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四周的氣溫變的更低了。

The surrounding temperature became even lower.

「唉呀，果然不先將多餘的人給解決掉的話，連個交易都不能好好談。」安地爾的腳步停下了，在他腳邊的冰上出現了銀藍色的火焰，然後形成小小的人牽了短手，在他腳邊圍成一圈不停轉動。

“Aiya, sure enough, if I don’t get rid of the extra person, I can’t even properly discuss about a little negotiation.” Andellar’s footsteps stopped, and beside his feet, silverish-blue flames appeared, and then figures of tiny people were formed holding on to one another’s short hands, surrounding in a circle at his feet.

學長重新站起身，受傷的手上已經凝結了薄薄的冰片、止住了傷口冒血，「我實在是很佩服你的勇氣，竟然敢大搖大擺的裝成選手混進來，一點都不忌憚所有來此的所有人。」

XueZhang stood up once again, his injured arm had already been covered by a thin piece of ice, stopping his wound from bleeding, “I really admire your courage, to actually come swaggering in here by pretending to be a player, totally not afraid of all the people who are present here.”

「怎樣說好歹我也是鬼王手下的第一高手，自然是有所把握才會混進來，不過如果不布下結界的話，就不能像現在這樣以真面目與你們說話了。」彎起了冰冷的微笑，安地爾一腳踩熄了地上的藍焰，「今日也剛好那三位我們懼怕的人都沒有到這裡觀賽，所以算是你們說的那什麼……天時地利人和吧。」

“No matter how you put it, I am the first expert of the ghost king’s underling, I naturally have some kind of assurance before I sneaked in, but if I didn’t place this barrier, I wouldn’t be able to talk to you guys with my real self, just like now.” Curving up an icy cold smile, Andellar stepped onto the blue flames on the ground, “And today it was such a coincidence that the three people, whom we’re afraid of, aren’t here to watch the match, so it’s considered as what you’d call… luck is in our side.”

「很快就全部都沒有了。」

“It’ll soon be completely gone.”

就在學長語畢的一瞬間，我看見結界被打破的那個洞慢慢的擴展開來，原本在外面的老頭公慢慢擠上了洞口，然後變形。先是黃色的眼睛通過小洞，接著是身體變成像液體一樣的東西緩緩的穿過那個洞、重新在裡面站立起巨大黑影。

Just as XueZhang finished saying, I saw the hole that was broken on the barrier, started to slowly expand. Old Man, who was originally outside, slowly squeezed in through the hole, and then deformed. Firstly it's the yellow eyes going through the small hole, and next his body turned into liquid form as it slowly went through the hole, and once again turned back into that huge shadow.

「喔，老頭公，原來被你們帶走了。」看著黑棒槌出現，安地爾挑起眉，「我就說了，欲動之眼明明有吃過東西的感覺，怎麼就沒找到被他吃的東西。」

“Oh, Old Man, so it's actually taken away by you guys.” Looking at the black wooden club's appearance, Andellar raised his eyebrows, “I'd already said that the Moving Eyes clearly ate something, but why couldn't I find the thing that it had eaten.”

欲動之眼？

The Moving Eyes?

我愣了一下，那個不就是在KTV中追殺我們的大眼球嗎？

I was stunned for a moment, wasn't that the huge eyeballs that murderously came after us at the KTV?

「吞食結界與釋出的老頭公、地靈深淵的陰女與失落護神的陶洛米你們果然也都已經見過了。」安地爾環著手，很有趣的看著老頭公，「我本來一直很想要那三個有趣東西的，所以才讓欲動之眼進去追捕他們，沒想到一直被老頭公的結界阻礙，後來收到欲動之眼毀滅的消息後再去看全部都沒了，挺掃興。」

“Old Man who devours and releases barriers, the Shadow Woman of the earth spirit abyss, and Taurus of the lost guardian god, sure enough you guys have seen them before.” Andellar crossed his arms, as he looked at Old Man with interest, “I actually wanted to obtain those three interesting things, so I allowed the Moving Eyes to hunt them down, but I never thought that it would be continuously obstructed by the Old Man's barrier, and in the end I received the news of the Moving Eyes' destruction, so I went to take a look but everything was gone, so disappointing.”

他在說什麼？

What was he talking about?

老頭公我聽的懂，剩下兩個又是誰？

I know of Old Man, but who are the other two?

等等，那時候跟老頭公一起行動的.....旗袍女和牛頭人？

Wait a minute, that time, the people who acted with the Old Man... the cheongsam woman and the cow-head person?

我轉過頭看著黑色棒槌，然後老頭公突然轉過身面對結界，眼睛下面慢慢張開了一個洞，接著神奇的事情就發生了。

I turned my head and looked at the black wooden club, and then Old Man suddenly turned around, facing the barrier, and a hole opened up under his eyes, and next a miraculous thing happened.

那面結界開始被吸入洞裡，黑色棒槌不時還會抖動吞嚥。

That side of the barrier started being sucked into the hole, and once in a while the black wooden club would shake as he devoured.

「你的結界已經被破了，還想繼續與我們談交易嗎。」勾了冷笑，學長伸出手、掌心朝下，地面上的冰立即往上凝結，接著慢慢形成了長槍的形狀往上飄高，「褚，結界一開馬上出去、然後請求退場！」

“Your barrier has been broken, so do you still want to continue on with your negotiation?” Curving up a cold smile, XueZhang held up his hand, his palms facing the bottom, and the ice on the ground started to condensate upwards, and then slowly forming the shape of a spear and floated up high, “Chu, immediately run out as soon as the barrier is broken, and then request to leave the stage.”

「好、好。」我將地上昏厥的黑袍用力拉起來，幸好他可能不是人類，大致上體重不重，很簡單就可以背在身上了。

“Alright, alright.” I pulled the unconscious black robe up from the ground, fortunately he’s probably not a human, his overall weight wasn’t much, as I very easily got him on my back.

我就在這種時候才真的感覺到種族差異性很重要。

It’s only at this time that I really felt that the difference in race is very important.

如果今天要背的是有無限多胃的五色雞頭，我很可能直接被當場壓死。

If today the one I had to carry was the five-coloured rooster head who has a bottomless stomach, I very possibly would be crushed to death on the spot.

「你打算陪我玩玩是嗎。」瞄了我一眼，安地爾伸出手掌抹過臉部，立即又變回方才滕覺的那張臉，然後很有興致的笑了下，「也好，反正結界都破了，我看改天再好好跟這位褚同學坐下聊聊吧，不知道你喜不喜歡喝咖啡呢。」

“You’re planning to play with me?” Glancing at me for a second, Andellar lifted his palm and ran it through his face, immediately turning back into Tenju’s face, and then very interestedly laughed, “That’s also fine, since the barrier has already been broken, I’ll find a day to sit down and have a talk with Student Chu, I wonder if you like black coffee.”

我倒退一步，全身都發毛。

I took one step back, completely creeped out.

他太禮貌了，禮貌到很像是笑著會捅人三百刀那種感覺。

He’s too polite, so polite that it’s like he would be smiling while stabbing someone three hundred times kind of feeling.

「我討厭。」老頭公把結界吞食完全後，我立即往外逃走。

“I hate it.” After Old Man finished devouring the barrier, I immediately ran out.

學長一個人不知道行不行？

Would XueZhang be alright alone?

那個變臉人看起來好像超厲害的，我覺得我應該留下來看看可不可以幫忙……

That face-changing person looked extremely powerful, I felt that I should stay back to see if there is anything I could do to help...

可是，我又覺得我沒辦法幫忙反而很快就會變成拖油瓶，所以看來看去逃走好像才是最大的幫忙。

But, I also felt that I wouldn't be able to help, instead I would very quickly become a burden, so it looks like running away seemed like the biggest help that I could offer.

我想幫忙。

I want to help.

我真的很想幫忙。

I really wanted to help.

『你看得見……你看得見對不對……』跟來的老頭公站在我旁邊，發出如常低啞的聲音，『其實你看
得見……一直看得見……』

"You can see... you can see, right..." Old Man, who followed me, was standing beside me, issuing that usual low hoarse voice, "In fact, you can see... you had always been able to see..."

我看得見什麼？

What can I see?

叮鈴的聲音從我口袋發出聲響，就像我之前幾次聽見的一樣。

Bell-like sounds could be heard from my pocket, just like what I'd heard in the past.

『你一直看得見……』

"You had always been able to see..."

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轟隆的聲響在我踏出廟門的那一秒傳來。

Thunderous sound could be heard the second I stepped out of the temple.

「各位觀眾，剛剛因為隔絕結界的出現讓大會播報員無法得知裡面的狀況，不過現在結界已經被消除，大家可以逐漸看清楚裡面的狀況！」四周傳來的鼓噪聲音馬上將我拉回了現實，我倒退一步，看見的全部都是高高坐在上方吆喝的人，全部都是我不認識的人。

"Dear audience, due to the appearance of the isolation barrier just now, the General Assembly's announcer wasn't able to know of the situation inside, but now that the barrier has been broken, everyone would be able to clearly see the happenings inside!" The sounds of uproars from the surrounding immediately caused me to come back to reality. I took one step back. I saw people, who were shouting as they sat high above, and they are all people whom I don't know.

我在這個地方做什麼？

What am I doing in this place?

為什麼我會在這裡？

Why was it that I'm here?

他們又在叫鬧什麼？

What are they yelling and screaming for?

「Atlantis學院選手走出，請看他身上背的黑袍為明風代表隊的選手之一，可見方才神廟中戰況激烈，我們很明顯已經看到黑袍默罕狄兒完全失去意識，判定無法繼續比賽下去。」

"Atlantis Academy's player is coming out, please look, on his back is the black robe of one of the Clear Wind's representative team members, this shows that a fierce fight has occurred within the temple, we can clearly see that black robe Mohander has already completely lost consciousness, judged to be unable to continue the match."

有個聲音逐漸在我耳邊消去，那些吵雜聲響依舊，可是卻好像隔了一層什麼東西在喊。

A voice gradually sounded beside my ear, those racket were still there, but it seemed to be shouting as though being separated by a layer of something.

老頭公又變成黑色片狀的東西慢慢沉入水中，黃色的眼睛在湛藍的水下格外明顯。

Old Man once again turned into a black cloth-like thing and slowly sunk into the water, his yellow eyes were particularly obvious under the deep blue water.

一個瓦片落到我腳邊。

A tile fell down beside my feet.

然後，我將身上的黑袍放入水中、讓老頭公移到外場。

Then, I put the black robe into the water, allowing Old Man to move him out of the stage.

神廟的崩塌好像是隔了很久之後的事情，先是一片瓦片落下來，碰觸到地面的那瞬間化為粉末，然後是第二片、第三片，像魚鱗一般往上飛去、接著在空中碎裂，細小的粉末漫天飛舞。繪著紋路的牆面跟著瓦片之後崩毀，然後是廟中的擺飾，直到崩塌碎裂的只剩下廟中巨大的白色女神像。

The temple's collapsing seemed to be something that happened after a long period of time, firstly it was a tile falling down, and the moment it fell on the ground, it turned into powder, and then it's the second one, third one, just like fish scales as it flew up, and then it broke into pieces in mid-air, fine powder scattering in the air. After that the painted walls followed the tiles and collapsed, and then it's the temple's decorations, until everything has collapsed except for the temple's huge goddess statue.

學長跟安地爾就站在神像前面。

XueZhang and Andellar were standing in front of the statue.

我知道我應該拔腿快逃，可是連一步都動不了，雙腳好像被綁上石頭，多走一步都很困難。

I know that I should run away, but I couldn't even move one step, both my legs seemed to have been tied onto the stone, where taking even one step was very difficult.

冷氣向四周擴散，靠近神廟附近的水全部都凝結成冰。

Cold air spread out in the surroundings, and the water that was close to the temple had all turned into ice.

「回來。」學長伸出手，黑色的手套上拉開一條銀線，然後浮高出現了銀色的幻武兵器。

“Come back.” XueZhang lifted his hand, a silver line appeared on his black glove, and then the silver illusionary weapon appeared, floating high up in the air.

變臉人從袖中抽出更多的長針，閃著銀色詭異的青綠光芒，「注意點，這次的、有毒。」

The face-changing person took out even more long needles from inside his sleeves, and they were glimmering with silver strange green light, “Please be careful, this time, there’s poison.”

語畢的瞬間兩人都在我面前消失，直到正上方傳來聲響而我抬頭，正好看見了兩個人穿透了巨大空中漂浮水球。眨眼，水球爆裂，像是大雨般轟然落下無數的水珠。

The moment they finished talking, both of them disappeared in front of me, and until a loud sound could be heard above, I lifted my head, only to see the two people penetrating the huge water sphere that was floating in the air. In the blink of an eye, the water sphere burst open, just like a heavy rain as numerous rain drops fell down with a thunderous sound.

老頭公就沉在水下，黃色的眼睛仰望天空，跟我一樣當了旁觀者。

Old Man was submerged in the water, yellow eyes looking at the sky, just like me, becoming a spectator.

我可以做什麼？

What can I do?

已經沒有我的事情了不是？

Is there nothing else I could do?

『你一直都看得見的。』老頭公的聲音慢慢清晰了起來，『你一直看得見，為什麼要假裝沒看見？你看得見我們、聽得見聲音，你一直都看得見。』黑影走上了岸邊，慢慢的扭曲了樣子、接著重組。他出現臉、出現脖子身體，然後出現手與腳，一個白髮蒼蒼的老人逐漸出現站在我的面前。

“You’ve always been able to see.” Old Man’s voice slowly became clear, “You’ve always been able to see, why did you pretend that you couldn’t see? You can see us, listen to our voices, you’ve always been able to see.” The black shadow walked onto the shore, slowly twisted its figure, and then it recombined. His face appeared, and his neck and body, and then his hands and legs. A long white-haired old man gradually appeared standing in front of me.

「我看得見什麼？」我倒退一步，聽見了口袋中的叮鈴聲。

“What can I see?” I took one step back, hearing the bell-like sound from my pocket.

『你一直都看得見。』老人抬起頭看著我，黃色眼珠明亮的讓人感覺如同刀般銳利，『沒有人是看不見的，你的眼、不是常人眼，你應該試著看見。』

“You’ve always been able to see.” The old man lifted his head to look at me, his yellow eyes were so bright that it caused one to feel that it’s as sharp as a knife, “There’s no one who couldn’t see. Your eyes, they are no ordinary eyes, you should try and take a look with them.”

天上的大雨停了。

The heavy rain stopped.

四周的水位逐漸增高，然後淹沒我們的腳。

The surrounding water level gradually increased, and then it covered our feet.

接著，老人消失了，水底下出現了黑影，睜著黃眼睛不再看我，只是越來越往下沉去。

Then, the old man disappeared, and a black shadow appeared under the water with opened yellow eyes but no longer looking at me, only sinking deeper and deeper.

我看得見什麼？

What can I see?

我不知道。

I don't know.

天空上有個黑色的東西失速往下墜，然後摔進深水當中，連是誰都還來不及看他就已經向下沉，只有黑色的布料在水上浮了幾秒、跟著給扯下。

A black thing rapidly fell from the sky, and then it fell into the water, and even before I could see who it was, the person had already sunk down, only a black cloth was floating on the water for a second before it was being dragged down together.

第二個人緩緩的降下站到我面前。

The second person slowly landed and stood in front of me.

「學長！」我見人立即快步跑過去，一反先前的輕鬆對決，現在的學長看起來好像頗狼狽，黑色的大衣破了好幾處，左手手臂上還有幾隻銀針。

“XueZhang!” As soon as I saw the person, I immediately ran across, completely different from the earlier easy battles, XueZhang currently looked like he is in a rather sorry state, his black robe was torn in several places, and on his left arm were a few silver needles.

「沒事。」隨手拔掉細針，學長皺了眉，「不是叫你離開場地！」

“I'm fine.” Casually pulling out the slender needles, XueZhang frowned, “Didn't I tell you to leave the stage!”

「我……」

“I...”

我覺得好像該做些什麼。

I felt that I should do something.

叮鈴聲又響起，於是我伸手到口袋中拿出了那個其實很早就發出聲音過、但是一直被我擺著不管的東西。

The bell-like sound resounded again, and so I reached into my pocket and took out that thing that I've in fact heard from a long time ago but I kept ignoring it.

藍色的幻武兵器。

The blue illusionary weapon.

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巨聲又響起了，強烈的壓過幻武大豆細小的聲音。

A huge sound once again resounded, intensely pressuring over the small sound of the illusionary soybean.

這次是整個地面都出現裂痕，像是有巨大蜘蛛絲一樣整個崩裂開。

This time cracks even appeared on the entire ground, as if there was a huge spider web, cracking open.

我的後領立刻被人一把拽起，「去旁邊給我待著！」

The back of my collar was immediately being held up, “Go to one side and stay there!”

非常熟悉的動作，熟悉到不行的動作！

An extremely familiar action, so familiar that I couldn't take it kind of action!

「學長，麻煩不要用……」丟的兩個字還沒說出來，我突然有種炮彈被射出、臉立刻被風壓吹到變形的熟悉感，「哇啊-----！」

“XueZhang, please don't...” The word “throw” hasn't even been said, and I suddenly had a projectile-being-shot-out that even my face was immediately being deformed due to the wind pressure kind of familiar feel, “Whoa-----!”

又來了！為什麼他們每次都不肯讓我好好用走的！

Here we go again! Why do they always not allow me to just walk!

哐的聲我撞到某種堅硬的東西然後停下來，整個人眼睛都呈現開花轉動狀，接著往後倒，眼前一片昏黑。

With a “kuang” sound, I crashed into some kind of solid object and then I stopped, flowers were blossoming in front of my eyes as it rotated, and then I fell down on my back, and my vision became black.

幾秒之後我回過神，我才發現我被丟到神廟存活下來的神像蛇身身上，四周全都是水，連個可以站的地方都沒有。

I snapped out of my trance after a few seconds, and it's only then that I realized I was being thrown on the snake body statue that was the only thing that survived, my surrounding was filled with water, with not even a place I could stand on.

沒人，四周的觀眾全都消失。

No one, the surrounding audience has completely vanished.

一層黑色的膜將整個場地都包圍起來，隔絕了所有的東西。水面上出現了白色霧氣，重新被凝結起來，取代了被震碎的地面成了新的冰地。

A layer of black film surrounded the entire stage, isolating everything. White mist appeared on the

surface of the water, and was once again frozen, replacing those that were shattered and turning into a new icy floor.

然後，猛然乒的聲從那下面裂開，穿出一隻手，接著有人按著旁邊從下爬上來，渾身濕淋淋的，「我實在不太想要認真來玩這遊戲。」

Then, with a “ping” sound, cracks appeared from below, a hand penetrated through, and then someone held onto the side and climbed out from below, his whole body was completely soaked, “I really don’t want to seriously play this game.”

另外一邊的冰地也站了人，臉上脖子都爬滿了銀色和紅色的圖騰，就是我先前看見的那一些，「是嗎，我想你應該已經認真很久了。」將口中的髒血吐開，學長冷冷的睜起眼看著不遠的對手，「連大型隔絕陣都用了，接下來打算如何？」

Someone was also standing at the other side of the ice, his face and neck were covered with silver and red totems, which was the ones that I’d seen before, “Really? I feel that you’ve been serious for a long time already.” Spitting out the dirty blood from his mouth, XueZhang coldly narrowed his eyes as he looked at his opponent that’s not too far away, “Even using a huge isolating array, and what are you intending to do next?”

「打算殺你！」

“To kill you!”

瞬間出現在學長頭上的安地爾一拳揮下將人重重擊下，撞破冰面沉入水中，接著他伸出手、手上多了幾根黑針，一甩手跟著穿透水面。

Instantly appearing above XueZhang, Andellar punched down causing him to be heavily hit downwards, breaking the surface of the ice and sinking into the water, and then he held out his hands, a few black needles appeared in his hands, and swinging his hands, the needles followed suit and penetrated the water surface.

我想幫忙。

I want to help.

我真的想幫忙。

I really want to help.

我不要又是站在旁邊的那個人，等到大家都解決完之後跟著回家、什麼也不會的人。如果注定我要來這個學校就讀，為什麼到現在我連最基本的幫忙都學不會？

I don’t want to be the person who is standing at one side again, waiting for everyone to finish dealing with the matter and then following them back, the person who doesn’t know anything. If it was destined for me to come and study in this school, why was it that up until now, I still don’t even know the most basic help?

冰上起了濃而重的霧氣，很快的安地爾的身影就消失在我的眼前。四周白茫茫的一片，可見範圍非常少，幾乎只能看見我腳下不到十來公分的東西。

Thick and heavy mist appeared on the surface of the ice, Andellar’s figure rapidly disappeared before my

eyes. The surrounding was white and blurry, my visibility range was extremely short, and I was only able to see things that are less than ten centimeters away.

什麼都沒有。

There's nothing there.

現在比剛剛更糟了點，我完全看不見其它的東西、聽不到聲音。

Now it's rather worse compared to just now, I totally couldn't see anything else, nor could I hear anything.

只有那個叮鈴聲持續著。

Only that bell-like sound continued.

我將藍色珠子放在掌心，它還是在響，有越來越劇烈的趨勢。

I put that blue bead on my palm, it was still ringing, and it seemed to be getting louder and louder.

叮叮的聲音好像在催促什麼，他想改變這個狀況，我也想改變這個狀況，我們兩個一樣都很急，可是沒有人知道該怎麼辦。

The "ding ding" sounds seemed to be urging me to do something, he wanted to change this situation, and I also wanted to change this situation, both of us were similarly very anxious, but no one knows what we were supposed to do.

或許，我一直都看得見。

Probably, I'd always been able to see.

「如果你與我有一樣的想法，那就現身吧。」像是有人教導、也像是下意識，更像被牽引，我的嘴巴很主動的吐出了這幾個字。

"If you have the same thoughts as me, then please come out." As if someone taught me this before, and it also seemed like it was my subconscious, even more like I was being led, my mouth very automatically spat out these words.

我眼前的霧氣突然散開了些許，茫茫的白霧中出現了水珠，一滴兩滴不斷掉下來，然後像瓶子收納般組成了一個形體，飄忽不定，最後是一張女人的面孔，與神廟的神像完全相同，就連下半身是蛇也毫無差距。

The mist in front of me suddenly dissipated a little, in that blurry white mist, water drops appeared, one drop, two drops and the drops continued falling, and then as if it was being collected into a bottle, it formed a body, fluctuating uncertainly, and then it's the face of a woman, exactly the same as the statue in the temple, even the lower body being a snake's body had no differences.

『我是沉睡了一千七百年的水中貴族，只要一點水霧都是我的利刃兵器。』她沒有開口，湛藍的眼睛就直視我，很詭異的是聲音就在我腦中浮出，但是我一點都不覺得突兀，好像原本我們就是這樣講話，『喚我甦醒的人類，你有足夠的自信能駕馭我而不被反噬嗎？』

"I'm the water aristocrat and have been in a deep slumber for a thousand and seven hundred years, with only a little water vapor, I can turn it into my sharp weapon." She didn't open her mouth, blue eyes directly staring at me, and the weird thing was the voice sounded within my brain, but I didn't feel even

a little unexpected about this. It felt like this was originally how we had been communicating, “Human who woke me up, do you have enough confidence to be able to use me without being countered back?”

反噬？

Countered back?

我愣了一下，我真的有那種自信用幻武兵器嗎？

I froze for a moment, do I really have the confidence to use an illusionary weapon?

他們有生命，而我、有足夠的力量可以使用他們嗎？

They have a life, and for me, do I have enough power to be able to use them?

四周的水氣逐漸增重，折射了微弱的光線閃亮著，在其中幻化而出的兵器精靈看來高貴難以親近，優雅令人臣服。

The surrounding water vapor gradually became heavier, reflecting the faint light as it shone, and from within, the weapon’s elf that was transformed looked so noble and hard to get close to, and so elegant causing one to surrender.

我真的可以嗎？

Can I really do it?

『搖擺不定的人類少年，你有足夠力量將我喚醒，卻沒有足夠的信心將我發動。那麼，你在這裡是為了什麼？』她看著我，無暇美麗的面孔有著令人明顯感覺的歎息。

“Wavering human boy, you have enough power to wake me, but you don’t have enough confidence to activate me. Then, what are you doing over here?” She looked at me, that flawless and beautiful face had a sigh that was clearly shown.

我在這裡是為了什麼？

What am I doing over here?

我記起來了，在最早最早入學時候我曾經跟學長去逛過很多地方，終於我在那兒下了決定。

I remembered, from the very beginning, when I was about to enter the school, I had once visited many places with XueZhang, and in the end I made my decision.

「我是為了改變所以站在這裡！」

“I’m here in order to change!”

我不再是我、我還是我，我想要有所不同，讓我知道我想知道的所有事情，所以我才會在這裡。

I’m no longer me, I’m still me, I want to be different, and allowing me to know all the things that I wanted to know, so I am here right now.

「所以，在我有能力之前，請幫助我。」

“So, before I have the power, please help me.”

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我不確定那個精靈女人是不是笑了。

I'm not sure if that female elf smiled.

『我是沉睡的水之貴族，只要是水、就是空氣中的水霧都可以化為我的利刃。』她優美的旋轉了身，蛇尾隨著大幅度的轉動，然後四周慢慢的浮起了更多的水珠，轉了一圈之後她對上我的視線，伸出了掌，上面有著我的幻武大豆漂浮著，『你需要的是能改變現狀的武器嗎？或者是保護自己的防具？你需要強大的力量嗎？強得足以讓你永遠依靠的力量？或是你需要不受敵人傷害的防禦？堅固的讓你不用再擔心受怕的強大防禦？』

"I'm the water aristocrat and have been in a deep slumber, as long as it's water, even if it's the water vapor in the air, I will be able to turn it into my sharp weapon." She gracefully turned her body, the snake body followed the huge range of rotation, and then more and more beads of water gradually floated up in the surroundings. After turning one round, our sights crossed, holding out her palm, my illusionary bean was floating on top, "You need a weapon that would be able to change the current situation? Or a defending object to protect yourself? You need a huge power? So strong that it allows you to rely on it forever? Or you need a defense that wouldn't be penetrated by the enemy? So sturdy that it allows you to not ever worry about being frightened, kind of strong defense?"

我想，那些都不是我想要的。

I think, those weren't something that I want.

這些日子以來，我都站在別人的身後。

In these few days, I had been standing behind someone else.

「我害怕，可是我想要的不是力量也不是防禦，我想要可以幫助朋友的武器，雖然我怕，可是我想要一個改變。」就從兵器開始，小小的、能夠隨身攜帶，在最重要的時候可以幫上所有的人。

"I'm afraid, but what I want is not power nor defense, I want a weapon that would be able to help my friends. Although I'm afraid, but I want to change." Starting from my weapon, a small one, to be able to easily be carried around, and at the most important time, I would be able to help everyone.

雖然我怕，可是不用太過靠近。

Although I'm afraid, I don't want to get too close.

就像千冬歲一樣能夠遠遠的射出銳利的箭。

Just like Chifuyu, to be able to shoot out sharp arrows from far away.

可是我不會射箭。

But I don't have any archery skills.

『你需要的是能夠幫助你所想的兵器，為難時、利落的不拖累所有人。遠遠的，就能輔助，近的，也不讓你害怕。』精靈掌心的兵器珠子正在發光，銀藍色的微微亮著，像是水上的水花，又清澈見底。

"You need a weapon that would be able to help you in those aspects, and when you guys are in a pinch, it would be neat and wouldn't burden everyone else. From afar, it would be able to assist, and when

you're near, it wouldn't make you afraid." The bead-like weapon was shining on the elf's palm, silverish-blue as it faintly glowed, just like the splash on the water, crystal clear.

「一個讓我容易使用、可以成為大家力量的兵器。」

"A weapon that is easy for me to use, and also to be able to become everyone's power."

有種東西在我腦中成形。

Something was forming in my head.

最早開始我羨慕的是學長使用起長槍非常好看，就像電視劇裡面的武將，什麼也不怕。

At the most beginning, I was jealous of when XueZhang was using his spear. It was extremely beautiful, just like the generals in the dramas, unafraid of anything.

可是太難，讓我想效仿都不行。

But it's too difficult, even if I wanted to imitate him, it was impossible.

『我會成為你的力量，在你有能力之前幫助你，在你有能力之後輔助你。記得今日你小小的改變，然後讓你的未來將會不再迷惑。』她將珠子放回我的手上，微微笑著，『用你的血與我簽下契約，用你的聲音呼喚我的名字，用你的心靈為我製造形體，用你的力量去追求更多。』然後，她以長長指甲在我掌心畫出了血痕，低頭、舔過。

"I will be your strength, to help you before you have power, and to support you after you have power. Remember your small change today, and then to allow your future to no longer be in confusion." She put the bead back into my hands, smiling, "Use your blood to form a contract with me, use your voice to call my name, use your mind to form my body, use your strength to pursue for more." Then, using her long fingernails, she drew a cut on my palm, lowered her head and licked at it.

『你可以呼喚我，這個名字是你所有。我是水中貴族的龍神精靈，只要是水都是我的利刃、是我的盾牌，我只讓你呼喚我的名字，只有你有資格呼喚我尊貴的名字。』

"You can call me, this name is yours. I'm the aristocrat within the water, a dragon god elf, as long as it's water, it's my sharp weapon, my shield, and I would only allow you to call my name, only you are qualified to call my honorable name."

然後，她慢慢的化為水珠，一點一點的開始落下。

Then, she slowly turned into drops of water, one drop by one drop as they began falling down.

我閉上眼，將腦中迴盪的名字記得清清楚楚。

I closed my eyes, clearly remembering the name that was echoing in my mind.

當我需要時候，我呼喚她、為她創造形體，然後成為幻武兵器。

When I need her, I would call her, forming a body for her, and then turning into an illusionary weapon.

這是喵喵他們告訴我的。

This was what Miao Miao and the others had told me.

於是，白霧全散了，我重新看見場上所發生的一切。

Thus, the white mist dispersed, I once again saw the happenings on the field.

我看見冰上都是血，學長跟安地爾雙方傷痕纍纍。

I saw blood all over the ice, both XueZhang and Andellar were full of wounds.

她只讓我呼喚她的名字。

She allows only me to call her name.

「『米納斯妲利亞，與我簽訂契約之物，初現你的形、美麗優雅而尊貴，水是你的利刃、是我的武器，然後、幫助我，解決侵害者。』」腦中自然而然的就浮現這段文字，好像是剛剛的聲音還在徘徊，而我照著念出。

“Mǐ nà sī dá lì yǎ, yǔ wǒ qiāndìng qìyuē zhī wù, chū xiàn nǐ de xíng, měilì yōuyǎ ér zūnguì, shuǐ shì nǐ de lìrèn, shì wǒ de wǔqì, ránhòu, bāngzhù wǒ, jiějué qīnhài zhě*.” This short sentence naturally surfaced in my mind, as if the sound just now was still hovering about, and I followed and chanted it out.

[T/N: Minas Dalya, the one who signed a contract with me, show me your form, beautifully and elegantly noble, water is your sharp weapon, it's my weapon, then, help me, and deal with the trespasser]

一道銀藍色的光在我手上拉出線、然後浮出成形。

A silverish-blue light pulled out into a line in my hand, and then its form appeared.

我慢慢瞄準那個完全無視我存在的安地爾，然後固定了位置，最後扣下了手。

I slowly aimed at that Andellar, who completely ignored my existence, and then fixed the position, and finally squeezed the trigger.

湛藍的水珠在空中畫過弧線，下一秒穿透那鬼王第一高手的腦、整個爆裂開來。

A blue water bead drew out an arc in midair, and in the next second, it penetrated through the ghost king's first expert's head, and it totally burst open.

很靜，太靜了。

Very quiet, too quiet.

靜得好像失去半個腦袋的安地爾是緩慢倒下，殘留在腦殼中的清白色液體混濁著血液慢慢的流出，然後在冰地上凝固。

So quiet that it seemed like Andellar, who lost half his head, seemed to be slowly slumping down, the greenish-white liquid that remained in his head was mixed with blood as it slowly flowed out, and then it was frozen on the ground.

學長看著地上的人體，然後轉過頭看著我。

XueZhang looked at the human's body on the ground, and then he turned around to look at me.

「不錯。」

“Not bad.”

他說，可是我不確定他是不是在稱讚我。

He said, but I wasn't sure if he was praising me.

下一秒，我眼前一黑，整個人失去重心往後倒。

The next second, the front of my eyes turned black, as I completely lost my balance and fell backwards.

昏去之前，我聽到聲音。

Before I fainted, I heard a voice.

『睡吧，然後醒來，你會開始迎接更多改變。』

“Sleep, and then wake up, and you'll start to welcome even more changes.”

米納斯坦利亞的聲音像是搖籃歌，逐漸消失在黑暗中。

Minas Dayla's voice was like a lullaby, as it gradually disappeared within the darkness.

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