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Chapter 69 Hit me with your money!_1

Finally dead, huh?

Staring at the gigantic toad below that was shattered beyond recognition, Leon's legs trembled slightly. To avoid revealing his fear, he sat on the Golden Silver Mountain and let out a long breath.

Although he had said it many times already, he really wanted to say once more... The work at the Purification Bureau was really not meant for humans!

After using a stomach full of idealistic nonsense to talk a Holy Spirit to death, Leon, whose limbs were weak, slowly climbed down from the Golden Mountain, taking a glance at the records in the Badge System along the way.

[With your exceptional eloquence and acting skills, the false role you crafted—"The poor worker who doesn't love money," successfully distorted the swapping toad's understanding of the world, completely destroying the foundation of its existence. You activated the Silver-Level Badge "Elite Performer."]

[Performer: A great script, a suitable stage, plus you, are enough to put on an outstanding performance.]

[Wear Effect: With the enhancement of excellent dialogue and acting skills, you can closely meld into and approach the "role" itself during performances. The character and persona you portray are highly convincing.]

[Advancement Route: After performing ten remarkable acts in a grand theater with over two thousand viewers and receiving their approval over ninety percent of the time, this badge will automatically advance to the Golden Badge "Performance Master." Current progress 0/10.]

[Hidden Traits (No Wear Required): A distinguished performer stands out like a firefly in the darkness no matter where they are. Your charisma has been significantly enhanced.]

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Although it was directly a Silver Badge, it... didn't seem very useful?

Having looked over the effects of "Elite Performer," Leon sighed in disappointment, hoping to get a badge like "Holy Spirit Nemesis." He then glanced down at the badge panel.

[Materialist Soul (Red)]

[Martyr of the Wine Country (Gold)]

[Friend of Demons (Silver)], [Elite Performer (Silver)]

[Shooter (Copper)], [Reliable Brother (Copper)]

[Unemployed Youth (Iron)], [Probationary Worker (Iron)], [Parkour Novice (Iron)]

So far, he had gained a total of nine badges, but there were only five badge slots available.

Among them, "Materialism" directly locked one slot, the "Wine Country" for overcoming fear occupied another, and the remaining three enhanced "Demon" for increasing Abnormal object efficacy, "Shooter" for strengthening shooting skills, and "Probationary Worker" for directly increasing work efficiency.

As for the also quite useful "Parkour," since all five badge slots were taken, it had to be temporarily put aside and would be switched on in advance if facing complex terrains. The newly obtained "Performer" would probably receive the same treatment, likely to be thrown into the badge warehouse for the time being to collect dust...

Hmm... Fortunately, besides badges, he had other gains.

Looking at the enormous toad in front of him, broken into pieces yet still quite majestic, Leon felt much better, then reached out to touch the toad's massive skull.

[Encounter... Materialism... Information]

[Name: Saintly Remains (?, ?)]

[Appearance: Shattered enormous toad's corpse]

[Ability: ?]

[Cost: ?]

[File: After experiencing extreme and brutal fragmentation of cognition, unable to bear its own concepts of money, currency, domination, and trade, the Holy Spirit's corpse disintegrated. Before completing restoration and re-extraction, it cannot be utilized.]

[Evaluation: Exceptionally outstanding anomalous object material. With excellent auxiliary ingredients and correct techniques, it should be possible to craft a very powerful anomalous object.]

[Contamination Value: ?]

As expected, this thing held immense potential.

After reading the description provided by "Materialism," Leon nodded with satisfaction.

Although it seemed a bit unseemly to have talked it to death, the golden toad was at least of Holy Spirit level, and the anomalous object crafted from it would undoubtedly be extraordinary.

Moreover, according to the rules of the Purification Bureau, as his opponent personally... talked to death, after completing recovery and submission, he held absolute first claims on the anomalous item created from it.

Even if the final product didn't suit him, like that time with the Witch's Broom, it could be exchanged for other usable anomalous objects, so this unexpected occurrence, while extremely dangerous, was also remarkably rewarding...

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"Hey, kid! I'm over here!"

Waiting for ages without seeing Leon come looking for him, wandering instead next to the shattered toad, the ram's head, uncomfortable under a heap of Gold Wheels, couldn't help but strain his neck and urged:

"Hurry up! Stop touching that toad, come over here and dig me out!"

Leon, who was inspecting his spoils, followed the voice, digging for quite a while on the half-collapsed Golden Wheel Mountain above the toad, before finally uncovering the buried ram's head.

Once free, observing Leon before him, almost unscathed aside from some ripped clothing, the Black Goat excitedly exclaimed:

"Quick, quick, quick! Tell me how you won?"

"Didn't you hear everything? I just talked with it about worldview, values, and beliefs, then it realized its understanding of the world was flawed, and it collapsed by itself..."

Speaking of which, won't those people have issues?"

Not wanting to reveal the existence of the Badge System to the Black Goat and embarrassed to paint himself as a money-disdaining saint, Leon responded evasively and then stood up, looking around at the crowd lying unconscious on the plaza, worrying:

"Though the duration wasn't long, many people had been visibly aged by the toad's ability. Can the things taken from them be restored?"

Also, when the toad was spitting out lots of Gold Wheels, many people just fainted and haven't woken up since..."

"Ah, it's a good thing they haven't woken!"

Having Leon lift him slightly to see the shopping plaza's situation, the Black Goat nonchalantly replied:

"After being provoked by you, the toad reclaimed the money given to these people to gather funds to purchase you, forcibly returning the life it had bought.

Look, see? The Gold Wheels previously sent to their side have disappeared, indicating the transaction was willingly canceled by the toad.

As for why they collectively fainted... having a huge amount of life force bought in one go and then having the transaction canceled, abruptly pumping life back into them, you would've fainted too!"

Having addressed Leon's questions, the Black Goat, still puzzled, fixed its gaze on him and said without blinking:

"Kid! Don't try to fool me with those words! That toad didn't know you well, which is why it was tricked, but I'm different!

You, who would rather endure foot odor for over an hour than spend an extra two Copper Wheels for a standard cabin ticket, can't possibly resist the power of money!

Honestly, tell me! Did that red-haired chick give you some protective... Whoa! Move! Get out of the way!"

Move? Could the toad revive?

Hearing the Black Goat's warning, Leon's expression tensed, and he quickly turned his head to look back. However, the toad's shattered pieces remained lying obediently, and the golden toad didn't suddenly pull a sit-up, but...

The Golden Wheel Mountain had collapsed!

In this small landslide accident, an immeasurable amount of metallic currency, like a golden flood, swept toward him with insane speed!