

231 CLASH!

Yuan Liangtuo could tolerate it no longer after he had the runs for more than ten times. He pointed at the tour guide and started shouting, "Is there something wrong with the lunch planned by your tour agency? How else could a daoyuan class practitioner like me be suffering from such a bad case of diarrhea?!"

Tour guide Wang was rather maligned, "Everyone ate it and everyone is fine except for you. How could there be a problem with the lunch?"

Yuan Liangtuo thought again... What is the matter! Why is this happening?!

"Young man, are you alright to continue? Or do you want to get a car back to the city on your own?" An aunty was unhappy, "We can't afford to wait for you. We can't have more than 20 people delayed just for you, ain't it?"

"Or... why not go to the hospital?" Tour guide Wang asked.

232 LONE JOURNEY

Since Wang Shuli wanted them to leave, Yuan Li and company had no reason to stay and left unwillingly.

In the past, they would have lost their temper. But their impressions of Lu Shu was that of a Class D expert and 4 beginner Class Es may not be able to beat him.

The reason was simple. In the heavenly network, Class D and above practitioners were imparted the true art of Dao. They were also given swords to be kept within their body as a training for creating their own soul sword. Furthermore, they all carried two magic spells along.

If Lu Shu was to fight them seriously, they would definitely lose.

Previously, Lu Shu asked Old man Li about the average quality of the swords distributed by the heavenly network. Wouldn't using these average swords for the training of the soul sword result in a normal soul sword?

233 THE MEAT-EATING SQUIRREL

The first station was Kumbum Monastery, and the itinerary of the afternoon was to pass through the scenic area of the sun-moon hill and arrive at Qinghai Lake eventually.

It was important to catch the sunset at Qinghai lake according to the planned itinerary, which was why tour guide Wang said they would wait for Yuan Liangtuo for one hour at the most. Otherwise, they wouldn't make it for the sunset.

Yuan Liangtuo, as a practitioner, was physically strong. Even though Li Dian's laxatives were very strong, Yuan Liangtuo eventually recovered albeit being much weaker. Throughout the remaining bus ride, he leaned on his girlfriend, Yuan Li, to rest.

A hint of a grin appeared on Li Dian's mouth. This was merely a small punishment. A refund was definitely out of the question. The magical energy of the magical stones was already absorbed into his body. The originally shimmering magical stones were now useless stones.

234 HEARTBROKEN WANG SHULI

Li Dian carried his chair over to Lu Shu's table and mingled with the rest of them. He immediately asked, "I've always wanted a pet, is this squirrel of yours for sale? I'm willing to offer a high price!"

Lu Shu was stunned upon hearing his words. He already had his sights set on Little Fury even when he hasn't dealt with his own mess? He responded indifferently,

"What's your high price?"

"20 thousand dollars!" Li Dian replied, "You have to know that normal squirrels can't fetch this sort of price!"

Lu Shu was amused. Brother, you want to buy Little Fury with 20 thousand dollars... but can you defeat and control it? How about I buy you for 20 thousand dollars...

In fact, Little Fury's abilities had been improving consistently since eating the second refresher fruit. It had easily passed through the novice stage of class E to the latter stages. Looking at Li Dian, of novice class E ability, he probably could not defeat Little Fury...

235 THAT'S UNFAIR!

Wang Shuli and friends were lying drunk along the shore as the sunset was almost over. The red sunlight refracted through the clouds and shone onto their messy and uncivilized postures.

Lu Shu instructed Lu Xiaoyu to look after them as he wanted to go over to Li Dian.

Lu Shu also wanted to check out the familiar figure he saw.

He remembered the location of Li Dian's tent and slowly approached it amidst the commotion. Lu Shu stood beside the tent and tried to listen to the movements inside.

He heard an ongoing conversation. One of the voices belong to Li Dian while the other voice sounded familiar but he couldn't recognize it at that moment.

Chapter 236: Troublemaker (Part 1)

Originally, Lu Shu intended to puncture the tire and let the air of the tire out. But he realized that there was a mechanic shop beside the tented accommodation area which specialized in repairing cars and fueling. If he had only punctured the tire, it would not achieve the desired outcome.

But he didn't want Li Dian and Liang Che to reach Sun-moon mountain earlier than him. So... he could only carry the motorcycle away.

Lu Shu absolutely wanted to praise his own wits. Ever since he became a practitioner, many things actually depended on whether or not he was daring enough. The more daring he was, the better the results... how could ordinary people come up with a plan to carry a motorcycle away?

Honestly speaking, Liang Che's motorcycle was about 190Kg. It was nothing to someone of Lu Shu's strength of 4000Kg.

It was just like lifting a child's toy!

At this moment, there were still tourists coming over on buses and cars. Whenever Lu Shu passed by their windows, many people would think that their eyes were playing tricks on them as it was already dark. Only when they turned around once more were they stunned... it was incredible!

It was common for people to ride motorcycles but how common was it the other way around!

Liang Che stood at the side of Huanhu road with his mouth open in bewilderment, not knowing what to say, "Damn you... stop right there!"

His voice drifted through the road along with the wind, it was as helpless as however much one could imagine...

He then wasted no time in running forward while dialing for Li Dian on his phone. He couldn't care about the secrecy of their operation anymore, "Hey, Li Dian! We'll run over to Sun-moon Mountain to rendezvous directly. We wouldn't take too long if we give it our all."

Li Dian was confused, “Where’s your bike?”

“Taken away by someone!” Liang Che said with gritted teeth.

Li Dian was thoroughly confused now, “What?!”

“From Li Dian’s distress, +399!”

“From Liang Che’s distress, +999!”

Until now, Liang Che still didn’t understand why the other guy had to carry his motorcycle off. Honestly speaking, he had seen quite a number of metahumans who were secretive and did questionable acts. Wasn’t Li Dian one of them?

But... just steal it if you want, what’s the point of carrying the bike? So you’re impressive now that you’re strong?

He wasn’t aware of Lu Shu’s presence. Neither did he know of Lu Shu’s past with Li Dian. He was even more ignorant of Lu Shu’s eavesdropping of their conversation previously. He knew nothing about Lu Shu.

If Liang Che saw Lu Shu, he would probably be able to guess half of what happened.

The night he escaped from the heavenly network was one he would remember for the rest of his life... in his 25 years of life, he had never encountered such a cunning teenage brat!

But alas, he was at the disadvantage. Lu Shu was concealed while they were in the open. Lu Shu knew what they were up to while they had no idea what Lu Shu was planning.

Liang Che was on the road behind Lu Shu, thinking that he would definitely kill him once he manages to catch up with the guy with his bike!

Liang Che was notorious within the grey area of the practitioner community. The feat of escaping from the clutches of the heavenly network was enough to glorify him for an entire lifetime. And his identity as a class D far exceeded the average level of a

secret practitioner, so his confidence was extremely high now.

But he realized that... he had overestimated himself...

The other party was clearly carrying a motorcycle but no matter how hard he tried, Liang Che couldn't catch up. In fact, the gap seemed to be increasing as the other guy was speeding up even more...

Liang Che could only stare ahead as the thief gradually left his sight. He stood by the side of the road in disbelief. How are you running so quickly!?

He now had to ponder over one question: was the other guy more powerful than him?!

It shouldn't be. He was already at the middle stage of class D. Wouldn't that guy be a class C if he was more powerful than him?

No. He would concede if a class C really took his bike. But Liang Che felt that no class C would be so unreasonable and free to steal a bike.

Then there was one more possibility. The other party could be a strength-type metahuman!

If this was the case, when he engaged the other party, he had to be mindful of keeping a distance away. After all, his biggest strength was his ability to control flames from a distance. He would definitely be defeated if a strength-type could get near him.

At this moment, the phone in Liang Che's pocket shrilled. It was Li Dian's voice, "Hey, have you caught up with him?!"

"..." Liang Che stayed silent momentarily, "Not yet..."

"What's with you? In this case, we really have to run to Sun-moon Mountain? It's tens of kilometers away!" Li Dian was surprised. He always thought that Liang Che was very powerful, at least more powerful than him. And he was also the reason why he had no fear when facing Yuan Liangtuo and his company.

Four ordinary daoyuan students were no match for Liang Che. Although class D wasn't considered the peak amongst the practitioners, it definitely wasn't very weak.

Liang Che's face turned black, "Do you want to try chasing? Come and meet me first. The other party is likely to be a class D strength-type and he might have come prepared. So, be careful and let's not be overconfident and mess this up."

But it really didn't seem like the other party came here for them. After all, amongst all the secret practitioners in practice, they'd never heard of a powerful strength-type who came over to Qingzhou. And it didn't seem like it was the doing of the heavenly network... they weren't so unscrupulous!

But there was nothing wrong with being cautious. Liang Che felt that it was better to be prepared. It was alright to lose just a motorcycle, it would cost merely a few thousand dollars to buy another second-hand one. The item within the Sun-moon mountain, on the other hand, was of utmost importance and could not be lost!

It could be said that the entire world was searching for magical equipment in forgotten places. Everyone understood the importance of magical equipment.

This sort of equipment could only be chanced upon with luck. If others were to know that Lu Shu not only had the seal of lands, but 12 spears as well, he could well be the target of sly schemes every day.

Of course, the heavenly network was a layer of protection when facing this sort of outlaws.

It was just like how criminals feared the police naturally, no matter how tall, fat, skinny or short the policeman. And even if he didn't possess a gun.

After Liang Che and Li Dian met up, Liang Che thought quietly and asked, "Did you encounter any trouble recently? Or piss anyone off?"

These words reminded Li Dian of his head-twisting incidents immediately, but he couldn't admit to this. But honestly, he thought that that incident was unrelated to this. Yuan Liangtuo and his friends were not class D and above! He shook his head, "No!"

"Really?"

"Really!"

“Then that’s strange. Where did this troublemaker come from?” Liang Che’s suspicion rose, “Or did we give ourselves away?”

Li Dian thought about his journey again upon hearing his words. He had only offended another person once, wasn’t it just Yuan Liangtuo and his few friends?

Could it be those few daoyuan students...? That’s not possible. Li Dian denied this possibility. **237 CAN'T YOU BE MORE RELIABLE?!**

Lu Shu carried the motorcycle and dashed all the way. He could remember the route they took to get to their tents. He just had to run along 109 National Road to get to Sun-moon Mountain.

Although he didn't know where the said magical item was hidden, he estimated that the area wasn't too big as they had mentioned that they could settle this in one night and rejoin the tour group before they set off the next day.

And Lu Shu felt that with his ability to sense magical energy waves, he should be able to sense whatever that could be sensed by the compass which was mentioned by Li Dian.

In the past, Lu Shu always took his ability to sense energy waves for granted and assumed that everyone could do it as well. Only now did he realize that this was actually an ability on its own!

238 REVENGE!

After trying this bronze mirror out, Lu Shu suddenly thought of another possibility: there could still be some magical energy during the era of Princess Wencheng. So when she asked someone to bring her the mirror to look at her father, she was blinded upon using the mirror!

Then, she threw the precious mirror away?!

It wasn't that impossible. Lu Shu's eyes were immensely sore. The light previously was really too intense. Luckily for him, his rate of recovery was quick.

Lu Shu suddenly thought. Could it be that Li Dian baited him to the bronze mirror on purpose?

Of course, this was just him having random thoughts. No matter how useless this magical item might be, as long as it was a magical item, he should just take it first.

Chapter 239: Oneself Over Others?

Liang Che and Li Dian watched the rear view of Lu Shu carrying the motorcycle in the distance, "This is madness!"

You don't even have the keys, why are you running with a motorcycle?!

Liang Che looked back on the 25 years of his life but couldn't think of anyone so unscrupulous... No, actually he bumped into such a person this year when he just escaped from the heavenly network's capture... he did encounter someone...

But he didn't think much about it. After all, they were too far away. Moreover, Lu Shu was just a normal high school student in his impression while this person in front of him was a metahuman he wasn't confident of beating even if he unleashed all his power.

But just at that moment, a few black SUVs sped towards Liang Che and Li Dian. Li Dian glanced at his compass and it was vibrating unstably... they were practitioners! The heavenly network!

Li Dian turned around and wanted to run but was halted by Liang Che, "What are you panicking for?! They might not be looking for us!"

This showed that when crucial things really happened, the 25-year-old Liang Che was more composed than the 39-year-old Li Dian. Being able to break away from the clutches of the heavenly network, he definitely had something others didn't have.

He thought quickly and only after thinking silently for a few seconds did he realize. The two of them came over with their identities concealed; one with the tour group while the other with the group of bikers. Although that guy appeared suddenly along the way, what's key was the fact that the heavenly network had no reason to be targeting them. Their identities were hidden all along!

Moreover, the other guy had already entered the vision of the heavenly network. If the two of them really suddenly turned and bolted, they would arouse suspicion immediately. Who knew if a highly skilled practitioner was amongst the group?

Although Li Dian was an old bird with experience, there was a reason for him not amounting to anything even at that age. Who had encountered scammers achieving real success?

For someone like Li Dian, it was more petty tricks than wisdom.

So even after wandering about and doing unlawful stuff for such a long time, he couldn't even amass enough money to buy 5 magical stones. If it wasn't for the revitalization of magical energy, he would be even worse off.

Liang Che and Li Dian pretended as if nothing happened and started walking back. The cars drove beside Liang Che and Li Dian and stopped beside them. Li Dian's hands were, at this point in time, drenched in sweat.

The windows were lowered and a fit young man said in a friendly tone, "Brother!"

Liang Che turned and smiled, "Hey, what's up?"

"Did you guys see someone carrying a motorcycle?" The young man smiled as he asked.

Damn... Liang Che shuddered. He immediately understood why this personnel from the heavenly network appeared. They were alarmed by the guy with the motorcycle, they must have been alerted when numerous people saw that guy previously!

But it was not the time to think about this. Liang Che composed himself and smiled, "Nope, why would there be someone carrying a motorcycle? How heavy is a motorcycle!"

Liang Che thought that his response was perfect. Commoners would wonder how someone could carry a motorcycle if they heard about this. His act was thorough enough, covering even the small details...

“Thanks,” The young man responded with a grin before turning back to the driver, “Let’s move forward and continue with the search.”

“Yes.”

The group of cars then set off again, and Liang Che and Li Dian could finally relax. Damn, if they found out who was behind all this trouble, they had to chase and kill him no matter what.

It was fine if he just stole their target, but he even brought the heavenly network here!

But just then, a young man beside one of the drivers suddenly felt something amiss, “There’s nothing in the vicinity. No houses, no shops. What are those two guys doing here??”

The driver pondered for a moment before replying, “Could it be some villagers here?”

“That can’t be! They aren’t even dressed like shepherds!” the young man held up his walkie-talkie, “Turn back. Everyone take note, be prepared to engage anytime!”

Liang Che and Li Dian were still wondering how to track the guy who ruined their plans when they noticed the three black SUVs turning around. The young man who spoke to them just now stuck his head out and shouted, “Bro, I still want to find out the situation from you!”

Li Dian was suspicious, “What situation?”

“Damn the situation!” Liang Che turned pale from shock. He had gone against the heavenly network too many times, and at this sort of situations, he knew the heavenly network didn’t have anyone so silly, “Run!”

Liang Che wished that Lu Shu was right in front of him, so he could execute his mad revenge! He had escaped from the heavenly network after much difficulty but now, he

had to face these guys again!

In reality, Liang Che was clear that these men of the heavenly network handpicked from the military were much tougher to deal with than those secret practitioners he had been dealing with all this while. Apart from having chemistry and being familiar with each other, even those inexperienced practitioners from this group had abilities that were hard to deal with!

But even before he ran for ten meters, Liang Che felt as if the natural elements of the world were changing drastically. He felt uncomfortable, there was actually someone within this group who was a metapractitioner, an awakened practitioner!

The grass beneath him suddenly grew rapidly and curled themselves around Li Dian and his feet, much like ropes. Li Dian fell to the floor almost immediately afterward.

Liang Che then used his skills softly. In an instant, numerous flaming birds flew out of his body, their extreme temperature ripping the grass apart. Following that, they surged towards those members of the heavenly network.

Liang Che today wasn't someone to be trifled with!

Of course, when up against a group, Liang Che didn't expect his flame birds to do significant damage. It was purely used as a tool to delay time.

He ran off without turning his head, while Li Dian shouted behind him, "Save me!"

But Liang Che didn't plan on saving him at all. At this point, he had trouble even saving himself, go have fun with the heavenly network!

Within this half a year, had Liang Che displayed signs of weakness or faltered, he would've been caught by the heavenly network. It was impossible for Liang Che to sacrifice himself to save someone else!

Wait, something was not right?!

Li Dian was disappointed as he witnessed this sight, "Darn you!" He then turned around to the heavenly network and shouted, "He's Liang Che! One of the fugitives that escaped from you heavenly network. He's a class D fire manipulator!"

Chapter 240: Do not be impulsive!

Upon hearing the name 'Liang Che', information about this person resurfaced within the mind of the young leader from the heavenly network.

It wasn't because he had a good memory or because the heavenly network had a short wanted list. In fact, the heavenly network's wanted list of metahumans was very long but most of them had already been caught...

As for those who were still on the run out there, there weren't many left...

Most people were threading in the grey area and were not yet on the heavenly network's wanted list.

In fact, many metahumans had considered sneaking into Southeast Asia. The existence of the local heavenly network was a huge pressure to them. If they could sneak into Southeast Asia, they could definitely make a name for themselves with their abilities.

Another important fact was that organizations such as the heavenly network, a strict and powerful organization, was among the few in this world!

Liang Che heard Li Dian's scream and became furious! What an unreliable man!

He was hoping for a more decent secret organization but it seemed rather hopeless. The good people had all been taken in by the heavenly network.

Of course, there were still several leaders that managed to recruit metahumans but Liang Che couldn't bring himself to trust them, fearing that he might be backstabbed anytime.

He kept sending out flaming birds that flew towards the heavenly network under the cover of the tall grass. Along the trail of these flaming birds, the originally vibrant greeneries had turned yellow.

And set aflame!

Another group of flaming birds was flying around in all directions. On the other hand,

the heavenly network was alerted and the young leader frowned, “He’s planning to burn the entire field!”

The information regarding the wanted list stated that during Liang Che’s escape, he burned down an entire mall and even killed three security personnel. As such, they didn’t doubt the ability of Liang Che to set an entire field aflame.

Furthermore, in the face of a fire type metahuman, the plant type from the team was at a disadvantage. Of course, he could control the plants to suck up underground water to deal with the fire but that was too inefficient! It would be similar to using 10 points of effort to accomplish 1 point worth of defense while the other party’s 10 points of effort were dishing out 12 points of damage!

When the flaming birds attacked, Li Dian quickly covered his entire self with his silk cloth which seemed to protect him from the flaming birds no matter the intensity of the heat!

The other members from the heavenly network ignored him as they knew the extent of this guy’s abilities. He would never escape for long...

But luckily for Liang Che, there wasn’t any Class C and above practitioners in this group of heavenly network members!

From previous investigations, Liang Che knew that there weren’t any Class B heavenly kings in Qingzhou and there was only one Class C. If the Class C was present, his flying sword would have pierced him instantly.

But this was also expected. The heavenly network’s objective was to capture a maniac carrying a motorbike and that wouldn’t require the power of a Class C expert!

Speaking of which, where did this maniac go? Huh? Catching the heavenly network’s attention and making me the scapegoat?!

On the other hand, Lu Shu had no idea about the events that took place. But looking at the distress points from Liang Che and Li Dian, he was delighted. This is the life...

Watching his distress points increase from 70k to 110k within a day, Lu Shu couldn’t help but let out a grin!

At the fight, Liang Che was making use of all his antics. He was adept at causing distractions by destroying surrounding stuff.

An organization like the heavenly network had such a mindset- the larger objective is always the priority.

When the fire on the field began to spread, the heavenly network could only send out part of their team to chase after Liang Che. The plant type metahuman had to use an inefficient method to deal with the fire while the rest had to contact the firefighting department as soon as possible.

In the end, 5 were sent after Liang Che while 5 stayed behind, 1 to control the fire, 1 to look after Li Dian, and 3 to contact the relevant authorities and to deal with emergencies. After all, these two people might have other comrades lurking around.

Out of desperation, Liang Che escaped into the woods. He was determined to escape. To him, what was the point in awakening if he got locked up?

The young leader behind suddenly stopped, "Cover me!"

Another urged, "Captain, there's no need to risk your future!"

The captain replied in all seriousness, "We cannot leave such a ruthless fugitive at large! Who knows how many more innocent civilians he would harm? If that happened, would everyone be able to bear the guilt for life? No arguments!"

Before Liang Che could leave a distance between them, he was shocked at the sight that greeted him when he turned back! The young leader had stopped while the rest were covering him!

He knew that all Class D experts in the Heavenly Network had a last resort to send a flying sword with extraordinary speed and power which even himself would not survive!

Although Liang Che craved for freedom, he never thought about whether his reasons were right or wrong. But right now, he wasn't willing to risk his life for freedom!

“Stop!” Liang Che turned around and shouted, “Please do not be impulsive! I’ll come back!”

In his mind, he was recalling all the incidents that took place that night. All these were because of that maniac!

“From Liang Che’s distress, +999!”

The Heavenly Network’s captain had a slight grin on his face when he saw Liang Che surrendering. Only when Liang Che was close enough to see his expression, he realized that the other party had planned this scheme after realizing that they could not catch up to him!

F*ck!

But to be honest, Liang Che couldn’t be sure if these crazy bastards from the heavenly network would use their last resort to kill him.

The captain placed a special handcuff on him and brought him back to the vehicles. At this point in time, the fire had stopped spreading but the plant type metahuman had his energy depleted and was extremely pale. Someone immediately brought magical stones to him.

Looking at Li Dian and Liang Che standing next to the SUV, a successful capture was the greatest news to the captain.

But he couldn’t understand one thing, “Why did you carry a motorbike while running?!”

“From Li Dian’s distress, +1000!”

“From Liang Che’s distress, +1000!”