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Maria and Charlie had known each other for a short time.

From that time, she felt the mysterious power behind Charlie first surfaced at Qingzhao Temple.

At the time, she and Charlie were traveling together to the Shiwan Mountains,

But unexpectedly, they encountered the fake nun waiting there.

Not only did she know the secret of their trip to the Shiwan Mountains,

But she also knew that the Shiwan Mountains held numerous dangers for Charlie.

Maria placed a white stone beneath the first black stone.

The upper black stone represented Qingzhao Temple,

The lower white stone is the fake nun.

Then, they flew directly from the Shiwan Mountains to Eastcliff.

She then took out another black stone and placed it behind the previous one.

Initially, in her mind, this black stone represented Eastcliff.

She then recalled the time when she and Charlie had just arrived in Eastcliff,

When Leon had delivered Charlie's parents' old photo album to the Wade family mansion, and then left without saying goodbye.

It was then that Maria realized that Leon and the fake nun from Qingzhao Temple were in cahoots.

So, she placed a white stone beneath the second black stone.

This white stone represented Leon.

Now, Maria's task was to locate the third black stone and the third white stone.

However, a detail suddenly occurred to her.

She had met Leon once when she and Charlie had returned to the Wade family mansion.

He had smelled a faint scent of incense, which both Charlie and she had noticed.

Leon had said he had just visited the Lama Temple to worship Buddha.

Charlie hadn't thought much of it, but Maria pondered it further.

She initially thought that Leon's face didn't resemble a religious believer,

But rather a seasoned veteran with a firm belief in atheism.

Then, she considered the Lama Temple's status as a Lama temple,

Which seemed even more out of place for someone of Leon's stature.

But at the time, she was preoccupied with the dangers lurking in the Shiwan,

And hadn't considered Leon's unusual behavior.

But now, thinking about it, it did seem puzzling.

Qingzhao Temple, Lama Temple.

Why were they both temples?

Did this mean that the mysterious mastermind behind Leon had some connection to temples?

Her intuition told her that her theory was correct.

So, she immediately took out a black pawn and placed it next to the first two, muttering,

"The first black pawn is Qingzhao Temple, the second black pawn isn't Eastcliff, it's Yonghe Palace."

"So this third black pawn is most likely a temple."

At this thought, her eyes suddenly lit up:

"Madam Wade left Nanjing. Before she left, she must have met these people."

"They must have told her something about the young master, which made her willingly leave him."

"So, where did she meet them? Most likely Nanjing, and most likely a temple!"

"If the third black pawn is a temple in Nanjing,"

"Then it's most likely the most famous... Qixia Temple!"

Moreover, Maria had intended to visit Qixia Temple before,

And that time, as she had hoped, she met the fake nun from Qingzhao Temple there.

Therefore, the suspicion of Qixia Temple became even greater!

Maria felt that she was getting closer and closer to the truth.

So, she immediately called her grandson, Ethan Sun.

As soon as the call connected, the caller politely asked,

"Miss, why are you calling so late? What can I do for you?"

Maria asked, "Do you have access to the carrier's confidential data?"

Ethan immediately replied, "Of course. What data do you want?"

Maria sternly instructed him, "Please help me check the access records that Mrs. Wade has left with the carrier over the past few months."

"Be specific, down to every base station."

"Then, plot the locations on a map, timeline, for me."

"Mrs. Wade?"

Ethan was a little surprised.

He didn't know why Maria wanted to investigate Charlie's wife.

It wasn't something Charlie had asked her about.

However, between Charlie and Maria, he naturally preferred her.

So, he gave up the question and immediately said,

"Miss, wait a moment. I'll make arrangements."

Maria, reflecting on something, reminded him,

"Remember, maintain absolute confidentiality."

"Don't worry!"

The carriers held user data with high confidentiality.

This was especially true of user movements, which generally couldn't be accessed even by the police.

For users, no matter which carrier's mobile number service they use, as long as their phone needs to access the network,

A connection record will be left with the carrier.

When a user is at home, the carrier will automatically match them with the nearest base station and record the time they connected to that base station.

When a user leaves home and enters the coverage area of the next base station,

The carrier will also record the time they disconnected from the previous base station and the time they connected to the next one.

This is critical data stored in the server.

Over the years, this data has helped police solve many major crimes.

Especially in the era when the Sky Eye system was not yet fully developed,

Many criminals cleverly fabricated alibis,

But ultimately failed, and the police discovered that their phone had been near the crime scene.

Maria knew she didn't have an AI model like Charlie's,

And it was impossible to quickly locate Claire's movements through municipal surveillance.

That's why she came up with this method.

While this method wasn't as precise or clear as video surveillance,

The answer Maria wanted was simple:

She simply wanted to know if Claire had visited Qixia Temple in the past few months!

Ethan was incredibly efficient.

In less than twenty minutes, a video file was sent to Maria's phone.

The video started with a map of Aurous Hill City and a red dot.

After clicking play, the coordinates jumped around the map.

The corresponding time in the upper left corner indicated which base station Claire's phone connected to at that time, and the next,

As well as the location of that base station on the map.

Because of the distance between base stations, the red dot's movement was hopping.

Most of Maria's movements bounced back and forth between Tomson and Claire's company, with occasional stops elsewhere.

She paid no attention to any of this.

Instead, she kept her eye on the Qixia Temple section of the map, wondering when the red dot would light up.

Hard work pays off.

As time advanced to the eve of the Lunar New Year,

The red dot representing Claire's base station suddenly lit up at Qixia Temple!

At that moment, a smile crossed Maria's lips.

The third black piece officially became Qixia Temple in her mind.

So, the next step was to find clues to the white piece.

Who had Claire gone to see at Qixia Temple?

Was it the fake nun, Leon, or perhaps someone else who was the "white piece"?

At this thought, a name suddenly flashed through her mind.

Charlie had said that Ito Nanako, by chance, had been enlightened by a monk named Jingqing at Qixia Temple.

Recalling that the enemy's position had always remained close to the temple,

She realized that this monk, Jingqing, must be a member of their faction.

So, she placed the third white stone below the third black stone and said with a smile,

"It seems this white stone is most likely Master Jingqing."

She then searched for news about Master Jingqing and discovered that, despite his young age, he possessed profound Buddhist attainments.

He had even represented the Chinese Buddhist community in a discussion with Master Kongyin, the abbot of Kinkaku-ji Temple in Japan, at Mount Putuo.

On a whim, she searched for Master Kongyin again.

Although he had not appeared in public for the past two years and had left no news, Maria still found an announcement through the search engine's automatic search function regarding the closure of Kinkaku-ji Temple for renovations.

The closure began just before Charlie's birthday, less than a week away.

She couldn't help but mutter to herself,

"Although there's no direct evidence yet, the indirect evidence has formed a mutually corroborating chain of evidence."

"This should mean that the other party is currently in Kinkakuji!"

Charlie could never have imagined that Maria had pieced together the entire story in just the time it takes to play a movie, using only six chess pieces.

"Kinkakuji..."

Maria muttered, and then she wanted to call Charlie to share her analysis.

But just as she was about to dial, she exited the dialer screen.

She believed that since Claire was involved, Charlie's rationality would be affected.

If she told him her theory now, he might immediately depart for Japan.

However, the other party was clearly more powerful than he was.

Not only was she fully aware of his movements,

But she was also monitoring him to some extent.

Otherwise, when he deliberately went to Qixia Temple, the fake nun would never have appeared on her own initiative.