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Charlie couldn't help but wonder,

"Then doesn't this refer to Leon and the mastermind behind this matter?"

"They are in control of the entire thing."

"No," Maria explained.

"Whether it's Steward Tang or his mastermind, both of them are considered dead in this hexagram."

"Even if they had the ability to help the young master find Madam Wade, they would never do so."

"They went to so much trouble to take Madam Wade away from the young master; they can't let their efforts go to waste."

"It's like someone being kidnapped."

"The kidnapper is their death gate."

"While they could spare their life, it's almost impossible."

"Their life gate lies either with the police or some other third party."

"But not with the kidnapper."

Charlie nodded, suddenly realizing, "This means that the only person who can truly influence the life gate and death gate is someone other than me, Leon, and the others."

Maria nodded, "That's right."

Charlie quickly asked, "Is that Inspector Li?"

"I've asked him to help me investigate this."

"Does the success or failure of this matter depend on him?"

"If he's on the right track, or if he finds that crucial opportunity,"

"Can the problem be solved?"

Maria hesitated, "That... I'm not sure..."

There was something she hadn't told Charlie: whether to open the life gate or the death gate depends on that person's whim.

In other words, they have complete control over both.

If Duncan were simply assigned to investigate the case, with the life gate opening if he found it right and the death gate opening if he found it wrong,

That seemed to contradict the hexagram's indications.

If one had to blame Duncan, the logical explanation would be that after discovering the life gate, Duncan hesitated to tell Charlie.

In that case, with the life gate in his left hand and the death gate in his right hand, life and death would be decided by a single thought.

But was that really the case?

Maria was unsure.

She stared at the hexagram formed by the nine coins, her astonishment growing.

She had never encountered such an ambiguous or even half-and-half situation before.

Of the nine coins, four were oriented precisely in the gates of life, while the other four were positioned precisely in the gates of death.

And yet, the crucial coin landed in a position that presented both life and death.

This potential for life and death didn't refer to the coin itself,

But rather to the fact that when viewed alongside the four gates of life,

The five coins could simultaneously form a hexagram representing the gates of life.

However, when viewed alongside the other four gates of death,

It could also form a hexagram representing the gates of death.

It was as if a child of mixed descent from two countries, equally powerful, were born during a war.

Only this child could tip the scales:

If they took on the father's nationality, they would become enemies of the mother's, and vice versa.

Maria had practiced hexagram reading for centuries,

But this was the first time she had encountered such a strange hexagram.

She silently picked up nine coins and tossed them out again.

Although the positions of all the coins had shifted this time,

She, interpreting the hexagram, reached the same conclusion.

Seeing her frown, Charlie couldn't help but ask again,

"Miss Lin, what does the hexagram show this time?"

Maria shook her head. "Same as before, no change."

Surprised, Charlie asked, "I just noted down the front and back of all the coins."

"Compared to the previous hexagram, every coin's position has shifted."

"And the front and back have changed as well. Why is the hexagram the same?"

Maria smiled and said, "Young Master, you learned Feng Shui from the Nine Profound Heavenly Scriptures."

"But it doesn't seem to contain divination."

"Hexagrams aren't interpreted based on appearances, but rather by their own unique logic."

"The two hexagrams appear unrelated, yet the results are identical."

Charlie sighed, "There really aren't any profound divination techniques in the Nine Profound Heavenly Scriptures."

Maria explained, "The reason divination is so profound is because its underlying logic is equivalent to a software program capable of simulation."

"Young Master, now that you're involved in car manufacturing, you should know that modern simulated car collisions,"

"In addition to actual crash tests, they can also be simulated in software."

"The software itself has already set the physical properties of the Earth as constants."

"During the simulation, you only need to input parameters such as the vehicle's weight, speed, collision avoidance design, material strength, collision location, and collision object."

"And you can simulate the collision results of the car in detail."

"My fortune-telling relies on the I Ching and the Eight Trigrams."

"Although the ancients did not have computers, they used years of observation to master the underlying logic of the world and even the universe."

"And then created the I Ching and the Eight Trigrams."

"The core of the I Ching is 'yin and yang', which is actually the earliest binary system, similar to the 0 and 1 in the computer world."

"I use copper coins for fortune-telling."

"The positive and negative of the coins, like yin and yang, are also a form of binary."

"These nine copper coins of mine are like the nine important parameters of computer simulation and deduction."

"By submitting these nine parameters to the Yijing Bagua software for simulation, we can predict the direction and outcome of events, as well as the variables involved."

"As long as the development of things does not deviate from the operating mode of this world, the deduction result will not deviate too much."

"Although the positions and front and back of the nine copper coins thrown out are different, the reason why nine copper coins are needed for divination is that all divination does not depend on the state of a single copper coin, but on the relationship between the nine copper coins."

"In other words, throwing nine copper coins on a table, or in a room, or scattering them throughout the courtyard will not affect the result."

The Yijing Bagua is not feudal superstition, but the simplicity of the great way.

Just as 0s and 1s can form a computer's virtual world, yin and yang naturally form all things in the universe.

However, Maria might be the only person in the world who truly masters the I Ching's eight trigrams and can perform calculations using nine variables.

The same results had occurred twice, leaving Maria baffled.

Both Leon and the people behind him belonged to the Death Gate.

Duncan, being Charlie's associate, belonged to the Life Gate.

Charlie himself must also be a Life Gate.

So, who was this person caught in the middle, wavering?

Confused, she said to Charlie, "Sir, please be patient."

"Give me some time to think through the connections."

"I'll let you know as soon as I have a result."

Charlie nodded gently. Duncan might even need a year or two, or even three to five years, to track down the cause.

Even Maria, no matter how amazing she was, couldn't find the clue overnight.

This matter naturally couldn't be rushed.

Recalling the letter Claire had left for him at home before leaving, Charlie suddenly felt a surge of longing to return home.

He said to Maria, "Miss Lin, it's getting late."

"I won't bother you any longer."

"If you have any findings or conclusions, please contact me immediately."

Maria nodded and smiled, "Don't worry, young master."

After saying this, although she felt reluctant, she didn't try to persuade him to leave.

She smiled and said, "I'll see you off, young master."

Charlie left Purple Gold Villa and hurried back to Tomson First Floor without stopping.

The house looked exactly as it had been shown in Nanako's video.

Most of the furniture and belongings were untouched, just as they had been when he left.

Returning to the bedroom, Claire's letter still lay quietly by the bed.

Charlie opened it and reread it, tears welling up in his eyes again.

After six years of marriage, they had thought their marriage was finally on track,

Only to have it suddenly end at the most beautiful moment.

Now back home, everything was the same as before, except for Claire.

The sight of her in this place, filled with memories of her, made Charlie even more devastated.

After much hesitation, he finally took the letter from Claire and left Tomson One.

Living alone in such a large house was lonely enough, and the constant presence of Claire made it even more oppressive.

So, Charlie left Tomson One and headed for his hillside villa in Champs Elysees, feeling he needed some time to himself, perhaps three to five days, or a month or two.

He then left messages on WeChat for Duncan and Maria, telling them to call him immediately if they had any news.

He planned to temporarily disconnect from WeChat and whitelist only Duncan and Maria on his phone, blocking all other calls and texts.

When Maria saw Charlie's message saying he'd call her if he had any news, she knew he'd want some quiet time to process Claire's departure.

She worried, fearing he'd become devastated or suffer from constant longing for her.

So, she told Lao Zhang and the others not to interrupt him, deciding to sort out Charlie's recent experiences and who the variables in the hexagram depended on.

She opened a Go board and placed a black piece on the far left, muttering,

"Every cause and effect has a source."

"So, the source of all this should be Qingzhao Temple on the edge of the Shiwan Mountains, right?"