

Chapter 7029

After a ten-hour flight, Charlie hurried back to Aurous Hill.

Meanwhile, the Aurous Hill He family, along with ninjas sent by the Ito clan, had joined forces to investigate all the clues leading up to Claire's departure.

Even for seasoned experts, this kind of unraveling of a mystery proved difficult to master.

Furthermore, as Ruoli had said, each clue was like an endless maze,

The further one followed, the more tangled and chaotic the path.

Charlie knew this was no easy task,

But the feedback he received was unsettling.

So, upon landing, he immediately called Maria to inquire about her current location.

It was seven o'clock on a Friday evening.

Maria told him, "I'm at Zijin Villa."

"Young Master, do you have something to ask me?"

Charlie said, "I'd like to seek your opinion on something."

"Is it convenient for you?"

"Yes," Maria said in a clear voice,

"Young Master, please come directly."

"I've prepared tea and will be waiting for you."

Charlie breathed a sigh of relief and told Orvel and Issac to leave together.

He drove another car sent by Issac's men and headed straight for Zijin Villa.

When they arrived at the Villa, it was already eight o'clock in the evening.

Zijin Villa was very quiet.

After receiving the notification from Old Zhang, Larry and his wife, along with him, waited quietly at the entrance.

Despite their advanced age, they treated Maria with the deference and respect of a child to their mother.

Furthermore, Charlie's kindness to them was immense,

So they dared not neglect him.

Seeing Charlie, Larry stepped forward and said respectfully,

"Mr. Wade, you are here."

Charlie smiled and nodded and asked them, "Where is Miss Lin?"

Larry said, "Miss Lin is waiting for Mr. Wade in the villa at the top."

Old Zhang on the side also bowed and said, "Mr. Wade, Miss has ordered us to guard downstairs and not disturb you. I won't take you upstairs."

Charlie knew that they had a deep-rooted respect for Maria, so he nodded and said,

"Thank you all for your hard work. I'll go up first."

Then, Charlie stepped onto the stone steps and came to the door of the villa.

At this time, the door of the villa was ajar, leaving a gap of nearly 20 centimeters.

Through the gap, he could see Maria sitting under the Mother of Pu'er tea, boiling water, and making tea.

He was about to knock on the door to show politeness,

But Maria in the courtyard said, "Young master, please come in."

Charlie did not delay any longer and pushed open the heavy wooden door and walked in.

Maria was wearing a long white dress and a white fur shawl.

When she saw Charlie come in, she immediately stood up and saluted:

"I was busy making tea and couldn't get away to greet you."

"I hope you can forgive me."

Charlie smiled and said, "Miss Lin, we are friends in need and friends who have risked our lives for each other."

"Why are you so polite to me?"

Maria smiled sweetly and said, "No matter what, etiquette is always indispensable."

"My grandmother taught me since I was a child that even if I get married,"

"I must still be polite to my husband."

"What's more, you are my savior."

Charlie shook his head helplessly and smiled bitterly, sighing:

"Aren't you my savior too?"

After that, he didn't bother to be polite to Maria anymore and sat down directly opposite her.

After sitting down, Charlie remembered to look up at the lush tea tree above his head, and exclaimed:

"I didn't expect that the Mother of Pu'er Tea has such tenacious vitality."

"In such cold weather, it is still lush and green."

Maria nodded and smiled:

"Although the Mother of Pu'er Tea failed to pass the tribulation that year, it is now a fairly product reborn from the ashes."

"Ordinary weather can't affect her growth."

"She just needs to work hard and wait for the next tribulation."

After that, she filled the teacup with tea to 80%, handed it to Charlie, and said:

"Young Master, try it and see if it is different from before."

Charlie picked up the teacup, took a sip, and felt the tea wrapped in a trace of spiritual energy entering his stomach.

He couldn't help but sigh: "It seems that the spiritual energy is better than before."

"It was richer before, but it's still a long way from reaching a level that would be of great help to cultivation."

Maria smiled and said, "Don't worry, Master. In three to five years, the Mother of Pu'er Tea will be lush and leafy enough to shade this courtyard."

"By then, the spiritual energy contained in her leaves will be even richer, and then she will be able to truly help you."

After saying this, she comforted Charlie,

"For you, three to five years is just a blink of an eye, and it will pass quickly."

Maria's original intention was to say that Charlie's lifespan would definitely be hundreds of years.

If he could unlock the secret of the ring, it might even last thousands of years.

In the long river of life spanning thousands of years, three to five years is really nothing.

However, these words struck Charlie as strange.

How could three or five years be a fleeting moment?

If he couldn't find Claire, he'd probably feel like his days were years.

He didn't covet the spiritual energy of the Mother of Pu'er Tea,

But if Claire also had to wait three or five years to find her,

He didn't know how he'd survive.

Maria saw the worry on Charlie's face, and her perceptive and intelligent mind immediately noticed something was amiss.

So, she asked with concern, "Sir, have you run into any trouble?"

Charlie nodded, sighed softly, and told her the whole story of Claire and his family of three leaving Aurous Hill.

After hearing this, Maria was slightly surprised, then something clicked in her mind. She said,

"Butler Tang has been secretly protecting the young master for so many years."

"And he's arguably one of the people who knows him best."

"If he starts to be wary of him, he'll definitely do it better than anyone else."

"So, I don't think the situation is optimistic."

Charlie sighed, "I know it's not optimistic, but I still want to find Claire as soon as possible."

"I wonder if Miss Lin could help analyze and give me some advice?"

"If not, you could even tell me a fortune."

Seeing Charlie's dejected look, Maria felt a little distressed.

She pulled nine copper coins from her bosom, cleared half of the tea table, and then carefully scattered the nine copper coins on the tea table.

Then, she frowned and stared at the nine copper coins, her face full of confusion.

Charlie couldn't help but ask, "Miss Lin, what does the hexagram show?"

Maria frowned and said, "It's very strange."

"It shows two completely different hexagrams,"

"The Gate of Life and the Gate of Death."

"Since you are looking for someone, the Gate of Life and the Gate of Death represent one being within reach and the other being like looking for a needle in a haystack."

"This..."

Charlie was confused and asked subconsciously,

"Miss Lin, how could such a hexagram appear? Isn't this a complete contradiction?"

Maria counted silently on her fingers, becoming more and more surprised the more she calculated. She said doubtfully,

"The hexagram indicates that this is indeed the case."

"As for whether Madam Wade can be found, the hexagram represents life and death."

"In other words, there are two 50-50 possibilities: extremely difficult to find or extremely easy to find."

"The factors that influence these two possibilities lie in just one person."

Charlie pressed on, "What does this mean?"

Maria said, "Both the gates of life and death are controlled by one person."

"If this person opens the gate of life, it will be easy for you to find Madam Wade."

"If this person opens the gate of death,"

"It will be extremely difficult for you to find Madam Wade."