

## 1141 FOUND I

There were no ordinary civilians left in Luo City. When the space pathway opened up, the civilians had been evacuated. Luo City was now a massive fortress. It had only one function. It would be used in the battle with the Luniverse.

But even if the owner of the house had left, according to their records, as long as they knew who had lived here, and obtained accurate information about them, they would be able to use information networks all around the country to find them.

It was not guaranteed that they would be able to find her, but there was a high possibility.

Chen Zuan called Zhong Yutang. Lu Shu walked up to the house. The door was tightly locked, but even then, it was as weak as paper to a Rank Six practitioner let alone for Lu Shu.

Lu Shu broke the lock with one hand and walked in. The inside of the house was very messy. The washing machine, television, and refrigerator were from a brand that had been famous for over ten years.

The white furniture had turned yellow. Some were even turning black. Female clothes were strewn on the floor. The two pots of flowers by the window had wilted. There was a bowl on the sofa. The food inside the bowl had turned bad.

There was a decaying atmosphere inside the house. It was as if the owner of the house was desolate as well.

There was an ashtray on top of a table with some cigarette butts inside.

There were no men's items inside the house. Thus, a female smoker lived here. Her clothes were big as well. This aligned with Li Dian's description of the owner.

Perhaps the lady had lived here for over 10 years. No new owner had taken over the place.

Li Dian pointed below the window. "Back then, there was a crib there. A carpenter had constructed it himself. The sickly baby sat there. He did not cry or make a fuss."

Lu Shu did not interrupt him. He quietly listened. He knew that this was his past.

Li Dian continued. "Back then, I thought that the baby was rather cute. When he grew up, he would definitely be able to achieve grand things, like becoming a Heavenly King..."

Lu Shu looked at Li Dian. "Have you guessed it?"

Li Dian laughed mockingly. "I am not dumb."

Of course Li Dian had guessed this. If not, why would Lu Shu be so concerned about a lady?! This was the Ninth Heavenly King. He was one of the strongest and most mysterious experts in the world. His fame overseas was almost on par with that of Nie Ting's.

Why would this kind of person focus on an ordinary lady for no reason?!

Thus, Li Dian obtained some shocking information. Over ten years ago, he had stolen the toy gourd and swaddling cloth of a Heavenly King...

Li Dian wanted to slap himself. Out of all the people he could have stolen from, why him?

Who knew that stealing from a lady would put him in so much trouble!

Suddenly, Cheng Qiuqiao said from the bedroom, "Brother Shu, come and take a look."

Lu Shu and Lu Xiaoyu walked into the bedroom. They discovered a small crib with clothes inside. The owner of this house had used the crib as a clothes rack.

Li Dian excitedly said, "There's no doubt. This was the crib!"

Then, Lu Xiaoyu raised the crib, causing all the clothes inside the crib to fall out. Then, she kept the crib inside her space ring...

Lu Shu asked, "... why did you take the crib?!"

"Why not? It's a souvenir," said Lu Xiaoyu innocently.

At that moment, Chen Zuan walked in with his phone in his hand. "We've obtained the information. The owner of the house was Xiang Xiuxi. This house was given out by a factory over 20 years ago. She has always been the owner of the house. There were three previous offenses. All of them involved fights with her neighbors. Now, she has evacuated to Meng City with the rest of the Luo City residents. It's 30 minutes away by car."

"Okay." Lu Shu nodded his head. "Let's go and find her."

Li Dian finally heaved a sigh of relief. He asked, "I didn't trick you, right? I told the truth."

"Yes. You are rather honest," said Lu Shu as he nodded his head.

"Then will my sentence be shortened?" Li Dian was slightly excited.

"Relax. I will not go back on my promises." Lu Shu patted Li Dian's shoulder.

After they boarded the car, Li Dian suddenly asked, "Heavenly King Lu, what if I could not find her? What would you do?"

"What else can I do? I would make you regret it," said Lu Shu casually.

Li Dian laughed. "So you were scaring me back there."

"I didn't," said Lu Shu. "I would make you regret it in hell."

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

When the battle broke out, the residents of Luo City were evacuated. But there were many residents in a city. They could only disperse the residents into various cities. Some were very far apart.

Some sought refuge with their relatives. Rich people would be able to buy new houses in other cities. However, since most people did not have relatives they could go to, or money to buy a house, they could only wait for subsidies and aid.

But houses could not be built so quickly. Meng City was now filled with temporary

housing and tents, but it was not as dirty and messy as Lu Shu had expected. On the contrary, it was neat and organized. Each temporary house had a number. The information of its residents were written clearly.

The managers of this area were very cooperative. After all, the Heavenly Network wanted to look for someone. They would definitely work together with them.

Lu Shu slowly walked in. He realized that the spirit of the residents in the temporary houses was quite good. Suddenly, the "chief" of this temporary house shouted, "Xiang Xiuxi, someone is here to look for you."

Lu Shu did not expect him to shout. He almost jumped in shock!

The next moment, someone else shouted from inside the house. "Why are you shouting? Who is looking for me?!"

Lu Shu saw a burly woman walk out of the temporary house. He finally understood why Li Dian could not feel her bones. No one else would be able to do so...

"Are you Xiang Xiuxi?" Lu Shu went straight to the point.

"Yes, I am Xiang Xiuxi. What are you here for?" Xiang Xiuxi observed Lu Shu. "I have never seen you before."

She was not foolish. She looked over and saw a group of people behind Lu Shu. Their presence was not normal. They had come with a motive.

The aura of a Practitioner would grow stronger. This was not very useful in terms of cultivation, but once they grew stronger, they would have more confidence. This

change in aura exuded outwards.

Lu Shu asked, "Did you raise a child 18 years ago?"

Xiang Xiuxi was dumbfounded. "How did you know?! Are you..."

"Where did you obtain the child?" Lu Shu asked.

"I picked him up." Xiang Xiuxi's tone grew weaker.

"Where did you pick him up from?"

"18 years ago, someone was chasing and killing a lady in the middle of the night. Back then, I was going home from my night shift in the factory. The woman ran past me, but I did not think much of it." Xiang Xiuxi said, "But not long after, I found a box in front of my door. There was a baby inside the box."

### **1142 THE PUZZLE OF TRUTH**

When Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao heard what Xiang Xiuxi had said, they looked at each other helplessly. If that baby was Brother Shu, his life had been very rough. He had been abandoned as his mother had been chased and killed.

This was hard to understand. They had thought that Lu Shu was here to uncover his own history. But from the look of things, it was not at all simple.

Lu Shu thought about it and asked, "Were the gourd and the swaddling cloth originally in the box as well?"

"Yes," said Xiang Xiuxi. "There was also a piece of paper with 'Lu Shu' written on it. That was the baby's name. Other than that, there was nothing else. The gourd was rather exquisite, but it was a pity that there was a crack. It was as if someone had

damaged it. There was a black pendant around the baby's neck, but strangely, it could not be removed. I don't know what material the string was made out of, but it could not be cut through... I don't know which idiot stole the gourd and swaddling cloth in the middle of the night."

As Xiang Xiuxi spoke, she grew more angry. "Those belonged... to the baby. Who stole things from the baby? They are not human!"

The more Li Dian listened to this, the more awkward he became. His face was burning red!

Lu Shu silently pondered. The information that Xiang Xiuxi had provided corroborated with that of Li Dian's. The gourd had been cracked before, but healed by itself after the dawn of the magically rich era.

He thought about it. The crack in the gourd was probably because of a battle. The black pendant around his neck was more important. Others could not steal it even if they wanted to.

To Li Dian, who stole even the swaddling cloth of a baby, Lu Shu believed that he would have tried to take the pendant, but he had not...

Suddenly, Lu Shu thought about a related question. "What about the box?"

If even the swaddling cloth was a treasure, would the box that contained a baby be a treasure as well?

"I sold it," said Xiang Xiuxi. "A wandering antique collector saw it. It fetched a decent price. A few hundred dollars."

Lu Shu calmly looked at Xiang Xiuxi. She had sold it for a few hundred dollars?

No, a few hundred dollars in the nineties was not bad. Who had taken the box?

It would be very difficult to find this person, but Lu Shu had no regrets. He only wanted to know the truth.

"Until when did you take care of the baby?" Lu Shu asked, "Did you continue to take care of the child, or..."

"At first, I had wanted to take care of him until he became an adult. But he was very sickly. I didn't think that I would be able to support him." Xiang Xiuxi said, "Back then, I was a virgin. Suddenly taking in a child would not be appropriate. What if I cannot marry? Furthermore, with my salary, it was barely enough to take care of myself..."

Lu Shu curiously asked, "How long did you take care of the child until you gave him away? Where did you send him to?"

"I didn't take note of the exact time. The baby was far too weak. One night, I was carrying him while watching television when he suddenly stopped breathing. He had no heartbeat either." Xiang Xiuxi said, "I panicked. But before I could think of what to do, he was fine again. I thought that this could not go on. I did not have the money to treat him. It would be best to give him away. I didn't give him to anyone. I left him at the door of an orphanage."

Lu Shu nodded his head. So that was what had happened. After taking care of him for a few months, she had sent him to the orphanage for various reasons.



Everything had made sense up till this point. The puzzle in Lu Shu's heart became more complete.

"Thank you," said Lu Shu earnestly.

Xiang Xiuxi smiled and waved her hand. "You only asked a few questions. There's nothing to thank me for."

"I still have to be grateful." Lu Shu smiled. Then, he turned and left.

Lu Xiaoyu thought about it. Then, she took out piles of cash and four gold bars from her space ring. She placed them in front of Xiang Xiuxi. "Thank you."

There were people observing this in the temporary houses. When they saw this, they exploded. When they came to take a look, they had thought that there were grand motives behind this. But they did not think much of this. They had just come to observe.

When thousands of cash and gold bars appeared, everyone was shocked.

The rich had found their own escape path. Those in the temporary houses were ordinary families. Thus, when they saw this, they could not help but be shocked.

Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao glared at the people around them. They took out their credentials. "We are from the Heavenly Network. Do not think about taking this money. If not, you know what the consequences are."

Xiang Xiuxi was dumbfounded. Suddenly, she realized something. "Was that young

man the baby I took care of back then?"

Only this explanation made sense. If not, why would she be presented with so much money for answering a few questions?

Chen Zuan laughed cheerily. "He is the Ninth Heavenly King of the Heavenly Network. How good would it have been if you had not sent him away?"

Lu Xiaoyu glanced at Chen Zuan. "What nonsense are you spouting? Even if she had only taken care of him for a few months, it is worthy of gratitude."

Furthermore, if Xiang Xiuxi had not sent Lu Shu to the orphanage, Lu Xiaoyu would not have met Lu Shu...

Lu Xiaoyu gave Xiang Xiuxi 500 thousand dollars. 250 thousand dollars was gratitude for taking care of Lu Xiaoyu, while the other 250 thousand dollars and the gold bars were for sending Lu Shu to the orphanage...

When the onlookers heard what Chen Zuan had said, they were dumbfounded. The experts in the realm of cultivation were like celebrities. The Ninth Heavenly King, Lu Shu, was extremely famous. The elimination of the Collection of Gods, the marriage in Europe, and the dragon at the Tiger's Back fortress had spread very quickly.

Everyone looked at Xiang Xiuxi. So the Ninth Heavenly King was an orphan who had been taken care of by this lady...

Wait. If that young man was Lu Shu, the Ninth Heavenly King, then the young girl who had been willing to present so much money and gold as thanks was probably Lu Xiaoyu, the fabled Eleventh Heavenly King...

Even the members of the Heavenly Network had not realized that the civilians were more interested in them than celebrities.

Xiang Xiuxi stood there blankly. Suddenly, she started to wipe her tears. "Please don't blame me. If I could support myself, I would not have sent him away. This world is very cruel. It is good enough that I can live. I don't want the money. Please take it."

Lu Xiaoyu sighed and said, "No one will blame you. This is our gratitude. Without you, he might have died on the first day. You are a kind person."

With that, Lu Xiaoyu, Chen Zuan, and the rest walked away. Yes, the world was very cruel. It was because of this cruelty that Lu Xiaoyu admired the courage Xiang Xiuxi possessed to take care of Lu Shu.

### **1143 FORTUNATELY, IT WAS LU SHU**

The fact that Lu Shu had gone to Meng City to find Xiang Xiuxi could not be hidden from Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin. Furthermore, Lu Shu had no intention of hiding it from anyone.

Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin sat in a courtyard within the Longmen Fortress. In front of them was a stone table that was exactly the same as the one in Liuhai Lane. There were rolled-up pastries and congee on the table. There was a green onion in Shi Xuejin's hand as well.

"What is he looking for? His own history?" Shi Xuejin looked at some documents and said, "He requested to shorten the sentence. He took away the strange cloth too. I am looking at the resources now. Xiang Xiuxi has never had a boyfriend. She definitely has nothing to do with Lu Shu. But someone said that over 10 years ago, she took care of a child. However, she sent him away not long after."

"Is there any other information?" Nie Ting thought about it and said, "He will not go and find her for no reason."

"Xiang Xiuxi said that she picked up a child. She had wanted to take care of the child, but realized that she could not do so. Thus, she sent him to the orphanage. The gourd and the cloth all belonged to the child," said Shi Xuejin. He saw that Nie Ting's expression was rather strange. "What's wrong?"

"Do you remember when I told you about Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi? On a stormy night 18 years ago, they were carrying a massive box. Someone heard the sound of a child crying, but no one saw what was inside the box."

Shi Xuejin was dumbfounded. "Are you saying that..."

"Back then, when we were discussing this, we believed that there was a child inside the box." Nie Ting analyzed the information. "I asked someone to check on when Lu Shu had been sent to the orphanage. We realized that there was a gap of a few months between these two events!"

Before this, even the Golden Foundation could not confirm what was inside the box, as no one had seen what the box contained. Furthermore, the box had mysteriously disappeared.

Furthermore, only one person had heard the sound of a baby crying. No one else had heard it. Either that, or they had not noticed it in battle.

But Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin felt that, taking into consideration the behavior of Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi, it would not make sense if a baby was not inside.

Now, they recalled what had happened that night. Sensory-types did not appear only after the dawn of the magically rich era. The Golden Foundation already had such experts.

But why did they not sense what was inside the box... the swaddling cloth of the baby was the most rational explanation!

Li Dian was able to move around freely in the Salt Lake relic with that cloth. The magical trees did not attack him. Back then, when Lu Shu dealt with Li Dian in the black market, the cloth was the reason why even Lu Shu could not tell what weapons he had.

The only one who had attacked him in the Salt Lake relic was the old tree spirit...

Thus, the swaddling cloth was the root of the problem. Back then...

"Lu Shu was in the box!" Nie Ting exclaimed with confidence.

He suddenly relaxed. "So that was what had happened. No wonder Cloud Yi visited Luo City so many times over the past decade. No wonder Cloud Yi deliberately wanted to get closer to Lu Shu. No wonder the person who had attacked the sword formation wanted to lay a trap for Lu Shu during the battle at Tiger's Back."

Lu Shu's puzzle of truth was not complete, as the answer he was looking for was not so simple.

But to Nie Ting, the truth of the matter that had troubled them for many years was finally out.

Thus, the Luniverse's King of Gods and the Golden Foundation's Demon King, who ruthlessly killed people was Lu Shu?!

Nie Ting could not quite accept this conclusion!

But for some reason, when Shi Xuejin saw Nie Ting's expression, he was happy. "Do you feel that it's hard to accept? I think that it is quite good. But all these are not important. I really want to know how Li Xianyi will react to this. For some reason, I feel like laughing..."

Yes, Li Xianyi was the one who had led people to chase and kill Lu Shu. Now, not only did his target live beside him, he had also learned everything from the Hall of Swords.

Lu Shu had advanced to the master realm. How many people would be able to kill him now?

But back then, some Puppet Masters had died because of the Golden Foundation. What should they do? Shi Xuejin was suddenly worried for the Golden Foundation.

That night, some Puppet Masters had died in the battle, including the woman who had placed the baby at Xiang Xiuxi's door. Nie Ting and the rest did not quite understand the Puppet Masters. They did not even know the name of the Puppet Master who had died.

This was the extent of the hate between the Puppet Masters and the Golden Foundation. Although Nie Ting knew that a third party was behind this, and even Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi had given up killing the Golden Foundation, what would Lu

Shu think?

Lu Shu probably did not know what had happened in the past.

But no matter what, the person who was most involved was not Nie Ting...

Shi Xuejin thought about it and said, "Don't you think that this is quite good?"

Nie Ting furrowed his eyebrows. "How so?"

"We have always been worried about the King of Gods in the Luniverse. We have also been worried that the Puppet Masters will cause trouble among the humans. But if the King of Gods is Lu Shu, our worries seem to have been uncalled for," said Shi Xuejin calmly.

Nie Ting understood what Shi Xuejin meant. They were familiar with Lu Shu. Although he was despicable and harsh, he was quite different from the ruthless demon king they had imagined. At least, they did not have to worry that he had dreams of destroying the Earth...

Thus, in the series where the demon king destroyed Earth, once Lu Shu became the protagonist, the series started to develop in a different direction. There was no way to determine whether it would be a comedy or a spoof, but at least it would not be a thriller.

This judgment was based on their understanding of Lu Shu. They knew what kind of person Lu Shu was.

"Actually, the Puppet Masters have never thought about destroying the world, right?"

Shi Xuejin said, "Look at Cloud Yi. All she does is bring Tiger Zhi to eat hotpot. It is hard for me to believe that she has plans to destroy the Earth..."

But why would the King of Gods suddenly come to Earth? Had something happened in the Luniverse 18 years ago?

"According to the information from Li Xianyi, he said that every Puppet Master has a special ability. For example, the one who had attacked the sword formation had the ability to create dreams." Nie Ting said, "Then what ability did the person who was killed in Luo City have?"

"Contact the Golden Foundation. Ask them where she was buried." Shi Xuejin said, "And find records of that battle."

"Lu Shu must have guessed something as well." Nie Ting said, "Although his identity is still hard for me to accept, for some reason, I suddenly feel that fortunately, he is the demon king."

"From the looks of things, your decision to make him a Heavenly King was the most successful investment in the history of humankind," said Shi Xuejin with a sigh.

The King of Gods of the Luniverse was the Ninth Heavenly King of the Heavenly Network. Shi Xuejin suddenly felt more confident...

### **1144 LU XIAOYU'S NATURAL TALENT IN SWORDPLAY**

Lu Shu was silent on the way back. The rest did not say much. Chen Zuan and the rest did not know about the past affairs involving the Puppet Masters. Thus, they simply thought that the thread to finding Lu Shu's parents had been severed.

Even Lu Shu did not know that the lady, who had been chased and killed on the street,



was Tear Tricker, a Puppet Master. When Li Xianyi found out about this, he had been fighting with Dream Chooser. Then, Lu Shu had gone to the Luniverse.

But Lu Shu was very clear about his own history. He also realized why Cloud Yi had come to Luo City for no reason. Perhaps she had known about his identity then.

As for how she knew, Lu Shu felt that it was not surprising. The techniques of the celestial map were very unique. Lu Xiaoyu's techniques were also unique. There was no one in the world who had the same abilities as them.

Suddenly, Cheng Qiuqiao said, "Why don't we find clues about that woman?"

"How?" Chen Zuan asked curiously.

Lu Shu spoke. "Find Zhong Yutang. He should be able to obtain information."

It was not that Zhong Yutang knew where Tear Tricker had gone. The Heavenly Network had definitely exchanged information with the Golden Foundation. It was no secret that Tear Tricker was dead. The Golden Foundation would definitely not keep this from the Heavenly Network.

Li Dian, who was sitting between Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao, carefully asked, "Heavenly King Lu, can my sentence be shortened?"

"Of course." Lu Shu nodded and said, "According to our agreement, 40% of your sentence will be lifted. You will spend some time in prison before being moved to the Longmen Fortress to work. You will complete the rest of your sentence with limited freedom."

Li Dian heaved a sigh of relief. Limited freedom was not bad.

Lu Shu said, "Li Dian, we are old acquaintances. I hope you will understand that there is nothing in this world that can be done without a price. Turn over a new leaf. You can do many things in this era. Why do you have to cheat others?"

Li Dian sighed. "I was forced..."

"Stop." Lu Shu expressionlessly interrupted Li Dian. "I want to say that your tragic encounters have only allowed us to understand the motivations behind your crimes, but you have not earned our sympathy. If you want us to think highly of you, lead a decent life first."

A large majority of offenders in this world had experiences that were worth the sympathy of others. But did this mean that they could commit crimes? The world did not work this way.

Civilization and humankind had advanced to its present state. One would only be able to respect civilization by respecting the law.

After they returned to the Longmen Fortress, someone came to take in Li Dian. When the handcuffs were put on Li Dian, he suddenly felt that this world was very strange. He had stolen the blanket and toy of a master 18 years ago?!

Li Dian believed in fortunes. If not, how could he conduct fortune-telling sessions for others? He was not simply a swindler. This skill had been passed down in his family.

Li Dian felt that he would cheat people less in the future. He might cheat someone who would become powerful in the future. His luck was not very good...

When they returned to the Longmen Fortress, Lu Shu was walking to Zhong Yutang's office when he bumped into Li Yixiao and Nalan Que. They were chatting along the corridor.

Nalan Que was upset. "When are we getting married?!"

Li Yixiao was slightly nervous. "Will we be able to be happy once we are married? My friend has married two times. There's no need to!"

Nalan Que said, "If the marriage doesn't turn out well, will others marry again?"

Lu Shu did not expect to see Nalan Que forcing marriage on Li Yixiao. Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao almost burst out laughing. The entire Heavenly Network knew that Li Yixiao was controlled by Nalan Que. His daily pocket money was only 20 dollars at most.

No one quite wanted to marry her...

When Li Yixiao saw Lu Shu, it was as if he had seen his saving grace. He ran over to Lu Shu. "Lu Shu, I have something to discuss with you."

Then, Li Yixiao pulled Lu Shu along and ran. As they ran, he softly said, "She is getting crazier recently. Brother, show me the way. Can you bring me along the next time you go to the Luniverse?"

Lu Shu laughed. "You have escaped marriage before. Do you think that Nalan Que will let you go?"

"If I don't run, I will not be able to bear it." Li Yixiao was about to cry. He recalled how he had been a formidable man who traveled around the country. Now, the only hotpot he was able to eat was a 19 dollar self-service hotpot. It was tragic...

"Don't." Lu Shu pushed away Li Yixiao's hand. "I can't help you with this."

Lu Shu said goodbye to Chen Zuan and the rest. Then, he brought Lu Xiaoyu to the wall of the Longmen Fortress. They sat on the edge and looked into the distance. Their field of vision was vast.

"Xiaoyu," said Lu Shu softly.

"Hm?" Lu Xiaoyu tilted her head and looked at Lu Shu.

"Why don't you want to learn swordplay?" This was the first time Lu Shu had asked Lu Xiaoyu this question.

In the past, Li Xianyi had wanted to take Lu Xiaoyu as his disciple, but had constantly been rejected by Lu Xiaoyu. At first, it was because Lu Xiaoyu did not trust Li Xianyi. She did not want to interact with Li Xianyi.

But they were on good terms now. Li Xianyi treated Lu Xiaoyu like his own granddaughter and spoiled her.

But back then, Li Xianyi asked Lu Xiaoyu to inherit his swordplay skills, but was rejected by Lu Xiaoyu once again.

Lu Shu had never asked this question, but for some reason, he suddenly felt like asking her.

Lu Xiaoyu thought about it and said, "Probably because it's not fun."

"Not fun?" Lu Shu asked curiously.

"Yes. It's not as relaxing as controlling a few spirits," said Lu Xiaoyu with a smile.

"Are there any other reasons?" Lu Shu asked.

Lu Xiaoyu was silent for very long. Then, she suddenly said, "Subconsciously, I think that it's boring."

Only the two of them would be able to understand this reason. As the puzzle of truth was slowly being completed, everyone gradually understood that their history was not as simple as they had thought.

Lu Xiaoyu smiled and said, "At first, when I saw all of you train swordplay, I felt disappointed. I could remember everything the old man taught after seeing it only once, but did not train. It was as if I had already reached the peak and looked down on basics like this."

As Lu Xiaoyu spoke, she snapped her fingers. Transparent sword energy shot out from the tip of her finger, distorting the space around it. Then, Lu Xiaoyu produced more sword energy, breaking the previous sword energy.

Before this, Lu Xiaoyu had never trained in swordplay. She had never even held a sword.

Lu Shu smiled. "You never said that you could produce sword energy at will."

Lu Xiaoyu stretched. "All I have to do is create swords for you. It is more relaxing. You will protect me too."

### **1145 STEPPING INTO THE NIGHT SKY**

Lu Xiaoyu's gift in swordplay was probably the best amongst everyone Lu Shu had met before.

She had never touched a sword or practised it before but she could attack with sword energy.

If Li Xianyi heard about her skills, he would probably start questioning about his life. Yet, Lu Xiaoyu refused to learn his sword skills. That was rather bizarre.

Most people on Earth understood the idea that one had to make use of one's gifts in order to survive. However, Lu Xiaoyu gave up everything and stood behind Lu Shu.

It was as though she willingly gave all the recognition to Lu Shu, in order for him to become the star of the show.

"Do you like this unpredictable and chaotic world?" asked Lu Shu.

"No." Lu Xiaoyu shook her head.

"Neither do I," sighed Lu Shu, "However, what if one day we realized that the world became like this because of us?"

Lu Xiaoyu shook her head again. "I don't think so. Is it because we killed the innocent? No. Did the world become chaotic because of our ambitions? No. We can't take the blame."

"However, everything happened because of us," said Lu Shu.

"Then, we shall end this," said Lu Xiaoyu.

Lu Shu smiled. "That's what I feel too."

"Lu Shu." Lu Xiaoyu suddenly became serious.

"Yes?" Lu Shu turned over.

"Have you ever thought about why you always fell sick when you were young?" asked Lu Xiaoyu.

"Now that I think of it, perhaps it was because I suffered from some injuries," sighed Lu Shu.

He had always thought that his poor health was because he was born frail and weak and had even secretly bought the Six Flavor Rehmanni to consume. However, now, he realized that it was not as simple as he once thought it was. Perhaps, he had once experienced a near-death encounter.

"No matter who did it," Lu Xiaoyu said calmly, "They have to pay the price."

At night, Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao went over to Lu Shu's place to have dinner. They brought a new update with them. "A remains in North America is about to be opened."

Lu Shu was stunned for a moment. It had been a long time since remains were

opened. He even thought that no more sites would ever open again.

That was because he realized that even the Luniverse was lagging behind in terms of weaponry. Yet, the relics on Earth were like a mine. At this moment, Lu Shu realized that the site's appearance was not coincidental but rather purposefully planned by someone.

Tiger Zhi conquered the Blood Devil in the Koh Chang remains. Cloud Yi looked for the small white fish in the Lop Nur remains. However, Chaos ate the small white fish before she could find it...

From Lu Shu's point of view, the creatures in the remains were probably the "guardians" of the remains. Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi were very certain about that.

The rule was probably set to prevent the guards from stealing the relics. The Blood Devil could be said to have been sealed in the site.

Therefore, although some people might not know, Lu Shu was aware that the "number" of sites were fixed and would not continue opening forever.

"It had been about one year since a new remains appeared, why did a site suddenly open?" asked Lu Shu.

"I'm not sure, but the intelligence report came from our people and is definitely accurate. Zhong Yutang has already confirmed it several times," Chen Zuan said as he ate, "He wants us to head over to snatch... to take some treasures back."

He said it too nicely. After all, the Heavenly Network had three masters and nobody would hand over the sites to others.



Moreover, after Lu Shu knew about the secret of the remains, he would definitely not hand it over to anyone else.

Everything from the remains were precious gems if Lu Shu took them back to the Luniverse. So how Lu Shu would possibly give it to others?

However, he did not think of snatching anything now but rather if he could close the door of the site with Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin.

Of course, based on Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin's character, they would definitely think about the organization's reputation. However, all of them probably decided on the same thing in private. Lu Shu called Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin. However, since both of them were eating in the Longmen Fortress, they asked Lu Shu to come over to discuss the matter in person.

"Brother Shu, you have to bring us along this time," said Chen Zuan suddenly, "We have only been to one overseas mission before, bring us to see the world!"

Cheng Qiuqiao said, "Brother Shu, I want to go too."

Both of them had advanced to Rank One and nobody would do anything to them if they went overseas.

Chen Zuan was thinking about the worship he would receive from girls overseas. It was as though he was out for a vacation!

As a young man, although he had the ability to dominate the world, he did not have the opportunity to demonstrate it. That made him rather anxious.

"Fine, eat your dinner. I will let Nie Ting know." Lu Shu put down his chopsticks and left. Currently, the species research team was a small group and the members' relationships were very good. It would be good if they could bring the two of them along as they could chat with them along the way.

Lu Shu was not afraid that both of them would meet trouble overseas as after all, there was only one Rank One in the entire Phoenix Society in North America...

Chen Zuan, who was behind Lu Shu, was envious. Everyone in the Heavenly Network called Nie Ting Heavenly King Nie. Only Lu Shu called Nie Ting by his full name...

After Lu Shu left, Lu Xiaoyu put down her chopsticks. "I prepared the food. You guys should wash the dishes."

That night, Lu Xiaoyu cooked. Initially, Lu Shu wanted to cook but Lu Xiaoyu refused to let him.

Chen Zuan looked at Cheng Qiuqiao, "You do it."

Cheng Qiuqiao looked at Chen Zuan, "Why aren't you doing it?"

Chen Zuan kept quiet for a while. "Let's negotiate and each make a compromise."

"How?" Cheng Qiuqiao was speechless.

"Little Fury shall go..."

Little Fury, who was eating, looked confused.

At this moment, Lu Xiaoyu walked over and took Little Fury away and said in disdain, "Look at both of you! Finish washing the dishes in five minutes, if not, don't leave!"

Little Fury made funny faces on Lu Xiaoyu's shoulders. It was great to have a support!

Lu Shu stood outside the door and stepped into a void. At this moment, something strange happened. It was the first time he followed Nie Ting and stepped into a void. However, instead of ending up in the yard where Nie Ting and the rest were at, he stepped into the night sky!

Nevertheless, he was not unfamiliar with that place.

### **1146 MYSTERY OF THE CELESTIAL MAP**

He examined the surroundings. He was in midair. There was air but he was surrounded by darkness and some blinking stars.

Lu Shu frowned. "Is there anyone here?"

This scene was too strange. He had specially asked Nie Ting what did it feel like to step into a void. Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin both said that it was merely opening a door that connected to another space.

Could it be that he got the wrong address? That was impossible. He should be able to reach the place he had in mind. Lu Shu was thinking about the yard in the Longmen Fortress!

Something was wrong but Lu Shu was not nervous because... he was in his celestial map.

Lu Shu figured that out when saw the regular arrangement in the huge nebula.

Lu Shu was aware that it was not an accident but a place that he would definitely reach after stepping into a void. There must be something hiding inside that was waiting for him to find, however, the celestial map had always been in his body and he had not found anything hiding yet.

At this moment, Lu Shu was even more curious about whether only his spirit or if his body had entered along with it.

Lu Shu wanted to see if the celestial map was still in his body. Then, he realized that he was unable to see anything. Even his celestial powers had disappeared.

At this moment, Lu Shu heard a sound from the night sky. "I prepared the food. You guys should wash the dishes."

"You do it."

"Why aren't you doing it?"

"Then let..."

Lu Shu did not know whether to laugh or to cry. Wasn't that Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao's voices? So, only his mind had entered the celestial map, it must be like that...

Lu Shu heaved a sigh of relief. At least he could still go back. Lu Shu started to look for the secret in the celestial map, what exactly happened that made his mind enter the

celestial map suddenly?

Yet, only a few minutes passed before he heard a voice. "Eh? Why is Brother Shu standing in front of the door?"

"Exactly, Brother Shu, what are you doing?"

"Xiaoyu Xiaoyu, come quickly, what's wrong with Brother Shu?"

Then, Cheng Qiuqiao cried, "What's wrong with you, Brother Shu, please be alright!"

Chen Zuan cried too, "Brother Shu, if anything happens to you, how are we going to go to North America..."

"We need to wake him up!"

"Brother Shu, there's 100 dollars on the floor... 200, 50,000!" Chen Zuan did not know what to do. "If he can't wait up like that, it means that he had really fainted!"

Lu Shu gave a cold laugh. "Ha ha."

If he was not looking for the secrets in the celestial map, he would have slapped Chen Zuan's head...

Lu Shu stopped thinking about what happened in the real world. With Lu Xiaoyu protecting him, nothing should go wrong.

Lu Shu felt connected as he looked at them. However, at this moment, the swords and the gourd looked very big.

Instead of the swords enlarging, it felt as though he had shrunk.

Concealed Arrow went beneath Lu Shu's feet in order to let Lu Shu fly. However, the Gourd knocked the Concealed Arrow away and made Lu Shu sit on itself... Both the Concealed Arrow and the Corpseudog felt annoyed but were afraid to offend the Gourd.

Lu Shu patted the Gourd. "Why are you so bossy."

However, thinking about it, it was normal for the Gourd to not listen to Lu Shu... In the past, he had regarded the Gourd as a "third party" and therefore he could use the Gourd to block the divine lightning anytime he wanted. After all, the Gourd was not obedient too.

However now, be it the Gourd, the Concealed Arrow or the Corpseudog, he viewed them equally...

Carrying Lu Shu, the Gourd flew towards the edge of the celestial map. Lu Shu was stunned. That should be the location for the sixth and seventh nebula and had yet to be lit up.

However, the next moment, the Gourd had flown beyond the Ninth Nebula. When Lu Shu stood up and looked down at all the stars beneath him, a wave of emotions hit him.

Lu Shu said calmly, "What do you want me to see?"

The Gourd spurted out patches of starlight. Lu Shu saw a sword standing calmly in the

middle of the night sky. There was a drop of fresh blood on the tip of the sword.

Lu Shu immediately grabbed the sword. It was entirely silver and it was delicate and sharp.

He placed the sword horizontally in front of him and saw a line of small words engraved on it. "I only need 30 percent of the scenery."

Lu Shu was stunned. Then, he immediately realized that the sword belonged to the owner of the Sword Hut!

How did that sword end up in the celestial map? Lu Shu found out that the sword's aura was similar to the celestial map. How did something that did not belong to the celestial map accomplish that?

He examined the drop of blood on the tip of the sword closely. Lu Shu suddenly looked at the Gourd. "Let me ask you a question. If your answer is 'yes', you nod your head. Or else, you shake your head. Did anyone use the blood on the sword's tip to sign a Treaty of Alliance with the celestial map?"

The Gourd nodded and Lu Shu fell silent.

He had roughly figured out what had happened. The celestial map seemed to be equal as it was comprised of both the bright and the dark maps. However, it was obvious that the bright part was the actual main component.

Lu Shu did not know how the celestial map chose the dark map. However, this time, the celestial map had reached an agreement with the other party and had willingly taken up the dark map.

Lu Shu turned the sword and was stunned again. There was another line of small words that was seemingly engraved at a later date. "I don't even need ten percent of the sceneries. I only want the person."

When he was in the Luniverse, Lu Shu had once felt impressed by the spirit of the lady who wanted 30 percent of the scenery.

However, for some reason, Lu Shu felt that it was a pity. The lady who was powerful enough to fight with the old King of Gods in the palace of the King of Gods gave up on what she wanted.

She gave up everything and only wanted someone's heart.

Lu Shu had initially thought that he would obtain a precious magical weapon when he arrived at the celestial map. However, he received another gift that was more special.

As compared to this gift, the magical weapon was worth nothing.

At this moment, a sound came from above the night sky. "Lu Shu, I give you three seconds to open your eyes. Did you hear me!"

Lu Shu smiled and opened his eyes, causing his mind to return to the normal world. "Lu Xiaoyu, you need to change your bad temper. I was only kidding, do you have to react like this to my joke?"

Lu Xiaoyu pouted and went back to the room. "Lunatic!"

"Brother Shu, are you really alright?" Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao looked at each



other. "I felt like you weren't acting earlier on."

Lu Shu paused for a moment and looked at Chen Zuan, "Have you washed the dishes?"

"Not yet..." Chen Zuan said cautiously.

With a loud slap, Lu Shu slapped the back of Chen Zuan's head and said. "She told you to wash them!"

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"Brother Shu," Chen Zuan said righteously, "I feel that you are purposely looking for an excuse to beat me up, that's not correct!"

Lu Shu glared at Chen Zuan, "Who said that there was 50,000 dollars on the floor earlier on?"

Chen Zuan pointed at Cheng Qiuqiao. "It was him!"

Lu Shu was so angry that he laughed. "Trying to escape the blame?"

Chen Zuan felt wronged. Lu Shu was going to blackmail him but he really did not have 50,000 dollars with him!

Lu Xiaoyu, who was sitting on the sofa, listened to the commotion outside. She was worried when Lu Shu stood there motionless earlier on.

She knew that Lu Shu did not pretend to faint but she did not know what exactly happened either.

However, she did not expect Lu Shu to wake up after she called his name. She felt

rather accomplished. Only she managed to wake him up.

At this moment, Little Fury slowly moved towards the dining table. Lu Xiaoyu raised her eyebrows. "Didn't I say that you don't have to wash the dishes? Come back!"

Little Fury was about to cry. After the commotion, he suddenly remembered that he was not done eating his food yet. Now, he could not eat anymore!

Lu Shu went straight to where Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin was. When he stepped into the yard, a wave of green onion smell hit him. He also heard the sound of Shi Xuejin chopping the green onion.

Shi Xuejin welcomed Lu Shu warmly. "Have you eaten? There is millet porridge in the pot!"

Shi Xuejin acted as though he saw a gem. With Lu Shu in the Heavenly Network, wasn't he as precious as a gem?

Nie Ting shot Shi Xuejin a look and said to Lu Shu, "Have you heard about the remains in North America opening? Do you have any plans?"

"What other plans can I have other than to make a trip there?" Lu Shu found a chair and sat down.

"We predict that the site will open in at least a week or two. Until now, there has only been strange phenomena, when do you plan to leave?" asked Nie Ting.

Lu Shu thought about it. Then, he suddenly raised his head and said, "Hold on, are you guys not going?"

"Can't you go alone?" asked Nie Ting.

"Yeah, the Ninth Heavenly King has already reached the Master realm, what can other people do to you?" laughed Shi Xuejin happily. "How many people on Earth are worthy enough to be your opponent?"

After hearing that, Lu Shu laughed reservedly, "Hahahahaha, really? Fine, I will make a trip down."

Lu Shu understood what Shi Xuejin meant. It was impossible for the Phoenix Society to beat the powerful person behind the Luniverse. However, the Phoenix Society had many spies in North America. It would be difficult for the powerful person in the Luniverse to do anything there without the Phoenix Society's help.

In the past, nobody was willing to speculate regarding a first-class organization. After all, everyone was a member of the Earth and it would be better for them to unite and fight against opponents.

However, now, there was evidence showing that some people in the Phoenix Society were involved in this matter. What was left was to confirm if the entire Phoenix Society was already involved.

"Someone in the Luniverse must have stayed behind on Earth," analyzed Lu Shu, "If they have prepared other plans to execute in the future, they would definitely be fully prepared on Earth."

The culprit was extremely meticulous. Lu Shu felt that they would definitely have backup personnel situated near North America. It seemed like that person could have

infiltrated the Phoenix Society.

Shi Xuejin said, "The best ending would be that only a small proportion of the members of the Phoenix Society were enticed by benefits. The worst ending would be... that the entire Phoenix Society had decided to work with the Luniverse."

"Alright, I will check it out. However, it is alright even if the entire organization is working with the Luniverse." Lu Shu stood up and said as he walked out, "They are assuming inferior roles anyway."

The first-class organization Phoenix Society was viewed as inferior by Lu Shu.

However, Lu Shu had a reason to think that way. After all, it was only a matter of minutes if the Wei Wu Army decided to wipe out the entire Phoenix Society.

Lu Shu wanted to find out who the spy sent by the Luniverse to North America was. He also wanted to find out the identity of the culprit. Duanmu Huangqi's name had already been recorded in his notebook, nobody else should be left out.

Moreover, Lu Shu wanted to know what other things would be left in the site of North America.

As he walked to the door, Lu Shu suddenly turned and looked at Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin. "Have you guys figured it out?"

Shi Xuejin smiled gently. "We want to know with what identity are you using to ask this question."

Lu Shu thought about it and said. "The Ninth Heavenly King."

"Then it won't be important even if we haven't figured it out, right? To us, you are the Ninth Heavenly King of the Heavenly Network," laughed Shi Xuejin.

Lu Shu thought about it and said, "What a sly reply. Forget it, I shall not ask anymore."

After Lu Shu turned and left, Shi Xuejin heaved a sigh of relief and said softly, "I was so scared that he would kill me if I didn't give a correct reply..."

The person who was regarded as the demon king that could cause the end of the world by the Golden Foundation was standing in front of him. It was inevitable for Shi Xuejin to say that. However, thinking about it again, Lu Shu was still Lu Shu. Although the other party was continuously changing, he changed for the better.

The selfish young man from the orphanage had made peace with the world and had become a person whom everyone respected.

Shi Xuejin did not know how much ups and downs Lu Shu experienced internally, as he grew up. He also did not know how many shocking things Lu Shu would do in the future. However, fortunately, Lu Shu was on his side...

Shi Xuejin turned to Nie Ting. "Does that mean that we can go over to the Luniverse for fun in the future? We can't mess around in the Heavenly Network as after all, we are supposed to protect and guard against the Luniverse. However, there's nothing wrong if we fought for our teammates, right?"

"Is Lu Shu counted as a legal resident?" asked Nie Ting.

"Yes, of course," Shi Xuejin was happy. "He had an Identification Card, ok?"

"Then, he is the person whom the Heavenly Network is protecting." Nie Ting smiled.

"Fighting for him is not counted as cheating."

In the past, Lu Shu told Lu Xiaoyu that he would fight with the entire Heavenly Network. After all, the Heavenly Network maintained a good relationship with Lu Xiaoyu and Lu Shu, and gave them both a salary and magical stones.

Now, both Nie Ting and Shi Xuejin wanted to help Lu Shu in the fight. Everyone used this term "fight" to hide their excitement.

It was like karma, you would get rewarded for the kindness you offered to the world.

### **1148 CHEN ZUAN'S SEPARATION FROM HIS LOWLY INTERESTS**

Yellowstone National Park had one of the biggest volcanoes in the world. One famous American disaster films' storyline was about this volcano erupting.

It was situated in Wyoming and was the largest park on Earth with a distance of more than 1500 kilometers.

The site opening was due to the discovery of lava exuding from the ground. Initially, the park management thought that the volcano was about to erupt but the location of the lava was far from the volcano. Moreover, the lava was extremely strange.

Later, a Metahuman noticed that the creatures in the Yellowstone National Park started to mutate and the intensity of their Spirit Qi rose rapidly.

Then, everyone realized that a site was about to open!

Everyone thought that there would not be anymore opening of sites as it had been too long since the last opening. Therefore, they were slow to react.

The opening of the remains was not a secret. The Phoenix Society was unable to stop the news from spreading on time. In fact, the various large organizations had all tried to stop the news from spreading but only the Heavenly Network succeeded...

If the site opened in the Heavenly Network, none of the Practitioners and Metahumans in the world would know about it.

After all, although finding treasures was a good thing, it was not worth sacrificing their lives over.

To everyone, the Eastern country was mysterious and powerful. All of the three powerful individuals of the Shen Cang Jing level, belonged to that country...

Practitioners and Metahumans from all over the world rushed to North America, either through legal or illegal means. To these "new humans", it was too easy for them to enter illegally. Moreover, the Phoenix Society did not have the ability to stop the practitioners from entering.

Both the Metahumans and the Practitioners were not worried about the actions that the Phoenix Society would take to stop them. Although there was a Rank One expert in the Phoenix Society, after the battle on the tiger's back, his powers had greatly diminished and the numbers of the army had nearly dropped by half. With this overall power, they could not match up to the Practitioners from all around the world.

Therefore most of the people camping in Yellowstone National Park were Practitioners who were waiting for the opening of the site. Even the Phoenix Society

were unable to confirm how these Practitioners had entered...

However, the Practitioners and the large organizations knew that the trip would not be as simple as they thought it would be, as they were not sure if the Heavenly Network would attack...

As they thought about this, they felt helpless as they could not do anything to the Heavenly Network...

The Practitioners who did not know each other tried not to stay together. Who knew what the background of those 'friendly' people were?

Someone mumbled as he lit up the bonfire, "I wonder if the Heavenly Network would send people over?"

"It's fine as long as they don't send the Ninth Heavenly King over," another person continued.

"Why?" The people nearby stopped what they were doing.

"If other people were sent over, at the very most, we would end up empty-handed. However, if the Ninth Heavenly King was sent over, then things would be different," the person who spoke sounded angry, "If we meet him, not only would we end up empty-handed, but we might also have to pay a huge price!"

Someone laughed, "Brother, you must have experienced something."

Everyone here had heard about the stories regarding the Ninth Heavenly King but they did not expect to meet a victim here...



"I wonder how the Ninth Heavenly King looks like, so we can take preventive measures," said a person.

"The Ninth Heavenly King is extremely mysterious. Now that he had attained the Shen Cang Jing, nobody could hurt him," the person who spoke initially said, "If I find out that he is in the park, I will hide immediately and wait for the entire event to end..."

Only a few hundred people were in this campsite. Nearby, Lu Shu sat speechlessly. Lu Xiaoyu, Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao laughed as they heard the conversation.

There were many asians in Yellowstone National Park. Or rather, there were already quite a number of asians in North America. The four of them did not attract anyone's attention as they blended in.

Chen Zuan laughed sneakily, "Brother Shu, what a reputation you have there."

Lu Xiaoyu stared at Chen Zuan while hugging Little Fury. "Stop trying to stir things up."

Chen Zuan stopped talking. With Lu Xiaoyu around, only Lu Xiaoyu could tease Lu Shu or that person would be scolded by Lu Xiaoyu...

"Fatty, I realized that you are wearing simple outfits recently." Lu Shu looked at Chen Zuan. In the past, Chen Zuan's watch could be worth up to millions of dollars. Now, he removed his watch and the clothes he was wearing cost less than a hundred dollars.

It was normal if Lu Shu wore those clothes as he liked to do so. However, it was

extremely unusual when Chen Zuan wore those. His car also disappeared.

Chen Zuan sighed, "Although I am rich, my status in the family is still rather low. Back then, I wanted to train but most people don't believe in training. Now what? I became a person of a high status and became the top of the younger generation."

Lu Shu listened quietly. All these years, not only was he changing, but Lu Xiaoyu, Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao were also changing for the better.

Chen Zuan continued, "In the past, my Second Master, eldest, second eldest and fourth eldest uncles looked down on me. Now, they are extremely friendly when they see me. However, I realized that I am no longer so keen on the materialistic life as I do not need those things to prove myself. I have separated myself from lowly interests..."

"The younger generation all try to suck up to me but I don't really feel like interacting with them. The family of power and authority does not seem to fit me anymore. Therefore, I suddenly understood why Second Master Chen Baili left the family. With different aspirations, they end up in different paths. I no longer look up to people like my uncles."

"You can't say it that way." Lu Shu shook his head. "Everyone has their own aspirations. There's no such thing as a lowly aspiration."

Cheng Qiuqiao suddenly asked, "Hold on, you mentioned about your eldest, second eldest and fourth eldest uncles, what about your third eldest uncle? Is he dead?"

Chen Zuan's face turned black immediately. "My dad is the third eldest!"

## 1149 DAYLIGHT FLAME

This was the first time Lu Shu had brought Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao out on a mission, but he was not worried that they would create a mess. After all, they were Rank One experts. Lu Shu was a master; Lu Xiaoyu had the Bishop, who was a Rank One, and Anthony and Johnson, who were both masters; Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao were Rank Ones. Thus, there were no shortcomings in the entire team. Their fault tolerance was very high.

In this team, Rank Ones were considered weak. This was something people did not even dare to imagine...

What Lu Shu had to do now was to find possible spies from the Luniverse in the Phoenix Society. He was not worried about the relics.

There was only one variable. Lu Shu had checked the place where magma had flown. Although the magma had died out, Lu Shu still felt a familiar force.

This force started to appear during the dawn of the magically rich era. Then, it attempted to save a desperate situation during many crucial periods. It was the white flame in Lu Shu's heart!

This was the reason why Lu Shu was able to suppress his temper and wait patiently. He could not understand why the magma in the relic would make him feel that way. Or was this a trap that someone who knew him well had deliberately laid for him?

Lu Shu was not sure, but he was not afraid.

When he passed by the resting troops in the Longmen Fortress, he realized a clue that he had overlooked in the past, but had to pay attention to. Yu Fuyao had made the white flame in his heart jump in an unusual manner.

Lu Shu did not know what this meant, but he knew that he did not understand Yu Fuyao as well as he had expected. Although she had killed many slave owners in front of him, this was simply a covert way of proving her innocence.

But no matter whether it was Wen Zaifou or Yu Fuyao, he had to defend himself against them.

There were many people who liked walking, and many people who liked climbing in Yellowstone National Park, but recently, these people did not come here. They were afraid of Metahumans.

The attitudes of ordinary people towards Metahumans had relaxed, but after the attack of the slave owners, ordinary people were once again on the alert against Metahumans and Practitioners.

Yellowstone National Park was a gathering place for Practitioners. Only businessmen dared to come here. There were few people who had invisible storage equipment like Lu Shu. Many Metahumans had come here a week ago. The food they had brought was running out, but they were not willing to go and buy more. They were worried that they would miss the best timing when the relics opened.

Someone had started to make dinner in the campsite. The bonfire burned wildly, causing the blood vessels on the faces of those sitting near the fire to swell.

Lu Shu glanced at Chen Zuan. "We are more likely to be injured by the strange happenings in the early stages of the relics the closer we are to places with hot springs and volcanoes. If some strange creatures appear like last time, then it's fine. If you come into contact with magma, you will not even be able to cry. Even if it doesn't

burn anyone, it will be difficult if the tents are burned."

"That seems to be the case." Chen Zuan nodded his head in pity. "I thought that I would be able to solve the problem of being single, but the campsite that you have chosen is full of aunties. Just now, an auntie touched my butt. I'd better receive compensation for industrial injuries..."

Lu Shu glanced at him. "If you get dragged into a forest, I will compensate you for industrial injuries."

The auntie that Chen Zuan was talking about was not that old. It was simply Chen Zuan's way of speaking. Moreover, Lu Shu had chosen this campsite, as it was the closest to the Phoenix Society's campsite.

The Phoenix Society did not allow outsiders to join their campsite. Lu Shu would definitely choose the closest site to observe them.

The Phoenix Society knew that it could not prevent so many Practitioners from entering Yellowstone National Park. Thus, they adopted an uncaring attitude, as if North America was not their territory.

Lu Shu felt that it was the Phoenix Society's fault. Back then, they had insisted on fighting at the Changbai Mountains. This time, it was the Phoenix Society's turn to suffer the consequences of their own actions.

At that moment, a white flame suddenly appeared over their heads against the setting sun. Then, it disappeared.

It had not even appeared for one second, but the flame in Lu Shu's heart began to

jump rapidly. It was as if they shared the same source.

Lu Shu knew that he had come to the right place. Perhaps the Yellowstone National Park relics contained the most important secret about him.

Even Lu Shu could not understand the white flame. If someone had deliberately left behind a treasure in the relics, it would not be a coincidence if a force that shared the same source as the white flame appeared.

The fire-type Metahumans in the campsites panicked. The other types seemed to be fine, but the fire-type Metahumans realized that when they approached the magma and the flames, their fire-type powers would be temporarily suppressed!

This was a very mysterious thing. If it only happened occasionally, it would be fine. But what would they do if they were completely unable to use their fire-type abilities after they entered the relics? It would be the equivalent of walking to their deaths.

Some fire-type Metahumans wanted to retreat, but they could not bear to leave behind the treasure in the relics. They wanted to take a gamble. What if they were fine when they entered?

There were times when people lost their lives because of their shallow mentality towards luck.

Lu Shu asked Cheng Qiuqiao to explore and see whether anything else had happened in addition to the strange incident in the sky. Cheng Qiuqiao returned in less than 20 minutes. He wanted to speak, but stopped.

"What's wrong?" Lu Shu asked curiously.

Cheng Qiuqiao went beside Lu Shu and softly said, "I saw the Deities! She is among them as well!"

The two words "the Deities" was like a bow that was stretched taut in Lu Shu's brain. As for who "she" was, Cheng Qiuqiao did not need to explain.

Lu Shu stopped moving. Lu Xiaoyu, who was cooking, did not seem to have heard what Cheng Qiuqiao had said and continued to cook.

Chen Zuan looked at the tab on Lu Shu's ring finger. He rejoiced in Lu Shu's misfortune, he knew all too well that the Cheng Ying sword was in the Changbai Mountains. With Lu Shu's personality, he would have taken it back a long time ago, but he had yet to.

Was Lu Shu the kind of person to leave his treasures lying around? No, unless he did not dare to take it!

It was said that the onlooker saw more of the game. Lu Shu had always said that he would go if he had the chance to do so. Now, he had the ability to create voids, but had not gone there. Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao, who had witnessed the wedding, definitely knew why...

### **1150 OLDER COUSIN**

Lu Shu subconsciously rubbed his hands. "How far away are they?"

"They're two kilometers away. Over 3000 people from the Phoenix Society have come, but there are not many people from the Deities. There are only over 200 of them," said Cheng Qiuqiao. "She has stayed at the Changbai Mountains for over a year. Two relics have opened during that period, but she did not take part. I didn't

expect her to suddenly leave the Changbai Mountains..."

What Cheng Qiuqiao meant was that she was here for Lu Shu...

"You talk too much." Lu Shu looked at Cheng Qiuqiao with an unkind expression on his face.

To be honest, Lu Shu's feelings towards Coral were very complex. They had not thought about how they would treat each other when they met each other again.

That wedding was like a scene that was only suitable to appear in their memories. Once they woke up from their dream, they should go their separate ways.

But both of them could not differentiate whether it had been a dream or a reality.

Lu Shu sat by the bonfire and pondered. Suddenly, there was some commotion in the campsite. It was as if an outsider had come. Lu Shu nervously looked at the source of the commotion, but met with unfamiliar faces.

Lu Shu and the rest had not noticed these newcomers. This campsite had a good geographical position. Backpackers would also choose this place to set up camp. Thus, it was normal for new people to come.

But to their surprise, these outsiders seemed to be rather well-known among the secret practitioners. There were just over ten of them. The waves of energy from their body were not weak, but Lu Shu and the rest did not think highly of them.

Lu Shu looked at Chen Zuan and Cheng Qiuqiao. He wanted to see whether they recognized these newcomers.



After he had returned from the Luniverse, he realized that he had to understand a lot of new information. He had to actively fill up the gaps in his understanding. But to Lu Shu, he focused on the bigger picture. He did not have the time to notice the new team of secret practitioners.

Chen Zuan shook his head and softly said, "I don't recognize them. They are probably an elite team who has risen in the past year. Since the battle at Tiger's Back, the large organizations have weakened. Many elite teams of secret practitioners have appeared."

"Yes." Cheng Qiuqiao nodded his head. "In the past, the large organizations suppressed the secret practitioners. Once the large organizations have weakened, some secret practitioners who have joined forces can display their skills. It can be said that the battle at Tiger's Back had allowed the Heavenly Network to single-handedly change the realm of cultivation. This will be part of the history of cultivation."

Lu Shu quietly listened. He did not expect these people to be well-known among the secret practitioners. Some secret practitioners were loudly praising them for their actions.

The more Lu Shu listened to them, the more he understood. The aim of this organization of elite secret practitioners had always been to expose the malicious deeds carried out by the large organizations. They would post these deeds on the internet and punish them.

This was very popular among the secret practitioners. Furthermore, the strength of Rank Twos in the large organizations were declining. They would not be able to do anything against these secret practitioners for now. Thus, they earned a name for

themselves in the global cultivation realm. They were like knight errants.

Lu Shu did not have any ill feelings towards these people. Some felt that the method in which they privately passed judgment on these malicious deeds was wrong, but Lu Shu did not mind. After all, this occurred overseas. It had nothing to do with them.

It would be fine as long as they did not disrupt the mission.

Cheng Qiuqiao softly said, "It seems like their leader has not arrived. Someone asked where their leader is. They replied that their leader would arrive later."

"Oh. Don't care about them. We will mind our own business," said Lu Shu casually. "After all, they are simply Rank Twos."

"The probability that their leader is a Rank One is not high. After all, Rank Ones are rather rare," said Cheng Qiuqiao.

"Even a Rank One would be nothing," said Lu Shu.

This exposed Lu Shu's great confidence. So what if their leader was Rank One? He had killed more Rank Ones than he could count on one hand...

At that moment, Lu Shu suddenly sensed someone spying on him. He felt a chill. When the group of secret practitioners had come, he was able to lie low. Why was he still being spied on?

Had someone from the Luniverse been lying in ambush here, observing his actions? Lu Shu slowly sat down. Then, he took out a mirror from the Seal of Lands and looked behind him.

When Lu Shu looked in the mirror, he did not know whether to laugh or to cry. A head had poked out of the forest and was recklessly observing Lu Shu. When the person realized that he had been discovered through the mirror, he even waved to say hello!

If this person was not Coral's older cousin, who else would it be?

The cousin's gaze was not kind. Of course, a small group of people from the Deities did not think highly of Lu Shu. Their leader had gone to the Luo Shen Cultivation College, but there was no progress between the two of them. He had even caused their leader to waste over one year at the Changbai Mountains!

Thus, her cousin had boldly come to observe Lu Shu as a means of protest...

Of course, this was based on their understanding of Lu Shu. Even if he was discovered by Lu Shu, nothing would happen. Thus, he was reckless... they still hoped that there would be some progress between the two of them.

Lu Shu knew that since her cousin had come, this meant that the Deities definitely knew that he had come to Yellowstone National Park. Thus, there was a reason why their campsite was only two kilometers away.

Who had revealed his whereabouts to the Deities? Lu Shu felt that if it was not Nie Ting, then it was Shi Xuejin...

The cousin did not seem to have any intentions of giving up. Lu Shu slowly kept the mirror in the Seal of Lands. Then, he took out the Sun mirror...

The cousin was puzzled. Why did you suddenly change the mirror... ah!

"From Osten Sko's distress, +666!"

A strong ray of light shone in his direction. The cousin covered his eyes and tumbled into the forest. Many people in the campsite looked over. They did not even have the time to react...

Lu Shu waved his hand and innocently laughed, showing that he did not know what had happened either. Suddenly, they heard the voice of the cousin. "Wait. I will reveal what is bad about you!"

Lu Shu was speechless.

At that moment, a Caucasian lady from the elite secret practitioners walked out. She stretched her hand towards Lu Shu. "Nice to meet you. Our leader is also of Asian descent. We are very interested in the eastern countries."

Since Lu Shu was sitting down, the lady had to bend over in order to shake Lu Shu's hand. Furthermore, the collar of the black vest she was wearing was very wide. Lu Xiaoyu expressionlessly looked at Lu Shu. Had he unlocked some hidden ability to flirt with others?!