

## 261 MAJOR INSPIRATION

In actual fact, everyone understood a point. Dangers were abound in the remains and thus, even something as simple as climbing a tree should best be left for somebody else to do.

This was akin to playing an unknown adventure game. One can step on a booby trap and be killed any time, and no one knows where are them.

At this point in time, people would fervently wish for someone to bravely lead the way.

However, the truth is, everyone thought on the same line...

The air was suddenly oppressively still. Trust crisis had already emerged in the newly formed group.

Something inside must be very wrong, Wei Qianyi felt.

Everybody's expressions were now more severe than the next.

Lu Shu laughed, "Haha, I was just joking, why so serious! I'll go up. I am definitely not the kind who's despicable and afraid of death, and hope only for others to take the lead... isn't that right?"

## 262 A STRANGE FORES

"Lu Shu, what's happening up there?" Wei Qianyi hollered from below, his voice piercing through the thick cover of leaves to reach Lu Shu. However, Lu Shu's first response was not to reply, but see if Wei's shouting can frighten any birds or other animals hiding amongst the leaves...

Surprisingly, not even one bird flew from the forest.

This is a little strange. How can such a huge forest not contain even small bird, but only that huge raptor just now?

This feeling was akin to having all the fishes in the Yangtze River disappearing: something just seems missing.

However, most regrettable was the fact that had a flock of birds flew out from the trees, his distress points would most likely be stable. Sadly, there seemed to be not many live animals in this forest.

Lu Shu shouted down loudly from the treetop, "Nothing, just a big bird. It flew away after we greeted each other."

### **263 THE DEVIL ASCENDS THE MOUNTAIN**

To tell the truth, Lu Shu was not the kind of person to suddenly turn compassionate and risk his own life to protect people he hardly knew. Everyone were of the same identity; they held military ranks and were paid. Lu Shu was not duty-bound to protect them.

There was no reason for Lu Shu to follow them into peril when they were so adamant about going into where he thought would be dangerous. Who the hell knows what these trees could be up to?

Of course, there was no best, Lu Shu still thought it would be prudent to observe for a night.

The last time, weren't the skeletons more aggressive at night in at the Beimang remains? This was an invaluable lesson Lu Shu gleaned from the experience at the

previous remains.

However, he was also not the kind who would look on while others faced imminent danger, so he would still talk when there was a need to.

### **264 NIGHT OF REFRESHING POINTS**

Lu Shu looked at the continuously refreshing distress points on the screen of his back-end income recorder, knowing not whether to be happy or worried. Simply put, he was torn between laughter and tears.

The distress points started out increasing madly before his eyes thanks to the four small animals, then suddenly a wild boar joined the team...and after that a bent eared bat...

The distress points started jumping from over ten thousand, the increase similar to the taxi meter in the capital...Lu Shu thought, it seems like my dream to collect enough distress points to light up the seventh star can soon be realized in this remains...

Just as his mind was wandering, the fire before him suddenly flickered. A breeze blew by, causing Lu Shu's shadows to dance wildly across the forest against the trees.

### **265 DANGERS OF THE FORES**

A continuous rustling sound could be heard. Wei Qianyi led his team onwards. He looked up and saw that the it would be dark very soon. He could not help but think of what Lu Shu told him: The forest at night is different from in the daytime.

He regarded the trees around him and laughed quietly at himself. How could he have kept the words of that unreliable fella in his mind, these trees were obviously very normal.

Half an hour had now past from when they had left the forest clearing. The night

would be coming soon.

"Ahhh!" A girl suddenly screamed.

Wei Qianyi whipped his head around and looked to the back of the group. "What happened!"

The girl who screamed pointed at the roots of a tree under the watchful eyes of all the classmates and quaked in fear, "There are animal bones there!"

### **266 MOST AFRAID OF SUDDEN SILENCE**

Lu Shu's sudden use of kungfu frightened the animals which all ran to the opposite side of the empty ground and crowded together, not wanting to remain too close to him.

Lu Shu carried a spear as he walked towards the animals which ran away in all directions thinking that since they were not the only one there, the slower they were, the more they had to lose.

The animals slowly figured out how to escape and in the end, the white-hair ape and wild boar were the slowest, and thus, had the most to lose.

After chasing them for an hour, Lu Shu stopped to catch his breath. The animals were surprised to see that he would be tired too.

However, Lu Shu was not tired. He was only catching his breath. He then realised that by then, even if he stopped chasing the animals, they would still keep producing distress values.

## 267 BIZARRE

For the schoolmates who have met Lu Shu, it was easier. For those, such as Gao Yi, who had not met him, they were puzzled by the situation.

On the way here, Gao Yi was thinking if every empty ground would be the same as the one they came across, having to gather animals seeking refuge. If it was so, then the students mentioned by Wei Ganyi and the rest, were in danger!

Not only so, even when they wanted to compete for the empty ground, they had to risk their lives.

He did not mention such thoughts along the way for fear of affecting morale as everyone would lose their fighting spirit and their ability to walk out of the forest which would be disastrous.

In this aspect, the Heavenly Network's combatants were much more experienced than Wei Ganyi and the rest.

However, now everyone was looking at Lu Shu in dead silence.

## 268 ALONE

Gao Yi suddenly figured out Lu Shu's words when he asked if they did not dare to as he savoured the words, "did not dare to".

Before they came, what exactly happened between Lu Shu and these animals?

"Everyone, rest and wash up here. This forest is too weird, we can only wait till sunrise before setting off.", said Gao Yi.

As everyone received the instructions, they realised that the animals indeed were extremely obedient and thus, stopped worrying and sat by the firepit.

Lu Shu added more firewood to the firepit and as he saw how pitiful these guys were all of them were injured.

Some students looked down and saw how pitiful they were then looked at how Lu Shu relaxingly added wood, they regretted not listening to Lu Shu that afternoon to stay back.

Should they have stayed back together, all that happened afterward would not have happened.

### **269 ANIMAL WHISPERER**

The students in the empty ground gradually woke up and Gao Yi re-ignited the flames in the firepit while everyone sat around it in silence.

Some Daoyuan Class' students even took out amenities they brought from home to clean up, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, ready to use the clean water the Heavenly Network gave them to brush their teeth.

Gao Yi was shocked, "Are all of you seeking death? Yesterday I searched the relic for a long time yet still could not find a water source, what if we run out of water? How could all of you use such precious clean water to brush your teeth!"

In fact, although a lot of students understood that the relic is very dangerous and they are not here for a holiday etc., time was needed for them to change as they had never experienced this and simply could not understand its severity.

Some student mumbled, "Severe mouth diseases will lead to fever, flu and other symptoms too..."

## 270 STILL CARING ABOUT THIS IN THE RELICS?

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When Lu Xiaoyu's troupe started moving towards the direction Gao Yi pointed towards, the animals heavily pressured the rest of them.

One after another, moving and staring ferociously, some of the Daoyuan Class' female students almost cried seeing such a humongous spider, unable to understand how Lu Xiaoyu could mingle with these animals so comfortably.

Gao Yi kept staring at the wild boar beneath Lu Xiaoyu, afraid that it was not a normal wild boar but a wild boar king...with at least D-grade abilities!

Had they not seen her before they entered the relics, with Lu Xiaoyu mingling amongst this bunch of wild animals, they would have treated her as though she was the ultimate BOSS in the relics...

Lu Shi, Lu Shi, both with the surname, Lu, if there was no coincidence, they would be siblings, right?

Gao Yi was slightly puzzled. There was no large Lu family in Yuzhou, where did these two devils appear from?

However, he did not know that Lu Xiaoyu was the little girl that both Chen Baili and Li Xianyi wanted to hand down their skills to.

As Lu Xiaoyu just entered the forest, she curiously asked as she sat relaxingly on naughty pig's head and observed the surrounding trees, "Have these trees always been like this?"

The gigantic wild boar below her nodded and Lu Xiaoyu replied, “It has been tough on all of you.”

The animals thought to themselves that actually before she came, their lives were not that bad...

As compared to her, these trees were incomparable...

Then again, these trees’ abilities were only of about E-grade and it was only that the entire mountain was covered in them that was scary, winning by quantity.

Lu Xiaoyu was different. To the animals, this young girl was the same as the black beast she tamed, both above D-grade and had the ability to move, chase them and were extremely violent.

To this young girl, these trees...were nothing!

After following Gao Yi’s directions for 2 hours, the wild cat in front suddenly stopped, turned back and roared at Lu Xiaoyu. Lu Xiaoyu was stunned, “You mean that there is human urine here?”

The wild cat nodded and Lu Xiaoyu was in joy, “big cat, remember this scent and find him!”. At this time, other than Lu Shu, who else would urinate here?

The wild cat’s face blackened and thought to himself that he, a wild cat, was a cat, not a dog! However, it knew that it was in no position to object...

If anyone was present, they would be very surprised as to why Lu Xiaoyu had the ability to communicate directly with these animals.



Earlier when Lu Xiaoyu communicated with the little squirrel, she already displayed this unique talent of hers. However, at that time Lu Shu only thought that the little squirrel was special without thinking further.

However, after what he just saw, he was no longer as relaxed as such a talent was not common.

Lu Shu, unfortunately, had to think about something deeper: Was this the awakening ability?

Although to outsiders, this pair of siblings claimed they were awakened people of the power system, they used this opportunity when Chen Baili wanted to discover Lu Xiaoyu's hidden abilities to help Lu Xiaoyu rise to become a D-grade awakened person of the power system in one step.

However, they themselves were clear that they were no awakened people, had never awakened any abilities and were only practitioners just that everyone else did not know that they were practicing.

Since they were not awakened people, then they had the chance to be awakened.

Lu Shu had always been underestimated in the Daoyuan Class. One reason was his maximised innate potential at his level and the second reason was: he was only an awakened person with his future unknown, who knew how many more times could he be awakened?

However, these all originated from a wrong guess as Lu Shu was actually only a practitioner who had not awakened, he still had the chance to!

Chen Baili knew that those who awakened before 16 years old, their comprehension would be greater for every year earlier.

Lu Xiaoyu also did not know since when she had this ability to communicate with animals but for as long as she could remember... she could!

Initially, she could only feel their emotions then when she started to practise with Lu Shu, for every nebula she moved up, the feeling became clearer until she could clearly understand the animals' thoughts...even...the smallest changes in their thoughts and the greatest difference is that instead of controlling them, she could restrict them.

That is why Lu Shu could only run after the animals but Lu Xiaoyu could form an army of animals to follow her around mindlessly in the forest. This was the difference.

Lu Xiaoyu estimated that she could restrict around 9 animals then.

The army of animals followed the wild cat and changed the direction they were initially walking in. Throughout the entire journey, they arrogantly moved about but in the relics, very few humans could be as relaxed as she was, not needing to move yet having animals follow her instructions throughout the day.

No other animals disturbed them but instead, those that saw them from afar ran to hide...

“Big cat, how long more before we catch up with him?”, asked Lu Xiaoyu from naughty pig's head.

The wild cat roared to symbolise not far!

Lu Xiaoyu's eyes brightened, she was extremely curious what Lu Shu's expression would be when he saw that she had so many animals following her.

Will he praise her? Most likely...

"Naughty pig, let's go! Faster!", Lu Xiaoyu could not wait once she thought about it!

The wild boar, naughty pig, ran forward heavily, sending roars from his stomps...

The more they moved forward, the more Lu Xiaoyu felt that something was amiss as Lu Shu's speed should not have been so slow such that she could catch up with him so soon.

The wild cat suddenly turned around to inform her that the person they were looking for was just in front!

Lu Xiaoyu spoke quietly, "lighten your footsteps, I want to surprise him!"

It was not too tough for the other animals but for naughty pig, it was tough on him as he was so big, how could he lighten his footsteps?

The whole bunch of animals slowly made their way in the dense forest while naughty pig's attempt to lighten his footsteps kept him uncomfortable.

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Chen Zuan was walking about in the forest and suddenly felt something amiss behind him. Once he turned around, he almost peed in his pants from shock, one, two,

three...nine wild animals' heads popped out of the forest staring at him quietly!

That moment, the atmosphere of the forest became so weird!

He lifted his head and saw Lu Xiaoyu on the wild boar's head and shivered, "Xiaoyu ah...have you been kidnapped by them..."

Lu Xiaoyu frowned and stared at the fatty, Chen Zuan, in front of her. She then suddenly understood that from the beginning when she asked the wild cat to follow the scent, she had been chasing the wrong person!

That pool of urine was not Lu Shu's but was Chen Zuan's!

Lu Xiaoyu was extremely angry, "Fatty, you... how could you pee wherever you wish!"

"Ah?!", Chen Zuan was shocked, still caring about this in the relics?!

"From Chen Zuan's distress, +666!"