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墨水瓶之前，笔记本右侧，一根肚腹圆润的深色钢笔静静安放，笔尖闪烁着微光，笔帽搁于一把泛着黄铜色泽的左轮手枪旁边。手枪？左轮？周明瑞整个人都愣住了，眼前所见的事物是如此陌生，与自己房间没半点相像之处！

惊愕茫然的同时，他发现书桌、笔记本、墨水瓶、左轮手枪都蒙着一层绯红的“轻纱”，那是窗外照进来的光辉。下意识间，他抬起脑袋，视线一点点上移：半空之中，黑色“天鹅绒幕布”之上，一轮赤红色的满月高高悬挂，宁静照耀。

这……周明瑞惶恐莫名，猛地站起，可双腿还未完全打直，脑袋又是一阵抽痛，这让他短暂失去力量，重心不由自主下坠，屁股狠狠地撞击在了硬木所制的椅面上。

啪！

疼痛未能造成影响，周明瑞以手按桌，重又站起，慌乱地转过身体，打量自身所处的环境。这是个不大的房间，左右两侧各有一扇棕门，紧挨对面墙壁的是张木制高低床。它与左门之间放着个橱柜，上面对开，下方是五个抽屉。橱柜边缘，一人高的位置，同样有灰白色管道镶嵌于墙上，但它连通的是个奇怪的机械装置，少许地方裸露着齿轮和轴承。

In front of a bottle of ink and to the right side of a notebook, a dark pen with a rounded belly was quietly placed. Its nib shimmered and its cap rested next to a brass colored revolver.

Pistol? Revolver? Zhou Mingrui was stunned, what he saw was incredibly unfamiliar and did not resemble his own room at all! Astonished and at a loss, he discovered that the desk, notebook, ink bottle, and revolver were all covered with a crimson “veil” made of light streaming in from a nearby window. He subconsciously lifted his head slightly upwards and saw floating in midair above the “velvet curtain”, a crimson moon held high and quietly shining.

“Uhm...” , Zhou Mingrui abruptly stood up in a panic, his head throbbed once more, and his legs failed to fully straighten. Zhou momentarily felt his strength leave him and his center of gravity came involuntarily crashing down, his butt hitting the surface of a hardwood chair below.

SMACK!

The pain did not bother Zhou Mingrui as he pressed his hand onto the desk and stood up once more. He spun around in a panic, scanning the environment. He was in a small room with brown doors on the left and right sides and on the opposite end of the room stood a wooden bunk bed. Between the bunk bed and left side door was a cupboard with an open section on the top and five drawers below. On the edge of the cabinet, at head level, the

wall was inlaid with greyish white pipes. The pipes were connected to a strange mechanical device, its gears and bearings exposed in several places.