

Chapter 7071

From that moment on, Charlie became incredibly wary of these coincidences.

Now, when he looked at these coincidences, a thought immediately popped into his mind:

Where in this world are there so many coincidences?

Even the Nine Profound Heavenly Scripture that his father-in-law obtained by breaking the bottle wasn't a coincidence,

But the result of his parents' meticulous planning years ago.

His successful enlightenment was also thanks to his father transferring his Dragon Rank to him.

Making him a Dragon Ascendant.

Therefore, when Nanako overheard Master Jingqing coming to Qixia Temple in the elevator,

And then went there, and was enlightened by Master Jingqing,

These seemingly interconnected coincidences were more like a sophisticated trap, luring people deeper and deeper.

If this series of events were a series of schemes,

Then the woman Nanako encountered in the elevator was the first bait!

So he immediately asked Nanako, "Do you know that woman?"

"Does she live downstairs from you?"

Nanako nodded and said, "I've seen her a few times, and we've exchanged a few pleasantries in the elevator."

"We're fairly familiar."

"She lives on the ninth floor."

"Her husband is always away on business, so she lives alone."

Charlie immediately said, "Wait a moment, I'll make a call."

With that, he immediately took out his phone and called Orvel.

The call connected, and Orvel respectfully said,

"Master Wade, what can I do for you?"

Charlie instructed him, "Orvel, check the owner information for Tomson Riviera."

"Get the owner information for the ninth floor of the building where Miss Ito lives and send it to me."

The high-rise building that Nanako bought was the best one in Tomson Riviera, with only one unit on each floor.

Orvel's connections here were deep-rooted,

And he immediately began to inquire after receiving the call.

Soon, he sent the information to Charlie.

The apartment on the ninth floor is registered under the name Zhang Xixi.

However, this Zhang Xixi is not a Chinese citizen but an American of Chinese descent.

She owns an import/export company in Nanjing,

And her investment in China qualifies her to purchase the property.

Charlie found this suspicious.

The woman's identity differed significantly from Nanako's description.

Nanako said the woman's employer worked out of town year-round,

And she was a housewife,

But this didn't seem to be the case.

Therefore, he needed to confirm whether the woman's company was a shell company and whether her American citizenship could be verified.

He planned to have Orvel continue investigating the woman and the company,

And then send the woman's information to Stella in the United States,

Asking her to verify the authenticity of her American citizenship.

Nanako realized the seriousness of the situation and knew Charlie must be very frustrated, so she comforted him,

"Don't worry too much. We'll investigate slowly, and the truth will come out."

"In the future, we should pay more attention to unusual coincidences around us."

"Maybe we can seize the opportunity."

Then, she suddenly thought of a detail and quickly added,

"But Charlie, thinking back, I haven't seen this woman for a while."

"Maybe she's already completed her mission and left."

"If you investigate her openly now, you might alert her."

"Then they'll know you've noticed their presence,"

"And if they had other plans, they'll be even more cautious."

"Wouldn't that make it harder to find clues?"

Charlie murmured, "You mean to pretend you don't know and wait patiently?"

"Yes," Nanako said confidently,

"In Sun Tzu's Art of War, there's a strategy of using a counter-strategy."

"Now is a perfect opportunity. Pretend you don't know anything,"

"Let them lower their guard, and then they can use the same tactic again."

"That way, we can turn the tables."

Charlie thought Nanako's words made a lot of sense.

Investigating wouldn't necessarily frighten the other party.

In fact, whether or not to thoroughly investigate this woman might be a warning sign left behind by the other party.

Thinking of this, Charlie abandoned the idea of having Stella thoroughly investigate the other party's identity,

And instead had Orvel arrange for someone to check the water and electricity bills for the ninth floor of Tomson Riviera,

To see the recent water and electricity consumption of that apartment,

In order to infer whether the apartment was occupied.

If the recent water consumption was zero and the electricity consumption was extremely low,

It proved that the apartment was vacant and no longer occupied.

Orvel was very efficient; he quickly reported back to Charlie that the ninth-floor apartment had zero water bills for the past month.

And the electricity bill was only 68.03 yuan.

If an apartment is vacant and there are no leaks, water consumption will indeed be zero.

However, electricity is different.

The refrigerator, router, and smart home appliances that can connect to the internet will continuously consume electricity.

A monthly electricity bill of over 60 yuan is only a little over 100 kilowatt-hours,

Or four or five kilowatt-hours per day.

This electricity consumption is at least a third of what a side-by-side refrigerator would consume.

A single-level apartment in Tomson Riviera is two to three hundred square meters,

And the developer installed embedded AP panels in every room,

So the network would take up another third.

The rest would be for gas alarms, smoke detectors, and emergency call buttons.

It's possible the other party also installed networked surveillance cameras in the house,

So anyone breaking in would be notified in real time.

Therefore, judging from the water and electricity consumption,\

This house hasn't been lived in for the past month.

It seems this woman has completed her mission and left Aurous Hill.

Even if her identity is discovered, she probably won't be found.

Charlie felt somewhat agitated because he realized that an invisible net surrounded him,

Controlling most of his movements, even starting to arrange and influence his life like in The Truman Show.

He even began to suspect that his wife, Claire, might also be part of this network.

If so, her departure might simply be because her role in the other party's play was over.

Although he knew the other party might not actually have malicious intent,
This feeling of being secretly manipulated still made him very uncomfortable.

Nanako quickly changed the subject, saying,

"Charlie, we've learned our lesson."

"Let's not let her influence us too much now."

"Father is waiting for us at the dinner table."

"Let's go upstairs quickly!"

Charlie sighed softly and nodded slightly.

He knew his mindset was a bit off, largely due to Claire's departure.

At that moment, he suddenly wanted to find Maria, sit with her under the Pu-
erh tea tree, brew tea, and tell her about his troubles,

To see how she would comfort him or offer some inspiration.

So, he adjusted his mindset and said to Nanako,

"We can't keep Mr. Ito waiting."

"Let's go upstairs quickly, but I can't stay too long tonight."

"I have things to do later."

Nanako knew Charlie had just emerged from seclusion and must have many
things to attend to, so she nodded and said,

"After dinner, Charlie, please go ahead and do what you need to do."

"Our grandfather won't mind."

As the two entered from the underground parking garage and arrived on the first floor,