

## All R. Artist 681

Chapter 681: How are you so skilled?

When the final volume of "The Great Detective Hercule Poirot" was released, Silver Blue Books made a lot of effort in promoting it.

Knowing full well that the Poirot series was about to end, they published its last volume...

But it's different this time.

Perhaps the lesson from the last time was too profound, or maybe there were other concerns.

Anyway, Silver Blue Books didn't do any flashy endings or gimmicks for the promotion of "The Final Case" this time.

The company didn't even inform the readers in advance that this story represents the conclusion of the Holmes series, but, unusually, published the last volume of the Holmes series quietly--

Everything was as calm as ever.

Some readers didn't discover the new book from "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes" until they walked into the bookstore.

With surprise, they spread the news to others!

As a phenomenally popular detective series, each new installment of the Holmes series could stir readers' enthusiasm to the highest degree.

Whether Silver Blue Books promoted it or not, the news would spread amongst the reading community in no time!

Obviously.

The popularity of this installment is no less than the previous parts of "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes".

Even hotter, in fact!

Because with the merging of Qin, Qi, Chu and other continents, the fan base of Holmes has expanded to an exaggerated extent!

The influence of Holmes has spread across each of the five continents!

The number of readers across the five continents is almost unimaginably vast!

The impatient readers, after buying the latest Sherlock Holmes volume, couldn't wait to start reading!

And before they started reading.

The title "The Final Case" certainly made many readers' hearts skip a beat.

But no matter what assumptions they made in their hearts, such as the possibility that this might be the final installment of the Holmes series, couldn't suppress readers' enormous passion for Holmes.

Until...

They "witnessed" Holmes and Moriarty perishing together...

With only a "puff" of a noise.

Like a raging fire suddenly extinguished by a downpour, leaving only charred ashes, with barely a few wisps of lingering smoke-

Sherlock Holmes is dead!?

When the questioning sentence turns into a confirmed one...

The readers of the Qin Continent were dumbfounded!

The readers of the Qi Continent were dumbfounded!

The readers of the Chu Continent were dumbfounded!

All the readers on each of the five continents were dumbfounded!

Quickly, quickly, quickly!

All the major bookstores, as if they had agreed, changed the newest volume of "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes" promotional posters to a somber, grey series.

The poster covers had words like "shocked", "grief", "regret", "unacceptable" written in large sizes.

And the image of Holmes with his hat and pipe looked more lonely than ever before.

Under the grey backdrop, the scent of sorrow almost ran into you.

Silver Blue Books appeared to have foreseen this, the company's official microblog immediately changed to a grey image of Holmes and posted a status update:

"Deeply mourn the death of Mr. Sherlock Holmes..."

Less than half an hour.

Previously quiet internet across all states suddenly became noisy!

Like it was hit with a nuclear weapon, social networking platforms went into a frenzy of refreshing, the internet experienced a massive surge of activity!

On each forum, the words "Holmes dies" appeared at an unprecedented rate!

The bewildered readers gradually came to their senses!

Back to old habits!

This old rascal has started killing again!

He used the pen that killed Biyao and Poirot, to kill the beloved Holmes!

The scars that had barely healed from the previous two times were torn open again!

The readers have completely lost their minds!

"You old scoundrel Chu Kuang, I'm going to fight you!"

"You've murdered the faith of billions of readers worldwide!"

"Third time, it's the third time already, Chu Kuang, please, be a human for once!"

"Chu Kuang you old scum, I will never trust you again!"

"You're a malicious executioner, a heartless demon, a maniacal psychopath!"

"This can't be true, this must be fake. Rewrite it, I'll pretend I've never seen this nonsense 'Final Case'!"

"I had a bad feeling when I saw the title, I didn't expect you to dare to do it, how could you possibly dare to do this!"

"Whoever the readers like, you will kill?"

"If you don't change the ending, I will never read your books in my life!"

"Chu Kuang, I implore you to be kind, return my Holmes!"

"I've seen this plot, Poirot died the same way, dying with criminals due to some excuse, Chu Kuang you old rascal, have you run out of ideas?"

"I really am a fool, I actually got hurt by the same person three times in a row, and each time it's more outrageous than the last!"

"When I saw that Holmes died, I was shaking with anger, even in this hot weather my whole body is cold and sweaty, hell is empty and the devil is among us, will Chu Kuang ever stop? What do we readers need to do to satisfy you? Tears are streaming uncontrollably, Chu Kuang's books are filled with oppression against the readers, when will the readers truly stand up!"

"..."

Chu Kuang's tribal comment section has been overwhelmed!

Silver Blue Books comments section too has been overwhelmed!

The readers have gone crazy, judging from reactions on the internet, it's even more extreme than the last time. The hatred and pain from Poirot's death back then has been stirred up again!

Boom boom boom!

A great upheaval has occurred in the entire book industry!

All the peers were dumbstruck!

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There's no author crazier than Chu Kuang in the entire Blue Star literary world!

This man really doesn't act human!

You killed off Biyao, you killed off Poirot, have you tasted the sweetness of it?

Other authors are trying their best to please the readers, only you are persistently playing with the readers!

It seems like when other authors are researching how to write books that would satisfy the readers, you, Chu Kuang, you old rascal, have only been figuring out how to deliver a huge blow to the readers?

Showing off now, are you!

Oh, you can really show off!

The peers don't know whether to say they are envious or frightened.

How can there be such a ludicrous author in this world?

You are ending a popular book unnecessarily, you take no interest in any real money!

If you are ending it, then just end it! At most people will complain a bit about it being too short, but you had to kill off the protagonist while ending it!

Compared to this.

The end is nothing.

This is Holmes!

This is the Holmes that helped you alleviate the sorrow brought by Poirot's death!

Everyone remembers how the readers collectively rioted when Chu Kuang killed Poirot last time!

If it weren't for the publication of Holmes, who knows how long the readers would have yelled at Chu Kuang.

But Chu Kuang seems to have forgotten so quickly.

He actually killed off Holmes too!

Chu Kuang you old rascal!

Are you happy now?

Are you satisfied now?

Do you know how much we love you now, the readers want to give you some local specialties to comfort you!

How are you so skillful at this?

Chapter 682: This Car is Bulletproof

Online.

As more readers found out about the death of Sherlock Holmes, the criticism became even more fierce!

Inside the studio.

Jin Mu's voice trembled. Although he had anticipated this scenario, he was still rattled by the response:

"This isn't good. Silver Blue Books just contacted me saying that their customer service phones are exploding. They want you to change the ending. Readers are even threatening to cancel their subscriptions to the entire 'Great Detective Holmes' series if you don't, and even to never buy any publications from Silver Blue Books again..."

"Please remain calm."

Lin Yuan comforted him.

Everyone is just momentarily struggling to accept the fact of Holmes' death.

Death is irreversible, so it will certainly take time for everyone to recover. Everyone will be alright once they regain their composure.

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Didn't everyone also react fiercely when they first heard of Poirot's death?

Didn't they eventually come around?

Besides, this plot leaves room for adjustment.

If it really comes to it, why not just resurrect Holmes?

After all, that's what the original author, Conan Doyle, did, hence the return of Sherlock Holmes.

But on further thought.

Unless absolutely necessary, Lin Yuan will not resurrect Holmes.

Ending the novel here is actually quite good.

Just because Conan Doyle couldn't endure the pressure, it doesn't mean that Chu Kuang can't either.

After all, when it comes to dealing with readers' revolts, Conan Doyle definitely doesn't have as much experience as Lin Yuan does.

After all, Conan Doyle had never faced such a situation in his life, while Lin Yuan has already experienced it twice.



Practice makes perfect.

"This time it seems a bit different. I feel that the readers' patience with you has reached its limit. Look at the click rates and the number of comments on these online news articles, it's clear that this is more severe than the previous incidents..." Jin Mu presented the online news to Lin Yuan.

"Sherlock Holmes dead, Chu Kuang sparks third readers' revolt!"

"Why is that old rascal Chu Kuang so passionate about killing off his most popular characters?"

"Time and again, Holmes' death has thoroughly angered the audience!"

"Mourning the death of Sherlock Holmes: Once again, Chu Kuang has hurt the feelings of the readers!"

"After Poirot, the second great detective, Holmes, has also died. Is Chu Kuang an angel or a devil?"

"Thousands of people sign a letter demanding Chu Kuang change the ending!"

"..."

Regardless of which news report you clicked on, the reader comments were filled with condemnation, highlighting a general mood of anger.

There were even readers clamoring to find Chu Kuang's home address, threatening to smash his windows among other things.

"Don't panic, it's no big deal," Lin Yuan felt this was quite normal.

After all, "The Final Case" was meant to be the conclusion to the Holmes series.

Conan Doyle, unable to withstand the pressure, continued writing "The Empty House", arranged for Sherlock Holmes' resurrection and started a new installment known as "The Return".

But it must be said...

The overall plot of "The Return" was somewhat inferior in quality compared to the earlier parts of the series.

That's why Lin Yuan felt there was no issue with ending it here.

"This is no big deal?"

Jin Mu, like someone stepping on his tail, jumped up in anger: "They might really start mass cancellations. The bookstore can't withstand so many readers. In the end, it will backfire on Silver Blue Books..."

"Wait a few more days." Lin Yuan felt Jin Mu was overreacting. The readers' endurance was not that fragile.

"I..." Jin Mu, hating Lin Yuan's nonchalance, gnashed his teeth. After all, he's a fan of Sherlock Holmes too!

Just then.

Jin Mu's phone rang.

Whatever the caller said made Jin Mu's face turn terribly pale.

"What happened?"

"See for yourself!"

Jin Mu picked up the remote, switched on the studio's TV, and changed the channel.

In the live-broadcast on TV.

Hundreds of people were blocking the entrance of Silver Blue Books' headquarters, holding up huge red banners!

"Protest!"

"We protest strongly!"

"Old rascal Chu Kuang, give me back my Sherlock Holmes!"

"We won't leave until you change the ending!"

"Bring out Chu Kuang to give us an explanation!"

"Don't think we can't find his house!"

"I will fast until you resurrect Holmes!"

"We're not leaving!"

"..."

The crowd is heated!

A reporter at the scene is saying from behind the crowd:

"This is a live broadcast from the 'Qin Entertainment Weekly'. Chu Kuang's Sherlock Holmes series of novels came to a grand finale this morning. Holmes' death has triggered a massive riot among readers. Ten minutes ago, hundreds of readers started to demonstrate on the streets. They blocked the entrance to 'Silver Blue Books', the publisher Chu Kuang is signed with.

They demand Chu Kuang to change the ending. As we can see from the live pictures, Silver Blue Books has called the police. A large number of police officers are on the scene, but even they

couldn't calm down the irate readers. They claim to stay there until Chu Kuang changes the ending of the novel..."

The reporter's expression is dramatic!

This is probably a situation seldom faced by journalists in their lives.

Lin Yuan is dumbfounded.

It didn't happen like this last time.

Why is this time different?

They have blocked the publishers entrance?

"This has blown up now."

Jin Mu's face is pale: "More news is coming in about this."

Lin Yuan hesitates.

The readers' reaction has exceeded his expectations. Just as Jin Mu said, have they reached their limit?

Then Lin Yuan's phone starts ringing.

After he answers, he hears Ol' Zhou's voice saying in a strange tone:

"Come to the office."

"Okay".

Lin Yuan looks at Jin Mu: "I'm going to the company."

"Be careful on your way there!"

Jin Mu glances worriedly at the live broadcast on the TV: "If the readers find out that you are Chu Kuang, things will get out of control!"

"It shouldn't be a problem."

Only the chairman of the company knows he is Chu Kuang, and he had promised to keep it a secret.

Twenty minutes later.

Lin Yuan arrives at the company.

As soon as he reaches the entrance, he is taken aback by a car parked there.

It's a brand new black car, showing utmost dominance, one of Blue Star's high-end car brands. It's parked at the entrance of the company and attracts everyone's attention. It obviously costs several millions, if not tens of millions...

Even Lin Yuan, who doesn't know much about cars, can sense its extraordinary features.

"Xian Yu!"

A voice comes from behind.

Lin Yuan turns around and sees the chairman, looking at him with a complex expression: "This is your new car."

Not only the chairman.

The staff of Starlight are also watching, looking rather shocked.

Previously, rumors were spreading in the company that Xian Yu stole the chairman's tea, and strutted around the company. Everyone expected the chairman to strike hard at Xian Yu.

And this is the result?

Does this look like punishment?

It looks more like he is pampering him even more!

Lin Yuan doesn't stand in shock, he opens the car door and takes a look at the luxurious interior:  
"Thank you, chairman. But wasn't my previous car quite good?"

"This one is different."

"What's different?"

"This car is equipped with bulletproof glass. The safety measures meet military standards!"

The chairman seems apprehensive. With a serious face, he looks at Lin Yuan like the previous car had a safety issue:

"As long as it's not under heavy weapon attack, you will be absolutely safe in it!"

With those words, the chairman steps forward and pats Lin Yuan's shoulder vigorously, almost knocking him off balance:

"That's as far as I can help. Get in the car now. I fear I won't be able to resist."

Cut to the chairman's office.

The latest printed copy of 'The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes' is spread out on the desk. The last page of the novel has been torn to shreds by someone...

Lin Yuan: ???

Chapter 683: Who Can Bear This?

Why is even bulletproof glass necessary?

And a car with such high security levels that it matches military standards?

Is this not a modern city?

Who on earth would wage an attack on me with weapons?

As an ordinary citizen, do I deserve such a treatment?

Lin Yuan wanted to protest, but considering how good this car actually was, he gladly accepted it in the end and even thought of getting a driver's license—

Lin Yuan doesn't have a driver's license.

Before, Sun Yaohuo drove for Lin Yuan, and afterwards, it was Gu Dong.

"This car is even better than the chairman's."

Old Zhou retorted jealously from the side.

The news that the chairman got a new car for Lin Yuan had spread throughout the company, and more and more employees came out to watch the spectacle.

"Could I possibly sit in there?"

With a face filled with envy, Old Zhou asked, "This car is even more high-end than our chairman's!"

"Of course."

Lin Yuan nodded.

Old Zhou happily sat in it and gave a good feel to the seat, "Damn, it's so satisfying. This car's been modified!"

"Chairman, what about my car?"

Out of the blue, Zheng Jing appeared, looking at Li Songhua with a resentful gaze.

"Your car is not bad..."

Li Songhua backed off half a step guiltily, only to bump into someone—

Yang Zhongming had arrived.

Yang Zhongming said, "I am not interested in cars, but you only gave me two ounces of that tea last time I asked, thankfully Teacher Admirable Fish sent me a whole pound more."

Cold sweat broke out on Li Songhua's forehead, "Teacher Admirable Fish's situation is special...."

"Give me another 2 pounds of tea. I will choose."

Yang Zhongming stared at Li Songhua, occasionally glancing at the stunning black car.

"No problem!"

Li Songhua gritted his teeth.

"I don't know anything about tea, but I heard that the chairman's office has a real masterpiece from Teacher Nan Feng. I am sure the Chairman knows that I'm a simple man who only has an interest in composing music and painting..."



"I'll have someone deliver it to you!"

Li Songhua felt as if his heart was bleeding as he braced himself to appease the two maestros in the company.

"Chairman, I..."

Old Zhou also wanted to take advantage of the situation.

"Get out!"

The domineering side of Chairman Li Songhua was completely revealed!

Old Zhou wilted instantly.

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The company's employees watching nearby are all grinning bitterly.

Is this the corporate culture of Starlight?

"Ol' Wang."

Li Songhua looked at a senior executive nearby.

Ol' Wang understood and glared at the employees, "Break up! Don't you all have work to do?"

The crowd dispersed all at once.

Zheng Jing also got into the car, deliberately choosing to sit in the passenger's seat, admiring the central console along with the excellent atmospheric lights, and exclaimed:

"No wonder men love cars, they truly are beautiful!"

Seemingly knowledgeable about cars, Old Zhou tapped on the glass and said, "This glass is no ordinary glass. It must be of bulletproof standard. Looking at the physique of the car, it's probably of military-grade."

"Military-grade?"

Zheng Jing was startled, she blurted out to Lin Yuan: "Little Fish, you can lend the car to your good friend for a ride."

Lin Yuan was confused, "Good friend?"

"That old rascal Chu Kuang!"

Zheng Jing swiftly gritted her teeth, "If I meet him, I swear, I will shoot him in the head!"

"Are you also a fan of Sherlock Holmes?"

Old Zhou was excited: "That old rascal's actions are so despicable, he deserves to be condemned. Should we go protest in front of Silver Blue Books?"

"What are you talking about?"

Yang Zhongming suddenly spoke up.

Old Zhou snorted: "Ol' Yang must not read novels. Chu Kuang wrote a novel called 'Great Detective Sherlock Holmes' and he killed off the protagonist. This is already his..."

"Third time."

Yang Zhongming suddenly chimed in.

Old Zhou and Zheng Jing were astonished: "You knew?"

Just by hearing this, it was clear that Yang Zhongming was also one of Chu Kuang's readers!

Yang Zhongming took a deep breath: "Very memorable."

Old Zhou laughed loudly, "Ol' Yang, you also read novels?"

Zheng Jing smiled, "The influence of Sherlock Holmes is impressive. That b\*stard Chu Kuang is utterly wicked. You won't be angry with me for saying this, right, Little Fish? In my opinion, your friend is far worse than you..."

Lin Yuan looked at them blankly.

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While they were busy focusing on the car, they also vented their anger against Chu Kuang.

Suddenly, another employee ran over: "Teacher Admirable Fish, there are so many express packages for you today!"

"Express packages?"

Lin Yuan didn't get what was happening.

That employee looked at him weirdly, "There are notes on the package that seem to be from readers of Chu Kuang. They are asking you to pass them on to Teacher the old rascal Chu Kuang."

Lin Yuan: "...."

He suddenly understood the profound reason why the chairman had given him this car.

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Lin Yuan trudged back to the studio in a daze.

On the way back this time, his eyelid kept twitching.

As soon as he entered the door.

Jin Mu exclaimed loudly, "It's over! After the Qin Continent readers surrounded the entrance of Silver Blue Books, readers in the other continents also began to protest!"

Lin Yuan quickly went into the studio.

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Jin Mu didn't lie.

Everyone from every continent is marching!

Qi Continent.

"Chu Kuang the old rascal is unpardonable!"

"Change the ending, old rascal Chu Kuang!"

"We do not accept the death of Sherlock Holmes!"

"Sherlock Holmes must be resurrected!"

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Chu Continent.

"Old rascal Chu Kuang, apologize!"

"Reject all of Chu Kuang's novels!"

"Support Qin Continent, overthrow Chu Kuang!"

"Make Chu Kuang the old rascal feel our pain!"

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Yan Continent.

"Death to the old rascal!"

"Paying a high price for Chu Kuang the old rascal's address!"

"Silver Blue Books, hand over the old rascal Chu Kuang!"

"I want to return the book!"

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Han Continent.

"We protest!"

"Accuse Chu Kuang of murder!"

"Do not accept the ending of Sherlock Holmes!"

"If you don't change the ending, the march won't stop!"

"Respond to the readers of Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, resist together!"

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The readers are too crazy!

It's not just marches on the streets!

Even crazier readers have marched to the headquarters of the Literature and Art Association!

Many pedestrians who hadn't read "Great Detective Sherlock Holmes" were shocked by the situation!

People from all continents are boiling with indignation!

If you didn't know, you would have thought Chu Kuang committed some atrocious act that was offensive both to man and gods!

Those who knew were even more dumbfounded.

It's just a novel, do you have to go so crazy?

Huh?

You say Chu Kuang is a three-time violator?

He used to like killing everyone's favorite characters?

Pah!

Serves him right!

Do we readers have no temper?

...

Blue Star has had three reader riots.

One because of Chu Kuang, another also because of Chu Kuang, yet another one again because of Chu Kuang.

The spectacular reader riot and the considerable force of the marches across all continents have startled Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han!

Countless news stories are swarming social media!

Jin Mu's phone has completely exploded!

One call after another, it went from full power to automatically shutting down...

Then Lin Yuan's own mobile phone was also relentlessly bombarded by the executives of Silver Blue Books!

Even the Literature and Art Association called to inquire!

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The industry.

Everyone is shocked beyond measure!

Not only was the entrance to Silver Blue Books blocked!

Even the headquarters of the Literature and Art Association was not spared!

A grand march by readers from five continents!

An unprecedented wave of protests!

This reader riot will go down in history!

This time, the old rascal Chu Kuang has really made it big!

"So thrilling!"

"About to have a heart attack!"

"If I were Chu Kuang, I wouldn't even be able to eat in peace at this time!"

"Still eating? If he can breathe smoothly, I'd say he's got big guts!"

"I don't know why, but I'm kind of jealous..."

"A novel can have such an impact, I have no regrets in this life!"

"To be an author to this extent, damn impressive!"

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Keeping up with the movements of each continent through the internet and TV, Jin Mu almost cried:  
"Boss, I really can't hold on!"

"Hmm."

Lin Yuan opened his mouth blankly.

Today's experience is so bizarre that his entire mind is buzzing.



What is all this?

Is it just because of changing the ending?

Can't I change it?

Lin Yuan was resigned.

Who can stand this?

Upon opening the Tribe app, Lin Yuan finally published a status update, condensing countless emotions into one word:

"Change!"

Chapter 684: Change

Change it!

No choice.

The readers' reactions completely exceeded expectations, Lin Yuan could only resurrect Holmes. Although some of the chapters in "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" were inconsistent in quality, there was still a solution. The simplest way was to only pick out the chapters with high quality and publish them. After all, all the readers wanted was a somewhat happy ending.

Finished posting the update.

Lin Yuan put down his phone and said, "Contact Silver Blue books and plan to publish a few more stories as the ending to the Sherlock Holmes series. Don't panic, there isn't a big problem, I am already soothing the readers."

"You've decided to change the ending?"

Jin Mu who was sitting next to him was stunned but quickly became ecstatic.

He quickly pulled out his phone, opened the Tribe app, and said with excitement,

"How did you paci..."

Screech.

When the page on the Tribe app was displayed, Jin Mu abruptly stopped speaking, as if the power had been cut off.

Hmm?

Lin Yuan looked at Jin Mu.

Why did he suddenly stop talking?

Catching a glimpse of the mobile screen, Lin Yuan's face also changed. He didn't feel well—

Damn it!

The post with the word "Change" he had just posted wasn't made by someone named Chu Kuang, but it showed a familiar name:

"Xian Yu!"

Because the readers' responses were too exaggerated, Lin Yuan was a bit flustered and didn't have time to think. He accidentally used Xian Yu's account to respond!

"How many times have you logged in the wrong account now?"

Jin Mu looked at Lin Yuan and spoke in a gloomy tone.

"Three strikes and you're out..."

Lin Yuan started to feel guilty.

Was this really the third time he had logged in to the wrong account?

Actually, after the first two times he logged in the wrong account, Lin Yuan had been very careful. This time, things escalated so quickly that it ended up causing trouble.

"Uh-huh."

Jin Mu gave Lin Yuan a headache look, then he opened up the comments section of Xian Yu's post. After reading a few comments, his expression turned strange, he muttered as if he was relieved:

"No big deal..."

"Huh?"

Lin Yuan also opened the comment area, and then he realized why Jin Mu's reaction was so strange.

The same as the last two times.

Not a single reader guessed that this was a mess created by a nested-doll-like figure, the comments were rather intriguing:

"Good job, Fish Papa!"

"Didn't expect Fish Papa to be fed up too, Fish Papa really distinguishes right from wrong in critical moments, didn't choose to remain silent because of his relationship with Chu Kuang!"

"Furious praise to Fish Papa!"

"Chu Kuang old rascal doesn't have any decency, but the friend he made is reliable, Fish Papa is the light of justice!"

"Chu Kuang is cold-blooded, while Fish Papa has always been warm!"

"Chu Kuang, learn from Fish Papa!"

"Chu Kuang old rascal doesn't deserve our trust as readers, Fish Papa stood against Chu Kuang for us!"

"You can always trust Xian Yu!"

"..."

These readers have such a rich imagination!

Even when Lin Yuan messed up for the third time, no reader could detect the truth!

And yet Xian Yu accidentally received applause and furious praise from countless netizens?

"If these people knew the truth..."

Jin Mu looked at Lin Yuan, his voice shaking a bit.

"Absolutely not!"

Lin Yuan interrupted Jin Mu, his attitude unshakeably firm!

Chu Kuang is evil!

Xian Yu is righteous!

This will never change!

The netizens are cursing at Chu Kuang old rascal, what does that have to do with me, Xian Yu!

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In a restaurant outside of Starlight Entertainment.

Ol' Zhou, Yang Zhongming and Zheng Jing were having lunch together.

Halfway through the meal, all three of their phones rang simultaneously.

Picking up his phone, Ol' Zhou laughed.

Zheng Jing: "..."

Yang Zhongming: "..."

Xian Yu updated his status, causing all three phones to ring at the same time.

Because all three of them had set up special alerts for Xian Yu on the Tribe app.

Zheng Jing puzzled, "Could it be that Little Fish decided to let Chu Kuang change the plot because of what we said?"

Ol' Zhou agreed, "It might also have something to do with a batch of packages."

Yang Zhongming spoke: "It's roughly like that."

A warm current suddenly welled up in the hearts of the three people.

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Xian Yu's remarks quickly spread all over the internet!

All major news outlets reacted instantly, firing off countless reports!

Chu Kuang's fans got super excited upon seeing the news, celebrating and discussing within the ranks of the parade:

"I love Xian Yu!"

"We're not alone after all!"

"Fish Papa is our comrade too!"

"Fish Papa is definitely our best supporter!"

"Teacher Admirable Fish must be the strongest supporter in history!"

"Who doesn't know about the relationship between Fish Papa and Chu Kuang?"

"Even their close friends spoke up, would Chu Kuang have the audacity to refuse?"

"..."

Swish!

A multitude of Holmes fans seemed to get the cue and flooded to Chu Kuang's comment section:

"Chu Kuang, old rascal, did you see that!"

"Your great buddy Xian Yu wants you to change the plot!"

"Now tell us, will you do it or not!?"

"If you don't, your bromance is over!"

"You may not care about us, but you surely won't dare to neglect Xian Yu, would you?"

"Would Fish Papa openly pressure you to change the plot if he couldn't bear it anymore?"

"This time, it's righteousness that's pushing him!"

"Shadow is silent, all eyes must land on Fish Papa in critical moments!"

"..."

The readers kept up the pressure!

The screenshot of Xian Yu's "change" had been spread by countless netizens!

Of course, this screenshot also glaringly displayed in the comment section of Chu Kuang's tribe, securing the most likes!

For a moment.

Everyone's eyes were glued to Chu Kuang's tribe updates!

It is said that even the editor can't control old rascal Chu Kuang...

Chu Kuang has seldom changed the fiction plot because of readers' complaints...

The global parade didn't get a response from Chu Kuang...

Chu Kuang is too cold-blooded and ruthless!

When has he ever cared about his readers?

Clearly, he's a guy who's impervious to persuasion!

Would Xian Yu's statement really make a difference?

The Holmes fans didn't know, they just did everything they could to fight for Holmes's resurrection.

However.

Just one minute after Xian Yu posted his status, under the scrutiny of everyone, Chu Kuang's tribe update shockingly changed to exactly match Xian Yu's —

"Change!"

Swoosh!

All those who had been following Chu Kuang's updates were stunned. Under this lightning-fast submission, many didn't even have the time to react, only coming back to their senses one after another after several seconds of confusion!

Did he agree?

How did he agree?

All the online criticism didn't make him back down!

The collapse of his comment section didn't make him back down!

The global reader parade didn't make him back down!

Blocking the main entrance of Silver Blue Books didn't make him back down!



The official intervention from the Literature and Art Association didn't make him back down!

Just one word "change" from Xian Yu, and he immediately agreed to change the plot?

Yes!

This outcome could only be credited to Xian Yu. Otherwise, how can one explain the fact that Chu Kuang agreed to change the plot just one minute after Xian Yu spoke?

Boom!

The industry was shocked!

Readers around the world were shocked!

There's actually someone who could so easily make old rascal Chu Kuang, stuck in his own ways, capitulate so easily!

"Holy shit!"

Followed by an ear-piercing scream from someone in the parade, many people began to yell:

"Xian Yu rules!!!"

Chapter 685: The Cunning and Deceitfulness of the Old Rascal

The protest in Qin Continent disbanded...

The protest in Qi Continent disbanded...

The protest in Chu Continent disbanded...

All the protest marches in the various continents called it quits after Chu Kuang made his declaration.

But the impact of this event didn't simply end there; it continued in another form.

Yes.

Chu Kuang, who stood firm under the pressure of protests from readers of five continents, changed his stance abruptly due to Xian Yu. This had a huge impact on the netizens!

"Is this what they call a bromance?"

"The anger of millions of readers is not as powerful as one word, or even one letter from Xian Yu?"

"Even the most ruthless man has his soft side (the intestines are warm too)."

"Chu Kuang: For Fish, I'm willing to reconcile with the world!"

"I'm flabbergasted. Holmes' fans are countless, but the man who couldn't be persuaded by readers all over the world, was persuaded by Xian Yu?"

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"Fellow upstairs, seems like 'to say' is multifaceted (dog-headed)."

"I used to not believe when people said Xian Yu and Chu Kuang were so close they could share the same pair of pants. I thought everyone was kidding, but reality slapped me hard!"

"Shadow is indeed a god of war in the garage!"

"Stop being upset, why can't Shadow stand up? Today's incidents explain everything."

"What a divine friendship this is!"

"Who would have expected that Chu Kuang agreed to change the plot, just because his best bro wasn't happy?"

The web was boiling!

...

Moments later at a restaurant close to Starlight Entertainment...

Ol' Zhou, scanning the news online, his faces filled with astonishment, "That was resolved pretty easily?"

Zheng Jing, her face smug, "Isn't this indirectly facilitated by us?"

"Probably was because he couldn't refuse."

Yang Zhongming commented, even though Xian Yu rarely asked anyone for favors. But if Xian Yu did ask, it seemed nobody could refuse this kid.

"Well, from now on, readers shouldn't bother protesting. If you're upset with Chu Kuang, go to Little Fish and complain."

Sheng Jing burst into laughter, clearly entertained.

Is this a bromance?

No.

This is the power of a beloved figure in a group.

People say Xian Yu in the South, Chu Kuang in the North.

Now it seems that the one in the South carries more heft when he speaks.

...

Inside the industry...

Nobody expected the passionate readers' protest would end in such a laughably anticlimactic way!

What the hell is happening?

Are you saying Chu Kuang is easily swayed?

The readers protested across five continents, rocked half of Blue Star, and even the Literature and Art Association got involved, but still couldn't persuade him!

Are you saying Chu Kuang is stubborn and can't be influenced?

Then why did he promise to change the plot due to Xian Yu's one sentence? The speed of this sudden face change can be described by two words:

Efficient!

This is a book you're writing!

Can you take it seriously?

Doesn't the author have any integrity?

When Biyao died, did the readers' protest not use the right methods?

When Poirot died, would things have changed if Xian Yu had spoken?

Nobody knows.

...

The Tribe website...

The followers of Xian Yu skyrocketed!

Most of the new followers turned out to be Holmes fans!

His comment section was incredibly lively:

"Thank you Fish Papa!"

"Sending a banner to Fish Papa!"

"Fish Papa is the benefactor of us all, the Holmes fans!"

"It was Xian Yu who saved Holmes' life!"

"Fish Papa is a good person!"

"The old rascal is truly fortunate to have a good friend like Xian Yu!"

"Next time Chu Kuang stirs things up, please, Fish Papa, lend us a hand!"

"Don't worry, Fish Papa, I'll definitely support your new song next month!"

"Agreed!"

"To repay Fish Papa's life-saving debt to Sherlock Holmes, unconditional support for Fish Papa's new song!"

"..."

Just look at these comments.

Those who are unaware might think that Xian Yu has recently been performing acts of bravery.

...

Amid the various reactions,

many netizens are discussing how Sherlock Holmes's ending would be altered.

Would forcibly changing the plot be too jarring?

The chapter on Sherlock Holmes's death has already been published!

With so many sold, surely they can't ask all bookstores to take them back, right?

This isn't an online serialization that the author can change at will.

At this moment,

one netizen suddenly cursed: "Damn, we fell for it! That old rascal Chu Kuang is truly deceitful!"

"Fell for what?"

Other netizens were stunned.

This netizen was filled with rage: "That old rascal Chu Kuang is too cunning. He had a backup plan from the start. You guys remember when Poirot died and his dead body was found, right?"

The netizens' gazes changed!

Many people have read and reread "The Final Case"!

Now, upon being reminded, many people discovered a huge oversight:

Sherlock Holmes and Moriarty fell over a cliff together, but the search team only found Moriarty's corpse...

But what about Sherlock Holmes?

His body was never found at all!

"No way!"

"Can you even play it like that?"

"If the body was not found, that old rascal could find any excuse to bring Sherlock Holmes back to life!"

"The old rascal had set up the foreshadowing long ago!"

"At first, I thought it was strange. He agreed to it so quickly. Sure, Xian Yu was a factor, but the most important thing is that the old rascal left himself an escape route!"

"Is this a test from the old rascal?"

"If we accept Sherlock Holmes's death, he could set this plot in stone. But if we don't, he could find a reasonable excuse to bring Sherlock Holmes back to life!"

"Advance and retreat at will!"

"Why is the old rascal so crafty!"

"What a sly old fox!"

"..."

Netizens were totally speechless!

Chu Kuang could have written that they found Sherlock Holmes's body, just like how Poirot's death was arranged.

Not writing that the body was found, isn't this another plan?

Otherwise, this setting that the body couldn't be found is completely unnecessary. The arrangement of Poirot's death stands as glaring evidence!

This old rascal isn't a great person.

But damn, he sure has a way with writing!

If not for this, readers from the five continents wouldn't have such love-hate feelings towards him!

...

Studio.

Jin Mu also looked helplessly at Lin Yuan: "Boss, did you plan this a long time ago?"

Lin Yuan's face remained unchanged: "Better to be safe."

Conan Doyle was also testing the readers' reaction when he killed off Sherlock Holmes. But when the readers rejected it, he naturally brought Sherlock Holmes back to life.

This move indeed was crafty.

Unlike the lady next door, who declared Poirot's death without leaving any room for maneuver, you can't have Poirot pretend to be a zombie, right?



Jin Mu: "..."

He had always thought Lin Yuan was so innocent that it bordered on naivety.

Now thinking about it, how could the boss, who wrote so many beloved characters under the name of Chu Kuang, be such a simple person?

It's frightening when you think about it!

Looking at Lin Yuan, who seemed lost in thought, Jin Mu suddenly felt that his boss was unfathomable.

Jin Mu doesn't know.

At this moment, what Lin Yuan was contemplating...

Should Xian Yu write a song related to Sherlock Holmes and participate in next month's chart competition?

He has been pondering on what song to use for next month, but now all the Sherlock Holmes fans have claimed that they will support him in next month's charts, so should he take advantage of this rare opportunity?

Xian Yu truly hit the jackpot with this move!

Chapter 686: Night's 7th Chapter

Chu Kuang is Chu Kuang, Xian Yu is Xian Yu...

Though there is some overlap in their fan bases, because novels and music are completely different forms of art, their main fan groups are certainly not the same people.

Under normal circumstances, it's difficult for Chu Kuang's fans to buy Xian Yu's songs.

Similarly, Chu Kuang's novels don't usually incite much enthusiasm in Xian Yu's fans.

The effect of each borrowing the other's popularity is relatively limited.

But this time it's different, due to an unexpected combination of circumstances, Xian Yu might actually be able to fully capture Chu Kuang's popularity!

Lin Yuan's mind started turning rapidly.

There are quite a few songs about Sherlock Holmes, even including some instrumental music.

But considering this song not only needs to satisfy Holmes fans, but also cater to the general public worldwide, it's safer to lean towards pop...

In this case, perhaps there's only one choice of song.

The name of the song, "The Seventh Chapter of Night"!

A work of Director Zhou!

This song is definitely one of Director Zhou's most representative works, holding an extremely high status among his fans!

Director Zhou himself also places great importance on this song!

Right.

Because energy is limited, it's completely normal for singers to prioritize some of their songs over others.

Being impartial is unrealistic.

The reason Director Zhou places so much importance on this song is because he sought out Zhong Xinmin and Michael Lin, two master arrangers!

Zhong Xinmin and Michael Lin are among the top arrangers in the Celestial Dynasty on Earth!

Most of Director Zhou's classic songs involve these two, they have thus earned the label of Director Zhou's go-to arrangers.

However, they don't often collaborate.

When these two joined forces to arrange "The Seventh Chapter of Night", their collaborative work transcended their individual talents!

If this song is an examination, they have almost submitted a perfect answer sheet!

Later, on a show called "The Strongest Brain", Director Zhou proudly brought up this song.

He said that being able to create this song made him "The Strongest Brain"!

This shows how satisfied he was with this song.

Zhong Xinmin, one of the arrangers, also mentioned in a large lecture that he charges the same for all his arrangements, and that he worked for over seven months on this song, making a huge loss...

These details are enough to show the power of this song.

The song narrates the story of the famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, with a suspenseful tone.

The prelude consists of a hurried typewriter sound, setting the stage for the investigation. Holmes' diary hides various clues. The highly artistic classical music and relatively trendy electronic music styles blend together, accompanied by fast-paced rap. The singer seems to embody Holmes, leading the audience to uncover the truth of the murder case!

In the song.

The singer's purposely low and coarse voice, paired with a soft high female voice, suggests the detective's calmness and the killer's madness.

In the end.

The song finishes with a falsetto, showing a rare cinematic arrangement style in pop music-

It has a strong sense of imagery!

This is a song that places a strong emphasis on imagery. Listening to this song, it's as if you are watching a detective movie!

In the lyrics.

The various references to plotlines from the Sherlock Holmes novels recreate many classic cases. Those who have read the Sherlock Holmes novels would surely immerse themselves in it.

What's more...

Even those who haven't read "Sherlock Holmes" would be attracted to this song by its atmosphere and melody!

Participating in the June chart competition with this song couldn't be more appropriate!

You should know.

Just the frightening number of Sherlock Holmes fans alone could sustain the market for this song!

Not to mention Xian Yu's influence in the music scene and among fans, as well as the high quality of this song itself!

Ultimately, the quality of the song is the key.

Otherwise, even with popularity to exploit, topping the season chart isn't an easy task.

Eyes shining.

Lin Yuan made up his mind.

He went ahead and placed a request for the song with the system.

Of course.

Having agreed to change the ending, he still needed to continue writing the Sherlock Holmes series.

Lin Yuan planned to select a few classic chapters from "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" to create the finale of this novel.

Lin Yuan thought:

Perhaps for fans of this work, listening to "The Seventh Chapter of Night" after reading the finale of the novel may feel more ceremonial.

This is a reflection of the entire novel, brimming with nostalgia and powerful emotions.

Perhaps this song will become an important reason for more people to recognize Sherlock Holmes.

...

Lin Yuan's bedroom.

The tick-tock of keyboard keys echoed incessantly.

The order of cases solved by Sherlock Holmes and the chronological order are not the same, so the novel does not have a clear finale.

However, Lin Yuan still summarized a finale based on the original order:

Sherlock Holmes pushed Professor Moriarty off a cliff, and then Moriarty's criminal associates began hunting Sherlock Holmes to avenge the professor.

Sherlock Holmes, disguised and returned to Baker Street with the help of Watson, plotted and captured Moriarty's associate.

One year.

Sherlock Holmes's assistant Watson passed away due to illness.

With the loss of his assistant and close friend, coupled with the decline of energy due to old age, Sherlock Holmes decided to retire to a village to keep bees and live in seclusion.

This part of the plot isn't very long.

Lin Yuan wrote a third of it that night.

Getting up the next day, he continued writing, finally giving Sherlock Holmes a relatively complete ending before sunset.

After finalizing it, Lin Yuan sent the ending to Jin Mu.

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This time Jin Mu was not going to blindly trust Lin Yuan, he first read the finale of the novel with a cautious attitude, then released a heavy sigh of relief.

"Phew."

It certainly seems reliable this time.

The ending of the novel was complete. Holmes' method of resurrection was also natural, with the logic being very smooth at first:

Feigning death was to evade the pursuit of Moriarty's associates.

Although Moriarty had died, the dark forces he left behind were powerful, so Holmes had to find a way to eradicate them.

Second, this ending is quite satisfactory.

Sherlock Holmes can finally retire peacefully.

Although Watson dies, it's acceptable to readers because he dies of illness, not from plot development.

In fact.

If Chu Kuang had written that Sherlock Holmes died of old age, perhaps readers would have accepted it, after all, it is an ending all humans must face.

Having verified that there were no problems, Jin Mu posted it on the Silver Blue Books website.

That night.

Silver Blue Books announced that "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes" will officially come to an end this month.

While readers naturally felt a sense of regret, none were jumping up and down with dissatisfaction.

Compared to the mutual destruction of Holmes and Moriarty, a regular ending to the novel was more anticipated by everyone.

Readers' demands of old rascal Chu Kuang are actually not high.

At the same time as "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes" announced that it would end this month, Xian Yu suddenly released a status update:

"The June new song will pay tribute to Sherlock Holmes in the form of a theme song!"

At this time, the topic of Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, and Sherlock Holmes were closely linked together, so this status update quickly drew the attention of the entire network--

South Xian Yun North Chu Kuang, once again collaborated as great buddies!

Is Xian Yu going to challenge the June seasonal champion with the Sherlock Holmes novel theme song?

Chapter 687 Actively Increasing Difficulty for Oneself

"What a show, Fish Papa!"

"Just love your collaboration!"

"Is this song a compensation for Chu Kuang?"

"Helping him write a song because Chu Kuang obediently changed the plot?"

"This fairy friendship, love it, love it!"

"Supporting the new song because Fish Papa saved Sherlock Holmes!"

"Admirable Fish writes original songs for novels, only Chu Kuang's novel gets this treatment on Blue Star!"

"Shadow has drawn several comics, but Admirable Fish hasn't written any related songs."

"..."

Sherlock Holmes is a popular topic recently.

Admirable Fish's collaboration has completely rode on this popularity.

Netizens are having a lively discussion around this matter!



And just when everyone was in the middle of heated discussion.

A music industry professional called "Towards the North of the Sun" suddenly posted a status:

"Isn't Teacher Admirable Fish aiming to win twelve consecutive championship this season? In this case, the song in June is crucial. Is a song composed for a novel really suitable for ranking?"

This person is quite active online, with a considerable number of followers.

His post quickly attracted the attention of netizens.

After some thought.

Many netizens responded immediately.

Of course there were some netizens expressing confusion, so "Towards the North of the Sun" patiently explained:

"I'm not belittling Sherlock Holmes, but we have to face the fact that not all music listeners have read Sherlock Holmes. Can listeners who haven't read the novel really feel the charm of this song?"

Everyone got the point!

For a moment.

The comments section of this blogger heated up:

"Almost forgot about that!"

"Admirable Fish is indeed aiming to win twelve consecutive championships!"

"If it is the theme song for a novel, wouldn't it be too niche?" Enjoy new adventures from My Virtual Library Empire

"To top in June, this song must satisfy both book fans and those who have not read the novel. Isn't the difficulty too high?"

"Perhaps Admirable Fish is intending to ride on the popularity of Sherlock Holmes to rank?"

"The idea is certainly good, after all, the popularity of Sherlock Holmes is an intangible foundation, but it has also increased the difficulty of song creation. Trying to satisfy both sides often results in favouring one at the expense of the other."

"I'm reminded of 'Fairytale Town', wasn't that song written by Fish Papa for Chu Kuang's novel?"

"That's right, 'Fairytale Town' is a case in point. Although the song is very nice, it's a bit of a stretch for it to top the season list nowadays, especially when Fish Papa needs to secure himself the June champion song title!"

"..."

Normally, seeing Chu Kuang and Admirable Fish collaborate would be a delight to netizens, but with Admirable Fish evidently aiming to win twelve consecutive championships, this song seems a bit risky!

Because of this statement.

More and more people joined the discussion.

Seeing that his statement attracted the attention of netizens, "Towards the North of the Sun" became more active:

"Music themed on Sherlock Holmes, the core audience is obviously Sherlock Holmes fans. They can account for a significant download volume. With Teacher Admirable Fish's contribution to Sherlock Holmes, this download number is bound to be even higher. But the downside is also clear, Teacher Admirable Fish has confined himself to a circle.

His goal is to top in June, which cannot be achieved only by the support of Sherlock Holmes fans. Unless countless people who have not read the novel also like this song, which means Teacher Admirable Fish's song needs to break through the circle and go out. Isn't this difficulty too high? That's why I say Admirable Fish's decision is a bit adventurous.

I hope Teacher Admirable Fish can consider carefully. After all, I'm also looking forward to Teacher Admirable Fish continuing to win the championship!"

This musician did not belittle Admirable Fish.

"He simply shared his viewpoint objectively.

This statement did not upset the fans of Xian Yu and Chu Kuang. On the contrary, it gained numerous approvals. Some people even commented on the announcement for Xian Yu's June song release, expressing hope that Xian Yu could steady his hand...

After all, breaking out from the mainstream is so hard!

Meeting both the expectations of Holmes fanatics and ordinary music fans is not an easy task in and of itself!

Just think about "Fairytale Town".

The quality of that song isn't one of the highest in Xian Yu's discography.

Without the hype from the novel, that song, out of all Xian Yu's works, could even be considered just average or below average!

It's clear.

This is why Xian Yu was caught between attempting to satisfy both the reading fans and the listening fans, leading to some kind of restrictions in his song creation and hence, an average performance.

By comparison, "Sherlock Holmes" would be more challenging!

This novel isn't a fairytale, its style is very distinctive!

Should anything go wrong here, Xian Yu might fail to meet the expectations of not only the general music fans but also the Holmes fanatics who may feel the vibe is off!

At this point.

Someone retorted: "Isn't the piano piece "To Alice" that topped the charts this month, and that Xian Yu created based on Chu Kuang's novel, really good?"

Xian Yu's concert had recently ended.

The closing song of the concert, "To Alice," won the champion of this month's seasonal chart.

Judging by the title.

Everyone believes this song is a tribute to Chu Kuang's fairytale work "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," even though Xian Yu himself has not provided an explanation.

But the name is too coincidental...

The vast majority of people are willing to believe that there's a connection between the song and Chu Kuang's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland".

Almost immediately.

This musician, who goes by the username "Towards the North of the Sun," responded to the critique:

"Teacher Admirable Fish had mentioned that he will be releasing a song in June, songs and piano pieces have a significant difference; with songs, a wider array of instruments are utilized and lyrics

are involved. The lyrics for a Sherlock Holmes song wouldn't be easy to write. Even though 'To Alice' is excellent, I personally believe that this music piece isn't related to Chu Kuang's novel."

True.

Even though everyone believes the song 'To Alice' is associated with Chu Kuang's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," many also feel that the artistic conception of the song doesn't match the story.

Therefore.

Some insiders believe that it's merely a coincidence of the names, and in fact, Xian Yu's piano piece has no connection to Chu Kuang's novel.

With the ongoing discussions and controversy, people gradually recognized the crux of the matter:

First, the audience's reception is a concern as Xian Yu's new song tries to accommodate both music fans and literature fanatics, which is tough.

Secondly, how would the narrative style of "Sherlock Holmes" translate into song lyrics?

Third, there's the issue of style. The somewhat dark tone of Sherlock Holmes could easily lead to the song being niche.

Fourthly...

In brief, there are many problems and challenges.

A countless number of netizens believe that for Xian Yu to top next month's seasonal chart with a Sherlock Holmes tribute song is incredibly challenging!

And during this collective brainwave among netizens.

This musician, "Towards the North of the Sun," chimed in again:

"Even though I have listed so many challenges, there's a great chance for Teacher Admirable Fish to top the charts, given his popularity and talent. I believe many people want to help him achieve his twelfth win. If Sherlock Holmes fanatics are satisfied, they will definitely give huge support.

But, the real question is, do you think other Maestros would just sit by and watch if Teacher Admirable Fish aims for his twelfth continuous win? According to Blue Star platform convention, any composer who wants to achieve a twelfth win will face competition, this is an inevitable challenge for those who aim for the twelfth win.

In the following months, the competitors Teacher Admirable Fish faces will become increasingly competitive. This is the law of the musical world, and if Teacher Admirable Fish fails in June, all the effort put into the last five months will be in vain!"

Is it necessary for Xian Yu to make things even more challenging for himself when it is already so daunting?

Chapter 688: Stay Calm, Don't be Reckless

Netizens agreed thoroughly with the analysis.

Not only "Towards the North of the Sun", but also many musicians started to voice their opinions.

They viewed Xian Yu's adventurous decision to use this song from various professional perspectives, which gave Xian Yu's fans shivers.

Everyone began to understand the risks Xian Yu was taking with this song for June—

"Fish Papa, stay steady, don't be impulsive!"

"Sure, a song themed around Sherlock Holmes can be released, but Fish Papa shouldn't pin such an important task as ranking on this song. Narrowing down his creative scope is like crippling himself!" Enjoy exclusive content from My Virtual Library Empire

"Writing a song for Sherlock Holmes, isn't that essentially custom music?"

"Although I know that Fish Papa is doing this for his friend Chu Kuang, after all, Chu Kuang changed the story ending for you, but you can't write a custom song just for the sake of collaboration. You have just won the five-time champion, we should play it safe in the future."

"Who has ever made it to the top of the charts with a tailored song?"

"Even though Sherlock Holmes' fans say they'll support you unconditionally, you can't take all of that seriously. At least half of the readers will decide whether to download based on the quality of the song. If the quality isn't up to par, they'll just think you don't understand Sherlock Holmes."

"Fish Papa, please don't be stubborn."

"If a capable songmaker takes part, you could easily lose your early advantage. Making a song featuring a dark theme like Sherlock Holmes is difficult, and it's easy to end up putting in effort without gaining approval."

"..."

Comments section of Xian Yu's fan community.

Many fans started to advise Xian Yu to play it safe.

The mainly cited reasons were professional music industry analysis.

Indeed, these analyses were rational and justified.

One of the netizens jokingly sighed, "For the sake of Xian Yu's twelve-time champion, we are really breaking our hearts."

Result...

The very thing they were afraid of, happened!

Xian Yu hadn't replied yet.

A songmaker named Chen Hexuan suddenly announced on the tribe's official site:

"The fact that 'Erlang' lost to Xian Yu has always been my regret. Why not have another match in June with Xian Yu, by the way, I am a fan of Mr. Sherlock Holmes too."

Someone did indeed step up in June!

Moreover, it was Chen Hexuan, who had previously lost to Xian Yu!

Chen Hexuan was the composer of The Primordial Chaos promotional song "Erlang".

At the time, The Primordial Chaos and Journey to the West were battling in the ring, so Xian Yu wrote a song called "Wukong" to compete with it.

In the end...

Chen Hexuan's song's popularity, assessments, etc., all lost to Xian Yu's "Wukong".

"Is this revenge?"

With Chen Hexuan's joining...

The internet instantly became lively.

At this moment, another female songwriter named Liu Rumei made her announcement:

"Originally I wanted to claim the number one spot in May, but was defeated by 'To Alice', and reluctantly took the second place. Since that's the case, I can only strive again in June."

Stir!

The internet became even more lively!



Liu Rumei is one of the few females in the songwriter business. She released a new song this month, and ended up taking second place.

The first place went to 'To Alice'.

Now, Liu Rumei was planning to confront Xian Yu again in June!

"Another one seeking revenge!"

Netizens summed it all up quite cleverly.

However, it seemed like things weren't over yet.

After Chen Hexuan and Liu Rumei, a songwriter named Shen Lang also stepped up:

"I participated in 'Our Song' along with Teacher Xian Yu before, and ended up losing to Xian Yu three times. Only Teacher Yin Dong had a worse fate than me. But in our Blue Star, there's a common saying that mishaps thrice repeated may not recur. Wouldn't it be my turn to win in June?"

Oh my god!

Netizens were totally speechless.

Shen Lang, too?

And what's this about 'mishaps thrice repeated may not recur'?

You three must have planned this together, right?

Choosing to confront Xian Yu at the same time?

There can't be any more right?

Just when everyone was having this thought, the fourth songwriter, Hua Li, dramatically appeared.

This Maestro is named An Xin:

"When 'Mariage d'Amour' was released back then, it suppressed us six Maestros from Chu Continent, me included. I was in second place at that time. Several years have passed, but I still can't forget that incident. So why not take advantage of June to compete with Xian Yu again? If I lose to Xian Yu this time, I'll avoid him whenever I see him in the future."

Oh my gosh!

Are they all here for revenge?

Netizens were completely stunned. Looking at what these four Maestros said, those who didn't know would think Xian Yu had offended many Maestros!

After their shock.

Countless people burst into laughter!

All the other Maestros were so domineering!

Why do these four Maestros sound so melancholy?

It seems they were all beaten by Xian Yu and bear a grudge?

Normally, you guys wouldn't dare to challenge Xian Yu alone, but now you all seem eager to do so. Are you sure you're not seeing Xian Yu being a bit reckless in June and want to take the opportunity to end his six consecutive wins?

Alright!

All fun aside.

Don't joke about the Maestros.

After all, they are Maestros, and there are four of them!

Although no new Maestros appeared to seek revenge on Xian Yu, the lineup with these four Maestros is already quite formidable!

Remember.

In a normal month, even if the five continents of Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han were combined, usually only one or two Maestros would step forward!

They would all usually avoid each other tacitly.

This kind of situation where four Maestros participate in the same season is very rare!

Nobody dares to underestimate them!

Not to mention that Xian Yu himself is also a Maestro, one that other Maestros fear. It's just that he hasn't received that official honor yet.

This means:

The battle in June will involve five Maestros!

And it's clear that these four Maestros who stepped up one after another are coming for Xian Yu. This battle is actually a siege by four Maestros against Xian Yu!

In an instant!

The whole network is buzzing!

"What the hell!"

"I was very worried about Fish Papa at first, but after reading the testimonies of these four Maestros, I find myself wanting to laugh..."

"These four Maestros are too straightforward, aren't they? They didn't keep anything back, popping right in and explaining why they chose to act now."

"Avengers Assemble!"

"The timing of their attack is ingenious, after all, Xian Yu's next song is based on Sherlock Holmes, it's like dancing with shackles."

"Won't Xian Yu change his song?"

"If he doesn't change the song, facing four Maestros at the same time, his six-win streak might come to an end!"

"Experts were right, the twelve consecutive wins, the more difficult it gets towards the end!"

"It's only June, and four Maestros have taken action, and they all directly call out to Xian Yu!"

"I'm impressed by the reasons these four Maestros gave for their actions!"

"The speeches of the four can be collectively translated to: I'm here for revenge!"

"..."

A lot of people couldn't help but laugh and cry!

Speaking of these Maestros being tricky.

One by one, their dynamic statements are worse than the last, immediately mentioning their tragic past of being beaten up by Xian Yu.

Speaking of their tragedy.

This round of theirs is clearly aiming to take advantage of Xian Yu's vulnerability.

Even ordinary people can see the difficulty of creating music around the theme of Sherlock Holmes.

The Maestros certainly understand it even better!

They chose to attack Xian Yu in June when they knew Xian Yu's performance would be limited by this song. They're clearly trying to take advantage of the situation!

Why hasn't Xian Yu said anything yet?

Does he really want to face the four Maestros who seek revenge while dancing in shackles?

That's a bit risky!

He's only had five consecutive wins!

Hold on, don't rush!

Chapter 689: The Determination of a Holmes-fanatic

Lin Yuan couldn't possibly be oblivious to the commotion on the internet.

Although he wouldn't go so far as to look up news about himself, when Lin Yuan surfed the internet, news related to him would easily pop up in an attention-grabbing way:

"Four Maestros Gang Up On Xian Yu!"

"Xian Yu's Six-Game Winning Streak to Be Ended?"

"Chen Hexuan Forms the Avengers!"

"Will Xian Yu Switch Songs Under Pressure?"

"How Hard Is It to Hit the Charts with a Customized Song?"

"How to Write a Song from a Sherlock Holmes Novel?"

Upon seeing the words "the Avengers," Lin Yuan was stunned for several seconds, thinking something was wrong with the world. He only realized this "Avengers" was not that "Avengers" after he finished reading the news.

Such a misunderstanding.

At this moment, there was a brief knock on the door.

Lin Yuan looked up and recognized the company's chairman Li Songhua, who had previously sent him a car and tea leaves:

"Chairman?" Find your next read on My Virtual Library Empire

"Switching songs?"

Li Songhua asked with a smile.

Lin Yuan shook his head.

To his seemingly unsurprised response, Li Songhua took out a boxed phone with a somewhat resigned expression, "This is a highly secure phone. You should take it and stop using one phone. It's too easy to log into the wrong account."

"..."

Lin Yuan silently accepted the phone, not mentioning that he actually had two phones already. The mix-up between Xian Yu and Chu Kuang had evidently been guessed by the chairman.

"Thank you."

"Keep going."

Li Songhua turned to leave, then hesitated slightly, "Those four Maestros are all friends of Yang Zhongming and Zheng Jing."

Lin Yuan was taken aback.

Leaving, Li Songhua added, "If they strike in June, it will be inconvenient for others. If you lose to them, it means you were not destined for the twelve consecutive championships."

Lin Yuan remained silent.

So that's the case.

No wonder when the four Maestros called for revenge, Lin Yuan felt something was off. Everyone didn't seem to hold such substantial grudges.

Now he understood.

Yang Zhongming and Zheng Jing were helping him secretly. It was better for these four people to make a move than for some more formidable Maestros to act—

Yes.

Lin Yuan had heard music from all four Maestros. If we were to rank them, these four would probably be among the weaker ones. Their stepping forward prevented other Maestros from specifically targeting Lin—with a four-on-one situation.

It was indeed quite dramatic.

With this in mind, Lin Yuan decided to record the song. "The Seventh Chapter of Night" was not easy to sing. Neither Chen Zhiyu nor Sun Yaohuo from the Yu Dynasty would match the style, and the other singers were all female. So this time, Lin Yuan planned to sing it himself. He was confident in mastering the melody of the song, but he needed a woman's high notes in the middle of the song.

Who should he choose?

After brief hesitation, Lin Yuan called Jiang Kui. She was the most promising female singer in the Yu Dynasty, bound to become a singing queen in the future, so Lin Yuan wanted to help her as much as he could.

Twenty minutes later.

In Lin Yuan's office, Jiang Kui's clear voice chimed in, "Teacher Admirable Fish, you wanted to see me?"

"Um."

Lin Yuan looked at Jiang Kui, "Will you record a song with me? You sing the chorus."

This wasn't a duet.

The part Jiang Kui was responsible for took up only a small fraction of the whole song, more akin to a cameo.

"Sure!"

Not everyone had the opportunity to collaborate with Xian Yu!

Jiang Kui nodded vigorously, her pigtails flaring out as she asked excitedly, "Is it about the Sherlock Holmes song?"

"Um."



"This song..."

Jiang Kui glanced at Lin Yuan and hesitated to speak.

Recently, Lin Yuan had improved his ability to read people's expressions, "You also feel that this song is not secure enough to compete with?"

Jiang Kui hesitated slightly then said nervously,

"A little bit."

Lin Yuan smiled, "Then listen to the demo."

As he spoke.

Lin Yuan turned on the office stereo.

It was a sample of the song he had finished the night before.

The stereo played a simple melody, and then the vocal came in.

Although this was the most simplified version of the song, it quickly caused a change in Jiang Kui's expression.

A singer of her caliber has a strong judgment for music.

A minute later.

Lin Yuan looked at a somewhat stupefied Jiang Kui:

"Any questions?"

Jiang Kui instinctively shook her head.

Lin Yuan laughed again: "I'll give you the lyrics and the music score, take some time to familiarize yourself with it, we'll record it later."

Jiang Kui nodded vigorously.

...

The recording was somewhat delayed. Because Lin Yuan had high demands for this song, it took a whole week to fully record the song.

During this week.

The grand finale of the novel "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes" was finally officially released, serving as a prelude to the song release in June.

As expected.

The audience's acceptance of this ending was much higher than that of "The Final Case", at least it did not cause any riots-

Although everyone's beloved Watson died, it was believed that this was due to Chu Kuang's petty jealousy.

He could have written it without killing him off.

On the internet.

Around this official ending, countless readers were engaged in intense discussions.

Within these discussions.

The topic inevitably touched upon Adorable Fish's new song next month:

"After reading the novel, I feel a sense of loss, suddenly looking forward to Teacher Admirable Fish's new song, really curious what kind of song he will write for this novel, Sherlock Holmes."

"I thought Teacher Admirable Fish would change the song."

"Looking at Teacher Admirable Fish's tribe, there doesn't seem to be any movement, it seems like he doesn't intend to change the song, it must be for that detestable Chu Kuang."

"It's also for us, the readers of Sherlock Holmes!"

"I've said it before, Teacher Admirable Fish saved Sherlock Holmes' life, so no matter whether his new song satisfies me or not, I will download it in support!"

"Same here!"

"Teacher Admirable Fish has been so persistent for us fans of Sherlock Holmes, we fans of Sherlock Holmes must repay him!"

"Let's go, guys!"

"We must let everyone see the influence of Sherlock Holmes!"

"..."

The date was May 31st.

The countdown to the release of "The Seventh Chapter of Night" had already begun.

By the time it was evening, the heads of various music apps had already received the official audio file of "The Seventh Chapter of Night".

"This is the perk of running a music app."

At the headquarters of a company named "Cool Cat Music".

Inside the director's office.

The man chuckled lightly.

The man had an encrypted music file on his computer called "The Seventh Chapter of Night".

The man's name was Xu Tao, the director of Cool Cat Music.

"The Seventh Chapter of Night..."

A trace of curiosity flashed across Xu Tao's eyes as he put on his headphones

As a die-hard fan of "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes", a fan of Adorable Fish, and a professional musician, Xu Tao was immensely curious about what this song would be like!

What was the reason for Adorable Fish's insistence on not changing the song in the face of a targeted attack by four maestros?

Was it merely because of Chu Kuang?

Maybe it wasn't just that.

Smiling, Xu Tao clicked the play button.

Chapter 690: Shattered Knees on the Ground

"Lyrics: Xian Yu"

"Composer: Xian Yu"

"Arrangement: Xian Yu"

"Singer: Xian Yu"

The captions denoting the song information drift about, "Xian Yu's style," all-rounded and familiar, float by as Xu Tao closes his eyes slightly.

Inside the slightly dim office.

The prelude of the song had quietly begun.

In the melodious music box, notes from a violin weave in strangely.

The mysterious cello constantly reappears in discordant notes, a tense atmosphere quietly permeates, and then comes the sound of a typewriter, both orderly and chaotic, followed by the official singing of the song—

"December, 1893, the alley is clear

The Seventh Chapter of Night, the typewriter continues, advancing closer to the next line of truth

The smoke from the elder tree pipe wafts towards the withered tree, crying out to me silently

The circular square adjacent to Baker Street

The iris badge on the armoured knight's arm shines faintly

The sound of an empty carriage echoing in the night visit.

..."

As the first line of the main song begins, Xu Tao's just-closed eyes suddenly fly open, filled with surprise and admiration!

Is it actually rap?

Such a strong sense of rhythm.

Not a hint of sluggishness.

This must be Xian Yu's first time trying rap, right?

No!

This is not pure rap...

The majority of rap is sung in a monotone.

But Xian Yu's rap is definitely based on a melody, with an overabundance of lyrics added, making every word in a stanza take up very little time, saturating the lyrics with literary charm.

Listening all the way down, there's no harshness or grating sounds, instead, it flows naturally.

"No wonder he's the Masked Singer who defeated numerous top singers..." Xu Tao thought to himself.

He had always wondered what kind of music should accompany Sherlock Holmes' stories.

Now Xian Yu has given the answer.

He has actually composed a fast-paced rap song, and once again demonstrated his all-rounded vocal skills in this song!

Xu Tao had no idea this was the unique style of "Zhou Rap".

The song is still continuing by his ear:

"In Victoria's moonlight, evil makes a bloody start

The missing gun, the burnt walking stick, the melted wax figure, who wasn't there?

The symbols on the jewellery box are but illusions conflicting, leading into his meticulously built dead-end

The evidence is perfectly buried

That smirk mocking the Scotland Yard

..."

Shifting his attention back to the lyrics, shock gradually spread across Xu Tao's face!

These lyrics!

"The starting date is the day Watson died, and the lines that follow point to the 'Mazarin Stone' case where Holmes deduces that Angel was Wintibank through the incomplete letters on the typewriter; the elder tree pipe is Holmes's usual smoking apparatus..."

Shock gradually spreads across his face!

Xu Tao sees even more details!

The line in the lyrics: "wafting towards the withered tree" actually refers to the case 'The Musgrave Ritual', where Holmes finds the missing crown by measuring an old elm tree that was struck by lightning at the Musgrave estate.

And "a bloody start" refers to 'A Study in Scarlet', the first case Holmes and Watson worked on together; when they first met, Holmes was conducting an experiment on the sedimentation of hemoglobin.

But there's more than just that!

For instance, "the melted wax figure, who wasn't there?" refers to 'The Empty House'!

For instance, "on the jewellery box, a symbol's illusion" refers to 'The Adventure of the Six Napoleons'!

For instance...

Xu Tao was frightened!

These lyrics are incredible!

They're obsessively twisted!

Almost every line corresponds to a scene of Sherlock Holmes, such an ingenious lyrical ability!

How starkly different from Xian Yu's previous style of lyrics!

This time, the artistic conception he created in his writings, with its grand narrative style, is enough to cause an uproar in the heart of any die-hard fan of Sherlock Holmes!

Xu Tao felt exactly this way.

Listening to this song, he felt as if he was reminiscing through "Sherlock Holmes" all over again. The novel's settings had completely transformed into a delicately produced movie!

And just as his feelings surged.



A sudden, ethereal female soprano appeared, causing his heart to shake violently in tune with the singing and the lyrics!

"If evil was a gorgeously cruel movement~"

"I would personally write its finale~"

"Morning dew drying the last line of sorrow~"

"Black ink stains tranquility~"

Xu Tao almost jumped out of his seat!

If the lyrics from the main verse were enough for a Sherlock to pay respect and homage, then the tearful refrain would surely leave any musician awestruck, even reverential!

How spectacular!

How astounding!

Jiang Kui's voice, full of distinguishable undertones, perfectly meshed with Xian Yu's rap, propelling the song to its climax!

Xu Tao was brought to his knees!

What kind of song is this!

The dark tone, astounding lyrics, tantalizing climax – even just having listened to the first part, was enough to stir up everyone's emotions!

"The lights dim, red curtains fall

Facts can only pierce through untraveled ground

Sudden delicate scent of flowers, attention-grabbing clothes

Everyone wears a different mask for different reasons, lies

There's only one name for motive, it's called desire

..."

The singing continues!

There is only sound and lyrics, but it seems like more and more stories are unfolding before Xu Tao, taking on the form of vivid images!

The song tells a tale.

The tale becomes a drama.

The drama is filled with songs.

The blend of classical aura and modern rhythm is perfect.

Rapping complementing the melodious singing.

Tinges of chill amongst etherealness.

Violin strings, eerie yet vibrant notes, holy prayers, and various instruments clash wildly!

By now.

The song has played for around three minutes.

There was a momentary pause in tempo, and then a flurry of piano notes suddenly emerge!

Cycling from high to low, the string arrangement drives the song towards an even higher climax. This is the refrain, but this time, it's Xian Yu's voice – both wildly emotional and lyrical:

"If evil was a gorgeously cruel movement, I would personally write its finale..."

As if the lyrics and expression were perfectly merged together, giving a feeling of the present reality suddenly merging with the song's timeline.

The refrains before this were all sung by Jiang Kui.

This is the first time in the song that Xian Yu was in command of the refrain!

After being continuously highlighted by the previous female refrains, Xian Yu takes the song to its finale by increasing the pitch by an octave!

The combination of strings and piano drives the song to its zenith!

Finally.

Everything calms down in the sound of the violin.

Xu Tao sits blankly with his headphones on.

In the dark room, only silence remains.

It feels like some mystical ritual.

At this moment.

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The time ticks to midnight.

As the clock officially strikes for the 1st of June, "The Seventh Chapter of Night" is officially released on all major music platforms!

All the fans waiting in front of their screens, especially Sherlock fans, eagerly started this song.

And then.

Were a roomful of battered knees.