

91 CONSOLATION

Oh... Can I only manipulate swords at class C?

But that means... I can do it!

Lu Shu never fully harnessed the abilities of the celestial map from the start. Previously, he thought that once students of the Daoyuan class reach class E, they would be able to learn skills like sword manipulation. Hearing Li Xianyi's words now, sword manipulation was actually a complex skill.

Was class C considered high? Of course it was! Even B class metahumans were considered as rare and leading characters in the metahuman community. How weak could class C be?

Although practitioners were improving rapidly in this environment where the magical energy was increasing and someday someone might breakthrough into Class A, there was none now. If the skills of the few people of Class B were classified as god-bestowed, the people of Class C could at least be classified as gifted.

But Lu Shu was thinking of a question. His sword manipulation technique was rather different in concept compared to Li Xianyi's.

Just based on the previous move by Li Xianyi, even if he was manipulating a petal instead of a sword, he could kill without batting an eyelid. Lu Shu, on the other hand, could only manipulate The Corpse Dog and this was only due to it being created by himself, so there was probably some sort of chemistry between them.

Although he had a shortcut to manipulating swords, having been able to do it as a class E, he could not manipulate other objects. His manipulation of The Corpse Dog

was also not sustainable.

The mastery of sword manipulation improves together with his mastery of his celestial abilities. As he trains more, he could someday manipulate objects with much more ease.

Lu Shu would not tell Li Xianyi that he could already manipulate swords, that would only bring him trouble. However, he thought that if he could learn it early on his own, it would be quite helpful when he learns it openly in future.

Others might start from absolutely nothing, but not him.

Today, Lu Shu instructed Lu Xiaoyu to learn attentively so she could take a nap in the afternoon. Based on his calculations, Lu Xiaoyu would very likely breakthrough the first nebula tonight. Lu Shu decided to let her attain this milestone on her own, before investigating Lu Xiaoyu's skill changes together.

Since he could summon The Corpse Dog in the past, there would surely be some change in Lu Xiaoyu when she completes her first nebula.

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Li Xianyi sat in his garden peacefully, and beside him was Lu Xiaoyu, self-studying a Chinese textbook.

He received news that The Golden Foundation had received resistance and disapproval from the governments from some other countries. Compared to those places, the domestic attitude towards The Golden Foundation had been much more peaceful.

Even if The Golden Foundation did not have the slightest ambition, how many people could condone them? The Golden Foundation was totally different from the United Nations as it possessed immense destructive power.

At that time, Li Xianyi would laugh at the people who claimed that training would lead to immortality. With so many duels and fights, who would still have the life to enjoy the benefits of immortality?

People who benefit from the nature of heaven and earth had to realize that there would come a time for them to give back. It wasn't all about who had a shorter life, but it was just unrealistic to merely yearn for longevity.

But it was different now. It was the era of omnipresent magical energy and aura. The magical energy was constantly getting stronger and if Li Xianyi had been born decades later instead, he would probably be searching for the secrets to immortality.

Recently, apart from the sporadic appearance of remains everywhere, there were massive changes to many places. People were changing, the mountains were evolving, and even animals and plants were mutating in places rich in magical energy. Was there anything that would not change? Li Xianyi was unsure.

Under such circumstances, would The Golden Foundation change?

Li Xianyi's greatest worry remains the same. What if there was conflict within The Golden Foundation?

There had already been suggestions for The Golden Foundation to gather training resources. They would definitely have to associate themselves with the remains.

Without the capabilities to possess them, in what position were they to talk about peace and protection?

Li Xianyi did not know how much time he had left, so passing down his trade was something he always felt he had to do.

Li Xianyi turned around and looked at Lu Xiaoyu. If he could have her as his successor, many problems could be solved. Lu Xiaoyu was only 11. Even if she had spent most of her time with Lu Shu, there was still time to educate and reshape her.

This education refers to her personality and character.

If everyone was like Lu Shu, The Golden Foundation wouldn't exist...

As Li Xianyi thought about this, Lu Xiaoyu had gone out and got back from buying some tidbits, "Eat them! Eat them! They're all yours."

Lu Xiaoyu did away with the formalities and ripped open a bag of chips, munching immediately after.

"Do you want to learn swordplay?" Li Xianyi asked again. Since this girl was greedy for food, I'll bank on it.

Lu Xiaoyu declined the offer and asked cautiously, "But can I still continue eating?"

Lu Shu then received: "From Li Xianyi's distress, +177"

Li Xianyi, rather annoyed, flailed his hand, "Eat it..."

She's rather staunch in her principles!

Li Xianyi thought again before asking suddenly, "Did Lu Shu tell you not to learn swordplay from me yesterday?"

"Nope," Lu Xiaoyu shook her head.

"Oh, that's good," Li Xianyi nodded her head. This little girl very obediently heeded Lu Shu's every instruction. If Lu Shu did instruct her to not learn from him, he would never be able to have her as his disciple. Thinking here, Li Xianyi continued, "Actually your aptitude..."

Before Li Xianyi finished, Lu Xiaoyu rudely interrupted, "He told me the day before."

Li Xianyi, "???"

Would it kill you to say everything at once?

As Lu Shu was flipping his chemistry textbook in class, another line came, "From Li Xianyi's distress, +588"

Such high distress, could something have happened to the old man? After all, he is already so old! He decided to send a message to Lu Xiaoyu after some thinking, "If you angered the old man, console him..." He could not say it directly, and could only put it as such.

Lu Shu did not tell Lu Xiaoyu that he could gain distress points from other people to protect his authority as an older brother. He could never tell her that his distress points could be used to speed up training by obtaining celestial fruits through his system...

Moreover, if Lu Xiaoyu knew the truth, she would establish the link with him angering her for no reason occasionally...

Lu Xiaoyu thought for a moment and handed Li Xianyi a potato chip, "Here! For you!" To Lu Xiaoyu, sharing good food was the greatest consolation!

Li Xianyi felt appeased momentarily. This was the first time Lu Xiaoyu took the initiative to console him after angering him. He knew Lu Xiaoyu loved potato chips, and sharing her favorite with himself showed that Lu Xiaoyu actually appreciated him.

But just as he extended his arm, Lu Xiaoyu's minute hands retracted and broke the potato chip into two halves, handing Li Xianyi one half. One half is enough to appease Li Xianyi!

As Lu Shu looked at his chemistry book, he was suddenly stunned.

"From Li Xianyi's distress points, +666!"

92 LU XIAOYU LEVEL UP!

That night, Lu Shu personally monitored Lu Xiaoyu's training by her side, in fear that she would fall asleep...

Both their training methods were unique and at that point in time, Liu Li and Jiang Shuyi had completed one large cycle of training but the next step wasn't passed down yet.

These two days, Liu Li walked with a spring of arrogance but had yet to find trouble with Lu Shu. Even though he had completed one large cycle of training, he realized that amongst Class Fs, strength-typed metahumans were invincible.

There were no elemental or other types in Class F, only strength-type and practitioners.

Liu Li also found out through others that his own training would increase 900 pounds of strength while strength-type metahumans had 1200 pounds...

Although Liu Li had contributed mountains of distress points, he wasn't stupid. Finding trouble with Lu Shu at this time would be the same as asking to be humiliated.

Even though Lu Shu had awakened, he could only stagnate at Class F for a long period of time while Liu Li was different, his future was more promising!

In the day, Jiang Shuyi reminded Lu Shu not to let anyone know about their exchange with the magical stones. Someone on the Golden Foundation forum mentioned that a rich businessman had offered a high price for the stones and a deal was made. The student who sold the stones was informed by his class teacher that his supply of magical stones was halted for a year.

Valuable items like magical stones, Lu Shu could sell them but so did others. He wasn't the only one lacking money.

The child that was punished for selling his magical stones was rumored to have a Tier B aptitude and felt no need to use the stones due to his high aptitude. And since his family needed money and saw someone else buying on the forums, he sold them.

But the consequence was one year without any magical stones.

In fact, he wasn't only losing out on a monthly two magical stones but given his aptitude, he would have quickly risen to Class E and in another year, probably Class D which would reward him more magical stones.

But all these no longer concerned him.

The Heavenly Network was strict about its distribution of magical stones and once caught, there would be dire consequences.

If Lu Shu did not wish for his supply of magical stones be halted, and Jiang Shuyi to lose his extra supply of magical stones from Lu Shu, they would have to keep their mouths shut.

To people like Jiang Shuyi, relative to his aptitude, magical stones were like the icing on the cake but many influential households have some kind of urgency- In the previous era, they were the leaders of their own fields but with the new era, in order to not lag behind, they had to continuously fight to be ahead.

One magical stone may be insignificant but what about a hundred? That would be enough to propel your own children to the front lines of the era.

For these people, no one wanted to be left behind.

Lu Shu stood beside Lu Xiaoyu and waited for her to complete her training. It was almost dawn when Lu Xiaoyu opened her eyes but she was still in a blank state. Her eyes had the intensity like a black hole before returning to normal 1s later.

"Lu Shu, I've broken through the first nebula and a black hole appeared!" Lu Xiaoyu excitedly announced.

Previously, she knew that Lu Shu had broken through the first nebula long ago and was lagging behind which made her anxious. If Lu Shu kept progressing this quickly, the gap between them would only increase.

But now, she had broken through the first nebula and Lu Shu had only broken through the first two stars of the second nebula

Lu Shu's breakthrough happened two nights ago. The number of celestial fruits required for the second star of the second nebula was still reasonable and breaking through that was only a matter of days. Nothing special happened besides a more intense surge of celestial power, a denser celestial cloak and increased strength.

"Black hole? What does the black hole do? Can it materialize outside the body?" Lu Shu asked curiously as his corpse of the dog could be materialized and used as a physical attack. So what could Lu Xiaoyu's black hole do?

At the mention of black holes, you would associate it with the word 'swallow'.

Lu Xiaoyu shook her head, "It can't materialize, it can only stay within my body."

Hmm, what is this situation, although both their powers are quite similar. they also appear to be opposite. Lu Shu also could not figure out the use of the black hole.

But at this moment, Lu Xiaoyu suddenly closed her eyes and after a short silence, she opened her eyes and showed Lu Shu her hand. A small black ant stood atop Lu Xiaoyu's hand.

The black ant was different... It was like... a concentrated spot of black smoke.

For some reason, Lu Shu felt that it was some kind of soul! The feeling was very similar to his corpse dog which was one of the seven souls of instincts.

Lu Shu directed his curious gaze towards Lu Xiaoyu, "This is?"

"I could suddenly feel the souls in the surrounding and this is an ant that died last night. I wanted to bring it back when the black hole swallowed it which turned it into this. Now, it follows my commands," Lu Xiaoyu explained everything so that Lu Shu could understand better. She knew that she had gained something incredible.

Lu Shu used his finger and pressed the ant atop Lu Xiaoyu's palm. The feeling was just like touching a real ant!

"It can't be. By this logic, if it can swallow the soul of the ant then it can do the same to human souls," Lu Shu was really shocked, "Try and see how many ants it can swallow."

Lu Xiaoyu compliantly went into the house to look for dead ants as Lu Shu followed behind. Lu Xiaoyu once again shuts and opened her eyes and said, "It can only swallow one. The moment a new soul entered, the previous one would disappear."

Hmmm, what can an ant accomplish? What a useless power!

Wait... Lu Shu went into a deep thought before explaining his idea to Lu Xiaoyu, "This black hole may be limited to a single soul. Try something else."

As a result, Lu Xiaoyu got her hands on a small sparrow which flew around at her will. The young lady was having fun while the new ant disappeared.

Lu Shu had an idea. Since the black hole could duplicate an exact copy of the soul it swallowed, what would happen if Lu Xiaoyu managed to swallow a metahuman's soul?

Lu Shu felt troubled. How did such an innocent girl suddenly have a connection to souls, what a contrast.....

93 PIG-RIDER GIRL

Sparrows were also considered as adaptable birds. During the winter, their feathers would be more resistant to the cold weather. They would save up on food way before winter and when winter finally arrives, they would still hunt for food in the morning but they had relatively far less physical activity.

The little sparrow by Lu Xiaoyu's side looked very fast, but it was in fact not in control of itself. Whatever action it executed was controlled by Lu Xiaoyu.

"How long can you control this sparrow? Will your celestial energy be depleted?" Lu Shu asked curiously.

"There's no time limit. No usage of celestial energy whatsoever," Lu Xiaoyu replied in glee.

Lu Shu was shocked. Why did his manipulation of the sword, The Corpse of the Dog, required the constant use of celestial energy while Lu Xiaoyu had such a good skill?

"No usage of your energy for the entire duration?" Lu Shu asked with a darkened face.

"Yeah. Conjuring it out of the black hole required a little energy, but there's a difference in consumption of energy when I conjure an ant compared to a sparrow."

Lu Xiaoyu thought before answering.

I see. It seems like the uniqueness of Lu Xiaoyu's attainment of the first nebula is as such. She could pull souls into the black hole, and use her celestial energy to create a new body. Which goes to say that this black smoke is real although it might look like an illusion.

If conjuring an ant and a sparrow requires different amounts of celestial energy, it means that the amount of energy needed depends on the quality of the conjured target.

Lu Shu explained his thoughts to Lu Xiaoyu, including the fact that this could be used on metahumans. But they obviously could not take a life of a metahuman just for the sake of trying it out. Lu Shu and Lu Xiaoyu were not such evil people.

Lu Xiaoyu then thought of her own solution, "Let's go to Mangshan cemetery!"

Lu Shu was curious, "What for?"

"There are definitely souls there, we can experiment on one!" Lu Xiaoyu said excitedly.

Lu Shu felt slightly uncomfortable, and he held onto Lu Xiaoyu, "No no no! Think about it, the cemetery houses mostly normal people who are dead. What if you conjure an old lady, what use would she be when we are fighting other people?"

But this was not the main point. Lu Shu thought for a moment before continuing, "A large number of people who lie there are normal people. They never committed huge sins in their lives, and their bodies are laid there peacefully. It won't be nice playing with their souls! When you want to change souls, the previous soul could disappear from this world entirely. Who did they offend to deserve that?"

"Oh," Lu Xiaoyu thought for a moment and agreed that it was rather unfair to do this to an innocent person.

After discussing on the sofa for a long period of time, the main gist of the conversation was Lu Shu telling Lu Xiaoyu about the ethics behind which souls could be used: Good people shouldn't be touched, same goes for normal people. The souls of bad people could be targeted freely.

This, to Lu Shu, was a process of inculcating morals to Lu Xiaoyu. Although the two of them were not extremely morally upright, it was because they had their own moral compass.

But that did not mean they were not ethical. This was what Lu Shu wanted to impart to Lu Xiaoyu.

"What's the plan then?" Lu Xiaoyu said in disappointment, "I want to conjure a powerful one."

Lu Shu pondered for a moment before replying, "I have a plan. Go and sleep first, I'll bring you to a place tomorrow morning."

It was only about 2 in the middle of the night. Lu Shu couldn't stop his swordplay training halfway. As Li Xianyi mentioned, before the foundation of vitality was

strong, not training would result in his skills worsening.

But how could Lu Xiaoyu fall asleep now? She was constantly thinking about the plan Lu Shu said he had for her, and unable to hold back her excitement, she ran out to see Lu Shu train.

Lu Xiaoyu sat on the small table which belonged to Li Xianyi. She looked enthusiastically at Lu Shu even though his training was rather boring and repetitive.

Once Lu Shu was done training, Lu Xiaoyu followed him back home. Li Xianyi, who was looking from the garden, was rather flustered. Previously, he was excited and glad to know that the two kids living beside him were of Tier A potential. Now, he didn't even have a disciple...

"From Li Xianyi's distress, +55..."

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In the morning, at the west of Jiandong Market was a live meat slaughter. This was an established and professional slaughterhouse. When the pigs were slaughtered, they would be stamped and labeled as fresh. Lu Shu himself wasn't sure if this was the practice elsewhere.

Before the pigs were killed, they would be brought into a room to allow them to relax for 24 hours.

Some claim that this was an act of compassion to the pigs, highlighting the good in humanity.

But was this really the case?

Within these 24 hours, they will not be allowed to eat for the last 12 hours, and not allowed to drink for the last 3 hours. Evidently, it was to reduce their energy, to reduce the blood concentration and to increase the quality of their meat.

The world was as such. The strong would never show true care or compassion to the weak.

Humans keep pets, and some people really do love their pets. But do the pets have freedom?

Lu Shu doubted it.

To him, it was important to constantly improve and become stronger in this world. This would prevent him from suffering the same fate as the cows, sheep, pigs, and dogs. It was as simple as that.

Lu Shu never thought about letting anyone else decide his fate for him.

The two siblings squatted at the side, and hearing the shrieks of the pigs inside, Lu Xiaoyu looked at Lu Shu emotionlessly, "So this is your plan? So I'll get the soul of a pig, and be a pig-rider girl?"

"From Lu Xiaoyu's distress, +388!"

"Cough," Lu Shu cleared his throat, "I'm just trying to let you get used to it first. A pig is rather strong... There's still donkey soup at the other side of Jiandong road. They'll slaughter a donkey every Monday, maybe you can swap souls when that

happens."

"Oh, pig-rider to a donkey-rider," Lu Xiaoyu was still emotionless, "Lu Shu, could you be any duller?!"

"From Lu Xiaoyu's distress, +499!"

Lu Xiaoyu was tearing out the grass from her side. Shouldn't have trusted Lu Shu with coming up with a brilliant idea in the early morning!

But there was no use saying anything else now. There's no harm in trying her skills on a pig and after some looking around, Lu Xiaoyu settled on one which was the least ugly.

If it was Lu Shu, he would definitely pick the strongest one. But a teenage girl thought completely differently, she wanted one which was aesthetically appealing!

In her eyes, donkeys or pigs couldn't compare to a little sparrow!

94 THE POWER OF CORPSE DOG

Lu Shu had his own ideas. Once he knew of Lu Xiaoyu's skill, he wanted to comprehend it on a deeper level. He wanted to know if the body of the conjured being had any difference to its original self.

The ant and the sparrow did not seem to deviate much from their original selves, so Lu Shu wanted to find a bigger animal.

As to what she would conjure in future, that could be left to the future. There would definitely be a chance for her to do it.

Lu Xiaoyu followed Lu Shu home with a black face. Lu Shu, once home, said

gleefully, "Hurry and summon your pig!"

"From Lu Xiaoyu's distress, +99!"

The little girl summoned the pig unwillingly. At that instant, Lu Xiaoyu's eyes lit up upon seeing what was masked within the black smoke. The pig looked especially dumb when it was white and fat, but when it was in its spiritual form, black fog swirled and surrounded its dark body. It had a much fiercer and stronger aura than before.

Looking at it now, it's not ugly at all! Still acceptable!

Greeted by this sight, Lu Xiaoyu was finally happier. All of a sudden, Lu Shu landed a punch on the pig, knocking it out...

"Lu Shu what have you done!" Lu Xiaoyu held onto the pig with a look of sorrow. After all, this pig didn't come about easily.

"From Lu Xiaoyu's distress, +37!"

"I have to test the spiritual pig, how different is it from the others. Only then will we know if it's strong or weak," Lu Shu explained. Judging by what happened, this pig was indeed no different from a normal one.

Lu Xiaoyu then stared at Lu Shu as he took a fruit knife from the kitchen... Lu Xiaoyu couldn't bear to look anymore.

Lu Shu made a cut on the pig using the fruit knife. Black smoke billowed out of the wound, just like how blood would flow out from a normal pig.

At this instant, Lu Shu summoned The Corpse Dog from his celestial map. As the sword appeared, Lu Shu noticed the black pig was vibrating uncontrollably. The moment the Corpse Dog touched the black pig, it popped like a bubble and disappeared...

Lu Xiaoyu turned slowly and emotionlessly towards Lu Shu, "So the pig which I spent so much time in the early morning to conjure is gone just like that?!"

"From Lu Xiaoyu's distress, +599!"

This morning, Lu Xiaoyu was on an emotional rollercoaster. When she started to grasp her new ability, even a little sparrow could give her much happiness. Then, when Lu Shu promised her something better, she realized that he brought her to try her skills on a pig!

Afterwards, the flustered Lu Xiaoyu went home to realize that the pig actually looked decent enough for her to ride on, only for it to be destroyed by Lu Shu!

Can we still live together!? Huh?! How dumb are you?!

Seeing Lu Xiaoyu's rage, Lu Shu apologized and promise to make her a fried tomato egg every night for one week/

"Alright, whatever you say!"

To Lu Xiaoyu, there was nothing which could not be solved by a week's worth of tomato eggs. If that did not work, then two weeks would probably do the trick!

Lu Shu, in an instant, started considering another question. An ordinary knife would hurt the pig, and it would only bleed. But once the Corpse Dog touched it, it exploded!

Its explosion made things hard for Lu Shu now that Lu Xiaoyu was so angry!

Lu Xiaoyu then went out to play with sparrows. Lu Shu thought deeply. This thing was made of a soul, while the Corpse Dog represented joy, one of the seven souls of instinct. Due to this characteristic, it could deal immense damage to souls?

As he had never been in a fight, he did not know what it was like. Previously, the Corpse Dog had not much use, apart from being able to be controlled by Lu Shu. It didn't seem like much.

Looking at it again, it seemed like Lu Shu still had much to discover about his own celestial map.

Lu Shu then hurriedly prepared a meal for Lu Xiaoyu. While cooking, he looked at the Golden Foundation's forum and chanced upon a page with 300000 page visits!

He clicked on it and read on. Just last night, at the Southern state of Ezhou, three metahumans worked together to break into a bank vault. Two of them were elemental metahumans, and the last one was strength-type. Apart from their own abilities, they did not engage the use of other methods to break into the vault, stealing 3.17 million dollars worth of cash.

As the 3 metahumans were escaping, they killed 3 policemen and injured 17 people along the way.

The post also stated that these 3 people actually avoided the surveillance cameras, but probably due to their inexperience they did not know there was a security alarm inside the vault.

None of them made any mistake, but on the way out people noticed them and called the police...

That was really unfortunate!

This shocking post also included a photo of the bank which was smashed open and a video of the entire police chase filmed by passers-by.

Lu Shu then noticed that there were black coats in the video, but they did not do anything to take down the perpetrators. Based on the video, it seemed like those metahumans were at least class E. This was a cooperation between 3 class E's.

Was Xi Fei strong? Perhaps to Lu Shu and Liu Li he was strong. But Lu Shu was clear now, that the perpetrators and himself were approximately class E.

Thinking of which, the entire Daoyuan classes of China consisted of hundreds of thousands of people. How many class form teachers were there?

After all, the heavenly network only had a headstart of about a year or so. How many metahumans above Class E could they nurture to deploy all over the entire country for law enforcement?

Thinking of it now, the person who started the heavenly network to deal with metahumans was really wise.

If they didn't start regulating metahumans early, things could be hard to control when they get out of hand.

Now that they had brought away the dangerous metahumans, the remaining metahumans could be kept under control. While those who could still awaken and improve were kept under tabs in Daoyuan class, and all they had to think about was how to improve their training...

Such a scenario involving 3 class E metahumans was a rare sight.

SPARE ME, GREAT LORD!

95 ALLEGED OF CHEATING OTHERS' FEELINGS

The first crime by metahumans which shocked the entire country had happened, and more might be on the way. These three people were still on the run. According to some news, when the men of the Heavenly Network arrived, the three people had already retreated to the forests, as though they were extremely familiar with the escape route.

Based on Lu Shu's judgment, only six to seven black coats were involved in this incident. For some reason, Lu Shu always felt that Luo Cheng had been prioritized by the heavenly network since the start of the era of the metahumans. There were far more black coats in Luo Cheng compared to other places, and this was information Lu Shu found from his time lurking on forums on the Golden Foundation.

In many cities, some Daoyuan classes were huge. So huge that there were more than 200 students in a class.

Luo Cheng, on the other hand, had only 50 people per class. This also showed that the heavenly network's presence in Luo Cheng was much more prominent.

Why? Luo Cheng might have been an ancient capital, but it did not have any political importance now.

Lu Shu felt something was not right.

From the bottom of his heart, Lu Shu wished that these 3 offenders were caught and apprehended. Once society stabilized, normal people would be happy and at ease. Who could have peace if such criminals were on the loose?

At least if there really was chaos one day, Lu Shu did not have to worry about Lu Xiaoyu's safety as she already had methods for self-defense.

Lu Shu wasn't particularly ambitious and he just longed to live freely. He did not want to see the world in chaos even if it could benefit him.

Lu Xiaoyu was still moody as she went to do her work after having her meal. Lu Shu was helpless. Based on Lu Xiaoyu's personality, her mood would not improve until she sees the first plate of tomato egg.

Li Xianyi was curious as to why Lu Xiaoyu was angry, "Xiaoyu, why do you look so angry?"

Lu Xiaoyu kept quiet and did not speak a word. Her mood was extremely bad and she felt like taking it out on someone. But Lu Shu just reminded her yesterday not to anger Li Xianyi.

To Lu Shu and Lu Xiaoyu, at least the kindness Li Xianyi was showing them did not involve any complications. Even when Lu Shu rejected his conditions, Li Xianyi was

still willing to treat them compassionately.

Li Xianyi treated Lu Xiaoyu very well too. Be it buying food for her or helping her with work. Auntie Liu had told Lu Shu the old man was learning primary school math. Once he masters it he will teach and guide Lu Xiaoyu...

Such a good man, it wouldn't be nice to get distress points from him.

Lu Shu thought about giving the old man a refresher fruit to improve his body. After all, the refresher fruit really was a mysterious fruit which worked wonders.

So Lu Shu did not do it. The refresher fruit was, apart from the celestial map, probably his biggest secret, and one which he could not afford to reveal.

Hearing Lu Shu's words, Lu Xiaoyu was reflecting too. So even if she was very angry now, she did not take it out on the old man. Instead, she apologized and offered a potato chip.

Li Xianyi was moved by Lu Xiaoyu's actions. Although Lu Xiaoyu angered him a lot, Li Xianyi felt that the action of offering a potato chip by Lu Xiaoyu was forgivable. Be it Lu Xiaoyu or Lu Shu, both of them were good kids in the eyes of Li Xianyi.

Just then, after struggling with herself for some time, Lu Xiaoyu broke the potato chip into half. She handed Li Xianyi one half... I've already apologized, one half would do!

Lu Shu had just packed his stinky tofu and was about to set off for work when a new line of distress points came in...

Ahh, good luck old man.

As he walked past their yard, aunty Liu was hanging the laundry and Lu Shu smiled, "Aunty, do brew more tea for grandpa! It can help him relax and cool his body."

Li Xianyi, who was by the side, did not feel like it was extremely apt. Why did he feel like he was gloating?

"From Li Xianyi's distress, +17..."

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After setting up his shop in the morning, Lu Shu saw a small police car driving towards him. Two policemen alighted and looked at him, "Are you the one selling stinky tofu here? Someone has reported to us about you."

Lu Shu's face turned green, "What is there to report about?"

In this day and age, everything was an affair of the police. The police are far more dedicated now, as could be seen from this.

A fly appearing in your meal in a restaurant could involve the police. Public brawls involved the police. To summarize, everything which was true could be reported to the police.

One of them smiled slightly, "Someone called us to report that even after you have finished selling, you still stay here to act. People are reporting that you are cheating their feelings!"

Oh, Lu Shu was annoyed. Who was so free to report over such a minor incident? I just want to earn some distress points, why call the police?

The other policeman continued, "It's okay, don't worry. We were just kidding! No one called the police. We're actually here to buy stinky tofu from you."

Lu Shu was relieved. As long as there was no trouble, anything was fine. Even if they really were looking for trouble, it was such a small matter... His identity as a student of Daoyuan class would probably be enough to protect him.

However, it seemed like his act to earn some distress points was getting infamous. Would this affect his business?

Lu Shu received the money from the two policemen and handed them two portions of stinky tofu. After pondering for a long time, Lu Shu decided to use a new method!

As the tofu was selling out, Lu Shu put the last piece out on display. Its pungent odor spread to as far as tens of meters, and distress points were amassed that way.

At this moment, someone noticed the stinky tofu and walked over. As he walked over, he was thinking. At least this little boss was not acting today, he's even displaying his tofu.

"Boss, one portion please," The man said as he withdrew 5 dollars from his wallet.

Lu Shu laughed unreservedly, "Not selling, I have none left."

The customer was confused, "Isn't there one right here?"

"This is a sample."

"Since when did stinky tofu need a sample to sell?"

Do you think you're selling phones?

From Li Teng's distress, +117..."

Lu Shu had planned it all. Even if no one came to ask him about it next time, as long as one portion was there spreading its scent, he would gain distress points. Only after earning 5000 distress points, would he leave!

He was this stubborn!

After some time, the two policemen came back and said to Lu Shu with confused faces, "This time someone really reported to us about you..."

This time, Lu Shu showed his pass from Daoyuan class and the two policemen were dazed. A few days ago, they were informed that anything related to Daoyuan class students were to be handed over and handled by Luo Cheng international school, and the person's contact number, 139...

Hand it over? And the reason for Lu Shu's crime was cheating the feelings of others by selling tofu? No way!

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In the end, nothing happened...

The two policemen had no intention to speak to the Daoyuan form teacher because of this small matter and the Daoyuan class' standing in the country was something

everyone was aware of.

Lu Shu happily left for school. His luck with getting into the Daoyuan class with a Tier F aptitude not only let him observe any happenings but also provided a form of protection.

Reaching school and seeing Jiang Shuyi, Lu Shu had a sudden thought, can the exchange between me and Jiang Shuyi still continue?

Lu Shu pondered for half a day and decided it was no longer possible.

Previously, he sold Jiang Shuyi because he needed money but not anymore. Logically speaking, after he had taken 240k, he would not be lacking money anymore.

Even though both parties kept it a secret, if the exchange was to continue, would Jiang Shuyi's family start to have suspicions?

It would definitely spell trouble for Lu Shu if Jiang Shuyi's family suspected him.

Although Jiang Shuyi was a good person, what about his family?

On the night of the exchange, Jiang Shuyi spoke with a calm, firm voice and anyone could tell he was a kind person.

As for the reason to reject future exchanges, he could say he needed them for his training. He told Jiang Shuyi that he sold those two magical stones because he could still get them in the future and thus will not affect his training.

But the issue was that in the future, he could not just treat the magical stones as

decorations. Hopefully, there would be a black market for trained and natural metahumans.

Where there's light there's darkness. Lu Shu felt that despite the Heavenly Network's strict authority, the dark side of the metahumans was bound to appear.

That would be interesting.

What surprised Lu Shu was that Xi Fei suddenly announced a day break for Daoyuan class and for everyone to self-train at home.

And the school side suddenly notified a night class...

Luo Cheng international school never had night classes for a long time which made everyone uncomfortable. The school's teachers would really grab any opportunity. As soon as the Daoyuan class announced the break, they resumed the night classes...

In reality, the Luo Cheng international teachers and principal were quite desperate. Although having the Daoyuan class set up in the school might seem prestigious, this wasn't the case.

It was a happy occasion at the beginning as it suggested that the officials valued the school highly but after a while, they realized that the two education systems had an awkward connection.

The school principal was desperate, what is going to happen to the enrollment rate?

In the end, our school's results will plummet!

As an attempt at atonement, Lu Shu went home and made Lu Xiaoyu fried tomato eggs. To stay in school with the rest of the students for night classes was impossible.

This not only applied to him but the rest of the Daoyuan class students as well. Everyone hurried home to continue their training.

If it was a race, you have not finished your first round while others had already begun on their second.

Most students in the Daoyuan class came from a rich family and the limited amount of magical locations were all monopolized by them...

Lu Shu felt that the Heavenly Network was extremely smart to tell the students about locations rich in magical energy which saved them from having to provide such locations which would be harder to manage...

The world was all about survival of the fittest and one could only blame himself for not having the money to buy such locations.

Lu Xiaoyu was delighted from a mouth of the fried eggs and Lu Shu was relieved.

In the middle of the meal, Lu Shu suddenly experienced a loud thunder inside his head as he felt two strong powers crossing paths nearby. Their position was constantly changing as if they were heading from North to South!

After entering the second nebula, Lu Shu had become more receptive to power waves and these waves were so sudden that Lu Shu thought... Could this be related to why Daoyuan class suddenly had a day break?

Lu Shu was about to leave to check out the waves he felt when Lu Xiaoyu clung to him, "I felt it too. You need to bring me along, I promise I won't be a burden."

Lu Shu frowned. Lu Xiaoyu was already a Class E and to defeat someone like Liu Li with one fist was not an issue. It's just a look anyways and Lu Xiaoyu has to face this chaotic world herself one day. After all, an incubated flower would not survive long.

This was Lu Shu's view in life. Having been through countless tough times, he never felt a need to fully protect Lu Xiaoyu and to give her a worry-free life. Doing so would not be beneficial to her.

It was through his own experiences that he lived so practically.

The both of them cautiously jumped across the roofs in the night time, and one benefit about rushing on the roofs was that no surveillance camera would catch them.

Who would even install surveillance on the roof?

It was at this moment when Lu Shu noticed that Lu Xiaoyu's speed wasn't too different from his and got a better idea about her potential.

This young lady has gotten stronger.

At that point in time, there seemed to be a commotion developing in the south. Huge bright lights lit up the entire Wang Cheng bridge, spanning across the Luo river, which was one of the main junction connecting the new district and the old district where Lu Shu lived.

Lu Shu led Lu Xiaoyu up a tall building and stared in that direction, only to be

shocked at the sight of 7 black coats, Xi Fei included, chasing after 3 men who were escaping towards the North for their lives.

In a split second, the man in the front suddenly turned around and struck his palm towards the ground. Upon the impact, spikes appeared from the ground of the bridge which headed towards Xi Fei and the rest.

Lu Shu was shocked. Aren't those people the same ones which someone mentioned of the Golden Foundation forums? What are the three metahumans who robbed the Ezhou bank doing in Luo Cheng?

But Xi Fei and the rest had great teamwork and were well versed in battle as they managed to dodge aside from the earth spikes. One of the black coats struck the spike back at the man in front but was kicked aside by a muscular-looking man beside him.

During this lightning-speed exchange, a yellow talisman from within that black coat's hand flew towards the other party and upon contact, there was an explosion!

But... besides a few scratches and slightly burnt marks, the man did not suffer any significant damage!

This man had speed and a strong defense which made Lu Shu take a deep breath. Is this the power of a Class D strength type?!

No wonder he could escape from Ezhou!

97 IN COLD BLOOD!

From the incident regarding the metahumans of Ezhou, it could be seen that although policemen with modern weapons could hurt metahumans, they did not have a good understanding of metahumans.

If the other two elemental metahumans were Class E, Lu Shu could understand. After all, elemental metahumans started from Class E.

But what was with this Class D strength-based metahuman? Lu Shu was more familiar with strength-based metahumans, and could safely conclude that he had just passed class E, and was on the track of a Class D. But he was only considered as a weaker class D, perhaps only when he fills up his second nebula would he reach the peak of class D.

So Lu Shu knew from the moment this criminal made his move, that Lu Shu couldn't do what he could do. His speed was faster, and it seemed like this strength-based metahuman had reached class D, but not for a very long time.

There was something unusual about this. For the other party to raise himself up to such a level, he would need to awaken 3 times. In the past, Lu Shu thought that it would be difficult to awaken so many times, but right in front of him was such a person...

This guy must have been through a lot...

D class metahumans already had the ability and speed to evade high-tech weapons. In last night's chase, this strength-based metahuman had hurt people even after being warned. Furthermore, the police stood no chance against him in the dark as they struggled to even take aim, sacrificing 3 men in the process.

And during the course of the event, the black coats were shocked that the criminal did not take much damage from the explosion caused by their talisman. The truth was from last night till now, they were only exhibiting their true abilities now as it wasn't much of a battle last night.

The black coat who was sprawled on the floor coughed out some blood before stabilizing himself.

The remaining six black coats took advantage of the explosion and whipped out six more talismans with crimson red words.

The 3 criminals tried their best to evade their attacks, but these six talismans were thrown in all directions as if they were locking down onto the criminals.

The best they could do was to minimize the damage.

Under the dark sky, 3 consecutive explosions echoed. They evaded 3 of the talismans but were struck by the other 3.

The talismans stuck onto them and in a moment, the red words on the yellow paper glowed with a bright red light before erupting with a huge explosion!

The black coats, perhaps with the knowledge that the explosion did not do much damage to the D class strength-type metahuman, decided to focus on the other two metahumans.

The strength-type metahuman did not have a single talisman on him. On the other hand, his two accomplices had already been damaged heavily by the talismans!

The seven black coats surrounded the criminals together, with them silently acknowledging Xi Fei as the leader.

"Don't fight headlessly, they must have reinforcements soon. Continue heading north,

once we bypass the yellow river and towards the north-west, there'll be hope!" The guy next to the burly metahuman said, evidently holding in his pain.

Just as he finished, the three of them turned and bolted. The black coats gave chase immediately and at that instant, the three criminals turned around all of a sudden. The one who could manipulate the ground sent his palm towards the ground once again.

Just when everyone assumed that he was trying to escape, the air felt dense and heavy as if they were underwater. Everyone's movements slowed down, and only then did the black coats understand that they were trapped by the opponent. There was much pressure in the air and that could be seen from the expressions on some of the black coats!

A simple chase had turned into a fight put up by the three metahumans in cold blood!

All this seemed to have been planned and rehearsed by the three of them for a long time.

They had waited so long just to try out this combination tonight!

Earth spikes impaled two of the black coats' chests, while the rest also suffered different degrees of injuries. Fresh blood flowed onto the earth through the earth spikes. At this juncture, Wang Cheng bridge looked like a living hell.

It was not that Xi Fei and his men were weak, it was just that these three people were too familiar with each other and their moves. And just as Lu Shu had predicted, even in the heavenly network, Class D metahumans were not extremely common.

All the students in Daoyuan class were at the level of Class F. If there was a Class D

amongst the black coats here, they wouldn't have come to such a state. Lu Shu noticed Xi Fei's leg was injured, perhaps a fracture.

Given the way Daoyuan class practitioners were training, they would see a great improvement in future. As of now, however, they would struggle against bigger and stronger metahumans.

Witnessing such a scene made Lu Shu turn pale. This was truly the first time Lu Shu witnessed something that could hint at what the future had in store...

Were people really willing to be controlled by the Daoyuan classes? Did metahumans really want to return to being normal people? When their strength reaches a certain level, perhaps there would be more chaos.

Also, there was a very obvious problem. If most people were jolted by an event into awakening, where did that jolt come from? There must be something which was very detrimental to them!

Would they be dissatisfied towards this society? Would they resent their surroundings and the people around them?

Or... The existence of metahumans was wrong right from the start?

Lu Shu didn't want to continue thinking. He did not cover Lu Xiaoyu's eyes either. If this was the cost of the impending new era, everyone would be exposed to this sort of sight sooner or later. There was no avoiding the reality.

At this moment, police sirens reverberated around the area. A few black coats were dashing towards the scene at the other side of Wang Cheng bridge. The two men in

front were, by far, ahead of the other people. Their expressions were sour and each of them held a long sword, exuding a bright green light.

They must be the highly skilled Class D men of the heavenly network. What they brought with them must be the metaweapons which were mentioned by Xi Fei before!

The reason for Daoyuan class' day off today was to allow personnel of the heavenly network to be deployed at strategic locations everywhere. What was thought to be a flawless plan turned out in such tragedy!

What was thought to be 3 Class E metahumans turned out to be 1 D and 2 E, which was a huge difference! To be honest, they did not expect to have a metahuman consecutively awaken three times to reach Class D in such a short amount of time!

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The 3 fugitives realized that they were about to be surrounded. The strength-type metahuman proceeded to carry his 2 partners and continued to escape North.

A police car approached from the front but the strength-type metahuman seemed to have no intention of stopping. As the two parties were about to collide, this man leaped into the air and easily passed the car from above. This was the prowess of strength-types, their physiques were too overpowering!

Just how incredible were the physical abilities of a Class D strength-type? If he wishes to escape, not even the police or the Class D experts from the Heavenly Network could match his speed.

He wasn't invincible but just stronger in this aspect. At Class C, could a man's speed be faster than a flying sword? In that Class, even a bullet would not match the speed of a flying sword!

Lu Shu thought for a moment and told Lu Xiaoyu, "Go home and wait for my call!"

He ordered firmly and Lu Xiaoyu was able to access the gravity of the situation and obediently leaped from roof to roof back home.

Lu Shu made Lu Xiaoyu leave as he wanted to follow them, not because he wanted to fight with the strength-type but because he wished to see what other techniques the Heavenly Network experts had in store.

Also... he wanted the soul of this Class D metahuman!

It wasn't for himself but in preparation for Lu Xiaoyu. He had no plans to intercept amidst the chaos as doing so would be problematic. Given Lu Shu's careful nature, he definitely wouldn't do something so stupid.

But having the knowledge of where this man died meant that he could bring Lu Xiaoyu over after the chaos. And by that time, Lu Xiaoyu would have gained enormous combat power equivalent to that of a Class D expert.

This metahuman was violent by nature. He had harmed countless innocents yesterday and in today's escape, he had sent multiple passers-by flying.

Being knocked down by him would be worse than being knocked down by a train!

So absorbing that man's soul would not affect Lu Shu's conscience.

He could not believe that the Heavenly Network was going to let the 3 man escape. If their escape was really successful, then the scenario that the Heavenly Network

painstakingly built would become a joke. Even a Class D could toy with them and this would reflect badly on the Heavenly Network's combat power!

The heavenly kings were strong but how few of them were there?

Lu Shu suspected that the heavenly kings were similar to Li Xianyi who started their training ever since the era with scarce magical energy. And the other practitioners probably only started training after the recovery of magical energy. As the period of time since the recovery was still relatively short, there would be a huge gap between the real experts and the rest; even Class Cs were scarce.

He dared to follow them because of two reasons- one was that everyone's attention was on the 3 fugitives, both the police and the Heavenly Network had their hands full on them and would not notice him.

The second reason was that Lu Shu was of a different caliber now. If even a Class D strength-type could wreak havoc all over the city, then Lu Shu would be able to too!

At that point in time, Lu Shu had just achieved Class D and his power may not be too far off compared to this strength-type. He also had his Corpse Dog. Neither the strength-type metahuman of that Heavenly Network Class Ds would expect a Tier F aptitude Daoyuan class student like him to possess such powers!

Furthermore, under the cover of his celestial cloak, it would be hard to recognize him and thus, Lu Shu was confident in keep himself away from trouble and to be able to retreat tactically if needed!

Without this confidence to be able to retreat, Lu Shu would not have chosen to follow

them.

Lu Shu also realized the benefits of Li Xianyi's training from the basics. He had a better understanding and control of his own strength which also explained his confidence.

Asking Lu Xiaoyu to go back wasn't because of her strength but because Lu Xiaoyu had not broken through the second nebula, which meant that without the celestial cloak, her face would be easily recognizable.

It would spell trouble if their identities were exposed.

Lu Shu continued his advance along the roofs as there was no surveillance. The dark night and the shadows from the street lights provided extra protection. The lights could light up the roads but if someone were to look up past the street lights to look at something, it would be too difficult.

Basically, the lights were blocking their visions.

Everyone was heading North. Tall buildings weren't much of an obstacle for Lu Shu and there weren't many tall buildings to the North of the Wang Cheng bridge to begin with. The tallest building was a 4 stories tall furniture warehouse and to say that he was like walking on flat ground wasn't an exaggeration.

Everyone was sprinting at top speed with the fugitives in the lead and Lu Shu following closely behind, then followed by the Heavenly Network people. Judging from this, Lu Shu must have one of the best physical capabilities among all of the people there!

Luo Cheng was a small city and the strength-type metahuman was about to reach the Longhai overpass and further north was just mountains. Once within the mountains, given strength-type physical capabilities, it would be impossible to track him down again.

But Lu Shu doubted that it would so simple.

At this moment, loud bangs from an automatic rifle could be heard from a nearby rooftop as the bullets hit the soil, causing a veil of dust and small potholes.

It wasn't missed on purpose but that metahuman was too fast and even the snipers could not do anything to him.

This was the advantage of having speed!

A concentrated gunfire could be heard through the night sky which sounded like the roar of a wild beast. Lu Shu noticed, from afar, a man donned in an army uniform and immediately jumped off the building. Given that the sniper was set up on a rooftop, staying there would be hard to stay undetected.

Lu Shu hid in the shadows of the buildings and observed the situation.

That metahuman was forced to hide within one of the buildings to prevent any stray bullet from hitting him. Even a Class D metahuman had to beware of the destructive capabilities of modern weapons.

He could still dodge the scattered bullets of the police but under this concentrated firepower, how could he hide?

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Although he had high resistance, he would die from being hit by a bullet!

And now, with the existence of modern weapons, no metahuman below Class C could take on such weapons.

Which was why Lu Shu felt that these three criminals were dumb for continuing to fight even though they did cause much damage previously.

Even if you want to be unruly, at least wait till you are Class C!

Luo Cheng was adequately prepared towards dealing with these three metahumans, adequate enough to surprise Lu Shu. Two class D men from the heavenly network leading their own teams, and 14 Class Es responsible for the traffic to and fro the South. Additionally, there were numerous policemen supporting the entire operation, they must have classified this issue as one of extremely high priority.

As for the two black coats on the bridge, Lu Shu thought of an explanation as well. Even though the Heavenly Network was adequately prepared, deploying their men early on, they did not have awakened metahumans to train with them for battle experience.

Take Liang Che's treatment as an example. After giving him a tranquilizer, they brought him back and did not have to put up much of a fight.

With such good control of situations, the people of the Heavenly Network never had much experience with battle, which meant they would make mistakes when they really had to fight.

This was extremely normal.

What if highly experienced team popped up to control awakened metahumans as well as practitioners right at the dawn of the era of rich magical energy? Who would have trained with this team?

There was a saying when units faced a battle in reality- only after weathering a series of battles and hardships would seasoned veterans surface.

But the world was still peaceful now.

Perhaps there were also highly skilled veterans employed by the heavenly network. But compared to their entire organization, there was only a very small number of such individuals.

Lu Shu didn't guess wrong. The seasoned warriors who really went through battles had already been subject to employment from different organizations. Everyone understood the value of all these experienced men.

That strength-based metahuman was carrying his two comrades, hiding behind some walls in fear and not even revealing his head in fear of snipers. One shot could take his life.

But he couldn't sit idly either. If he was surrounded by the impending practitioners, it would be impossible for him to escape. It was imperative to know that there were two class D practitioners in that group!

At that instant, this metahuman made an important decision. He exposed the heads of his two comrades, using them as a shield to protect himself as he bolted towards the southwest, as there were many infrastructures there and he could sneak an escape if he

made it there.

His two accomplices were in shock and anger. Never did they think that their friend, who earlier swore to go through thick and thin together, would betray them while they were still alive!

Their shouts and curses echoed through the night, just like wailing hungry wolves awaiting impending death.

Everyone was stunned. Even those people who were chasing after these metahumans. They had never faced such a cold-blooded person.

This metahuman... What was he like before awakening? A murderer? A habitual offender?

This scene reminded people of the brutal murderers in news reports, extremely cold-blooded and heartless.

Lu Shu was in even more shock! This guy was heading towards Lu Shu's hiding spot! Damn it! Lu Shu frantically retreated but having only taken a few steps, that metahuman had already bashed into this small alley!

By now, one of his comrades had already lost his life while the other was struggling for his life, panting and bleeding profusely.

Just when Lu Shu could not be more shocked, that metahuman brutally snapped the neck of his comrade who was still alive seconds ago.

Did he do this to prevent his comrade from taking revenge in future?

Lu Shu suddenly realized that he had underestimated the brutality and possibilities of this evolving world. The impending violence and chaos left Lu Shu extremely unsettled.

If only those people in online forums who argued that the metahumans caused no harm saw this scene... Their perspective would probably take a hundred and eighty-degree turn immediately!

Gaining supernatural abilities within a short span of time, who knew what would happen!

Lu Shu continued to retreat along the alley. He did not want to get embroiled in this mess and had only come to see the situation. He had thought it would be quite a suitable scenario for Lu Xiaoyu to collect some souls after the battle.

The metahuman was dashing frantically towards the small alley with the people from the heavenly network hot on his heels, in a formation planning to surround him.

Everyone who saw the motionless bodies of the other two criminals all had a line of thought. They all knew how cold and brutal their opponent was.

"Kill no matter what," A class D practitioner said calmly. His sword glowed with a bright green light. He bit into his tongue and spat out a glob of blood, "GO!"

As the blood landed on the sword, the sword flew towards the criminal like a shooting star. This practitioner stayed rooted at the spot for a moment, there was an evident cost for using that technique. But he had no choice now, he had to use his special technique to prevent the criminal from getting away.

They might be practitioners, but before cultivating their skills, they were educated to protect the country. They were affectionately known as soldiers by the people and now that these three criminals had committed such a crime, they could not allow them to get away under their watch, for they would be the shame of the people!

This move was far from his comfort zone. It was a last-ditch move in the heavenly network which might cost his life. Even if he did not suffer any injuries from it, using this move would cause his skills to deteriorate greatly and his vitality foundations would be damaged, making it hard for him to improve in future.

This was to sacrifice his future for a technique!

The blade soared relentlessly towards the escaping criminal. The green shooting star glowed with vivace, lighting up everything along its way, including the fear in the criminal's eyes when he turned around to see the sword.

Most bullets could travel faster than sound. But it was difficult to see the bullet break the speed barrier, as everything happened within the chambers of the gun.

As the bullet flies under pressure, it will slow down to below the speed of sound. The surroundings of the bullet will emit great sound as it travels.

And at this moment, the green shooting star sliced through the air, with white smoke trailing it! This sword was not as fast as a bullet, but its power was immense!

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The green shooting star arrived in front of the criminal in an instant. The criminal only had enough time to prevent the sword from striking his vitals as it struck him heavily.

But the Class D metahuman's physique was indeed strong. Although the sword pierced into his left upper chest, it could not go through it completely as it remained stuck in his body.

The metahuman was carried by the momentum of the sword and he crashed into a wall behind him, smashing the wall in the process! His physique far exceeded the normal human's as he was still alive even after being struck by such a powerful sword. He was still alive and struggling to get up to continue with his escape!

Just then, behind the fallen wall, Lu Shu was exposed in his celestial cloak...

"If I say I was out for a walk, you guys probably wouldn't believe it, would you..."

Everyone was rather confused. Why was there a person behind this fallen wall? This guy with celestial strength and aura was obviously a metahuman, who would believe he was just passing by?

Suspicion aroused. The criminal was sandwiched in between Lu Shu and the practitioners of the heavenly network which were, at this point in time, closing in.

The criminal let out a roar and wanted to escape from Lu Shu's direction. He had nothing much to consider. He would decimate everything in his way, or he will be the one who will be decimated.

Lu Shu was standing in an extremely bad position. Even if he expressed that he wouldn't retaliate, the escaping criminal might worry that he would attack him from the back after he passed by.

The escaping criminal had only one choice. **KILL!**

His body started glowing, and a powerful aura was exuded from him.

"This is bad, he's awakening!"

"Kill on the spot!"

"Seize that suspicious guy!"

The criminal had already bolted towards Lu Shu, with a fist aimed towards him. Who would have thought that this guy will exude the awakening glow again after having awakened three times?!

If he really awakened, no one knew what would happen. Class C strength based metahuman? What would that be like?

At least they could confirm that the person behind this wall wasn't an accomplice. But in any case, such a suspicious person appearing here had to be brought back!

The strength of the criminal was rapidly increasing. The injuries on his body started healing, and the sword in his body remained still like an extension of his body, with the bleeding stopping completely.

The men of the heavenly network were confused as such a sight greeted them. Strength typed metahumans always seemed like they could use brute force to overcome anything!

The guy over there... he could possibly die?! At least amongst them, no one dared to claim that they could withstand such a heavy punch!

The world was a tough place to be in.

Even after training, Lu Shu never expected himself to be in battle under such a murderous predicament. All he ever thought of even if he became strong was where to go and have fun with Lu Xiaoyu.

But he had no other choice now.

Just like his struggle since leaving the orphanage, just like him selling boiled eggs in a small pot, Lu Shu's life always seemed like he didn't have much of a choice.

But his heart always had one mantle. To live on.

To live on wholeheartedly!

He wasn't an arrogant person. But since he had chosen to come, he had to try his best to resist!

Momentarily, his legs resonated with the earth. His waist resonated with his legs. His arms resonated with his waist. And his strength resonated with his arms!

This blow from Lu Shu met with the one from the criminal. With a loud 'Ka', the violent criminal's arm gave way.

The criminal, who was stronger than Lu Shu, actually lost to Lu Shu's blow!

This was the technique Li Xianyi imparted to Lu Shu. This was the primary ability and reflex Lu Shu trained hard every day for!

From this moment on, even though Lu Shu was a Class E in terms of his celestial map cultivation, his body's physique and strength had already tread onto that of a class D's! And although the criminal had symptoms of a Class C, he had only recently awakened into a Class D!

One of them had proper technique, the other not. The results were evident immediately!

At the same time, corpsedog emerged from Lu Shu. It sped towards the Heavenly Network with its jade structure shining in the night sky. It wasn't a bright light, but a crimson and bloody shine!

The sword did not have any malicious intent. It only drew a large circle to prevent the metahumans from advancing upon Lu Shu. After that, it returned to Lu Shu's celestial map. Lu Shu kicked the criminal towards the group of men from the heavenly network and disappeared into the alley.

Everyone was stunned as the criminal struggled to even get up, seemingly plotting another escape. His original awakening glow had disappeared, probably from the beating he received.

That scene of the flying sword was etched vividly in the men of the heavenly network.

Suddenly someone thought, it would have been easy for that flying sword to take this criminal's life. But that guy merely used it to prevent our advancement. Perhaps he was planning to leave right from the start!

There was another Class D practitioner in their midst. He also had a last-ditch

technique which he did not execute... Not because he did not have the time to, but he did not want to as he did not want to risk his future by using that move which could damage his vitals.

He could not help but think. That guy manipulated his sword with such ease and he looked nothing like him or his colleagues, who had to put their life on the line to use such a skill. Could he be a Class C practitioner?

Even if he really spent all his energy, could he stop that guy from leaving? That move required him to use all his energy, while that guy had already mastered it with such ease! This was probably the difference between class D and class C!

The criminal eventually died. That green sword which impaled him had taken half his life. Everything that happened after, including his awakening glow, was a cause of his desire to live on. When his awakening failed, it explained that he could not resist the immense blow dealt to him.

The battle had ended. The three criminals were dead. But this night had given everyone much to ponder over.

And that sudden appearance and disappearance of that person were etched deep in everyone's minds.

When did a Class C appear in Luo Cheng?!