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「湖之鎮，根據情報看來創鎮大約是七十年前的事情，是個山中小鎮。」

“Lake Town, according to the information, the town was built about seventy years ago, it’s a small town in the mountains.”

翌日，我們全部集合在選手休息室當中，拿到了最後一次比賽地點情報的學長把手上的數據給我們輪流傳閱，「他是一個算是很新的人類城鎮，地點位於荒谷中十八里處，大約一星期前工會收到求救訊號，後來派遣了一組情報班前往探索，不過奇怪的是，鎮中連一個人都沒有，彷彿全都蒸發一樣。」

The next day, we were all gathered in the player resting room, XueZhang, who got the information about the last competition’s location, circulated the information in his hands to us in turns, “It’s considered as a very new human town, the place is located about eighteen miles from Barren Valley. About a week ago, the General Assembly received a distress call, and in the end a group of intelligence team was sent there to explore, but the weird thing was, not even one person was found there. It was just as if all of them just evaporated.”

怎麼這個情節好像某種電玩.....？

Why is this plot so similar to a certain video game...?

「接著就在前天，原本還會做定點回報的情報班同樣突然消失了，公會再怎樣都聯絡不上派出的情報班，好像他們也跟著蒸發一樣。因為事出突然，按照緊急分辨類別，湖之鎮已經進入三級防護區，禁止一般人進入。」

“And then, the day before yesterday, the intelligence team that was supposed to continuously send periodic reports suddenly disappeared too, and the General Assembly couldn’t contact the intelligence team that was sent there no matter what, as if they followed suit and evaporated. Because the happening was too sudden, according to the emergency differentiation category, Lake Town has entered the third level of protection area, prohibiting normal people from entering.”

等等，基本上我應該是一般人吧。

Wait a minute, basically I should be a normal person, right.

「早在你踏進這個學校開始你就不是一般人了，覺悟吧！」學長突然轉過來衝著我擱下這句話，害我嚇的差點心臟抽筋。

“From the start when you entered this school, you’re already not a normal person, so give it up!” XueZhang suddenly turned toward me and threw these words at me, almost causing me to have a heart attack.

「什麼不是一般人？」還在翻資料的五色雞頭發出好奇的疑問。

“What about not being a normal person?” The five-coloured rooster head, who was still flipping through the information, issued a curious question.

「沒有、沒事。」為了預防他太多話又被學長揍，我早一步先開口應付，「看你的資料去。」

“No, it’s nothing.” In order to prevent him from saying too much and would be beaten up by XueZhang again, I was one step faster to stop him, “Go look at your information.”

「嘖，字這麼多看起來真麻煩，下次可不可以配圖解啊。」看著手上密密麻麻的數據文件，五色雞頭皺眉接著抱怨。

“Tsk, there’re so many words, so troublesome. Next time can it come together with illustrations?” Looking at the dense information file on his hands, the five-coloured rooster head frowned and then complained.

還圖解嘞！我打賭百分之百學長不可能提供這麼好的服務。

To want illustrations! I bet that it’s hundred percent impossible for XueZhang to provide such a good service.

「可以啊。」意外的，學長居然浮現了和藹可親的笑容，「我可以用咒封把你封進去書裡面，然後你想要什麼圖解就自己演，是不是很方便。」說出來的話跟他的表情差了十萬八千里遠，旁邊還起了冷颼颼的白霧。

“Of course.” Unexpectedly, XueZhang actually revealed an amiable smile, “I can use a curse seal to seal you inside the book, and then you can act out the illustrations inside, isn’t that very convenient?” The words that he said was so extremely different from his expression, and beside him chilly white mist appeared.

有時候話太多真的叫做找死。

Sometimes when you talk too much it really is called as courting death.

「不、不用了。」五色雞頭很有自知之明的埋頭回去讀資料。

“No, no need.” The five-coloured rooster head understands his own limitation as went back to read his information.

「第一批的情報班消失之前應該有傳回來些什麼影像吧？有一起拿到手嗎？」稍早用很快速度全讀完的夏碎還未下定論就先問了另件事情。

“Before the first group of intelligence team disappeared, they should have sent back some images, right? Did you also receive that?” Very quickly finished with reading all the information, Gasai asked another matter before making a conclusion.

「當然有。」坐到桌邊，學長用食指敲敲桌面，一個莫約三十公分左右的法陣直接出現在上頭，跟上回千冬歲追蹤的那玩意有點像，可是又不同，「在消失之前他們本來是在做影像紀錄，大約十五秒左右就中斷了。」

“Of course.” Sitting down at the side of the table, XueZhang used his index finger to tap on the table. An array of about thirty centimeters directly appeared above. It was rather similar to the thing that Chifuyu used to track, but it’s not the same, “Before they disappeared, they were doing an image recording, and after about fifteen seconds, it was interrupted.”

我們立即聚到桌邊。

We immediately gathered around the table.

法陣慢慢的轉動起來，同時上面也出現小小的景色，看起來是個小城鎮，出現的大部分都是像國外般的小房子，遠一點可以看見有比較高可能是旅館還是什麼商業樓層之類的東西。小鎮裡面一個人也沒有，到處都是空蕩的景色，給人感覺有點詭異。

The array started to slowly rotate, and at the same time, a small scenery also appeared on top, looks like a small town. The things that appeared were things that were similar to houses of a foreign country, and a little further there was a relatively taller, probably a hostel or a whatchamacallit business shop lot or the like. There’s not even one person in the small town, all around were empty sceneries, giving people a strange feeling.

通常在電影上面看到這種場景大部分都是驚悚片，所以我覺得這個湖之鎮搞不好也是那方面的東西在作祟之類的。

Normally when you see this kind of scene on television, most of them would be thrillers, so I felt that this Lake Town probably also had those kind of things at work or the like.

前幾秒景色還是一動也不動的，幾秒過後，整個畫面突然模糊了起來，茫然中還有照到情報班的紅色衣服。

For the first few seconds, everything was still motionless, but after a few seconds, the whole screen suddenly became fuzzy, and during that confusion, there were also glimpses of the red clothing of the intelligence team.

『這個是.....』

“This is...”

『快點回報，知道湖之鎮的秘密.....』

“Hurry up and report back, we found out the secrets of Lake Town...”

下一秒，整個影像就直接消失變成一片黑暗。

The next second, the entire image directly disappeared and became a piece of black screen.

「最後傳來的影像只有這些。」跳下桌面，上頭的法陣也跟著消失，學長環起了手，「根據情報班分析與推測，最後開始模糊時候應該是他們掉入某種咒術陷阱之類的，因為沒有映入影像當中所以無從知道是哪類型的法術，不過如果是情報班當場可以發現的祕密的話，對於黑袍來說應該很容易就可以解開了。」

“These were the last images that were sent.” Jumping off the table, the array on top followed suit and

disappeared, XueZhang folded his arms, “According to the analysis and speculation of the intelligence team, at the end when the images became fuzzy, it was probably due to falling into some kind of curse trap or the like, but because it wasn’t recorded in the images, so the type of spell was unknown, but if the intelligence team could find the secret at the scene, then for a black robe, it should be very easy to solve.

所以我說黑袍都不是人，是鬼！

So I’d always said that black robes aren’t humans, they’re ghosts!

「兩邊任務起碼都有三個以上的黑袍加入，沒想到公會會這麼看重這兩邊的事件，還動用到聯合競技賽來幫忙。」微微皺起眉，夏碎開始左右思考了最後比賽的可能規劃，「到湖之鎮的五支隊伍除了我們之外，另外就是蘭德爾的隊伍還有亞里斯學院、七陵學院和明風學院第一代表隊，不知道該說幸還是不幸，有一半都可以算是自家人，合作起來難度就沒那麼高了。」

“Both sides of the mission also has three or more black robes participating, never thought that the Guild would focus so much on the event of these two places, to even use the combined competition to help out.” Slightly frowning, Gasai started thinking about the possible plans for the final competition, “The five-teams heading towards Lake Town, other than ours, it’s Randall’s team, and Alis Academy, Seven Hill Academy and Clear Wind Academy’s first representative team. I don’t know if it’s considered as fortunate or unfortunate, half of them could be regarded as our own people, to cooperate with one another would be much easier.”

「是這樣沒錯，不過明風裡面那個傢伙很難應付，我總覺得他一定會在這次機會裡面動手腳，看來得先跟其它同路線的人打過招呼。」拿出手機很快的傳了幾封簡訊出去之後，學長又收下。

“That’s true, but the person in Clear Wind is very difficult to deal with, I keep feeling that he would definitely do something during this opportunity. Looks like it’s better to let the others, who are on the same side as us, know about this.” Taking out his cell phone and very quickly sending out a few short messages, XueZhang put it away again.

明風裡面那個鬼王第一高手.....

Inside Clear Wind, that ghost king first expert...

「那個.....跟大會報告有人混入沒用嗎？」我從那天開始之後就一直思考這個問題，再怎麼說，一個紫袍被鬼王的手下抹除後被使用身份混入大賽，這種事情一定會鬧得很大吧？

“That’s... can’t we just report to the General Assembly about this person entering the competition?” From that day, I’d started considering this problem, no matter how you put it, a purple robe being erased by a Ghost King’s underling and had his identity used to mix in with the competition. This kind of thing would definitely cause a huge uproar, right?

學長轉過頭看我，「講過了，大會方面已經派人針對滕覺調查，可是完全找不出什麼所以然，所以沒有辦法證實他究竟是不是本人。另外，我也向學校方面報告過這件事情，學校已經派人出發前往明風學院，調查結果出來這段期間我們得自己小心。」

XueZhang turned around to look at me, “Already told them, the General Assembly’s side has already sent people to investigate Tenju, but they couldn’t find out anything, so there’s no way to confirm if he is the real person. Other than that, I’d also reported this to our school, and the school has already sent people

to Clear Wind Academy, and before the results of the investigation are out, we need to be careful on our own.”

哈哈.....自己小心啊.....

Haha... be careful on our own...

不知道為什麼，我覺得我的右眼皮已經跳到快抽筋了。

I don't know why, my right eyelid has been twitching till it's about to start cramping.

「對了，忘記告訴你們，因為這算是正式任務，所以在配給上每個比賽地點都會有三隊醫療班隨時待命，只要注意別死到灰飛湮滅屍骨無存都應該還能得救。」

“That's right, I forgot to tell you guys, because this is considered as an official mission, so for each of the location, there would be three medical teams on standby. As long as you don't die to the extent of not even your ashes and bones are left, you're most probably able to be saved.”

學長這段話好像是專門講給我聽的.....反正我就是很容易屍骨無存的那個啦我知道.....

XueZhang's words seemed to be specifically aimed at me... since I'm the one who would easily die till my ashes and bones aren't left, I know...

說到醫療班，我好像想起來某個很久不見的人。

Speaking of Medical Team, I seemed to have remembered a certain someone whom I'd not seen for a long time.

算了，應該不會這麼巧吧。

Forget it, it shouldn't be so coincidental right?

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就在學長講解完一個段落之後，休息室的門響起了幾個聲音。

Just as XueZhang finished his explanation, sounds could be heard on the resting room's door.

「褚，找你的。」

“Chu, it's yours.”

「找我？」

“Mine?”

我一打開門，果然是熟面孔。

As soon as I opened the door, sure enough it's a familiar face.

「打擾了。」門外的是那個好像很喜歡到處亂逛的然，「今天沒有比賽，沒想到你們還是聚集在這邊啊。」

“Excuse me.” Outside was Ran, who seemed to love simply wondering around, “There're no matches today, never thought that you guys would still be gathering over here.”

「有事嗎？」訝異他居然找到這邊來了，我把門稍微打開。

“Can I help you?” Surprised that he actually came over here looking for me, I opened the door slightly wider.

「有，你現在有空嗎？」他點點頭，然後先跟休息室裡所有人都打過招呼才又轉回來，「可不可以借一下時間，我們到外面的交誼廳說話。」

“Yes, are you free now?” He nodded, and then he greeted everyone in the resting room before he turned back to me, “Can I borrow some of your time, let’s talk in the saloon outside.”

交誼廳！

Saloon!

慘了，我跟投幣式飲料機有仇。

This is bad, I’ve grudges with the coin-operated beverage machine.

「飲料機前幾天被不明人士砸了一個洞現在送修，所以交誼廳裡面的改成另外一台了。」學長打了一個哈欠，然後拋了某樣東西給我，「回來時候順便買點飲料回來。」

“A few days ago the beverage machine had a big hole smashed on it by an unknown person and has been sent to be repaired, so the one in the saloon has been changed to a new one.” XueZhang yawned, and then he threw something to me, “Buy some beverages when you are on the way back.”

又要買飲料！

Buy drinks again!?

不知道新的飲料機會不會咬人.....

I wonder if the new vending machine will bite...

「那就跟你們借一下人，十分鐘後歸還喔。」然搭了我的肩膀，快快樂樂的拖了我就往交誼廳跑。

“Then I’ll borrow him from you guys, I’ll return him to you in ten minutes.” Ran rested his arm on my shoulder, and happily dragged me running towards the saloon.

其實我有時候會覺得，我身邊好像都是一些不管我意願的自我派行動者啊.....

In fact, sometimes I feel that, surrounding me are a bunch of self-centered people who does their things without a care about my opinion...

然的腳程很快，一下子就把我一起拖進交誼廳裡面，果然如學長說的，飲料機已經換一台了。

Ran’s footsteps were really very quick, dragging me into the saloon in just moments. Sure enough, as what XueZhang had said, the vending machine has been changed.

「你找我有什麼事？」左右看了一下，我在交誼廳的沙發上坐下來，然也坐在我對面。

“Can I help you with anything?” Looking around, I sat on top of sofa in the saloon, and Ran also sat opposite of me.

「上次忘記拿給你了，要恭喜你啟動幻武兵器的賀禮。」從口袋裡拿出一個白色的盒子，然笑笑的把東西遞給我，「你一定用的到這東西。」

“Last time I forgot to give this to you, a gift to congratulate you for initiating your illusionary weapon.”

Taking out a white box from his pocket, Ran smiled as he passed the thing to me, “You’ll definitely have use for this thing.”

我用的到？

Have use for this?

接過了盒子左右看了一下，沒有什麼特別的，就是很平常的小盒子，有點重量，可能裝了什麼飾品之類的東西。

Taking the box and inspecting it, there’s nothing special, just a very normal small box, a little heavy, probably there is some accessories or the like inside.

小心翼翼的打開，裡面只有一個很像扣子的黑色東西。

Carefully opening it, inside was only a black object that looked like a button.

「這是？」不是要給我縫衣服用的吧？

“This is?” It can’t be that this is for me to sew on my clothes, right?

「這是用來裝幻武兵器的殼，一般都會放在項鏈或者盒子中使用，能有效讓幻武兵器休息且提供靈氣保護的東西。」

“This is a case used to hold illusionary weapons, normally would be placed on a necklace or box to be used, it’s something that allows the illusionary weapon to rest while providing spiritual power to protect it.

說到這個，我又忘記要去買了，明明早上還記得說。

Speaking of this, I forgot to buy it again, and I clearly still remembered it in the morning.

可是一個殼？

But a case?

等等，一個殼為什麼會有重量！？

Wait a minute, why is a case so heavy!?

「這是附著型的殼，我上次有看到你戴著手環，所以才去找殼給你。」然招招手，示意我把戴著老頭公的左手伸出來，「與其買盒子和收納練，不如直接把殼放在你身上既有的東西裡面還要更方便。」

“This is an attachment type of case, last time I realized that you were wearing a bracelet, so I went to get a case for you.” Ran beckoned to me, motioning me to hold out my left hand that was wearing Old Man, “Rather than buying a box or storage necklace, it would be better to put the case on the thing that you have, it’ll be more convenient that way.”

我看著他把那個殼按在手環上面，然後兩樣東西的中間微微發出光芒，當他手再拿開時候，手環上已經多了一個很像底座的小圓圈。

I looked at him pressing the case on the bracelet, and then in between the place of the two objects, a light was issued, and when he removed his hand, the bracelet had something like a circular base on it.

「跟我想的一樣，老頭公可以兼容殼。」然拍了拍手，一臉猜中的愉悅表情，「哪，你把幻武兵器放進去看看吧。」

“Just like what I’d thought, Old Man is compatible with cases.” Ran clapped his hands, his face filled with I-guessed-correctly kind of pleased face, “Then, try and put your illusionary weapon in.”

「嗯。」拿出米納斯大豆，我把她小心的放上那個底座。就在大豆接觸到底座同時，四周立即湧上了黑金屬將大豆包圍起來壓進去手環中，不用半晌手環就恢復原狀，連大豆的樣子都不見了。

“Nn.” Taking out Minas’ soybean, I carefully placed it on that base. Just as the soybean came in contact with the base, its surrounding was immediately swarmed with black metal and was forced into the bracelet, and in just moments, the bracelet turned back into its original shape, even the soybean’s shape was gone.

「隱藏式的活動殼，這樣你要用兵器時候只要拍拍手環她就會掉出來了。」旁邊的使用解說員馬上幫我解開疑惑。

“A hidden type of active case, this way, when you want to use your weapon, you only need to tap the bracelet and it’ll fall out.” Beside me, the usage narrator immediately helped me to clear my doubts.

「明白了，謝謝。」感覺好像真的比項鏈還盒子好用。我把手環舉高看了看，一點痕跡也沒有，幻武大豆整個就藏在裡面。

“I understand, thank you.” Felt like it was more useful compared to a necklace or box. I lifted the bracelet up high to take a better look, not even a trace could be seen, the illusionary bean was completely hidden inside.

然站起身，我也連忙跟他站起來，「這樣，你試試看取出跟發動吧。」

Ran stood up, I also quickly followed suit and stood up, “Then, try taking it out and using it.”

「好。」

“Alright.”

舉起了手，我拍了一下手環，幻武大豆真的從裡面掉出來在我掌心上，那個底座也同時浮現，「『與我簽訂契約之物，請讓好奇者見識你的型態。』」不過眨眼瞬間，小小的掌中雷重新出現在我手上。

Lifting my hand, I tapped the bracelet once, and the illusionary soybean really fell out from inside onto my palm, and that base re-emerged again, “Yǔ wǒ qiāndìng qìyũ zhī wù, qǐng ràng hàoqí zhě jiànshì nǐ de xíng tài.” In just the blink of an eye, the small pocket pistol appeared in my hands.

[T/N: The one who signed a contract with me, please allow the curious one to witness your shape]

「好，用你的槍指這邊。」

“Good, now point your gun at this direction.”

然比了一個方位，我不疑有他的把槍口對準旁邊。

Ran motioned at a direction. I didn’t doubt him and pointed my gun at that side.

可是，指那邊幹嘛？

But, why do I need to point my gun over there?

我轉過去看，槍口的目標點居然是那座剛換上沒多久的飲料機，然就站在一旁，露出我第一次看見居然會出現在他臉上的詭笑，「那邊那個飲料機，交出飲料就饒你一命，不然就斃了你。」

I turned my head and took a look, the muzzle's target was actually that vending machine that was changed not too long ago. Ran was standing at one side, revealing a ghastly smile that I'd never thought I'd actually be able to see on his face, "The vending machine over there, hand over the drinks and I'll spare you your life, otherwise I'll shoot."

你是學長附身嗎！

You're being possessed by XueZhang!?

那句不法威脅的話是從你的嘴巴裡面出來的嗎！？

That unlawful threat really came out from your mouth!?

我倒退一步，不敢相信我居然成了匪徒甲的幫兇！

I took one step back, I can't believe that I actually became an accomplice of Gangster A!

幾步遠的飲料機居然開始顫抖，不用幾秒鐘時間就聽到好幾個哐哐聲，然後掉出五六瓶左右的飲料。

The vending machine that was a few steps away started to tremble, and in less than a few seconds, I heard several "kuang kuang" sounds, and then about five to six cans of beverages fell out.

然走過去，用一種非常理所當然的態度把裡面的飲料全部拿出來。

Ran walked over, and used a very natural manner as he took out all the beverages from inside.

這樣真的可以嗎.....？

Is this really alright...?

我有一種正在犯罪的感覺。

I had a feeling of being involved in a crime.

「錢給你吧。」然從口袋拿出幾個硬幣投給飲料機之後才走過來，然後把飲料放在我手上。

"Here's the money." After Ran took a few coins from his pocket and inserted them into the vending machine, he walked back towards my side, and then he placed the beverages in my hands.

我有一種感覺，如果今天站在這邊的是學長還是五色雞頭，他們絕對沒有那麼好心去投錢，不知道為什麼，直覺好像就是會這樣。

I had a kind of feeling, if today the person here was XueZhang or the five-coloured rooster head, they definitely wouldn't be so kind-hearted as to insert the coins, I don't know why, my intuition seemed to be telling me that this will happen.

「謝謝，我也差不多要回去休息室了。」抱著一堆飲料，我看了一下時間，出來正好十分鐘。
“Thank you, it’s almost time for me to head back to the resting room as well.” Holding onto the pile of beverages, I looked at the time, it’s just so happens to be ten minutes since I came out.

「對了，這個讓你一起帶回去吧。」然拿出一塊黃水晶塞到我口袋裡面，「對你們應該很有幫助喔。」

“That’s right, you can take this back together with you too.” Ran took out a yellow crystal and stuffed it into my pocket, “This should be very helpful to you guys.”

有幫助？

Helpful?

是什麼東西呢？

What’s that?

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「交出來。」

“Give it to me.”

一回到休息室，學長馬上跟我伸手。

As soon as I returned to the resting room, XueZhang immediately held out his hand towards me.

這麼快就要喝飲料啊……

So impatient for a drink…

我把印著蘋果圖案的果汁放到他手上。

I took out the fruit juice with an apple picture on it and placed it in his hand.

下一秒，果汁瓶子直接飛過來砸在我的腦袋上，劇痛和黑暗過後我有一秒好像看見極樂的花園還有某種奇異的花香。

The next second, the can of fruit juice directly flew over and hit me on my head, and after the extreme pain and darkness, there was a second where I seemed to have seen the blissful garden as well as some kind of bizarre smell of flowers.

「誰說要飲料了！你找死嗎！」用罐裝飲料砸人的兇手學長發出兇惡的口氣，「剛剛然給你的東西拿出來。」

“Who said that I wanted a drink!? You’re courting death!?” The assailant who used a can of beverage to hit someone, XueZhang issued in a ferocious tone, “Give me the thing that Ran gave you just now.”

你又知道他給我東西了！

How did you know that he gave me something!?

其實你一直都躲在後面偷窺是吧！

In fact, you have been hiding behind me peeping, right!?

一語不發的學長開始活動指關節，發出可怕的喀喀聲。

Without uttering a word, XueZhang started cracking his knuckles, issuing terrifying “ka ka” sounds.

「呃、在這裡。」我馬上把飲料丟到旁邊桌上，然後把黃水晶交出來。

“Uhh, it’s here.” I immediately threw the beverages on the table at one side, and then I gave him the yellow crystal.

「褚，辛苦了。」幫忙把桌上的飲料整理好，夏碎拍拍我的肩膀。

“Chu, you’ve worked hard.” Helping to tidy up the beverages on the table, Gasai patted me on my shoulder

「那個是什麼東西？」已經湊到學長附近看水晶的五色雞頭發出疑問句。

“What is that?” Already arrived beside XueZhang to look at the crystal, the five-coloured rooster head asked.

將黃水晶直立在桌上，學長做了幾個結印，「這是七陵學院那邊的情報。」然後，水晶微微發出了小小的光芒，光芒逐漸往上爬升，接著裡面出現了很像景色的東西。

Placing the yellow crystal upright on the table, XueZhang did a few hand seals, “This is the information from Seven Hill Academy’s side.” Then, the crystal issued a tiny light, the light gradually floated higher, and then something very similar to a scenery appeared.

那個景色很眼熟、異常眼熟，眼熟到好像我十幾分鐘之前才看過。

That scenery was very familiar, unusually familiar, so familiar that it seemed like I just saw it a few tens of minutes ago.

不過這次景色裡面有人。

But this time there’re people in the scene.

「這是湖之鎮居民消失前一日的影像紀錄，也就是他們對公會發出求救最後一晚的自行紀錄。」看著裡面小景色，學長冷冷的說著，「據說公會情報班到達現場本來要調出來看，可是沒找到，沒想到七陵學院居然已經快一步拿到了。」

“This is the image recording of the day before Lake Town’s inhabitant disappeared, which is also the auto recording of the last night they requested for help from the Guild.” Looking inside the small scene, XueZhang coldly said, “It’s said that when the Guild’s intelligence team arrived at the site and was about to take it out to have a look, but they couldn’t find it. Never thought that Seven Hill Academy was actually one step ahead.”

快一步？

One step ahead?

照這麼說應該是很重要的東西，怎麼會變成然拿給我？

According to what was said, this should be a very important item, why did Ran give it to me?

「噓，有聲音。」注意到景色裡面有細微的聲響，夏碎立即讓我們噤聲。

“Hush, there’s some sounds.” Noticing subtle sounds in the scene, Gasai immediately motioned to us to quiet down.

景色微微晃動了一下，像是起風了。

The scene slightly shook a little, as if it started to become windy.

『這裡是湖之鎮，就在今日清晨我們發出求救訊號，可是入侵者遠遠超過我們想像。』是個女人的聲音，然後景色開始四處探照，『如果傍晚時候得不到幫助，希望這次最後的影像可以讓來援的人知道這裡究竟發生什麼事情。』

“This is Lake Town, and in the morning of this same day, we issued a distress call, but the intruder was far more than what we imagined.” It’s a woman’s voice, and then the scenery began to move about to record the surrounding, “If we still couldn’t receive help by the evening, I hope that this last image would allow the people, who came to help, to know what really happened over here.”

景色中不時有人在裡面來來去去，還有人像是在打包行李。

There were people coming and going in the scene, and there’re also people who seemed like they were packing their luggage.

『我們的鎮口被封住，其餘往外的路線也都無法使用，村中的白袍羅茲亞在大廣場上畫了移送陣要將村中的人分批送出。』然後，我們看見景色往裡面走，走了好一段距離之後在一個中央大空地那邊看見一個穿著白袍的人，不是人類，感覺好像是某一個種族，『直接送傳到公會求救……』

“The entrance of our town has been sealed, other paths leaving this place couldn’t be used either, the white robe in the village, Roziya has drawn a teleportation array at the main square and would be sending the people of the village out in batches.” Then we saw the scene heading inside, and after a certain distance, at the center of a huge open space, we saw a person wearing a white robe, it’s not a human, felt like some kind of other races, “Directly sending to the Guild for help...”

聲音乍然停止。

The sound suddenly stopped.

不是那個人消失，而是包括她眼前、我們所看見的景色中出現了恐怖的畫面。

It’s not that the person disappeared, but including everything in front of her, within the scene that we are looking at, a horrifying picture appeared.

『這是、這是……』

“This is, this is...”

顫抖的聲音引領我們看著眼前不可思議的一幕。原本正在畫大型陣法的白袍直起身好像想跟她打招呼，就在他直起身那一瞬間，有某種白色的濃霧出現在他腳下。接著濃霧突然迅速擴大，那個白袍瞬間就淹沒在白霧中；眨眼，濃霧散去，人已經不見了。

Trembling voice lead us to look at an unimaginable scene in front of us. The white robe, who was originally drawing the huge array, stood up and seemed to have wanted to greet her, and the moment he stood up, some kind of white fog appeared beneath him. Next, the fog suddenly rapidly expanded, and

that white robe was instantly covered by the white fog; and in the blink of an eye, the fog dispersed, and the person has already disappeared.

『消、消失了.....跟其它人一樣，連白袍都消失了.....』正在拍下影像的女子聲音不斷顫抖，然後開始往後退，『截至目前為止.....已經有三十三人消失.....如果救援再不來.....』

“Dis, disappeared... Similar to what had happened with the others, even the white robe has disappeared...” The voice of the woman, who was recoding the images, couldn’t stop trembling, and then she started moving back, “Up until now... Thirty-three people has already disappeared... if help still doesn’t arrive...”

她停止說話，影像裡面出現了一個小女孩，大約五六歲左右，穿著粉紅色童裝的女孩就站在下方仰頭看著她。

She stopped talking, a little girl appeared in the image, probably around five or six years old, a girl wearing a pink kids clothing was standing below, lifting her head to look at her.

『姊姊，我要找媽媽.....』女孩朝著影像伸出手。

“JieJie, I want to look for Mama...” The girl stretched out her hands towards the image.

『好，先、先去找你媽媽。』有一隻手進入影像當中，牽起那個小女孩。

“Okay, first, first go and find your Mama.” A hand entered the image, holding onto the little girl’s hand.

小孩突然抬起頭，黃色的眼睛睜的大大的，一點感情也沒有，『可是，我媽媽已經死掉了。』

The little girl suddenly lifted her head, her yellow eyes were wide opened, without even a little emotion, “But, my Mama is already dead.”

『噢？』

“Huh?”

那是影像裡面最後的聲音，然後原本還映著畫面的影像唰一下變得全黑，什麼也沒有了。

That was the last sound in the image, and then image that was still reflecting the scene, and suddenly with a “swish” sound it turned completely black, and there was nothing.

有好一下子，整個休息室連一點聲音也沒有。

For a rather long time, there wasn’t even a tiny sound in the entire resting room.

我的腦袋中想的都是剛剛那個小女孩。

In my head, I kept thinking of that little girl from just now.

那雙眼睛跟我記憶中那堆恐怖的活屍重迭。

That pair of eyes overlapped with that bunch of living corpses in my memory.

「剛剛那個白袍已經死了，恐怕其它消失的居民也都一樣。」拿起停止放影的黃水晶拋玩著，學長的口氣很冷，「看來這個不是什麼消失意外，是有什麼東西侵入湖之鎮裡面。」

“That white robe from just now is already dead, I’m afraid the other residents that disappeared are also the same.” Picking up the yellow crystal that has ended the playback and juggling it, XueZhang’s tone

was very cold, "Looks like this is not some disappearing accident, but it's something intruding Lake Town."

「唉？」我疑惑的看著學長，才這麼短短的影像紀錄他就知道有時麼東西？

"Huh?" I looked at XueZhang, puzzled. With only such a short image recording, and he already know what it was?

「我曾經看過一個和這個非常相似的影像，發生的時間大概在幾百年之前，那一場最大的精靈戰爭時候所發生的事情。」放下手上的黃水晶，學長好像一下子陷入某種回憶中，「你們應該也都知道這件事情，最大精靈聯盟戰爭，最後勝利於鬼王塚。」

"I'd seen a very similar image with this, and the time it happened was probably about a few hundred years ago. The thing that happened during the largest elfin war." Putting down the yellow crystal in his hand, XueZhang seemed to have entered some kind of memory, "You guys should have also known about this matter, the greatest elfin alliance war, and the final victory at the Ghost King Tomb."

鬼王塚！？

The Ghost King Tomb!?

我想起了那次恐怖的戶外教學。

I remembered that horrifying outdoor education.

那個、沉屍在水底的鬼王。

That, ghost king that had his body sunk at the bottom of the water.

「沒錯，就是那個。」學長的紅眼直直對上我的，深沉的像一灘濃濃的血水，「一千多年前，耶呂鬼王引起的最大戰役，就在發生的那段時間中有許多村鎮開始了不明消失。前一日還是人聲鼎沸的熱鬧地區，只隔了一晚，就變成鬼域般空曠，而且都在耶呂鬼王佔居之處那範圍中，到今日這個謎還沒被解開，一千多年來，消失的人再也沒有出現過，當時的推斷是應該已經全部死絕無法找尋。」

"That's right, it's that one." XueZhang's red eyes directly intersected with mine, so deep that it's like a pool of thick blood, "A thousand years ago, the largest war that Ghost King Yelu initiated, and during the time when this happened, there were many villages that started to disappear and we don't know the reason for the disappearance. The day before it was still a busy area that was filled with crowds, and separated by only one night, it turned into a ghost-town kind of emptiness, and it all happened nearby the areas that are occupied by Ghost King Yelu, and up until today, this mystery still hasn't been solved. In these one thousand years, the people who disappeared also never appeared again, and the deduction at that time was, they are most probably dead and unable to be found."

怎麼會這樣？

Why did this happen?

沒想到這種事情居然會被我們碰上。

Never thought that we would actually encounter with this kind of thing.

我有一種我即將帶衰的感覺。

I had a I'm-going-to-be-very-unlucky-pretty-soon kind of feeling.

「一千多前連精靈族都解不開的謎，一千多後我們就解給他們看！」五色雞頭突然變得非常熱血，全身都在熊熊燃燒著，「啊哈哈--！」

“The mystery that couldn't be solved by even the elfin clan a thousand years ago, let's solve this one thousand years later to show them!” The five-coloured rooster head suddenly became very passionate, his whole body was fiercely burning, “Ahaha--!”

好恐怖.....

Very horrifying...

「嗯，必定得找出真相。」夏碎接過學長拋來的黃水晶，點點頭。

“Nn, we must definitely find out the truth.” Gasai took the yellow crystal that XueZhang threw at him, and nodded.

「那好！用我們所有爺爺名義發誓，沒找到真相就不准回來！」燃燒到最高點的五色雞頭一腳踩上桌面，朝著外面的大太陽開始拿別人家的阿公亂髮誓。

“That's great! Swearing by the name of our grandfather, if we don't find out the truth, then we aren't allowed to come back!” The five-coloured rooster head, who was burning till the highest point, stepped onto the table with one leg, facing the sun outside and started using other people's grandfather's name to simply swear.

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...Wait a minute...

你這句又是從哪裡學來的！？

Where did you learn this phrase from!?

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