

1131 BRING ON THE DIVINE PUNISHMEN

There was the sound of thunder. Lightning occasionally flashed within the thunderclouds. The entire Hakodate was in a state of panic. This was even more frightening than a typhoon!

Wen Zaifou looked sadly at the sky. "We were caught unprepared!"

He turned and waved, forming a void. He could no longer continue watching. He was not afraid of the lightning. Rather, he did not want Lu Shu to know that he was here.

Wen Zaifou left, but he was not worried about Lu Shu. He knew that the outcome had been decided.

Lu Shu lay in the remains of the mountain, feeling the flow of the celestial map in his body. The fifth level of Nebula was almost fully lit up.

Happiness, anger, sadness, fear, love, evil, and desire. The seven levels of the celestial map had seven different meanings.

The first soul was Corpsedog, the second was Concealed Arrow, the third was Sparrow Shade, the fourth was Seizing Thief, the fifth was Non-Toxic, the sixth was Filth Removal, and the seventh was Smelly Lung!

This time, the new sword that had formed above the fifth level was probably Non-Toxic!

Earlier, Lu Shu had been thinking about it. What kind of sword would Non-Toxic be?

Corpsedog was strong, Concealed Arrow was fast, Sparrow Shade was present in

large quantities, and Seizing Thief kept close to him. Rationally, he had all the swords he needed.

The next moment, the fifth level of nebula spun and formed a complete galaxy. Then, a shadow... appeared above the seventh star!

Suddenly, he felt something in the Seal of Lands wildly moving about. He opened the Seal of Lands. The head-twisting gourd that he had left aside for a long time suddenly flew to the fifth level of nebula!

The gourd swallowed the shadow in one bite. The surface of the flying sword within the gourd started to dissolve. The slender and beautiful flying sword sparkled among the stars!

The purple gourd completely transformed. A group of stars started to burn, turning the purple gourd into the color of white jade!

Lu Shu could not understand. Why had the gourd flown it? Furthermore, it seemed as if it was supposed to be there.

Back then, when the gourd had continuously been absorbing his celestial powers to nurture itself, Lu Shu had thought that it needed power.

Lu Shu had also considered why the gourd did not absorb Spirit Qi. Later on, he felt that it was because celestial powers provided more strength. When he thought about it again, it did not seem to make much sense.

The flying sword within the gourd had been obtained from a black market. Back then, Lu Shu had thought that the flying sword and the gourd were one entity. But there was

a problem. After the gourd obtained the sword, not only was not unable to twist its head, it become more disobedient. It spent its time nurturing the sword.

Lu Shu said, "Xue Shengyou!"

Xue Shengyou, who was in the sky, suddenly seemed as if he could no longer resist. He lowered his head and flew to Lu Shu. Lu Shu could feel the troublesome gourd returning!

Not only was Lu Shu happy that the head-twisting gourd had reappeared, he was even more happy that Xue Shengyou was unable to resist his head-twisting gourd, even though he had just entered the master realm and had not suffered a lightning strike!

No matter whether it was the Cheng Ying sword or the Seizing Thief, although Lu Shu liked close combat, the head-twisting gourd was more aligned with his intentions. It was able to take the enemy by surprise!

Lu Shu emerged from the remains and flew into the air. The fallen strands of the Sparrow Shade flew into the sky and flanked Lu Shu's sides.

Suddenly, Xue Shengyou felt his arm hurt. Corpseudog and Concealed Arrow, which had been hidden in his sleeve, were no longer under his control. Instead, they flew back to Lu Shu.

Lu Shu, who was surrounded by swords, was like a deity that had just arrived.

Sakurai Yaeko stood in the barrier of light and looked at Lu Shu. She was in a daze. This was the person she liked. Sakurai Yaeko never avoided the fact that she admired Lu Shu's strength. It was a part of Lu Shu, right?

Sakurai Yaeko suddenly laughed. She did not need to use her life to protect Lu Shu.

She liked the feeling of being protected, not protecting others as the leader of the Collection of Gods. If she could stay at home, cook, and wait for her husband to return, it would be the best for her. After a busy day, her husband would return and say, "I'm home." Just thinking about it made her happy...

Wait. This was not the time to think about this. Sakurai Yaeko turned red.

Lu Shu floated in the sky. He looked up at the lightning. He smiled at Xue Shengyou. "Let's hurry up and finish this fight. I still need to take the divine punishment."

Of course, he could not take the divine punishment in the city. It was on a scale that Lu Shu had never seen before. Nie Ting had received the divine punishment twice, but it had never been this grand.

If this divine punishment occurred in the city, all 310 thousand civilians in Hakodate would probably die.

Furthermore, Lu Shu was very interested in this divine punishment. He had 12 thousand sword prototypes in the Sea of Chi and snowy mountain. If he had 12 thousand lightning aurablades, even ordinary masters would be no match for him!

Who dared to provoke someone with divine lightning aurablades?!

Xue Shengyou laughed coldly. "Do you really think that I only have... ouch!"

Xue Shengyou suddenly coughed out blood. He looked at the black sword in his

chest!

Lu Shu was dumbfounded as well. He saw Nie Ting, who had suddenly appeared behind Xue Shengyou!

Nie Ting, who was dressed in black robes, seemed to have suddenly appeared with the lightning. Then, he took the chance while Xue Shengyou was preparing and Lu Shu was talking to pierce through Xue Shengyou's heart!

For some reason, every time Nie Ting appeared, Lu Shu felt that... even masters seemed weak.

Nie Ting calmly pushed Xue Shengyou aside. "You speak too much nonsense."

Xue Shengyou's corpse fell to the ground like a tattered cloth bag. Lu Shu was dumbfounded as he watched Shi Xuejin step out from a void. He curiously asked, "When did you come?"

"Oh." Shi Xuejin smiled and said, "You Mingyu told us that you were in danger. We were having a discussion, but immediately rushed here."

"Having a discussion? So why do you have a green onion in your hand?" Lu Shu was shocked.

Shi Xuejin suddenly remembered that he had forgotten to put down the green onion when he and Nie Ting rushed here...

On the other hand, Lu Shu suddenly realized that they had probably been eating when You Mingyu suddenly told them that Lu Shu was in danger. Furthermore, Lu Shu's

enemy was a master. They did not even have the time to put down the green onions before rushing here.

Furthermore, Nie Ting stole a life from him... Lu Shu did not even obtain the last distress points from Xue Shengyou...

Of course, Lu Shu was not ungrateful. It was good enough that they had come here to save him...

1132 WHOEVER DARED TO DEFY ME WOULD DIE

After that moment of awkwardness, Shi Xuejin kept his green onion back in his invisible storage equipment. "What a pity for the master realm's soul, if I had known, I should have brought Xiaoyu over."

Lu Shu smiled. "It's not a pity."

He said that it was not a pity because he understood immediately when he placed the head-twisting gourd back in his position that apart from twisting one's head and sending out flying daggers, the head-twisting gourd could keep one's soul.

"I reached here first," said Nie Ting, "However, I felt that something was wrong as someone seemed to be hiding above us. However, he left."

"Could it be the mastermind?" Lu Shu suspected. He did not realize that there was someone there. That person had managed to hide from Lu Shu. Perhaps, it was because Lu Shu was too engrossed in the battle that he did not take notice.

"Don't let your guard down," said Nie Ting.

Sometimes, friends were like so. Perhaps your blood-related relatives disappointed you but your friend had never disappointed you before.

Lu Shu thought about this question. Why did this happen?

He finally figured it out in the end. One's relatives were destined to be one's relatives the moment one was born. One did not have the power to choose one's own relatives.

However, one's friends were chosen by one.

Lu Shu said, "Wait for me for a minute, I am going to receive the divine punishment in the sea!"

Lu Shu had waited for the lightning for a long time. However, he could not tell Nie Ting that or Nie Ting would make a joke out of it if he thought that Lu Shu liked to be struck by lightning.

However, before Lu Shu could move, he saw Shi Xuejin wave to the sky. "Disperse."

Lu Shu was dumbfounded.

Then, Lu Shu saw the thunder clouds disperse from the sky. What about the 12,000 lightning aurablade? What about the claim to be the man who received the divine punishment?!"

Lu Shu pulled Shi Xuejin's arms. "Wait a minute! Why did you disperse the clouds? Get them back for me!"

Shi Xuejin was dumbstruck.

"From Shi Xuejin's distress, +666!"

At this moment, both Lu Shu and Shi Xuejin started to question their lives...

Lu Shu suddenly recalled that Shi Xuejin had the ability to disperse the divine punishment. However, it was the first time Shi Xuejin was told to call the divine punishment back... How was he going to do so?!

However, at this moment, the thunder clouds which were in the midst of dispersing suddenly gathered back. Shi Xuejin, Nie Ting and Lu Shu were dumbstruck. Nie Ting and Lu Shu looked at Shi Xuejin, "You called them back?"

"I didn't." Shi Xuejin felt very wronged...

Everyone was shocked. Even Shi Xuejin was unable to disperse this divine punishment!

Lu Shu took a deep breath and flew towards Sakurai Yaeko. With a layer of light in between them, Lu Shu said, "Wait for me here."

"Alright." Sakurai Yaeko nodded vigorously.

Lu Shu flew towards the sea. The residents of Hakodate saw how the thunder cloud moved with Lu Shu. When Lu Shu flew towards the sea, it moved towards the sea too.

That scene was extremely terrifying but made one respect Lu Shu too.

"He feels like the legendary Takemikazuchi[1]," someone exclaimed.

"He is much more good looking than Takemikazuchi!"

"You saw Takemikazuchi before?"

"No..."

At this moment, some people really thought that Lu Shu was the God in the legends.

When one was so powerful that it was beyond imagination, any ordinary person would view one as a God.

Meanwhile, Lu Shu's reputation in Japan was not only based on his capability but also his cruelty. In the chaotic incident in the Collection of Gods previously, Lu Shu had killed too many people.

Lu Shu reached the sea and stopped only when he confirmed that he would not disrupt the cities humans were living in. He looked up.

In fact, he was worried because he felt the stubborn will of the heaven in the thunder clouds. It was as though his mission to alter one's fate was the biggest challenge to the will of the heavens. Therefore, he definitely had to overcome this challenge.

At that instant, a bolt of lightning struck. From afar, it looked like a bent knife which struck Lu Shu cruelly.

Lu Shu's Sparrow Shade interweaved continuously and formed the first line of protection above his head.

After the first bolt of lightning, his Sparrow Shade went out of control. Lu Shu put them back into the celestial map and took out the Seizing Thief!

The second bolt of lightning was blocked by the Seizing Thief.

The third bolt of lightning was blocked by both the Concealed Arrow and the Corpsedog.

For the fourth bolt of lightning, Lu Shu raised his Gourd to the sky. The flying sword from the Gourd no longer hid and shot towards the sky directly, cutting the lightning bolt into half.

In order to become a master, one had to have a firm intention and one's own laws. That was the most determined belief of Practitioners and without this belief, they could not go against the heavenly law.

The lightning bolt shot out from the center of the sky. Rain fell from the thunder cloud that was sliced into half, hitting Lu Shu's body. The bolts of lightning entered Lu Shu's Sea of Chi and drenched every sword prototype.

"Anyone who opposes us would die eventually. That is the law," said Lu Shu calmly.

At the next moment, he dashed towards the thunder clouds. There were no more lightning bolts from the thunder clouds. Instead, a circular path was made for Lu Shu, as though the heavens gave way to him!

Lu Shu's figure appeared from the lightning bolts. The stars above his head was glistening. Lu Shu felt extremely happy at this moment.

So this was the new world!

Sakurai Yaeko smiled as she looked at what happened from afar. In the sea, even the thunder clouds had to give way to her crush. When the young man stood on the thunder clouds, the clouds finally began to disperse!

Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin looked at each other. Nie Ting suddenly said, "Do you still remember what I used to suspect?"

"Yes, I remember I said that he could only destroy the atmosphere but not the world," Shi Xuejin sighed, "Looks like my judgements are wrong."

At this moment, Lu Shu had flown back to where Sakurai Yaeko was. He said, "Come out, nobody can hurt you anymore."

Sakurai Yaeko hesitated for a few seconds before looking at the barrier of light, "I can't..."

Lu Shu was speechless.

At this moment, Lu Shu thought he heard Wen Zaifou's boast laughter...

He had already figured out Wen Zaifou's intention of sending the magical weapon. He probably had already guessed that someone would try to hurt Sakurai Yaeko and gave her a magical weapon for her to defend herself.

However, being a good guy was not Wen Zaifou's character. He would definitely do something that annoyed Lu Shu, for example, the barrier of light... Perhaps there was something wrong with the demon in the dagger too...

1133 SECRET MEETING

Wen Zaifou had already left. However, the magical weapon he had left behind became a problem for Lu Shu. This made Lu Shu very annoyed. By right, he should owe Wen Zaifou a favor as, after all, without Wen Zaifou's backhanded tactics, Sakurai Yaeko would have probably already died.

However, Wen Zaifou purposely grossed everyone out as though he did not want them to thank him.

Lu Shu was thinking if Wen Zaifou already knew who was targeting him, even if he did not know the specific details, Wen Zaifou still had more intelligence information gathered and that was why he used those tactics.

However, now, where should they go to ask? As Lu Shu stood outside the shield of light and was at a loss of what to do, his mobile phone started ringing in his pocket. When he took it out to check, he saw Wen Zaifou's message.

"Take care of yourself, I am returning to the Luniverse."

"Look for me when you are free."

"I will look for you when I am free too!"

"What should we eat the next time we meet?"

"Or where should we go?"

"Is the plum jade pendant giving you a headache? Hahahaha..."

Wen Zaifou talked to himself and was able to make out an entire conversation... Yet Lu Shu did not have the time and effort to worry about that. When he saw the message, he immediately called back but Wen Zaifou had already shut off his mobile phone.

Wen Zaifou left and nobody knew where he went.

Lu Shu wanted to ask Wen Zaifou if he had already figured out something. That was because he initially wanted to return to the Luniverse to kill Duanmu Huangqi. Now that he had attained the Master realm and Lu Xiaoyu had obtained two souls of masters, Duanmu Huangqi should be the person who was worried about his safety, and not Lu Shu.

However, Lu Shu suddenly realized that Duanmu Huangqi was merely a pawn. Be it being a pawn with other party's awareness or being fooled unknowingly, Lu Shu should face the culprit instead of Duanmu Huangqi.

Duanmu Huangqi had to die. When his ambitions burned, everyone else would die together with him. However, what if Duanmu Huangqi was killed?

The passageway between the Earth and the Luniverse would probably have to be opened completely. Lu Shu was not out to find him because he wanted to kill him, but he could not remain as a coward on Earth!

Lu Shu felt that if the passageways on Earth and the Luniverse could be completely sealed up and they each minded their own business, he would be glad to not return to the Luniverse anymore in his life.

Yet now the most important thing was... How should he open the plum jade pendant?!

At this moment, You Mingyu rushed over. You Mingyu, Lu Shu and Sakurai Yaeko all turned to look at Shi Xuejin.

Shi Xuejin was stunned for a moment before he said, "Why are you guys looking at me?"

Shi Xuejin thought about it. "I don't know what to do either, why don't I eat some green onions..."

Lu Shu was speechless.

You Mingyu was speechless.

Nie Ting was speechless.

Why was he planning to eat green onions, so what did he mean, eating green onions helps to raise one's IQ?!

Shi Xuejin stood in front of the shield of light gloomily for a long while before he said in a serious tone, "The Earth is still falling behind in terms of making new weapons. In a short span of time, people cannot just figure out what the underlying principles are behind the shield of light, it feels as though it is an independent law..."

Lu Shu felt gloomy too. The biggest difference between the Earth and the Luniverse was that technology was more advanced on Earth but the training culture of the Luniverse had reached the peak... There was no experts in making new weapons on earth!

Ka!

As this sound was heard, Lu Shu and Shi Xuejin turned around and saw Nie Ting holding a black sword. With a strike, he made a cut on the shield of light...

The crack continuously enlarged and accompanying Nie Ting's calm expression, the scene looked extremely creepy.

Xue Shengyou was unable to break open that shield in a short period of time. However, since he had been hitting it for a long time, and since Nie Ting was more powerful than Xue Shengyou, he managed to break it open in one strike!

Nie Ting's calm expression was as though he was mocking Shi Xuejin and Lu Shu silently. Wasn't it done after it was broken apart?

Before anyone could react, Sakurai Yaeko hugged Lu Shu, causing Lu Shu to be at a loss of where to put his hands. Sakurai Yaeko whispered to Lu Shu, "Thank you, thank you for saving me."

However, Sakurai Yaeko's hug did not last for long. To Shi Xuejin, it was like a touch-and-go gesture.

Shi Xuejin looked at Nie Ting. "Are there any other practitioners' organisations who have female leaders? Send him over to take a look?"

Nie Ting glared at Shi Xuejin. "Not for now, talk about it in the future."

Until now, Lu Shu had visited two top-ranked practitioners organisation with female leaders, The Deities and the Collection of Gods. There seemed to be no exceptions...

What on earth was happening, Shi Xuejin had a premonition that the Ninth Heavenly King would become a problem for the world of practitioners...

Some people were already very displeased with the Heavenly Network since a while ago but was not daring to say it. However, they were displeased because the Ninth Heavenly King and Heavenly King Li Yixiao stirred up so many things.

Yet now, things were different, the current Ninth Heavenly King was almost abducted by other leaders anywhere he went. This felt as though he entered another realm...

If the relationship with the external organizations was like this, everyone felt worried...

At this moment, Sakurai Yaeko suddenly said to Shi Xuejin and Nie Ting, "Can I use the identity of the leader of the Collection of Gods to hold a secret meeting? With the two of you."

Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin were stunned for a moment. Why did she suddenly become

so serious? Nie Ting said after thinking, "Sure."

The meeting location was at the Hakodate office of the Collection of Gods. The Collection of Gods took merely ten minutes to kick everyone out of the office. You Mingyu even cleared away all cameras and recording devices.

Lu Shu and You Mingyu stood in the corridors outside the meeting room and chatted, "What do you think they are discussing? Why can't I, the Ninth Heavenly King, join?"

You Mingyu said, "I don't know either. If you don't know, how would I know?"

"Have you ever met a slave owner before?" asked Lu Shu.

"No." You Mingyu lied through his teeth. He suddenly asked, "Do you really not know how to take in slaves?"

Lu Shu's hair stood up immediately. "I really don't know!"

You Mingyu looked sympathetic. Then, the door of the meeting room was opened. Lu Shu and You Mingyu looked at each other. They did not expect the meeting to end so quickly.

However, Lu Shu and You Mingyu realized that Shi Xuejin and Nie Ting's expressions looked weird...

1134 FOREIGN MEMBER OF THE HEAVENLY NETWORK, SAKURAI YAEKO

In reality, this secret meeting was not meant to hide the truth from Lu Shu. However, if Lu Shu was at the meeting, Sakurai Yaeko would be too embarrassed to speak.

To Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin's surprise, Sakurai Yaeko only discussed one issue at the

secret meeting. She wanted to join the Heavenly Network and become a foreign Heavenly King of the Heavenly Network...

Sakurai Yaeko was very polite when she brought this up. "I don't need to be a Heavenly King. I'm fine with being an ordinary member."

Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin were dumbfounded. Was this possible? This was too much!

In reality, Sakurai Yaeko had wanted to do this for a long time. Even Motegi Toshimitsu had a feeling that this would happen. Sakurai Yaeko had asked her several times about what policies Motegi Toshimitsu would implement to deal with other organizations. Would she be radical or conservative?

How would she treat the Collection of Gods? Would she be tolerant or strict?

Motegi Toshimitsu felt that if Sakurai Yaeko did not plan on leaving, she would not have such plans.

But was Sakurai Yaeko planning to abandon the Collection of Gods and go to the Heavenly Network for Lu Shu?

But Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin were thinking of something else. The Collection of Gods' attitude towards other organizations was their favorite. All they had to do was to take care of themselves. They did not aim to contribute much to the world. It was good enough that they did not cause more trouble.

This was a change that had occurred after Sakurai Yaeko completely controlled the Collection of Gods. It might be different with a new leader.

Furthermore, Sakurai Yaeko's position in the Collection of Gods was very high. If another leader stepped up, a faction of the Collection of Gods might not be satisfied. There would be internal strife within the Collection of Gods once again.

But this was not the main concern of Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin. It was very hard for them to discuss such practical affairs with a pure, young girl. Nie Ting was concerned about the overall situation as the leader of the Heavenly Network, but Sakurai Yaeko did not seem to have any practical aims.

Regarding the long-lasting political stability within an organization, others could be headstrong, but could Nie Ting do the same? Others might feel that he was cold when he considered this situation, but if Nie Ting did this to return a favor without thinking it through, he would no longer be Nie Ting.

All of these decisions might affect the distant future of the organization.

There were times when Shi Xuejin felt sorry for Nie Ting. He knew that Nie Ting had wanted someone else to be the leader of the Heavenly Network. It was not that Nie Ting felt that he was incompetent. He felt that he was more suitable as an invincible assassin.

But Nie Ting had no choice. He had considered Chen Baili and Lu Shu, but they were not quite suitable.

Chen Baili was aloof from the affairs of the world. If Lu Shu controlled the Heavenly Network, the Heavenly Network might cause too much mischief.

Nie Ting asked, "Are you planning to return to China with us?"

Sakurai Yaeko smiled and said, "No. I just hope that it will be easier for me to go there in the future."

She had said so, but everyone knew that if Sakurai Yaeko wanted to visit China, all she had to do was ask. Everyone would welcome her.

They all knew that Sakurai Yaeko was giving herself a possibility.

Sakurai Yaeko smiled, "Perhaps one day, when everything here is settled, I will go there to live permanently. Will you welcome me?"

Nie Ting smiled. "You are welcome."

Why not? If Sakurai Yaeko became a permanent resident in China, it would not be the responsibility of the Heavenly Network. It would be Lu Shu's responsibility. It was up to them to think about it. We do not understand the world of young people...

When Nie Ting said, "You are welcome," this meant that Sakurai Yaeko had secretly joined the Heavenly Network.

But Nie Ting would not directly give Sakurai Yaeko the identity of a Heavenly King. She would be an ordinary member.

When the door of the meeting room opened, Lu Shu asked curiously, "What did you talk about inside? Tell me."

Shi Xuejin and Nie Ting smiled, but did not speak. They were not willing to tell him.

Nie Ting stepped into a void. Shi Xuejin was about to leave when he was pulled back

by Lu Shu...

Shi Xuejin was puzzled. "Are you bullying me? Why didn't you stop Nie Ting?"

"Does it matter? Tell me what you talked about inside," said Lu Shu. He did not have a kind expression on his face.

"Ahem, it's fine if I tell you," said Sakurai Yaeko. "Sakurai Yaeko has secretly joined the Heavenly Network."

Lu Shu gasped in shock. This was major news. "You agreed? Are y'all crazy?"

Shi Xuejin was unhappy. "Hey, I am your senior. Can you be more respectful when you speak?"

Lu Shu paused for two seconds. "Are you crazy?!"

"... everything I say to you is meaningless!"

As Shi Xuejin spoke, he brushed away Lu Shu's hand. He turned and stepped into a void.

Sakurai Yaeko stepped out of the meeting room looking embarrassed. She smiled at Lu Shu. "Lu Shu-kun, we will be colleagues in the future. I look forward to working with you. I will find some time to look for you."

Sakurai Yaeko had not decided to become a permanent resident in China. Instead, she would stay in the Collection of Gods.

Even Sakurai Yaeko had not thought about how she would interact with Lu Shu. She knew that Lu Shu was more touched than happy.

To Sakurai Yaeko, Lu Shu was like a hero who would appear as promised when she was in danger.

But you could not say that the hero loved whoever he saved.

Sakurai Yaeko felt that they still had a lot of time. There were countless possibilities. She was not afraid and would continue waiting. However, she would not just sit and wait and do nothing either.

Furthermore, it was fine even if she could not wait. Sakurai Yaeko felt that she could live in those beautiful moments.

"Lu Shu-kun, can you accompany me to Hakodate mountain again?" Sakurai Yaeko asked.

That was the place where Lu Shu had saved her.

The two of them stood on Hakodate mountain. The sea was in the distance. The waves crashed against the shore in the starlight.

"Lu Shu-kun, we will be able to live for a long time, right?" Sakurai Yaeko smiled.

"Yes." Lu Shu nodded his head. "A Rank One has a lifespan of 800 years. But I think that you will be able to advance to the master realm."

Sakurai Yaeko happily said, "I will work hard to advance to the master realm. That

way, I will be able to accompany you for a longer time."

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. On the other hand, the young girl seemed to have revealed her thoughts and ran away. Lu Shu had never imagined this goodbye, but it was as if they would meet each other again one day.

For some reason, Lu Shu felt that the night sky was particularly vast and clear.

1135 LIKE A GOD

When Lu Shu returned to China, he did not use his new ability to create voids. After every master became a natural law, they would become a key that opened up voids.

He flew back to Luo City. He wanted to think about a few things on the way.

Lu Shu had told You Mingyu that no matter who had sent the slave owners, they would have to settle the conflict between them with strength. There was no possibility of a peaceful resolution.

But this could be left for later. Lu Shu was not afraid of the enemy, but they had to find the spies on Earth. He felt that since the slave owners had planned and created such an uproar on Earth, it was definitely not based on the understanding of the Luniverse towards the Earth. An organization had definitely established a relationship with the Luniverse to carry out this plan.

Just as Lu Shu had thought, the world did not lack ambitious people.

The operations of the Collection of Gods had returned to normal. Since the school festival, they were like an events company. They organized activities, set off fireworks, and provided support.

Now, the Collection of Gods had returned to their normal business.

Kajiyama Hiroshu had disappeared. More accurately, Lu Shu had disappeared. He had returned to China.

But even Motegi Toshimitsu did not expect that one day, when she walked past the headquarters, she suddenly heard some members discussing that these activities were rather interesting. It was much more meaningful than fighting and killing...

The Jingoists in the Collection of Gods had been eliminated. Most of the members were former Conservatives, but many of them were new members that had been recruited from youth groups.

At first, they had thought that the Collection of Gods only fought and killed. These activities seemed to have unlocked some new skills.

The Practitioner organizations were not simply entities that brought danger to the world. For example, the strange organization on Sardinia devoted themselves to artistic performances...

The Collection of Gods was still the Collection of Gods, but it was no longer living in a shadow. Everyone knew that Sakurai Yaeko was not a god. She was a normal person.

Although this was hard to accept, once this fact was accepted, it seemed quite good...

The battle at Hakodate, including the lightning that flashed in the sky, was no secret. Many people had taken pictures.

Out of these pictures, two pictures were very famous. They had been taken by the

same professional photographer. When he saw the thunderclouds, he did not panic like ordinary people. Instead, he was excited.

This was a common characteristic among many professional photographers. They were only concerned about whether they would be able to capture the most exciting moments.

Even the photographer was shocked. The thunderclouds in the sky represented the willpower of the world, while the back represented the willpower of humans to pursue the way of Dao.

In the second picture, the thunderclouds had disappeared. The young man had broken through the thunderclouds and was standing in the sky.

Around Lu Shu were the dispersed thunderclouds. There was a large space between Lu Shu and the clouds. It was as if the clouds were avoiding Lu Shu as well. Above Lu Shu's head were brilliant stars.

When the second picture was posted, there was a lot of debate. It was taken at a distance, so Lu Shu's face was not clear. But everyone felt that the lightning was not right.

It was clearly in the middle of the night or at dawn, but the starlight that lit up Lu Shu's face made it seem like it was in the afternoon!

Some raised doubts that the effects of editing were too obvious, but the photographer felt that he had been treated unfairly. It was normal for pictures to be edited, but he had not edited in the starlight.

Soon after, someone who had observed the sky that night proved that on the night when the thunderclouds appeared, the sky was filled with stars. It was much brighter than before. It had actually happened!

Even now, no one knew who had advanced. Only Motegi Toshimitsu had made a guess.

Then, there was a secret meeting between the Heavenly Network and the Collection of Gods. Although the Collection of Gods did not know the meeting agenda, many people knew who would be present.

At this moment, everyone was shocked. The bosses of the Heavenly Network had come!

This meant that the person who had advanced to the master realm was probably a Heavenly King.

In the past, everyone thought that Kajiyama Hiroshu was Kajiyama Hiroshu. No one gave it much thought. But when everyone put this, Sakurai Yaeko's sudden adoration, previous records of Heavenly Kings, and the disappearance of Kajiyama Hiroshu together, they suddenly realized... damn!

This was probably everyone's first reaction when they guessed the truth...

Lu Shu was already a legend in Japan. After he became the Ninth Heavenly King, the secrets of the Jingoists in the Collection of Gods were slowly revealed.

This was a young man who had killed his way through the Collection of Gods. He had almost taken the leader of the Collection of Gods away as well... this was strange.

When people thought about this, they were not angry. Instead, they felt confident. They had a master to rely on.

For a period of time, Lu Shu had become like a god to the young people in Japan...

An animation company who was developing characters took Lu Shu as their protagonist. It seemed not bad...

The Collection of Gods did not panic, but the other organizations started to panic. How did the Heavenly Network nurture masters so quickly?

They had been worried about the slave owners, but just as the problem of the slave owners had been solved, another master had emerged!

Earlier, a few organizations from Southeast Asia had contacted Hao Zhichao. Although the slave owners had gone to the Collection of Gods, they would still return in the future.

Back then, Hao Zhichao told them that the slave owners would not return. The organizations did not understand. Why? The Collection of Gods would not be able to defeat these slave owners.

Now, the truth had been revealed. It would have been better if you had said that the Ninth Heavenly King had gone there. What was this? We were scared to death?

But no one knew what these slave owners wanted to do.

The entire world was nervous because of the slave owners. Reality had shown them that the opening of the space pathway might result in the elimination of mankind.

At that moment, the Wei Wu Army was doing their best to learn the cultures on Earth. This was an order from Lu Shu. They were also interested in this.

Forcing them to adjust to the cultures on Earth was not feasible. Lu Shu had discussed with Zhong Yutang that they had to guide them using their interest.

How would they do so?

As the chief manager of the Heavenly Network, Zhong Yutang had racked his brains thinking of ways to do so. After all, the Wei Wu Army was very strong. If they were able to integrate, it would be equivalent to having over 5000 more Heavenly Kings in the Heavenly Network...

Zhong Yutang had not thought of any good ideas, until he saw Li Heitan and the rest wolfing down food in the canteen...

1136 RETURN

When they had just arrived, the Wei Wu Army were given their own canteen, but it was only because the Heavenly Network did not know much about the Wei Wu Army.

Now, Zhong Yutang had realized that an army a person raised would turn out the same as the person. The Wei Wu Army, who had been brought up by Lu Shu, was definitely not normal.

Slowly, the Wei Wu Army began to eat with the Heavenly Network. Many people even made friends with them. They chatted with one another during meals.

The chefs in the canteen realized that the Wei Wu Army liked eating spicy food. It was mainly because spicy food had more taste than ordinary food. To these rough

men, mala[1] was very addictive.

As Hao Zhichao ate, he asked, "Why do you like spicy food so much? What's so good about spicy food?"

Li Heitan suddenly looked up and looked at Hao Zhichao. "Where are you from?"

Hao Zhichao was dumbfounded. Why did he suddenly ask this? "I am from Chuanzhou."

Li Heitan was shocked. "Teacher Bai Nuo said that Chuanzhou people like spicy food. If you are from Sichuan, why can't you eat spicy food?"

Hao Zhichao was amused. "If I am from Chuanzhou, must I eat spicy food? This person on my left is from Mengzhou. Ask him, does he know how to ride a horse? The one on my right is from Luzhou. Ask him, does he know how to operate an excavator?"

The person on Hao Zhichao's right suddenly said, "I can operate an excavator..."

The person on his left said, "I can ride a horse..."

Hao Zhichao was about to break his bowl. "... so what if I can't eat spicy food? Is it against the law? Why am I getting so angry everyday even though Lu Shu isn't in Luo City?"

"From Hao Zhichao's distress, +199!"

At this moment, they heard Lu Shu's laughter from outside the canteen. "I didn't do

anything when I was gone, right?!"

Lu Shu had just walked in when he heard Hao Zhichao complain. Then, he immediately saw Hao Zhichao producing distress points for him...

Li Heitan suddenly stood up and looked at the door. "Great Lord, you are back!"

Lu Xiaoyu, who was beside Li Heitan, did not look up. Little Fury was about to run. It was not quite appropriate for it to appear at this kind of place, as it was easy for it to get injured.

But before it could move, Lu Xiaoyu glared at it. Little Fury obediently sat on the table...

Little Fury typically ate with everyone. But the rest sat on chairs, while it sat on the table.

Needless to say, Little Fury had become like a mascot of the Heavenly Network, especially after it eliminated the slave owners in Kun City.

Lu Shu walked to Li Heitan and sat down beside him. He had returned to his apartment, but realized that Lu Xiaoyu was not around. Thus, he had come to the Longmen Fortress. Lu Xiaoyu was eating with the Wei Wu Army.

At this moment, Li Heitan stood behind Lu Shu with a bowl in his hands. "Great Lord, they said that you had a lot of fun in Japan. Is the food there good?"

In an instant, Chen Zuan looked at Li Heitan in shock. It was as if he had found a friend.

But at the same time, everyone began to eat. There was not even the sound of chopsticks hitting the bottom of the bowl.

Lu Shu was stiff. "The food in Japan will never be as good as the food in China."

Li Heitan asked, "Teacher Bai Nuo said that the cherry blossoms there are beautiful."

"No, no," said Lu Shu.

Li Heitan asked again, "Teacher Bai Nuo said that the names there are different. For example, Matsushima Nanako and Noguchi Nanako[2]. Great Lord, when are you bringing us there to play?"

Lu Shu flared up. "Are you done? Didn't I say that it's not fun? What's so amazing about the names? You said that Teacher Bai Nuo taught you this, right? We have names like that in China too."

Everyone was dumbfounded. Lu Xiaoyu slowly put down her chopsticks. "Tell me, whose name is made up of five characters?"

Lu Shu paused for two seconds. "Leshan Boboji?!"

"From Lu Xiaoyu's distress, +666!"

"From Hao Zhichao's distress, +666!"

"From..."

"You're crazy." Lu Xiaoyu could not stand it. She pulled on Lu Shu's sleeve and walked out of the canteen. Chen Zuan and the rest could only heave a sigh of relief after they left.

Chen Zuan gave Li Heitan a thumbs up. "You have guts. I like that!"

Cheng Qiuqiao glanced at him. "Don't try to look for trouble."

Lu Xiaoyu sat on the wall of the Longmen Fortress. She asked, "Did you encounter any danger in Japan?"

Lu Shu thought about it. "It was slightly dangerous, but it was not because of the master that was killed."

"Are you talking about Wen Zaifou and Yu Fuyao?" Lu Xiaoyu asked.

"Yes," said Lu Shu. "I feel that there is something wrong with them, but I don't know where. Wen Zaifou is an old acquaintance of ours, and Yu Fuyao killed all those slave owners by herself."

"Why are you overthinking this?" Lu Xiaoyu paid no attention. "You do know that even if you don't do anything, they will eventually come and find you, right?"

"But I cannot allow them to use the Earth as the battlefield," said Lu Shu calmly.

"That's right. This time, I brought the spirit of a master back. Who will you choose to inherit the natural law? The Bishop or Johnson? Or the fourth Rank One spirit?"

Lu Xiaoyu was now able to control four spirits, but to be honest, the fourth Rank One spirit could only be used with other spirits. It would not be very powerful. It would

not have any special skills either.

Lu Xiaoyu thought about it. "Johnson then, so it'll be easier to create swords for you. Do you have a way to keep spirits now?"

Lu Shu explained. "Yes. Do you remember the gourd? The one that can twist the heads of others..."

To be honest, Lu Shu was startled as well. He had told Zhong Yutang that he wanted to bring Li Dian in for an interrogation. The gourd had been obtained from Li Dian. Lu Shu wanted to know the origin of the gourd.

Lu Shu thought about it. This head-twisting gourd seemed to be a perfect match with the origin of distress points. Was any ordinary person able to immediately know the name of a stranger? If Lu Shu did not know, he would not be able to use the gourd to its fullest potential either.

Li Dian was on his way to Luo City from Qingzhou. He was rushing over.

Lu Xiaoyu sat on the wall and softly said to Lu Shu, "Should I capture Duanmu Huangqi's spirit as my fourth spirit? What do you think?"

Lu Shu thought about it. "I think that it's possible..."

1137 CALLING OUT THE HEAVENLY KING

The merger of the Wei Wu Army and the Heavenly Network was a huge task. However, be it Lu Shu or Nie Ting, neither of them had mentioned about the matter of integrating the Wei Wu Army into the Heavenly Network. Nobody had thought of how they would exactly integrate them into the Heavenly Network.

As compared to the other members of the Heavenly Network, Chen Zuan was

definitely the most familiar with the Wei Wu Army. That was because he was close to Lu Shu and since the Wei Wu Army was loyal to Lu Shu, they had built up some sort of friendship.

At this moment, Lu Shu suddenly discovered something extremely strange. Li Heitan frequently walked together with Bai Nuo, the teacher of their cultural class.

Bai Nuo had a small build while Li Heitan looked like a tower. When both of them walked together, the Longmen Fortress looked as though it was about to explode. However, at some moments, their contrast was rather cute.

This made Lu Shu slightly confused. To be honest, he did not expect Li Heitan to be so lucky...

Based on what Lu Shu thought, after the Wei Wu Army came to Earth, the Imperial Dragon Soldiers should be the most popular. Zhang Weiyu and the rest were a little dispirited but Liu Yizhao had a vibe of an idol who was capable.

Why did Li Heitan get so lucky...

Although both of them had yet to break the news and Li Heitan was angry with Bai Nuo all day long, to the members of the Heavenly Network and the Wei Wu Army, both of them were an item.

Chen Zuan sighed as he watched from the back. "Even Li Heitan found a girlfriend, why haven't I?!"

Hao Zhichao looked at Chen Zuan, "Your standards are too high?"

"Pssht." Cheng Qiuqiao laughed out loud. "His standard is too high? He would totally confess to all the girls in the world."

Lu Shu said after thinking, "For Chen Zuan, it is not because his standard is too high, it is because the girls' standards are too high..."

"Maybe they were too demanding about the other gender," said Cheng Qiuqiao.

"From Chen Zuan's distress, +666!"

Chen Zuan's face turned black immediately. "Are you guys doing a crosstalk?!"

At this moment, Zhong Yutang walked over to Lu Shu and said, "You Mingyu has already found some information. When the space pathway opened previously, a notorious practitioner was conducting some activities with the army at the passageway at North America. They used to serve the Darkness Kingdom. After the Darkness Kingdom was defeated, they became homeless. Moreover, the intelligence information from our side shows that they appeared in areas where the southeast asian slave owners were. Therefore, they probably had collaborated with the slave owners of the Luniverse and completed the dispersion and transformation, receiving the intelligence first-hand."

"What should we do? Let's make a trip?" Chen Zuan wanted to try. He was too envious of how Lu Shu could always go overseas to settle matters. Not only was he able to get good food and travel, but he might get eyed up by girls.

Chen Zuan and the rest had gone to Europe before. When they left Sardinia, the girls liked them a lot. That seemed to have just happened yesterday.

Chen Zuan thought that since he had no hope in his own country, it was a good idea to go overseas!

Then, Lu Shu shook his head and looked at Zhong Yutang. "Where are they now?"

"Some of our people have already infiltrated the army. They are currently located in Laos and recuperating," said Zhong Yutang, "That's why I said that you should make a trip down, kill all of them while they are together. I have already gotten hold of a list of their names."

Lu Shu said calmly, "Give me the list..."

Zhong Yutang was confused as to why Lu Shu suddenly wanted the name list. However, he did not question much and passed the name list to Lu Shu directly. "We have obtained two real names but the rest of them are only their aliases."

"It's alright." Lu Shu took over the name list. "The name list does not include anyone from our side, right?"

"No, our man is called Wen Yizhe," said Zhong Yutang.

At this moment, a gourd suddenly appeared on Lu Shu's hand and he said calmly, "Jacqueline. Martin."

Lu Shu looked at the gourd. Strangely, there was no celestial powers surging out from the mouth of the gourd. When the Collection of Gods killed Xue Shengyou, Lu Shu did not take notice but he was certain that Xue Shengyou was affected by the gourd.

Why did the gourd lose its function now? Could it be because it was too far away?

However, the celestial powers had clearly reduced.

At this moment, there was an influx of distress points. Lu Shu immediately took out his notebook to record down this wave of distress points. The names of these people sounded French and he was not afraid that he would mix them up.

That was strange. Lu Shu looked at Zhong Yutang. At that moment, Zhong Yutang's mobile phone rang and he received a message. 'Jacqueline Martin's head was twisted and she immediately died...'

Zhong Yutang looked at Lu Shu in astonishment. Lu Shu had read out the name in front of Zhong Yutang. Moreover, Lu Shu's emotions were unstable. Zhong Yutang did not believe that the death was not related to Lu Shu. "What sorcery is this?!"

"Sorcery?" Lu Shu was unhappy. "Is killing one from miles away so impressive? Zhong..."

"Hold on, can you stop calling me that way?" Zhong Yutang hurriedly stopped Lu Shu in a fright. He was panicking...

Zhong Yutang did not understand. Lu Shu was already troublesome himself, why did he suddenly master sorcery like that? He could kill anyone just by saying their names?!

Lu Shu had advanced to the Master realm. When he was still in Rank Four, the usage distance of the head-twisting gourd was already nearly one kilometer. Now, with the celestial powers of a Master, he was way more powerful.

Therefore, when he recited a name in Luo City, one of the soldiers in Laos died...

Nevertheless, Jacqueline Martin was really unlucky.

Of course, if the person did not die after Lu Shu recited their name once, he could recite it the second time. Or he would recite it once every minute, 60 times every hour. This was much more convenient than making a trip to Laos...

To be honest, Lu Shu did not know what was the effective distance he could reach with the gourd. Nevertheless, from what Lu Shu knew, apart from Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin, Lu Shu was pretty certain that he was the most powerful person on Earth.

"This is better," Lu Shu said in relief as he looked at the head-twisting gourd.

In the past, the head-twisting gourd stopped functioning before he was satisfied with it. Moreover, he used to be very prudent when using it. Only a small group of people who had interrogated Li Dian knew that the gourd existed.

Lu Shu looked over and Chen Zuan said respectfully, "Brother Shu, just call me Little An in the future, don't be so formal..."

1138 LI DIAN'S LIFE PATH

Lu Shu looked at Chen Zuan with the corners of his mouth curled up. "Little An, you know fear too?"

Chen Zuan smiled bitterly. He had joked many times with Lu Shu previously but only just discovered that he knew sorcery...

He would not be afraid if Lu Shu beat him up. However, what happened was strange. Why did someone from a few hundred miles away die after Lu Shu recited their name?

That was too terrifying!

However, everyone here was smart. They knew that the problem was with the gourd. Or else, why would Lu Shu take the gourd out for no apparent reason?

Moreover, Lu Shu had to say the full real name. That was because Lu Shu called the soldier's full name seriously earlier on. However, when he called Zhong Yutang by the name 'Zhong', nothing happened...

Cheng Qiuqiao said cautiously, "Brother Shu, why don't you call me Qiao'er?!"

Lu Shu did not know what to say. "Scram!"

At this moment, he took out the notebook which he used to record the names. After reading the whole list of names, some of them gave him 1000 distress points while some gave him very little.

Those who gave him 1000 points had died. Those who did not were still alive.

However, Lu Shu was not anxious. He decided to recite the names once in a while until everyone on the list gave him 1000 distress points.

Zhong Yutang and the rest were stunned. This scene was too astonishing.

In the past, everyone thought that Heavenly King Nie was the top assassin in the Heavenly Network. Apart from the different types of traps, he used many strategies. However, Lu Shu's killing method was way more terrifying. Everyone did not even know whether it was counted as a killing method.

In the future when this news spread, what would the Ninth Heavenly King be known as? For example, "You are dead if I know your name within 10,000 miles" ...

However, Zhong Yutang and the rest were not the most astonished people. Instead, the intelligence officer from the Heavenly Network who had infiltrated the army was the most astonished. He was in the midst of drinking and chatting with the soldiers and upon sending the name list over, everyone beside him died.

What on earth, was someone using a voodoo doll...

At this moment, Zhong Yutang ran back to the office and took out another namelist. "These are the brats who had served the Darkness Kingdom in the past! Heavenly King Lu, please take a look..."

Zhong Yutang's tone was extremely friendly. Then, Zhong Yutang looked at Lu Shu in anticipation. Lu Shu's face turned black. For the Heavenly Network, Zhong Yutang was willing to do anything. Within such a short period of time, he was already making use of Lu Shu's new capability to accomplish things.

Zhong Yutang explained, "These people had interacted with the Heavenly Network before. Most of them had claimed that they wanted to hunt you down."

"Erm, I mean they wanted to hunt the Heavenly Kings down. Aren't you a Heavenly King? That means they wanted to hunt you down." smiled Zhong Yutang faithfully.

"Haha" Without hesitation, Lu Shu started to read out the names. Most of them gave him 1000 distress points after their names were read. However, some of them did not give Lu Shu any distress points at all. That meant that they were not within the effective distance.

Lu Shu made Zhong Yutang calculate where these people would approximately be. Then, Lu Shu confirmed that the effective distance could span half of the world...

This was how terrifying a Master was. If he had not risen to the Master realm, the effective distance could only be within the country. Perhaps, he could not even reach the remote areas in the country.

Lu Shu explained, "I think we should keep this low profile."

"Yes yes yes," Zhong Yutang said in excitement, "This is a trump card! Heavenly King Lu, hold on for a moment, I suddenly recalled about a list of traitors of the Heavenly Network. Although there are only a few of them, some of them have yet to be caught."

Lu Shu was stunned for a moment. There were traitors in the Heavenly Network too?

That was something that could not be helped. Which organization had no traitors? At this moment, Zhong Yutang invited Lu Shu to take a seat in the office and told him that his assistance would be needed in the future...

Lu Shu said that he could do it but if he had to read the names in the future, the details about that person had to be made known. Moreover, an official document of the Heavenly Network stating to arrest or kill that person had to be shown.

The capability of a Practitioner should not be exploited.

Zhong Yutang was stunned. He was embarrassed, "You are right, I was too rash."

"Also," Lu Shu said, "All of them are overseas, so this is considered an overseas mission, right? Remember to transfer me the bonus..."

Zhong Yutang was silent.

"From Zhong Yutang's distress, +666!"

Lu Shu looked at Zhong Yutang. "Don't tell me you are not planning to give me my money? How much is the bonus? What about the bonus for my trips to Europe and Africa?"

"I am not feeling well, I will take my leave first." Zhong Yutang turned and ran while facing Lu Shu. He looked extremely strange...

At this moment, a vehicle transporting weapons drove into the Longmen Fortress. Lu Shu turned around. He knew who was transported back... Li Dian!

Both of them met in the black market in Qingzhou. Lu Shu exchanged the head-twisting gourd with his magical stone. Afterwards, they quarreled and Lu Shu had even scared him by acting as a tree demon.

However, Lu Shu did not think of him until the head-twisting gourd returned!

Before this, Lu Shu thought that the gourd, bronze compass and the cloth with gold thread were passed down from Li Dian's family. After all, the Chinese civilization had a long history and it was normal for some things to be passed down. Many of the items in the black market were old items from the ancestors.

However, after the head-twisting gourd returned, Lu Shu realized that it was not as

simple as he thought.

When he last met Li Dian, he was only a Rank Five practitioner. The Heavenly Network did not give him much trouble as after all, he did not commit crimes like Liang Che. Therefore, he was arrested for two months before he was released and he ran errands in the black market.

However, after two months of decent behavior, he reverted back to his old self and began committing crimes...

The Heavenly Network gave him another chance to redeem himself. However, Li Dian proved that a leopard would never change its spots...

The first thing Li Dian said when he got down from the car was, "I have turned over a new leaf!"

However, when he saw Lu Shu, he was terrified. How could he not remember Lu Shu? When he served his jail sentence, he saw how terrifying Lu Shu was from the news.

Li Dian had wondered if his life would be different if he had not met Lu Shu...

1139 INVESTIGATE MY HISTORY

Li Dian stood among the crowd. Around him were the core leaders of the Heavenly Network. Suddenly, Li Dian felt as if he was a mouse that was surrounded by cats.

Lu Shu looked at Li Dian and smiled. "Long time no see. Your complexion is not bad."

"The rations are fine." Li Dian laughed bitterly.

"I saw your record." Lu Shu tried to control his laughter. "Why are you trying to rob people again?"

"I don't want to sell magical stones. I can only cheat others to maintain this standard of living..." Li Dian looked hurt.

"Fine." Lu Shu said, "Don't feel like you've been wronged. The person you've cheated has not even felt wronged yet. Why should you?"

"Oh. You're right." Li Dian felt that if he displayed a better attitude, the Ninth Heavenly King might be more tolerant, since they had known each other for a long time.

"I have something to ask you," said Lu Shu. "Where did the gourd and the other things come from?"

Why were they settling old scores? He still had three years of imprisonment to serve. If they included this, he might need to spend another three years in prison...

Lu Shu laughed. "Think harder."

Li Dian was about to cry. "Don't treat me unfairly. It really is a treasure that has been passed down in my family."

As Li Dian spoke, he secretly observed Lu Shu's expression.

Lu Shu took a file from Chen Zuan and passed it to Li Dian. "I got this for you. To be honest, your imprisonment can be shortened. How long it can be shortened by will

depend on your performance. But don't be happy too quickly. We will not let you go to commit crimes and harm ordinary people. Thus, even if you have served your full sentence, you will still be under our surveillance. You will only be able to move around in the Longmen Fortress and help out."

This was the Heavenly Network's principle. They would give Li Dian freedom, but this freedom was relative. After all, releasing a habitual criminal like Li Dian would be irresponsible towards ordinary people.

Li Dian received the file and took a look. It was a list of suggestions to allow him to shorten his sentence.

He knew that as the Ninth Heavenly King, Lu Shu would not trick him. There was no need to do so. Li Dian was not his enemy either.

"Then you have to keep your promise," said Li Dian.

"Tell me, where did the gourd and the other magical weapons come from," said Lu Shu.

Li Dian was not stubborn. He knew that he had deserved this. It was not easy for the Heavenly Network to allow him to speak.

In the past, many unskilled but strong people thought that they were capable. When they started to work, they realized that there was no use acting like a hero if they were not dauntless.

"Oh." Lu Shu declined to comment. "Then what about the gourd and the cloth?"

"I stole them..." Li Dian lowered his eyes.

Lu Shu paused. "Where did you steal them from? Don't speak nonsense. Did you steal them for other people?"

"It's a long story," said Li Dian. "The gourd and cloth are very strange, so I remember them clearly. I stole them at Luo City. Back then, I came to Luo City to make a living..."

"Be honest."

"I came to Luo City to cheat people," said Li Dian.

"From Li Dian's distress, +199!"

"Continue."

"Back then, I was practicing fortune-telling in the Old City area by feeling bones. It was a coincidence. I encountered an extremely strange lady. Even though I have been doing this for over ten years, it was my first time encountering someone like her," said Li Dian.

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. "What kind of person?"

"She was too obese. I could not feel her bones," said Li Dian.

Lu Shu's expression darkened. "Did I allow you to crack jokes with me?!"

"Let me finish." Li Dian said, "Back then, people were not rich. When I saw how fat

she was, I figured that her family was doing well. Thus, I tried to cheat her of more money. You also know how hard it was for people like us to earn money..."

"Yes, continue." Lu Shu nodded his head and said, "So did you steal the gourd and cloth from her house?"

"Yes." Li Dian nodded her head. "When I went to her house, there was a baby there. The cloth was supposed to be used as swaddling clothes for the baby. The gourd had been placed beside the doll. I thought that she was rich, but her house was empty. There were not even any decorations. I saw that the cloth and the gourd were not ordinary items. Thus, I stole them."

Lu Shu was silent. "Was there anything special about the baby?"

"No. The baby seemed sickly and hard to take care of. I don't know how the lady became so fat either, but her baby was..." Li Dian said, "If I tell you something else about the gourd, will my sentence be shortened?"

Lu Shu calmly said, "Yes. Just tell me."

"The gourd originally had a crack in it. For some reason, after more than ten years, the crack healed by itself. When the crack had healed, I also realized that the training techniques passed down in my family were useful. Thus, I knew that the gourd was a treasure!" Li Dian exclaimed.

Thus, the gourd had been cracked once for some reason, but it healed with the dawn of the magically rich era. As for the mysterious cloth, it was only a swaddling cloth for the baby.

Chen Zuan, Zhong Yutang, and the rest did not know why Lu Shu suddenly wanted to interrogate Li Dian. Everything seemed very mysterious. It was as if only Lu Shu knew the truth.

Only Lu Xiaoyu seemed to have a clue, as she knew how sickly Lu Shu was when he was young. If this baby had any similarities with Lu Shu, it would be that they fell sick often.

Thus, at this moment, Lu Xiaoyu suddenly understood that Lu Shu was investigating his own history.

"Do you still remember where that lady lived?" Lu Shu asked.

"It will be troublesome to find her now. Back then, I had been groping about in the dark." Li Dian thought about it and said, "But I will definitely recognize her if I see her. She has left a lasting impression on me!"

"This is what you have said." Lu Shu took a deep breath. "I will bring you to find her address. If you can find the address, I will shorten your sentence!"

As long as they found the address, they would be able to know who had lived there by checking the records, especially since it was in the Old City area. Nothing much had changed in the past few decades.

But the problem was, Lu Shu wanted to know when he had been sent to the orphanage, and who the woman was.

Lu Shu never felt that the woman was his mother, as he had guessed a few things.

He was just curious about how he had crossed paths with this woman.

1140 LI DIAN'S DESIRE TO LIVE

Lu Shu asked Zhong Yutang to bring Li Dian over from Qingzhou. He had even obtained the official document to shorten his sentence.

No matter how slow Chen Zuan and the rest were, they would know that there was something strange. But why would Lu Shu pay so much attention to Li Dian?

To Lu Shu, the gourd was now in the fifth level of Nebula. Earlier, it had been absorbing celestial powers to nurture itself. This proved that the gourd belonged to him.

The gourd was his. The swaddling cloth was his as well. Li Dian had taken these away from Lu Shu.

Thus, Lu Shu was puzzled. Why had he appeared with an ordinary lady? How did he end up in the orphanage later on?

Zhong Yutang had deployed people to bring over the cloth. Gold thread was woven into it. Lu Shu picked up the cloth. Back then, when they had entered the Salt Lake relic, Li Dian had used this cloth to block the senses of the magical trees. Back then, Lu Shu had thought that the cloth was very mysterious. But when he thought about it now, it was just a diaper...

What kind of baby resulted in an ordinary person treating this piece of treasure like a diaper?

Lu Shu looked at Li Dian. "I will bring you to the Old City area. You'd better recall some details before we arrive at the Old City area."

Li Dian shivered in fear. It had been over ten years. Li Dian suddenly thought of something. What if he could not recognize the place? He knew what the Ninth Heavenly King was capable of...

At that moment, Lu Shu saw Li Heitan walking alone. Lu Shu was dumbfounded. "Heitan, why are you alone?"

Li Heitan was confused. "Great Lord, so what if I am alone?"

Li Heitan revealed that he could not understand why the Great Lord had asked him such a question?

Lu Shu thought about it. "Where is Bai Nuo?"

"Oh. She said that she does not want to see me anymore." Li Heitan scratched his head, but his expression was relaxed and natural. It was as if he was not troubled.

Lu Shu paused. "Did you make her angry?"

"No." Li Heitan was puzzled. "She said that she was jealous because I can train. I told her about my training experiences. I even told her that if there was anything she didn't understand about training, she can ask me."

"Then?" Lu Shu was puzzled. There was nothing wrong with this.

"Then, she said that she wanted to ask me about other things. I told her, if there is anything outside training that she doesn't understand, don't ask me." Li Heitan explained.

Lu Shu, Chen Zuan, and the rest were dumbfounded. Was he a highly skilled bachelor?

Two cars drove away from the Longmen Fortress. Li Dian sat at the back. Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao sat beside him and kept an eye on him. Li Dian's feelings were hard to express. Not many people had experienced being escorted by two Rank Ones.

Cheng Qiuqiao said, "Fry him in oil? Steam him in clear soup?"

Li Dian said, "... you must be joking. I will definitely find the place."

When Chen Zuan and the rest heard words like "baby" and "swaddling cloth", and put it together with Lu Shu's serious expression, they suddenly realized that this was probably related to Lu Shu's origins.

They all knew that Lu Shu and Lu Xiaoyu were orphans. Thus, they would not bring up the topic of parents.

The coldest thing in the world was being abandoned by your parents. When the entire world said that "mother knows best", you did not even know what your mother looked like, let alone what she knew about you, as she had never provided you with any warmth.

Cheng Qiuqiao suddenly said, "Brother Shu, there are times when parents are probably just... I remember that when I was in high school, I helped my mother register for an online chatting application. Later on, I tried to log in to her account, but I had to answer a question before doing so. The question was, 'What is the name of my son?' I keyed in Cheng Qiuqiao, but I could not log in... back then, I wondered

whether I was her biological son..."

Chen Zuan was speechless.

Lu Shu was speechless.

Lu Xiaoyu was silent.

Although Cheng Qiuqiao seemed to be joking, Lu Shu knew that Cheng Qiuqiao was disguising his kindness to comfort Lu Shu. Lu Shu smiled. "There's no need to comfort me. I don't think that my plight is tragic. More accurately, I am looking for the truth. I am not finding my parents."

Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao did not quite understand Lu Shu, but Lu Xiaoyu did.

From the beginning to the end, Lu Xiaoyu was the person who understood Lu Shu best.

The two of them knew that Lu Shu might not have parents.

"Li Dian, do you still remember where you practiced fortune-telling?" Lu Shu asked as he drove.

Li Dian said, "I remember very clearly. North Street!"

After the car stopped at North Street, Li Dian alighted. He was dumbfounded. "It has changed a lot..."

A city would change. Even if the main facade of the Old City area had not changed

for the past decade, the shop signs and the streets would be different from what he had remembered.

Li Dian was irritated. "I only said that it has changed a lot. I didn't say that I don't recognize this place. Back then, I sat at that corner of the street. If everything remained the same, her house is two streets away from this place. Heavenly King, please put down that trident..."

"From Li Dian's distress, +666!"

Lu Shu put the trident back into the Seal of Lands. "Lead the way."

Li Dian walked in front, while a group of Rank Ones and Rank Twos followed behind. Li Dian had imagined similar scenes in movies, where the characters escaped from prison. He thought about it. Under these circumstances, if he did not want to die or commit suicide, his best option was to cooperate with Lu Shu and find the person...

But when Li Dian saw the foreign street, his legs went soft...

Li Dian suddenly asked. "Heavenly King, if... what if I really cannot find that lady? How much longer will I be able to live for..."

Lu Shu paused for two seconds and said, "Five."

Li Dian panicked. "Five days? Five hours? Five minutes?"

Lu Shu said, "Four."

"Three."

"Two."

Li Dian turned pale. "Stop counting. I will definitely find her. Let me think about it!"

"From Li Dian's distress, +999!"

Li Dian's desire to live allowed his brain to think quickly. That night, after he left North Street, he walked two streets away, then...

Li Dian suddenly pointed at a four-story building. He excitedly shouted, "It was the fourth floor of that building. I remember clearly. I climbed up four floors using my hands!"

Lu Shu smiled and looked at Li Dian. "Having the desire to live is a good thing."

Then, Lu Shu turned to look at Chen Zuan. "Tell Zhong Yutang about this. Ask him to check the past owners of this house."