All R. Artist 501

Chapter 501: Third Broadcast
The next day
The third day
The fourth day
After the system issued the lifespan task, Lin Yuan began writing comfortably. Of course, the location of his writing was in his manga studio, allowing him to serialize his manga during his breaks. The situation of manga serialization wasn't complicated either. After being instructed by Lin Yuan's Teacher's Halo, Luo Wei was barely able to take over the drawing again for him. With the help of several manga assistants, it didn't take too much effort. Additionally, the master-level drawing skills not only enhanced the quality but also significantly improved the quantity. With the same amount of time as before, Lin Yuan's drawing speed was almost three times faster.
Swish Swish.
Tap Tap Tap.
Between manga and writing, Lin Yuan achieved balance and kept busy until the fifth day of this week, when he temporarily paused to consider the song for the fourth competition. Just then, he received a call from the program director Tong Shuwen.
"What's up?"
"I have a suggestion."
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Tong Shuwen chuckled: "The Literature and Art Association wants to make the fourth stage a special show for the judges. Of course, we let the singers volunteer to see if they're willing to choose a song from the judges' previous work. You are the first singer I've contacted because all the other singers have submitted alternate song lists. However, your situation is a bit special since you've always written and sung your songs. Would you be interested?"

Lin Yuan was taken aback.

He had intended to release another new song for the fourth stage, but he didn't expect the program team to consider this. If this was in the past, he would have hesitated. But now, with his enhanced vocal skills, he didn't worry about it:

"No problem."

Lin Yuan had listened to the works of all four judges, and he liked some of the songs. Two singers had already performed his song "Big Fish" on this stage, so he could definitely perform the work of other singers or composers. He even thought that the show's arrangement suited him perfectly.

"Great!"

Tong Shuwen laughed: "Then I'll contact the other singers. Mainly because the judging panel will change slightly during the battle round, so we are also giving the audience a surprise."

"Mmm."

After hanging up the phone, Lin Yuan chuckled. Now, he didn't need to worry about which Earth song to use for the fourth stage. It would be like taking a casual break, as there were plenty of classic works by the four judges to choose from. The choice for singers, especially those like Lin Yuan who could sing in three different voice ranges, was extremely broad. If necessary, they could also rearrange the judges' works. As for whose song he would choose, Lin Yuan almost didn't need to think, an answer had crossed his mind. This was what he found interesting about this arrangement —

Maestro Yang Zhongming!

There were many reasons to choose Yang Zhongming, but the most important one was actually related to Lin Yuan's personal preferences. For Lin Yuan, Yang Zhongming was like his half composition master. He had learned a lot of composition knowledge from Yang Zhongming's character card provided in the system's virtual space. Even though Yang Zhongming didn't know about this, Lin Yuan respected him and even regarded him as his half teacher. Singing his song on stage could be seen as a tribute.

"Hmm..."

Having decided to sing a song by Yang Zhongming, the question was which one to choose. As one of the top maestros on Blue Star, Yang Zhongming had numerous classic works, and the original singers were usually the King or Queen of singing.

"Got it!"

Lin Yuan suddenly thought of a song called "Leaving". It was one of Yang Zhongming's early works, representative of his initial compositions and was very suitable for the stage. Lin Yuan had a precise grasp of the competition's situation. He felt that choosing this song would secure his position in the top three. It's noteworthy that the original singer of this song was Fei Yang. At that time, Starlight and Splendid had a collaboration, so Yang Zhongming's song was given to Fei Yang, who was a top singer at the time.

"I'll go with this one."

After deciding on the song, Lin Yuan stopped thinking about it. He had no particular ambitions for the next round of the competition. He didn't necessarily want to be first; he just didn't want to be eliminated. After all, only one person would be eliminated in the next round, and there was no risk of that happening to Lin Yuan, who had had a leap in his singing skills.

Meanwhile, on the internet.

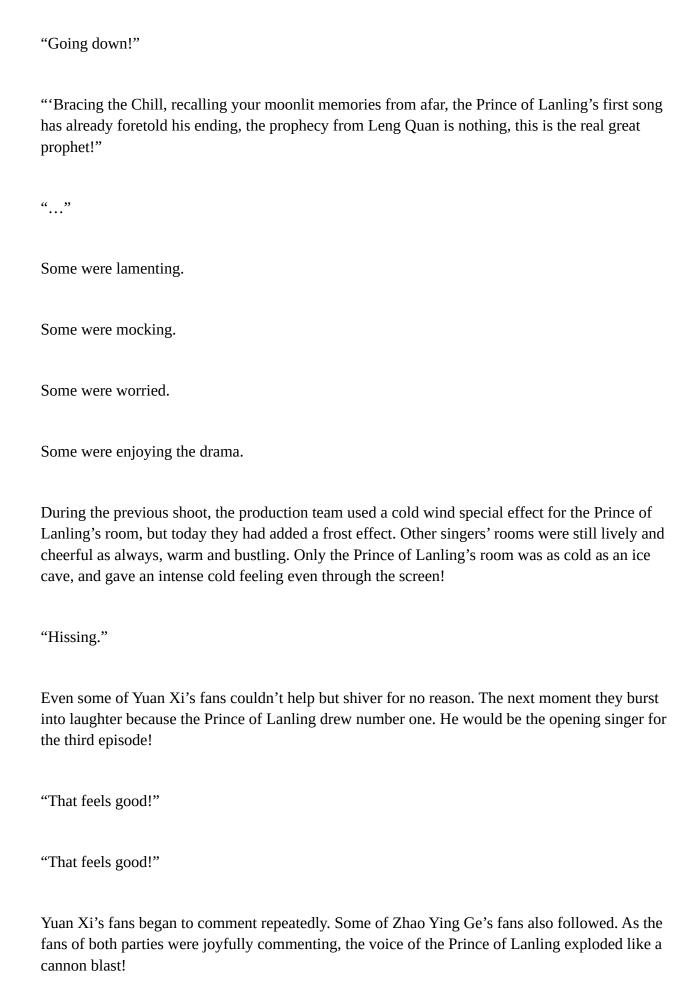
Those who kept discrediting Prince of Lanling showed no signs of stopping. As the third episode approached, the voices grew even stronger, especially among Yuan Xi's fans, who led various discourses.

The only surprise was:

Leng Quan seemed to have stopped?

Why had Leng Quan, who had been discrediting Prince of Lanling and riding on his popularity, suddenly fallen silent? He had participated in the recording of the third episode, so was his silence now due to confidentiality about the recording situation?

That must be it.
Nobody thought much of it. Amid the bustling noise from the outside world, time finally moved on to Sunday, and the much-anticipated third episode of "The Masked Singer" was officially aired!
Streaming!
Countless spectators started watching. The first scene presented to the audience was the Prince of Lanling getting off his car and receiving off-field cheers from fans who rushed from all over the country. This was followed by his utmost silence after entering the door
Comment section.
On the internet.
Many people were watching the show and discussing at the same time: "I feel that the state of the Prince of Lanling is not right in this episode. He was pretty quiet during the first two episodes, but at least he wasn't as silent as he is today."
"Poor thing."
"He's isolating himself."
"Not uttering a word."
"He must have been affected by the online trolls. Although I also don't fancy the Prince of Lanling, I don't dislike him as a person. What he said is pretty much the same as the judges, the only difference is that he's not a judge."
"Serves him right!"
"He criticized our Yuan Xi in the program, and he doesn't want us to mock him online? This Prince of Lanling is the type of gamer who is mediocre but loves to trash talk."



Booming!

Coupled with the extreme depression displayed by the Prince of Lanling in the opening, countless audiences in front of the screen suddenly felt goosebumps all over their bodies. The fans of Yuan Xi and Zhao Ying Ge were completely dumbfounded...

In the center of the stage!

The Prince of Lanling's mask, which was frightful yet almost splendid, was facing the central camera. His slightly husky and smoky voice was echoing on the stage of The Masked Singer!

It exploded in an instant!

Chapter 502: Fully Armed

"Oh my god!"

"Prince of Lanling is fierce!"

"This battle is full-on!"

"Fans of Yuan Xi, come out and take a beating! Is this the 'useless' you were talking about? Is this the 'crappy but love to brag' you were referring to?"

"Too awesome!"

"I'm down on my knees!"

"His level is on par with the first round, even more exhilarating, it's explosive!"

"This song is invincible!"

"I knew it wouldn't be ordinary the moment I heard the drum beat at the start. The way he handled the pipa was masterful. His voice hit me like a rush of blood to the head. This is definitely the most explosive performance since the start of the season!"

The comments were flooding in!
There was so much discussion!
Yuan Xi's fans were dumbfounded, Zhao Ying Ge's fans were also dumbfounded. The most underestimated performance of Prince of Lanling actually took the whole stage by storm!
The green room.
All the singers' reactions were caught on camera, followed by the four judges, the audience and the review panel. The emotional tension was extremely palpable—
Doubts?
Contempt?
At least in the face of such a song, any negative comments prove meaningless. Meanwhile, the audience really got to feel Prince of Lanling's third voice!
A smoky timbre!
That smoky timbre had already appeared in the second episode during the performance of "Boy," but it didn't prompt much discussion back then, partly because the song's response was mediocre and partly because only a few lines were sung in that smoky voice. But this song featured a smoky voice all the way!
So exhilarating!
So heroic!

"…"

Zhao Ying Ge's fans disappeared on the spot, they even felt there was no need to continue their quarrel with Prince of Lanling, given that the fan club was calling for calm and saying 'let's keep things peaceful'. Simultaneously. Yuan Xi's fans also backed off. They realized they couldn't touch this round's Prince of Lanling. However, they retreated strategically to avoid his edge, waiting for later games to make a comeback. Yuan Xi's fans would not give up easily. The rest of the audience kept on watching. The performances of the subsequent singers were also good, maintaining the consistent standard of "The Masked Singer", but Prince of Lanling's performance left the deepest impression. So much so that when the director announced at the end of the program Prince of Lanling was this week's number one, many screen comments all expressed the same four words: "Well-deserved!" During this process, Leng Quan's small interruption finally made everyone laugh, bringing the audience the greatest off-stage fun, particularly when Leng Quan clumsily tried to hide himself, the screen echoed with countless laughters. People finally understood why Leng Quan stayed silent.... For the sake of the program's secrecy? This guy is just afraid of losing face! But you can't just hide to avoid losing face. As soon as the program ended, Leng Quan's 'tribe' comment section was instantly bombarded, Prince of Lanling's fans rushed over like they were on steroids...

"Quit hiding."

"We see you."

"You had the guts to predict, don't hide and don't talk. I know you're watching, are you satisfied with this round's result?"
"The clown is actually me!"
"Who wins and who loses, only heaven knows!"
"Teacher Leng Quan, how many times have you listened to 'A Laughter in the Sea'? Teacher Prince of Lanling wants you to go back and listen to this song more."
" " …
Leng Quan still didn't respond.
Nor could he respond.
If people pay close attention, it seems that the crowd of fans of Prince of Lanling has grown somewhat since before?
The show ended!
Public opinion reversed!
No one mentioned that Prince of Lanling was not up to standard. Everyone's discussion had shifted from whether Prince of Lanling can do it or not to Prince of Lanling's smoky voice, and his vocal skills, even to his emotional quotient.
"His EQ is pretty high!"
Someone commented: "'Listen to this song more,' this sentence may not be explicit enough but obviously people have gotten countless answers from it. Some people think it's a mockery, some think it's a generous remark, and others think it's wise. Perhaps this is just a testament to Prince of Lanling's high EQ"

"High emotional quotient?"

Many netizens laughed: "If Prince of Lanling's EQ were as high as you say, he wouldn't have criticized Male Lion, also known as the famous singer Mu Shi, who was eliminated this round. Mu Shi was already eliminated and yet he added insult to injury, saying Mu Shi had a problem with breath mcontrol. Isn't this rubbing salt in the wound?"

"Well..."

"I also think there's a problem with Mu Shi's breath control, it's too frequent and lacks rhythm. I don't know if Mu Shi was nervous or something, anyway what Prince of Lanling said is true, his comments these episodes are all faultless."

" ... "

A new point of controversy emerged!

Prince of Lanling's performance this episode had indeed conquered many, but his mouth had also offended many, especially the fans of Mu Shi, the well-known singer!

"Too much!"

"Prince of Lanling is malicious!"

"Show-off as soon as he won!"

"Mu Mu just underestimated his opponent, he didn't anticipate that Prince of Lanling would do so well this round. If Mu Mu prepared better, he would certainly not be eliminated. Prince of Lanling should apologize to Mu Mu!"

"There's something wrong with this guy!"

"Do you have no problem with your breath control?"

"If you dare to take off your mask, we Mu Mu's fans will definitely rip you to pieces. You should know that you can eat whatever you want, but you can't speak recklessly!"
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Mu Shi fans were furious!
Many neutral netizens were amused. Since the show started, Prince of Lanling has been an endless topic, and he never stops commenting on other singers, offending one singer in each episode!
He offended Yuan Xi in the first round!
In the second, it was Zhao Ying Ge!
Mu Shi was the victim in the third round!
The show has only aired for three episodes, yet he managed to offend a diva and two top-tier singers! Are you secretly the fifth judge of the "The Masked Singer"?
Controversy!
Controversy!
Even many passersby were subtly divided into two factions. Some felt that Prince of Lanling should be more restrained; others felt that Prince of Lanling should remain this candid, without Prince of Lanling, the show would lose a third of its fun.
Thankfully
Although there were controversies about the person Prince of Lanling, his talent had gradually gained everyone's recognition. This time nobody was making speculations about Prince of Lanling being eliminated in the next episode. As it stood, Prince of Lanling was not someone who would be easily eliminated.

"Haha!"

At Lin Yuan's home, his sister, holding her stomach, laughed: "Prince of Lanling takes first place. This should have been the moment when online public opinion completely reversed. However, his big mouth manages to offend Mu Shi's fans again. You should know that Mu Shi was essentially eliminated by Prince of Lanling. Wouldn't Mu Shi's fans hate Prince of Lanling to death?"

"He came first."

His sister looked at Lin Yuan: "Only you predicted this round correctly. But 'A Laughter in the Sea' is indeed worth the first place. I think this is the best song you've written recently."

Lin Yuan didn't speak.

He was deep in thought.

His way of speaking had always been so direct. Why could everyone accept it before, but as soon as he put on the mask so many people disliked it?

Chapter 503: Here Again

The following day.

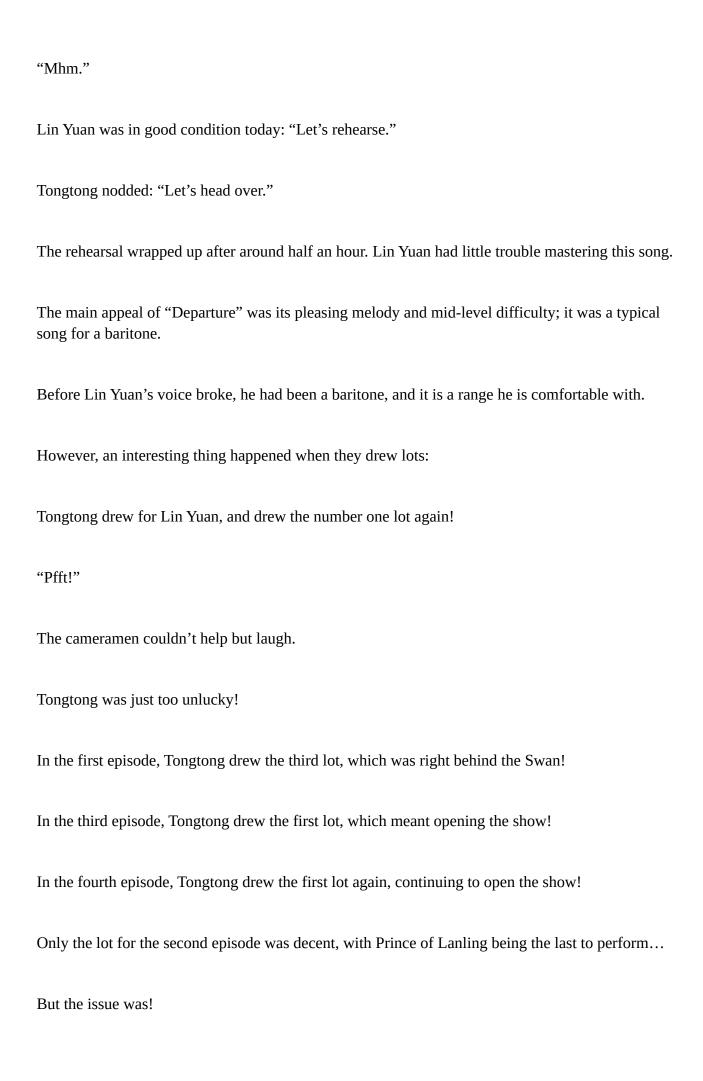
Lin Yuan arrived at the TV station to record the fourth episode.

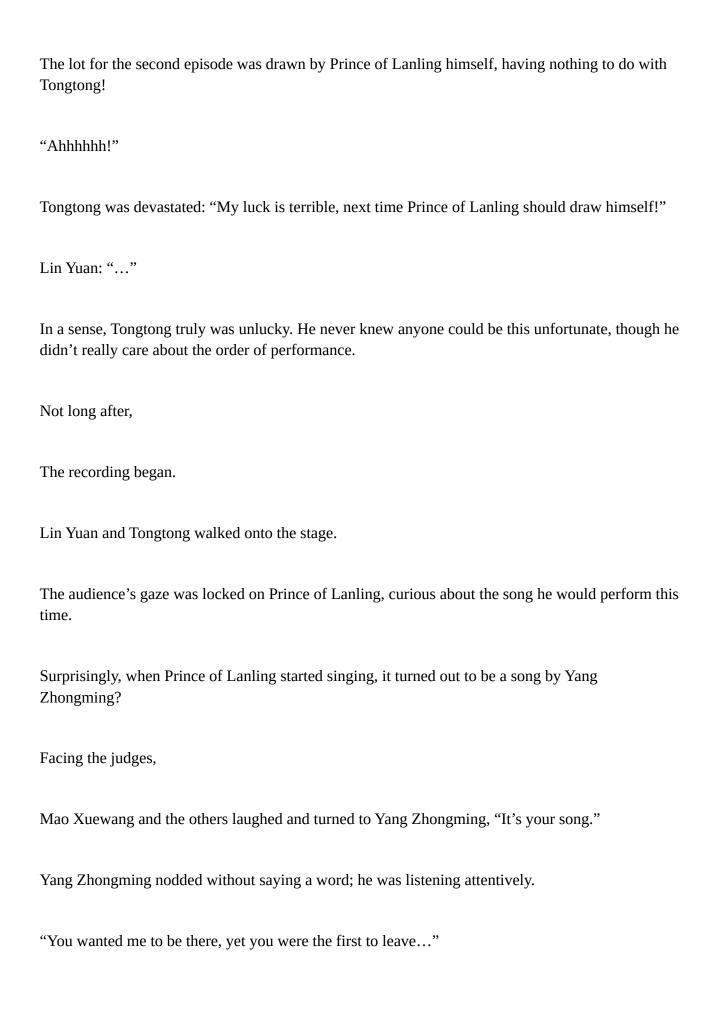
Before entering, he paused out of habit, waved to the cheering crowd outside the venue, then entered the music hall.

"Prince of Lanling's fanbase has grown," observed an observer.

Tongtong laughed, she could tell just how loud the cheers for Prince of Lanling were.

There were significantly more people cheering for Prince of Lanling today than during the third episode.





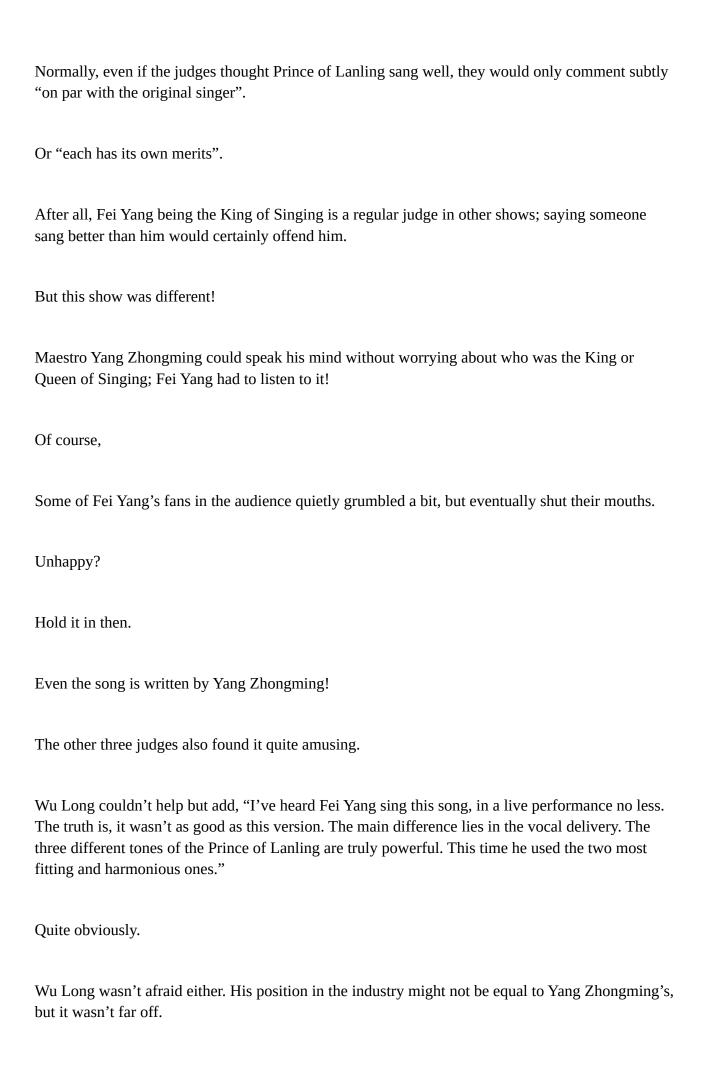
"That loveless glance as you turned around, disappearing into the sea..." "Please depart, taking your so-called love with you; let's guess each other's thoughts as the evening winds blow away the dust; you have no expectation for the future; the sunset waits as memories try to let go... So, it turns out that departure was your unexpected arrangement..." This song "Departure" was quite familiar to Blue Star. Lin Yuan made a few minor amendments to the original song to better fit the stage atmosphere; he didn't change the main melody though, choosing instead to alternate between male and female voices. This trick was really effective on the audience. There were quite a few cheers at the scene. After the performance, The applause began. The stage was not as explosive as when "Sea Laughter" was performed, but the audience didn't expect Prince of Lanling to be explosive in every episode. The duet between the male and female voices was very appealing.

The host turned to the judges, "Let's start with Teacher Yang Zhongming's evaluation this time."

Yang Zhongming nodded, surprisingly gave a slight smile, "I wasn't wrong. It's clear that your singing skills have improved in these few episodes, especially this song. Your interpretation of the

song is even better than the original singer, Fei Yang..."

The studio immediately became lively!



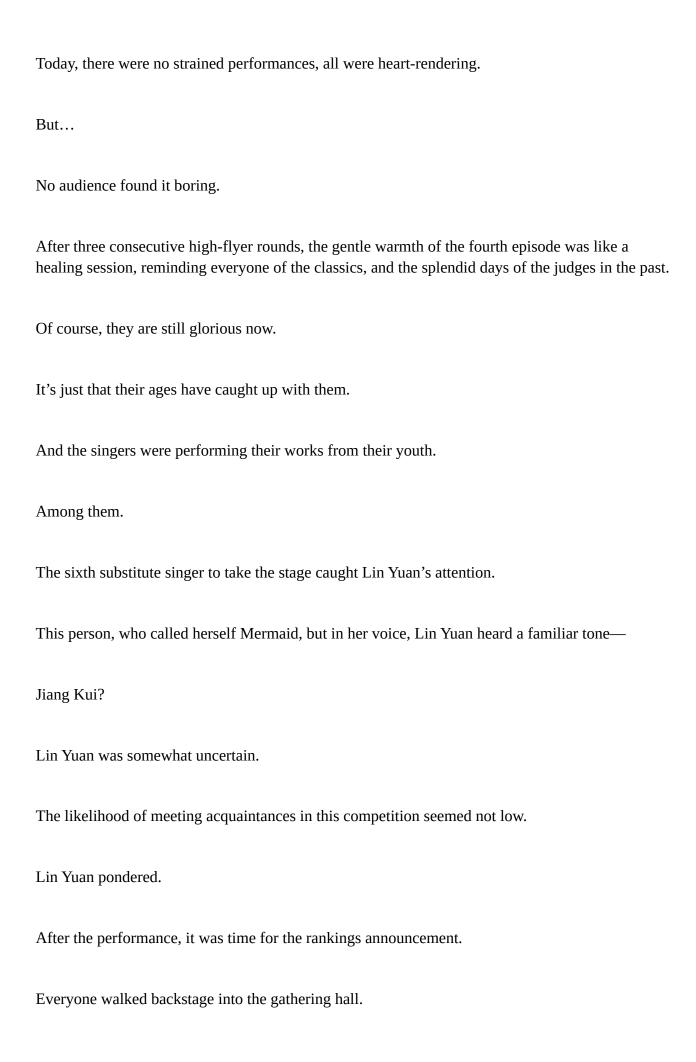
"Hmm."
Lin Yuan thought for a moment, then said, "I think Fei Yang sang this song perfectly. The song really fits his voice."
The judges are surprised.
The host is surprised.
Everyone is surprised.
The Prince of Lanling, who usually never compliments anyone, was actually praising someone? He even learned how to be humble?
Did he realize that he was likely offending a lot of people and decided to be tactful?
Everyone was a tad taken aback
Just then.
The Prince of Lanling added, "There may be some flaws in his rendition of other songs, but at least with this one, I think there's nothing wrong."
Huh?
Brother!
Are you complimenting or insulting him?
The scene suddenly erupted in a cacophony of whispers after an awkward pause.

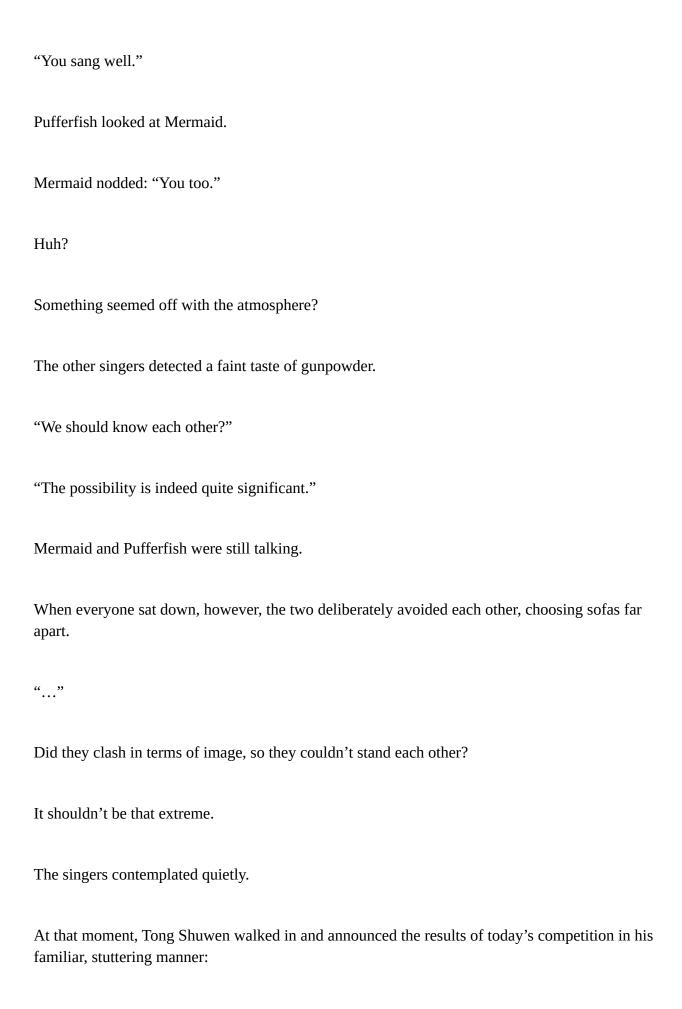


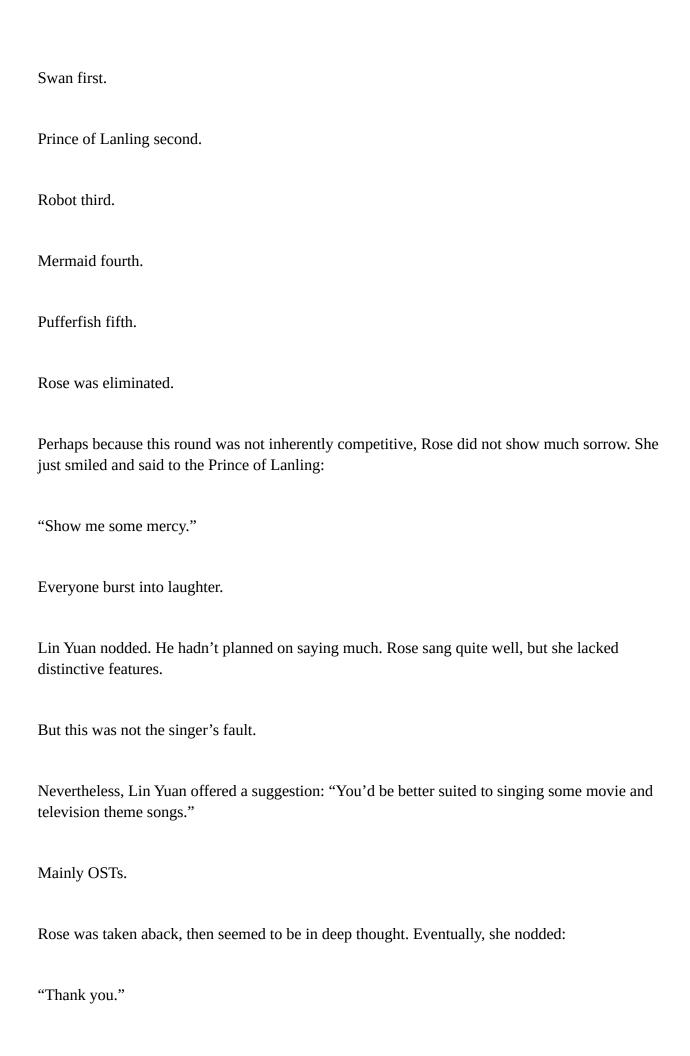
The Prince of Lanling agreed.

You're still agreeing over there!
The audience nearly lost it, some laughed, some shook their heads, and some slapped their thighs.
Fei Yang's fans had turned red with anger.
This Prince of Lanling, he's pushing his luck!
"snort."
This time, neither Liu Xu nor Mao Xuewang dared to interrupt. They couldn't control their laughter as well as An Hong and ended up snorting.
Could they not laugh?
This Prince of Lanling was just like a mobile turret!
Firing shots every episode!
All right!
Now, the King and Queen of Singing and the top-line male and female singers are all here!
Are you collecting stamps or what?
Yang Zhongming laughed, "Alright, that's enough for now. Thank you for singing my song, I really liked it."
Almost forgot this is a stage show
Got so engaged in discussing music with this kid

I'm not the one wearing a mask
Wu Long chuckled, "Wearing that Prince of Lanling mask of yours is like tossing a joke around. I suspect you might even get beaten up on the street."
Lin Yuan: ""
After yet another round of interactivity and comments, the Prince of Lanling exited the stage.
But there was no doubt.
Once the show aired, he would once again become the focus of attention for this episode! Chapter 504: Prince of Lanling, a Terrifying Thought
"Prince of Lanling"
Tongtong was looking at Lin Yuan in a trance.
"Hm?"
Lin Yuan was also looking at her.
Tongtong fell silent for about ten seconds, then sighed: "Nevermind."
Lin Yuan nodded.
The rest of the performances were also good. Everyone sang the judges' songs, making the judges quite moved. Liu Xu and Mao Xuewang even wiped their eyes. The atmosphere on the scene was very warm.
This was probably the least competitive round.

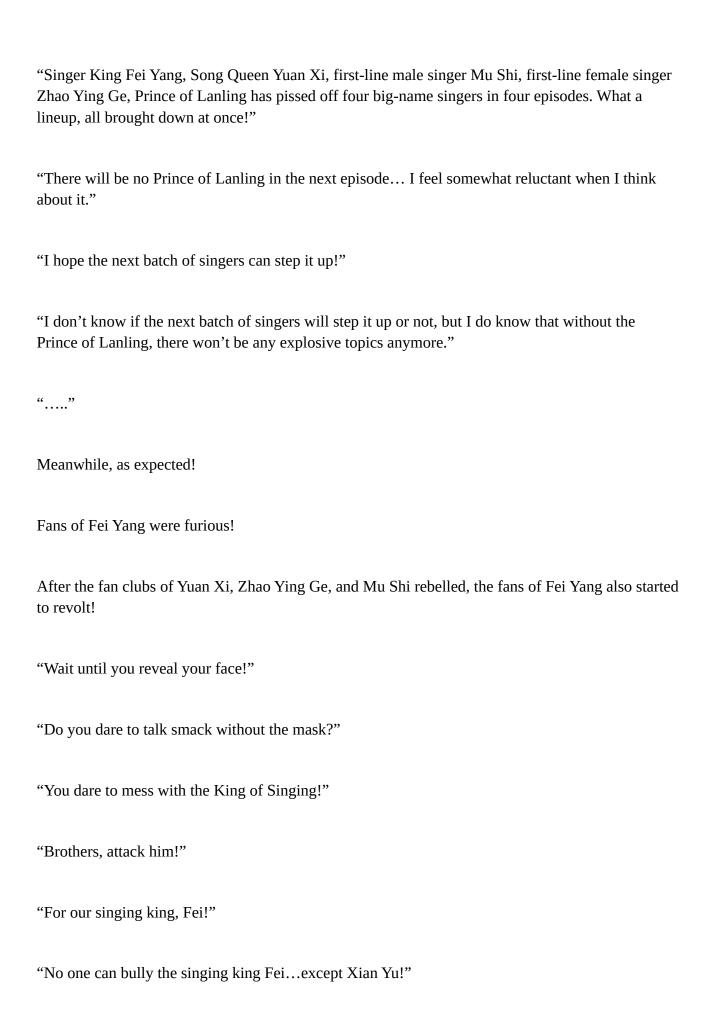












"Charge, charge, rush to the tower and kill him!"

"…"

Well, there's nowhere to go.

Because there's no competition from the Prince of Lanling later.

As Prince of Lanling has not revealed his identity, even if Fei Yang's fans want to fight, they can't find a place to do so. They can only keep hitting the topics of Prince of Lanling hard on some forums and badmouth Prince of Lanling together with the fans of other singers who were criticized before.

There are signs of forming alliances?

But netizens seemed to have grown accustomed to these singers' fans' excitement and did not respond much. Instead, some netizens summarized the four episodes' performance of Prince of Lanling:

"The strength of Prince of Lanling is a bit confusing now, as everyone hasn't shown their true selves yet!"

"The judges have said that Prince of Lanling's singing is improving every competition. Can this also be understood as him gradually revealing his real strength?"

"Setting aside the singing skill, I think the fact that Prince of Lanling loves to fire shots indirectly proves his strength."

"Right, looking at the end of the fourth episode, it's fascinating when Prince of Lanling was advising Yang Yang to sing more soundtracks for TV dramas in the future. As Yang Yang was unmasked, we all know that this advice is solid. Yang Yang is indeed very suitable for singing movie and TV soundtracks. But we came to this conclusion after Yang Yang's unmasking, while Prince of Lanling understood the other's strengths and weaknesses before their face reveal."

"Terrifyingly insightful!"

"I'd like to talk about the first episode again. All the people at the competition venue, including us viewers before the television, believed that Robot was first-rate. However, only Prince of Lanling and Father Yang, upon hearing Robot's only one performance, concluded that the other party was the Singing King. This proves how insightful Prince of Lanling is, as precise as Maestro!"

"Plus, Zhao Ying Ge said she was willing to accept criticism..."

"Looking back, everything Father Yang said is very similar to what Prince of Lanling said. But Prince of Lanling is not copying Maestro. Many times, he even spoke before Yang Zhongming."

"Yes, Prince of Lanling is just outspoken, but everything he said, I believe, are facts!"

"There is a problem with how Fei Yang sings some songs, and not only Prince of Lanling has pointed it out. Some big names in the industry have hinted at it before as well. When Prince of Lanling pointed it out on the scene of the competition, Father Yang agreed with him, and Teacher Wu Long also nodded in agreement."

"That being said, why do I feel like Prince of Lanling is kind of awesome?"

"At least in terms of commentary, he is indeed very professional!"

"Hey, what a pity Prince of Lanling won't be in the next episode..."

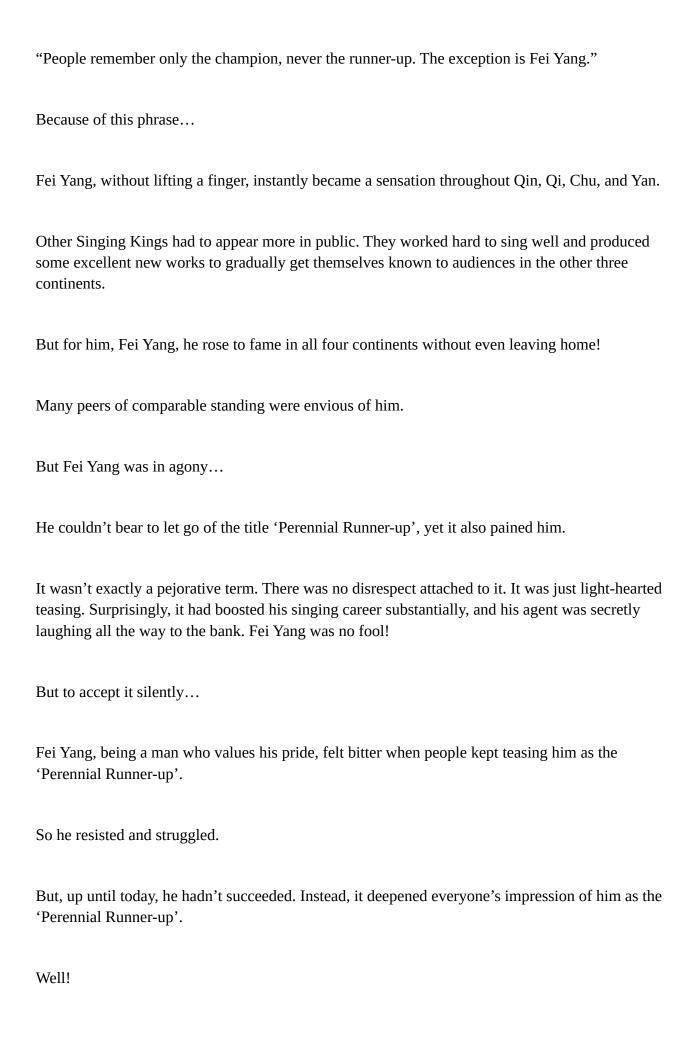
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Surprisingly enough.

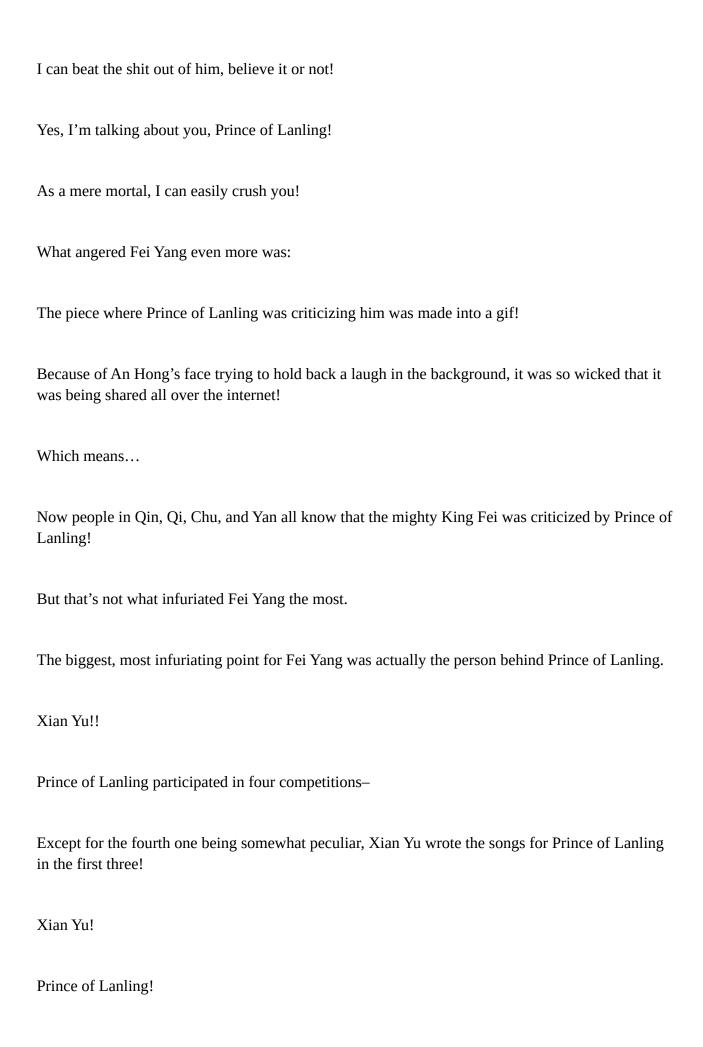
No matter whether they liked Prince of Lanling, they didn't like Prince of Lanling, or they were neutral audience members, after seeing the later competition plan of the program, they all felt a sense of discomfort.

Moreover, for the past month, they had been arguing about Prince of Lanling's topics every day, and many people had grown used to it.

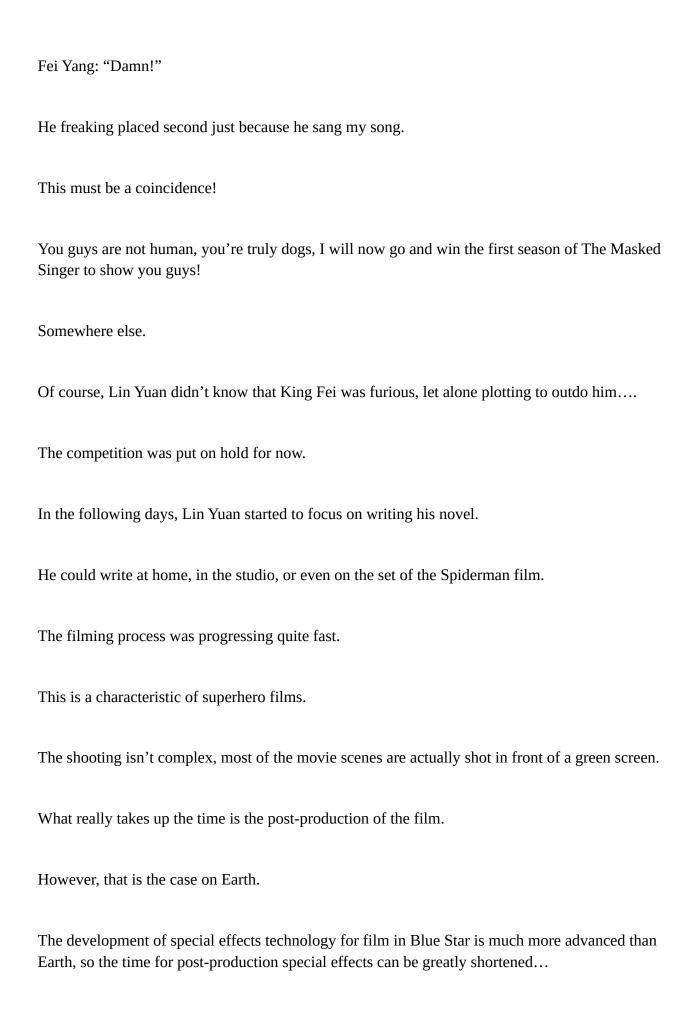




If I can't beat them, I could at least avoid them, right?!
Fei Yang decided that he would avoid Xian Yu at all costs. He really wanted to concede.
He executed this plan quite well initially.
He didn't even participate in The Masked Singer, fearing that he might suddenly spot Xian Yu among the panel of judges when he was performing!
Who would've known
Xian Yu didn't even show up for the show at all!
Instead, a mysterious singer named Prince of Lanling criticized that he was a poor singer!
Damn!
This infuriated Fei Yang.
Being criticized by Father Yang was one thing.
He was a maestro, even scarier than Xian Yu.
But on what grounds did Prince of Lanling do it?
Who do you think you are?
Do you really think because I'm the "Perennial Runner-up", that means I suck?
It's because I, King Fei, competed against Xian Yu!
Try replacing him with another opponent.



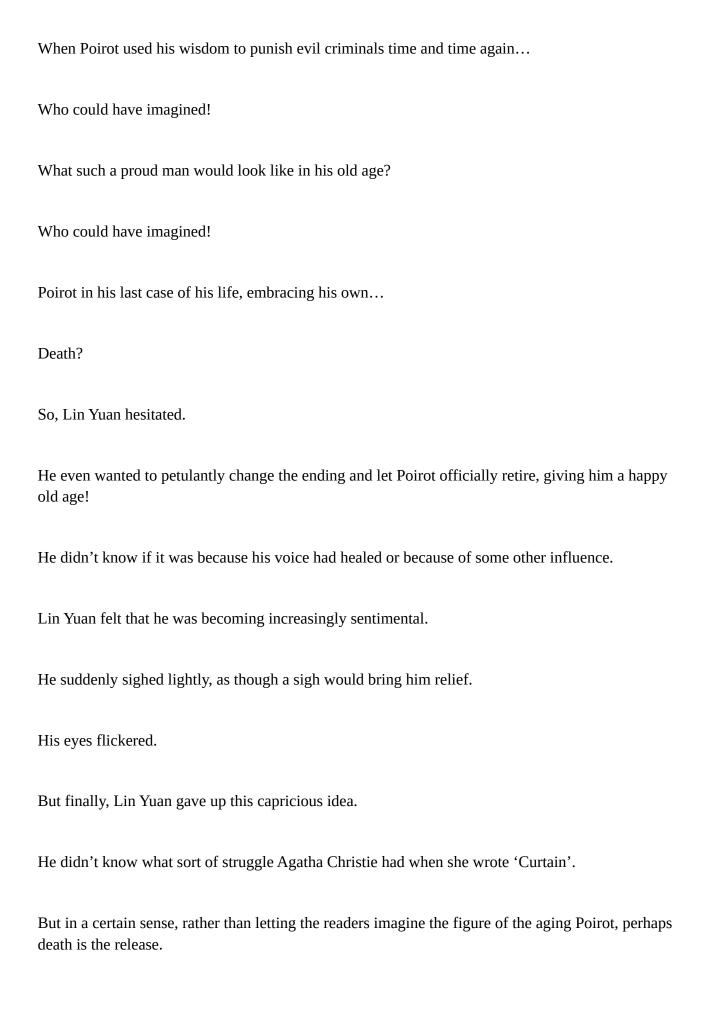
The two of them getting together!
Both old and new grudges combined, Fei Yang exploded!
Although he's wary of Xian Yu, he's not afraid of Prince of Lanling.
This is a competition of singing skills!
No matter how good your song is, it's pointless without singing skills!
Live performance and leaderboard of the season are not the same concept!
Fei Yang decided that he would participate in this competition, regardless! This might be his only chance to get back at Xian Yu. Even if he won't end up as the champion, Fei Yang would still unleash his most terrifying strength to give his opponent a taste of his power!
Just at that moment.
Fei Yang came across a popular comment on the internet:
"Have you guys noticed a mysterious phenomenon?"
"What phenomenon?"
"Prince of Lanling sang Fei Yang's song and then secured the second place."
"Holy crap! The power of being second is awesome!"
"Compared to Chen Zhiyu, King Fei outperforms his predecessor, while Prince of Lanling is just singing his songs and is destined to be second!"
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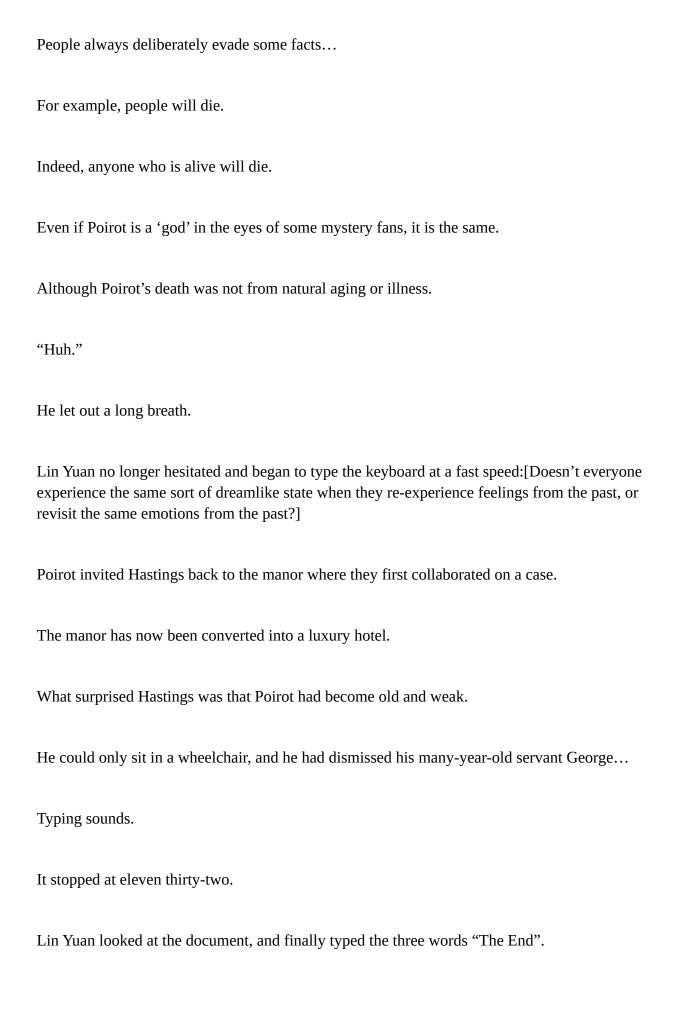


Of course.
As Lin Yuan was putting all his effort into writing his novel, he was making rapid progress, this was his first attempt at non-stop writing around the clock—
Swiftly and steadily!
One story after another from the Hercule Poirot Series came to life under Lin Yuan's pen.
This was also related to Lin Yuan's recovery.
Lin Yuan's current health was absolutely great.
In the past, he could write up to fifty thousand words a day, after which he would feel quite tired.
But now, he could write up to a hundred thousand words a day. Even if he didn't feel incredibly energetic afterwards, at least he wasn't in low spirits.
Moreover
Being healthy brought Another benefit to Lin Yuan: he didn't need to keep a fixed sleep schedule any more.
In other words:
Lin Yuan experienced the joy of staying up all night writing.
However, Lin Yuan had good self-control, generally staying up until midnight, and then he would obediently go to sleep.
In System's words



In the past few days, while writing those previous cases, his hands moved quickly, his fingers on the keyboard were like phantoms.
But at this moment.
Lin Yuan's hand stalled in the air above the keyboard, as if someone had pressed the stop button.
It wasn't that he couldn't bear finishing "The Hercule Poirot Collection".
Lin Yuan, under the pseudonym "Chu Kuang," had ended too many classic stories, he'd never hesitated, and he'd never felt uncomfortable when writing the grand finale.
But
This novel will be the first time Chu Kuang cruelly kills the male protagonist
Yes.
Poirot, will die!
Chapter 506: Distributing razor blades
It's somewhat ironic.
This year, with the help of the system, Lin Yuan's body became incredibly healthy.
However, his Poirot, the endearing detective with the proud little mustache and gray brain cells, is now growing old.
When Poirot began to make waves in the detective world
When Poirot gradually became a myth in the hearts of mystery readers





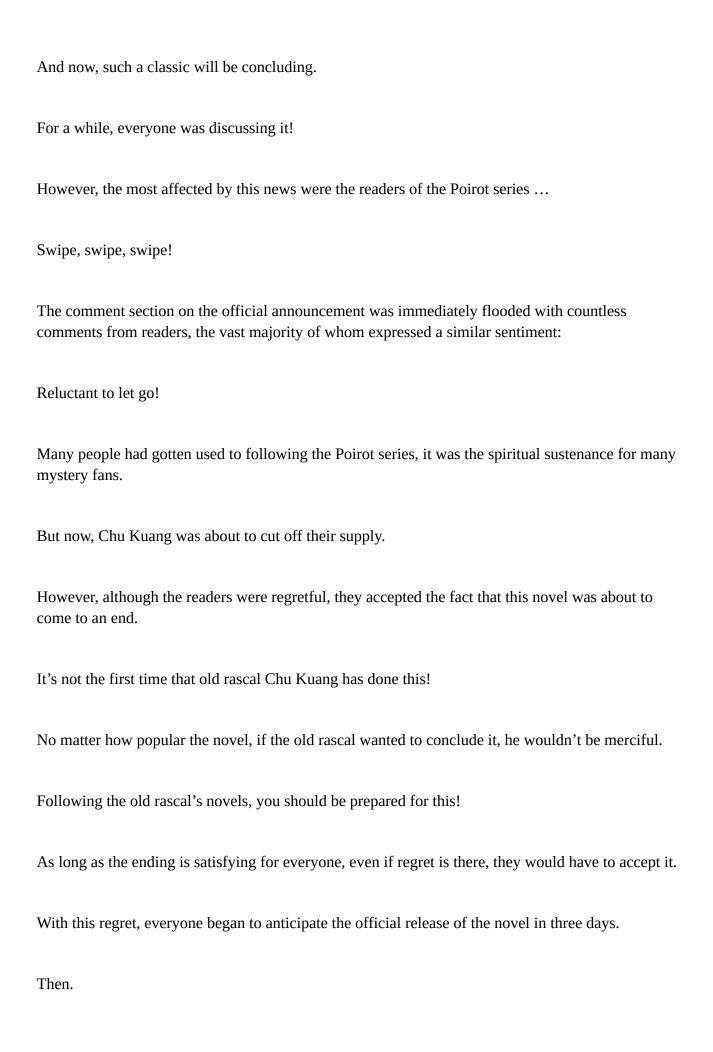
After Poirot, it should be a story about Holmes
These two characters should have no connection in the background because the authors are not the same person at all.
But in Blue Star, these two works should both be written by Chu Kuang.
Therefore, why not let the two brightest characters in detective history have some connection?
This connection can be very shallow.
But the two should intersect at some moment.
This can also be regarded as an indirect new book teaser.
The readers will understand.
After Poirot, there is another man who will achieve outstanding success in the same field.
"Let's just do this"
Lin Yuan started typing on the keyboard, adding a few strokes.
It was at Poirot's funeral.
After Hastings presented flowers and bowed, as he was preparing to leave, he noticed a mysterious man wearing a bowler hat, nodding his head in respect at Poirot's tombstone.

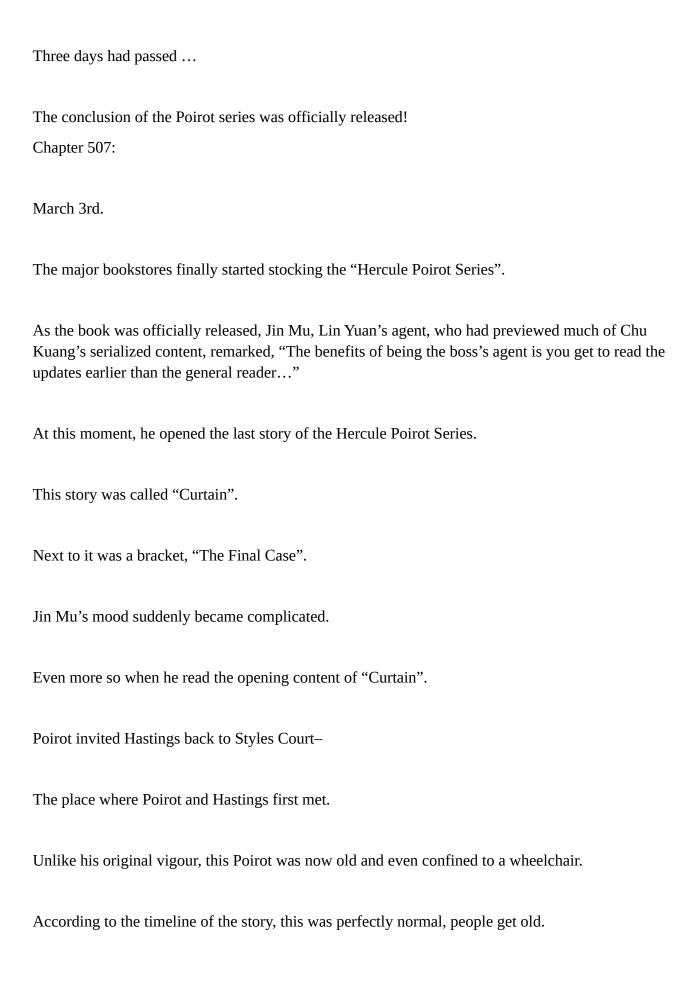
As he was about to close his laptop, Lin Yuan suddenly paused.

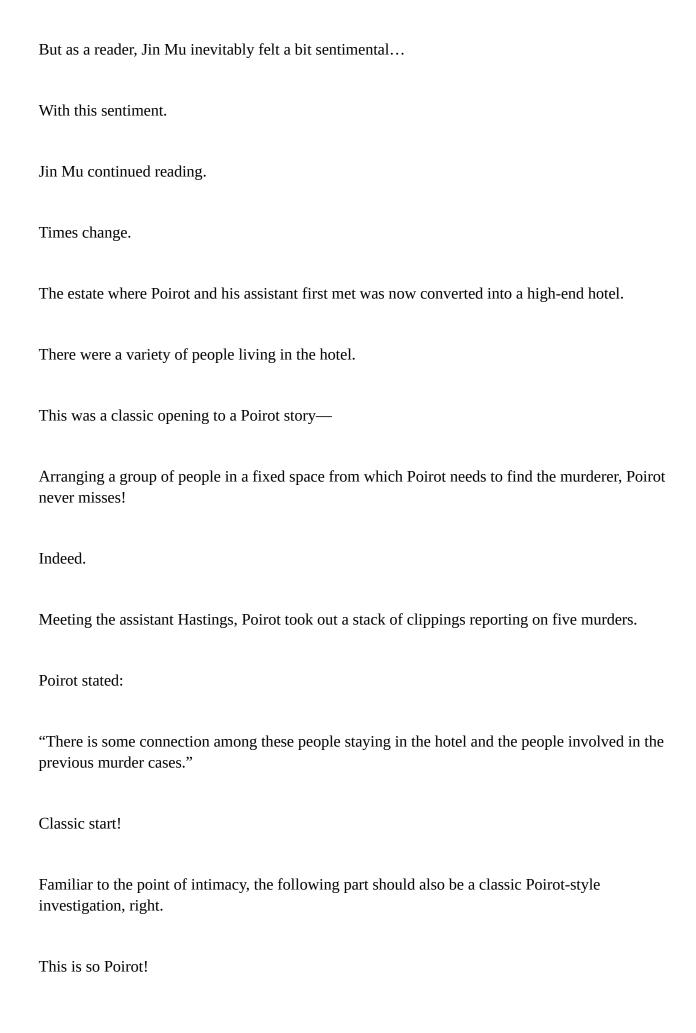


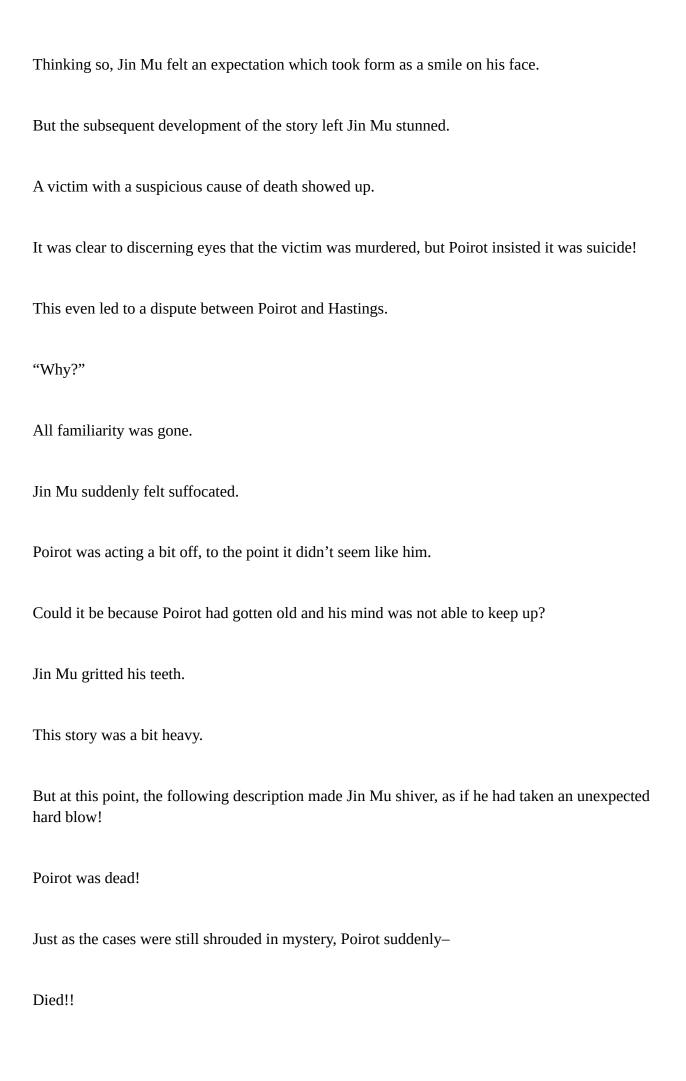
For once, Lin Yuan comforted him: "Calm down." Cao Dezhi seemed to realize he was being overly emotional. He swallowed, lowered his voice slightly: "I don't mind you concluding the 'Hercule Poirot Series', even if you don't write detective novels anymore, but why did you kill off Poirot, and in such a way ..." Lin Yuan pondered and said: "This is Poirot's life." Cao Dezhi opened his mouth, but eventually, he said nothing. He stayed silent for a long time before asking, "So, the mysterious figure who appeared at the end of your story ..." "Is the protagonist of my next book." "So you're planning to continue writing mysteries?" "Why wouldn't I?" "I understand." In the end, Cao Dezhi didn't manage to persuade him. Actually, Cao Dezhi was also aware that he probably wouldn't be able to change Chu Kuang's mind. When had this person's ideas ever been influenced by an editor? Him making this call today was less out of his identity as an editor, and more as a reader.

Because he not only supervised the 'Hercule Poirot Series', but he himself was also a hardcore Poirot fan! As a hardcore Poirot fan, it was hard for him to accept Poirot's death, especially in such manner. Although he understood that the 'Hercule Poirot Series' had already been long enough. Poirot's death didn't mean a cliffhanger or unfinished story, but rather made Poirot's character image clearer and easier for readers to remember. "This old rascal, still handing out blades to readers even after it's over ..." Cao Dezhi grumbled in his mind, but he didn't dare to say it out loud, even though Chu Kuang's fans often call him that. That night. Silver Blue Books officially announced this shocking news: "The classic detective masterpiece, 'Hercule Poirot Series' by Mr. Chu Kuang will officially conclude in three days!" Boom! As soon as the news came out, the mystery field was instantly shook! Even the entire novel community was shaken up! This is the treatment that the 'Hercule Poirot Series' deserves! There were too many who adored this series! Within the whole mystery field, this novel was undeniably a classic masterpiece!









Heart attack!!!
At this moment, Jin Mu's hand holding the book trembled, and he instinctively yelled out:
"Impossible!"
The final case had only just begun and it was still unsolved, and Poirot died?
What kind of bizarre development was this!?
The author actually killed off the main character!!
Feeling numb and rigid, Jin Mu began breathing heavily. He got up and paced for a long while, striving to suppress his emotions—
It's over!
Jin Mu was clearly aware what it meant to the readers that the boss had killed off Poirot, the super popular main character!
Shock!
The more Poirot fans there were, the more terrifying this shock would be. No one would be indifferent to Poirot's death!
Even he finds it hard to accept Poirot's death at this moment!
But Poirot is indeed dead —
No narrative trickery involved, the story straightforwardly tells all readers that Poirot has died.
His body is icy cold!

Even the funeral was held!
Grief swept over Jin Mu in an instant. Not only was he Poirot's agent, but he was also a fan of Poirot.
He can only force himself to continue reading.
He wants to know if the story will take a new turn —
Indeed, there is a new development.
Poirot's death may have been a homicide.
Because Hastings realized that Poirot's heart disease medication bottle had gone missing.
A heartbroken Hastings decides to find out the truth.
The atmosphere is oppressively stifling.
It used to always be Poirot seeking the truth.
But this time, Poirot himself has become the victim.
And Hastings, as Poirot's assistant, has to find the truth himself.
In the end.
Hastings was unsuccessful.
The one who solved the case was still Poirot himself!

Undeniably, Poirot is dead; this fact cannot be changed. But he left Hastings a will.
This will revealed all the truth:
It turns out Poirot had found out who the real killer was a long time ago.
But this killer was unique, he never killed anyone himself, instead, he manipulated others' psychological weaknesses and subtly induced them to commit murder.
These crimes were conceived and orchestrated by him.
Yet, he always managed to stay outside the circle of suspicion —
Or rather, he could keep himself out of the circle of suspicion.
The innkeeper, because of a story this man told about a gun accidentally going off, intentionally made it look like a hunting rifle went off accidentally and shot his domineering wife; he just didn't hit her vitals because he went soft at the last moment.
It was again this man who induced Mrs. Franklin to murder her husband for her own convenience to remarry.
However, because the table was rotated, Mrs. Franklin unwittingly drank the poison coffee. To prevent the innocent Mr. Franklin and Hastings's daughter Judith from being suspected, Poirot declared the woman had committed suicide
Yes.
The reason why Poirot argued with Hastings was simply because he wanted to protect his good friend's daughter.
Then

This man led Hastings to misunderstand that his daughter had been seduced by a rogue, which almost led Hastings to kill the rogue! Luckily, Poirot discovered it in time and drugged Hastings to make him sleep early so he couldn't carry out his plan. Poirot was furious. His upright and kind friend was taken advantage of by the killer's psychological tricks, and almost became a murderer himself! Poirot felt he can no longer tolerate it! Unable to bring the killer to justice through legal means, Poirot made a dreadful decision! He decided to eliminate the real villain himself — Norton! After killing Norton, Poirot hid his own heart disease medicine and let himself die from the outbreak of his illness. He was prepared to accept divine judgement. Yes, Poirot chose suicide after killing the killer; he killed the killer at the price of becoming one himself. There was a feeling of suffocation in Jin Mu's heart. And when he saw Poirot's last message to his assistant, his chest felt even more congested: "Hastings, I'm not sure if what I've done is right or wrong. I am confused. I do not believe that a person should hold the law in his own hands... But on the other hand, I am the law. Do remember,

many years ago, while I was still a policeman, I once shot a desperate criminal who was shooting at

people from the roof. A state of emergency was about to be declared then. By taking away Norton's life, I have saved other lives — the lives of innocents.

But still, I really don't know...

Maybe it's better that I don't know, I'm always so certain — overconfident even... But now, I feel very inferior. I can only say to you like a child, 'I don't know...' Goodbye, dear friend. I have removed the bottle of amyl nitrite from beside my bed. I would rather leave myself in the hands of God. He might punish, he might forgive, I wish it would come soon! We will not be together to punish criminals anymore. Our first case was here, and the last is here as well... Those were good times. Yes, those were always my best times..."

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Tears fell.

Unbeknownst to him, Jin Mu's tears have overflowed.

Chapter 508: Riot

Jin Mu was not the only reader who shed tears over the tragic death of Poirot.

As everyone joyfully bought the latest "Poirot Case Collection", more and more readers gradually came to the ending.

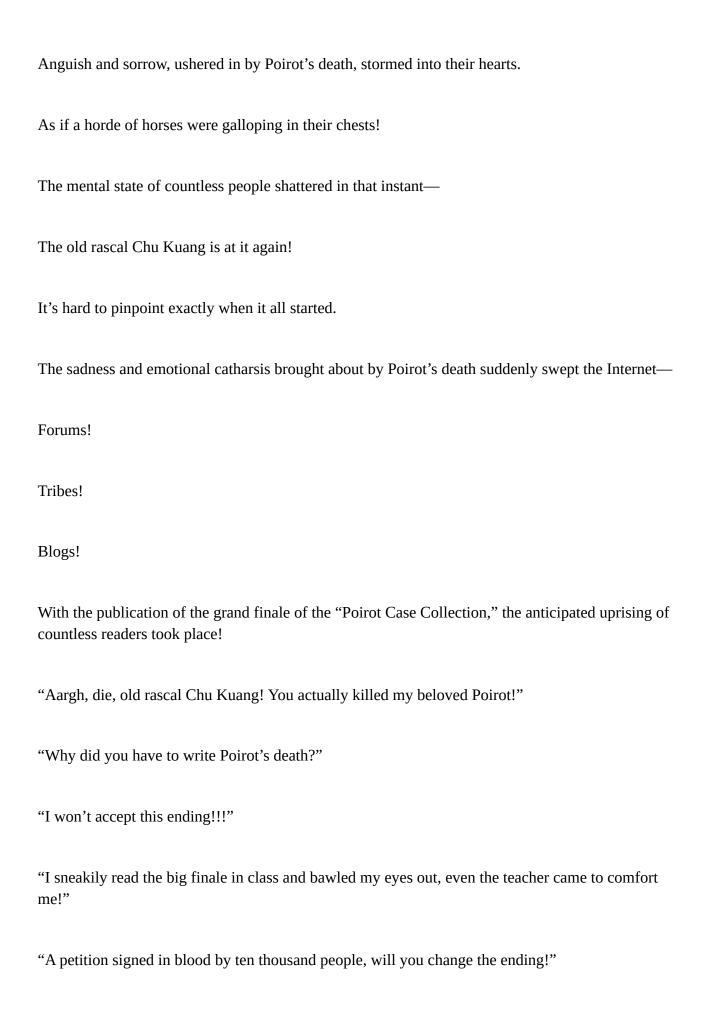
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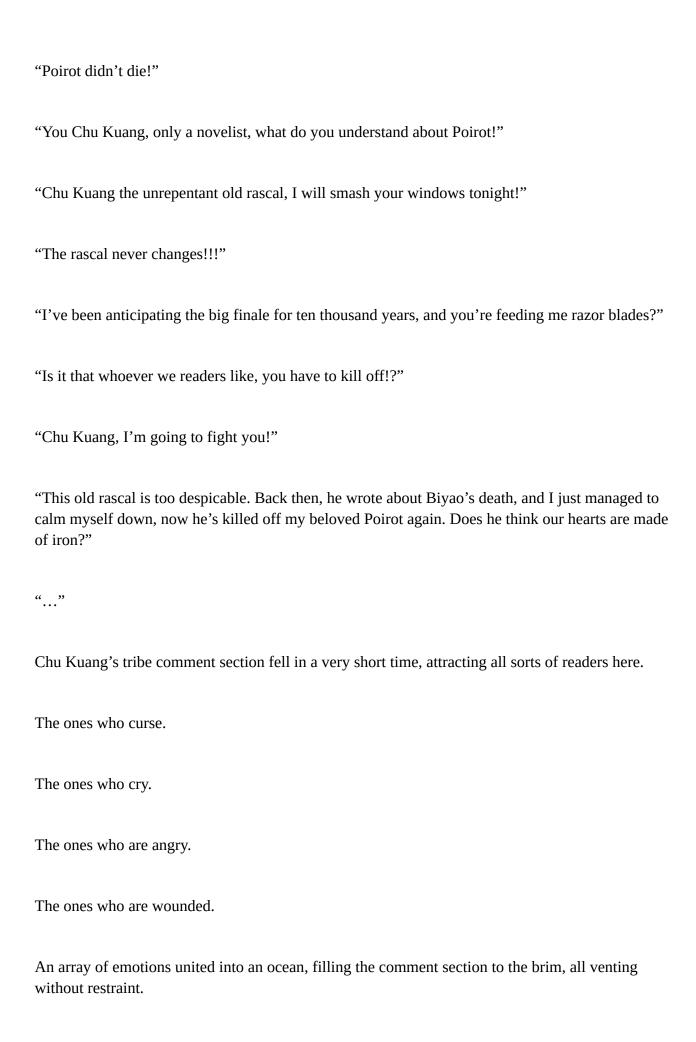
When the first batch of readers confronted Poirot's unexpected death in the closing section, they all had similar reactions—

Their suffering simply came a little later than Jin Mu's.

But the intensity of their feelings was no less intense.

It was as if their hearts were suddenly clutched by an invisible hand.















Non-stop notification alerts! Angry netizens began to confront Leng Guang, among them, the comment with the most likes was: "You've been sweet-talked by Chu Kuang!" Unexpectedly, Leng Guang responded to this comment: "With Poirot's ability, he could have made Norton's death look like a perfect crime. But he didn't. Poirot was forced to make a tough choice: either forsake his cherished friend and many innocent lives in the future, and let this evil man continue to break the law; or lift his gun of righteousness against his own principles. As for those who say Poirot could never do such a thing, I suggest you reread 'Murder on the Orient Express' and observe Poirot's choice then!" The netizens were stunned. Shortly after, it was as if they woke up from a dream! Chapter 509: The Pit Was Dug Long Ago Yes, everyone has come to this realization! Among the cases Poirot solved, the most famous, and the one that readers enjoyed the most is "Murder on the Orient Express"!

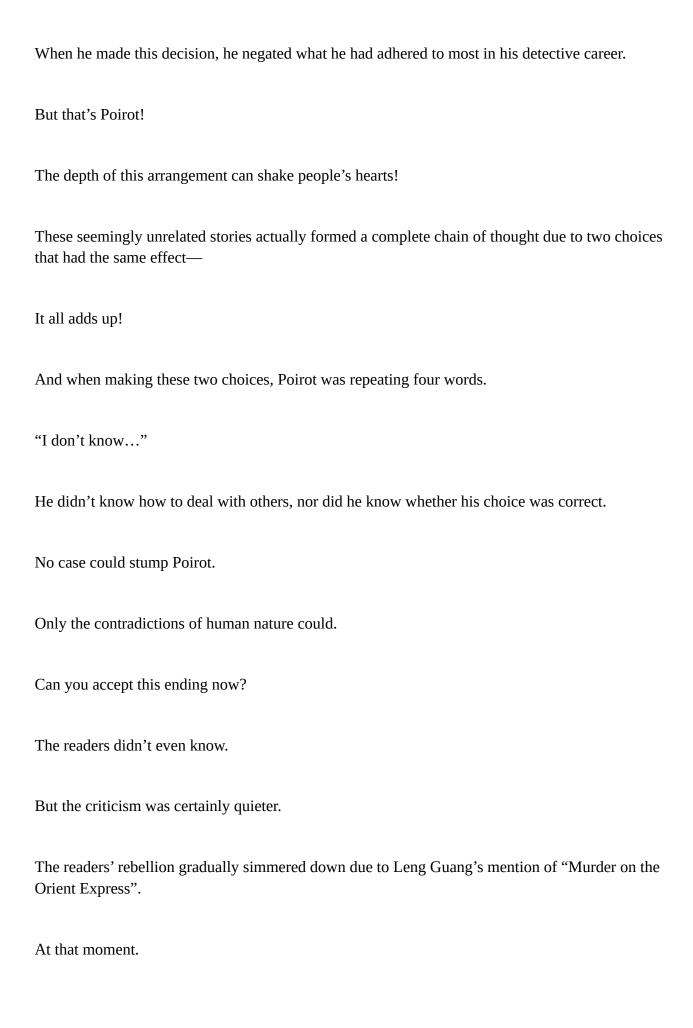
Because the law could not punish the murderer who was beyond its reach, a group of people took up the butcher's knife and killed the murderer using a stunning collective crime methodology.

In "Murder on the Orient Express", Poirot chose to let the murderer go.

Fight violence with violence!

After uncovering the truth, Poirot hesitated for a long time and eventually decided not to turn this group in.
Poirot's handling of the case at the time caused controversy.
However, in "Curtain", there is another murderer who can't be punished by law.
This murderer exploited other people's psychological weaknesses to instigate them to kill, while he stood far away, watching.
A real outlaw!
He even incited Poirot's good friend Hastings to kill!
If it wasn't for Poirot's perception, Hastings would've become a murderer.
If Poirot can't control the other party, they will continue to go crazy.
Under such circumstances, Poirot made the same choice as the murderers in "Murder on the Orient Express"—
Fight violence with violence!
Be it right or wrong.
This act, at least, didn't violate Poirot's characterization. Instead, it made Poirot's character more solid!
Indeed.
He could forgive those people because he, too, would make the same extreme choice in the darkest hours!

However, the difference is that
Poirot could pardon others for fighting violence with violence to punish murders, but he could never forgive himself for using the same method.
So after he killed the murderer, he committed suicide.
He countered the murderer, sharing the same fate!
And this is exactly the greatness of Poirot!
After realizing this.
Many people were silent.
The torrent of abuse aimed at Chu Kuang quieted down all of a sudden.
Due to the story mentioned, many people's grievances were no longer valid.
Surprisingly.
It turns out that Chu Kuang had hinted at this in "Murder on the Orient Express". He had been setting the trap all along.
The difference is, after fighting violence with violence, that group still wanted to live on.
But Poirot chose death as his redemption.
He felt guilty for himself.
He broke the principle he had adhered to all his life.







However, this is indeed a double-edged sword. While Urobuchi's work is exciting, his work is fundamentally dark. He is not comfortable unless he's serving pains to his readers, which always keeps them on edge. You never know when your favorite character will die.. Isn't that also the case with Chu Kuang? The readers never imagined that Poirot would die in the end of "Poirot Detective Collection"! How could he?! How dare he?! Poirot's popularity among mystery fans is top tier. Normal authors wouldn't dare to play with such risks. Only Chu Kuang dares to! This not only tired out the readers but also left many authors and editors speechless— "This is terrifying." "The title of 'old rascal' fits him well." "I thought him writing Biyao's death was his limit, I never thought he would dare to write Poirot's death." "Biyao was not the protagonist after all. So her death was passable, but I didn't expect him even to harm the protagonist!"

"The key is, Biyao's popularity was not high before her death, Poirot's popularity was at its peak

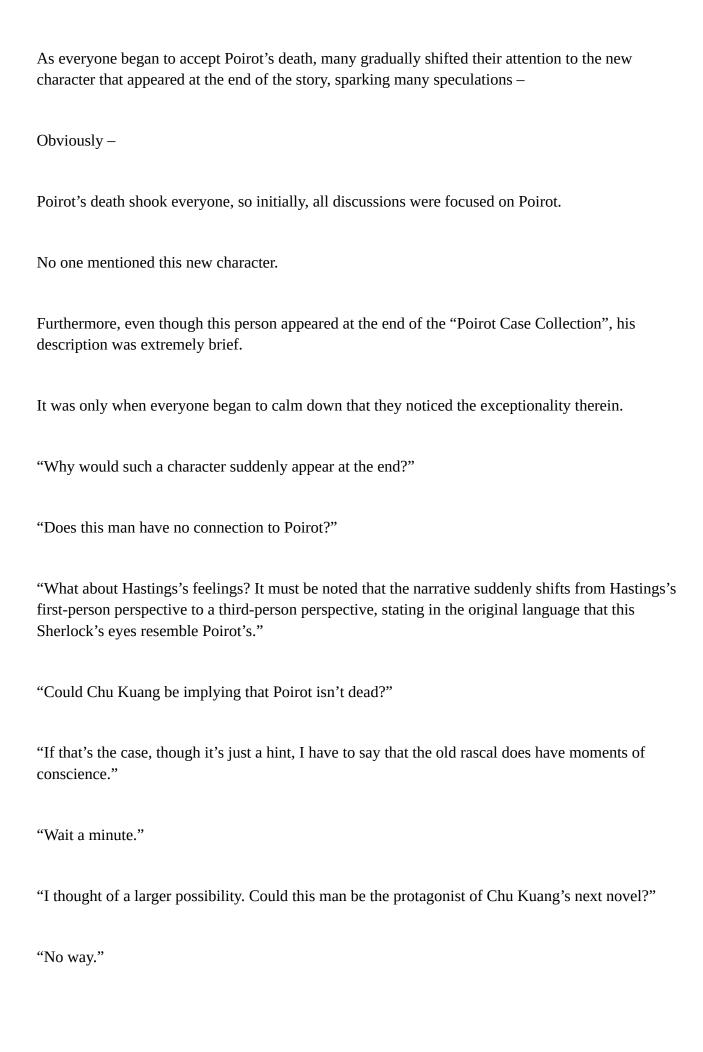
when he died!"

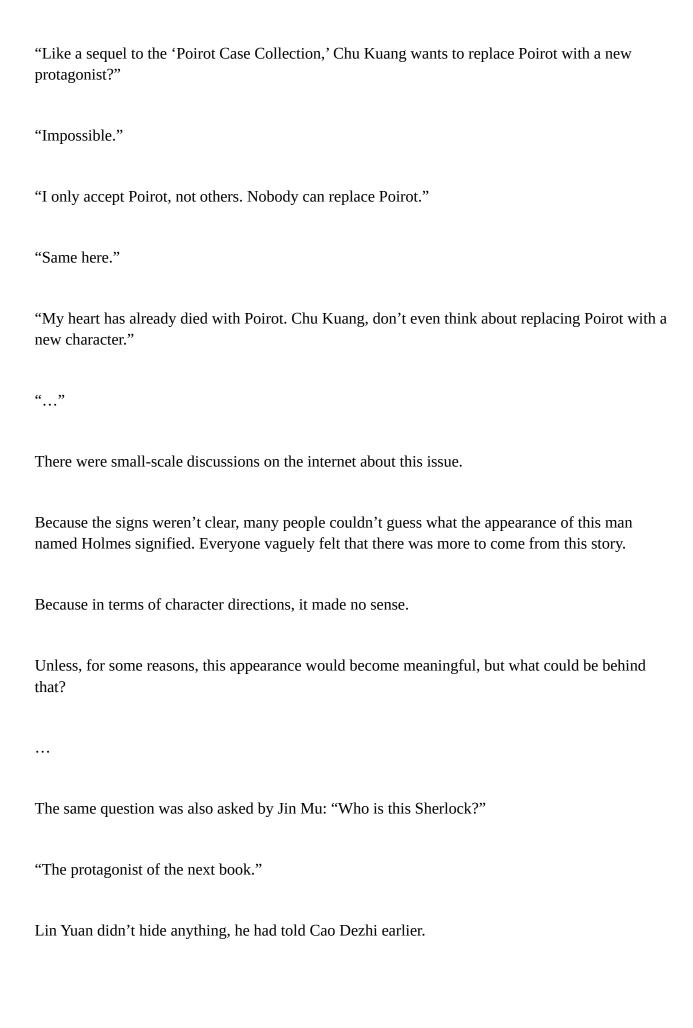
"Chu Kuang is truly wild and arrogant. He is indeed the man who single-handedly took on nine people!" "This is so savage!" "Most authors these days are careful and aim to please the reader, only Chu Kuang is messing with readers' nerves constantly." Someone concluded: There have been two readers' uproars in the novel circle. The first one was because of Chu Kuang, and so was the second one. Chapter 510: Out with the Old, In with the New "Finally, it has calmed down." When departmental phone calls ceased and the constant clamor of his subordinate editors finally quieted, Cao Dezhi could finally breathe a sigh of relief. He thought for a moment, flipping through the pages of the "Poirot Case Collection" next to him and focused on the last paragraph. [Hastings suddenly spotted a man. The man must have been over one meter eighty, holding a bowler hat in his left hand and bowing to Poirot's grave. Hastings had never seen this man before and couldn't help but approach him.

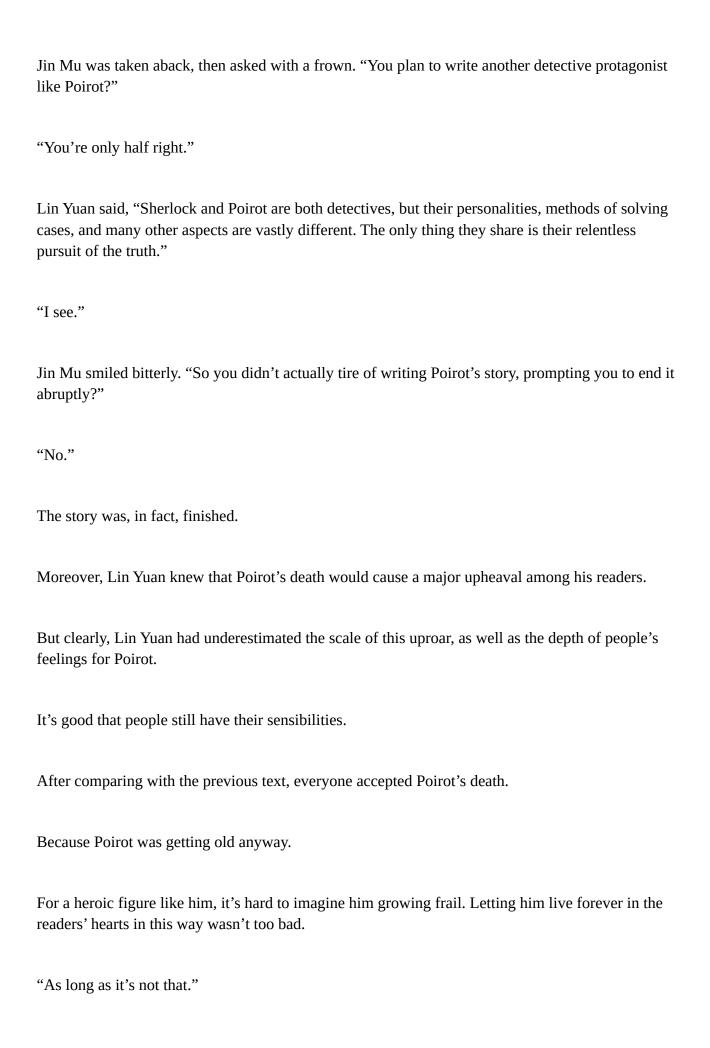
The man had a slicked-back hairstyle, a defined face like a polished diamond, and a thick and long eagle hook nose made him look especially alert and resolute. Hastings, for some reason, found something eerily familiar about him.

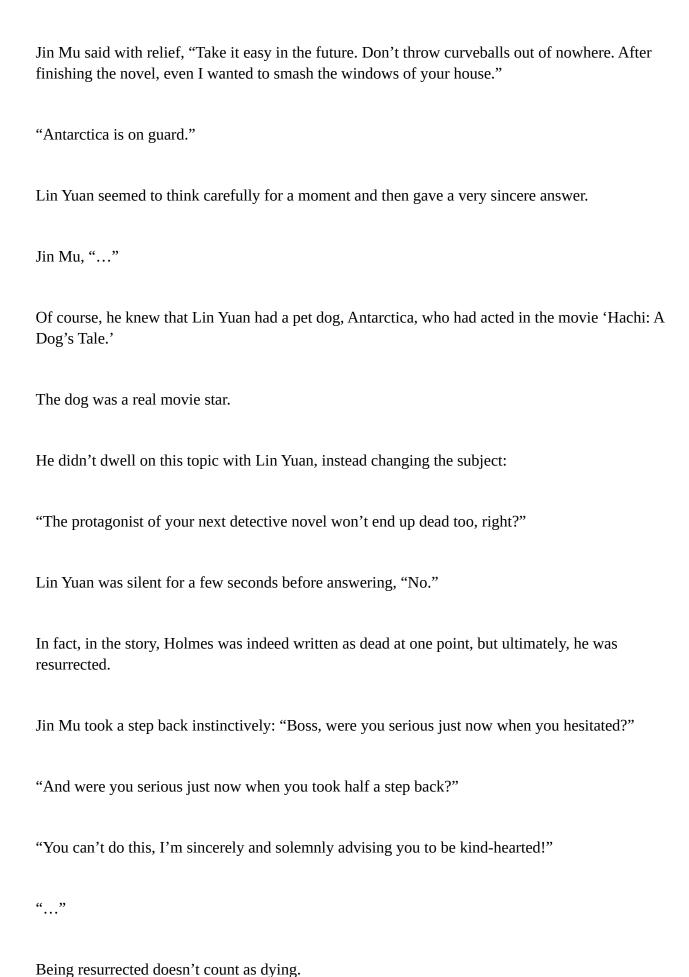
"May I ask who you are...?"

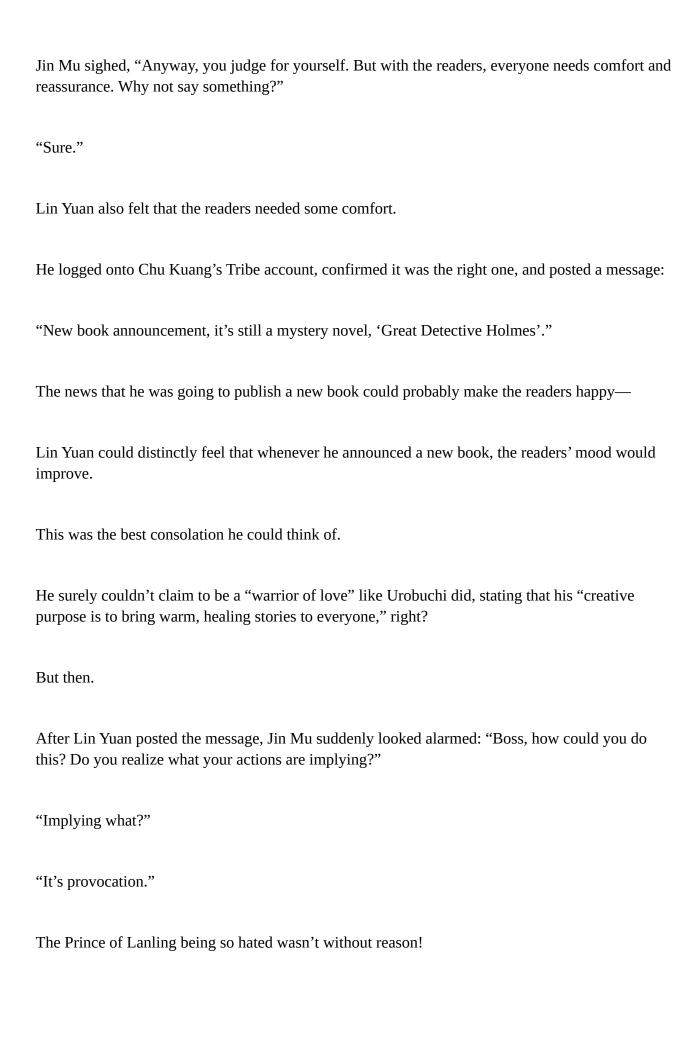












You wrote off Poirot and then immediately sought to replace him in the readers' hearts with a new character?
Are you implying that without the old, the new will not come in?

Will the readers accept it!?