

## Four Skills 21

### Chapter 21

#### Shadow

In Shun City First High School, in the classroom of Year 3 Class 1...

Zheng Yi sat in his seat with a frown.

If Mo Xiu was here right now, he would definitely be shocked. After all, Zheng Yi had never been in such a state before.

The past few days had been tough for Zheng Yi. Although his right hand had been treated with medicine, he still felt a slight pain.

The duel between Liu Qingyu and Wang Xuanhu was very exciting, but Liu Qingyu still lost in the end.

Wang Xuanhu had also suffered a little in that battle. These days, he had vented almost all his resentment on Zheng Yi.

He continuously provoked and challenged Zheng Yi.

Zheng Yi calmed down a little after getting injured. He did not want to affect his college entrance examination results because of a moment of pique.

Even though he had been called trash and a coward, he had endured it until now.

Zheng Yi leaned back in his chair and sighed. "Ah, Mo Xiu, do you know how tough it has been for me while you were away?"

Although he said this, Zheng Yi was stubborn deep down. He didn't want Mo Xiu to know about his current situation. He didn't want Mo Xiu to destroy his original plan for him.

Ye Qian'er also suffered. After all, not many people believed Ye Qian'er's words.

The source of her news, Zheng Yi, had been bullied by Wang Xuanhu. Thus, the students were also mocking Ye Qian'er.

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At the courtyard of the Cosmic Tuition Class...

In the classroom.

Wang Yu wrote a word on the blackboard.

The word was "Shadow".

"Do you know who the Shadows are?"

"The Shadows make up a department of the Alliance that eliminates internal strife. They specialize in punishing people who use their skills to cause harm to society."

"You might ask, isn't that the mission of the law-enforcement team? Then let me ask you, if anyone in the law-enforcement team breaks the law, who will punish them?"

Only then did Mo Xiu realize that the Shadows had such a responsibility. He had always thought that Shadows was the most free department.

"The Shadows belong to the Alliance but are relatively free. Unless the Alliance is in danger, the members can choose not to carry out any missions."

“I’ll tell you what to take note of next.”

“One, the Shadow’s only external symbol is this medal. Your name and number are engraved on the back of the medal. I suggest you carry it with you.”

Wang Yu held a shiny black medal in his hand.

“Secondly, the Shadow’s name might be misleading, but I have to tell you that Shadows are not a secret organization. You can reveal your identity and fight for your rights.”

“Thirdly, there is a hierarchical system among the Shadows. The Shadows are ranked from Level-1 to Level-10. When carrying out the same mission, the low-leveled Shadows will have to listen to the commands of the high-level Shadows.”

“Fourthly, you will download a software. You can accept missions using the software. You will receive cash and points as rewards after completing missions. You can increase your level by accumulating points.”

“That’s all. You can take your time to understand the rest. The medal production will take some time. Meanwhile, you can download the software to your phones. When the medal production is complete, someone will contact you.”

“I almost forgot the most important thing. The management of Shadows is relatively free, but there is a bottom line. If someone causes harm to society or uses their identity as a Shadow to commit crimes, someone will punish them.”

The four of them downloaded the software.

The software was strange. There was no option of creating an account.

There was only a line of words and an input bar.

“Please fill in your personal information.”

Mo Xiu entered his personal information as requested and accessed the software.

The software was simple. There were only two large panels, one for the mission and one for his profile.

Mo Xiu opened his profile and read what was written on it.

“Name: Mo Xiu.”

“Level: 1.”

“Current Points: 0.”

“Remaining Cash: 0.”

After looking through the software, Mo Xiu realized that there was actually nothing. The purpose of this software was to accept missions.

In the evening, the four of them packed their luggage and prepared to leave.

When they walked out of the courtyard, everyone had a car to pick them up.

Gao Quan was waiting for Mo Xiu. Then, the four of them parted after a simple farewell.

Mu Qingyi smiled and said to Mo Xiu, “See you at the college entrance examination.”

After Mo Xiu got into the car, Gao Quan asked, “How is it? Is it done?”

Mo Xiu nodded and said, "Yes, I passed the test. Didn't you know?"

"How would I know? I'm not a member of the Shadows."

Along the way, Mo Xiu asked Gao Quan many times if anything had happened at school. Gao Quan did not respond.

The more this was the case, the more uneasy Mo Xiu felt. What could have happened at school?

Tomorrow was a school holiday, and the day after tomorrow was the day of the college entrance examination. Even if something were to happen, he would not know, so he could only ask Zheng Yi.

The journey home was always long. After some time, Mo Xiu reached home.

The moment he entered, he saw his mother busying herself at the table. Mo Xiu had sent a message in advance, so Li Yuan had prepared a table full of dishes.

However, Mo Xiu didn't come back after a long time, so the dishes were reheated over and over again.

The moment Mo Xiu opened the door, Li Yuan took Mo Xiu's luggage and welcomed him in.

"Xiao Xiu, how did you do outside?"

Mo Xiu grabbed the luggage and said, "Pretty good. I've learned a lot."

"That's good, that's good!"

Mo Xiu sighed. His mother had always been like this. She didn't ask too many questions and silently gave her all.

After dinner, Mo Xiu returned to his room to lie down and sent a message to Zheng Yi.

“I’m back. Shall we meet tomorrow?”

After a long while, Zheng Yi replied.

“I’m going to train in seclusion to prepare for the college entrance examination.”

Mo Xiu did not reply. If there was anything, they would talk when they meet.

Actually, this message was sent after careful consideration by Zheng Yi, even though it was unlikely that the word ‘deliberate’ would apply to Zheng Yi.

Zheng Yi did not want to affect Mo Xiu’s college entrance examination, so he said that.

The next day, Mo Xiu did not undergo any training and spent the entire day trying to relax.

He helped his mother with the chores and went out to buy groceries. When he came back, he clumsily cooked a meal.

After dinner, her mother commented on Mo Xiu’s food.

“This child is worth teaching!”

Mo Xiu didn’t know if what he did was good or bad.

After dinner, Mo Xiu lay on the bed and browsed through the Shadow software.

“Grade-D investigation mission. Investigate the mysterious factory. Reward: 100 points and 50,000 yuan.”

“Grade-C annihilation mission. Annihilate the group of Black Foxes. Reward: 1,500 points and 800,000 yuan.”

“Grade-B capture mission. Capture a fugitive. Reward: 5,000 points and three million yuan.”

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“Grade-SSS bounty mission. Obtain the Black Dragon Eye. Reward: 10 million points and 10 billion yuan.”

Previously, he didn’t take a closer look at the missions. However, when he took a closer look, there were minor missions that involved finding items, and major missions that involved killing Beast Emperors. There were all kinds of missions.

The rewards were also very generous. Mo Xiu decided to take on some missions after the college entrance examination.

On one hand, it was to supplement the family’s income so that his mother would not have to work overtime every day for a meager salary.

On the other hand, he needed to save up some money to buy herbs. Mo Xiu had heard that university was different from high school. It was useless to just work hard. Only with sufficient resources could one successfully grow.

Mo Xiu had no connections or money to enter the university. He could only use his identity as a Shadow to obtain resources.

Although he had a cheap master, he didn’t even know where his master was now. He didn’t even have a way to contact him, so he had to rely on himself for everything.

When Mo Xiu thought about his cheap master Edler Tang, Mo Xiu took out the black dagger.

At first, he played with it in his hand, but later, he started to punch with the dagger. He found it quite convenient to use it.

“That old man is really stingy. He said he would give me a gift, but in the end, he gave me a weapon that doesn’t suit me.”

“Bang!!!”

Mo Xiu stared at the shattered glass and the black dagger outside the window, speechless.

The dagger had extended!!!