

991 TOO SLOW!

Zhang Weiyu had reminded Li Heitan and the rest that they could eliminate the bandits, but no other incidents should happen.

But Li Heitan and the rest were crazy with joy, as they did not have to do homework or attend cultural classes. At first, Li Heitan and the rest were still quite mild. But when the white squirrel suddenly led an army of mice, the situation changed.

But Nangeng City was very safe. There were mice in every corner of the city. Even those who tried to seduce women could not escape their gaze.

But Zhang Weiyu could not understand. Lu Shu had never told him about this squirrel. Furthermore, it was a human-like Rank Two squirrel!

But even though Lu Shu had never told them about Little Fury, the Wei Wu Army had never doubted Little Fury's origins... its face was printed on the soap!

Thus, although Little Fury was worried that Lu Shu would not be able to explain its origins, it later on realized that its identity was not a cause of concern to the Wei Wu Army!

Furthermore, Little Fury had written out its origins for Li Heitan and the rest. They were all filled with veneration. Little Fury was a senior disciple!

At the same time, Lu Shu made his move in the palace. He waited for the entire morning before sorting out the bets and odds in the gambling dens.

The night before, the Li family, who was originally ranked fourth, suddenly bought the fourth ranking once again for the person ranked fifth. With Ding Qiushui and

Duanmu Yunge eliminated, this candidate called Yu Wentao was the most talked-about candidate other than Lu Shu...

Li Fangfeng, the genius from the Li family, was an experienced soldier who had fought at the boundary. Although his achievements were not as outstanding as that of Ding Qiushui, he was very ferocious. Thus, with his wealthy background and experience, he was ranked highly even though he had just advanced to Rank One.

At first, the Li family was very happy. It was good for their image to be ranked so high. But last night, when they suddenly received the news, they were unhappy. Although the wealthy families in the palace had fame and power, the commander of the Wei Wu Army had eliminated the illegitimate sons of the Lords of Heaven. The wealthy families in the palace would not be spared...

But the wealthy families had money. Li Fangfeng's father talked to all the gambling dens in the palace and bought the fourth placing for Yu Wentao.

This time, it was Yu Wentao's turn to be uncomfortable...

But that afternoon, Yu Wentao was not the one who was eliminated. Instead, someone in the middle of the rankings had been eliminated.

Everyone was dumbfounded. A lot of people had placed bets that Yu Wentao would be eliminated. How did this kind of accident suddenly occur?

A group of people started to jump into the Long Yin River, complaining that the gambling dens had sabotaged them...

When the news that Lu Shu would eliminate other candidates according to their

ranking, broke out, everyone placed bets that Yu Wentao would be eliminated. The more people who placed bets, the lower the odds would become.

Thus, if Lu Shu eliminated Yu Wentao, they would not earn much money.

Everyone now understood. Lu Shu did not go according to the rankings to eliminate people. He looked at their odds...

Everyone also discovered that up till this point, Lu Shu was responsible for all the candidates who had been eliminated.

Everyone gasped in shock. There had never been such a ferocious candidate in history. He dared to challenge the entire Sword Hut selection candidates by himself!

The boss of the Song Ji gambling den was melancholic. He had earned money from the bets placed on Yu Wentao, as the person who had been eliminated this time was not Yu Wentao. Thus, the bets placed on Yu Wentao would go back to the gambling dens.

The problem was, although they had earned money, someone had bet a large amount of money on the candidate who was in the middle of the rankings!

Who earned money in the end? Lu Shu.

Xiao Mingze was furious. "Can you find him? If we can't find Lu Shu, everyone will be punished. No one is to run away!"

A manager hurried in. "Boss, the Li family has sent someone here. This time, they want to buy Yu Wentao's odds!"

Xiao Mingze was dumbfounded. "The Li family has something against Yu Wentao..."

The manager thought about it. "I think Yu Wentao wants to know why too..."

At that moment, someone suddenly reported, "Boss, something terrible has happened!"

Xiao Mingze was alert. "Who did Lu Shu eliminate this time? How much did he bet?"

"No." The person who reported this piece of news panted. "Someone has entered that house!"

House? What house? Xiao Mingze was dumbfounded. It took some time for him to realize that it was the house the Song Ji gambling den had given Lu Shu!

"Hurry, hurry." Xiao Mingze jumped up. "Bring me there!"

Although everyone knew that the house belonged to Lu Shu, they did not react as quickly as the Song Ji gambling den.

Xiao Mingze was racing against time. As long as he ran fast enough, the odds would not catch up to him...

Xiao Mingze knew that when Lu Shu stayed publicly in the house that the Song Ji gambling den had given him, it meant that they were willing to discuss with the Song Ji gambling den after earning enough money from this afternoon's accident.

They were not enemies, but Lu Shu was extremely unhappy that the Song Ji gambling

den had accidentally placed Lu Shu in first place. This was the reason all these events had happened.

But no matter whether it was Xiao Mingze or Lu Shu, they missed the days that they earned money together.

If Lu Shu had not worked with the gambling dens, he would not be able to earn much money. On the other hand, if Xiao Mingze did not work with Lu Shu, he would not be able to earn much either.

The gambling dens had many methods to ensure that they did not lose money. But the problem was, a money-squandering den like the Song Ji gambling den would not be considered as they were losing money!

Lu Shu staying in the house meant that the cold war was over. Business would return to its regular state.

Xiao Mingze hurried over. Lu Shu smiled joyfully and welcomed him. They discussed for 30 minutes.

Then, Xiao Mingze took the chance while everyone had not reacted to secretly leak out Lu Shu's position!

The entire palace stirred. Everyone was still guessing when Lu Shu would appear, but now, his position had been exposed!

The candidates for the Sword Hut were ready to take action. In the past, they were unable to find Lu Shu. But now that they had found Lu Shu, they could think of a better strategy. For example, working together to eliminate Lu Shu!

To everyone, Lu Shu was the chief culprit that had messed up the entire selections. With him around, they would not be able to have a proper fight.

Furthermore, no matter how amazing Lu Shu was, he would not be able to stop all the other candidates, right? There were six Rank Ones and over 30 Rank Twos!

Everyone started to move. Some managers in the Song Ji gambling den could not understand. "Boss, why does Lu Shu want to expose his own position?"

992 EACH WITH AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE

Was Lu Shu annoyed that the elimination of the other candidates was too slow? No, he was annoyed that he was earning money too slowly!

There were a total of 47 people in the Sword Hut selections. Lu Shu had only eliminated Ding Qiushui and Duanmu Yunge, the Rank Twos with the highest odds. He had also eliminated the Rank Two who had exposed his advancement to Rank One, as well as another Rank Two on the way here.

This meant that other than Lu Shu himself, there were 41 candidates left for the Sword Hut selections.

Everyone felt that no matter what mischief Lu Shu caused, four people would still be selected for the Sword Hut. On one hand, it was the standard. In the past, no matter how intense the selections were, it never reached a point where not even four people were left behind. After all, when only four people were left, they no longer needed to kill one another.

On the other hand, everyone felt that Lu Shu was not crazy enough to eliminate everyone. There was no need to do so!

Thus, while the people had not realized what Lu Shu was doing, things started to happen beneath the surface. The people in the palace suddenly realized that the candidates for the Sword Hut had started to secretly form alliances. They saw many people hurriedly working together with another candidate for the Sword Hut.

It seemed very urgent. They even did a crude job of keeping it secret.

At this moment, Li Fangfeng appeared. He had an advantage. The Li family had their eyes on the whereabouts of many candidates of the selections. Thus, it was very convenient for them to cooperate.

Li Fangfeng sat in the courtyard of the Li residence with a dark expression on his face. He was waiting for his subordinates to bring back news about the alliances. The Li family had not planned to do this. But ever since they were forcefully pushed down the rankings, they grew more desperate.

The Li family from the palace, who was one of the five upper wealthy families in the palace, had to buy odds to protect themselves. To Li Fangfeng, this was simply humiliating.

Furthermore, the Li family had proved that the person who had come to the palace with Sun Zhongyang was Lu Shu. The Li family had put in a lot of effort to kill Sun Zhongyang during this journey, but they had failed.

They did not try to understand the process, as the Sun family was observing the situation in order to find the person behind the scenes. Every single action by the Li family could leave hints behind.

But was the process important? It was no longer important. Sun Zhongyang and the

rest had to die. No matter whether it was the slaves or the mercenary soldiers led by Yi Qian, they had all been planned in detail. With Sun Zhongyang's strength, it was not possible for him to flee from danger completely. Thus, there had to be an unexpected variable.

But Li Fangfeng could not understand. They had estimated that Lu Shu might be very strong, but this was too much.

They had more than enough manpower to kill Sun Zhongyang. Even if the experts from the Mo family were able to rush over, Sun Zhongyang would still die.

Although the experts from the Mo family had come earlier, it was not particularly timely. Even so, Sun Zhongyang did not die.

Now, the Li family had new hatred piled on old ones towards Lu Shu. They had to kill Lu Shu. This had to do with Li Fangfeng's entry to the Sword Hut. There could not be any mistakes.

The Sun and Li families did not hate each other to the point that they would not rest until the other was dead. This time, there was another consideration behind the attack on Sun Zhongyang. Sun Zhongyang's father was related to someone who had just advanced to the Master Realm. More than one year ago, when someone saw Sun Zhongyang's father, they determined that if another Master were to appear in the palace, it would be Sun Zhongyang's father, Sun Xunwen.

Furthermore, Sun Zhongyang was Sun Xunwen's only son. If he was a cold-hearted and expressionless expert, then so be it. Many people in the palace knew that Sun Xunwen doted on Sun Zhongyang. He did not spoil his son. Instead, he personally taught his son morals. Some said that in order for Sun Zhongyang to enter the rear

mountain of the Sword Hut, Sun Xunwen had stood outside the Sword Hut in the rain for three days and three nights. In the end, a senior disciple from the Sword Hut went to find the Sun family. No one knew the process, but Sun Xunwen did not get the results that he had wanted.

Sun Xunwen was a disciple of the Sword Hut.

If Sun Zhongyang was dead, they would be able to slow the Sun family down for at least five years. This was a conservative estimate made by the Li family.

They were not worried that angering Sun Xunwen would instead help him to advance to the Master Realm. After all, one could not advance to the Master Realm just by being agitated. They might even be able to disturb him.

Li Fangfeng was said to be the person who was most likely to advance to the Master Realm in the Li family. When he advanced to Rank One, the Sound of Dao reached a radius of eight kilometers. The last time this had happened was when Wen Zaifou had advanced to Rank One!

Thus, the Li family badly wanted Li Fangfeng to enter the Sword Hut and become the first Master in their family!

At night, some candidates of the Sword Hut selections entered the Li family courtyard carefully. They did not say much. They coldly stood in their own corners and prevented them from getting too close to anyone.

Li Fangfeng sat alone at a stone table in the courtyard. He smiled. "I have called you here today regarding Lu Shu. I believe that you don't want to be a tool in the corrupt collection of wealth, right? I cannot help but admit that Lu Shu is the strongest

candidate in the Sword Hut selections. Thus, instead of waiting for him to find us, we should work together and look for him."

Li Fangfeng intentionally put himself in a low position. He had come here alone in the hopes that it would be able to dilute his identity as a member of a wealthy family and be of the same standing as the rest.

But they were not foolish. Someone stood in the shadows and laughed coldly. "How do we know what the Li family is planning? Don't rise early unless there are benefits. You should know this better than we do."

Li Fangfeng seemed prepared. He laughed and said, "I am just getting rid of any worries about the future. If everyone is willing to work together, I am willing to pledge on behalf of the Li family that before the selections officially begin, the Li family will not attack anyone."

This meant that as long as they were willing to work together and eliminate Lu Shu, the Li family would only appear during the official selections.

Among the underlying trouble in the palace, if there was no longer the worry of the Li family causing trouble, everyone would feel much safer, even more so if Li Fangfeng was a true expert.

They did not doubt whether Li Fangfeng was speaking the truth. On one hand, the Li family would not go back on their word in this situation. On the other hand, everyone knew that with Li Fangfeng's abilities, he would be able to enter the second round of selections safely. This was advantageous to the Li family as well.

If Li Fangfeng gave himself a disadvantageous condition, the rest would not blindly

believe him.

Thus, to everyone, as long as they worked together to eliminate Lu Shu, they would be able to eliminate two sources of trouble before the selections started!

Furthermore, some people looked at each other in the shadows. Was there another possibility that Li Fangfeng and Lu Shu would severely injure each other during the attack?

They would be able to kill two birds with one stone!

993 HONEST AND FRANK YOUNG MAN

"When should we make our move?" Someone in the corner asked.

Although their objectives were different, and they had different plans, since they were going to the same place, they should act as soon as possible.

Everyone had been trained in the army. They did not want to waste any time. Li Fangfeng laughed. "Now. Let's eliminate him as quickly as possible and prevent any delays."

"Sure," said someone.

They were well suited for one another as they all had similar thoughts. Everyone immediately headed towards Lu Shu's residence. Li Fangfeng observed the number of people. He knew that some people had not been notified. Some people had not come even after being notified. But there were already around 30 people here. It would not be much of a problem to eliminate Lu Shu.

Li Fangfeng was somber. He wanted to kill Lu Shu at an appropriate opportunity. The

Sword Hut did not prohibit the killing of others. It was not rare for people to die before the selections began.

They did not make a huge uproar while they traveled on the roads. Instead, they jumped across rooftops. It was better to lie low. After all, there were hidden dangers in the palace.

Those who traveled on the roads could sense the complex relationship between the candidates. Some grouped together and defended themselves against the others. Some hid in the dark and observed the situation. There were all sorts of relationships.

The Li residence, where Li Fangfeng had situated the meeting at, was not too far away from Lu Shu's residence. He had decided on this location to allow them to act more easily.

Thus, not long after, they arrived at a roof near Lu Shu's residence. But all of them were dumbfounded. "It can't be?!"

"How exaggerated!" Someone was shocked.

Lu Shu sat in the courtyard and waited. Yi Qian stood behind Lu Shu and protected him. He did not mind this dull job.

To be honest, Lu Shu was not used to Yi Qian protecting him like this. He wanted to let Yi Qian rest. But Yi Qian said that back then, when he was an Imperial Dragon Soldier, he guarded the palace of the King of Gods in eight hour shifts. They could not even move. This was nothing to him.

Originally, the courtyard was dusty. Everywhere inside and outside the house was

covered in a layer of dust. But Anthony was adept at this. He easily swept all the dust away.

Lu Xiaoyu was busy as well. She calculated that they would be in the palace for a relatively long time. After all, it would not be easy finding the route back home. If the disciples of the Sword Hut were able to break through the barrier between the two worlds, it would be slightly easier for them to do so.

Thus, she decorated this house as if it were their new house. Even when Lu Shu was training his swordplay, she would think about what decorations to place around the house.

He was referring to Anthony, the Bishop, and Johnson. If many candidates came this time, Lu Shu would not be able to handle them alone. Lu Xiaoyu had to join in to make it even.

Lu Xiaoyu looked at her account book. She did not even look up. "Yes."

"This time, we will capture the candidates all in one go. There are probably only a few of them who are not coming," said Lu Shu. He was very pleased with himself. "The Song Ji gambling den has relayed this information to us. Everything is as predicted. The Li family is the one in charge who has gathered a majority of the candidates to attack me. They are now discussing at the Li family residence. Heh heh, I'm waiting for them to come! The new bet set by the Song Ji gambling den should have earned us enough money."

Lu Xiaoyu thought about it and said, "Rationally, everything should go well. But for some reason, I feel that since this is your plan, some accident might happen..."

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

Lu Shu was unhappy. "You don't trust me."

"No." Lu Xiaoyu looked up and calmly looked at Lu Shu. "I am respecting history."

Yi Qian looked at Lu Shu and Lu Xiaoyu in doubt. He felt that there was something wrong, but he could not figure out where. It was as if... there was something vague about Lu Xiaoyu's identity, but he could not figure out exactly where. It was as if something had not been worked out.

At that moment, someone jumped into the courtyard. But the moment he landed, the ground stretched out like two hands, grabbing him.

But this person was not weak. He exerted some force and broke through the two hands.

Suddenly, the hands regained their shape and attacked. This time, they were even more ferocious!

"Wait! I am here to help you!" The young man shouted. He had sensed that the one attacking him underground was a Rank One! He did not think that Lu Shu would have a Rank One protecting him. Furthermore, there was more than one Rank One!

No wonder he dared to fight the rest of the Sword Hut candidates!

Lu Shu signaled to Lu Xiaoyu for her to stop. But Lu Xiaoyu did not truly have the intention to attack, nor did Yi Qian. But there was something heroic about a Rank One going up against four Rank Ones.

Lu Shu curiously asked, "Who are you?"

"You should've heard of me!" The young man smoothed out his messy hair and stood with a dignified aura. "I am ranked fourth on the list! I'm Yu Wentao!"

Lu Shu was puzzled. "You know where I'm ranked, right?"

Yu Wentao thought about it and said, "First."

"Then why are you trying to compete with me?" Lu Shu could not understand.

"From Yu Wentao's distress, +666!"

Lu Shu nodded his head. He had confirmed that this young man was indeed Yu Wentao.

But he was still confused. "Why are you here? Are you the only one?"

"I'm here to tell you that Li Fangfeng has gathered many candidates. They are heading here now. Hurry up and leave. Remember to repay me," said Yu Wenato. He seemed very pleased with himself.

Lu Shu sighed. "What an honest and frank child. Are the adults in your family okay with you participating in the Sword Hut selections?"

He was not helping Lu Shu. Yu Wentao hated the Li family for buying the ranking for him. Thus, he intentionally came here to settle this...

Lu Shu did not know the hate between the Yu family and the Li family...

When Yu Wentao heard Lu Shu's words, he was unhappy. "I am helping you out of my goodwill. Who are you to speak?"

Lu Shu suddenly said, "Don't you know that every candidate that has seen me has been eliminated?"

"From Yu Wentao's distress, +666!"

Yu Wentao turned and tried to run, but realized that he had been surrounded. There was extreme danger all around him!

But at that moment, Lu Shu, Lu Xiaoyu, Yi Qian, and Yu Wentao all heard a massive uproar outside the courtyard.

Suddenly, the fight in the courtyard stopped. Lu Shu jumped up the wall and looked out. "What?!"

Lu Shu gasped in shock!

He was surrounded by a crowd of citizens from the palace. Their eyes were full of hatred. Some people were even drenched. They seemed as if they had just climbed out of the Long Yin River...

Lu Shu looked up and saw Li Fangfeng and the rest on the rooftops. They had followed this crowd... there were enemies everywhere...

994 THE SWORD HUT AMONG THE CLOUDS

My name is Lu Shu, and I am panicking beyond belief.

Lu Shu stood on the wall and looked at the crowd. When he was planning this earlier, he thought that as long as he appeared, many people would definitely want to kill him, but... he did not expect this many people!

He looked helplessly at the people. Their eyes were full of hatred. People continued to stream in.

Lu Shu's plan was to kill the Sword Hut candidates, while Li Fangfeng's plan was to lead everyone to kill Lu Shu. But now, none of them could move!

“He is Lu Shu! Kill him!”

“Hm? He is actually quite good looking,” someone suddenly said. Earlier, during a storytelling by a scholar, a girl had said that according to her elders, Lu Shu was a good-looking young man. Back then, no one believed her. After all, there were no young and good-looking commanders. But when they saw him, they could not help but admit that he was good-looking!

“What time is it? Why do you care about this?”

“Right. Sorry. Regardless of whether he is good-looking or not, let's kill him first.”

The hatred the citizens of the palace held towards Lu Shu was not ordinary. Every set of armor used by the Wei Wu Army was gained from the blood, sweat and tears of these citizens...

Some said that the rise of the Wei Wu Army was the history of the palace written in

blood, sweat and tears. There was nothing wrong with this.

Lu Shu turned back and saw Lu Xiaoyu expressionlessly packing their things. She felt that it was a pity. It was a good house, but they had to leave...

Yi Qian asked, "Boss, what should we do now?"

"Run..." Lu Shu was helpless.

They could not kill all these people. They were not very powerful. If not, they would not have been so envious. But the problem was, could they commit a massacre just over this? Lu Shu was not bloodthirsty.

"Where will we go?" Yi Qian asked.

Lu Xiaoyu sighed. "I expected this to happen. We still have the house that we booked from the inn. Let's secretly go back."

Li Fangfeng and the rest stood on the rooftop and witnessed this scene. They did not even know what to do. Even the self-proclaimed leader, Li Fangfeng, was dumbfounded. "I have lived in the palace for many years, but this is my first time seeing such a grand scene."

"Yes, it's not this crowded even during the new year..." Someone sighed with emotion.

The candidates of the Sword Hut selections should be the protagonists surrounding Lu Shu, but they had been pushed to the side. Li Fangfeng could not stand this humiliation!

“Then what do we do now? We won’t be able to chase them. We can’t even land.”

“Let’s give it some time before making a decision,” someone said.

An existence who was regarded as public enemy number one had finally appeared in the palace. Lu Shu was thankful that Anthony could use Mid-Soil Escape. If not, they would be discovered wherever they went.

But Lu Shu was more annoyed by Xiao Mingze, the boss of the Song Ji gambling den... where were the Sword Hut candidates who were supposed to come and kill him? How did it turn out like this?

Thankfully, the gambling dens still had funds. If not, they would lose money again! Even worse, Lu Shu had disappeared again!

At night, Lu Shu partially covered his face as he walked on the streets with Lu Xiaoyu. He was afraid that someone would recognize him. He said in a soft voice, “What do you want to eat? I heard the meat pie from Shiliu Lane is amazing. Shall we try some?”

Lu Xiaoyu looked very uncomfortable. They had just returned to the Lu residence. But such a good house had been trampled by the furious citizens of the palace.

They would have to spend a lot of money to rebuild it! Of course, there was a silver lining. All their anger had been released by destroying the house. They had been relieved of much of their anger...

She felt that Lu Shu did not suit such a conspicuous position. At night, Lu Xiaoyu

requested Yi Qian to find a broker and build a small house for them. They did not have any other requests. It just had to be concealed...

After all, for a person like Lu Shu, it would not be safe unless he was concealed.

“It’s all your fault,” said Lu Xiaoyu. “Don’t make any plans in the future. There is something very wrong with your plans.”

Lu Shu was unhappy. “We have to get up from where we have fallen. If I am not good at making plans, I should practice planning more. Have you heard about the barrel theory?”

As he spoke, Lu Shu saw a vendor selling barrels. He picked up one barrel to explain. “How much water a barrel can hold is not determined by its height. It is determined by the height of the shortest piece...”

Ka! Lu Xiaoyu destroyed the barrel with a punch.

Lu Shu was dumbfounded.

The vendor was speechless.

“From Lu Shu’s distress, +666!”

“From...”

Lu Xiaoyu tossed a dozen notes to the vendor. Then, she continued to walk forward without looking back. One barrel cost about five notes. The rest of the money was to make up for the scare...

Suddenly, Lu Xiaoyu stopped in her tracks. She looked up. In the distance, there was a place shrouded by clouds. The clouds covered the skies. Even the stars in the sky seemed to be concealed.

It was like a Heavenly Country. They could not see what was inside.

Lu Shu and Lu Xiaoyu had heard of this place. The Sword Hut.

The Sword Hut was in the palace, but it rarely exposed its appearance. During the Sword Hut ceremony, the civilians of the palace enjoyed coming to the Sword Hut to attend the ceremony. This was not just because of their admiration towards the Sword Hut. It was also the only time they could see the true appearance of the Sword Hut.

The clouds had been placed by the head of the Sword Hut. It was said that Masters could see everything within fifty kilometers. This no longer involved the strength of the eyes. This was a result of their magical instincts.

But these clouds were very unique. Even Masters could not see through them.

Lu Shu suddenly thought about the rumor between the head of the Sword Hut and the old King of Gods. Were the clouds put in place to prevent the old King of Gods from looking in?

After all, the other Masters and Lords of Heaven were thousands of kilometers away. They would not be able to see this place. Even if there were other Masters in the palace, who dared to spy on the Sword Hut?

This did not seem right either. Lu Shu felt that even the Lords of Heaven did not dare

to spy on the Sword Hut.

But at that moment, Lu Shu was dumbfounded. He felt as if there was a gap within the clouds. It was extremely small, but there was someone behind the gap looking at them.

Suddenly, Lu Shu felt massive pressure. An unprecedented force was upon him. Lu Shu concentrated and tried to resist the force. He looked up and stared in the direction of the gaze. He would not retreat!

Trying to make Lu Shu back down through force? There was no such thing!

995 PUPPET MASTER MING YUEYE

The clouds above the Sword Hut merged together. The people inside the clouds stopped looking at Lu Shu and it stopped Lu Shu from peeking into the clouds too.

The space in the clouds was way more vast than one had expected. There was a real mountain and a young man sat on the peak of the mountain all year long.

Lu Shu held Lu Xiaoyu's hand and walked backwards. He said seriously as he walked, "In the Luniverse, there are indeed hidden talents. I can't defeat the person behind the clouds yet."

"Why do you want to fight with him?" Lu Xiaoyu rolled her eyes.

"Exactly, why do I want to fight with him... Sigh, oh by the way, do you want to eat the meat pie from Shiliu Lane?" asked Lu Shu.

"No thanks, didn't they say that the glazed flaming chicken from the palace tastes the best, I want to eat that," replied Lu Xiaoyu.

At this moment, Lu Xiaoyu realized that Lu Shu was stunned. Lu Xiaoyu's words struck Lu Shu like a bolt of lightning, allowing him to think about a clue.

At this moment, Lu Shu felt as though he recalled something important that he had once forgotten. Lu Shu dragged Lu Xiaoyu and ran towards the inn. "I will bring you to eat the glazed flaming chicken tomorrow. Today, I need to do something important."

Lu Xiaoyu pouted. However, what Lu Shu was referring to was definitely more important than the glazed flaming chicken.

After they returned to the inn, they realized that Yi Qian had yet to return from obtaining the intelligence reports. Therefore, Lu Shu whipped out his black pearl from the Seal of Lands!

Glazed flaming chicken was actually the name of a store located at the East of the palace. It sold a delicious dish called the glazed flaming chicken. He had heard about the name of the store many times. Zhang Weiyu mentioned it, Liu Yizhao mentioned it, and the first person who mentioned it was... Ming Yueye.

It was the person whom Lu Shu once met in the Chaos Abyss. Nobody knew how long had that person been trapped in that abyss. His identity was a mystery.

That was because he was an amazing liar...

Lu Shu returned to his room and injected the celestial powers into the black pearl. Then, he appeared in the Chaos Abyss.

At this moment, Ming Yueye was holding onto a green bean. As if he was holding a

marble, he shot the green bean out and it struck another green bean accurately. Then, the green bean rolled and landed beside Lu Shu's foot.

Both of them were stunned. Ming Yueye sat up straight and acted as though nothing had happened...

Lu Shu kept silent for two seconds. "Is it fun?"

"From Ming Yueye's distress, +666!"

"What do you mean, I don't understand you?" Ming Yueye acted ignorant and sat up straight. Clinging noises came as the chains on his arms and feet touched.

The chains must be made of extraordinary material and Ming Yueye must have had tried to break free multiple times until his energy was depleted. Yet now, he was playing with the green beans as though nothing had happened.

The green bean was the bean that Lu Shu used to disgust Hai Gongzi...

Lu Shu thought, before he arrived, Ming Yueye must have roared ferociously and hurt himself through struggling several times in the black space.

Lu Shu took out many snacks from the Seal of Lands and tossed them to Ming Yueye. "I brought some snacks. You can eat them first."

Ming Yueye was curious. "Are you sure? I never knew you were so kind."

"I will only ask you one question, who on earth are you and why are you trapped here," asked Lu Shu calmly.

However, how would Ming Yueye tell the truth for some snacks, he replied with a smile, “Then in exchange, you should tell me about your true identity too.

“If I don’t know who trapped you, how am I going to bring you out?” Lu Shu said as he looked at the deep, clear scars on Ming Yueyu’s back.

“Are we exchanging questions?” suggested Ming Yueye.

Lu Shu was slight unhappy, “Is it even useful?”

Ming Yueye shook the chains and they produced loud noises. He thought about it. “Actually, there’s not much use.”

After all, they were not honest people and the information they exchanged would definitely be fake. Nobody would say the truth and they would end up in a series of speculations.

Ming Yueye shook the food packaging and examined it. Lu Shu realized that Ming Yueye did not know how to eat it.

He took out another pack of chips and demonstrated it to Ming Yueye. Then, Ming Yueye realized how to open the packaging. However, instead of eating it right away, he asked again,

“Since when were you so nice? You must not have entered this place in a year, what invited you over to look for me?”

Lu Shu kept silent. He would definitely make mistakes if he spoke. He did not expect

Ming Yueye to analyze the situation so thoroughly. He had indeed planned to obtain the information of the Luniverse through Ming Yueye. That was because Lu Shu was very certain that Ming Yueye came from the Luniverse and had once assumed a superior position. Therefore, he should know many secrets.

No ordinary person would be trapped in this place like Ming Yueye. How would any ordinary person be able to survive after not eating or drinking for a prolonged period of time?!

“Are you sure that you don’t want to be honest with me?” said Lu Shu.

“Hold on...” Ming Yueye suddenly had a bad premonition. Then, he saw Lu Shu take out a round paper bowl with a black object. “What the f*ck is that, it is so smelly!”

Meanwhile, Lu Shu left the black pearl after putting the stinky tofu down. He was waiting in his room...

“From Ming Yueye’s distress, +199!”

“From Ming Yueye’s distress, +210!”

“From...”

Lu Shu felt that he could confirm something. Ming Yueye must be trapped in the Luniverse!

In the past, after disgusting Ming Yueye, the distress points would disappear once he left the black pearl. Yet now, this was not the case.

On one hand, it showed that the barrier between the two worlds could stop the distress points. On the other hand, it implied that the stinky tofu was very smelly...

However, where was Ming Yueye?

Lu Shu returned to the Chaos Abyss and immediately heard Ming Yueye's roar. "Are you crazy? What the f*ck is this!"

Lu Shu suddenly said, "Cloud Yi, Tiger Zhi... The Puppet Masters have all died."

Ming Yueye suddenly fell silent. In the darkness of the Chaos Abyss, there was a beam of light shining from his forehead. However, Ming Yueye looked down and one could not see his expression.

"From Ming Yueye's distress, +1000!"

Ming Yueye suddenly lifted his head and said calmly, "You must have come from the land of forefathers since you know Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi. However, I do not believe that they are all dead."

996 PLEASE PARDON ME

When a distress point of +1000 was seen in the records, Lu Shu knew that his claim of how the Puppet Masters have all died had affected Ming Yueye greatly.

Since Lu Shu started collecting distress points, there were very few occasions when he managed to collect 1000 distress points from someone who was still alive...

Lu Shu could understand Ming Yueye's condition. If Ming Yueye was really one of the members of the Puppet Masters, the death of Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi would be an extremely fatal blow to Ming Yueye.

"Your relationship with them must be very good?" said Lu Shu calmly.

"Since you said that all the Puppet Masters are dead, can you name the remaining Puppet Masters?" asked Ming Yueye calmly.

This was a challenge for Lu Shu. He only knew the names of Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi. The Dream Chooser threw him into the Luniverse but Lu Shu did not know that the Dream Chooser was also a Puppet Master! This was the result of not having the correct information!

Li Xianyi knew that that individual was the Dream Chooser but he did not have the chance to tell Lu Shu that.

Lu Shu knew about it. However, when the Golden Foundation attacked the Puppet Masters, only Cloud Yi and Tiger Zhi were left!

Ming Yueye laughed suddenly. "Alright, you don't know. Looks like they are all fine."

Lu Shu shrugged. "You look very proud. Now that I have confirmed your identity, the problem comes."

Ming Yueye was stunned. "What problem?"

Lu Shu asked, "Do you know who I am?"

Ming Yueye was speechless.

Lu Shu said, "Please pardon me."

"From Ming Yueye's distress, +666!"

Lu Shu eventually won this round. Lu Shu knew Ming Yueye's identity but Ming Yueye was still clueless about Lu Shu's identity.

However, Lu Shu did not understand why Ming Yueye was trapped in this place. Moreover, where exactly in the Luniverse was Ming Yueye?

How many Puppet Masters were there? What on earth happened to the old King of Gods and the new King of Gods?

Ming Yueye said suddenly, "Tell me the status of the Puppet Masters and I will tell you what you want to know. How about that?"

Lu Shu thought about it. "Answer some of my questions first and I will tell you the status of the Puppet Masters, how about that?"

Ming Yueye said in despair, "Are we really going to enter this kind of dead cycle?!"

Lu Shu laughed coldly. "If you were more sincere, we would not have lost our trust for each other!"

However, at this moment, the Chaos Abyss started lighting up. It was probably the first time Lu Shu saw how the Chaos Abyss looked like when it was lit up. He looked at the far end of the Chaos Abyss and realized that there was a strange and mysterious symbol on the stone wall. It... It looked more like a seal, a seal which all families in the Luniverse would possess.

Lu Shu did not give too many thoughts to this. He had rechanneled his celestial powers into the black pearl at that instant and he retreated back to the room in the inn.

He sat in the room in the inn in panic. Did someone go to the Chaos Abyss? Was it the person who captured Ming Yueye? The new King of Gods of the Luniverse?

He was not sure if the other party saw him. He did not want to get involved. Lu Shu had been in touch with Ming Yueye for many times and had even drunk with Ming Yueye when he was at the loneliest point in his life.

Lu Shu felt that Ming Yueye was not a bad person. He was being witty to protect himself. After all, he had been imprisoned and it was normal for him to be wary of others. If it was Lu Shu, he would also refuse to tell others about what he knew.

Moreover, not only was Lu Shu able to understand Ming Yueye, there was a point in time when he felt like saving Ming Yueye when he saw the new scars on Ming Yueye's wrists and ankles.

Suddenly, Yi Qian walked in. "Something terrible has happened."

Lu Shu was stunned. "What?"

"Many of the villagers in the palace are saying that you have been eliminated. I didn't know what was going on and decided to check on your safety, I also thought that you will definitely not be eliminated," said Yi Qian but he suddenly felt confused.

"However, there's nothing wrong with you, boss, why did such news spread?"

"When did this happen?" Lu Shu was bothered.

"Just now, there were shouts of happiness on the streets and some people are even setting off firecrackers," said Yi Qian.

Lu Shu was speechless. "... Who set the firecrackers? Do you remember how he looks like?"

Was the gamblers of the palace crazy or did I, Lu Shu, say that I am not planning to fight?! Why did one set off the firecrackers?!

He said to Lu Xiaoyu, "Let's go and take a look!"

When they stepped on the streets, they saw the villagers walking along the streets as though they were having a massive celebration.

"Who asked you to collaborate with the gambling dens to be the bookmaker!"

"Who asked you to cheat our hard-earned money!"

Lu Shu covered his face and pulled onto a young person's arm. He thought that this young person looked familiar but did not know where he had met him before. "Cough cough, why is Lu Shu eliminated?"

The young person looked extremely happy. "You didn't know, Lu Shu's name disappeared from the stone tablet!"

Yi Qian explained softly, "There is a stone tablet outside the Sword Hut. All the names of those selected after the selection of the Sword Hut would appear on the tablet. Those who are eliminated will have their names disappear. This is the way to

determine if one was eliminated or not."

"Then why are you so happy?" Lu Shu was bothered.

"That brat is extremely ruthless. If his name is no longer on the tablet, it means that he has been eliminated. Doesn't this deserve a celebration?" The young person bragged joyfully, "Do you know how much money I lost from betting on the Black Feather Army, now that I have joined the selection of the Sword Hut with him, do you know how much I have been hoping for him to be eliminated? Now that my dream has come true, I really want to punch myself to see if I am dreaming or not!"

Lu Xiaoyu looked sympathetically at Lu Shu and Yi Qian closed his eyes...

Dong!

The young person was punched on the chest and could not stand up for a long while. Lu Xiaoyu sighed as she opened her eyes, "I think I need to rephrase my sentence. To be accurate, the contestants who have spoken with Lu Shu before will have a 100 percent elimination rate. Yes, this is a better way to phrase it."

Lu Shu looked at the crowd. Why did he get eliminated? He asked Yi Qian, "Did I violate the rules?"

"No!" Yi Qian was also very surprised. "However, the stone tablet won't be wrong. It is controlled by the senior disciple of the Sword Hut."

Suddenly, the people in front of them became agitated. Many of them started roaring furiously. Lu Shu did not understand why. However, before he could stop someone

and ask, the news had spread. The Sword Hut had announced that Lu Shu was not eliminated but was given an early offer.

997 DID WE SET OFF THE FIREWORKS FOR NOTHING?

The Sword Hut appeared in the Luniverse when the palace was built. The Sword Hut had never made an exception for anyone. Everyone had to go through two rounds of assessment. They would only be able to obtain the coveted position after experiencing difficult fights.

There had never been any exceptions.

But when Lu Shu came to the palace, an exception had been made for him without warning. No one had been prepared.

The civilians, who were shouting and jumping for joy, suddenly fell silent. How could he have been recruited in advance? This was not in the rules?

But everyone thought about it. What rules? The Sword Hut simply had not broken their traditional practice, but there was never a rule that said that the Sword Hut could not break these practices.

"Were we happy for nothing?" Someone stood among the crowd and asked, dumbfounded.

"Did we set the fireworks off for nothing?"

They had been wild with joy. But now, it was as if they had fallen into an icy cavern. Not only did their common enemy, Lu Shu, not get eliminated, he had been recruited by the Sword Hut in advance.

This was very awkward. Why did they come?!

"But have you realized something? Since Lu Shu was recruited in advance, the bets in the gambling dens will be stable. No one will be around to mess them up!" Someone in the crowd tried to comfort them. No one was sure whether he was comforting the rest or comforting himself.

Someone suddenly realized that it had been a long time since the civilians of the palace were bound by hatred for a common enemy. Their cohesion had been strengthened considerably.

Typically, neighbors would have conflicts with one another. But when they faced a problematic person like Lu Shu, their attitudes were surprisingly similar.

But Lu Shu's house had been destroyed, and Lu Shu had been recruited into the Sword Hut. To the civilians, the Sword Hut was the most revered place besides the palace of the King of Gods. Since Lu Shu was a disciple of the Sword Hut, they would let bygones be bygones.

This was a step that everyone knew clearly, if not, what else could they do against Lu Shu?

But Li Fangfeng and the rest were unhappy. What gave Lu Shu the right to be recruited into the Sword Hut? What?

The Sword Hut did not just look at ability, as they did not care how powerful you were when you entered the Sword Hut. Regardless of whether you were a Rank One or a Rank Two, everyone was the same, as the Sword Hut had confidence that once they had the talent and moral conduct, strength would not be a problem.

But what about Lu Shu? Everyone was very unhappy... how was a person with such poor morals like Lu Shu able to pass through the Sword Hut selections? Were you blind?!

Of course, while this was what they thought, they could not say this out loud. After all, no one could provoke the Sword Hut...

"I am Li Fangfeng. Senior from the Sword Hut, please come out." There were many candidates behind Li Fangfeng. Everyone was not satisfied. What gave Lu Shu the right to be admitted to the Sword Hut first?"

"I am Yu Wentao. Senior from the Sword Hut, please come out."

"I am..."

At this moment, a lazy voice from within the clouds interrupted them. "Okay, okay. I am listening. Hurry up and speak. Go away if there is nothing."

The voice was neutral, but some femininity could be heard.

"Why was Lu Shu able to be recruited in advance? The Sword Hut has never done this before! This is not according to the rules!" Li Fangfeng exclaimed in a loud voice.

More and more civilians from the palace gathered around. Everyone wanted to see what was happening. This affair had nothing much to do with them, but they were curious. Thus, they willingly came to observe the situation.

The voice within the clouds said in an impatient tone, "What rules? The King of Gods has not said anything. The Sword Hut is the rule. Can't you understand this?"

At this moment, it was as if a giant was stepping out of the clouds. Even the ground started to tremble.

"It's Gu Lingfei..." Someone recognized her. Not only was her voice symbolic, there were other obvious characteristics as well.

At that moment, a two-storey tall black panther slowly walked out. A young girl sat with her legs crossed on top of the panther. She wore white robes with a red rim. Her hands were hidden within her sleeves.

Li Fangfeng and the rest could not help but step back. She was one of the four Masters in the Sword Hut!

The black panther stared coldly at the crowd, but did not act rashly. It was as if it was an obedient beast when the young girl was sitting on its head.

Li Fangfeng bowed and said in a softer voice, "But Lu Shu does not have proper moral conduct! The Sword Hut is revered by the citizens because..."

"Wait." Once again, Gu Lingfei interrupted him impatiently. "Why has the Sword Hut been able to stand strong in the Luniverse? Is it? Because our proper moral conduct is respected by the people. Is it because our disciples are found everywhere? No. Let me tell you. It's because we can fight. Is there anything else?"

Li Fangfeng lowered his head and clenched his teeth. "This is not fair!"

"Fine. Stop bending over like that. The Sword Hut is all-seeing. If you are not bad, you will definitely be able to enter the Sword Hut. If you do not qualify, there is no

use acting." Gu Lingfei looked down at Li Fangfeng. "Our senior disciple has been kind enough to recruit Lu Shu in advance. Do you think that we are biased? We are protecting you!"

Everyone was dumbfounded. What else could they say? Had Lu Shu become so strong in the eyes of the Sword Hut? Did the Sword Hut think that Lu Shu would be a threat to the rest of the candidates?

"Do you think that he only wants the ranking and the money from the gambling dens?" Gu Lingfei said with disdain, "Have you not realized that he has planned on eliminating all of you from the very beginning? Not allowing Lu Shu to participate in the selections with all of you is the fairest."

The observers all gasped in shock. It could not be. Was Lu Shu so crazy?

But if this had been said by a Master of the Sword Hut, they did not doubt it. They would believe that this was real!

For some reason, everyone realized that they might have underestimated the commander of the Wei Wu Army. No wonder he was able to make a name for the Wei Wu Army!

But... everyone felt that he was just doing it for the money!

"Go away. He is not someone you can catch up to. If you want to compare yourself to him, why not refine your own training?" Gu Lingfei rode her black panther back into the clouds. She slowly disappeared into the white clouds.

The explanation of why the Sword Hut had recruited Lu Shu in advance started to

spread throughout the palace. Everyone who heard this was shocked, as the Sword Hut had not admitted the potential and talent of any candidate in a very long time. But this time, Gu Lingfei had stepped out and stated that Lu Shu was amazing. He was not on the same level as the rest!

998 STOPPING MY LIVELIHOOD

"Stop blocking me!" Lu Shu was furious!

Just as everyone thought that Lu Shu was lucky enough to be recruited into the Sword Hut in advance, Lu Shu was unhappy. Where would his money come from?

Earlier, he had wanted to defeat all the candidates in one go and earn money from this.

After all, other than his soap business, he only had the gambling den as his temporary source of income. That was right. He treated this as a business.

But after the Sword Hut announced that he had been recruited in advance, his bets disappeared from the gambling dens in the palace!

From now on, Lu Shu was an official disciple of the Sword Hut. No gambling den felt that there was any potential to earn money from him.

"We are not blocking you." Lu Xiaoyu rolled her eyes and said, "If you want to go, then go. But I don't think you can defeat them now."

Yi Qian said, "Congratulations, boss."

But Yi Qian did not have a large reaction like the others. If the Sword Hut was willing to allow Yi Qian to enter the Sword Hut, he would definitely be very happy. But who was Lu Shu? To Yi Qian, Lu Shu joining the Sword Hut was only part of their plan. There was not much to it.

According to Gu Lingfei, if the King of Gods had not said anything, the Sword Hut was the rule.

There was a condition behind this. If the King of Gods did not appear, the Sword Hut was the rule.

But to Yi Qian, who was Lu Shu? He was the King of Gods!

Thus, Yi Qian felt that Lu Shu, joining the Sword Hut was not a particular cause of celebration. It was only part of their plan.

Lu Shu sighed. "What do we do now? Do we report to the Sword Hut?"

Lu Xiaoyu thought about it and said, "They did not specify when you have to report to them. Furthermore, although your bets have disappeared, the bets of the other candidates have not. Who said that outsiders are not allowed to eliminate Sword Hut candidates?"

Lu Shu's eyes lit up. "Lu Xiaoyu, you are a genius!"

This time, Lu Shu had thought in the wrong direction. When he heard the news, his first thought was that his business was done for. But with Lu Xiaoyu's reminder, he suddenly realized... he could still attack the other candidates, as long as he was not caught by the Sword Hut!

Lu Shu was very clear of the reason why the Sword Hut had recruited him in advance. They were worried that he would kill the rest of the candidates, right? But to the Sword Hut, as long as Lu Shu was recruited, he should stop.

But they had underestimated Lu Shu's pursuit for wealth...

"We can live in that house safely now." Lu Xiaoyu said, "Yi Qian, contact the construction workers in the palace. I have a blueprint. They can build the house according to the blueprint. Let's go take a look at the house."

At first, Lu Xiaoyu was worried that after Lu Shu came, the strange beauty standards in the Luniverse would cause many girls to admire Lu Shu. But now, it seemed that she had worried too much. Lu Shu's ability to cause others to hate him exceeded his good looks. It had reached a point where his looks did not matter...

But they had to be alert. After all, since Lu Shu had become a disciple of the Sword Hut, his identity would attract the attention of others. But she thought about it. Since Lu Shu was about to enter the Sword Hut, others would not have the opportunity to meet him. She thus calmed down.

The three of them came to the house that the Song Ji gambling den had given Lu Shu. It was in ruins...

When the Song Ji family gave presents, they would definitely give the best gifts. As one of the upper wealthy families, they had to live up to their name. Thus, even the plants in the house were species that were treasured by the Luniverse.

But now, everything had been trampled flat by the rage of the civilians.

At that moment, Lu Shu suddenly turned and looked at the street. Many civilians were secretly looking in their direction behind their doors or through windows. The vendors along the road stopped selling their products. They were focused on Lu Shu and the

rest. Lu Shu felt as if he was a panda at the zoo, being observed so intently.

Everyone was curious. This was their first time calmly seeing a calm Lu Shu...

A group of people approached them. They seemed to be the slaves of wealthy families. They carried many red boxes. A young man happily led the way. Those who did not know what was happening would assume that the young man was getting married!

The young man approached Lu Shu. "I am Tu Le from the West Region. Congratulations on becoming a disciple of the Sword Hut! These are some gifts that the Tu family has prepared for you. Please enjoy them!"

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. The people in the Luniverse were very kind. He felt as if he was the number one scholar in ancient times on Earth. In the past, all of them were strangers. But once he had done well in the imperial examination, all the influential officials started to surround him. They discarded any hatred they had towards him in the past.

Now that he had joined the Sword Hut, his former enemies had come and given him presents to build good relations. It was as if what had happened in the past had never happened at all.

Lu Shu looked at Tu Le. He paused for two seconds. Suddenly, he said, "What are your odds? It's impolite if you don't state your odds in your self-introduction!"

Tu Le's smile suddenly grew stiff.

"From Tu Le's distress, +666!"

Tu Le felt a great sense of danger. He silently remembered his own odds. He was sure that if his odds were very high, he would die!

"Yi Qian, could you check how high his odds are now?" Lu Shu turned and asked Yi Qian.

Yi Qian said, "His odds are rather low. It's not worth it."

Lu Shu suddenly smiled at Tu Le. "Hello, hello, Tu Le from the West Region. I have admired you for a very long time. What did you bring..."

Tu Le looked at the cheerful Lu Shu. He suddenly felt as if his low odds had saved his life.

But he could not understand. He had already joined the Sword Hut. Was he still planning to attack the rest of the Sword Hut candidates? There was no such rule!

But Tu Le thought about it. No one had said that outsiders could not attack the Sword Hut candidates. Even if he was a disciple of the Sword Hut...

"I will take my leave." Tu Le was panicking beyond belief. He had wanted to rope in Lu Shu. If he joined the Sword Hut, they would be friends. Even if Tu Le did not join the Sword Hut, they knew a disciple of the Sword Hut. Gu Lingfei, one of the Masters of the Sword Hut, had said that Lu Shu's potential might allow him to advance to the Master Realm. There were only so many Masters in the Luniverse. Who did not want to get to know them?

But it seemed like their roles had not changed much. He was still meat in the eyes of Lu Shu, and Lu Shu was the knife...

999 SENIOR DISCIPLE OF SWORD HUT

When Tu Le realized that he was in danger, he prepared to leave. It was far too dangerous to be with Lu Shu.

When he turned around, Lu Shu suddenly asked him to stop. Lu Shu looked at Tu Le and the rest. He was slightly puzzled. "Are you bringing these gifts back?!"

"No, no." Tu Le smiled stiffly. "How could I?"

"Stand there and don't move." Lu Shu then said a few words to Yi Qian. Thereafter, Yi Qian hurriedly left.

Tu Le had an unpleasant premonition. He curiously asked, "Where is he going?"

Lu Shu naturally said, "Nothing, nothing. He's just buying some things."

Tu Le heaved a sigh of relief. But at that moment, another group of people came from another direction. Tu Le was suddenly overjoyed. It was another candidate of the Sword Hut selections. He seemed to be representing his family gifts to try and rope in Lu Shu.

Everyone realized the importance of Lu Shu. Sun Zhongyang's father, Sun Xunwen, had worked hard for many years just to be appraised by a senior disciple of the Sword Hut. Gu Lingfei's appearance to comment on Lu Shu's potential seemed like an imperial order.

But Tu Le did not care about these. He just hoped that someone would be able to share the impact of Lu Shu's firepower...

But something unexpected had happened. Lu Shu asked him for his odds, took the gifts, and asked him to stay behind as well.

There was nothing behind this, but Tu Le suddenly felt as if Lu Shu was treating them like... storage goods?

Not long after, a third person came. The same thing happened.

The fourth person came, but he was not a candidate of the Sword Hut selections. Lu Shu let him go.

Tu Le and the rest did not dare to leave. The three of them started to chat. One of them asked, "Are you a candidate?"

"Yes, I am a candidate as well..."

"You too?"

"Yes, me too..."

When the sixth person came, they sat on the ruins and looked at Lu Shu who was preparing something. They were very bored. At first, they were very nervous. But they gradually relaxed and even joked around.

At first, when only one of them faced Lu Shu, they had a lot of pressure. But with many people around, they were not so scared.

When the sixth person came, Lu Shu suddenly looked at them. "Announce that you

are forfeiting."

Tu Le was speechless.

What in the world?!

Everyone was dumbfounded. There was one Rank One and five Rank Twos. Lu Shu had made them wait so long so that they could forfeit together...

Tu Le finally knew what he had felt just now. Lu Shu had stored them here like goods!

But how did Lu Shu have the confidence to settle one Rank One and five Rank Twos at the same time?

Tu Le and the rest thought about it. Then, they looked at one another. The despair in their eyes revealed their true thoughts... this fellow was very powerful!

Tu Le wanted to say that the servant had left a long time ago. Thus, how did Yi Qian know who would come later.

"Hm." Lu Shu thought about it. "The gambling den has a fixed bet on how many people will be eliminated that day. I bet that six or more people will be eliminated. The odds are very high..."

Tu Le was speechless. Although the odds that they would be eliminated was not very high, there were still other bets with high odds.

But why did you think about attacking six people from the very beginning? Where did

this confidence come from?!

But Tu Le felt that his greatest strength was recognizing the current situation. He asked in a low voice, "How about this? I will redeem myself with a price higher than the odds..."

Lu Shu's eyes lit up. "Brother!"

Tu Le was speechless.

The name "brother" had appeared once again. Although the way he had become his brother was very complicated, suddenly becoming brothers with a disciple of the Sword Hut was not bad... what if he suddenly made rapid advances in his career?

Lu Xiaoyu felt that in the future, Lu Shu's brothers would occupy the world.

But Lu Shu felt that this was not proper. "I have already placed my bets in the gambling dens. Why don't you redeem yourself and trick someone else here?"

"What kind of condition is that?" Tu Le was annoyed.

Hm? Something was wrong. Tu Le suddenly changed his way of thinking? Lu Shu wanted to eliminate six people. Thus, if he tricked someone to come here, he would definitely eliminate a potential enemy!

Although Lu Shu's greed for money was frustrating, to put it another way, he could also become your aid as long as you had money!

Tu Le gritted his teeth. "Look at it this way. What if I give you more money to ensure

my safety in the first round of the selections?"

Lu Shu thought about it. "How much?"

"Four million notes!"

"Five million," said Lu Shu.

"Deal!" Tu Le exclaimed with confidence.

"Wait. What did you say?"

"Deal!"

"Again!"

"Four million notes," said Tu Le. He was puzzled.

Lu Shu calmly said, "Eight million."

Tu Le was speechless.

"From Tu Le's distress, +748!"

Typically, when people bargained, it would be complicated when the other person did not counter-bargain. Furthermore, typical people would often take back their words and be embarrassed. But Lu Shu was amazing. He was never embarrassed.

In the end, they made a deal for eight million notes. The others also paid the price for

their freedom. Then, they asked their subordinates to spread the news. They had to trick people into becoming Lu Shu's sacrifices...

They spread the news in a very shrewd manner. A family had just sent Lu Shu gifts in an attempt to rope him in.

Other people listened in on the news. These people seemed to chat in a relaxed manner with Lu Shu. They were surrounded by gifts. It looked like a gift party!

This was what competition between the wealthy families was like. No one wanted to lose out to the others. If others were able to rope Lu Shu in with money, they would be able to do so as well!

But when they came to Lu Shu, everyone realized that something was wrong. After Tu Le and the rest finished discussing with Lu Shu, they left, smiling. The rest of the people looked at Lu Shu in despair...

The day that Lu Shu had become a disciple of the Sword Hut, everyone thought that the selections would go back to normal. But the gamblers in the palace jumped into the Long Yin River once again...

Behind the clouds of the Sword Hut, Gu Lingfei rode on her black panther and walked up the mountain. When she saw the young man at the peak of the mountain, she was upset. "Senior, why don't we cancel his qualifications and chase him out of the palace? If our master is here, he will definitely not stand to see this fellow!"

1000 TAKE A DRASTIC MEASURE TO DEAL WITH A SITUATION

Just as all the candidates of the Sword Hut selection were feeling unsafe, the selection was to begin half a month earlier than stipulated. When Gu Lingfei went out of the clouds on the back of the black leopard to announce this news, all the people of the palace were stunned, including the aristocrats.

Everyone knew why the first round of selection was brought forward. There were too many accidents in this round of Sword Hut selections. For example, for the first time in history, someone was given an early offer to the Sword Hut. Moreover, in the past, none of the selections had ever had a change in time but a change was made in this year.

What was the difference between this year's Sword Hut selections and the past years? In the past, Lu Shu did not participate but he did this year...

Many people realized that Gu Lingfei's face was pretty black. She looked as if she was in a terrible mood.

On ordinary days, nobody dared to make Gu Lingfei angry. Very few people in the Sword Hut showed their faces. They seemed to be practising all day long and was unconcerned about what was happening in the world. In the Sword Hut, the senior disciple seemed to be taking care of the matters but Gu Lingfei was the person who was in charge of everyday maintenance.

Therefore, Gu Lingfei was actually the Chief Manager of the Sword Hut and she was the most liked person by the owner of the Sword Hut.

Before Gu Lingfei became a Master, she was rather demanding. Nobody in the palace could deal with her. After all, what could they do to a disciple who was the most-liked by the owner of the Sword Hut?

When Gu Lingfei became a Master, many of the aristocrats had given up hope. They thought that Gu Lingfei would become more demanding. However, the result was shocking. Gu Lingfei recollected her temper and was able to see the bigger picture.

At this moment, Gu Lingfei wanted to kill Lu Shu as the entire issue of the Sword Hut selection involved the Sword Hut's reputation. After the end of the second round of examination, the Sword Hut ceremony would be conducted. Every single descendant of the Sword Hut would attend the ceremony and different powers would watch the ceremony too.

They were there to watch the ceremony not because of the grandeur, but rather because during the past ceremonies, the owner of the Sword Hut would demonstrate their swordplay, allowing many people to benefit from it. Every since the owner of the Sword Hut disappeared, the senior disciple of the Sword Hut took over the task of demonstrating his swordplay.

Although the senior disciple of the Sword Hut was not as powerful as the Master, when the Master personally demonstrated their swordplay, countless people were attracted too.

Just as the entire Luniverse was focusing on the Sword Hut, Lu Shu appeared...

Gu Lingfei wanted to kill Lu Shu but the senior disciple did not agree. Instead, he said some things that Gu Lingfei did not understand. Gu Lingfei respected the senior disciple who sat on the top of the mountain all year long practising his skills. However, she felt that the senior disciple had something that he was unwilling to say.

What could Lu Shu, a mere Rank One, do? At the very most, he would become a Master. Could he tear the Sword Hut down?

Gu Lingfei had thought of some other possibilities. However, when she checked with the senior discipline, he negated all of her guesses.

Now that the Sword Hut selections were suddenly brought forward, the other candidates who did not want to see Lu Shu were tortured tremendously.

To Lu Shu, he felt as though he was struck by lightning, it was such a drastic measure to deal with the situation...

That was because he could not get onto the battle stage of the first round of selections...

Besides that, everyone was in the Sword Hut, even if he was extremely daring, he would not dare to stir things up in the Sword Hut.

“Oh no, I am screwed,” Lu Shu sighed, “Time to strike a deal with the Sun family, I won’t be able to make anymore money in the future.”

“Hmm.” Lu Xiaoyu nodded. “From the money we have saved, apart from a small fraction of the money to be used as expenses, we can already purchase 12000 sets of magical armor. Our gains are pretty good. However, I’m not sure if Sun Zhongyang is able to get us so many sets of magical armor.”

When Lu Shu went over, Sun Zhongyang was stunned. He initially thought that Lu Shu did not have much money and could barely use his money to buy 1200 sets of magical armor. Now, he realized that the entire Sun family had insufficient supplies. After all, the Sun family did not have to be involved in battles!

Sun Zhongyang looked at Lu Shu and said, “Give me two months’ time, I will rush a batch of armor out for you...”

Lu Shu smacked his lips. “The Sun family don’t even have 12000 sets of magical armor?”

Sun Zhongyang felt terrible. This question sounded as though the Sun family was very weak. It was clearly because Lu Shu was good at earning money! That amount of armor was nothing much to the Sun family. However, who would keep so many sets of magical armor? Most of the armies in the Luniverse did not like to use such expensive equipment. To those who had assumed positions, life was worth nothing as the social classes were fixed. Those with a lower social class status were as powerless as ants.

In the past, the rules were also set for the territories of the Lords of Heaven. People only started to attack each other in recent years and the boundaries were blurred. However, it was not to the extent such that people fought to their deaths.

Everyone was still afraid of that individual in the palace of the King of Gods. The boundaries were set fairly by the old King of Gods and each person had a quarter of the territory. However, did they really not have any other thoughts? Probably not.

Sometimes, the battle on the borders became means for testing these boundaries. As for what people were testing, it was impossible for ordinary aristocrats to guess.

“Alright, I will give you two months’ time. After two months, I will return to the Sun family to collect my armor,” said Lu Shu.

“Why do you need so many sets of armor? Are you planning to attack someone?” Sun Zhongyang did not understand. “The Wei Wu Army only has 5000 soldiers in total! The magical armors are not easy to spoil, it won’t be used up so quickly.”

“Can’t I keep them?” Lu Shu was unhappy. “Just do your business. Why are you concerned about what I am using them for.”

Well, he could not tell Sun Zhongyang that he was planning to bring them back to Earth...

Lu Shu and Nie Ting, as well as the other Heavenly Networks would not view the rest of the members’ lives in the Heavenly Network as powerless and worthless. A life is a life. With an additional set of armor, everyone would feel more secure.

However, at this moment, Lu Shu saw someone from the Sun family run towards Sun Zhongyang and whisper to him.

Lu Shu wanted to go forward to listen to what they were saying. Sun Zhongyang pushed Lu Shu. “You are almost touching me!”

“Cough cough.” Lu Shu was not sorry. “What’s wrong?”