

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

Chapter 118: Tendou's Voluntary Recommendation

*Ding!*

"Boring."

*Ding!*

"Still boring."

As Tendou's voice grew more and more impatient, the weight in Andromeda's heart sank deeper and deeper.

Because her invisible sound waves, which were powerful enough to shatter steel with ease, couldn't even make him frown!

Despair.

At this very instant, Andromeda experienced for the first time what true despair felt like.

And noticing the hesitation beginning to appear in her eyes, Tendou knew it was time for him to step in and personally end this "boring" game.

"I've let you attack for long enough. It's my turn."

The moment she heard Tendou speak, an intense sense of danger surged through Andromeda's heart.

But before she could react, Tendou suddenly sheathed his blade, then raised it upright in front of his pair of blue eyes.

“Fall, O stars.”

The instant Tendou softly uttered the name of the move, the Shattered Star exploded apart!

Countless blade fragments, flickering with pale blue glimmer, rained down and enveloped Andromeda from all directions.

And under the guidance of the wind, those “stars” wove themselves within the dark curtain of rain into an incomparably brilliant, flowing sea of stars.

In a moment of daze, Andromeda almost felt as if she could see the constellation that symbolized herself—*Andromeda*—within that mesmerizing starry ocean.

But the more beautiful something is, the more dangerous it tends to be.

In the brief instant that Andromeda lost herself, the vast sea of stars suddenly contracted.

Countless star-like blade fragments instantly covered her entire body.

One scream after another quickly echoed from the deepest part of the starry sea.

Moments later, when the innumerable stellar blades withdrew from Andromeda and returned to Tendou’s hand, reassembling into the complete Shattered Star—and as Tendou looked at Andromeda, now barely clinging to life, her body covered in wounds, lying in a pool of blood like a discarded rag doll—he dropped his earlier contempt and said in a genuinely appreciative tone:

“To think you can withstand a strike of mine... Stand proud, you are strong.”

With that, Tendou couldn't even be bothered to deliver a finishing blow. He directly returned Shattered Star to the mysterious “subspace.”

After that, Tendou lowered his head and looked at Danica, who was clutching his pant leg, her face full of admiration, eyes shining like stars.

It was obvious that she had been completely conquered by that dazzling ‘Falling of the Stars.’

Seeing this, Tendou smiled and said, “Danica, want to learn that?”

“Mm-hmm! Mm-hmm! Mm-hmm!”

Danica nodded frantically, just short of having *teach me now* written all over her face.

“But suddenly, I don't feel like teaching it anymore. What should we do~?”

“Eh?”

Hearing this, little Danica's face instantly fell, her disappointment visible to the naked eye.

At that, Tendou burst out laughing.

Then he rubbed her little head and abruptly changed the topic:

“It's fine. Maybe I'll change my mind tomorrow?”

Danica instantly perked up again, her face full of expectation.

But was Tendou really that nice of a person?

Of course not!

“Eh~ no, that’s not right. I might not change my mind tomorrow either. Maybe the day after tomorrow.”

Danica: “...”

“Hahahaha! I’m kidding, I’ll teach you later.”

“Really?”

“Of course that’s a lie. You believed that too?”

“...”

When it comes to being utterly inhuman, Tendou truly shows no mercy—he even messes with kids!

And not only did he feel no shame about it, he was clearly enjoying himself.

Which perfectly matched what countless dimensional viewers always said:

When there’s no danger around, Tendou himself is everyone’s greatest danger.

Because no one can ever figure out what kind of genius-level ridiculous idea Tendou might suddenly come up with when things are “safe.”

For him, stirring up chaos is easier than breathing.

Ignoring Danica, who was now so annoyed she practically wanted to bite him, Tendou picked her up with one hand, hoisted the unconscious

Andromeda with the other, and turned to walk toward the outside of the abandoned factory.

And the reason he spared Andromeda's life was naturally because she was extremely useful.

After all, he needed her as a knocking stone, the key that would let him enter the Hidden Star Society.

As for a certain someone in the distance, wearing a puzzled expression and sinking into deep self-doubt—that was another matter entirely.

Tendou hadn't planned to make contact with Chen Kong just yet.

After all, the second season had only just begun, there would be plenty of opportunities to interact later.

Besides, judging by the timeline, Chen Xing should be arriving in Steam City soon.

He really was curious.

After six years, just how far had that girl's strength progressed?

Hopefully, she'd be able to add a bit of fun to his otherwise peaceful life.

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[Late Night · Steam City · Upper District · City in the Clouds]

[Inside a concealed luxury villa]

“Scorpio, the higher-ups told us to be a bit more cautious lately. Supposedly, that demon blade from the Blazing Sun House has already tracked our movements in Steam City.”

“The demon blade, huh... That lass sense of smell really is sharp.”

“Where’s Andromeda? I only sent her to fetch something, why hasn’t she been back for so long?”

“No idea. Maybe she ran into something interesting and got held up along the way.”

Just as the two were still talking—

*Bang!*

The villa’s front door was kicked open with a single blow.

*Thud!*

Scorpio and Hydra both turned their heads toward the entrance.

What greeted their eyes was Andromeda, she’s covered in blood and was thrown onto the ground like a broken doll, as if she had been toyed with beyond repair.

Not far from her stood a silver-haired man in sunglasses, casually leaning against the doorway.

And clinging tightly to the man’s pant leg was a cute little girl, her expression tinged with nervousness.

What shocked them even more was that up until the very instant the door was kicked open, they hadn't sensed anything at all!

Realizing this, Scorpio and Hydra of the Hidden Star Society both revealed grave expressions.

In response, the man leaning against the doorway—Tendou—lowered his sunglasses slightly, revealing a pair of unmistakable azure-blue eyes.

“Relax, you two. I mean no harm.”

“I just heard there's a really great organization here, so I came to find it myself.”

“Could I trouble you to act as intermediaries and introduce me to your superiors?”

“Of course, if you're unwilling, that's fine too...”

Tendou lightly kicked the unconscious Andromeda at his feet and said with a smile, “It's just that in that case, I might need to use a *little* bit of force on you.”

“After all, you don't really have the right to refuse.”

“Because anyone who dares refuse me... well, their endings are usually not very pleasant.”

As he said this, Tendou patted little Danica on the head, signaling that it was her turn.

The little girl, slow on the uptake, immediately puffed up once she caught on. In a childish yet arrogant tone, she declared:

“That’s right! Everyone who refuses Mister Tendou ends up really, *really* miserable!”

“So hurry up and let us join your organization!”

Scorpio, Hydra: “...”

Looking at the one big and one small troublemaker in front of them, Scorpio and Hydra felt both angry and amused.

*What the hell, where did these two idiots come from?*

*Do they really think the Hidden Star Society is some roadside trash group you can just waltz into?*

That said, neither of them dared to be careless.

After all, Andromeda’s current state was right there for them to see.

And as the two of them took out their weapons, the smile on Tendou’s face visibly grew even more “kind.”

Because he understood something very clearly:

If he didn’t turn up the pressure a bit, these two wouldn’t obediently submit.

After all, in the world of Starbeast, the strong are supposed to brutally humiliate the weak.

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