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I will go back and play with Hu Yaoyao when I have nothing to do. Old Lady Liu told me that Hu Yaoyao was actually almost two hundred years old, but the way she calculated things was different from other people's methods. According to Hu Yaoyao's cultivation, she could only be considered a little fox.

This summer, Old Lady Liu told me that she would formally accept me as her disciple, asking if I was willing, which of course I was willing, and she said: "Child, you have taken me as your master, and you are now an immortal. After a hundred years, you will serve me for the rest of my life, not daring to say that you want to exorcise evil, but you have to do it to punish evil and do good, you know that?" I nodded as if I did not understand and she continued, "I thought that our Master and disciple had been fated to be together for a long time, but who would have thought that there would be a great calamity soon? I do not know if I will live past the eighth day of the new year, if I were to die, you would not treat Hu Tai Niu lightly. You are still young, so you might not understand how heavy the responsibilities are." I had always treated Mrs. Liu as a family member. When she said that I was going to die, I couldn't help but cry. "Grandma Liu, are you going to die?" She didn't answer and instead led me to the storage room. She sat on the armchair and said, "Haozi, kneel down and kowtow three times to me. Just consider this the master's and disciple's gift." I kneeled down and kowtowed three times. Old Lady Liu said, "I originally wanted to wait for you to grow bigger, but time waits for no one. You should go back. From today onwards, you will be an immortal coming out of hell. Remember, you must protect us well."

After a few days, a world-shaking disaster broke out in China. The Yangtze River, Songhua River, and Nenjiang River erupted in a torrent, causing the people downstream to become fish turtles, the losses caused by this flood is incalculable, countless lives were taken as well, our village was located on the high hill, but we were also besieged. Old Lady Liu had already disappeared before the flood arrived.

When the family was at a loss of what to do, Old Lady Liu came to the village. Her hair was still neatly combed, but her face looked a lot more haggard, and when she saw that her family was very happy, Old Lady Liu told me that she used to work for the country, and that there was an organization in the country that specialized in the task of not seeing the light of day. Because she was old and had retired, this time's flood not only destroyed countless people's property, but also the demon beasts in the river took the opportunity to stir up chaos.

Old Mrs. Liu said to me, "This is a very important matter, but I can't let Hu Taishui personally come here. You can come with me, because you're my disciple, and you're also a member of this department." When my family knew that I had already become Old Lady Liu's disciple, they all supported me to go. My grandfather said, "You're a big young lad, you have to stick your neck out if you need to. You and Grandma Liu can go." Thus, Old Lady Liu and I embarked on the path of exterminating demons and devils.

Uncle of the People's Liberation Army took us out on a boat, and when we reached the worst part of the flood, Mrs. Liu said, "I can't always stay by your side and protect you. You have to be careful." There was a small two-story building near the dam, which was the temporary residence of our department. Everyone who entered was in a hurry, including the monks and Taoist priests, so Old Lady Liu ordered me to go to the innermost room on the second floor. There were a few middle-aged men who looked like soldiers, and when a slightly older soldier sitting inside saw Old Granny Liu, he said, "He's your disciple, someone who can invite Immortal Ma?" Old Mrs. Liu said, "Yes, he will be involved throughout this disaster." That person said to another soldier, "Give him your ID card. He will be a member of your department from now on." The man went out and gave me a certificate, written in red leather: Department of Defense, Third Hall, Special Task Force.

At that time, I was too young to realize how much power this certificate held. It was only later that I realized that the country also had a department that specialized in dealing with supernatural incidents.

We arrived at a place where the water flow wasn't too fast. Old Lady Liu, I, and a lean middle-aged man were followed by a platoon of soldiers, who were dressed just like any other ordinary person, but in reality, they were an almighty figure of the Daoist Sect. The water flow here seemed calm, but a few days ago, a large snake had swallowed a few rescue soldiers.

"This evil Flood Dragon is very cunning. Lady Liu, can you help me lure it out so that I can use the heavenly thunder to kill this evil beast?" "Please," Mrs. Liu said to me. I said yes and closed my eyes, concentrated, and mouthed the name of Hutai.

After a while, I felt a chill in the spiritual altar, and knew that Hu Taishui had arrived. My body was no longer under my control, but my mind was still clear. This was because Hu Taishui had not completely occupied my body.

When Hu Taikou saw Old Lady Liu, he asked, "Liu'er, what business do you have with me?" His Master said, "Supreme Milk, now that the waters are flooded, I didn't expect that there would be many evil spirits making use of this opportunity to cause chaos. There's a flood dragon below that has caused many deaths." "Could it be that he is Immortal Dancing Horse?" said the Emptiness Realm Expert. "I

could tell that you were Mao Shan,” said Hu. “I didn’t expect that there would be a day when we would join hands. Interesting.” “Great deity, please draw the flood dragon up from the bottom of the lake. I will use divine lightning to blast it to death. It can also be considered a merit.” Hu Taimei nodded. “I didn’t expect you to be able to attract heavenly thunder at such a young age. Young people truly deserve to be feared.” With that, he clasped his hands together, and a faint flame appeared in the middle of his palm. With a loud shout, his two hands faced the water, and two fire pillars shot straight to the bottom of the water, the flame did not extinguish even if it touched water, and the water did not evaporate even if it touched fire.

Suddenly, a huge snake soared out of the water. Its tail seemed to be burned. It was more than ten meters long, as thick as a bucket. The scales on both sides of its head stood erect, adding to its imposing aura.

“It’s out!” The Emptiness Realm Expert roared and quickly took out a talisman paper. He held it in his hand and spat out fire at the talisman paper. The talisman paper quickly burned, and in the blink of an eye, the sky was covered in dense dark clouds, and the rumbling of thunder could be vaguely heard from within the clouds.

Hu Taishu made a circle with his hands, only to see a wall of fire that was as tall as a man and as red and blue as a human appearing on the ground. After he finished chanting the lightning incantation, he shouted, “Down”, and a bolt of lightning struck down from the sky, striking the tail of the dragon, and another bolt of lightning struck the middle of the dragon’s body, followed by another bolt of lightning, which was even thicker than the previous two, and struck the evil dragon ruthlessly on its head. It was covered in blood, and after a roar, it stopped moving on the surface of the water.

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