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Duncan's sigh didn't prompt Charlie to dwell on this matter,

But instead, he felt a surge of pressure.

In Duncan's eyes, the other party possessed abilities comparable to his parents.

His first thought was, given his formidable abilities,

Could he still find Claire?

Duncan himself didn't dwell on it much.

He simply sighed, thinking that for someone like him,

He only knew Charlie's father and mother,

And it had never occurred to him that either of them was still alive.

Charlie couldn't help but sigh,

"Detective Li, they've created so many smokescreens."

"Leaving behind so many true and false clues."

"How should we proceed?"

Duncan paused for a moment, then asked,

"Master Wade, are you determined to find Mrs. Wade?"

Charlie blurted out,

"Of course. I will find her no matter what!"

Duncan smiled, "Then don't worry too much."

"I'll do my best to help you sort through the clues until we find Mrs. Wade!"

Charlie felt a sense of relief at this.

Knowing Duncan's character and abilities,

His words reassured him at least halfway.

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Houston and Melbourne are nearly 15,000 kilometers apart.

The An family's plane would need to stop and refuel,

So the entire journey would take at least 17 or 18 hours.

Charlie had no experience investigating cases,

And with Duncan absent, he could only clumsily begin by examining the surveillance footage,

Attempting to trace Leon's movements.

But Leon proved far more cautious than Charlie had imagined.

First, all the hospital's surveillance footage was inoperable.

According to the hospital, the cause was a virus in the computer room,

Corrupting the hard drives holding the footage and making data recovery nearly impossible.

Second, the surveillance footage surrounding the hospital had been vandalized before the incident.

Someone had fired lead pellets from an air gun,

Shattering the camera lenses or disrupting the transmission lines.

These lead pellets are activated by compressed gas, lacking gunpowder, and produce a virtually silent discharge.

While not as powerful as a real gun,

Its near-zero recoil makes it incredibly accurate when used with a high-precision air rifle and scope.

This type of firearm is legal in many countries and far outnumbers real guns.

Many farmers use it to hunt rats and wolves.

A single shot from a hundred or two hundred meters away can easily penetrate a rat's skull,

While shattering lenses or cables is no problem.

Furthermore, the coverage and angles of the cameras themselves are often limited,

So if the attacker carefully positions and distances,

A side shot can go undetected.

Melbourne's surveillance coverage is already much lower than that of major Chinese cities,

With many areas lacking cross-surveillance systems.

Therefore, if a camera is knocked out, the area becomes a blind spot.

This is precisely why the police have been unable to find any witnesses or any useful leads.

While Charlie was at his wits' end,

Leon had already taken off from Port Hedland Airport, bound for Osaka, Japan.

Just as he had entered Australia,

He again, through Margaret's arrangement, entered the airport through unauthorized means and departed directly on a special cargo plane.

This method of departure allowed him to remain almost completely hidden,

Making it impossible to simply trace him.

Unless they could find a key person and extract information from them,

They would remain completely in the dark.

Meanwhile, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto,

A renowned temple in Japan was completely closed.

Kinkakuji Temple normally undergoes renovations every one or two years,

But most of the work involved is relatively minor, consisting of repainting, gilding, and minor repairs.

Which could be completed in a few nights.

However, this time, the Temple announced that several buildings, due to their age, posed significant safety risks and would undergo extensive renovations.

Requiring closure for at least a month and a half.

Margaret had taken up residence there.

Jing Qing had secretly arrived a few days earlier,

Having already communicated with his disciple, the abbot of Kinkakuji Temple.

The abbot of Kinkakuji Temple, Kongyin, is a 125-year-old, highly accomplished monk.