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After the icefield hotpot dinner, charlie spent two days at the Nordic research station with Lin Wan'er, letting their minds wander. During

these two days, Yun Rugo and Song Ruyu, though not fully in seclusion, mostly preferred not to disturb them, spending their time meditating and absorbing spiritual energy from spirit stones in their rooms.

charlie and Lin Wan'er didn't engage in any overly intimate behavior; they spent most of their time walking hand-in-hand across the vast icefield outside the research station. Each time, they would leisurely walk for several kilometers until the station's outline disappeared from view, until they were almost completely free of any trace of modern technology.

For some reason, charlie developed a fondness for Antarctica during the polar night.

On this modern planet, it was likely impossible to find such a pristine place, allowing one to truly escape the hustle and bustle and experience the planet's most primal wildness and ruggedness.

Here, one could see the most beautiful aurora borealis and the most dazzling stars on Earth. Whenever he looked up at the endless stars and the vast universe on the Antarctic icefield, charlie would think of the cultivators who had already left this place.

If they weren't native to Earth, this place would be the closest they'd ever been to their homeland. Looking up at the stars, perhaps one of them would be the path they'd taken.

Meanwhile, in Miami, America, Wu Yongzhen, the Grand Commander of the Left Army, was flushed with excitement in front of his phone.

Just because one of his scholars had made connections with the Rothschild family, he'd raked in a billion dollars in net profit in just a few days—something he'd never even dared to dream of.

Although the scale of the industries he controlled had long exceeded a hundred billion dollars, those were all real assets of the Broken Qing Society, the vast majority of which were registered. He was merely the CEO of the group's North American branch.

The operations, cost accounting, and profit reporting were no different from those of a multinational corporation. The Broken Qing Society's financial team rigorously audited every income and expenditure; the actual amount that ended up in his pocket was relatively small.

This was consistent with Sara's usual character.

This person was inherently suspicious and wary of everyone. Moreover, having no children and living an excessively long life, she had little familial affection.

Her decision to place members of the Wu family in charge of the Five Armies Commandery wasn't so much about protecting the Wu family bloodline, but rather because she felt her own family was more reliable. However, she was unwilling to grant them too much benefit.

Money, sometimes, is a powerful force; with more money comes more power, and with power comes ambition and loss of control. Therefore, she didn't want the Wu family to possess too much personal wealth.

The best outcome was to give them power and status that could be reclaimed at any time, but not too much personal wealth, ensuring their eternal loyalty.

But loyalty was merely Sara's self-deception. The most uncontrollable, unrestrained, and difficult-to-calculate thing in the world is the human heart.

Wu Yongzhen had long been secretly enriching himself, but his previous insider trading methods were inefficient. Now, things were different. Previously, he could only gradually siphon small amounts of wealth from the ruined Qing Society's assets; now, he believed he had found a super shortcut to wealth and power.

A billion dollars in just a few days further solidified his trust in Rachel Getty.

Once the money was in his account, he immediately fulfilled his promise, sending Cheng Yanni to the Getty family to meet Rachel's mother and giving her a dragon-patterned bronze talisman and a six-month supply of antidote.