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### Chapter 99 The Truth and Promotion\_1

"You guessed it right, that young man with a crying face is indeed a Director."

After listening to Leon's recount of the situation, the red-haired Director thought for a moment and then explained,

"Because I thought it unlikely you would encounter any other Directors, I hadn't mentioned this before. To become a Director of the Purification Bureau, besides having sufficient strength, one must also have the qualifications to master the corresponding secret technique."

The Taurus Director, who brought the anomalous object last time, masterfully controlled the secret technique related to forging. They can transcend material limitations and create anomalous objects of superior quality, while the secret technique under the Aquarius Director's control is said to create anomalies directly under certain conditions.

So if I'm not mistaken, the elderly couple encountered at the Happiness Apartment should be the current Aquarius Director... Considering the age, it could even be the previous Aquarius Director."

It was indeed a Director of the Purification Bureau!

Having had his guess confirmed by the red-haired Director, Leon, pondering her highly respectful attitude toward the other Taurus Director, hesitated slightly before cautiously asking,

"Director, may I ask, what is the general 'public opinion' about the Aquarius Director usually like?"

Meeting Leon's eyes, the red-haired Director immediately understood his implication and raised an eyebrow to inquire,

"Do you think... the Aquarius Director might have ulterior motives in creating the Happiness Apartment?"

"I'm somewhat suspicious, as I feel the actions of that Aquarius Director do not add up."

Seeing that she did not get angry at his "offensive" remark about a Director, Leon admitted his suspicion outright, speaking solemnly to caution,

"If we assumed he was a busybody who intervened out of compassion to help the elderly couple after learning of their plight, he should've assisted them in applying to the Charitable Asylum, shouldn't he? Such a task shouldn't be difficult for a Director, right?"

Of course, it is also possible that he is the kind of traditionalist who takes the Purification Bureau's regulations seriously and won't intervene with ordinary people unless necessary or casually use the Bureau's privileges. But if that's the case, why did he not report what he created after making an anomaly?"

After presenting his reasoning, Leon glanced at the increasingly furrowed brow of the red-haired Director, paused slightly, took a deep breath, clenched his fist, and continued,

"Also, I think his act of placing the elderly couple's souls into the apartment is the most suspicious part. By the time they passed, the elderly couple's hearts were likely already full of resentment. Once their souls were placed back into the apartment, they saw firsthand how people from the Charitable Asylum were evicted, freezing and starving to death due to municipal inaction. This resentment would likely grow exponentially.

\*With such heavy hatred in their hearts and being given the potential to become an anomaly by the Aquarius Director, once their wrath and resentment were pushed to the limit, they would likely 'awaken' as an anomaly and seek out 'enemies' for widespread slaughter.\*

\*Moreover, the root cause of all this is not solely an individual's actions but a collective endemic apathy and negligence. Their potential for slaughter could easily spiral out of control, accumulating and absorbing even more dangerous concepts until it's completely beyond control!"\*

"You are right; there is indeed such potential in this matter. But going solely by this, it's hard to prove that the Aquarius Director has any problems."

Nodding slightly to acknowledge Leon's judgment, the red-haired Director mused with a frown,

"Although I find your judgment quite reasonable, beyond discussion, the fact that the elderly couple ultimately became a positive anomaly is sufficient for him to defend himself."

"I believe the outcome for the elderly couple might have been an accident."

Recalling the words of the administrator lady, Leon said quietly, with a rather complicated expression in his eyes,

"That Aquarius Director, when deciding to 'create' the anomaly, likely only considered the evilness of human nature. While he noticed the couple's anger and resentment, he might not have realized that they weren't enraged because of their own experiences but out of their agony for others' sufferings."

\*They weren't inherently extremist and mad, even if the injustice they faced spurred great hatred; the fundamental color of their souls remained kind.\*

"As for how things unfolded later on, it probably didn't follow his intended design. He likely didn't expect those decades of consistent kindness from the elderly couple to also garner gratitude and remembrance from those who received help."

Those hundred-plus people who died smiling near Happiness Apartment, and more who felt happy thinking 'they are still around,' all these people's memories and blessings accumulated, not only diluting the resentment within the couple's souls but also forming a tall wall standing between them and the abyss, preventing them from being entirely consumed by hatred."

"That's probably it..."

Nodding in agreement with Leon's analysis, the red-haired Director, with a hint of regret, said,

"Partly the anger and hatred towards evil, and partly the compassion and blessings toward the weak, these feelings correspond one-to-one with Malice Vanquisher and Accident Avoidance."

"No wonder the abilities of Happiness Apartment are so markedly different and virtually unrelated. It turns out these seemingly unrelated abilities had distinct origins, which is truly... sigh..."

Shaking her head and heaving a sigh, the red-haired Director slowly sat upright and, rarely with a serious face, praised,

"Leon, you've done excellently!"

"Although I always found that apartment odd, since it never hurt anyone besides you, and its strength was not particularly high, I never dug deeper."

\*If you hadn't exercised extra caution and discovered this, what the Aquarius Director did might have remained covered up!\*

After these words of appreciation, the red-haired Director's expression grew increasingly serious.

"Regarding the Aquarius Director's issue, some waiting is required."

"The real identities of Aquarius, different from Taurus His Excellency, are nearly always confidential. Not even if they have been replaced or not gets revealed, making it hard for me to determine if he is the current Aquarius Director or not."

"But I will find a way, rally fellow Bureau Directors to contact familiar Directors for a discussion, striving to launch an immediate investigation against him! If the investigation proves he indeed has problems... there will be an account for this!"

Even though the red-haired Director didn't articulate what that account would be, the chilling chill in her partly squinted fox-like eyes left no doubt about the answer.

\*Who could have thought that drunkard would have such an assertive side after all...\*

"Glad you plan to do something."

Half surprised and half admiring, Leon cast a glance at the red-haired Director, nodded slightly, and then spoke in farewell,

"I only found this matter odd, so I came to report to you. If there's nothing else, then I'll..."

"Don't leave yet; there's more."

The red-haired Director called out to Leon, who wanted to leave, and crooked a finger, maneuvering the red hair around Leon's neck to reach into his pocket and extract his identification.

"Don't worry, it's good news."

Extracting a stamp from her drawer, the red-haired Director, smiling with squinted eyes, remarked as she applied the stamp to Leon's document,

"Yesterday, after Taurus Director returned, she considered you fairly outstanding in both skill and other respects. Therefore, she used her recommendation quota to move your file upwards... Congratulations, you have been officially promoted ahead of schedule."

\*Meaning... I am no longer a 'Probationary Worker'?\*

Although Leon was already aware that his achievements should suffice for his promotion, hearing the news still brought him a spark of joy.

\*Now that I've been promoted, should the Black Iron Level 'Probationary Worker' Badge in turn advance to 'Worker'?\*

"Zzz..."

True to expectation, after the red-haired Director handed the documents back, a jarring buzz once again sounded in Leon's ear.

[At the referral of Olivia, the Director of the Virgin Sanitation Bureau, you successfully navigated through the Taurus Director's backdoor, earning her appreciation and completing your promotion one month earlier.]

[Your Black Iron Level Badge "Probationary Worker" successfully advanced to Bronze Level Hidden Badge "Connected Party."]