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Night fell at Aurous Hill Airport.

After a smooth landing on the runway,

The Gulfstream business jet proceeded directly to the designated hangar via the taxiway.

The hangar was highly secure, with no access for ordinary people.

Even the ground crew had been evacuated.

As the plane taxied into the hangar, two discreet black Hongqi sedans were already parked on one side.

Larry, along with his wife, Old Zhang, and two drivers, including the Qiu family's housekeeper, Sister Xian, waited outside the hangar.

The plane came to a stop, the cabin door opened,

And Charlie and Maria disembarked one after the other.

Larry, his wife, and Old Zhang greeted them respectfully.

"Miss, Mr. Wade."

The three bowed respectfully.

Maria smiled and said,

"Thank you all for your trouble,"

"Coming all this way to pick me up."

Larry smiled respectfully and said,

"It's no trouble at all to serve you, Miss."

"Besides, thanks to the opportunity Mr. Wade gave us,"

"The three of us old folks are still in good health."

Maria chuckled and nodded slightly, saying,

"Old Qiu, please tell Old Sun that the plane is on standby here."

"Mr. Wade and I will need to return to Chengdu by plane at any time."

Larry nodded respectfully first, saying,

"Yes, Miss."

"I'll contact Zhidong later."

"But you and Mr. Wade are leaving so soon after your return?"

"Yes." Maria nodded and said,

"There are still some things we haven't finished."

Larry bowed and said, "Alright, then let's go back to the villa first."

"Okay."

At night, two Hongqi sedans left the airport and headed straight for Zijin Villa.

Upon arrival, Charlie and Maria went to the top-floor courtyard of the manor.

The Mother of Pu-Tea had grown considerably since then,

And with spring transitioning into summer,

Its branches and leaves were even more lush,

Its trunk is as thick as an adult's arm.

Maria looked up at the branches and leaves of the Mother of Pu-Tea,

Seeing the dappled starry sky through them, she smiled softly, saying,

"I've looked up at the starry sky for four hundred years,"

"And today, for the first time, I have a different feeling."

"Before, I only felt the sky was vast,"

"But now, within that vastness, there is a touch of unknown fear."

Charlie also looked up at the starry sky, nodding and sighing,

"I once thought that the universe was so vast, with the Milky Way alone containing two hundred billion stars,"

"Each like the sun, with its own star system,"

"So there must be other life in the universe."

"But before, I had a sense of superiority over myself,"

"Always thinking that even if there was extraterrestrial life,"

"Most of it would probably just be microorganisms living in water or low-level organisms."

"Unlikely to have the right time, place, and resources to develop a civilization comparable to humanity."

"But now, looking up at the starry sky, and thinking that humanity hasn't even had the ability to land on planets within our system,"

"While another group of people could jump between these stars tens of thousands of years ago,"

"A chill inevitably creeps down my spine.

Having said that, Charlie suddenly smiled, then said with some relief,

"But thinking about this is pointless.

"With my current strength, I can't even defeat Victoria."

"In front of those top-tier cultivators, I'm probably not just like an ant."

"But truly an ant."