

Background Character? Nah, I'm Going To Be The Peak Instead

## Chapter 117: Star Remains and Shattered Star

“Hah... hah...”

After several failed attempts in a row, Andromeda looked grimly at the “wall of wind” that lay between her and Tendou, like an unbridgeable chasm.

She had considered the possibility that her attacks might not be able to injure this mysterious man of unknown origin.

But she had never imagined that her attacks wouldn't even be able to brush the corner of his clothes.

The “wind” standing in front of her, was it really just “wind”?

Leaving aside Andromeda's fear-stricken and chaotic thoughts for the moment. When Tendou saw that Andromeda stopped after only a few attacks, disappointment immediately appeared in his eyes as he said, “Is this all the strength that a cadre of your Hidden Star Society has?”

“If that's the case, then I may have to lower my expectations of you so-called ‘sapient species’.”

When Tendou mentioned the words “*sapient species*”—Andromeda's body stiffened violently. Beneath her mask, her pupils shrank sharply, and a monstrous wave surged through her heart.

After all, the Hidden Star Society had always presented itself to the outside world as a group composed of ‘Dark Starbearers’. So not to mention

ordinary people, even most high-ranking Starbearers of the Starbearer Association knew absolutely nothing about the “sapient species.”

However, after a brief shock, Andromeda quickly regained her composure.

She still had a trump card!

“Ant, don’t be too arrogant. You haven’t won yet.”

“Although I don’t particularly like that form, I have to admit that in that state, I’m far stronger than I am now, so—”

Before Andromeda could finish her sentence, Tendou impatiently cut her off.

“—You’re talking about Star Remains, the ability unique to A-rank bloodline sapient species after a second Star Core Awakening, right? No need to make it sound so mysterious, I know all about it.”

“...”

Tendou’s single sentence plunged Andromeda into complete silence on the spot.

The feeling of having every last trump card seen through was like a bucket of cold water poured over her head, instantly extinguishing the anger in her heart and forcing her to calm down completely.

Because she had already realized one thing.

The mysterious masked man who had suddenly appeared before her was completely different from the “ants” she had once slaughtered with ease.

This was a powerful enemy she had to take seriously, someone she must face with her full strength.

Otherwise, she might truly die here today.

With that thought in mind, Andromeda stopped wasting words and directly activated her Star Remains.

In an instant, the silvery white appendages behind her began to wriggle and deform in an eerie manner.

Very quickly, a metallic sheen spread upward from her long legs, gradually enveloping her entire body.

*Click!*

With the sound of the final piece of silvery white armor locking into place, a crisp clang echoed amid the pattering rain.

At this moment, Andromeda looked like a valkyrie who had stepped straight out of myth, standing proudly before everyone.

The form-fitting silver armor, half-concealed and half-revealed, outlined her graceful, alluring curves.

Three sharp spider-like limbs extended from her back, rising behind her head like a crown.

As for the original pipa, it had now transformed into a two-handed sword, appearing in Andromeda's grasp.

This kind of teasing, barely-there attire was undoubtedly far more lethal than being fully covered or fully exposed.

So much so that even though Andromeda's face was completely hidden behind a mask, she still caused many interdimensional viewers to curl their bodies into a "shrimp-stick shape," practically pressing their faces against the screen, their inner pervert nature fully revealed.

And shortly after Tendou spoke the words "Star Remains", the anime screen thoughtfully displayed an explanation of *Star Remains*.

[Star Remains: A unique application of the Star Core developed by sapient species within Starbeasts after long periods of exploration, allowing them to maximize the use of power originally belonging only to the "beast," while still maintaining a humanoid form.]

[Usage Requirements: At least two completed Star Core Awakenings, and the individual's Starbeast bloodline rank must reach A-rank or above.]

And besides "Star Remains," Tendou also learned two other facts from the original plot of Season 2 of Stellaris: Glimmer—details that weren't very obvious, yet were extremely important.

First: the organization that initially attempted the Star Core surgery was not Embers, but the Hidden Star Society.

It was just that, in the end, only the Doctor truly succeeded—by relying on some special method.

Second: the Doctor's nickname, "Dragon Mechanic," was apparently not what most people assumed it to be.

Rather than a metaphor or a flashy title, it was actually a much simpler and more straightforward description.

And this second hidden truth was something that the production team of *Stellaris* had not only hinted at in Season 2, but had already dropped clues at the end of Season 1 as well.

It was just that, without knowing about “sapient species” and the Hidden Star Society, ordinary viewers would never even think to head in that direction.

As the brief explanatory segment came to an end, the anime’s visuals once again focused on the battle between Tendou and Andromeda.

With Andromeda having fully unleashed all of her power, Tendou finally began to take things seriously.

Because he intended to give his Season 2 opening battle a truly spectacular finale.

As the Star Path patterns within Tendou’s pale-blue eyes released a faint glimmer of light, a deep-blue subspace rift suddenly appeared beside him, out of thin air.

He reached into it and slowly drew out a blade—

A sword composed of 999 tiny Star Core fragments, pieced together into a form whose texture resembled a flowing galaxy.

The name of this sword is Shattered Star.

*Clang—*

The blade formed from 999 Star Core fragments let out a pleasant, resonant hum.

Each fragment radiated a faint yet captivating starlike glow.

Under the influence of that light, even the falling rain around them was subtly dyed in dreamlike, stellar colors—it's a breathtaking sight.

Tendou raised Shattered Star, gently running his right hand along the blade's surface, and said calmly,

“Come on. Let me see just how many strikes your second form can take.”

The moment Tendou finished speaking, Andromeda's figure vanished.

Her astonishing speed caused the rain at her original position to explode into white mist, leaving behind only a rapidly fading afterimage.

Yet in the face of Andromeda's sudden disappearance, Tendou did not move a single step.

Instead, as if he could foresee the future, he suddenly swung his blade toward a spot beside him, a place where nothing seemed to exist.

What followed was a scene that left Chen Kong and countless interdimensional viewers utterly stunned.

At the instant Tendou's blade cut through empty space, Andromeda appeared there of her own accord.

Judging purely from the result, it looked as though Andromeda had voluntarily rushed forward to receive Tendou's slash.

Faced with this eerie strike from Tendou, Andromeda could only abandon her attack and be forced into defense.

*Clink!*

As a brilliant spark of metal-on-metal collision burst forth within the curtain of rain, a symphony named Death officially raised its opening notes.

Gradually, Andromeda's speed grew faster and faster, her attacks more and more ferocious.

Each of her strikes was accompanied by special sonic vibrations, dealing secondary damage to her opponent.

Yet compared to Andromeda—whose expression was becoming increasingly grim—Tendou's expression only grew more and more impatient.

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