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Chapter 131: Conclusion, Encounter, Police, Exposure

On the other side, under Qian Yi's lead, a large group of police officers conducted a grid search near the lookout point.

At this moment, an officer jogged over to Qian Yi's side.

"What is it?"

"Reporting to Captain Qian, our team discovered two bodies to the west."

"Two bodies?"

Qian Yi raised an eyebrow and felt a sudden jolt in his heart. He thought, could they be children trafficked by foreign organizations?

He quickly signaled the officer to lead the way and asked, "Are they children?"

"No, they are two adult bodies."

Upon hearing this, Qian Yi breathed a sigh of relief. As long as they weren't children... Bodies... could they be members of the foreign organization?

But why would they die here?

What happened?

Filled with doubt,

he followed the officer and soon examined the two bodies.

"Electrocuted again?"

"Struck by lightning?"

Not only Qian Yi, but the surrounding officers also had the same initial reaction upon seeing the two bodies.

Thunderstorm, deep in the woods, bodies showing signs of electrocution...

All elements combined.

The previous case led by Zou Huaide's human trafficker ring instantly flashed in their minds.

Wasn't this the same scenario?

The only difference was...

Lin Beichen!

Qian Yi and the other officers did not know that Lin Beichen was also here.

Because of this,

comparing the situation here and at Wuling Mountain,

they became even more convinced...

Whether it was these two bodies here or the dozen bodies at Wuling Mountain, they all were struck by lightning and died accidentally.

Even though it sounded far-fetched.

But...

They could only attribute this to these people's heinous acts and retribution.

Meanwhile, all the speculations and doubts about Lin Beichen...

gradually vanished from their minds.

"Identify these two bodies as soon as possible."

Qian Yi said to the forensic team that came along, and continued, "I believe these two bodies are very likely members of the foreign organization. Their presence here suggests the foreign organization members have fled into the mountains and are hiding there. Leave the scene investigation to the forensic team, the rest of you, continue the search with me!"

"Yes!"

The officers immediately sprung into action.

...

As they continued their mountain search,

at the entrance of a cave,

the atmosphere was tense.

"Swish swish—"

Heavy rain poured, and other than the white noise of the rain, nothing else could be heard.

After shouting, Hu Nodun didn't get any response, but he didn't lower his guard. His nerves were tense, eyes scanning around the cave entrance carefully.

Meanwhile, hearing Hu Nodun's shout, Yahan's already frazzled mind short-circuited completely.

"Hu Nodun, what are you saying?"

Yahan looked at Hu Nodun in confusion and asked, "What does Lin Beichen have to do with this? How could he possibly be here?"

Then, he glanced outside the cave entrance.

It was empty.

He continued, "Are you..."

"Shut up!"

Hu Nodun was already disturbed by the current situation, and he couldn't tolerate Yahan's constant questioning that denied his judgment.

However, he didn't have time to teach Yahan a lesson. Instead, he stubbornly continued to probe, shouting loudly, "Alright, you won't come out, huh..."

"Three!"

The countdown echoed in the empty surroundings.

Through the sound of rain,

it clearly reached Lin Beichen, hidden in the dark.

At this moment, Lin Beichen's brows were tightly furrowed, his face dark as ink, cursing his slip-up!

According to his original plan,

Alek's phone was placed at the entrance of the cave, and given the distance from the entrance, he could handle anyone walking out from the cave.

One person comes out, he kills one.

Two come out, he kills two.

If all come out,

Though he might not be able to kill them instantly, the distance between the phone and the entrance was enough for him to launch a second attack.

But what he didn't expect was...

One person came out. To be sure, fearing any mistakes, he waited a while. Just as that person was about to pick up the phone, he made his move.

What he didn't anticipate was...

Another person came out!

And he hadn't even walked out fully, just staying inside the cave entrance, leaving him unable to attack again to remedy the situation.

"How could someone come out so long after?"

"Was it a coincidence?"

"Or had they sensed something and acted deliberately?"

Lin Beichen didn't dwell on this question. After all, he had more pressing matters to consider—

Did the enemy really confirm it was him?

Considering the distance during his strike, the darkness, and the rain curtain, Lin Beichen didn't believe the person at the cave entrance could see him clearly.

Perhaps they only suspected it was him?

Or threatened him with his parents...

Was it just a bluff?

A thought flashed in his mind.

But the next moment,

he dismissed it.

Nevertheless...

He couldn't afford to gamble!

What's next?

How to break out of this situation...

As Lin Beichen's mind raced, Hu Nodun's voice rang out again in his ears.

"Two!!"

Stay calm!

You must remain calm!

Hearing this, Lin Beichen's mind was in turmoil, but he maintained clarity in his thoughts.

And at this moment.

Suddenly!

A flash of inspiration struck him.

The kidnappers' goal...

wasn't to kill him!

But to capture him alive!

Realizing this, Lin Beichen's mind cleared, and his eyes grew brighter.

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Analyzing the current situation...

A plan gradually formed in his mind.

At the same time.

Looking at the deathly silence outside the cave, with no movement at all, Hu Nodun had a moment of doubt in himself.

Could it be...

His guess was wrong?

However, it was only for a moment.

The next instant.

He blocked out this thought, telling himself: Regardless of whether the guess is correct or not, finish the countdown first.

"One!!!"

"Stop!"

Before Hu Nodun's words fell, Lin Beichen's voice burst out from the darkness.

In an instant, Hu Nodun and Yahan looked towards the sound.

Under their gaze.

From the darkness of the distant mountain forest, a figure slowly walked step by step.

"Crack—"

"Crack—"

"..."

The sound of branches and dried grass breaking underfoot was clear and unmistakable.

Lin Beichen walked out from the darkness holding the Thunder Tribulation Sword, his eyes fixed on Hu Nodun and Yahan, his gaze icy, devoid of any emotion, as if looking at two dead men.

"It's really you?!"

Seeing Lin Beichen, Yahan immediately reacted.

Thinking of his own embarrassment just now...

He felt both ashamed and hatred toward Lin Beichen. If it weren't for this kid's trickery, he wouldn't have made such a fool of himself!

For a moment, he looked at Lin Beichen with eyes that seemed to shoot flames.

Beside him, Hu Nodun said nothing, but inwardly, he breathed a huge sigh of relief.

When he shouted the last count.

He also didn't know what he would do next if no one came out.

"However..."

"Luckily, the guess was correct."

"This person was indeed forced to come out!"

Hu Nodun aimed his gun at Lin Beichen, eyes narrowing, gaze filled with killing intent, and shouted, "Alright, stand there obediently with your hands on your head, don't come any closer!"

"..."

Seeing the gun aimed at him, Lin Beichen showed no sign of tension, knowing that the other party wanted to capture him alive, not kill him.

On the contrary, he felt relieved, as long as his mother was not targeted, he would act accordingly. He would make sure the captors would regret trying this!

Everything was still within his expectations and control.

Lin Beichen obediently stopped, stuck the Thunder Tribulation Sword into the ground, put his hands on his head, looking helpless and ready to be manipulated.

Seeing this.

Hu Nodun thought that he had realized the situation and knew that resistance was futile.

A proud expression appeared on his face, and he coldly laughed, "Kid, you finally showed yourself. I thought you didn't care about your parents' lives anymore."

As he spoke, he pushed Lin Xiangdong, who he had been holding, to the ground, feeling tired from holding him for so long!

The gun was already aimed at this kid...

How could he possibly cause trouble?

He patted the shoulder of the shaking and cold Yahan next to him and said, "Go bind him, be careful, don't fall for his tricks."

"Alright, I got it."

The thinking Yahan, despite his hatred for Lin Beichen, was also wary of him, realizing that something was off about him.

Gentlemen take revenge...

Waiting to have him completely controlled was not too late!

Of course, the boss had ordered alive capture.

He wouldn't kill him, but torturing a bit wouldn't be fatal!

He walked slowly towards Lin Beichen, already imagining the scene of venting his anger once he had him under control.

Comfortable!

Satisfying!

And as Yahan walked towards Lin Beichen.

Hu Nodun did not stay idle, continuing to ask, "So, you followed Alek to find this place?"

"Yes."

Lin Beichen cooperated with the questioning as much as possible, trying to mislead the opponent into believing he had resigned to his fate.

And his goal was basically achieved.

At least for now...

Both Hu Nodun and Yahan believed so.

With his parents held hostage in their hands, a gun aimed at his head, and he was about to be tied up.

What reason did he have not to give up?

What could he possibly do?

They couldn't think of any.

Hu Nodun continued to ask, "So, did you kill Alek?"

"Yes."

"Did Alek die the same way as him?"

Hu Nodun pointed to Hadir's corpse on the ground.

Lin Beichen didn't hide it, he nodded, admitting, "Same."

Before his words ended.

Yahan had already moved around to his back.

Yahan grabbed Lin Beichen's wrists, which were on the back of his head, with extreme roughness, without any concealment, intending to break his arms at once.

Lin Beichen felt the pain, but not a word escaped his lips, his gaze grew colder, simultaneously he subtly twisted his wrists, adjusting the direction of his palms.

Yahan mocked, "Oh, a tough guy, huh."

As he spoke, he took out rough nylon rope from his pocket, ready to tie up Lin Beichen.

Hu Nodun knew Yahan was fuming inside and allowed his actions. The order was to capture him alive, not unharmed; as long as he wasn't dead, it was fine.

At this point, he squinted, confused, and voiced the question that had been on his mind since he saw Lin Beichen: "How did you kill them, what did you use?"

Hu Nodun hadn't stopped thinking about it.

He had pondered all the devices that could emit electricity...

But couldn't think of anything that could discharge remotely and with such power to instantly kill!

"I killed them by using..."

Lin Beichen had already adjusted the direction of his palm, which was now facing Yahan's arm.

Seeing Hu Nodun clearly distracted by his words, his focus wavering, he didn't hesitate for a moment, immediately channeling Electric Element from his liver to his palm.

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"Ratatat—!!"

Yahan: ?????

Electric... Electric?!

He was just about to tie Lin Beichen's hands when he personally witnessed blue-white electrical arcs suddenly appearing out of thin air in Lin Beichen's palms.

Dense and full, covering his entire palms.

Each arc seemed to contain enormous energy, twisting, jumping.

Mesmerizing!

"This kid..."

"Can actually generate electricity?!"

"How is that possible?"

"Can a human achieve this?"

Yahan trembled all over, his eyes almost popped out, his mouth gaping wide, completely flabbergasted, his actions unconsciously stopping.

In the next moment.

He wasn't given any time to react.

Lin Beichen's hand reversed for a grab, directly clutching his arm, meanwhile roaring: "Die!"

This sudden turn of events.

Made Hu Nodun who was watching in amazement.

He saw.

A bright blue-white light suddenly gleaming in Lin Beichen's hands, then directly grabbing Yahan's arm.

Next.

Yahan convulsed violently as if electrocuted, his not-so-long hair standing on end instantly, his body swiftly covered in a layer of coal-like gray-black, fresh blood foam spewing from his mouth.

The condition displayed...

No difference from Hadir lying on the ground!

"This is clearly an electrocution state!"

"How can he suddenly get electrocuted?"

"That light on Lin Beichen's palms..."

"Is it electricity?!"

"He can generate electricity??"

"He said he would kill them with his hands, this is what he meant?"

Hu Nodun was in disbelief, how could someone generate electricity with their hands, and such powerful electricity!

In the next moment.

Yahan's sole scream broke his thoughts.

"Ah—!!!!"

Hu Nodun's eyes, lost in shock, regained focus, seeing clearly again.

Yahan was no longer convulsing, standing rigidly in place, his whole body black as coal, rain droplets falling on him, accompanied by a sizzling sound raising wisps of gray smoke.

His entire being was smoking!

In front of him, Lin Beichen was no longer in a hands-behind posture, he had already gripped the wooden sword previously stuck in the ground, even that sword now shimmered with the same blue-white lightning seen just a moment ago!

Lin Beichen's impromptu plan executed perfectly!

Everything before...

Happened exactly as he designed.

Knowing his opponents wanted him alive, he made a move, offering no resistance to let them control him, acting weak, continuously reducing their vigilance and mental defenses, and when they approached him, first eliminate one with Palm Thunder.

In his scenario.

The remaining kidnappers would momentarily lose focus and be dumbfounded by his display of Palm Thunder, and a companion's instant death by electrocution.

He would then seize the opportunity to eliminate them!

Now, Lin Beichen held the Thunder Tribulation Sword, showing no relaxation; until the threats were entirely eliminated and his parents rescued, there was no room for slack!

Knowing Hu Nodun was the final threat.

He held back nothing.

Went all out!

Fiercely swinging the Thunder Tribulation Sword in his hand.

All-out strike!

"Ka-chow—!!!"

With the ripping sound explosion.

The blue-white lightning seemed to transform into a Wandering Dragon charging at Hu Nodun.

Hu Nodun: ???

It's over!!

Before getting close.

He already felt the power of that electric arc, feeling tracked as if locked on.

No room to evade!

"Then let's die together!!"

Hu Nodun's body instinctively reacted in an instant, raising the gun aiming at Lin Beichen, then pulled the trigger.

"Bang—!!"

The gigantic gunshot echoed above the cave.

Spreading rapidly around.

Furthermore...

Directly overshadowed the yet dissipated ripping sound.

"?!"

Seeing the muzzle flash, Lin Beichen's heart skipped a beat, not expecting the kidnappers before him to have such good psychological resilience and quick reflexes.

In the instant after Palm Thunder via Thunder Tribulation Sword...

The opponent actually fired a shot!

Yet, Lin Beichen remained calm under pressure.

Unexpected as it was.

His body immediately reacted, dodging to the side.

And right in the moment he moved.

Under his astonished gaze.

Initially parallel and non-intersecting lines of Palm Thunder's strike and the bullet's trajectory.

Yet inexplicably, the bullet's trajectory veered!

And this deflection...

Turned east, twisted west, ascended, descended.

Extremely chaotic and disorderly.

In the instant when the lines misaligned intersected mid-air.

The bullet didn't touch the blue-white electric arc but seemed to collide, violently deflecting!

"What's going on?!"

Lin Beichen was baffled; can bullets even be shot like this?

But, before he could ponder more.

In the next instant.

"Whoosh—!"

With an air-breaking sound whizzing past his ear, the bullet didn't even graze him, flying off somewhere unknown.

At the same time.

In front of him.

"Bang—!!"

A dull thud sounded.

Hu Nodun's body heavily crashing to the ground.

Under Lin Beichen's all-out strike, Hu Nodun passed peacefully, feeling no pain, instantly stiffening.

Certainly, the damage to his body was also the severest.

Completely unrecognizable in his original form.

The entire corpse wasn't just charred black, but truly carbonized.

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On the chest...

There was a long, slanted gash, as if slashed by a butcher's knife, running from the shoulder to the waist. The charred flesh rolled open, revealing a hint of whitish blood, with tiny arcs of electricity occasionally flickering across it.

It was even...

You could vaguely see the internal organs through the gash!

Crimson blood dripped steadily from the wound.

Smoke was rising from his entire body, sizzling.

"It's over!"

Only then did Lin Beichen's taut nerves finally relax.

He quickly ran into the cave, seeing his parents lying on the ground, and hurriedly helped them sit up against the wall, then carefully checked them over.

Confirming that they were only slightly injured, he finally let out the breath he had been holding.

A narrow escape!

Although there were many variables in this rescue, luckily the outcome was as expected.

"That bullet just now..."

"What's the situation?"

His parents were safe.

Lin Beichen's thoughts began to wander, and he became captivated by what he had just seen, falling into deep contemplation.

It only took a few breaths.

Thinking about the bullet's erratic movement in the air, and how it was ultimately deflected without contact...

Suddenly!

A thought popped into his head.

"Energy field?"

The more Lin Beichen pondered, the more he felt that only some form of energy could affect a high-speed bullet like that.

In this situation...

The only thing that could generate that kind of energy was an energy field.

An energy field!

"But..."

"How did the energy field act on the bullet?"

"And where did the energy field come from?"

"..."

Suddenly!

A series of questions about the energy field flooded his mind.

Lin Beichen thought for a moment, but soon shook his head.

He couldn't figure it out!

However, not figuring it out didn't bother him.

Because...

He knew where the key to understanding lay.

"I still need to strengthen the Fire Element and Gold Element."

Lin Beichen stopped thinking about the energy field. Perhaps, when he truly sensed it, these questions would solve themselves!

"Ugh... ugh..."

At this moment, a barely audible struggle came from deeper within the cave.

Upon hearing, he was stunned for a moment, then realized.

In the hands of these kidnappers...

Besides his parents...

There was also a child!

Lin Beichen quickly got up and walked towards the depths of the cave. Soon, he saw Tang Ru curled up at the very end.

At that moment, Tang Ru's face was streaked with tears, with large teardrops accumulating in her big, sparkling eyes—full of fear and dread.

For a three or four-year-old child...

Being alone in such a dark, empty cave...

Was even scarier than being with bad people!

At this moment, seeing Lin Beichen approach...

Tang Ru thought he was one of Hu Nodun's bad men. She didn't cry, but her body trembled more violently, inching towards the corner to curl up.

Soon, Lin Beichen reached her side, swiftly untied the cloth gagging her, then went to untie her ropes.

However, before he could start...

Tang Ru's voice rang out.

"B-bad... bad guy, go away, go away, don't touch Ruru!"

Her childish voice was halting and full of fear, panic, and deep helplessness.

At the same time.

Tang Ru struggled more fiercely.

Seeing this, Lin Beichen was momentarily stunned, then quickly realized—she thought he was a bad guy!

Smiling wryly and shaking his head, he hurriedly explained, "Little friend... oh, no, you're called Ruru, right? Brother isn't a bad guy. Brother chased all the bad guys away. Brother is here to save you."

Before he finished speaking.

Tang Ru stopped struggling, her big, watery eyes staring unblinkingly at Lin Beichen, eyes clear and pure, a puzzled and wary expression on her chubby face, as if saying, "Don't think I'm so small, I'm very clever!" Her little head was trying to judge if Lin Beichen was telling the truth.

Taking the opportunity, Lin Beichen quickly untied her. Seeing her cute and bewildered face, his heart melted instantly.

"Really, brother isn't lying. Brother really is here to save you."

Having said that, nothing happened.

If anything...

Tang Ru became even more guarded.

"..."

Lin Beichen was completely speechless.

At this moment.

His eyes suddenly lit up as he thought of something, quickly extending his hand in front of Tang Ru, hooking his little finger, and smiling, "I can pinky swear with you."

Tang Ru's eyes lit up immediately, her face bursting into a bright expression.

In a child's world.

A pinky swear...

Means everything.

She timidly extended her chubby little hand, also hooked her pinky around Lin Beichen's.

"Pinky swear, no take-backs..."

She recited the little chant in her childish voice.

Tang Ru and Lin Beichen pressed their thumbs together.

Stamped it.

And at that very moment.

Tang Ru burst into tears, her sobs flooding like a dam burst, and she clung to Lin Beichen's arm as if afraid he would disappear.

"Brother, Ruru is scared!"

"Ruru is afraid!"

"The bad people locked Ruru in a dark room."

"Wah wah wah..."

"..."

Lin Beichen was dumbfounded, thinking: A child's emotions are as unpredictable as a June sky, changing in an instant.

"It's okay, it's okay, brother is here."

"Don't cry."

"..."

He comforted her.

Thinking this couldn't continue, he decided to call the police to handle it.

At that moment.

"Click—"

"Click—"

Suddenly, chaotic footsteps and voices grew nearer and clearer, approaching the cave entrance.

"Hurry, hurry, they're just ahead!"

"Everyone, stay together, keep up."

"..."

Hearing this, Lin Beichen's brow instantly furrowed, his heart skipped a beat, thinking: Given those footsteps, there must be dozens of people!

Could it be more associates of the kidnappers?

Feeling the absence of Electric Element in his body...

An overwhelming sense of crisis surged through him!

"What to do?"

"How to handle this?"

"..."

Without hesitating further.

Acting proactively might be his only chance!

Even if...

He didn't know where that chance might come from.

But he knew...

Just sitting idly by...

There would be no chance at all.

"Ruru, it seems more bad people are coming. Can you hold on, not cry or shout? Brother will chase them away, alright?"

"Okay."

In that moment, Tang Ru seemed incredibly well-behaved and understanding. She held back her tears, bit her lip, and nodded earnestly, then softly said, "Brother, you can do it."

With her encouragement.

Lin Beichen felt a sudden wave of calmness.

No longer delaying.

He cautiously moved towards the cave entrance.

However, he hadn't even reached the entrance when, by chance, he glanced outside the cave...

He froze.

Police officers swarmed the area!

They were coming from all directions at the foot of the mountain, converging towards the cave.

Lin Beichen: ???

He hadn't even called the police yet...

How were they already here?

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Originally, the police were almost to this area with their carpet search, when the gunshot fired by Hu Nodun just before his death immediately pinpointed the location for them.

Soon, police swarmed the area around the cave.

Qian Yi led a large group of officers, arriving just meters away from the cave entrance.

At a glance...

They saw two bodies outside the entrance and another lying across the threshold.

"???"

"Electrocuted again?"

They were almost numb to it. Over the past few days, they had lost count of how many electrocuted bodies they had come across while investigating.

This can't be so ridiculous, can it?

Is the probability of being struck by lightning this high nowadays?

Qian Yi and the other officers increasingly felt that the idea of "retribution" seemed to hold some truth.

However, their attention didn't stay on the corpses for long.

There was something even more pressing—

The gunshot!

Where did it come from?

Who fired the shot?

Qian Yi and the others looked toward the cave in unison.

Even though the cave was obscured by weeds.

But...

A body lay right at the entrance, and a dim light emanated from inside.

It was impossible to miss!

"Perhaps..."

"The answer is inside that cave!"

Just as Qian Yi was about to lead the officers into the cave.

Suddenly!

A shadow flickered on the dimly lit cave wall.

At the same time.

"Plop—"

"Plop—"

"..."

Footsteps echoed clearly from the cave.

Qian Yi and the officers: ?!

Someone was in there!

Without anyone giving an order, the well-trained officers raised their guns at the cave entrance.

"Click—"

Amidst the clattering sound of metal being lifted, the shadow on the wall appeared at the entrance.

Lin Beichen felt himself instantly locked in place by numerous guns.

Densely packed gun barrels!

Anyone with a fear of numerous small holes would be paralyzed at this sight!

The black, ominous gun barrels exuded an aura of danger!

Anyone would panic in this situation!

If they fired...

He would be riddled with bullets!

He quickly shouted, "Don't shoot, don't shoot!"

At the same time.

Qian Yi, Wang Kai, and the officers who had met Lin Beichen before recognized him.

"???"

"Lin Beichen???"

"What's he doing here?!"

In that instant, they felt like they were not in some remote woods outside a small village in Beihai Province, but as if they had never left Wuling Mountain.

There was no time to think.

They quickly raised their hands, signaling to the other officers not to shoot.

Immediately after.

Under their lead, the officers cautiously advanced toward the cave entrance with their guns.

Soon, they reached Lin Beichen.

Qian Yi signaled the officers to disperse and search inside the cave and its surroundings, then looked at Wang Kai, indicating he should question Lin Beichen, having had more contact with him.

Wang Kai understood, nodded, then looked at Lin Beichen, frowning as he asked, "Lin Beichen, why are you here?"

"Team Leader Wang, here's the situation."

Lin Beichen pointed at Hu Nodun's corpse at his feet, "These kidnappers abducted my parents, threatening me not to call the police, and making me come to be kidnapped. I didn't want to sit and wait, so I turned the tables, lost their tail, and tracked them here."

"They kidnapped your parents? And wanted to kidnap you too?"

"Yes."

Lin Beichen nodded and speculated, "They might be from a foreign organization, retaliating against me for disrupting their operation last time."

"This..."

Wang Kai looked embarrassed. Lin Beichen had acted bravely, but they hadn't provided adequate protection, leading to retaliation, and they were completely unaware of it.

What a disgrace!

Shameful!

Qian Yi then spoke with a sincere, regretful expression, "Lin Beichen, you guessed right, they are foreign agents. I'm truly sorry we failed to protect you and your family. That was our negligence, our failure, and we deeply apologize."

Then, he glanced at Zheng Xia and Lin Xiangdong, leaning against the cave wall, eyes closed and motionless.

He felt a pang of concern.

He asked hesitantly, "These two are..."

"They are my parents."

Lin Beichen, understanding Qian Yi's concern, explained, "They were just drugged and are still unconscious."

"Phew—"

Qian Yi and the officers let out a sigh of relief. Thank goodness they were unharmed; otherwise, it would have been a grave sin!

But then.

Something dawned on them, and their expressions turned peculiar.

He came to rescue his parents...

And these foreign agents were inexplicably struck by lightning.

What kind of luck is that?

Of course, this wasn't the focus of the officers' attention.

Wang Kai brought the topic back, "Lin Beichen, you heard the gunshot just now, right?"

Seeing Lin Beichen nod.

He continued, "Did you see who fired the shot?"

"It was him."

Lin Beichen pointed again at Hu Nodun's corpse.

Upon hearing this, the officers examined Hu Nodun's body, finding the handgun beneath it.

Wang Kai's eyes lit up, asking again, "Why did he fire?"

Lin Beichen shook the Thunder Tribulation Sword in his hand, "Because when he saw me about to strike, he shot, trying to take me down with him."

"???"

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Looking at the wooden sword in his hand.

The police officers had strange expressions; what kind of lethality could a college student wielding a wooden sword have? How was it worth firing a shot over?

Isn't this foreign organization a bit too timid?

Wang Kai quickly looked Lin Beichen over and asked with concern, "You didn't get hit, did you? Are you hurt?"

"No."

"That's good, that's good."

Wang Kai breathed a sigh of relief, then asked again, "What happened after the gunshot, did the lightning from the sky strike and kill him?"

"No."

"No?"

Wang Kai was momentarily stunned, showing a puzzled expression, and then asked, "Then why did he end up like this?"

"Because of this."

Lin Beichen shook the Thunder Tribulation Sword in his hand once more.

Wang Kai: ?

He didn't understand what Lin Beichen meant.

"What's with the wooden sword? This corpse's cause of death is clearly due to a lightning strike, what does it have to do with the wooden sword?"

"This sword is made from Thunderstruck Wood, so it can also discharge electricity."

Lin Beichen originally wanted to demonstrate, but after exerting all his power to kill Hu Nodun, the electric element in his liver was completely drained and he couldn't demonstrate.

He felt a bit of regret.

But he still said boldly, "I infused Palm Thunder into this sword, turning it into a Thunder Sword, and struck him dead with one slash."

"..."

The group of police officers was at a loss for words. He was answering questions just fine a moment ago, how did he suddenly start talking nonsense?

Was it because he went through all this...

The shock was too much?

They couldn't believe Lin Beichen's words, thinking he might have been mentally unstable due to the shock.

"Alright, Lin Beichen, we've understood. You should rest here for now."

Qian Yi patted Lin Beichen's shoulder.

Originally, he wanted to ask about other things, like what happened to the other two corpses at the scene, whether Lin Beichen had seen the bodies at the bottom of the mountain...

And so on.

There's no need to ask now.

It would be pointless to ask.

He would probably just continue talking gibberish.

It's better to let him rest until he's in a better mental state and capable of normal communication before asking again.

There was a lot of work to be done on-site.

Qian Yi didn't linger with Lin Beichen any longer, and he and the other officers busied themselves with the investigation.

Under Qian Yi's arrangement, the on-site examination was carried out methodically.

Having arranged everything, Qian Yi needed to return to the headquarters to follow up on subsequent work. So he took Lin Beichen and his parents, along with Tang Ru who was found in the cave, back to the Imperial Capital.

Upon arriving at the Imperial Capital.

They split into two groups.

One group took Zheng Xia, Lin Xiangdong, and Tang Ru to the hospital for treatment.

The other group went straight to the Imperial Capital Police Headquarters.

Qian Yi led his officers towards the interrogation room to take Lin Beichen's statement, but midway, an officer intercepted them.

"Captain Qian, let me report on the investigation status on the mountain."

"Okay, go ahead."

"Near the location where the first two corpses were found, another corpse was discovered. There are now six corpses in total found on the mountain."

The officer handed the report to Qian Yi while saying, "Captain Qian, this is the autopsy report sent by the technical department after examining the corpses. Have a look."

"Alright."

Qian Yi picked up the autopsy report and started reading.

At the same time.

The officer began to verbally report the contents of the autopsy report, so that the officers beside Qian Yi who couldn't see the report could still understand the gist.

"The direct cause of death for all six corpses was electrocution."

"However, the degree of electrocution varied among the six corpses."

"Moreover..."

"Three of the corpses were particularly odd."

"One is the newly discovered corpse. In addition to electrocution, there's a penetrating wound at its back. The inside edge of the wound is smooth, likely caused by an extremely sharp weapon. However, no such weapon has been found on the mountain, and the strange thing is... the penetrating wound seems to be the source of the electrocution, which is more severe than the electrocution of the whole body."

"Another strange corpse lies at the cave entrance. It received the most severe electrocution, and the source of the electrocution is a large gash on its chest that spans from shoulder to waist, seemingly caused by a blade."

The reporting officer said up to this point, and Qian Yi had just read up to this same point.

For a moment, Qian Yi and the officers frowned, their expressions somewhat serious, filled with doubt in their eyes.

Unlike the reporting officer.

They clearly heard Lin Beichen's statements at the cave entrance, and now, the contents of the autopsy report made them subconsciously recall Lin Beichen's earlier words.

"Infusing Palm Thunder into the wooden sword..."

"Could the wooden sword turn into a sharp weapon?"

Qian Yi and the other officers didn't know if Palm Thunder existed, nor if it could be infused into a wooden sword, nor if Palm Thunder could make the wooden sword a sharp weapon.

But they knew...

If all these were true.

Then everything strange in the autopsy report would make perfect sense.

"But..."

"Could it be true?"

Before they could think any further.

The reporting officer continued giving his account, and Qian Yi continued reading subconsciously.

"The last strange corpse was still at the cave entrance. It had the source of electrocution at its wrist, and its wrist bones had melted into bone pearl particles, forming a contour that somewhat resembled a palm outline."

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"?????"

Qian Yi and the other police officers instantly furrowed their brows, their expressions growing increasingly grave, and the confusion in their eyes had turned into astonishment.

Handprint?

Could it be...

At that instant.

The sudden emerging thought, coupled with the current idea.

In collision...

They involuntarily wanted to believe everything Lin Beichen said.

But in the next moment.

They shook their heads internally, nonsense!

How could this be possible?

Qian Yi finished reading the autopsy report, then patted the shoulder of the officer who had just finished reporting, saying, "Okay, I know. Keep me updated if you find anything new."

"Yes!"

The reporting officer saluted.

Qian Yi nodded and then led the other officers to the interrogation room where Lin Beichen was.

At this moment, the interrogation room.

Only Lin Beichen was there, sitting alone a few meters away from the long table.

Qian Yi apologized, "Sorry, Lin Beichen, for keeping you waiting."

As he spoke, several people took their seats around the long table.

Qian Yi got straight to the point, "Lin Beichen, six bodies have been found on the mountain. Apart from the three near the cave, do you know the other three? Did you see them when you were on the mountain?"

As he spoke, he started to pull out photos from the autopsy report to show Lin Beichen.

However, before he could finish.

Lin Beichen nodded and said, "No need to bother finding them. I know the three bodies you're talking about. I've seen them."

In his mind, he thought, how could I not have seen those I killed?

Qian Yi:?

He looked at Lin Beichen in shock, instinctively asking, "You knew which three bodies I was talking about before even looking?"

"These three bodies were found a little above the halfway point of the mountain; two of them were electrocuted to death, one old and one young. The other was electrocuted but also had a penetrating wound at the back," Lin Beichen said, smiling at Qian Yi, "Qian Yi, you must be referring to these three bodies, right?"

"???"

Not only Qian Yi, but the other police officers were also stunned. He really knew, and so detailed!

Qian Yi asked, "Were these three bodies dead before you saw them?"

"No," Lin Beichen shook his head, "Actually, when I saw them, they were alive."

"Then how do you know their cause of death?"

"Because I killed them," Lin Beichen confessed.

Qian Yi and the police:???

Is he still unstable mentally?

They instinctively thought Lin Beichen was having another episode, but on second thought, he had no reason to know the detailed conditions of those three bodies!

Qian Yi pulled out the photo of Alek's body and asked, "You say you killed him. How did you do it?"

"He was the one I mentioned earlier who was stalking me and then got counter-stalked," Lin Beichen explained, "When we reached the village, I couldn't track him further as there were no conditions to do so in the village. I directly chose to control him and made him take me to their hideout to find my parents. When he saw his accomplices, he tried to make a move and expose me, but I had anticipated it and used the Wooden Sword to stab him in the back."

"Used the Wooden Sword to stab?"

Qian Yi shook his head, "The autopsy report clearly states that the penetrating wound was made by a sharp object. I've seen your Wooden Sword; it can't be classified as a sharp object."

"On the mountain, didn't I tell you I used Palm Thunder to infuse the sword, forming a Thunder Sword, thus making it a sharp object," Lin Beichen pointed to the photo of Hu Nodun's body in Qian Yi's other hand, "This shoulder-to-waist wound was also made with the Thunder Sword."

Upon hearing his explanation.

Qian Yi and the police officers felt a jolt in their hearts.

The thought that had occurred when they first saw the autopsy report resurfaced.

What Lin Beichen said...

Matched their initial thoughts!

"Lin Beichen hasn't seen the autopsy report, so he wouldn't know that the shoulder-to-waist wound was also caused by a sharp object."

"But..."

"He actively linked the two together?"

They felt something indescribably strange.

At this moment, Lin Beichen continued, "Qian Yi, the other two bodies you mentioned among the three were his accomplices who saw me coming. He tried to expose me to them. I knew they were undercover sentinels..."

As he spoke.

Without waiting for Qian Yi and the others to ask, he detailed the entire process of rescuing his parents on the mountain and how he killed the others.

Perhaps because Lin Beichen's explanation matched their first impression of the autopsy report.

For a moment, no one interrupted his narrative.

And what he said was incredibly detailed!

Moreover...

Because he described real events with no logical flaws.

It explained many points in the autopsy report.

The more they listened...

The more they wavered!

Wavering faith!

"Really?"

"Could everything he said be true?"

But this wavering lasted only a moment.

Palm Thunder, using a sword to command thunder...

It's simply too far-fetched.

Not just them.

Even a normal person would find it hard to believe without witnessing it firsthand.

They seemed embarrassed and ashamed by their momentary wavering of faith.

Qian Yi felt deeply frustrated.

His expression turned serious, his face somber, and his tone harsh as he reprimanded Lin Beichen, "Lin Beichen, stop talking nonsense..."

"Watch closely."

Lin Beichen suddenly interrupted Qian Yi.

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He could tell that they still didn't believe him. Over such a long period of time, the electric elements in his liver had fully recovered.

It was time to prove himself.

Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to get away.

The police, including Qian Yi, were already watching Lin Beichen. They saw him just open his hands, making no other movements, which made their expressions even more serious and their brows furrow more deeply.

"What are you looking at..."

"Da da da—!!"

Qian Yi had not even finished his sentence when a sudden crackling sound interrupted him.

!!!!

Under the incredulous gazes of Qian Yi and the other police officers.

Two blue and white light balls suddenly appeared in Lin Beichen's open hands.

Upon closer inspection...

Blue and white electric arcs were jumping and twisting within the light balls!

Dazzling, bright!

Mesmerizing!

Even though Qian Yi and the other officers were the best of the department, with extremely strong psychological qualities, they all shot up from their chairs, their eyes widened, and their mouths gaped wide enough to fit their fists, their faces full of disbelief, their minds completely blank.

At this moment, Lin Beichen's voice reached their ears.

"This is Palm Thunder."

Lin Beichen gave a faint smile and then continued, "The only reason I can't show you the Thunder Sword is that my sword has been temporarily confiscated."

As the words fell, the officers realized in a daze, some even instinctively wanting to reach out and touch, but Lin Beichen interrupted in a stern voice, "Don't touch. The environment here is not suitable for such a demonstration."

After speaking, he withdrew the Palm Thunder and looked at the dumbfounded police, asking softly, "Do you believe me now?"

As the thunderballs disappeared.

The police, including Qian Yi, gradually came to their senses.

...

No one answered Lin Beichen's question.

But their entire demeanor spoke volumes.

Do they believe? Remove the question mark! They believe!

Displayed right in front of their eyes...

What reason was there not to believe?

They had no choice but to believe!

Their understanding had received an unprecedented shock, demolishing the home built by their previous knowledge into ruins and simultaneously building a new structure on the debris.

And the name of this new structure...

It was called "Spell"!

The spell!

At that moment, the trending topics on the internet flashed through their minds suddenly.

Things like channeling the power of heaven and earth by one's own strength.

Things like cultivation and immortality.

This wasn't some impractical superstition.

It was real!

All of it was real!

Lin Beichen could really do it!

At this moment, they could imagine the power of Lin Beichen wielding thunder with a wooden sword!

And they understood...

Those members of the foreign organization who shot at Lin Beichen were not simply timid.

They were probably scared out of their wits!

"Those previous cases..."

Such as the deaths of the human trafficking gang led by Zou Huaide, and the deaths of those foreign organization members in the mountains...

One scene after another flashed through their minds like a slideshow.

Wang Kai, who was sitting next to Qian Yi, had been following the series of cases from beginning to end, and he couldn't help but ask, "Lin... Lin Beichen, was Li Youquan's death...?"

"I killed him too," Lin Beichen said calmly. "At that time, if I hadn't acted, he would have taken the child and run out of the park to be picked up by his accomplices. I had no choice but to intervene. Moreover, during that time, he wanted to stab me, so I killed him in self-defense."

"And those human traffickers on Wuling Mountain...?"

"I didn't specifically intend to kill them. When I was in the mountains, I didn't even know they were looking for me. It was probably during my research on Thunder Skill that I accidentally affected them and ended up killing them by mistake."

As the police, including Qian Yi, listened to this question and answer, recalling the oddities they had noticed during previous investigations, everything now made sense...

Nothing was strange anymore.

Everything was clear and understandable.

No thunders from the sky, no retribution for doing too many bad deeds, no coincidences. It was all Lin Beichen!

He had solved those problems!

No wonder the thunderstrike wound on Li Youquan's body bore the shape of a palm—it was man-made!

"But..."

"How should we treat Lin Beichen?"

This question almost simultaneously floated through the minds of Qian Yi and the other officers.

It wasn't because Lin Beichen had killed many people—all of whom were criminals and deserved their fate. Lin Beichen's acts leaned more toward self-defense.

It was about him as an individual.

The fact he could control thunder...

Made the killings seem insignificant!

They couldn't help but look at each other again.

Their eyes were full of confusion.

"What should we do?"

Qian Yi and the other officers had no idea.

Soon, they realized...

They had no idea because the matter was already beyond their ability to handle.

This wasn't just about a case anymore; it was about a person.

Lin Beichen!

It needed to be reported to the higher-ups!

Qian Yi looked at Lin Beichen again.

In the moments that had just passed, he hadn't been looking at Lin Beichen, not knowing how to face him, even feeling an inexplicable sense of awe.

"Lin Beichen..."

"Officer Qian, do you believe me now?"

"Yes, I believe you," Qian Yi nodded repeatedly, then politely said, "I have some matters to handle first, please wait here for a moment."

He didn't know why he felt the need to inform Lin Beichen. He was a police officer and Lin Beichen was the one being questioned—he could come and go from the interrogation room as he pleased.

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But inexplicably...

It feels inappropriate not to say it.

Like I'm making a mistake!

"It's okay."

Lin Beichen knew that he was just being polite; he couldn't really disagree.

Qian Yi didn't dare delay even for a second. He immediately walked out of the interrogation room, then went to the monitoring room, copied the surveillance footage of the interrogation room and recorded it on his phone, and then arrived at the office of the captain of the Criminal Investigation Unit, Li Kaoming.

When Li Kaoming saw him coming, he asked, "Qian, do you need something?"

"Captain, it's a big deal!"

Qian Yi, with a anxious and serious expression, placed the copied video USB drive on the table, then fiddled with his phone, asking in a deep voice, "Do you believe that someone in this world can control thunder, perform Palm Thunder, and use a sword to command thunder?"

"?"

Li Kaoming was dumbfounded. What happened to this team captain of his? Is he sick? Did he lose his mind? Why is he suddenly talking nonsense?

Is there any need to ask such a question?

Isn't this just nonsense?

He looked at Qian Yi with a worried expression, softly saying, "Qian, is the recent case with the foreign organization too difficult? Are you under too much pressure? How about I give you a few days off to rest at home?"

"Captain, I know you don't believe it."

Qian Yi didn't expect Li Kaoming to believe him either. Just then, he brought up the interrogation room surveillance video, and directly placed his phone in front of Li Kaoming: "But, take a look at this."

Li Kaoming subconsciously looked at the phone while listening to Qian Yi continue, "I didn't believe it either, but he really did it right in front of my eyes. Everything I said is true."

Upon hearing this, under his watchful gaze.

The surveillance video showed Lin Beichen spreading his hands, with two balls of thunder suddenly appearing in his palms.

"?!?!"

Li Kaoming trembled all over, his sight completely attracted by the two thunderballs, unable to look away. His expression was no better than Qian Yi's when he saw this on site.

What the hell did I just watch?!

If the scene in the video wasn't in the headquarters' interrogation room, and if Qian Yi weren't there to testify and explain,

even if he saw the video with his own eyes...

he would still suspect that the content inside was synthesized with technology!

"..."

Silence.

The captain's office was so quiet you could hear a pin drop.

After a while, Li Kaoming gradually collected himself, laboriously moving his gaze from the video to look at Qian Yi, confirming, "Is this video real?"

"It's real!"

"You saw it with your own eyes?"

"I saw it with my own eyes!"

"Is there any possibility of tricks?"

"No possibility at all!"

Qian Yi tirelessly answered his questions. He understood perfectly Li Kaoming's current mental state. Wasn't he doubting himself just now too?

Li Kaoming: ...

He fell silent again.

Not knowing what to say.

After a long time.

Li Kaoming managed to pull himself together, asking again, "Who is he?"

"Lin Beichen."

Qian Yi went on to give a brief introduction of Lin Beichen's identity and background, then quickly asked, "Captain, he's still in the interrogation room. What should we do?"

"This matter is beyond my decision-making scope."

Li Kaoming shook his head. After thinking for a moment, he picked up the USB drive on the table and continued, "Qian, first get someone to move Lin Beichen to the lounge. Sitting in the interrogation room is not appropriate. Then quickly organize Lin Beichen's information. I'm going to report to the director. Only the director can make a decision on this."

"Yes, sir!"

Qian Yi knew what he had to do. He saluted, then quickly carried out his instructions.

Shortly, Lin Beichen's dossier was delivered to Li Kaoming's desk.

Without any delay,

Li Kaoming took the USB drive and Lin Beichen's dossier to see the director.

The director of the Imperial Capital Police Headquarters, Zheng Guoliang, was over sixty years old, with mostly gray hair, slightly overweight, but with an imposing presence that could exert a strong sense of oppression.

After a few simple exchanges,

Li Kaoming inserted the USB drive into the computer, played the video for Zheng Guoliang, and placed Lin Beichen's dossier in front of him.

When Lin Beichen's palms suddenly produced thunderballs,

even the director couldn't help but widen his eyes in shock, completely incredulous.

"Someone can control thunder?"

"Is this a superpower?!"

Yet, as the director of the headquarters,

having faced numerous significant events,

his psychological resilience was far stronger than ordinary people's.

He quickly gathered himself, turned to look at Li Kaoming, and pointed to the screen, asking, "Is all this real?"

"It's real."

Li Kaoming eagerly nodded, saying, "Yes, director, the dossier beside you is about him. His name is Lin Beichen. He's now in our lounge. What should we do?"

"What should we do?"

Zheng Guoliang smiled wryly and shook his head.

The different levels of authority naturally came with different perspectives on problems.

Being able to control thunder...

This kind of person has appeared.

It's beyond the decision-making scope of an individual or a local police department. This matter has risen to the national level!

There was no hesitation.

He immediately ordered, "Seal off the information. Anyone who knows about this or is related to this matter must sign a confidentiality agreement immediately!"

"Yes, sir!"

Li Kaoming saluted, then asked, "And Lin Beichen..."

Zheng Guoliang had already picked up the desk phone, dialing while saying, "As for Lin Beichen, we'll decide after I report this."

The director also needs to report?

Li Kaoming was stunned. If the director needs to report, then who...

He realized,

this issue has already risen to the national level?!

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Li Kaoming saluted again and tactfully left.

After he left the office.

The moment the door closed.

The phone call Zheng Guoliang had dialed out was just answered.

Zheng Guoliang hurriedly greeted, "Leader."

"Ah, Xiao Zheng."

An elderly but hearty laugh soon followed.

On the other end of the call was an old man.

This old man was nearly seventy, not tall, lean, and spry, his graying hair meticulously combed back.

If one often watched the news about the Grand Princess, they would frequently see him.

He was none other than the director of Great Xia's Police Investigation Bureau, Meng Hongjian!

The Police Investigation Bureau is a command department within the police force, one of Great Xia's three departments and six provinces.

Zheng Guoliang knew he hated people who were long-winded and spoke indirectly, so he got straight to the point, "Leader, I have something to report to you."

"Oh?"

Meng Hongjian's brow furrowed slightly as he said, "For you to call me directly, this matter must not be simple. Go ahead."

"Yes."

Prior to making the call, Zheng Guoliang had already organized his words and directly reported, "Just now, in our bureau, we discovered an extraordinary person, someone who can...control lightning."

"What?"

Being the leader of Great Xia's Police Investigation Bureau, Meng Hongjian had strong psychological endurance, but even he raised an eyebrow in surprise upon hearing this, and confirmed, "Control lightning?"

"Yes."

"Are you certain?"

"Yes, we are certain."

While speaking, Zheng Guoliang had already sent the surveillance footage and Lin Beichen's information to Meng Hongjian and said, "Leader, I have just sent you the relevant information."

"Alright, let me take a look."

Meng Hongjian quickly received the information.

From his movements, it was clear...

His heart was far from as calm as his expression.

Without any hesitation.

Meng Hongjian opened the surveillance video and watched it carefully and attentively.

Under his watchful eyes.

Very soon, the video showed Lin Beichen spreading his hands, and suddenly, two balls of lightning appeared.

"?!"

Although he had just heard Zheng Guoliang's report and was mentally prepared, the visual impact of witnessing this scene firsthand left Meng Hongjian visibly shocked.

Even someone as experienced as the leader of the Police Investigation Bureau had never encountered anything like this before.

"It really is!"

"Someone can actually control lightning!"

Meng Hongjian quickly regained his composure.

After the initial shock, he only felt one thing: extreme seriousness!

The matter required utmost attention!

This...absolutely constituted a state secret!

"Zheng Guoliang."

No longer addressing him as Xiao Zheng, Meng Hongjian's tone became exceptionally serious, commanding, "This matter is of great importance. Immediately lockdown and encrypt the relevant videos and documents. Not a word is to leave your police station. Anyone who dares to leak even a single word will be treated as having disclosed state secrets. Is that clear?"

"Yes!"

Lockdown and encryption are reserved for state secrets.

Before he reported, Zheng Guoliang already anticipated that this matter would become a state secret, which is why he ordered the signing of confidentiality agreements.

He wasn't surprised at all by Meng Hongjian's instructions.

"Leader, what level of encryption...?"

"The highest level!"

Without any hesitation.

Meng Hongjian gave his answer.

Upon hearing his response.

Zheng Guoliang's heart skipped a beat.

There are differences even among state secrets. The highest level of encryption for state secrets hadn't been used in ages.

He immediately thought of additional measures to enhance confidentiality.

"Leader, what should I do about the key figure in this matter, Lin Beichen?"

"This matter isn't suitable for our Police Investigation Bureau to handle alone."

Already having made up his mind, Meng Hongjian said, "I will contact the Security Bureau for further instructions and let you know. For now, your primary task is to carry out my previous orders."

The Security Bureau?!

Zheng Guoliang was startled.

The Security Bureau is a relatively unique department in Great Xia, not under the police or military system—an independent entity responsible for the nation's security.

He thought that reporting to his direct superior would be the final step.

But unexpectedly...

It required contact with such a special department!

He thought: No wonder it's the highest level of state secret, the implications are extensive!

"Understood, leader."

Zheng Guoliang did not dare to ask further questions; he knew this was beyond his level. After ending the call, he immediately strengthened confidentiality measures, locked down and encrypted all related information, and reported back to Meng Hongjian.

Upon receiving his update.

Without delay.

Meng Hongjian immediately dialed the Security Bureau: "Hello, this is Meng Hongjian. Please connect me to your director."

...

Meanwhile.

At the Security Bureau, in a conference room.

A dozen people sat around a long oval conference table.

The man at the head of the table appeared to be in his sixties, his physique well-proportioned, and his sharp, piercing eyes were strikingly incongruent with his kind face.

He was the director of the Security Bureau, Song Xiangdong.

And seated on either side of him...

Were the rest of the leadership of the Security Bureau.

"Recently, we need to pay special attention to that small island in the East Sea Territory. I've received some reliable information that the Divine Light Country has been making some covert moves lately, and I have a feeling they're losing patience."

"On my end, I've noticed that the drug lords in Snake Eye Province have been acting up recently, seeming to have malicious intentions, possibly trying to extend their reach into Great Xia, opening our market."

"Atlantis has also been restless lately, constantly trying to provoke conflicts between Shiguang Country and Xinmai Country with Great Xia. Reliable sources indicate that under Atlantis's intervention, Shiguang Country and Xinmai Country are planning something against Great Xia, though what it is remains uncertain. I will continue to monitor the situation."