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Nanako said. "The monk's funeral wasn't public."

"It was held inside Kinkaku-ji Temple, and only monks attended."

"I wasn't qualified to attend his funeral."

As she spoke, she suddenly remembered something and said,

"Oh, by the way, the one who presided over the funeral for Master Kongyin was Master Jingqing,"

"Who enlightened me and helped me attain enlightenment?"

"Master Jingqing?"

Charlie was somewhat surprised to hear this name.

This person had appeared in his ears quite frequently.

He was able to help Nanako attain enlightenment at Qixia Temple,

But he never expected that he would also have connections with a high-ranking Japanese monk.

He wasn't a suspicious person,

But his intuition told him that if someone unrelated to him appeared in his ears repeatedly, there must be something to it.

So he asked, "Did you see that Master Jingqing again this time?"

"No," Nanako shook her head.

"Master Jingqing left Japan after presiding over the funeral,"

"And I didn't attend the funeral, so I didn't see him."

"I went to Kinkaku-ji to pay my respects to Master Kongyin after the funeral."

"Kinkaku-ji is currently under renovation and is not accepting worshippers."

"But fortunately, the Ito family has always been Kinkaku-ji's largest donor,"

"So the temple made an exception."

Charlie nodded slightly and sighed,

"I don't really encounter many cultivators in life."

"The few I do encounter are all enemies, or were once enemies."

"This Master Jingqing was able to enter the Dao through Buddhism,"

"So he must have extraordinary abilities."

"I wish I had the opportunity to meet him and discuss the Dao."

As he spoke, he was reminded by his own sigh.

Cultivators are extremely rare, so since he began to understand the Dao,

Every cultivator who appeared around him had some connection with him.

Either they're from the Broken Qing Society,

Or they're someone close to him, like Nanako.

The former is targeting him; the latter is someone who suddenly attained enlightenment while beside him.

And was enlightened by that Master Jingqing.

Looking at it from this perspective,

It seems unlikely that Master Jingqing's appearance would be entirely unrelated to him.

At this moment, Nanako was unaware of Charlie's thoughts.

Hearing that Charlie wanted to meet Master Jingqing,

Out of affection for her beloved, she blurted out,

"Since Charlie wants to see Master Jingqing,"

"Nanako will try to contact him for you and see if he's willing to meet with you."

Charlie asked, "Do you have his contact information?"

Nanako shook her head: "No, but Master Jingqing is quite active in the Buddhist community."

"If you're determined to find him, it shouldn't be difficult."

Charlie asked again, "What is his status in the Buddhist community?"

"Does anyone else know he's a cultivator?"

Nanako said, "Master Jingqing himself is a young monk who entered monastic life and is active in several Buddhist schools..."

"Having studied at the academy, he then began traveling and staying at various temples, lecturing and debating Buddhist teachings."

"He possessed a profound understanding of many Buddhist doctrines and gained the recognition of numerous Buddhist masters."

"However, I think the outside world certainly doesn't know his identity as a cultivator."

"After all, being a cultivator is such an extraordinary thing,"

"Just like you, he certainly wouldn't let outsiders know it normally."

Charlie suddenly realized and murmured,

"You're right... Every cultivator has a sense of 'possessing a treasure is a crime.'"

"Unable and unwilling to let others know their secrets..."

At this point, Charlie asked, "But, Master Jingqing has no relation to you."

"And you've never even met him before."

"Why would he risk exposing himself to enlighten you and help you attain enlightenment?!"

"This... I... I don't know either..."

Nanako was also somewhat confused.

Charlie felt increasingly uneasy. He frowned and said,

"Cultivators in this world are like hunters in the dark forest described in 'The Three-Body Problem.'"

"No one dares to light a torch to attract the other,"

"And upon seeing other torches, they either immediately move away or kill them."

"Someone like Master Jing Qing, who actively comes out to help you comprehend the Dao,"

"Doesn't conform to the dog-eat-dog rules of this world."

Nanako felt a little flustered and quickly asked him,

"Does Master Charlie think Master Jing Qing has ill intentions?"

"Not exactly,"

Charlie shook his head. "He risked everything to guide you in your enlightenment."

"So he's definitely not a bad person, nor does he have any malicious intentions."

"It's not that he has ill intentions, just that his motives are unclear."

Charlie wasn't Maria, after all.

If he were Maria, when he thought of this, he should have considered whether Claire's departure was also related to Master Jing Qing.

If he could think of this and try to trace Claire's previous actions,

He might have reached the same conclusion as Maria.

Right now, he only felt that Master Jing Qing's appearance seemed to have another purpose,

And he desperately wanted to know who this person really was.

Nanako then said, "Since Charlie suspects Master Jingqing's motives,"

"Why not find an opportunity to ask him directly?"

"If he merely discovered my potential for enlightenment by chance and casually enlightened me,"

"Then there's no need to worry too much."

"However, if he intentionally approached me and intended to enlighten me, then this matter becomes very complicated."

"Because for a cultivator to pay attention to someone like me who hasn't yet attained enlightenment,"

"The only possibility is that he noticed you, Charlie, first."

Nanako's analysis further cleared up the fog.

Charlie also felt that the probability of a cultivator with an extremely low chance of existence accidentally encountering someone with an equally low chance of talent,

And then, generously helping her attain enlightenment was frighteningly slim.

If the probability of a cultivator existing in this world is one in ten million,

And the probability of someone with the talent to become a cultivator is one in a million,

Then the probability of them coincidentally meeting in one place is much smaller than the probability of an asteroid hitting Earth.

Therefore, the latter possibility seems much, much, much greater.

If that's the case...

Charlie suddenly had a bold deduction:

He felt that Master Jing Qing was most likely the same kind of person as Leon.

Thinking of this, he suddenly wanted to go to Zijin Mountain to see Maria and tell her his conclusion.

Because in Charlie's subconscious, the person he could be most honest with in this world,

The person with whom he had the fewest secrets was Maria.

Apart from Maria, he held back from everyone else.

Seeing Charlie's solemn expression and silence, Nanako realized the seriousness of the situation and quickly said,

"I suddenly feel that this Master Jingqing is quite unfathomable."

"How exactly did he notice Charlie?"

"And how did he notice me through Charlie?"

Charlie, inspired by her words, quickly asked,

"Do you remember the details of your meeting with him?"

"I remember," Nanako nodded, saying,

"I heard from others that Master Jingqing's blessed amulets were very effective,"

"So I had the idea to ask for one for Charlie, which is why I met him at Qixia Temple..."

She then murmured somewhat shyly, "Charlie knows that I..."

"I've always had some superstitious beliefs..."

Charlie seized on something and immediately asked,

"So, where did you hear about him?"

Nanako truthfully replied, "In the elevator."

"In the elevator at Tomson Riviera."

Charlie found this even more suspicious and frowned,

"The elevator at Tomson Riviera? What a coincidence!"

"Yes," Nanako said. "I was taking the elevator down to the basement when a neighbor came up."

"She was on the phone talking to someone about Master Jingqing's visit to Qixia Temple,"

"And that Master Jingqing would bless amulets for believers."

"So I went up to her and asked her about it..."

Charlie's eyes narrowed, a sharp glint flashing within them.

Then he said decisively, "This woman is suspicious!"

