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TAKE A LOOK AT *THE THREE-BODY PROBLEM*!

“THE THREE-BODY PROBLEM” BY LIU CIXIN

Looking up at the dark night sky, countless stars flickering in the sky, are human beings alone in the universe? Since humans entered the space age, we have been searching for clues to life in outer space, but unfortunately we have been in vain. Are there really no aliens in the universe, or are the aliens hiding in the dark? Hawking once warned that it is very dangerous for humans to broadcast to outer space, because we cannot guarantee that all aliens are kind. The story of ‘The Three-Body Problem’ started with a signal sent by the earth, naively revealing the position of the earth, and inviting the Trisolaran civilization to invade the earth from four light-years away.

The title of the book is taken from classic astrophysics puzzles. When there are three suns in a galaxy, their gravitational interactions are chaotic, and the laws of the orbits of the three cannot be calculated mathematically, which is called the "three-body problem" in physics. The Trisolaran civilization, which is four light-years away from the earth, was born in such a galaxy. The environment determines the direction of evolution. In a world that is completely different from the earth without the laws of the four seasons, and catastrophes appear at any time with the distance of the sun, how do they think and act? When the earth civilization meets the Trisolaran civilization, in the 400-year survival game, how can humans use their unique thinking advantages to bridge the gap in technological backwardness, resist invaders, and protect the earth?

What Liu Cixin excels is that he describes the possibility of such reactions in detail, intertwining a story involving politics, ethics, humanity, and meaning of life through the interaction of different organizations and unique and iconic characters. The development of the story takes a turn for the better, the "Wall Facer Project" targeting that the Trisolarians know all the information about the Earth; using the resources of all mankind, a "ladder plan" that sends a cold human brain to the Trisolaran fleet as a virus; using the "Dark Forest Law" to establish a threat of perish together that starts a deterrence game. The twists and turns of the resistance of mankind are extremely wonderful, and the development of the ending is completely unexpected. If you like science fiction and macro narratives, this novel is not to be missed. Just as many classic science fiction novels are written as trilogy, ‘The Three-Body Problem’ is the first novel of the ‘Remembrance of Earth's Past’ Trilogy the second and third novels in the trilogy are ‘The Dark Forest’ and ‘Death's End’.

