

711 TO WORSHIP THE HEAVEN

When Lu Shu left, all the Sardinians waved him goodbye at the port. He had made a whole island of friends during this trip.

He calmly gazed at the sea surface. Yet again his life had seemingly returned to normal. He was still an average mean guy, without grand weddings or the enchanting girl.

Unexpectedly, though, Chen Zuan was particularly popular among local girls. Many were moved by his perseverance and courage during his fight with the Danke.

In the midst of his puberty, how could this little fatty remain unmoved in the face of the many young girls' confessions of love? He flirted with them despite their language barrier. His ego was greatly satisfied although there was no real development of their relationships.

When their cruise ship departed from the port, there were over ten girls waving Zuan goodbye, crying their eyes out...

712 BRILLIANT ACTOR

When Lu Shu saw You Mingyu being hung on the pole as a sacrifice, he jumped in fear. Lu Xiaoyu would definitely be angry at him as he had been out for a very long time. He also did not know what had happened to Zhong Yutang, or why his point of contact had changed to You Mingyu. Furthermore, You Mingyu was very dedicated. He continued to provide Lu Shu with information even as he was being offered as a sacrifice...

Lu Shu asked, "How long have you been hanging here?"

You Mingyu was lost in thought. "I've been here for three years, and another three years, and another three years. So almost ten years. Brother, I remind myself everyday that I'm a police officer. Even when I dream, I still shout, 'Put down your gun, I'm a police officer!'"

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. "What a brilliant actor! Wait, I'll let you down."

"No need, no need." You Mingyu suddenly said, "After all, I made Xiaoyu angry. Let her vent her anger..."

713 RETURN

The sun had set. It was as if there was a non-existent roar that traveled through the sky. It seemed as if a new era had come and everyone was facing their worries.

The young men who adored their crushes. They did not realize that the love letter in their hands had turned wet from their sweat. But in the end, they did not have the courage to send out the love letter.

The uncles who had just reached middle age. They had to bear the many pressures of life on their shoulders. It was as if they had suddenly lost their vitality.

Just as Lu Shu wanted to speak, Lu Xiaoyu continued talking. "Don't speak. Let me finish. After I returned, I told them that I wanted to become Heavenly King. But Zhong Yutang, that old man, laughed for half an hour."

Lu Shu gasped in shock. So his point of contact had changed to You Mingyu because...

714 THE GRADUATION SEASON

Nowadays, the second watershed in every Chinese person's life was probably the National College Entrance Examination(NCEE) 1 .

Some people disagreed, quoting many successful stories of university drop-outs. However, the fact was, those people quit school because they were no longer satisfied with the content taught in university...

After years in the workplace, one would finally realize that academic grades were really a shortcut for climbing up the social ladder. In most circumstances, undergraduate qualifications truly determined one's social standing in the future.

This was the reality, even though it was quite sad.

Lu Xiaoyu was confused when Lu Shu told her that. "Why is it only the second watershed, if it is really so important? What's the first one?"

Lu Shu sighed. "The first is your birth..."

The NCEE was already over with when Lu Shu came back from Europe.

715 THE PRELUDE OF GLOBAL EVOLUTION

The commoner students did not react any differently when they saw Lu Shu. To them, he was just an unpopular practitioner student next door.

But to the Daoyuan Class, none could ignore his presence.

In the Lop Nur remains, many of the students from the other states did not know Lu Shu. Some of them had even got his name wrong. There was this student, from the Capital, who asked Chen Zuan, "Can I know... who the boss of the Flood of Bronze is? What's his name? Is it Lu Bu 1 ? Or Lu Shu? Lu Hongliu 2 ?!"

But it was a different story for the Luo City Daoyuan Class. The recent events had changed their impression of Lu Shu tremendously. He had been fighting under the

spotlight on the international stage while the rest of them were still struggling with cultivation in China.

716 NATURAL CALAMITIES ARE COMING

It was really unlucky for Li Yixiao to bump into Nalan Que. He had brought back over 1000 bottles of essential balms. He thought that he could earn some pocket money from them. One or two thousand dollars was a large amount for him. He started selling the essential balms to others, but the balms were eventually confiscated by Nalan Que.

He wished for Nalan Que to run away with someone else, but she would not do such a thing...

Li Yixiao lay down on the table, heavily drunk. He had wanted to treat Lu Shu to a drink, but from the looks of things, he would not be able to pay the bill. When Lu Shu decided to settle the bill, he suddenly realized that Nalan Que was already taking out money at the cashier...

"He vented out his woes, didn't he?" Nalan Que walked over and smiled.

"Actually, I feel that there is no need for you to be so strict with him. But I won't involve myself in your affairs," said Lu Shu.

"Back then, he was humiliated at my place. He took the train back home that night without even saying goodbye. I did not know where he went either. Thus, from then on, I promised that if I met him again, I would not give him any more than is required to buy a train ticket. Everyday, I give him 50 dollars," said Nalan Que.

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. "Actually, some trains only cost 20 dollars."

"From Li Yixiao's distress, +999!"

Lu Shu looked at Li Yixiao... ha ha... so you have not been knocked out from that alcohol?

Lu Shu took out his phone to check. He confirmed, "That's right. It only costs 19 dollars for a standing ticket from Luo City to the provincial capital."

"From Li Yixiao's distress, +999!"

Li Yixiao tipsily woke up. "Hm? Nalan, you're here. I love you."

Lu Shu was getting a headache from this. Why was he in a frenzy over just some spare change? He could see that Li Yixiao was rather heavily drunk. Although he had not yet lost consciousness, his mind was not completely clear either. Under these circumstances, Lu Shu could see how much Li Yixiao wanted money...

But Nalan Que remained unmoved. She said calmly, "Li Yixiao, do you like my angelic appearance, or my demonic physique?"

Li Yixiao was dumbfounded. "Hm, I like your humor..."

Lu Shu was speechless.

You are done for, brother.

"Ha ha, let's talk about this when we get back." Nalan Que carried Li Yixiao on her back and left. The people in the shop had probably never seen such a strong lady. All the people in front of her made way for her.

"This is love..." Lu Shu sighed.

He walked back alone. It was still raining. Someone without an umbrella hurriedly brushed past him. Suddenly, he felt as if the rain had stopped. He stepped forward and the rain continued to fall from the sky.

The moment Lu Shu walked into the courtyard, he suddenly heard a cracking sound under his foot. He looked and saw that he had stepped on and killed a termite.

But the termite was rather strange. It was as big as his thumb, and had a much harder shell than ordinary termite.

Lu Shu suddenly moved. He moved to the left, bent down and picked up a termite that tried to return into a hole in the ground. It was as big as his thumb as well. Its white and shiny shell was blinding.

Its ferocious mouth moved up and down, as if it was about to bite Lu Shu. But since Lu Shu was holding on to its back, it could only bite at air.

This termite was very fast. If it wanted to attack an ordinary person, an ordinary person would definitely not be able to escape it. Lu Shu took out his phone from the Seal of Lands and called You Mingyu. He wanted someone to come and take this specimen.

Although he had chanced upon it, he should inform the Heavenly Network about this discovery.

The termite was called the toothless tiger, as it had great destructive power. Crash! Lu

Shu heard a road sign collapse with a crash nearby. He walked over to take a look and saw a few termites going back into the ground. The collapse of the road sign was their masterpiece.

As expected, everything had their drawbacks along with their benefits. As humans enjoyed the benefits brought about by the magically-rich era, they also had to face the effects of that double-edged sword.

But Lu Shu thought, humans had always inhabited this place. This was mankind's greatest advantage. Now, there was organization and discipline in the Heavenly Network. The team had just been formed. There should be no problems dealing with these creatures, right?

But did these creatures possess any other advantageous skills?

In less than ten minutes, You Mingyu brought a team of people with him. A Class C earth-type Metahuman stood by the road sign. With a roar, all the soil underneath him was suddenly sent flying out. He had opened up a large hole in the ground.

"The queen is down there. Just kill it and we'll be done." The earth-type Metahuman said, "We have been cleaning many ant nests recently. Killing the queen ant should do. They are creatures with a rather complex social structure. After that is destroyed, they can no longer survive. Although they have evolved, they have not yet been able to free themselves from the boundaries of the natural world."

Lu Shu asked You Mingyu, "Has this kind of thing been happening often?"

"Yes." You Mingyu nodded his head and said, "Now, we are also thinking of ways to deal with this situation. No matter whether they are termites, ants, insects, or stray

dogs, they might suddenly attack."

Lu Shu nodded his head and went back. They were experienced with this. There was no need for Lu Shu to hang around either.

Lu Shu opened the door and saw Lu Xiaoyu and Little Fury on the sofa watching television. Little Fury had dyed its hair back to its original color. It was very worried that Lu Shu would give it a tattoo of a vulgarity. If that really happened, how would it face its underlings?

Lu Shu asked Lu Xiaoyu, "Recently, there have been many strange creatures in Luo City. Do you know about this?"

Lu Xiaoyu counted on her fingers. "I got Little Fury to bring its underlings to dig up 11 ant nests. Its underlings seem to really like eating those ants. They sounded as if they were eating fries. There were also over ten stray dogs and cats that suddenly attacked people, as if they had gone mad. They were all killed by Little Fury's underlings."

Killing was no longer a strange thing to Lu Xiaoyu. There was nothing unnatural about it. But for a young girl to talk about these kinds of things... it was strangely violent.

Lu Shu suddenly realized something. He turned and asked Little Fury, "How many underlings do you have now?!"

Little Fury wrote in its little notebook. "Over 40 thousand."

Lu Shu gasped in shock. "Are you controlling all of them?"

"Yes."

Lu Shu thought about it. He took out two refresher fruits and diluted them for Little Fury. He gave another two refresher fruits to Little Fury for it to eat. Lu Shu said, "Go and raise their abilities. Remind them that they are forever under your control. Furthermore, when you see any strange creatures about to attack, kill them."

Little Fury felt that it was being valued more than before. To be honest, it had wanted to prove himself. But the two demon kings at home were so strong that it did not have the chance to do so. Thus, it had smoked, drank and permed its hair out of depression. Now, it was its turn to shine!

Little Fury received the fruits and happily wrote on its notebook. "Gold will always shine."

Lu Shu's expression darkened. "Hurry up and shut your mouth. Don't make any mischief now."

717 HUMAN ORDER

When Lu Xiaoyu told Lu Shu that Little Fury had used its underlings to dig up the termite nests, Lu Shu realized that perhaps Little Fury's underlings could be used on the battlefield.

But now, no one knew how severe this disaster would be. If it were on a small scale, then Little Fury's current underlings would be enough to deal with the disaster.

Lu Shu asked for more details. Most of Little Fury's underlings had not even reached Class F. There were only slightly over 100 Class F's. He decided to observe the situation before taking any further action. If the disaster that the magically-rich era brought about was not too severe, Lu Shu would have to strictly control Little Fury's

army of mice.

After all, the day that they lost control over the mice would be the day of a true disaster. Everything had its limit. Lu Shu was very clear of this.

718 NATURAL ORDER

Zhong Yutang said, "An ant nest was found under an office building in the downtown region. The foundations of the building has already shown signs of collapse.

Fortunately, we found it early and a tragedy has been averted."

Lu Shu turned to look at the towering buildings across the cityscape of Luo City. This steel forest was no longer as safe as it appeared. Yet, few residents were aware of the brewing danger. Indeed, the urban landscape was a pleasant sight when viewed through a French window from a high-rise building.

But one day, fear would spread across the city when the buildings would start to collapse under the attack of mutated creatures. People would then have nowhere to hide.

What was so scary about these creatures was not just their deadliness, but the new social order they brought to the world.

Infrastructure, security, standards of living... They would change many aspects of life.

719 BUSINESS SENSE

The sample of special termites were taken away for immediate research. The Heavenly Network would try to figure out the details of any changes in them, as soon as possible.

After the powerful individual termites got rid of the need to live as a group, they formed new communities and reproduced even stronger generations. How many more

species were in the midst of such evolution, or worse, had completed it?

Lu Shu asked Zhong Yutang. "Tell me the truth. Are you hiding something from me?"

"Nope," replied Zhong Yutang.

"See how calm you are, old boy. Hurry up and spit it out," Lu Shu urged impatiently. He had a feeling that he was not informed of the whole picture.

Since the very beginning, Zhong Yutang and Li Yixiao regarded mutated creatures as a powerful enemy. But how could a peak-Class C and a peak-Class B be so worried if their enemies were merely sub-Class F creatures?

720 THE MICE ARMY HAS ENTERED

"Lu Shu, what are we having for dinner? You should start cooking," said Lu Xiaoyu.

"Xiaoyu." Lu Shu did not catch on. He sat on the sofa and pondered for a long time.

"What do you think is at Changbai Mountains? Why is Nie Ting so mysterious about it?"

"Probably dinner," said Lu Xiaoyu calmly.

"From Lu Shu's distress, +166!"

As Lu Shu was cooking, he looked at the courtyard outside the window. Suddenly, he was dumbfounded. "Didn't we cut the grass yesterday? Why has it already grown to my knee?"

This was too fast!

"What's so weird about that? In the past, we needed to wait for two months before our

tomatoes were ready. Now, we only have to wait for a week and the tomatoes now taste much better than they did in the past," said Lu Xiaoyu casually.

"Keep an eye on Little Fury. Even if it is killing the aggressive stray dogs and cats, its underlings cannot be too eye-catching. If people find out that we have an army of mice, Nie Ting might come and surround them," said Lu Shu.

Everyone was wary. No matter whether you were a good Fury or a bad one, others would still see you as a threat. Normal people would only be willing to accept a dead Fury.

Humans were good at seizing opportunities and running away from danger. Who wanted to have danger around them?

"Hm? Something is wrong!" Lu Shu thought of a problem. After cooking tomato noodles with egg, he wiped his hands and took out his phone. He started to browse through the Golden Foundation forum.

Lu Xiaoyu came over. "What's wrong?"

The two of them looked at Lu Shu's phone. Lu Shu scrolled through the forum. "The most dangerous creatures in the city are not termites or stray dogs. They are mice!"

As expected, one-third of the posts were about the danger of mice. Some said that mice suddenly appeared and chewed on the legs of their tables. Others said that mice had started to attack people. There was even one post about how some mice had eaten up a cat. How frightening!

One user uploaded a photo of a mouse that had been killed after much difficulty. It

was almost as big as a rabbit. A large volume of blood flowed out.

Termites were still specific to certain areas. Some places had termites, while others did not.

But mice were different. Which city did not have mice?

Someone asked in the forum whether this world would become like those in books about the end of the world, where countless mutated creatures appeared and attacked humans. Creatures of all kinds were already starting to attack humans, right?

Many people supported this comment, as everyone felt the danger.

But Lu Shu felt that from the current look of things, that would not happen. All species had natural instincts. Fortunately, many species were still unable to break away from their own animal instincts.

Although the termites had broken through their original rules of "society", they had not attacked humans. Instead, they built even bigger nests and attacked buildings.

For example, cows eat grass. Cows would not suddenly eat humans because of a transformation. Instead, they would try to break free from human control. Their instinct would be to run towards areas with a high concentration of magical energy, as this was the source of their evolution. It would definitely not turn out like in the books about the end of the world, where they fed on humans. They would not be able to evolve even after eating humans.

These creatures had not become too intelligent yet. They could not even provide Lu Shu with distress points.

But mice were different. Mice were omnivorous. They ate meat, so a mice attack would be very frightening.

"I didn't expect that we would be able to resolve a snake in the grass unexpectedly." Lu Shu patted his forehead. "Earlier, I got Little Fury to eradicate the mutated creatures. It killed all the mice who did not listen to its instructions. Now, all the mice in the underground kingdom are all under its control. Thus, there are mice problems in other places, but not in Luo City..."

A look at the Golden Foundation forum and one would realize that the mouse problem was very serious. The Heavenly Network members in other places were doing their best to get rid of the mice.

But things were different in Luo City. The mice in Luo City were even helping humans to get rid of threats...

With such a major incident in Luo City, people would definitely discuss about this matter. They went to look at the Golden Foundation forum and complained, "Are mice really that scary? Mice have killed people in other areas. Are they exaggerating things? Nothing of that sort has happened here!"

Someone beside added on, "It's definitely nonsense. I went to many places today, but there were no problems with mice. Look at your timeline. If a mouse bit someone, the timeline would be flooded."

"That's right!" Someone laughed in disdain. "Netizens like to spout nonsense. They are spreading false rumors!"

But this time, it was not a rumor...

While other areas were busy tackling the mice, Luo City was unharmed. Even the insects underground had been eradicated by Little Fury's mice.

Some of these insects were prepared to attack and some of Little Fury's underlings had even been injured. But since Lu Shu had given Little Fury refresher fruits earlier, the mice army was now stronger. They had over 300 Class F mice now. Every species underground was easily defeated by the mice army...

One good step led to another. The most dangerous group of creatures had been controlled. The entire underground was in the hands of Little Fury...

But Lu Shu did not think that although they had resolved a greater threat, some insects escaped to the surface. Insects had to live as well!

In the long term, there was nothing wrong with this. After all, the insects would multiply and grow stronger underground due to the sewage system. It would spell even greater disaster in the future. But now, they had been forced out by the mice army. This had caused some trouble.

The next morning, Little Fury brought its underlings to the underground sewage system and swept across the entire system. After it had settled the problem of stray dogs on land, it started to focus on cleaning up the underground. Once the mice army had entered, not even a blade of grass could grow...

Little Fury rode on a large gray mouse with awe-inspiring might. It even had a small backpack on its back. It was somewhat comical.

But Little Fury did not care about these details. He wanted to report his achievements to Lu Shu. He had made full use of his potential!

Little Fury felt a lot of pressure with two demon kings at home. There were few people of such calibre in the country, but there were two of them at home.

When there was a conflict, or an exploration of the remains, Little Fury was never brought along. They did not think much of its combat power. It could only do odd jobs like washing plates.

It was a beautiful creature that had come from the remains to this world. But it started off with a hellishly high level of difficulty. What a terrible game experience!

But this time, things were different. When a disaster happened on a large scale in the city, Little Fury was their most useful tool. It finally felt that it was being valued. What an honor!