and there have been many attacks within the territory of the dynasty. Humph, they all want to snatch the Evolutionary Totems. Are the two bodyguards that I sent beside you?”

“Sigh, these two are looking at me as though I’m a prisoner. They even want to follow me to the toilet. Grandfather, can you please take them back? With them beside me, everyone thinks that I am the superior, and even my boss doesn’t dare reprimand me. If things go on like this, I will probably be fired soon.”

“That won’t do. You are my only grandson, and your safety comes first. I will only be assured with both of them beside you,” Ludwell said with a solemn tone before realizing that his tone was not good. He then spoke with a gentler tone and sighed. “Sigh, take care of yourself. Also, you aren’t an official of the dynasty and shouldn’t call the internal channel. There are some members of the internal department who have complained to me about this matter.”

“Alright, alright. I shall hang up now.”

The line was then cut off, and a doting look could be seen on Ludwell’s face.

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Over the next few days, Feidin and Aurora worked together with Raymond and searched for traces of the Blood Hammer Church in the various regions of Enya Hub. This matter had already been reported to the security troops of Enya Hub. After a series of negotiations, the security troops promised to check on traces of any suspicious individuals before sending all of them out of the door. They obviously had no intentions of letting the superheroes help.

Although the superheroes were legal in the universe, the security troops of the various regions did not like working together with superheroes. After all, the majority of superheroes were just Grade B Supers,

which could be easily found in the various civilizations. Furthermore, the strength of the superheroes might not even be compared to an ordinary member of the security force. As such, they did not need the help of superheroes most of the time.

Raymond insisted on investigating the location of the Blood Hammer Church, and Feidin remembered the mission that Han Xiao had given him. He thus moved into the location that Raymond rented and hid his strength to help Raymond.

After a few days, the three of them still had not found any clues of the Blood Hammer Church but managed to wait for the reinforcements of the Punisher Alliance.

“All of you are finally here!”

In the rented house, Raymond was overjoyed and immediately welcomed the reinforcements. He then introduced Feidin and Aurora to the rest. Most of the superheroes had friendly looks on their faces with only a small portion remaining expressionless.

“These two are Chen Xing and Aura, whom I’ve mentioned. They are both Grade B Supers. Aura’s healing ability is truly extraordinary.”

“Hello everyone, I am Chen Xing.” Feidin smiled toward the crowd. He did not put on any airs as a Calamity Grade and spoke with an amiable tone.

The moment he smiled, many present immediately felt their hearts speed up.

Feidin’s Charm attracted everyone regardless of their race and gender. Even if he had a disguise on him, his Charm still could not be concealed.

This new comrade of theirs truly gave off a good vibe. Many of them thought that and looked at each other.

“I am Au... Aura.” Aurora was not too used to her fake name.

Everyone then looked over with a passionate gaze. No one would dislike a partner with the ability to heal. Any of them could require the other party’s help someday after all.

Just when they wanted to move forward to interact with their new comrades, an unfriendly tone sounded from the crowd.

“I would like to ask something. Why do both of you want to join the Punisher Alliance?”

Everyone then looked over with a look of resignation. The one who had spoken was Slade.

“Because he invited us.” Aurora shrugged her shoulders and pointed at Raymond.

“Both of you are Grade B Supers after all. You joined us just because of a simple invitation? Don’t you find this matter strange? You hadn’t even heard of the name of the Punisher Alliance before and changed your minds so easily, huh? Ah, I would rather believe that both of you are scheming something,” Slade said with a cold voice. Everything was far too big a coincidence, and he could not help but suspect them.

Feidin smiled and did not bother defending himself. The others were worried that Feidin would be dissatisfied and immediately went forward to stop Slade from continuing. The first impression that Feidin gave them was truly too good, and they could not help but speak up for him.

Someone who looked so good had to be a good person!

Slade tried his best to defend against Feidin's Charm halo and said with a cold voice, "I will keep my eye on you. If you have other intentions, don't blame me for being rude."

He then left after finishing what he had to say.

The atmosphere immediately became awkward after this, and Raymond walked forward to console Feidin. "Don't bother about him. He's always been like this. I was also targeted by him when I first joined."

"It's alright." Feidin smiled.

Upon seeing that, everyone came forward to talk to Feidin, and Feidin easily blended into the atmosphere.

After half a day of rest, the temporary leader of this team broke the team up to search for the Blood Hammer Church.

The Punisher Alliance did not have many individuals, and they could only assign a few people to search a large region.

Feidin was naturally together with Aurora, and both of them were assigned to work with Raymond and another Pugilist superhero. The four of them were in a team to search a prosperous region of Enya Hub.

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The artificial sun gradually set, and the entire sky was dyed red. Darkness gradually descended upon Enya Hub, and the lights of the building all lit up. Enya Hub would only be alive in the night, and another side of this galactic city would be shown. It would be transformed from a tired traveler to a smoking hot hostess.

Everyone would spend their night getting drunk before continuing on their journey the very next day.

The crowds on the streets were larger than in the day, and a joyful atmosphere filled the air.

Feidin's group of four walked along the streets and observed their surroundings. Raymond pushed aside a drunkard and said with a suppressed voice, "The Blood Hammer Church usually conducts their blood sacrifice rituals at night. Don't overlook the smell of blood and pay more attention to any deserted locations."

After walking for a while, Aurora suddenly pulled on Feidin's sleeves and pointed up to the sky.

"There is the life force of a Calamity Grade."

Feidin looked up and saw a flight carrier stop at the top of the building. A group of bodyguards then pushed aside the crowd with two of the bodyguards emanating the strength of a Calamity Grade Super.

The passersby also noticed their aura and looked up as well. Raymond then muttered, "It seems like a bigshot."

The Pugilist by the side then shook his head and said, "We won't be able to come into contact with someone like that anyway. Stop looking. This has nothing to do with us."

"You're right."

Ignoring the two by the side, Feidin felt that the two Calamity Grade bodyguards were a little familiar as though he had seen their photo before. Feidin had always believed in his intuition and took out his communicator to send the picture over to Phillip.

"Phillip, check who they are."

"Alright, hum... Matching in the database... Matching complete."

The large artificial intelligence database of the Black Star Army was also opened up to ordinary individuals, and most of them used Phillip's child program. Because Feidin had followed Han Xiao for a very long time already, he had the authority to enjoy Phillip's main artificial intelligence. The efficiency difference was akin to the difference between 3G and 5G.

Lowering his head to take a look, he realized that these two Calamity Grade bodyguards belonged to the Crimson Dynasty, but there was no information on the young man. There was obviously an unknown force that encrypted his information. Ordinary individuals did not have such a privilege, and he should be the descendant of some upper echelon.

"He should be the descendant of an upper echelon in the dynasty."

Feidin nodded and was not too bothered. Right at this moment, Aurora sent him a message.

"I can feel four different Calamity Grade Supers hiding nearby."

Aurora could use her life force detection ability to find people. As long as there was no magical barrier ability, she would be able to easily detect the strength of an individual's life force and determine the other party's strength.

Feidin then paused for a while and took a look at the coordinates that Aurora had sent him. He realized that the four Calamity Grade Supers had already surrounded the area. Who knew if they were protecting this upper echelon descendant from the dark or had other intentions?

"Er, it isn't our business. Don't bother about it."

Although Feidin said that, Aurora still paid attention to the situation. She had a bad feeling that something will happen tonight.

After searching for a while more, Raymond suddenly received news from his comrades.

"Hurry up and come over. We've found the Blood Hammer Church!" His comrade's anxious tone could be heard with the sound of fighting in the background.

"Where are you? Have you started fighting with the Blood Hammer Church?" Raymond hurriedly asked.

“It isn’t us.” His comrade said with a strange tone of disbelief, “We didn’t find the Blood Hammer Church, but... they are actually attacking the military restricted region!”

“What?!” Everyone was stunned.

In their minds, the Blood Hammer Church was just a cult that would capture people to perform blood sacrifice rituals. Why would they suddenly attack a military restricted region?

All of a sudden, everyone had a bad feeling in their hearts.

Right at this moment, the ground beneath their feet began trembling.

Boom!

A blinding light then came from afar, and explosions could be seen in various different regions.

A powerful shockwave swept through the region, and even though they were far away from the explosion, the shockwave still blew their hair messy.

Everyone then turned around and looked toward the explosion.

“Something isn’t right!” Feidin frowned.

This was Enya Hub, which had plenty of soldiers standing guard. Such a huge commotion definitely was not one that a second-rate organization like the Blood Hammer Church could cause.

We were misled by Raymond. There are definitely other organizations trying to cause trouble on Enya Hub, and they should have a bigger scheme.

Just as the thought flashed through his mind, an ear-piercing alarm went off in the city. Battleships could then be seen taking off from the various military camps and sprinting toward the various regions.

The passersby were immediately thrown into a mess.

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Bang!

A silver light flashed past, and the head of an Enya Hub guard exploded.

The head bishop then exchanged fire with the guards of the military restricted region.

Both parties were engaged in an intense battle. The artillery towers in the surrounding opened fire on the priests of the Blood Hammer Church, and dark energy rained down on the magical shields of the priests. Many priests died under the heavy fire of the enemy, and not even their ashes were left behind.

The head bishop displayed his Calamity Grade strength, and his war hammer caused great chaos throughout the battlefield. Everything that blocked his way would be destroyed with a single blow of his hammer. The high-level combatants of Enya Hub would not be stationed at the outpost all the time and were still on the way there.

The head bishop smashed his war hammer down on the ground, and a strange red light glowed on the hammer. The blood on the ground then evaporated into a bloody mist, which formed a huge figure in midair.

The next moment, two sun-like eyes lit up on the face of the red fog as though they were eyes. An individual's consciousness had descended upon this bloody mist.

This bloody mist then shot out blood red magical arrows toward all the priests in the battlefield. The priests were immediately bathed with red as though they were enjoying a buff. Not only were their wounds healed, their strength also seemed to have been increased.

This figure was the 'deity' of the Blood Hammer Church. It was a secondary dimensional magic being that could temporarily descend through special means. It had the strength of a Calamity Grade Super.

The same situation also occurred in various different locations, and the Blood Hammer Church was not the only organization attacking the military restricted regions. This was definitely a well-engineered plot!

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The tallest building located right in the middle of Enya Hub belonged to the protector of Enya Hub. The one guarding this place was an experienced Calamity Grade Super called Jabra.

Upon witnessing the city being lit up with lights, Jabra threw the female organism in his arms aside and stood in front of the window to look at the explosions.

"Your Excellency Jabra, there's an emergency!" His vice commander's projection appeared in the room, and he anxiously narrated the situation.

"Someone is attacking the military region where the Evolutionary Totem is located? They are seeking death by attempting to snatch something on my territory!" Jabra said with a baleful aura. He then put on his pants and smashed the window apart with a kick. Jumping into the night sky, his body glowed brightly with gray Pugilist flames, and his figure shot toward the battlefield.

At the same time, a wanted Calamity Grade individual saw the gray shooting star in the sky and pressed down on his mic.

"Jabra has already been led away, and the other Calamity Grade Supers are also heading toward the battlefields. The organizations over there will tie down these Calamity Grade Supers. We can take action when chaos envelops the entire city. Remember to take care of the battle quickly and disguise it as just another battle."

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At the same time, two ordinary-looking individuals stood on the rooftop of a skyscraper and looked down at the chaos.

"The operation has begun."

"Thank you for proving that I am not blind."

"I wonder how many of these gray organizations will still be alive after today."

“Ah, even if they can survive, they will be cleaned up eventually. If not by us, they will be caught by the dynasty.”

“The army has gone to protect the Evolutionary Totem. Heh, do they really think that we created such a huge commotion just for the Evolutionary Totem?”

“Thankfully, we are not on a colonial planet of the dynasty. If we were, it would have been impossible to smuggle these weapons in. The other teams will have enough time to create chaos all over the city.”

“The fellow guarding this planet is a trusted aide of a Beyond Grade A Super. He will probably suppress the chaos before dawn arrives. We spent so many resources just for a single night of chaos.”

“It doesn’t matter. Even if all these gray organizations die, they just have to stall long enough for the other team to get rid of the target. Only then will we be able to make a report to our team leader.”

“It is truly dangerous for us to be assigned such a mission. Tsk, I am truly envious of the other teams...”