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Chapter 1241 The Expedition From 18 Years Ago

Sachus was not in a hurry to answer the question. Instead, he looked deeply at songjia. Then, he pointed at the wine bottle on the table and said, "Can I have another drink?"

"Help yourself."

Hearing this, Sachus picked up the wine bottle again. This time, he did not pour it into the wine glass. Instead, he drank up the remaining half of the bottle in one go. It seemed that only through the tipsiness of the wine could he have the courage to tell the story of the past. "I am a native of Greenland, half Inuit and half Danish. So every year, I would return to my father's tribe to stay for a period of time. I also hunted fish with them. Many Inuit people live on the ice field, so they are very good at dealing with the bad weather and the environment on the ice field. At that time, I did not like reading, but I was very interested in things like hunting.

"Although my marksmanship wasn't very good when I was young, I learned a lot of survival skills on the ice field from the old hunters in the tribe. In addition, I learned a little English. Because I happened to be a guide for a team of photographers who were photographing polar bears, I didn't take it to heart at that time. I just wanted to earn some extra money, but I didn't expect them to recommend me to many friends who wanted to come to Greenland to film. At that time, I was already over 20 years old, and I was thinking about what to do, so I naturally entered this industry.

"In the eyes of others, this job was hard and dangerous, but I was born to seek excitement. This job suited me quite well. Soon, I made a name for myself in this line of work, and more and more people came looking for me," Sachus recalled, "After leading a tour group to see seals, Dr. Baker found me.

"Oh, at that time, I had known him for more than a year. He came to Greenland for a trip and liked it, so he thought of a way to settle down here. He opened a clinic to do his old job, but his business was not very good. So, he set up an explorer club with his friends and introduced people to explore here. Then, he helped them take care of their accommodation and hired guides. It was also at that time that we started to meet.

"He came to my place the other day and said that he had a very lucrative but dangerous job that required an excellent professional guide. He asked me if I was interested. I was in need of money at that time, and the tour was a little boring. The adventure genes in my body started to stir again, so he let him continue.

"Beck said that a person named Tam had received news that there was an ancient ruin under an ice sheet in Greenland. The person who found it first would not only become famous immediately, but the discovery inside might even rewrite the known history of mankind. So he was going to set up a scientific expedition team.

"To be honest, I'm skeptical about things like ancient ruins because if there really was such a thing, the government would have taken action long ago, not to mention that there was an American military base on the island. Nothing could be hidden from them. But just as Beck said, the reward on the other side was very generous. This trip was basically equivalent to a year of my income. In addition, it sounded

more interesting than taking a sightseeing tour, so I agreed. And this was also the most regretful thing in my life.”

“On the day we set out, I saw Dr. Baker on the expedition team. I couldn’t help but feel a little surprised because he was a psychiatrist, not the kind of doctor who could treat people’s physical illnesses. Although he said that he had learned some first aid and bandaging knowledge, but... you know, if you really want to take a doctor on an expedition, there are many better options than him.

“So, out of professional ethics, I went to Mr. Tam and told him about my doubts. He’s a very good person. He looks very easygoing and always seems to be in high spirits. The only problem is that he likes to eat sweets. During the exploration, he brought several bags of sweets with him. One bag a day. His mouth hardly takes any rest. Mr. Tam told me that he knows what Baker does. Bringing a psychiatrist is mainly because there are many scientists in the team.

This is the first time many people have ventured into such a dangerous place, and he’s worried that some of the team members will have psychological problems, and then Baker will have to deal with them. To be honest, that’s a bit of a stretch, but he’s the one paying for it, I need to explain the situation to the employer, but the final decision is still up to the employer. He says bring Dr. Baker, and we’ll bring Dr. Baker.

“In short, after we’re ready, we set off. There are 22 people in the expedition team, including a geologist and his assistant, an archaeologist, a biologist, a meteorologist, and two theologians. They’re a couple from China, “Sachus said, pausing, he looked at Zhang Heng with some confusion. “Are you also Chinese? What does that have to do with the Chinese couple?”

However, Zhang Heng did not answer his question. Instead, he gestured for him to continue.

“I have quite a deep impression of the Chinese couple because both of them are very polite, but the other people, Hehe... other than the few people I mentioned above, the rest of them don’t seem like good people. Even though they’ve been trying to hide it all along the way, I can tell that many of them have served in the military before and have hidden weapons with them. At one point, they made me want to give up. We’re going to a no-man’s-land, so it’s very likely that we won’t meet many people along the way. Even if we’re worried about some wild beasts along the way, there’s no need to bring so many people to protect our safety. “But Mr. Tam said that these men were hired by him to help the scientists with chores like finding the way and carrying the equipment, and that the reason he brought in the veterans was because they had better survival skills in the wild. What can I say? The expedition was already on its way, and it wouldn’t be appropriate for me to ask to leave now, so next we took a boat to the landing site on the east coast, which was about a third of the way from the mainland.

“We have enough food for everyone on the ship for two months, as well as some scientific research and drilling equipment, cameras, satellite phones, warm clothing, tents, and gas canisters. As for the water source, we don’t have to worry about it, because we can boil the snow water directly. In addition, we also brought dogs and sleds to transport supplies

“The captain of that ship is also an old friend of mine. He sent us to the agreed place and left. He also promised that as long as we called them on the satellite phone, they would immediately rush to the designated location to pick us up. So, so far, everything is going smoothly. The weather that day was also pretty good. It was sunny and there was almost no wind. We even took a photo together

Chapter 1242 Fossils And Dogs

“The Greenland ice sheet is the largest ice sheet in the northern hemisphere. It is 2,530 kilometers deep in the north and 2,530 kilometers deep in the south. The widest part is 1,094 kilometers. Moreover, the thickness of the ice sheet is astonishing. The deepest part is more than 3,000 meters and covers a basin. This means that the thickness of the ice sheet gets thicker and thicker as it goes further into the center. There are two large ice caps on it. The place we are going to this time is near one of the ice caps. “In the past few days, the expedition team continued the good luck of the first day. The weather and the journey were very smooth. Because the expedition time was in summer, the edge of the ice sheet had begun to melt. The thickness of the ice sheet in many places had become very thin. There were ice cubes that fell into the sea from time to time near the seaside. One had to be extra careful when walking on the ice sheet, but the deeper one went, the more stable the ice sheet became.

“We also dug up some slate and fossils. The geologists and biologists in the team seemed very happy. If they didn’t want to continue moving forward, they would probably be unable to resist studying on the spot. I was a little worried at first because I felt that the configuration of this expedition team was a little strange, but as time passed, those retired soldiers really did as Mr. Tam said and just did what they were supposed to do. Therefore, I gradually relaxed and began to enjoy the expedition.

“After all, the reward is part of the reason, but what really attracted me to this operation was the love of the ice field, especially the exploration of its hidden secrets, as if unveiling its mystery bit by bit. The most wonderful thing is that every time I feel that I know enough about it, but in the blink of an eye it will reveal a new side to me, as if it is a lover who will never tire of you.

“Therefore, I thought that this expedition was really suitable for me. Of course, just in case, I still found Dr. Baker. After all, he was the only one who knew the details of the expedition team. Although the Chinese couple was also good and gave me a good impression, as well as a few other scientists, their people were actually good. But after all, I had only known them for a short time, so of course, I was more willing to trust Dr. Baker.

“We agreed that we would advance and retreat together, and at the same time, we would pay attention to the people around us, mainly the ex-soldiers. We would exchange information on a regular basis. Beck felt that I was overthinking things, but he still agreed. After all, there was nothing wrong with being careful. Our team continued to advance, but our good luck seemed to have run out.

“The dogs were the first to show signs of abnormality. They suddenly started barking wildly for some reason, and then moved forward with some resistance. Before this, I had never encountered such a strange thing. The Greenlandic sled dogs were domesticated by the ancestors of the Inuit people. They completely lost their wolf nature and became very docile. They were also hard-working and could stay overnight in the wild even when it was more than minus ten degrees Celsius.

“Although the temperature began to drop as we went deeper, it was far from unbearable for the Greenland dogs. So I didn’t expect the situation of the dogs at that time. I had to ask the expedition team to stop first. Then I spent half a day pacifying the dogs and preparing more food for them. Only then did they want to continue moving forward. However, I could see that they didn’t want to do that in their hearts. It was only because it was my order, and they were used to obeying human orders.

"I was a bit surprised about the dogs, but to be honest I didn't think much of it, because this is an adventure, and no matter how well prepared you are, there will always be problems of one sort or another, and that's what guides and leaders do, we solve problems and make sure the adventure goes on.

"After the problem with the dogs, the geologists and biologists had nothing better to do. While they were wandering around, they actually found a new fossil specimen on a rock that was exposed. Then, they quarreled about the age of the fossil. From the perspective of rock formation, the geologists deduced that this thing came from the primordial era, but the biologists held a different view. Because from the perspective of biology, the thing in the fossil had obviously evolved very well. Although it was a little ugly, all kinds of organs looked quite mature.

"The biologist felt that this thing should at least be a creature from the Triassic era. Moreover, he did not want to let go of the fossil after holding it. He looked extremely obsessed, as if someone who was learning painting had obtained an authentic painting by Da Vinci. The others watched them arguing, but they could not interrupt. Mr. Tam was still smiling. He only spoke up to mediate for them when the two were about to get angry.

"The final agreement is that this fossil belongs to the biologist, and the geologist has the priority to choose the next fossil or rock sample. Moreover, the biologist will lend this thing to the geologist for a period of time after he finishes his research.

"Coincidentally, I also solved the issue of the dog group, so we continued on our way. "However, it's strange. When the biologist came back with the fossil, the dog group that I managed to pacify with much difficulty felt uneasy again, so I asked the biologist to find a bag to seal the fossil properly. Only then did the dog group's mood calm down again.

"But then, we only walked a few kilometers when the weather suddenly changed. This was the precursor of a snowstorm. After discussing it, we didn't continue on our way. We decided to set up camp here and wait for the snowstorm to pass before we went on our way. I took a few ex-soldiers and checked the tents that we had set up. We even reinforced them with ice bricks. We also built a fence for the dogs. I originally wanted to build another ice wall for them, but the snowstorm had already arrived, so we had to let the dogs enter the tent with us.

"They're getting restless again, and this time I can feel it very clearly. They seem to be afraid of something, but I don't have time to think about it before the storm arrives. All we can hear is the howling wind and the sound of ice and snow slapping on the tents. I'm glad they were reinforced before, or I don't know if these tents will survive this storm.

"Because we couldn't go out to light a fire, we just ate some biscuits at night. The dogs kept barking, and it was hard for me to fall asleep. I Lay there in a daze for about an hour when I suddenly heard gunshots coming from outside. When I opened my eyes, I realized that the two ex-soldiers who were in the same tent as me had disappeared. Only Dr. Baker and I were left in the tent, staring at each other.

Chapter 1243 Gunshots In A Snowstorm

"We wanted to go outside the tent to see what exactly happened, but there were intermittent gunshots outside. The snowstorm was really big at that time, and as long as we were two or three meters away,

we could hardly see anything. We were worried that we would be hurt by stray bullets, so we could only continue to stay in the tent. That kind of feeling was not good, especially when we didn't know what kind of people or creatures were fighting with those retired soldiers.

"The doctor and I could only make wild guesses in the tent. Fortunately, the battle did not last long. After about two minutes, I found that the dogs in the tent had quieted down, and the gunshots outside had also stopped. Strangely enough, after that, the snowstorm had also quieted down. As the whistling of the wind had disappeared, I heard the sound of people talking. So Dr. Baker and I walked out of the tent.

"We found out that the people who were talking were the two ex-soldiers who lived in the same tent as us. When they saw us, they shut their mouths and went back to their expressionless faces.

"We tried to talk to them, but they wouldn't say anything, so we had to find other people. During the snowstorm, we set up six tents. Five of them were intact, but one of the tents was missing

"I was quite surprised at that time, because as a guide, I was definitely responsible for what happened, but the problem was that after the tents were set up, I personally checked them one by one. I felt that they were not reliable, so I set them up again and reinforced them with ice bricks. Logically, this should not have happened.

"The tent that was lost belonged to a biologist. He used to live with the geologist, but because of what happened before, they decided to separate for a day. So he stayed with three ex-soldiers tonight. In addition to the tent, his luggage and some experimental equipment were blown away, and he looked very frightened. His body was shaking all the time, and he kept shouting, saying that we shouldn't come here.

"That Chinese couple is comforting him. Baker and I also wanted to go over, but we didn't expect Mr. Tam to find US first. or to be more precise, he came to find Dr. Baker. He was still smiling. He patted Dr. Baker on the shoulder and said, "It's your turn to work." Baker was stunned, and then asked, "What happened?". Mr. Tam said it was no big deal, just that the wind had blown the biologist's tent away, and that there might have been a few hungry polar bears after that, but our people had fought them off.

So what Dr. Baker was going to do next was to try to calm the biologist down, to get the poor man back to his senses, because he was so scared that he was hallucinating and talking nonsense.

"The doctor and I were a little skeptical. Not only because Mr. Tam said it was too easy, but also because we didn't see the footprints and bodies of the polar bears around us. But the doctor still started working after that. Mr. Tam saw that I was still standing in the same place and suggested that I make a few cups of hot coffee for everyone to drink. I agreed, but after making the coffee, I found that the expedition team was missing two people.

"The three ex-soldiers who used to live in the same tent with the Doctor are now alone. I asked Mr. Tam where the two of them went. He said they had something to do and went back on the way. But when I asked if I should call a boat to pick them up, Mr. Tam told me that it was not necessary. They have their own boat. However, when I was making coffee, I saw a small group of ex-soldiers burying something. I saw something that looked like a human arm there. I wanted to get closer to take a closer look, but I was chased away by the ex-soldiers.

"I had a bad feeling in my heart, and when the doctor came back two hours later, he looked terrible. I asked him what had happened, and he hesitated for a moment, saying that the biologist had suffered from too much stimulation and had some mental problems, but he had already given the biologist a tranquilizer, which gradually calmed him down. He proposed to Mr. Tam that they stop the expedition and send the biologist back to the city for treatment, but Mr. Tam declined. Then he encouraged the others with his usual optimistic tone, saying that we were close to the ultimate goal and that victory was in sight.

"I was a little impatient. I stared into Baker's eyes and asked him if he had forgotten our previous agreement. Once one of us discovered something, we would immediately share it with the other person. I was sure that Baker had heard something from the biologist, but now he seemed to be planning to keep the information for himself. This made me very angry. When Baker heard what I said, he could only smile wryly and tell me what he had heard from the biologist.

"He said that it wasn't a snowstorm at all, but a very strange creature. It was difficult to find the right words and vocabulary to describe that ugly and terrifying thing. It was just like those randomly growing underwater monsters in prehistoric times. It had organs that looked like both animals and plants. Anyone who saw it would have nightmares at night. The biologist swore that it didn't look like a species on earth, and its appearance didn't conform to Darwin's theory of evolution at all. It was just like something that was randomly pieced together by some creator.

"As soon as it opened the tent, it went on a killing spree. It used the tentacle on its head to kill a retired soldier. The biologist was completely shocked and did not move. However, the other two people in the tent reacted very quickly and immediately got up. Moreover, they did not leave their guns when they were resting, as if they had known this would happen.

"One of them pulled out his gun and fired, but the bullet's damage to that thing seemed to be very limited. It took a few shots to its body, but it didn't affect its movements at all. Moreover, the two ex-soldiers were also somewhat confused, not knowing where the vital parts of the thing were, and it quickly used its tentacles to snap the neck of the ex-soldier it grabbed.

"Then, it extended its tentacle to another person, but was dodged by the ex-soldier who was already prepared. However, that unlucky fellow did not expect that after reaching its limit, that thing could actually split out another five small tentacles. In the end, it was also caught. It seemed that it was too slow to break the neck, and this time, that thing directly used another tentacle to pierce through the body of the ex-soldier. However, at this time, other people who heard the gunshots also rushed over, and some of them even carried rocket launchers.

"The thing didn't seem to want to fight, so it reached out its tentacle to the biologist. The biologist thought he was dead for sure, but the tentacle went around him and rolled over his backpack with the new fossils. Then it disappeared in the snowstorm despite the rain of bullets before the encirclement formed."

Chapter 1244 Attrition

"At that time, I only felt that the story Baker told was too ridiculous. He didn't want to tell me what exactly happened, so he used such a ridiculous story to brush me off. I felt that he must have been bribed by Mr. Tam, which made me a little nervous because I couldn't find anyone to trust in the entire

team. I wanted to turn around and directly bid farewell to Mr. Tam. Perhaps I shouldn't have accepted this job from the start, but I hadn't completely lost my mind because those ex-soldiers all had guns in their hands. I didn't want to have a conflict with them, especially now that we were in the wilderness and there was no one around. Therefore, before I found an opportunity, I could only continue to be an honest guide.

"After what happened that night, the mood of the scientists was a little low, but I don't know if it was my imagination, but the expedition team clearly lost two members, but Mr. Tam became even more excited. What surprised me the most was the retired soldiers. They clearly lost two companions, but they weren't worried at all. Moreover, there wasn't any sadness on their faces. They were so calm that it was a little scary. In addition, because I had been paying attention to them these days, I even discovered their little secret.

"That is, this group of retired soldiers will also perform a small ritual before the meal, similar to the pre-meal prayer, but not the Christian kind. Moreover, they are very secretive and try to hide it from others. In other words, they might be from a secret sect, which makes me feel a little uncomfortable.

"Although my father is an Inuit, I'm actually more inclined to atheism. However, I'm usually not very resistant to these mysterious things. On the contrary, I would feel curious from time to time. But not now, not in this uninhabited ice field, with a group of sneaky heretics. It sounds like something bad is going to happen.

"Although I didn't believe the story the doctor told me, I had to admit that it haunted me for the next few days. I couldn't even sleep well. I went to see Mr. Tam again, hoping that he would take the weapon for self-defense, but he comforted me that I didn't have to worry. There were ex-soldiers protecting us in the team. I had no choice but to bring an ice pick with me. It was better than nothing.

"We arrived near our destination on the seventh day. Although I didn't see anything except the undulating glacier mountain range, Mr. Tam told us in an unusually firm tone that this was the place. The ancient relic that could bring great fame to the discoverer and even rewrite the history of mankind was here, but it was hidden somewhere, and we needed to search carefully bit by bit.

"I carried out my duty as a guide and found a suitable camp for the expedition team. With this as the center, I began to carefully search the surroundings. I prayed that the operation would be fruitless, and that it would be best to leave empty-handed before the food and supplies ran out, so that there would be no more trouble.

"However, I realized that I might have underestimated Mr. Tam's determination to find the ruins. Three days later, we changed our camp. Mr. Tam gathered everyone together and once again reiterated the importance of what we were doing. He also said that we would not leave this place unless we found the ruins. If the supplies ran out, he would use the satellite phone to contact another team to transport them for us. His words also caused the expressions of many people, including me, to change. "I'm even considering stealing a satellite phone to call the police, but Greenland doesn't have enough police, and we're in the middle of nowhere, so the number of people we can send is probably no match for these ex-soldiers. The doctor seemed to see through my thoughts and warned me not to act rashly.

"After that, we continued to search for the ruins. I led a group of people to the north of the camp. The geologist led a group of people to the south. They were still studying the rocks along the way because

according to Mr. Tam, the history of the ruins was very long and had already surpassed the history of mankind. The meteorologists were responsible for observing the weather every day, reminding us when there was a snowstorm and when we should return to the camp. In addition, Mr. Tam and the couple of theologians from China also brought a group of people.”

“On the twelfth day, the team of geologists made a new discovery. They found some strange fossils that they had found before, and this time, there were even more. Mr. Tam was very happy, and he even opened a bottle of champagne in the evening to celebrate. However, this time, for the sake of safety, he did not allow anyone to bring the fossils back to the camp. However, to everyone’s surprise, not long after eating and lying down, the strange snowstorm came again.

“Before that, the meteorologist announced that it would be sunny for the next two days, so we could continue to explore. Because the snowstorm came too suddenly, I didn’t even have time to chase the Greenlanders into the tent. As a result, I heard gunshots very quickly. The two ex-soldiers who lived with me rushed out together, just like last time. Meanwhile, I grabbed the ice ax nervously and stayed in the tent with the doctor.

“We turned on the camping lights, hoping that the light would give us a sense of security, but then I felt all the blood in my body rush to my head, because when we turned on the lights, we saw a shadow on one of the tents, and that shadow was exactly the same as the story that the Doctor had made up. It looked indescribably twisted and weird. The doctor and I were scared out of our wits, thinking that the thing would rush into the tent and kill us in the next second. What was worse was that the ex-soldiers had already run out to join the battle, which meant that there was no one in the tent to protect us.

“That was definitely the scariest half a minute of my life. However, that thing didn’t rush in after that. Even though it had its face pressed against the tent (if that part could be called a face), the barking of the dogs seemed to have attracted its attention. It walked towards that direction. When the snowstorm subsided, I stuck my head out of the door and discovered that there wasn’t a single greenlander dog left in the kennel. All of them had been killed. Other than that, there were three retired soldiers who had died in battle. One of them was seriously injured. I saw the remaining people carry their corpses to the side and start digging a hole. It was the same scene as the last time I saw it.

“But I didn’t expect Mr. Tam to be so Shameless. He still insisted on blaming it all on the hungry polar bears, and had no intention of canceling the expedition, even though there were only half of the combat veterans left.”

Chapter 1245 Stones, Necklaces, And Rings

“Ever since we saw the shadow on the tent, Beck and I became nervous. We didn’t know what kind of monster that thing was, where it came from, or what it would do to us. Previously, I had been hunting with the Inuit, so I had an illusion that I knew enough about this ice field. However, the shaman of the Inuit always said that one should be in awe of nature, because you don’t know how many secrets are hidden in this world. In the past, I always disagreed with this sentence, but after that night, I realized how shallow my previous knowledge was.”

“If it wasn’t for this expedition, I would never have known that such a terrifying creature existed in this world. Most importantly, I don’t know how to deal with it. Its tentacles move quickly, and once it gets entangled, it’s a dead end. However, long-range bullets don’t seem to be able to cause much damage to

it. There's also a snowstorm as a cover. It simply doesn't seem to have any weaknesses. Every time it comes, we can only gamble on luck, but luck can't always favor us. We don't even know who will be the victim the next time it comes.

"It's not just us. I can feel that the scientists are also panicking. Geologists and meteorologists have gone to find Mr. Tam one after another, hoping to immediately end this expedition and return to Nuuk. However, just like me, their request was also rejected. On the contrary, the theologian couple seemed the calmest. No, using the word 'calm' to describe them might not be accurate. I don't know if it's my imagination, but the woman's expression was actually a little excited. She and her man had been chatting about something, but they were speaking in Chinese. Other than the two of them, no one in the expedition team knew what they were talking about.

"I don't know what they're talking about, but my gut tells me that they're probably one of the few people on this expedition who really knows what's going on, especially considering who they are. What's happening right in front of us is clearly beyond the realm of scientific explanation.

"My English is only good enough for some simple communication. I haven't reached the level where I can communicate with people fluently, so I asked Dr. Baker to contact them, hoping to get some information from them. I don't expect to find a way to deal with the monster from them, at least until I die. But what I didn't expect was that the Doctor actually gave me a surprise when he came back at night.

"That is an ordinary looking oval-shaped pebble with a pentagram carved on it. In the middle of the pentagram is a mysterious eye. The Doctor said that this thing is called an old seal and it has a mysterious power on it. It might be able to protect us from that monster.

"To be honest, I was a little skeptical at first because I didn't know how an ordinary pebble could fight against that terrifying monster. However, considering our situation at that time, we were like people who were about to drown. We needed to hold on to everything we could. It was also strange. I don't know if it was my imagination, but when I grabbed the pebble and fell asleep at night, I actually didn't have nightmares anymore.

"Although I was woken up in the middle of the night by the Doctor next to me, he told me the next morning that he had another terrible dream about a huge city filled with huge stone pillars, walls full of hieroglyphics and Green, everywhere, sticky material.

"After he woke up, the Doctor seemed a little distracted. Mr. Tam saw that he was not in a good state of mind, so he specially came to comfort him and let him rest in the camp for a day. However, the others still went out to search as usual. Other than the soldiers who did not show any change in expression and only knew how to carry out orders, the rest of the people were a little anxious. Only the Chinese theologians and their wife were still in high spirits.

"I asked to be on their team because of the rocks, which made me feel safer, but Mr. Tam turned me down, saying that I was the team's guide, and that the person who knew the ice best should have more responsibility, so I had to continue with two ex-soldiers, and then we restricted the search area to the area where the fossils were found, and we broke through the ice with drills and explosives.

“However, we didn’t gain anything in the following week. I told the doctor that the stone could prevent nightmares, and then we took turns to use it. This way, we could ensure that we could have a good night’s sleep for two days, and our spirits improved a little. It wasn’t until a week later that we lost a small team.

“That was a team led by a geologist. Other than him, there were three other retired soldiers, but in the end, only one person managed to escape from the terrifying snowstorm. Everyone was silent during dinner, because many people realized that if this continued, it wouldn’t be long before the entire expedition team was wiped out.”

“I didn’t expect that when everyone was feeling down, the monster appeared again. This time, it didn’t summon a snowstorm to protect itself and charged towards us. This was also the first time I saw its appearance. I was completely shocked. Although I had heard the doctor describe its appearance and saw its shadow on the tent, when I saw its true form, I still felt that there was no creature in this world that was more terrifying than this.

“Even the demons from Hell described in the Bible are not as ugly and disgusting as this. I was so scared that I stood there, unable to move a single finger, especially when I found out that its target was me. I was so scared that I was dumbfounded. Fortunately, the doctor beside me reacted quickly and took out the pebble from his pocket. Today, it was his turn to carry it. He placed the pebble in front of me, and the next moment, a miracle happened. The Ugly Monster stopped in its tracks and charged towards the Chinese couple.

“In the end, the two of them calmly took out a necklace and a ring. One of them had the same pattern as the one on the stone, and the other was carved with a string of twigs. When the monster saw it, it turned around again and rushed towards a retired soldier beside it. The latter fired at it, but just like before, the bullets were not of much use to it. The monster grabbed him and mercilessly pierced his heart with its tentacles.

“Then the monster began to look for a new target, it looked at Mr. Tam, at that moment I think it saw that Mr. Tam is our leader, so it also adjusted the strategy, decided to kill Mr. Tam First.”

Chapter 1246 The City

“Mr. Tam stood still and did not move. However, when the monster appeared, a retired soldier ran into his tent and took out the large rectangular box that he had been carrying. The box was more than two meters long and had been placed with a set of drilling equipment. No one knew what was inside.

“It was not until this night that Mr. Tam opened the box and revealed the answer to the Riddle. In the box was a sickle with an exaggerated shape and an extremely long hilt. It looked very funny when paired with Mr. Tam’s slightly plump figure. After he took out the sickle, he muttered, “I’ll just make do with it. After all, this thing only belongs to me in the modern era.” After he finished speaking, I did not see how he swung the sickle. I saw the ugly monster’s body suddenly split into two and split open from the middle, just like a piece of butter that had been cut by a hot knife.

“Mr. Tam took out a handkerchief from his pocket and wiped the red blood-like substance on the scythe. Then he raised his eyebrows and said, ‘since you’re here, don’t hide and watch the show.’. I

noticed two figures flash past on a small iceberg not far away after he said that. I didn't know if my eyes were playing tricks on me, because those two figures looked like two big walking octopuses.

"Mr. Tam's body still didn't move, but I noticed that this time, besides his scythe, there was some dark green liquid on his clothes. During this time, my eyes didn't leave him at all. God knows how that dark green liquid appeared there.

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"He sighed and mumbled again. I usually don't like to fight in front of other people's homes, so I've been holding it in until now. You guys insist on forcing me, so why bother? Fortunately, I moved fast enough, so the guy below shouldn't be able to sense it. After saying that, he put the scythe back into the box and returned to his previous smiling appearance. He turned his head and happily announced to us that the danger had been eliminated, so there was no need to worry about being attacked in the future.

"After that, without waiting for us to answer, I had the four ex-soldiers carry away the monster's corpse on the ground, pour oil on it, and set it on fire. After they burned the thing, I saw two more soldiers carrying the oil and walking towards the iceberg. Soon, a column of smoke rose from there.

"Who wants to have some roasted octopus tentacles tonight? Alright, I was just joking. It was obvious that Mr. Tam was in a good mood. He was still in the mood to tell a cold joke that had no meaning. In fact, the scene just now had scared most of us silly. Until now, we were still unable to react, especially the biologist. The dead monster had probably brought up some bad memories for him, and had scared him so much that he wet his

pants.

"But no one in the camp laughed at him, because we were all in the same mood. Of course, perhaps that Chinese couple was an exception. I saw that their gazes toward Mr. Tam became a little strange, as if they were sizing up some rare species. I felt that their interest in Mr. Tam even surpassed that of the monster, and they were even whispering their opinions. Once again, I was annoyed that I had never learned Chinese before.

"So I begged the doctor to go to them, but this time they didn't give us any useful information. "But as Mr. Tam said, after the monster and the thing hiding in the dark died, no one came to stop us, and because we didn't have to worry anymore, the search became more efficient, and we finally found the entrance to the ancient ruins two weeks later.

"It was under an iceberg. We drilled there for ten days before we found it. At that time, I couldn't believe my eyes because we couldn't find it for a long time. In addition, we lost the geologist Midway. I once suspected that we might never find it again. And speaking of which, we found this place thanks to Mr. Tam, who pointed out the direction for the exploration team.

"After the last attack, I suspected that Mr. Tam had discovered something from the two things hiding in the dark. Before this, we were running around like headless chickens, trying our luck. After that day, he firmly told us to go this way. Even when we encountered icebergs and suspected that we were going in the wrong direction, he simply told us to prepare tools and equipment to break the

ice.”

“We used quite a lot of explosives. One of the ex-soldiers seemed to be an expert in explosives. We only started digging after he finished blasting. In ten days, we dug down about 200 meters. Finally, through the ice layer, we could vaguely see a strange city below.

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“That city has huge stone pillars and twisted buildings. The structures of the buildings inside often do not conform to Euclidean geometry. Whether it is the spatial structure or the size of the buildings, it gives people a strong sense of discomfort. Just looking at it makes people feel anxious and disgusted. What makes us even more uneasy is that the scene below is very similar to what we saw in the dream.

“After seeing the city under the ice, Mr. Tam strictly forbade us to use any more explosives. Everyone could only use an ice pick to excavate bit by bit. Even though it was still quite a distance from the city, even Mr. Tam had joined in, so the others had nothing to say. I could feel the excitement and urgency in his eyes, as if he was afraid of disturbing something below. “After that, we dug for another week. Blisters appeared on both of my hands, and finally, an ice path that could allow one person to pass through was dug out, all the way to the top of the stone pillar. The amazing thing was that even though I didn’t see any building that looked like a dome, there seemed to be something that separated the city from the ice layer above. There wasn’t a single piece of ice under the stone pillar.

“I can even see Moss on the pillar, but everything here seems dead silent, and it’s filled with a damp and gloomy atmosphere.”. Mr. Tam looked around at the people around him, and then his gaze fell on me, Dr. Baker, the Chinese couple, and the climatologist. He then asked, “Which one of you is willing to go down for me?”?

“When he saw that we didn’t speak, he explained that I wanted to go down by myself, but for some reason, I couldn’t do that. My men are the same, so I hope that there are some enthusiastic volunteers among you who will go down to retrieve something for us. I will reward you greatly after that.”

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Chapter 1247 That Thing

“After Mr. Tam finished speaking, the group of US looked at each other, but none of us volunteered to go down. Although we didn’t know what exactly was hidden in the ruins below, we could feel a strong discomfort just by looking at it through the ice, let alone going deep into it. The monster we bumped into previously on the ice field might be its nest below. If I had a choice, I would turn around and run, but the rest of the ex-soldiers were watching us.

I knew that if I ran, they would pull out their guns without hesitation, not to mention that Mr. Tam was right beside me. Even the monster was no match for him, i didn’t think it was impossible for me to escape from him. Seeing that we were all silent, Mr. Tam’s face gradually showed impatience. At that moment, the Chinese couple spoke again, one of the women said, “Let’s go down.”.

“When the rest of us heard this, we were all stunned. I didn’t expect that someone would actually volunteer. I originally thought that in the end, we would use the method of drawing lots to choose an

unlucky person. Mr. Tam appeared very happy. He gave them a thumbs up and repeatedly praised them. The doctor and I looked at each other. I knew that it was time to make a choice.

“Personally, I don’t want to go down to the city under the ice, but among us, besides Mr. Tam and his men, only the Chinese couple seems to have some secrets about the ruins. Since they volunteered to go down, does it mean that the place down there is not as dangerous as we thought.

“On the contrary, staying up there seems to be a relatively safe choice, but we have already helped Mr. Tam find his destination. In other words, we are no longer of any use to him. Will he kill us all to prevent us from talking nonsense when we go back?”?

“My Heart is in a fierce struggle, and in the end, I decided to continue following that Chinese couple. Because the stone they gave us previously proved to be very useful, and I also want to believe that they still have a way to tide over the difficulties, so I pulled the doctor along and told Mr. Tam that we should go down too.

“Both Mr. Tam and the Chinese couple were surprised, especially the man in the Chinese couple, and urged us to reconsider, saying that there might be some unexpected dangers down there, that he and his wife were willing to take the risk because, after weighing the odds, they had a better chance of survival than we did, and that their research did have some bearing on the city down there, which, he said, would help us know where they came from.

“I didn’t know what it meant, and the Doctor translated it for me, and I didn’t know if there was anything missing. In fact, I only cared about the first part of the sentence, which was that he said he and his wife had a higher chance of surviving if they went down, and that’s why I decided to follow them in the end.

“When they saw that we had made up our minds, they stopped trying to persuade us. Mr. Tam, on the other hand, couldn’t wait for more people to go down and help him get that thing. When he found out that we were willing to join, the smile on his face couldn’t be hidden any longer. After that, he let the ex-soldiers cook and let us have a good meal. After we finished eating and packed our things, he drove the others aside, leaving only the five of us.”

“I asked him what you wanted us to get. He said that he didn’t really know. Although he had done some research before, there were too many targets. He didn’t know what was taken down, but he said that we would know when we saw that thing because it was the only thing in the city that didn’t belong there. He also warned us not to go to the palace in the center of the city no matter what.”

It was unknown whether it was because the alcohol had subsided a little, but fear reappeared in Sachus’ eyes. As for Songjia, she was completely captivated by his story. When she saw Sachus stop, she immediately asked, “What did you take out from the city under the ice?”

Sachus took a deep breath, “A baby boy, about two years old. We found him on a building that looked like an altar. It was not far from the huge palace. At that time, there seemed to be some strange ritual going on there. Fortunately, no one else was there, but I will never forget that strange scene. The baby was connected to a huge tentacle through the umbilical cord, as if it was absorbing nutrients from it. The owner of the Tentacle had a body that was as huge as a mountain, but it was lying quietly in the huge palace in the center of the city, which was where Mr. Tam warned us not to go.

“We couldn’t see what it looked like. We could only see a pitch-black outline. The doctor and I looked away after taking a look, but we still felt extreme fear. We just wanted to crawl on the ground. “One of its tentacles reached out of the palace and hugged the baby boy tightly. It was as if they were born as one.”

“To be honest, I don’t want to touch that thing on the umbilical cord at all. Although it does look like a human baby boy, its body is intact and there are no abnormalities, and it still has a heartbeat and breathing, but like the other things here, it also makes me feel disgusted and afraid from the bottom of my heart. and through the umbilical cord, I can clearly see that its blood circulation is also connected to the owner of the Tentacle, which means that its body also has the blood of the monster.

“If I had a choice, I would just walk away. But because of Mr. Tam’s instructions, I had to endure the discomfort in my heart and go forward to pull him off the tentacle. The process was easier than I thought. I didn’t even need to cut the umbilical cord, because the other end of the umbilical cord was a spike-like thing that was inserted into the Tentacle’s body. The connection between the two was only imitating the fetus and the mother, but it was not really as strong as the fetus and the mother.

“I pulled him off and stuffed him into my bag before running back. After running for less than 20 meters, I heard someone calling me from behind, telling me to stop. The woman of the Chinese couple came over and touched the baby’s chest and nose, saying that we had to go back because the baby’s condition was very bad after leaving the tentacles. His heartbeat and breathing were getting weaker and weaker. If this continued, there was no way he would be able to return to the ground alive.”

Chapter 1248 Connecting

“I’ve always respected them, but this time I’m anxious because this woman is still talking about such insignificant things. I don’t care whether this child is alive or dead, or in the depths of my heart, I can’t wait for him to die just like that. He has the blood of that monster in his body. If he really survives, who knows what kind of trouble he will cause? So My Feet didn’t stop at all, as if I didn’t hear what they said.”

“When the couple called me twice and saw that I didn’t respond, they stopped calling me. We continued to run forward with our heads up. After running for a while, I felt that it was a little strange because based on my understanding of the couple, they were both very independent people. They would do whatever they decided and would rarely be disturbed by others.

“So I turned around and saw something that shocked me. I didn’t know when, but the woman had grabbed the umbilical cord and inserted the sharp end into her arm. I was so scared that I almost sat on the ground. I asked her, are you crazy? Why are you doing this? Get Rid of that damn thing.

“In the end, she just shrugged at me and said Mr. Tam’s name. I knew she was threatening me because this baby was what Mr. Tam wanted, so I also yelled at her. Mr. Tam didn’t say that it had to be alive. We just need to bring this baby up to him and don’t cause any trouble.

“Do you want to take a gamble? She blinked and asked me. I admit that I was cowardly at the last moment because I remembered the scene where Mr. Tam used his sickle to cut open the monster that attacked us. In addition, I didn’t think that her action would have any effect. God knows why that baby

was about to die. Even if there was no blood transfusion, it most likely needed the blood of the tentacle and not some human blood. Therefore, I eventually acquiesced to her action.”

“We continued to run forward. In a short while, I heard the sound of panting coming from behind. In order to escape from this terrible place as soon as possible, I deliberately quickened my pace. As a woman, she was already at a physical disadvantage. She was still fooling around and connecting the umbilical cord to her body. It would be a miracle if she could feel better now. However, I did not stop because I felt that she had brought this upon herself. I would not pay for her willfulness.

“But after a while, I heard her breathing become more even, which surprised me a little. I thought she had finally thrown the umbilical cord away, but when I looked back, I found that she really did not have the umbilical cord on her body, because it was now on her husband’s body.

“Two lunatics! I cursed inwardly, but I could only helplessly accept this fact. Moreover, what I didn’t expect was that their purely desperate method actually worked. I could feel that the baby in the travel bag had actually recovered some of its vitality due to the blood infusion. This made my heart very uncomfortable, but I couldn’t care about this at that time because I felt that something in the city had come to life and was rapidly moving towards us.

“This time, I didn’t deliberately make things difficult for the Chinese couple behind me, but I knew that I had to speed up. Fortunately, we were not far from the ice path, but we still had to climb up the stone pillar. When we reached the last part of the path, the four of us began to sprint.

“And I saw that they all took out something called the old seal and put it on their bodies. I also took out the small stone. Today, it was my turn to wear it. Dr. Baker ran forward with his head in his hands. We almost used all our strength to rush back to the stone pillar before the things in the city. There was the rope we left behind.

“After that, we grabbed the rope and started to climb up. I saw a scene that made my head go numb. I saw many things that looked like octopus swarming towards us from all directions. I suddenly remembered that on the night of the last attack, I seemed to have seen their figures on the iceberg beside us. At that time, I thought that my eyes were playing tricks on me.

“These extremely ugly and terrifying things should be the natives of this city. “We only climbed about 20 meters before the first monster came in front of the stone pillar. I heard the Chinese couple shouting, ‘cut the rope!’! My brain paused for a moment. I didn’t understand what they meant. Didn’t we fall down just by cutting the rope? But then I realized that they wanted us to cut the rope under us to prevent the monsters from climbing up.”

“I did as they said, but we seemed to have underestimated the climbing ability of these aquatic creatures. They didn’t need any rope at all. They only needed to suck the tentacles filled with suction cups onto the stone pillar to climb up. Moreover, their speed was very fast. In just a short while, the first one had already approached the husband of the Chinese couple. He actually still had some strength left, but in order to protect his wife, he deliberately fell behind. When he saw the monster rush up, he took off the ring in his hand and threw it at the other party forcefully.

“He was lucky. The old mark carved with a tree branch hit the monster’s body, causing it to let go of its tentacle and fall off the stone pillar. However, it didn’t seem to be injured. However, this was still good

news for us because it bought us some time. However, before we could be happy, we saw more monsters running out.

“When I saw them, I felt a sense of despair. This stone pillar was very high, and we had only climbed less than one-tenth of the way. There was no way we could get back to the ice path above our heads before them. Although the old seal seemed to have some effect on them, there were simply too many of them.

The doctor and I were scared silly. Although we were still climbing up, this was only an instinctive reaction of our bodies, because our minds had long been blank. Then, I saw two more monsters scuttle up the stone pillar, they were almost at the Chinese couple. They threw their necklaces out, but this time, they didn’t hit anything. So, the husband could only use his body to hug his wife tightly, seeing that they were about to be entangled by the tentacles, the next moment, the monsters stopped.

“I noticed that they seemed to be afraid of something. I didn’t think too much at that time. I just shouted and took the opportunity to continue climbing up. But before I could climb far, I was stopped by the Chinese couple behind me.”

Chapter 1249 The Expedition Ended

“The Chinese couple stopped me and told me to slow down because I was the fastest. I was about to reach the limit of the umbilical cord. If I continued climbing for a while, they probably wouldn’t be able to keep the umbilical cord inserted into my body. “But how could I care about such things? There were more and more monsters down there. My mind was filled with how to get out of this damned place. After hearing their words, I even sped up.

“But then I heard the wife of the Chinese couple warn me that if I don’t slow down, all of us will die here. She said that the reason why the monsters down there didn’t attack them was very likely because of the baby behind me. That child was now living on their blood. Once they died, that child would also die. If that child died, then the monsters would no longer have any scruples. At that time, the Doctor and I wouldn’t be able to live.

“When I heard that, my body shook. Indeed, we’ve only climbed a short distance now. With the speed of those monsters, if the Chinese couple dies, then the doctor and I will definitely follow in their footsteps. It’s just a little earlier and a little later. So, although I wish I could grow wings and fly out of this place as soon as possible, I still had to slow down and let the Chinese couple follow behind me.

“We climbed for a full 20 minutes before we reached the top of the stone pillar. During that time, those monsters had been following behind us. However, just like what the Chinese couple said, they seemed to be worried about the baby’s life and did not make a move against us. It was only when we climbed into the ice path that they did not catch up to us at the top of the stone pillar. They only looked at US coldly from below. There seemed to be some unseen force restricting them, preventing them from leaving the city under the ice.

“However, we didn’t dare to let our guard down. Even though we were physically and mentally exhausted at the time, we still used the last of our strength to rush up from the bottom.”

Sartrus finally finished telling the bizarre and bizarre adventure story, and the people in the room fell into silence.

However, the reason for everyone's silence was different. Songjia thought that Zhang Heng would continue to tell her the questions she wanted to ask, but after waiting for a while, she realized that Zhang Heng hadn't said anything. She turned her head away, she realized that Zhang Heng was lowering his head, deep in thought.

She hadn't been in contact with Zhang Heng for too long, but his calm and collected style had left a deep impression on her, however, this time, after listening to Sartrus's story, Zhang Heng was surprisingly absent-minded.

Therefore, Song Jia turned around and asked herself, "How did you, uh... deal with the baby in the end?"

"As promised, I handed the baby over to Mr. Tam. He looked ecstatic as he held the baby up and looked around, mumbling something. Unfortunately, my English wasn't good, so I didn't understand the meaning of the word. Later, I asked the doctor, and the Doctor suspected that there was something wrong with his own ears because he heard Mr. Tam say the word — container."

"Container? What Container?" Song Jia raised her eyebrows.

"I don't know. I was very scared at that time, and I didn't have time to think too much about it. After I came out of the city under the ice, I found that there were no meteorologists and biologists on it. I asked Mr. Tam where they went, and Mr. Tam casually said that there was nothing to do here, so he told them to go back first. But I'm not a fool, so how could I believe such nonsense? Our exploration has reached the end, and they only need to wait for another half a day before they can go back with the main group. Moreover, they are only scientists, not professional explorers. How can they go back in such a snowy place?"

"So it's more likely that Mr. Tam and his men did something to them, and my hair stood on end at the thought of it. Mr. Tam obviously didn't want what happened here to be known to anyone else. The doctor and I were able to follow the Chinese couple down and escape, but what are we going to do now?"

"Mr. Tam seemed to be thinking about how to deal with our problem after he was happy. His gaze followed the umbilical cord to the Chinese couple, and a strange expression appeared on his face. Then, he said, "Fate is always full of magical changes, isn't it? Perhaps this result is not bad."

"However, he did not continue speaking after that. Instead, he looked at me and the Doctor and said that I have always been a person who keeps his promises. I promised that as long as you did what I asked you to do, I would give you a great reward. So, now, let's talk about what you all want. Don't worry. I'm like your magic lamp, giving you whatever you want."

"The Doctor said I don't want anything but to get out of this hellhole, go home, take a shower, and lie in bed doing nothing. Mr. Tam seemed surprised and asked, are you sure, young man? Is that what you want? "Yes, that's all I want," the Doctor replied with certainty.

"Alright, if you insist." Mr. Tam shrugged as he spoke. He then looked at me. I wanted to say the same, but the Doctor beat me to it. Honestly, considering the experiences we've had along the way, there's nothing that could tempt me more than returning home and having a good sleep on the bed. I only wanted to put the monsters and the city under the ice in my mind. However, looking at Mr. Tam's

regretful expression, I thought that this might really be an opportunity. Hence, I probed and asked if I could ask for two billion kroner.”

“You sure have a big appetite,” Mr. Tam said with a smile. Then he said, “I can give you two billion kroner, but you haven’t paid that much yet.” I wasn’t too disappointed after I heard that. I was just making up this figure, so it was normal to be rejected. But then I heard Mr. Tam continue, “50 million. 50 million kroner is a fair price.”

“After he said this, I noticed that the doctor’s face turned green. He looked extremely upset, as if he didn’t expect Mr. Tam to be so rich. He wanted to change his previous request, but Mr. Tam rejected it. He only had one chance. When Mr. Tam said this, I always felt that he was secretly happy, because he really liked the feeling of fooling others.

“With our example, I was curious about what the Chinese couple would want, but Mr. Tam didn’t seem to want others to hear his conversation with the Chinese couple, so he waved me and the doctor away. They chatted for half an hour on the other side, and finally, I saw Mr. Tam reach out and shake hands with the Chinese couple. As if in agreement, I reconnected with the captain by satellite phone, and half a month later we were back in Nuuk, ending the expedition once and for all.”

Chapter 1250 The Answer That Can Not Be Touched

“Since you have safely returned to Nuuk and said that you want to put the things that happened during the expedition behind you, why do you still want to join such a mysterious cult?” Sonja asked the biggest question in her heart.

“Because both the doctor and I underestimated the impact of what we saw below. After we returned, our lives were indeed peaceful for a period of time, but then we had nightmares at night and started to have inexplicable low fevers. The content of the dreams was usually related to the city under the ice. At first, we thought that it was because the previous scene was too terrifying and left a deep impression on us, so it appeared repeatedly in our dreams. But later, when we checked the time, we found that the days of our dreams were almost exactly the same, and the content of our dreams were also the same. Only then did we realize that there might be something wrong with us.

“After that, we went for a physical check-up, but we couldn’t find anything. Our physical indicators were normal, except that we were a little depressed due to the nightmare. We didn’t know who to save for this kind of thing. Since the end of the expedition, we lost contact with Mr. Tam. It was as if he had vanished into thin air. Moreover, considering what he had done to us, even if I had his contact information, I wouldn’t look for him again.

“After that, I called the Chinese couple, and they told me that they were not troubled by similar nightmares. Since the end of the expedition, their physical and mental conditions were normal, and they could not be better.

“The doctor and I were very strange. We suspected that it was just our imagination, but when we found the old seal they gave us and put it on our bodies, the situation became much better, but we were not happy about it. Instead, we fell into a great panic, because it meant that the underground city and the monsters below were still influencing us in another way.

“And after that, in my daily life, I always felt that someone was spying on me, and so did the doctor, and in order to uncover our secrets, we began our own investigation of the city under the ice, and I noticed that the description in a novel was very similar to that of the city, but the night I borrowed the novel from the library, I had a horrible, long nightmare, and when I finally opened my eyes, I found myself lying in a hospital bed, and the Doctor was looking at me with a sad face.

“He forced a smile on his face when I woke up. I asked him why I was here. He said I had been unconscious for a whole day and a half. I was shocked when I heard that. I thought someone had drugged me, but then I remembered something Mr. Tam said to us before he left. He said that ignorance is bliss. Sometimes the more you try to find the answer, the deeper you fall. “But I didn’t take it to heart at the time, so I went back and checked the water and food in the house, and after making sure there was nothing wrong, I opened the book again and read the first story in it called ‘Crazy Mountains’. To be honest, the story was not easy to read, the sentences were obscure, boring, and full of long descriptions of the environment, but the protagonists in the story were very similar to my experience, except that they went to the south pole and Greenland was in the Arctic Circle.

“But the more I read, the more frightened I became, because I have reason to suspect that the monster in the story is the same species as the one that attacked our camp. They don’t seem to be creatures from Earth. If I had read such a story before this expedition, I would have treated it as a fictional horror story. But now I suspect that the author of the book has experienced something similar. Unfortunately, he has been dead for many years, or I would have called him,” said Sachus.

“After reading the story, I climbed into bed. I had insomnia for a long time and couldn’t fall asleep after tossing and turning. It was around four in the morning when I fell asleep due to exhaustion. After that, I found myself back in the city under the ice. I was scared half to death, especially when the things inside came to life and used their tentacles to strangle my neck. I felt like I couldn’t breathe...”

“Until I vaguely heard the doctor’s voice calling my name, and then, with all my strength, I finally broke free from that horrible nightmare, only to find myself lying in a hospital bed again, with a catheter and a needle.

“Beck said thank God, Sachus. You finally woke up. I asked him how long I slept this time. He said that for a full five days, the hospital suspected that I would never wake up again. During this period, he kept putting an old mark made of a stone on my chest. This coma also confirmed one thing for me. That is, I can not continue to investigate. The truth will probably only lead us into endless madness and fear in the end.

“The Doctor agreed with me because he had done some research, and because he happened to be wearing the old seal, his condition was slightly better than mine. However, he also felt that his mental condition had worsened, and his low fever and nightmares had become more frequent. Therefore, we reached a consensus and stopped there.

“At the same time, we also began to turn to some scientific means to stop those nightmares and restore our spirits. We did some psychological treatment, but it had little effect. We tried to forget everything about the expedition, but it didn’t succeed. Until one day, a mysterious hybrid visited my house and told me that he had a way to solve the problem that I was facing now.

“From the very beginning, I guessed that he was lying, but at that time, I was searching for a way to get rid of the nightmare. No matter what method I tried, I would give it a try. So, I followed him to their church.

“At that time, they were carrying out a daily ritual. When I arrived at their base, I felt that something was wrong because the style of decoration there was very similar to that terrifying city under the ice. However, it was too late for me to leave. They forced me to watch their bloody and crazy ritual. Only then did I realize that the object of their worship was the huge shadow in the palace in the city.

“After the ceremony ended, they had completely fallen out with me and gave me two choices. One was to start working for them from today onwards and join them at the right time to become one of them. They said that I was also chosen and that this was my final destination. The other was to become the sacrificial offering for the next sacrifice. To be honest, I didn’t want to choose either of these two choices, but in comparison, the first choice was still slightly better than the second. Hence, I became the leader of that group from then on.”