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Suddenly, the shadow seemed to raise its arm.

Almost at the same time, a tree broke in two, right in the direction the arm was raised!

"???"

The tourists were dumbfounded.

They all knew that a mirage is just a phenomenon where the scene from another space is projected into the sky through the reflection and refraction of light.

In other words, everything inside the mirage is actually happening in reality.

"Did I just see things? How did that tree fall with just a raise of a hand?"

"I saw it too, it seemed like that!"

"What's going on here?"

"Who the hell is this person inside the mirage? Could he be one of those legendary martial arts masters who knows Qi Gong?"

"Is it possible, just saying, that he's practicing magic there?"

"No, can someone tell me exactly where this mirage scene is taking place? I want to go there and see it for myself!"

"I think it might be scenes from another dimension, maybe in that dimension, such phenomena are quite common?"

"Knocking down a tree with a hand gesture? How's that even possible?"

"The mirage's AV quality is so poor, crucial details must have been missed in the projection, which is why we see such absurd scenes."

"..."

The scenic area exploded in chatter.

The tourists were saying all sorts of things.

The place was buzzing with activity!

And the center of their discussion, the actual location of the mirage scene, was the third special region that Lin Beichen had found.

At this moment, within the special region.

Lin Beichen was sitting cross-legged, staring at his palm, his face full of excitement and disbelief.

Not far in front of him.

A dead tree was broken in half mid-trunk, and upon closer inspection of the section, traces of lightning strikes could be seen.

"Suc... Successful?!"

"I did it!"

Just now, after continuous cultivation, Lin Beichen suddenly discovered that through constant tempering, his liver was fully fortified with Electric Element's "electricity". In other words, his liver had been entirely enhanced by the Electric Element.

Suddenly!

An enlightenment emerged in his mind.

Though he couldn't fully grasp the sudden revelation, he understood what he needed to do next.

Discharge electricity from his palm!

"Dada, dada, dada—"

With a series of crackling sounds, blue and white arcs of electricity appeared.

But this time...

The blue and white arcs this time didn't just cover the palm; they accumulated above the palm, forming a ball— a Thunderball!

The Thunderball glimmered with a captivating blue light.

It was perfectly round but not smooth on the surface, with arcs extending outward continuously, like octopus tentacles.

One could clearly see the slender arcs of electricity suspended within, not intersecting but repelling each other, writhing incessantly, generating heart-pounding energy with every twist.

The sudden appearance of the Thunderball left him stunned.

While discharging electricity from his palm, he sensed that this discharge was different from previous ones, not just in the manner but also in the magnitude, the differences beyond his expectations.

As he was in a daze.

The earlier enlightenment seemed to urge him, urging him to throw the Thunderball.

Without any prior experience, he instinctively knew how to do it; he raised his hand and the Thunderball shot out, wrapped in electric arcs, hitting the ancient tree in front of him, instantly splitting it apart!

"Is this the true Palm Thunder?"

Lin Beichen stared at his palm in a daze, his heart filled with joy, not expecting that on the first day at Wuling Mountain, he successfully turned palm electricity into Palm Thunder!

If he encountered any human traffickers abducting children again, he wouldn't have to struggle as before, getting close to electrify them. Instead, he could just throw a Thunderball to end it all.

And right then.

Suddenly!

A feeling of emptiness emerged from his liver.

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Lin Beichen immediately checked his liver, only to find it almost empty, with hardly any Electric Element present.

He was baffled; he hadn't mobilized much Electric Element just now, so where did all the Electric Element go?

Where did the Electric Element go?

Lin Beichen pondered.

Soon, he noticed the crux of the issue, that throwing a Thunderball also consumed massive amounts of Electric Element.

However, the consumed Electric Element didn't just serve to propel the Thunderball.

He recalled the moment the Thunderball left his palm, its power surged dramatically, far exceeding its power when contained in his hand.

Understood...

The consumed Electric Element also amplified the Thunderball's power!

"With my current strength..."

"I can't release Palm Thunder willy-nilly."

"A single Palm Thunder is almost my full-force strike."

Lin Beichen knew that to unleash Palm Thunder freely, he would have to continue cultivation, further temper his liver to accommodate more Electric Element, thereby continuously propelling the Thunderball from his hand.

"Now..."

"I need to replenish the Electric Element in my liver first."

The constant feeling of emptiness from his liver made him very uncomfortable.

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As for figuring out the various issues in the special area...

Wait until the electric element in the liver is replenished.

Research it while continuing to temper the liver!

And as he re-entered the state of cultivation,

the figure in the mirage also returned to tranquility, like an old monk in meditation.

"Why did he stop moving again?"

"What's going on, what is this person doing there?"

"Keep raising your hand, let me see if another tree can fall so I can find a flaw."

"..."

The discussions not only came from the Wuling Mountain Scenic Area but also from the surroundings of Wuling Mountain. Many residents around Wuling Mountain gradually saw the mirage hanging over the summit of Wuling Mountain.

They felt it was magical.

Some even drove directly towards Wuling Mountain, while others took out their phones to film and posted on their social media and TikTok.

However, as they were posting,

the mirage had already gone viral on Weibo and TikTok.

Almost the same topic appeared on the hot lists of both platforms—

#Mirage appeared at Wuling Mountain#

Clicking into the topic,

you would see videos posted by various personal accounts.

The content naturally was the mirage above the summit of Wuling Mountain.

It wasn't hard to see from the shooting angles...

The shooters were either tourists from the scenic area or residents around Wuling Mountain.

But none of the videos showed an angle from deep within Wuling Mountain.

The full scene of the mirage from its appearance was captured from all around.

And as the topic #Mirage appeared at Wuling Mountain# continued to gain traction,

more and more netizens clicked into the topic to find out what was happening at Wuling Mountain.

In this age of rapid information dissemination,

news spread like wildfire...

In the blink of an eye,

almost every internet user knew about it!

"Damn, a mirage appeared at Wuling Mountain today? I'm so bummed, I was planning to go today, but I checked the weather forecast and saw thunderstorms for the next few days, so I canceled my plans, I'm crying!!"

"Can anyone from all over tell me where the scene in the mirage is?"

"Are there any experts who can analyze through optics or science where this mirage probably projected from?"

"Guys, I think this isn't a mirage, it's a scene from another dimension overlapping with ours, I told the people at the scenic area but they don't believe me, let's get this to the top!!"

"I'm so curious, who exactly is that person in the mirage?"

"Is there anyone willing to 'confess' so I can see who is so lucky to appear in the mirage."

"I wonder if this person will become famous inadvertently."

"This person is going to be famous, as soon as someone confirms that the figure in the mirage is them, they'll become a phenomenal IP, streaming and selling stuff, earning big time!"

"Anyone got an expert analysis on how this person can raise their hand and make a tree fall?"

"Do you believe someone can make a tree fall with a hand gesture or that I'm Ultraman Tiga?"

"The entrance of this silhouette is too shocking, golden light shining on the head, sprinkling gold dust, in ancient times full of superstition, this would be an immortal manifestation for sure!"

"I've seen people say this mirage is actually a spatial dimension disorder, and I think that's very likely, scenes that seem supernatural to us may be normal in other spatial dimensions?"

"Are there any brothers on-site who can tell if the mirage is still there, is it still worth heading towards Wuling Mountain now?"

"..."

The comment sections of every video on the topic were flooded, each with 999+ comments!

Various questions appeared in the comments.

There were all sorts of opinions.

But...

The comment sections seemed full of questions.

No answers.

Chapter 93: It's Him, Lin Beichen!

Imperial Capital University, Dorm 207.

Han Yuan, who was browsing on his phone while lying in bed, suddenly jumped up with a face that looked like he discovered the New Continent, and shouted, "Old Wu, Old Liang, come and look at this!"

He handed his phone to Wu You and Liang Dong, who approached curiously.

A video was playing on the phone.

And the content of the video...

In the mirage, a figure suddenly raised its arm, and then a tree fell nearby.

"Is this a mirage?"

Liang Dong was a little surprised.

Han Yuan nodded and said, "Yes, it's a mirage. A mirage appeared in the sky above the summit of Wuling Mountain, and it's already spreading on the internet."

While speaking, he pointed to the figure in the mirage and asked, "Don't you think this figure looks a bit like Beichen?"

"Beichen?"

Liang Dong and Wu You were stunned for a moment. They looked at the figure carefully, and to be honest, it really did look quite similar!

Then, Wu You shook his head and smiled, "It does look somewhat like him, but you don't seriously think it's Beichen, do you? Beichen doesn't have the power to make a tree fall with a wave of his hand."

"Moreover..."

Liang Dong picked up the conversation, shaking his head with a helpless smile, "Although the mirage appeared in the sky above Wuling Mountain's summit, it doesn't mean it's depicting Wuling Mountain. Usually, the location where a mirage appears is thousands of miles away from the actual place. Even if Beichen went to Wuling Mountain, it's even less likely that he's the figure in the mirage."

"Well..."

After hearing their arguments, Han Yuan immediately felt less confident. Could it be that he was overthinking?

But despite this.

He still had a mysterious feeling...

That this figure was his roommate.

"Let's ask Beichen when he comes back."

Han Yuan was stubborn.

However, his words reminded everyone of one thing — Lin Beichen still hadn't been contacted!

Liang Dong picked up his phone and dialed Lin Beichen.

"Sorry, the number you dialed is temporarily unreachable. Please try again later..."

Listening to the familiar prompt.

He hung up the phone.

With furrowed brows, he looked at his two roommates, his face full of worry, "Still can't reach Beichen. The counselor's tone when asking if we could reach Beichen... It sounded off. I hope Beichen hasn't gotten into any trouble."

Han Yuan and Wu You didn't say anything, but their worried expressions said it all, hoping everything was fine!

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Wuling Mountain Police Station, interrogation room.

Xiao Peng and Wang Kai sat at the table, a small lamp illuminating the dim room.

A few meters away from them.

Sun Chao sat in a single chair, fixed to his seat by a small table and handcuffs.

Although the mirage above Wuling Mountain's summit hadn't disappeared yet.

But...

Xiao Peng and the other officers knew they weren't here for sightseeing but for a mission.

So, they didn't stay long at Wuling Mountain.

They controlled Sun Chao and the other three and began their descent.

Zou Huaide, due to his severe injuries, was taken directly to the hospital for treatment on the way back, while Sun Chao and the others were brought back.

No time was given for rest or buffering.

Xiao Peng and Wang Kai decided to begin formal interrogation immediately.

"Name!"

"Sun Chao."

"Gender!"

"Male."

"Sun Chao, according to our investigation, you're different from Zou Huaide and the others. They're involved in murder cases and won't escape punishment whether they cooperate or not. But you don't have a criminal record. If you actively cooperate and answer our questions, you might get a lighter sentence. Understand?"

"I understand."

Sun Chao nodded. He had already figured out on the way back to the station that honesty would lead to leniency!

Wang Kai didn't beat around the bush and directly asked, "How many people are in your gang altogether?"

After all, this case belonged to the Xianmen Police Station, and Xiao Peng and the Wuling Mountain Police Station were only assisting. He had to lead the interrogation.

"Including me, there are seventeen people in total."

"So, besides Li Youquan, who died earlier, the people on Wuling Mountain are all from your gang? No other accomplices still at large?"

"Yes, none at large."

"When did your gang start trafficking children? How many cases have you committed during this time? In other words, how many children have you trafficked in total?"

"About a year ago."

Sun Chao estimated a time, then added with certainty, "We trafficked six children in total."

"Bang—!"

Wang Kai slammed the table forcefully and shouted angrily, "Sun Chao, don't play games with me. Lying about your case count won't do you any good!"

A gang of nearly twenty people...

Only six children trafficked in a year?

That's hardly believable.

He didn't believe this human trafficking gang committed just six cases, thinking Sun Chao was trying to lessen his sentence by minimizing the count.

"Officer, I'm not lying."

Sun Chao wanted to gesture but the heavy clank reminded him of his handcuffs.

Sun Chao hurriedly explained, "We didn't just randomly scout and abduct children. The boss gave us a list. The children on the list were from all over Huaxia. We had to find them ourselves. This process was lengthy, not to mention scouting and planning the operation. It took about two months to abduct one child."

List?

Boss?

Wang Kai immediately caught these keywords and frowned, asking, "List? How were the children on the list determined? Why choose them? Boss? Your gang has a superior?"

"I don't know how the children on the list were determined. Maybe only the boss knows."

Sun Chao shook his head helplessly and continued, "The boss isn't really our superior but our buyer, our only buyer. We sold the abducted children to the boss. Each child fetched a high price, so even with all the boss's requirements, we didn't mind."

Only buyer?

Wang Kai suddenly thought of something and asked, "So, this boss is a foreigner?"

"Yes, a foreigner who speaks Huaxia."

"What's he look like?"

"I don't know."

Sun Chao shook his head again, saying, "I've never seen the boss. He always communicated with us via specialized satellite phone. When we traded the abducted children, it was always the boss's subordinates who did it."

After listening to his confession.

Wang Kai and Xiao Peng unconsciously looked at each other, eyes filled with solemnity and confusion.

What a tightly organized setup!

They realized that this so-called "boss" and his foreign organization were not simple.

Such a tightly knit organization...

Why list these children and control a trafficking gang to abduct them?

What drew this foreign organization to these children?

What did this organization want?

At this moment, Wang Kai and Xiao Peng felt a vast web closing in on them, suffocating and alarming!

Xiao Peng solemnly said, "It seems that this foreign organization needs to be the focus of investigation!"

"Indeed."

Wang Kai's eyes sparkled as he analyzed, "Regarding the 'boss,' we can approach from two angles: First, after Zou Huaide's wounds are treated, interrogate him for more information about the 'boss,' maybe even a description. Second, follow up on the foreign individuals who contacted Zou Huaide and Li Wangxin, using them as a starting point to track down and dismantle this foreign organization, rescuing the abducted children!"

Xiao Peng nodded repeatedly, indicating strong agreement with Wang Kai's views. He then said, "I'll check on Zou Huaide's treatment status to expedite his interrogation."

"I'll re-examine the foreign individuals who contacted Zou Huaide and Li Wangxin to verify their identities."

After speaking, Wang Kai turned towards Sun Chao, who was not far away, saying, "It looks like he's confessed almost everything. The only thing left is the list of children's names."

Pausing briefly, he deliberated before continuing, "Officer Xiao, let's have someone come and watch him, making him write down the children's names from the list. Then we can discreetly protect them. If the 'boss' knows his gang was taken down, given his emphasis on these children, he'd surely send someone after them again. We can also observe these children to see what draws this foreign organization."

"Alright."

Xiao Peng nodded, then stood up with Wang Kai.

They had been speaking in low voices.

Sun Chao didn't hear their exact words but understood they were about to leave from their actions.

Why are they leaving now?!

That's not right.

He had a bellyful of words about Lin Beichen, waiting to be asked so he could spill everything out.

"Hey, officers, are you done with the questions?"

"Do you have anything else to confess voluntarily?"

Seeing the two sit back down, Sun Chao hurriedly said, "Lin Beichen!"

"Lin Beichen?"

"Yes, him. Don't you want to ask about him?"

Without waiting for Wang Kai and Xiao Peng to ask, Sun Chao began spilling everything, "Officers, Zou wasn't making things up on the mountain, and neither was I. Look how cooperative I am; I wouldn't lie now. Lin Beichen isn't an ordinary student; he's a master, a true master!"

Recalling the past.

Horrific memories surged back.

He couldn't help but tremble but insisted, "Remember when you asked me about the pit? I saw Lin Beichen sitting there when I went up the mountain. He was meditating, identical to the figure in the mirage! And I saw lightning strike him, leaving him unscathed! Later, when we sought revenge, he was gone, but suddenly lightning killed Zhong Bai. As we pursued him, more lightning followed, killing sixteen out of seventeen, leaving just four and Li Youquan. He's maliciously involved..."

Listening to Sun Chao's tearful recount.

Wang Kai and Xiao Peng felt uneasy. Sun Chao's cooperation suggested he was sincere, not fabricating to frame Lin Beichen. It wouldn't make sense given his willingness to cooperate.

"Li Youquan was simply unlucky, struck by lightning while escaping?"

"And the human traffickers on the mountain..."

"Also as unlucky as Li Youquan?"

"Lin Beichen attracts lightning?"

"How could they all be precisely hit by lightning?"

"How could they be so unlucky?"

These incidents... The more they pondered, the more puzzling it seemed!

And Lin Beichen... The more they thought, the more mysterious he seemed!

At that moment, a thought crossed their minds—

Could there be more to this?

Chapter 94: Beyond Transformation, Return to School, Sensation

The time has passed to the next day.

Deep within Wuling Mountain.

The thunderstorm that had paused for a half-day resumed.

The rain poured like a waterfall, electric flash and Lei Ming.

Lin Beichen sat cross-legged on the clearing of the third special area he found yesterday, cultivating while searching for answers to yesterday's questions.

Right at this moment.

"Da-da-da—"

With a crackling sound, the Thunderball appeared once again in his hand.

Without a single pause.

He gently raised his arm.

Instantly!

The Thunderball in his hand turned into a ghostly blue stream of light, tearing through the rain curtain, until it bloomed bright light on a withered tree.

"Ka-cha—!"

A crisp sound came from within the light.

As the light dissipated, the withered tree broke and fell with a crash.

"Bang—"

Lin Beichen nodded with satisfaction at the sight.

After continuous effort, he had completely mastered how to throw the Thunderball, thereby reducing unnecessary consumption significantly.

He could now unleash Palm Thunder of the same power with fewer Electric Elements.

Just at this time.

"Boom-boom-boom—!!"

Deep, rumbling thunder like war drums came rolling from the distant horizon.

Simultaneously.

A mysterious feeling surged in his heart!

It was oppression, it was awe, it was a tremor on his soul!

"????"

Lin Beichen remembered this feeling all too well.

Thunder Tribulation!

It had come again!

He suddenly raised his head.

A bolt of purple lightning tinged with blood had torn through the thick rain clouds.

The next moment.

"Ka-cha—!!!"

A deafening sound of tearing silk exploded, overpowering the lingering rumble of thunder.

The lightning raced downward!

Like an arrow shot from a bow, it traced a sharp zigzag in the air, striking directly on a withered tree not far from Lin Beichen.

"Bang—!!!!"

Mud splattered, wood chips scattered.

The withered tree was split into a stump, with embers still burning despite the rain, crackling and popping.

Lin Beichen: ...

This was the fourth time.

Although it had struck three times before, each lightning bolt grew more powerful, and the feeling of it striking him grew stronger, making even him, accustomed to Thunder Tribulation, still uneasy.

"So..."

"Was it because I fully mastered Palm Thunder this time?"

Summarizing the pattern of the previous lightning strikes.

Lin Beichen quickly guessed the reason for this strike, thinking that it indeed marked a significant cultivation advancement.

He felt he could define this stage of his cultivation, after all, Thunder Tribulation confirmed his progress.

"Since this stage allows me to release Electric Elements away from my body."

"Why not..."

"Call it Externalization Realm."

At this moment, Lin Beichen stood in the rain, yet apart from the torrential downpour.

Raindrops fell and avoided him.

Within the forest, he seemed insignificant, yet between heaven and earth, he stood tall as a giant.

Lin Beichen glanced at the Thunderstruck Wood beside him, thinking it a pity that the Thunder Tribulation didn't strike it instead.

Recalling the lightning striking the Thunderstruck Wood before, not only did it remain unscathed, it even revived its new sprouts.

He had great hopes that this Thunderstruck Wood could help him block the Thunder Tribulation.

"Hopefully, before the Thunder Tribulation really strikes me..."

"It strikes this Thunderstruck Wood first to see its effect."

Idle thoughts were useless.

Lin Beichen didn't dwell on it, instead he continued cultivating, the questions about the special area remained unanswered!

Day after day.

Three days passed in a blink.

In this period, he was almost constantly occupied with cultivating, and seeking answers to various questions about the special area.

The cultivation was progressing well, with daily improvements.

But...

The answer to the special area's questions, he felt he was on the verge of enlightenment, but just a tiny bit away!

He thought with a bit more effort he could surely reach enlightenment.

But the heavens didn't favor him.

In the following two days...

The weather was clear, the sun bright, the sky azure with not a cloud in the sky, showing no sign of rain.

Forget about seeing any illusionary phenomena.

The special area...

The Electric Element in the world had also become less concentrated.

"Looks like..."

"The weather forecast for a week-long thunderstorm is ending early."

Lin Beichen could no longer sense the feeling of an impending thunderstorm, and couldn't help complaining: This weather forecast is too unreliable!

Seeing no point in staying longer.

Without any illusionary phenomena, there was no point in research.

He decided to return to school.

"As for the special area..."

"I'll come back to research next time there's a thunderstorm in Wuling Mountain."

Though Lin Beichen felt regretful, he was helpless.

He first returned to his tent, packed it up, organized his belongings, then descended the mountain with his bags, exchanged the return ticket for a later date at the service desk, and boarded the return bus to school.

"Today's the sixth day, can't reach Beichen still!"

"Did something really happen?"

"I have a bad feeling, how could we not reach him for six days straight?"

Standing at the door of dormitory 207.

Before he could enter, Lin Beichen heard Han Yuan and the other three chatting inside, their voices filled with urgency and concern.

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Lin Beichen felt a warmth in his heart, then suddenly pushed open the dormitory door.

"Sons, your dad is back!"

"..."

The chatter in the dormitory came to an abrupt halt.

Looking at the smiling Lin Beichen entering the dormitory.

Han Yuan and the other two were stunned at first, then relieved smiles appeared on their faces, and they visibly relaxed.

On a usual day...

This kind of seniority is definitely not to be messed with, and a top-notch quarrel would be inevitable.

But now they didn't mind his rebellious address and went up to greet him.

Han Yuan clicked his tongue and said, "Yo, the missing person returns, huh? I thought you'd been eaten by some old wolf or a bear in the mountains."

Lin Beichen rolled his eyes at him; just a moment ago, before entering the door, it was him talking the most.

Before he could retort Han Yuan.

Liang Dong asked with concern, "Beichen, what happened? Why couldn't we reach you? We thought something had happened to you."

"Oh!"

Lin Beichen took out his broken phone from his pocket and said helplessly, "So here's the thing, I was messaging you guys the day I went to Wuling Mountain when the driver suddenly braked sharply, causing my phone to fly out and break."

Dorm mates: ...

That's it?

This was the reason for his six-day disappearance?

They were utterly stunned, feeling that their worries were indeed unnecessary.

Wu You said speechlessly, "Couldn't you buy a new phone in the meantime?"

"I was there to study thunder, and I didn't need a phone."

Lin Beichen shrugged, "And the nearest phone shop from Wuling Mountain is over thirty kilometers away. I didn't have any cash on me, so getting a new phone wasn't just far but inconvenient. I didn't go, and I still haven't gotten a new phone. If it weren't for the late hour today, I would have bought a phone before coming back."

"Awesome."

Han Yuan gave him a thumbs-up, marveling, "How can anyone go without playing with their phone for six days nowadays? Your dedication to your research is impressive!"

Speaking of this, he suddenly thought of something and asked, "Beichen, did you see the sea mirage at Wuling Mountain?"

"Wuling Mountain had a sea mirage?"

Lin Beichen shook his head with a puzzled look.

He was absorbed in cultivation and seeking answers to the special area problems, so he hadn't looked at the sky at all during the sea mirage.

"..."

The dorm mates were speechless again. Did he really go to Wuling Mountain? Could he have gone to the wrong place? Or was his research on thunder so engrossing that he neither played on his phone nor noticed the sea mirage?

Han Yuan took out his phone, tapped a few times on the screen, and then showed it to Lin Beichen: "Check out this video."

The screen was playing the video of the Wuling Mountain sea mirage that had been trending a few days ago.

Lin Beichen glanced at it and asked, "This is Wuling Mountain's sea mirage?"

For some reason.

Looking at the sea mirage in the video, he felt a strange sense of familiarity. Why did it seem so familiar?

"Yes."

Han Yuan nodded, then pointed to the person in the sea mirage and asked, "Is that you?"

"Me?"

Lin Beichen was stunned, realizing where the strange familiarity came from.

At that moment, the video was playing the scene where a person in the sea mirage raised a hand, and a tree in the distance fell.

Lin Beichen: ??

He was startled...

The scene perfectly matched the moment he first achieved Palm Thunder in the special area!

"Is this really me?"

"Was I projected into the sky?"

Lin Beichen was completely confused. Could it be?

He felt the person in the sea mirage was himself but couldn't be entirely sure since the sea mirage scene was too blurry.

Anything was possible.

Han Yuan nodded and pressed, "Yeah, is it you?"

"I don't know."

Lin Beichen shook his head, "I can't tell if it's me."

"..."

Han Yuan and the other two were utterly speechless.

Especially Han Yuan.

He had been waiting for Lin Beichen to confirm this for six days, and he got this result.

But, thinking about it, this answer seemed reasonable.

At this point, Liang Dong remembered something and quickly took out his phone, "Almost forgot, the instructor told us to inform her as soon as Beichen returned."

As he spoke, he contacted the instructor.

After just a few minutes on the call.

Room 207 hadn't even found a new topic to chat about.

With a rush of hurried footsteps, the instructor and Principal Hao Jianhua arrived at the dormitory.

Even though the police had already communicated the reason for Lin Beichen's disappearance, their hearts were still uneasy until they saw Lin Beichen safe and sound.

Until now...

Seeing Lin Beichen unharmed.

They finally felt relieved.

"Lin Beichen, you're finally back."

The instructor let out a big sigh of relief, patting Lin Beichen's arm as if to comfort both Lin Beichen and herself, "You really had us worried sick."

The principal nodded in contentment and sighed, "Now that you're back, we can all relax."

"??"

Lin Beichen was utterly confused; why had the principal and the instructor specifically come to the dormitory and said such things? Hadn't he taken leave?

What was going on?

He still had no idea about the thrilling events that had transpired during this time.

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As for the report that Liang Dong just mentioned to the counselor, he only thought it was the responsibility of the dormitory leader and didn't think much about it.

"Principal, Counselor..."

Lin Beichen hesitated for a moment, then asked somewhat awkwardly, "Did something happen? Why do you all look so tense?"

The principal and the counselor were stunned for a moment before they realized that Lin Beichen had been out of touch with the world for the past few days and didn't know what had happened.

Thinking that the human trafficker gang had been completely apprehended.

The principal wasn't worried about telling Lin Beichen, fearing it might give him a psychological burden, so he said, "Actually, since the day you acted bravely, the police were concerned that the human trafficker gang might retaliate against you, so they arranged for an officer to protect you secretly..."

He recounted the whole story.

Not only was Lin Beichen hearing this for the first time, but Han Yuan, Hao Jianhua, and Liang Dong were also taken aback and looked frightened.

There was police protection in the shadows.

There was almost falling into the den of human traffickers.

There was the threat of retaliation from the human traffickers.

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This could be made into a crime film!

Han Yuan and the other two now realized that their worries were not superfluous at all. Looking at Lin Beichen, they felt that this kid's halo in their hearts had just gotten brighter!

Lin Beichen now also understood how much pressure his disappearance in the past few days had caused his counselor and the principal.

He bowed slightly and said with deep apology, "Principal, Counselor, I am sorry for causing you so much trouble. I am really sorry."

"It's okay, it's okay."

Hao Jianhua laughed heartily, patted Lin Beichen on the shoulder, and said, "Now that the human traffickers are all captured and you're back safe and sound, that's what matters."

After saying that, he chatted with Lin Beichen for a few more sentences before leaving dormitory 207 with the counselor.

On the way back.

Hao Jianhua recalled his promise to the police to notify them once Lin Beichen returned to school, so he took out his phone and contacted Wang Kai.

"Team Leader Wang, it's me."

"Ah, Principal Hao."

"Here's the thing, Lin Beichen has returned to school safely. I just came from his dormitory."

"Got it, understood, Principal Hao, thank you."

Just as Wang Kai was about to hang up the phone, he suddenly remembered the irregularities in the human trafficker case, so he asked, "By the way, Principal Hao, you mentioned earlier that Lin Beichen went to Wuling Mountain to do scientific research on thunder. I'd like to ask, what specifically is his research direction in this field, and how far has his research progressed?"

"This..."

Hao Jianhua was really not sure. He turned to the counselor and asked, "Do you know?"

"I don't know."

The counselor shook their head, looking a bit embarrassed, reflecting inwardly: Do I know too little about my students?

Although Hao Jianhua didn't understand why Wang Kai suddenly cared about Lin Beichen's scientific research, he didn't think much of it and directly replied, "Sorry, Team Leader Wang, I'm not sure either."

"Not sure..."

Wang Kai originally thought about asking Hao Jianhua to help find out, but then he suddenly thought of something and instead said, "Right, Principal Hao, please let Lin Beichen know that if he has time, he should come to the Xiaoqianmen police station to identify the scene."

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Hao Jianhua was puzzled, what does this have to do with Lin Beichen?

He asked in confusion, "Team Leader Wang, why does Lin Beichen need to identify the scene? What's the matter with him in this case?"

"Well..."

Now Wang Kai couldn't say for sure how much Lin Beichen was connected to the whole human trafficker case.

After a brief thought.

He responded, "There is evidence at the crime scene that Lin Beichen had been there before, and the whole case might be related to his science research, but that's not certain yet. Anyway, we need him to come by."

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"However, there's no particular rush for this. We can go according to Lin Beichen's schedule. He can come over when he has time."

"I see."

After hearing Wang Kai's statement, Hao Jianhua felt reassured, thinking it sounded more like Wang Kai wanted Lin Beichen's help rather than suspecting him of any crime.

"Alright, I'll go back to Lin Beichen and tell him to visit the Xiaoqianmen police station as soon as possible."

"Thank you, Principal Hao."

Wang Kai hung up the phone thinking that he didn't need to trouble Principal Hao for more investigation. He would talk to Lin Beichen properly when he came to the station.

Of course, it would only be a conversation.

No matter how strange or peculiar things seemed...

Lin Beichen was not a criminal suspect.

Wang Kai certainly wouldn't interrogate him.

Just then, a police officer walked over and said, "Team leader, it's been four days. We've used all possible means both here and at the Wuling Mountain police station, but still haven't found those foreign nationals. This approach isn't working. What should we do?"

On the same day Sun Chao's interrogation was completed, Xiao Peng also finished interrogating Zou Huaide and the other two human traffickers.

Based on the information provided by the four of them.

The Xiaoqianmen and Wuling Mountain police stations launched a joint operation to investigate the foreign nationals who had contact with the traffickers.

Three human traffickers were identified that day.

Initially, it seemed like the investigation would proceed smoothly until its conclusion.

But things often don't go as planned.

Soon enough, trouble arose.

The police discovered that the identities of the three foreign nationals were as clean as a blank sheet of paper — they couldn't find any information about them.

These people were adults, not newborn babies.

Not being able to find any information on them at all...

That was definitely abnormal!

And this abnormality suggested there were hidden secrets about them.

The police continued investigating these three foreign nationals and also started searching for them.

But these three seemed to have vanished into thin air.

Up until now...

They still were missing.

"What should we do?"

After a moment of thought, Wang Kai said, "We can't drag this case out. The longer this 'boss' remains free, the more children are at risk of being trafficked. Our current method won't work. We should report the case to the higher authorities and ask for help from the Municipal Bureau. That would be the fastest and most effective way."

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Meanwhile.

Dormitory 207.

Seeing Principal Hao Jianhua return, Lin Beichen and his roommates were surprised and puzzled. Hadn't he just left? Why was he back so soon?

Lin Beichen approached and asked, "Principal, what brings you back...?"

"I'm here to deliver a message from Team Leader Wang Kai at the Xiaoqianmen police station."

Hao Jianhua smiled and then relayed the phone conversation with Wang Kai.

It was just two or three sentences.

But...

Lin Beichen still caught a lot of information from those few words. So, the human traffickers already started their revenge on the mountain and got struck by lightning while chasing him?

So unlucky?

Lin Beichen didn't think the matter was related to him, as he couldn't kill someone remotely. But he certainly felt no sympathy or pity for the traffickers' deaths and thought: Serves them right, they deserved it!

At the same time.

He caught another piece of information that made him uneasy; the police had started noticing him and his research.

Could it be...

That his Thunder Skill might soon be exposed?

Before Lin Beichen could think more about it, he felt a tap on his shoulder.

With a serious tone, Hao Jianhua said, "Lin Beichen, though Team Leader Wang didn't set any urgent deadline for you to visit the police station, I think it's better to go as soon as possible."

"Understood, Principal."

Lin Beichen nodded and said, "I'll go buy a new phone at the mall tomorrow morning, then head straight to the Xiaoqianmen police station to see Team Leader Wang."

He didn't mind when he had to go to the police station.

It was something he had to face sooner or later.

Besides...

Who knew what would happen once he got there?

It might just be a false alarm. The sooner he went, the sooner he could confirm the situation and stop overthinking and scaring himself.

Hao Jianhua nodded in satisfaction, then seemed to think of something, and asked, "By the way, Lin Beichen, in which direction do you primarily research Thunder?"

"Direction?"

Lin Beichen was surprised by the sudden question, one he had never considered before. After a moment of thought, he said, "Mainly in the direction of enhancing Thunder."

Not only the principal but his roommates also looked perplexed. Enhancing Thunder? What kind of research direction is that?

The principal, puzzled, asked, "What's the ultimate goal of that research direction?"

"To control Thunder."

Lin Beichen answered boldly.

Upon hearing his answer,

the principal and his roommates were dumbfounded. Controlling Thunder? What's so special about that? There are plenty of modern power generation devices that can do that already, right?

What Lin Beichen meant by controlling Thunder was beyond ordinary comprehension.

They didn't realize he was talking about directly manipulating natural Thunder with his powers, just thinking it involved various devices to control Thunder.

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Could it be...

Is he going to innovate and advance based on this foundation?

The principal couldn't help but ask, "Lin Beichen, are you thinking of developing a new medium to control thunder, break the current power generation model? Can I understand it this way?"

"Hmm."

Lin Beichen nodded and added, "Using my body as the medium to control thunder."

"??????"

The principal and his roommates were all stunned. So this is the medium he meant!

To control the power of thunder with human strength?

This...

They couldn't help but sigh; genius on the left, madman on the right. No wonder he is the top scorer in the history of the college entrance exam. His ideas are so fantastical, considering this as the research endpoint.

Can such a scientific product really be developed?

The principal didn't want to discourage Lin Beichen but encouraged him stiffly, "You have to work hard for this goal, it's not easy to achieve."

After speaking, he didn't ask any more about Lin Beichen's research, just expressed support, saying if he needed help, he could contact the professors or himself, then he left the dormitory.

As soon as he left.

Han Yuan and the other two visibly relaxed a lot.

People with dreams, no matter what the dream is, should not be laughed at!

Especially...

This person is Lin Beichen.

They couldn't help but look at Lin Beichen in admiration, thinking: He truly dares to imagine anything!

Han Yuan embraced Lin Beichen's shoulder with a fawning smile, "Bro, Beichen bro, if your research succeeds, you have to teach me, don't forget me if you get rich!"

"You..."

Lin Beichen looked at Han Yuan, thinking, he wanted to teach him, but could he learn? Without an extraordinary enlightenment, how could he learn?

Han Yuan looked expectantly and nodded repeatedly.

Under his gaze.

Lin Beichen shook his head, laughing, "You better stop dreaming."

Han Yuan: ...

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The next day, in the morning.

Imperial Capital Police Headquarters.

In the office of the captain of the Criminal Investigation Headquarters.

Captain Li Kaoming was sitting in front of the computer handling cases.

Li Kaoming was burly and tall, with a stern face, emitting a serious and sharp aura, looking more like he was in his thirties rather than his forties.

At this moment, a knock on the door sounded.

"Dong dong dong—"

"Come in."

A policeman walked in.

This officer looked to be in his thirties, slim, emanating a sense of competence and experience, holding a file in his hand.

His name was Hu Deguang, the captain of the Intelligence Investigation Unit.

"Old Hu, what brings you here?"

"Captain Li, there's a complicated case. I came to report to you and seek your advice."

Hu Deguang placed the file on the desk, saying seriously, "Last evening, Xiaoqianmen Police Station reported a case involving a human trafficker group abducting children. This case also involves foreign organizations, seeking our help to investigate the information of several foreign personnel in Huaxia. Once involving foreign organizations, we in the Criminal Investigation Team take it very seriously and began investigating immediately, but..."

At this point, he paused, his brows tightened, and said seriously, "But after a night of investigation, using all available information channels, we still couldn't find any information on these three foreign personnel!"

"What?"

Li Kaoming's expression immediately mirrored Hu Deguang's.

It should be noted...

The intelligence capability of the Imperial Capital Police Headquarters is among the best in the Huaxia police.

Even the intelligence team couldn't find any information... freewebnovel.com

This sufficiently illustrates the severity of the issue.

Extremely serious!

Li Kaoming didn't hesitate much, making a quick decision and swiftly responding, "Old Hu, you go directly to investigate the whereabouts of these three foreign personnel. Also, synchronize your findings with old Qian later."

He mentioned old Qian, who is Qian Yi, the captain of the Organized Crime Investigation Unit in the Criminal Investigation Team.

"Okay."

"I'll call old Qian now and notify him."

While talking, Li Kaoming had already dialed Qian Yi's number.

He straightforwardly said, "Old Qian, urgent case, Hu Deguang will synchronize the case with you shortly. You should immediately go to Xiaoqianmen Police Station, communicate the ins and outs of the case with the case officers, and copy all the data. Work together with the Intelligence Investigation Unit to solve this case."

"Got it!"

A deep and powerful voice responded from the other end of the line.

Clear division of labor.

The two units immediately began action!

Soon, the urgent sound of sirens echoed throughout the headquarters.

"Woo~ woo~!!"

A police car sped out of the headquarters courtyard, kicking up a cloud of dust, rushing towards Xiaoqianmen Police Station.

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Jinyuan Shopping Center.

Lin Beichen held a bank card and headed straight for the Apple authorized specialty store.

"I bought the new 14 Pro Max as soon as it came out for 9000 yuan, and could only get 128GB. Now I can get 512GB."

"This is practically a free upgrade."

Lin Beichen lamented to himself thoughtful at the turn of events.

At this moment.

Suddenly!

He shrugged his shoulders, his brows furrowing tightly.

It might be due to breaking through to the third realm. Constantly controlling thunder and guiding electric elements consumes a lot of spiritual power. As a result, Lin Beichen's sixth sense got much stronger. Just now, his neck grew tight along with the back of his head, feeling as if grabbed by a hand.

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"Someone is watching me?"

This wasn't the first time Lin Beichen had felt this way. From the moment he left the school gate to arriving at the shopping center, he had noticed this feeling at least three times.

And this time...

The feeling was exceptionally strong!

He instinctively turned his head.

Since it was early and a weekday, there weren't many people at the shopping center.

Within his line of sight.

There were only about a dozen people.

He scanned through these dozen people quickly.

Suddenly!

His gaze subtly fixed on a man.

This man appeared to be in his late twenties, wearing casual clothes and a baseball cap, not even looking at Lin Beichen, but observing the shops around him.

Among all these people, his demeanor seemed the most natural, just like any passerby shopping at the mall.

Lin Beichen didn't know this man, but he recognized him.

Every time he felt watched before, he had discreetly observed his surroundings.

This man...

He remembered him.

He had seen him once when leaving the school gate, once when he got off the car and walked to the shopping center, and now this was the third time.

"Is he following me?"

Lin Beichen's first reaction was that the police might have sent someone to protect him again, but then he thought, the human trafficker ring had already been completely caught, there was no need to protect him anymore.

Since all the traffickers were already caught...

It couldn't be them following him.

Then who could it be?

He couldn't figure it out.

"Could it be..."

"A coincidence??"

Lin Beichen thought he might be more sensitive now because he knew the police had previously assigned someone to protect him secretly. Perhaps he was overthinking.

He stopped thinking too much.

He continued walking towards the Apple store.

After he walked quite a distance...

The seemingly carefree man suddenly turned to look at Lin Beichen's fading figure, his eyes sharpened with a strong sense of confusion.

This kid could sense my presence?

How is that possible?

Seeing that Lin Beichen was about to disappear from his sight completely, he stopped thinking about it, his eyes flashing with a hint of ferocity, quickly followed, muttering, "I have to be more careful, cannot truly be discovered!"

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At the same time.

A police car from the Municipal Bureau sped from a distance and came to a screeching halt in front of Xiaomen Police Station.

Qian Yi was the first to get out from the passenger seat, followed closely by three officers from the General Bureau.

Qian Yi's physique was strong and burly, but not very tall, with a stern face that revealed nothing of his feelings.

Zhang Zheng received the news from the General Bureau early on and was already standing at the entrance with Wang Kai, waiting. Seeing him get out, they hurried to meet him.

"Captain Qian."

"Sorry to keep you waiting."

Qian Yi shook hands with the two of them and after a brief exchange, got straight to the point, following Wang Kai into the office.

"Captain Qian, this is all the data related to the case, please take a look first."

"Okay, thank you."

Qian Yi quickly flipped through the information.

A few minutes later, he finished reading everything, a puzzled expression appearing on his face.

Wang Kai had been watching him. Seeing this, he immediately asked, "Captain Qian, have you noticed any problems?"

"The case is clearly organized, and the investigation direction is very systematic, there's no issue there."

Qian Yi first affirmed Wang Kai's work but then expressed his confusion, "But there's something I find strange. Was it really just bad luck that this gang of human traffickers got struck by lightning? Also, in the surviving traffickers' statements, they all mentioned Lin Beichen, saying it was his doing. What's that about? Who is Lin Beichen?"

"Lin Beichen is a student at Imperial Capital University."

Wang Kai explained, "This case initially started because Lin Beichen accidentally disrupted the trafficker gang's child trafficking operation..."

He succinctly explained Lin Beichen's involvement in the case.

Then added, "At first, we didn't take the traffickers' claims about Lin Beichen seriously, considering they had no direct contact with him at Wuling Mountain, their timelines didn't match. But as the investigation deepened, we noticed the traffickers' deaths were too bizarre, suggesting there might be hidden truths, possibly related to Lin Beichen's scientific research. So, we've had the university convey to him to visit us at the station if he can, to see if we can uncover anything."

Qian Yi pondered for a moment, then nodded.

The main direction of this investigation was to find the "boss" and uproot the entire external organization.

Lin Beichen was not related to this main direction.

So, regarding Lin Beichen...

He remembered him clearly but did not pay too much attention, just urging, "Although Lin Beichen is not a suspect and unrelated to the following investigations, I think it's necessary to resolve this aspect promptly, leaving no loose ends..."

"Knock knock knock—"

At this moment, a knock on the door interrupted Qian Yi, followed by an officer saying from outside, "Team Leader, Lin Beichen is here."

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"This person really can't be mentioned lightly."

Wang Kai shook his head and smiled at Qian Yi, "Alright, Captain Qian, no need to hurry. The person is here."

After speaking, he turned to the door and said, "Please bring Lin Beichen here."

"Yes!"

The officer outside quickly left.

Wang Kai rummaged through the documents on the desk and pulled out a few photos, while saying to Qian Yi, "Captain Qian, since you're still here, let's listen together to what Lin Beichen has to say."

"Sure."

Qian Yi was willing.

While they were talking, the officer brought Lin Beichen in.

Seeing a room full of policemen, Lin Beichen was stunned. Wasn't he supposed to help? Why did it seem like he was about to be interrogated?

Wang Kai noticed his unease and greeted him with a smile, "Hello, Lin Beichen. I'm Wang Kai. Don't be nervous. These are colleagues from the headquarters, investigating the foreign organization related to this human trafficker gang case. It has nothing to do with you."

Lin Beichen: ...

So it was a misunderstanding!

Thought they were here for him.

He quickly composed himself and greeted, "Hello, Team Leader Wang."

"Come, come, don't stand, please sit."

Wang Kai guided Lin Beichen to sit down. After some pleasantries, he got to the point, placing the photos in front of Lin Beichen, "Lin Beichen, please look at these photos carefully."

These photos were taken at the crime scenes, the two special areas.

However...

Instead of horrifying corpses, there were white outlines fixed with site traces.

"Have you been to the places in the photos?"

"Yes."

Lin Beichen nodded frankly, recognizing the blackened trees and ground.

At this point, Wang Kai pointed to one photo, showing the first special area, saying, "A human trafficker was struck dead by lightning here."

He then pointed to another photo of the second special area, continuing, "Twelve human traffickers were struck dead by lightning here."

After speaking, he stared unblinkingly at Lin Beichen, asking, "Does this have anything to do with you?"

"What does this have to do with me?"

Lin Beichen was dumbfounded, crying and laughing, "I indeed went to those two places, but only stayed for a short while and left. I didn't even meet them. How could it be related to me? Maybe it's just their bad luck."

Despite saying so.

But...

After speaking, a question inexplicably surfaced in his mind—

Why did these human traffickers die in the special areas?

Before he could think more.

Wang Kai laughed heartily, comforting, "Lin Beichen, don't get excited. I'm only asking routinely, not suspecting you."

Since asking the question, he had been observing Lin Beichen's every move.

From his eyes to his body language.

His overall state...

Gave him the impression that Lin Beichen was truly perplexed and unaware of the situation.

Lin Beichen was not a suspect, besides he came to the police station quickly, making it hard to suspect he harbored any guilt.

He had made up his mind—Lin Beichen was not lying, it had nothing to do with him!

Moreover...

He trusted his judgment.

Not just him, Qian Yi and the other officers, witnessing it, shared the same thought.

At this point, Wang Kai remembered something and asked, "Lin Beichen, you said you stayed at those places for a while. Were you conducting scientific research during that time?"

"Yes."

"Researching thunder?"

"Correct."

"May I ask, Lin Beichen, what specifically are you researching about thunder?"

Lin Beichen had expected the police to ask such questions.

Having answered this to the principal yesterday, he replied smoothly, "Researching human electricity generation."

"????"

All the officers were dumbfounded—seriously?

They looked at Lin Beichen, seeing he wasn't joking.

Human electricity generation?

Wasn't that absurd?

They shared the principal and Han Yuan's thoughts from yesterday, doubting the feasibility.

Some research can succeed.

But some, even without research, is known to fail.

Human electricity generation was the latter.

Isn't researching human electricity generation a waste of time?

Is there a need for the study?

If Lin Beichen weren't a student of Imperial Capital University, they'd think he might have mental issues.

Though they internally grumbled, none said anything. As police, they weren't researchers, and couldn't critique others' scientific work or objectives.

"..."

The room fell silent.

After a while.

Wang Kai reacted, awkwardly smiling, "Lin Beichen has high ambitions. I hope you succeed one day."

He discreetly looked at Qian Yi.

They exchanged a glance.

Qian Yi subtly nodded, signaling he found Lin Beichen fine and had no questions.

Wang Kai understood, then said, "Thank you for your cooperation, Lin Beichen, we have no more questions."

"It was my duty."

Lin Beichen smiled, then got up to leave. Though with no concerns, upright, he didn't want to linger.

Seeing him off.

Qian Yi felt something odd but couldn't pinpoint it. Handling this tricky case was the priority.

Holding a folder, he stood up, "Thanks for your explanations, Team Leader Wang. It's late, I need to handle the case urgently. Continue your investigation as planned and update me with any developments."

"Alright, Captain Qian."

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Lin Beichen boarded a bus returning to school, having just bought a phone worth thousands.

Taking the bus back to school... fitting an internet saying: riding a bike to a bar, save where needed and spend where wanted.

On the bus.

Lin Beichen sat on a single seat by the aisle, looking out the window, his mind distant.

"I walked so much in Wuling Mountain, they pursued me, yet they died in the special areas, struck by lightning."

"To say it's a coincidence, bad luck..."

"Feels implausible."

"Is there something special about the areas I missed?"

"Could this unrecognized special aspect have caused their deaths?"

"But..."

Suddenly, he wondered, why police inspecting the areas were fine.

"Why is that?"

"Could it be..."

"Not related to the special areas?"

"Just divine retribution, cause and effect?"

"Human traffickers faced karma?"

His mind was chaotic, realizing the dilemma stemmed from not understanding the areas.

Must find answers to the special areas quickly!

Lin Beichen took out his phone to check for future thunderstorms in Wuling Mountain.

At that moment.

Suddenly!

He felt tightness in his neck and nape again.

Very tight!

The feeling of being watched returned!

"???"

Lin Beichen instantly frowned, something was off, for the umpteenth time today!

This time, he didn't turn around hastily.

He discreetly opened his phone's camera, hid the phone with his body, and adjusted the lens to focus on the bus's interior rearview mirror.

Instantly!

The rearview mirror image appeared clearly on his phone screen.

"Money well spent."

He zoomed in, analyzing every person in the rearview mirror.

Soon!

He noticed something.

The same man seen at the mall!

Now in different clothes, sitting in a discreet corner, head down but eyes raised.

Even through the mirror and screen.

Lin Beichen felt a sense—

Eye contact!

The man saw him looking.

"It's him again!"

Lin Beichen instantly recognized the man, now convinced it wasn't mere sensitivity or coincidence.

His gaze practically adhered to him!

The stare almost devouring him!

"He's definitely following me!"

Judging this, he was puzzled—why follow? Who is he? With what aim?

He recalled Wang Kai's words at the police station.

Foreign organization?

Could it be...

He's from the foreign organization? Here to retaliate?

Uncertain, Lin Beichen wasn't scared. Undetected, a surprise attack could be dangerous.

But now...

He had discovered the follower!

Roles reversed, he was in hiding, the follower exposed, and he had mastered the Palm Thunder.

No reason to fear.

He observed the follower throughout, ready to strike if needed even if it meant revealing Thunder Skill.

Watching him watching, no action occurred.

The bus reached a stop.

Lin Beichen moved to the door, wary of sudden attacks.

Exiting the bus.

The man remained seated.

He doubted, could it really be an insane coincidence? Was the staring due to the peculiarity of the situation?

As the bus started moving, leaving the stop.

Seeing the bus depart.

Lin Beichen stopped thinking, walking into Imperial Capital University.

His every move.

Watched by the man through the bus's external rearview mirror.

He retracted the knife hidden in his sleeve, muttering, "Looks like I'll have to find another chance."