

## Full Time 591

### Chapter 591 A Two-Pronged Approach\_4

For over half an hour, Chen Gu finally weakened the Mutant to the size of Kostia—this was Kostia's true form.

Suddenly changing tactics, he made a fierce charge. Kostia had already exhausted almost all its energy. Facing Chen Gu's sudden acceleration, it was powerless to react and was stabbed by the Father-Son Sword. Then, the radiating power burst forth from the blade, threatening to completely melt "Kostia" from the inside out.

It was not until this moment that Chen Gu saw a flicker of humanity resurface in Kostia's eyes.

That was the moment he was waiting for, and he quickly asked, "Give me a clue, and I'll avenge you!"

However, the human light in Kostia's eyes was quickly suppressed, replaced by the evil, madness, and cold from the Endless Realm.

"KEKEKEKE..." The Mutant cackled mockingly, as if to tell Chen Gu he was daydreaming if he thought he could get any information from it.

Chen Gu, irritated, amplified his power, and the radiating force from the Father-Son Sword surged again, instantly burning the Mutant to nothing but an empty shell.

Just then, that sliver of humanity suddenly seized an opportunity, hoarsely uttering three words from within the radiating flames, "Fertos..."

Then its entire body disintegrated completely in the radiating flames.

Chen Gu still did not dare to let his guard down. He used the radiating flames to thoroughly clean the entire stage and Kostia's connectors, including giving Combat Rooster a "wash" with the fire.

When Chen Gu walked out of the Immeasurable Stadium again, he met Director-General Aviloya and Dr. Meng Ji, who were already waiting outside.

He obediently underwent Dr. Meng Ji's contamination check. Aviloya's face was ashen. The previous moss virus incident, and now this Mutant attack—both had occurred less than a month apart during the widely broadcast Behemoth Alliance competitions. Two major accidents in quick succession...

This time, the cleanup would be even more troublesome than the last.

Everyone from the Battle Fire Club, including their rich second-generation owner and Mao Yisheng, were detained to assist in the investigation.

Despite being in disarray, the Behemoth Alliance wasn't overly worried. True, the continual accidents had significantly dampened people's enthusiasm for attending matches in person, but the Alliance's buzz had soared!

With both effects offsetting each other, it wasn't necessarily at a loss.

All spectators from this event would also be quarantined for a period. They would strictly follow the Bureau of Mystic Security's Clean-up Regulations and would only be released after it was confirmed they were not contaminated and had no potential to mutate.

Among them were Man Suling and several other unfortunate actors.

Escorted by staff members, they were walking past Chen Gu when the little She-Wolf looked resentfully at him. Chen Gu, however, suddenly realized something and shouted, "Aviloya!"

All nearby Bureau of Mystic Security members heard him, including Man Suling, who was only considered an external advisor.

Everyone looked at Chen Gu with utmost admiration. You dare to call the Director-General by her name? You, a mere special agent, are that familiar with the Director-General?

Chen Gu noticed Aviloya's displeased look directed at him, and his heart skipped a beat. He had called out instinctively due to the urgency of the situation. Besides, he had never held much respect for the Director-General in his heart; he usually just called her by her name in his thoughts. It was already good he hadn't blurted out "wicked woman."

"I know what they're planning to do!"

He eagerly waved Aviloya over, then spoke to her in a low voice, "This is a two-pronged plan! First, they used freelance mercenaries to draw our attention. Then, they planned to attack me, Man Suling, and the others during this match. If that attack succeeded, it would have been ideal for them. However, even if it failed, it would still cause a major accident, just like what's happening right now—our attention would be completely drawn here. Then, those freelance mercenaries, who were initially just a diversion, would launch their actual attack. Their true target must be the other members of the film crew!"

"Quickly, send people to support Big Rabbit!"

Aviloya questioned, "Big Rabbit?"

"Er... I mean, Dora."

Chapter 592 Natural Awakening

Bai Hongyue was indeed a talented actress, but she always seemed to be just a step away from what was called a "star."

Still, she wasn't disappointed. In her forties, she could always get impressive roles with her superb acting skills, and she was quite content with that.

When the script for "The Warrior's Glory" first landed in front of her, she was resistant. The title alone reeked of flop potential! Then she heard that the lead actor was a star from the Behemoth Alliance and the leading lady was the new diva of the music scene. Definitely a flop.

But she held great respect for Director Yu Mozi. So, after his strong recommendation, she read the script. To her surprise, it was actually quite good!

She had an inherently optimistic nature and a warm heart, always willing to help others. After joining the production crew, she provided substantial assistance to the younger actors.

Today, with both leads absent, they wrapped up filming early, and Bai Hongyue drove home alone. This was the lifestyle of many competent actors like her: a life of abundance without too much concern for the trappings of "fame."

She had been married for ten years. Her husband was an outsider to the industry who loved her dearly, and together they had three adorable children.

But today, as soon as she reached her doorstep, she saw someone standing under the streetlamp in front of her house. The person was dressed in all black, their hat pulled down low, hiding their face.

Her alarm bells rang. There were plenty of instances within the industry where people were kidnapped for various reasons. She'd also heard that the male lead had offended quite a few rich second-generation kids.

As she passed the front door, she didn't slow down, deciding to circle around and check the situation.

However, the person gestured to her, then pointed toward her house's window.

Several burly men stood behind the window, gripping her three adorable children. Their large, hairy hands covered the children's mouths, tears brimming in their eyes.

Bai Hongyue felt as if her heart was being wrenched out of her chest!

Following the stranger's instructions, she obediently parked her car in the garage. The person in black followed. They produced a gun, as if by magic, and pointed it at her. The two of them then re-entered the house, one in front of the other.

Bai Hongyue's first thought was for her children. Although tearful, they weren't hurt, and she sighed in relief. She then searched for her husband. He worked in internet services and was tall and thin, not very sturdy. Unsurprisingly, she found him lying face down on the ground, his condition unknown.

She cried out and lunged towards him but was pushed back by several fully armed men in black. Then, a leader emerged from the bedroom. He was as burly as a grizzly bear, with a self-fastening bandage on his forehead, a swollen left cheek, and bloodstains at the corner of his eye.

"He's not dead," the leader growled irritably. "I didn't expect your husband to put up such a fight; I almost got taken down by a nobody."

Bai Hongyue glanced at her husband in astonishment, then back at the leader. Comparing their builds, she found it hard to believe that her slender husband could have inflicted such injuries on this bear of a man.

"Who are you? What do you want? Money?"

The bear-like man sneered cruelly, "We..."

But before he could finish his sentence, there was a faint noise, followed by shattering glass. A thin beam of energy accurately shot through the bear-like man's head, and he dropped dead without a groan.

The other men in black had no time to react. Almost simultaneously, more energy beams shot in, and they fell one by one.

Only one of them suddenly generated a pale blue electromagnetic shield around his body. The energy beam aimed at him hit the shield with a ZAP, erupting in a burst of fireworks! Both the shield and the beam dissipated simultaneously. The one who slipped through the net shrank his body, smashed through a door, and dashed outside. Then, a WHOOSH sounded from outside.

Bai Hongyue, paying no heed to the fear, rushed to her children, covering them with her body, "It's alright, it's alright, Mommy's here!"

A few people entered. Dora, holding an energy rifle, breathed a sigh of relief. "Good, we're not too late."

Bai Hongyue looked bewildered, "Who are you? What on earth is happening here?"

Dora apologized, "Sorry to involve you. Come with us, and we'll ensure your safety."

...

Chen Gu had almost no residual contamination. Once this was confirmed, he immediately dived into the investigation.

He quickly found the name "Fertos." However, when the action team raided the hotel where Fertos was staying, they found only corpses. Their heads had been blown apart, making memory retrieval impossible.

However, Chen Gu didn't give up. He soon locked onto the last significant member of the gang: Luluotov, known as "the Hyena," who had followed Kostia's family to a tourist destination.

The local Bureau of Mystic Security acted quickly. They effortlessly apprehended this ruffian and immediately began an urgent interrogation.

The results arrived soon after.

"Four days ago, a person named Fu Qianping approached Fertos. Unharmd, he passed through the gang's defensive fire barrage to meet Fertos face-to-face. After a secret conversation, Fertos decided to collaborate with Fu Qianping. The two then came to Capital Star together and convinced Kostia to cooperate with their plan.

"Fertos was a high-level fugitive wanted by the Confederation; he had been hiding everywhere. Yet, with Fu Qianping, he was able to pass smoothly through various security checks during their travel and even took a civilian flight to Capital Star."

## Chapter 593 Natural Awakening\_2

"Fu Qianping carried a briefcase, reportedly containing two vials of medicine: the larger one for the giant beast, and the smaller one for Kostia."

Chen Gu immediately snapped his fingers at the support team. "Pull up the relevant surveillance."

However, after extensive work, the support team reported with dismay, "Everything has been wiped clean. The surveillance videos from all streets near the Fertos gang's territory, starting four days ago, and all footage from their journey to Capital Star—it's all been erased. We can't find this Fu Qianping."

Another team tracking the name "Fu Qianping" also reported, "No one named Fu Qianping matches the criminal's description."

Chen Gu, Gong Shuxu, and the others immediately understood. "It must be Number 21's doing—definitely the Digital Group."

But the trail seemed to hit a dead end here.

Chen Gu stroked his chin, thinking. "Expand the search radius. Find everyone who arrived on Fertos's planet during this period and resembles Fu Qianping, then bring them to Lалуotov for identification."

"As long as he existed, he must have left traces behind!"

"Yes, sir." The support team accepted the order without hesitation, despite knowing the immense workload.

Dora suddenly called. "I've made all the arrangements for the film crew. Director Yu Mozi is fine; he's been under our strict protection. Everyone else is okay too, but there's one person... I think you should come see for yourself."

Hmm? Chen Gu found it strange but went anyway.

The film crew had been settled into a Bureau of Mystic Security "safe house." They were all uneasy, unable to understand why a simple film crew would suddenly face such a large-scale attack.

Bai Hongyue's family was staying together—except for her missing husband.

Having her three children by her side brought some comfort, but her husband's continued absence filled her with a growing sense of dread. She repeatedly pleaded with the action team warriors guarding them, "Please, respect my right to know. I'm his wife. What happened to my husband? You can tell me the truth; I can handle it!"

She worried her husband might already be dead, especially since that "bear" was so strong and even armed.

"Please rest assured, your husband is fine. We just need to confirm a few things. You'll be able to see him soon."

However, Bai Hongyue grew increasingly anxious. She suddenly recalled the last person who fled, the one whose body had emitted an electromagnetic shield capable of blocking energy beams.

In another room of the safe house, her husband, Wu Yihuo, was restrained on a solid metal bed by special equipment. His physical condition was extremely unstable; his muscles, bones, and other tissues were constantly changing.

At one moment, a muscle on his thigh suddenly swelled; at another, his wrist bones thickened threefold. But these states were very unstable, lasting only about ten seconds before returning to normal.

As Chen Gu entered, Wu Yihuo's neck had just shrunk back from an incredibly swollen state. During this process, various body tissues—including bones, muscles, and tendons—were simultaneously undergoing violent changes. It was clearly an unbearably painful experience, and he was screaming loudly.

After entering, Chen Gu looked at the nearby doctor with some unease. "Give him some anesthetic..."

The doctor shook his head. "He's already at the maximum dosage."

Chen Gu sighed. He opened "The Past of Four Hundred," accessed Isabella Wu's memories, and used his Brain Domain Hacker abilities to interface with Wu Yihuo's brain, temporarily blocking the pain signals.

"Mr. Wu Yihuo, hello. I'm Chen Gu."

Wu Yihuo, Bai Hongyue's husband, was drenched in sweat and on the verge of collapsing. He nodded weakly at Chen Gu, trying to maintain the composure of a company executive. "I know you."

His wife was a colleague on this film crew, and he also recognized Chen Gu as this year's most popular giant beast star.

He asked with a pained smile, "Am I dying? Why are you here to see me?"

Chen Gu said, "No, you're not dying. As for why I'm the one here to talk to you... let me ask you a question first: do you remember what happened?"

"I do." Wu Yihuo forced himself to focus and recalled the events. "A group of thugs inexplicably burst into our home. I was terrified, but when I saw them lunging at my children, a sudden surge of courage flooded through me. I rushed forward and, with a few punches and kicks, managed to knock down a burly man, as big as a bear. Then, someone hit me hard from behind, and I blacked out. When I woke up, I was here."

Now, thinking back, he could hardly believe he'd been capable of felling such an opponent.

Chen Gu continued, "You're in a very peculiar state right now. To put it simply, you've naturally awakened a [Profession]. However, your situation is unique; you're in a semi-awakened state, which is why you're so unstable."

"Profession?" Wu Yihuo looked utterly confused. Chen Gu explained, "Your profession is called [Hell Titan]. It's a class known for extraordinary physical strength... Actually, it's better if I show you. I'll find someone to demonstrate."

There was one such Profession user in the safe house's security detail. He then demonstrated the transformation in front of Wu Yihuo.

Wu Yihuo was stunned. He recognized that the agent's transformation was very similar to the changes currently wracking his own body.

Chapter 594 Natural Awakening\_3

"I'm the one talking with you because my identity is more appropriate. On one hand, I'm a colleague of your wife. On the other, I'm a senior special operative in the Bureau of Mystic Security—the official organization for Confederation practitioners—and I hold a fairly high position."

"We can help you complete this awakening. You'll become a truly powerful practitioner, but you must join the Bureau of Mystic Security. Of course, we won't make you a special operative. You'll continue to live under your current identity, but when the Bureau needs you, you must comply with our orders."

"If you're unwilling, we can also forcibly suppress this awakening. However, everything I've told you is classified. We will seal your related memories, and this procedure requires your authorization."

Wu Yihuo gazed at him, a hint of eagerness in his eyes. "After joining the Bureau of Mystic Security, will I be like a secret agent, waiting for the nation's call to carry out dangerous missions?"

Chen Gu gave a wry smile. "Something like that." He knew the other party must have immediately thought of numerous secret agent and superhero movies.

"I'm willing! Please, let me awaken completely!" Wu Yihuo said immediately.

Given the urgency, Chen Gu said no more. "Good. Take him to the generator."

Then he remembered Gao Mengjiu mentioning that Bai Hongyue had been very willing to help on the film set, so he added, "I'll go with you."

Outside the generator, Chen Gu cautioned Wu Yihuo one last time, "You need to think this through. Once you become a practitioner, your life will change drastically..."

Wu Yihuo smiled. "Do you think I'm just pursuing novelty and excitement? No. I'm willing to become a practitioner for two reasons. First, this incident has made me crave the power to protect my three little treasures."

"Second... Bai Hongyue may not seem like much of a star in your eyes, but to me, she's a megastar. My income isn't low, but I always feel I'm not good enough for her. If I become someone special, I think I'd be a better match for her."

Chen Gu nodded and smiled, relieved. "Go on. I believe you'll succeed."

After more than ten hours of agonizing suspense, the door to the safe house finally opened. Her husband walked towards her, smiling, with his arms outstretched.

Bai Hongyue rushed forward, and they embraced tightly.

Chen Gu stood outside the door, a genuine smile on his face.

It would probably take Bai Hongyue a long time to understand why her husband had developed such a deep friendship with her colleague, Chen Gu, often meeting up for drinks and meals.

After ensuring Bai Hongyue's family was settled, Chen Gu returned to headquarters and received good news from the Internal Affairs team. "We've sifted through hundreds of thousands of hours of surveillance footage and finally found him!" they reported.

The identity was confirmed by "Hyena": it was Fu Qianping.

Chen Gu looked at the person in the holographic projection, who appeared polite and exuded the air of a humble gentleman.

"However, we still need to investigate his exact identity further."

Chen Gu nodded. The Digital Group's conspiracy had been thoroughly thwarted this time, but the Bureau of Mystic Security still hadn't managed to catch their trail.

The plan to use the movie as a trap, to lure the snake out of its hole, had ultimately only uncovered an unidentified "Fu Qianping." Chen Gu was extremely unwilling to let it go at that.

This Best Actor has invested so much, and it's all for nothing? Not a chance!

Chen Gu locked himself in his office at the Bureau of Mystic Security. He gathered all the case materials and switched to Isabella Wu's memories. Using the Brain Domain Hacker's powerful cognitive processing abilities, he was determined to find more useful clues from the entire incident.

At 3:20 AM, he suddenly burst out of his office and headed straight for the Immeasurable Stadium.

His car screeched to a halt outside the stadium. The Bureau of Mystic Security still controlled the area, and a large number of "witnesses" were isolated in different zones. The screening process had stopped at 1:00 AM to allow everyone to rest.

It would resume at 6:00 AM the next morning.

Chen Gu rushed to the Battle Fire Club's isolated area, yanked Mao Yisheng from his bed, and blurted out, "When Kostia came today, did he have a metal briefcase with him?"

Still groggy, Mao Yisheng mumbled, but Chen Gu was too impatient to wait. He grabbed him and splashed water on his face from the tap.

With a startled yell, Mao Yisheng was fully awake. Chen Gu asked again. Mao Yisheng, looking aggrieved, thought carefully and said, "He did have one. That thing didn't look high-end at all; it didn't match his status as a star athlete, so it left a strong impression on us..."

Before Mao Yisheng could finish, Chen Gu had already dashed out.

He searched the entire Immeasurable Stadium and finally found the briefcase in the Octoped Specter's pre-match cage.

He quickly took the item back to the Bureau of Mystic Security and handed it to the Internal Affairs team. "Find out immediately where this briefcase came from!"

A little over ten minutes later, the Internal Affairs team reported, "The case has no markings. You can buy these kinds of sealed safe boxes in any decent-sized supermarket."

"However, there are two empty syringes inside with markings from the 'Gospel Pharmaceutical Company'..."

Chapter 595 Natural Awakening\_4

Chen Gu had already charged out.

...

The Lotus Seven Stars were universally recognized as the most habitable seven colonial stars within the Confederation.

The climate on these planets was warm and humid, the natural environment beautiful, and there were no deadly giant beasts in the wild. Hence, this place was a hub for the high-tech industry of the entire Confederation.

Fertos Pharmaceuticals, located on Lotus Number Three, was just a medium-sized company that produced a dozen different drugs; among them, the best-selling were some gene-therapy drugs.

Early that day, as soon as CEO Yuan Jian arrived at his office, he received a report from the head of the company's security department, "Boss, people from the police department want to see you."

Yuan Jian was somewhat impatient. "Is it those drug misuse cases again? Those overly righteous junior officers?"

"Boss, these people are like flies—very bothersome."

"Alright," Yuan Jian accepted the security director's advice. "Let them in."

A few people walked into Yuan Jian's office, but Chu Zheng was somewhat disappointed because the Yuan Jian in front of her was in his prime, not the same person as "Fu Qianping" at all.

However, Chen Gu strode forward and said indifferently, "Will you surrender without a fight, or do you plan to resist futilely? Whichever you choose, I assure you the outcome will be no different."

Yuan Jian was bewildered. "What do you mean? You junior officers dare to move against me..."

Chen Gu rudely interrupted him. "The abilities of the Multistate Special Agent have been used by you quite masterfully.

"By altering the state of matter to change your facial bones, you can change your appearance.

"You entered Fertos's brain as a gas and then, by rapidly switching between solid and gaseous states, crushed his skull as if it exploded."

Yuan Jian sat up straight behind his desk, looking at Chen Gu with admiration. "I didn't expect you to find me so quickly."

Chen Gu said disdainfully, "You must recognize me. When I appeared before you, you should have surrendered instead of harboring false hope and continuing to deny and argue."

Then he added, "Take your hands out from under the table. It's no use. The bomb inside your desk has already been remotely dismantled by us."

Wu Yihuo, well done! he praised inwardly.

Wu Yihuo worked in the network service industry and was a technical wizard—a top-level hacker.

Refusing to believe it, Yuan Jian forcefully pressed the button; as expected, the bomb did not respond. He stood up and said coolly, "I still wanted to try. Maybe I could have escaped."

Chen Gu smiled, lifted his hand, and said, "Please."

In an instant, Yuan Jian dispersed into a silver liquid and then rapidly vaporized. No one knew from where he would attempt his escape.

But as he moved, Chen Gu also dissipated into a room full of five-colored gas that quickly coalesced. Two gaseous clouds, like mini-tornadoes, spun rapidly. Chen Gu's five-colored gas enveloped the smaller one before slamming it heavily onto the ground.

Yuan Jian fell out, looking disheveled.

He looked incredulously at Chen Gu, who was transforming from gas to solid. "You..."

Chen Gu said scornfully, "A mere Fourth Energy Level Multistate Special Agent. In this profession, I'm at the Fifth Energy Level. You might be a genius and have figured out many unique techniques on your own, but you can't overcome the level suppression. I've got you!"

Yuan Jian, still not resigned to his fate, tried several more times, but Chen Gu managed to preempt him and force him back each time.

Then, with an 'I'm bored, and I'm tired of this game' expression, Chen Gu said, "Alright, no need to delay any longer. Your subordinates won't have a chance to destroy all the evidence in the company; my colleagues have already caught them.

"You're playing a cat-and-mouse game here to stall for time. I've been playing along, waiting for your accomplices outside to reveal themselves one by one. That's much easier than us having to sift through and identify them later.

"I'm confident that we'll find numerous clues in your company. Then, following those leads, we'll uncover a large number of 'Numerics'!"

Yuan Jian completely collapsed onto the ground.

Chen Gu snapped his fingers and said to Chu Zheng, "Put the security shackle on him."

Because Yuan Jian held absolute power within this company, and the heads of key departments were all his trusted confidants, their activities here were somewhat 'brazenly unrestrained.' They didn't need to be secretive about developing that drug. As a result, various collaborations and raw material procurements exposed a wealth of valuable intelligence.

The Bureau of Mystic Security moved swiftly to close the net!

## Chapter 596: Great Harvest

The first to be captured was Number 31, a well-known scholar and professor at one of the top ten universities within the Confederation.

He was not a Practitioner but rather an ordinary person, yet many research projects from the Digital Group were secretly supported by his technological expertise.

The Bureau of Mystic Security was ecstatic, for if they could pry open Number 31's mouth, they could trace back to the Digital Group's anti-humanity research projects and prevent more tragedies like the moss virus.

It was Chen Jixian who personally led the team that captured Number 31. He had wanted to take charge of the interrogation himself, but after three days with no progress, he had no choice but to hand Number 31 over to the Bureau of Mystic Security's interrogation experts.

For such an important suspect, the Bureau was reluctant to use memory reading unless absolutely necessary.

Subsequently, Number 45 and Number 66 were also captured, marking significant victories for the Bureau. Chen Gu personally apprehended Number 66.

Beyond these Numbers, a large group of their followers were also rooted out. Surprisingly, these followers were numerous, and each possessed considerable social status and personal achievements.

For example, Number 66, who ranked quite low within the Digital Group, had seventeen followers, including successful businessmen, municipal officials, and famous athletes.

The "Harvest" operation finally concluded after ten days. The Digital Group reacted swiftly, and many members whose trails had been discovered quickly fled into hiding.

However, the identities of some had been exposed, which would be highly disadvantageous for their future operations.

On the tenth day, Chen Gu captured another "Number," but his identification number, "255," caused great unease throughout the Bureau of Mystic Security.

Everyone had assumed that although the Digital Group was secretive and powerful, the organization itself wouldn't be particularly large.

But the sudden appearance of a number exceeding two hundred indicated they had been mistaken; the organization was likely enormous.

After the operation concluded, the subsequent interrogation process proved difficult. Aviloya gathered numerous interrogation experts from all branches of the Bureau of Mystic Security and exhausted every possible method, yet none could break through the psychological defenses of the four captured Numbers.

Their followers did provide some information, but since the Digital Group members only had single-line contact with them, the intelligence was very limited and restricted to each follower's specific line.

This outcome enraged Aviloya. After careful deliberation, she ordered a memory read on Number 45.

Due to the gravity of the matter, Aviloya personally requested Dr. Meng Ji to oversee the memory reading procedure.

However, despite Dr. Meng Ji's thorough preparations, the moment the device was connected to Number 45 and the reading began, Number 45 suddenly suffered complete amnesia!

Aviloya, who was observing nearby, turned ashen with fury. Consequently, everyone in the Bureau headquarters trod carefully for several days, fearing that the slightest misstep might provoke the Director-General's wrath and make them its target.

Dr. Meng Ji was also deeply embarrassed. He researched diligently for several days and finally discovered the reason. "All official members of the Digital Group have a special memory structure implanted in their brains, clearly by an external force. Upon encountering memory reading, it acts like a spiritual power bomb, completely obliterating all memories."

"Without a doubt, it was preemptively planted in their brains by 'Zero Creation!'."

"This adversary is extremely cunning, having taken comprehensive precautions against all conceivable threats."

Dr. Meng Ji was at his wit's end.

Chen Gu thought for a moment and said, "Let me try using the abilities of a Brain Domain Hacker?"

Dr. Meng Ji was very tempted; this incident was also a setback for him, and the proud doctor felt a blow to his pride.

His collaboration with Chen Gu had, thus far, been "unfailingly successful." Ever since Chen Gu had helped pull Chu Zheng's personality back from its paranoid track, the doctor had subconsciously come to see Chen Gu as someone he could rely on.

But Aviloya considered for a moment and then shook her head slightly. "I have someone else in mind."

She didn't say who it was, and Chen Gu didn't press, but Dr. Meng Ji blurted out, "Who is it?"

Aviloya seemed reluctant to say the name but still obliged Dr. Meng Ji, "Chen Yuexiao."

Dr. Meng Ji's face showed sudden understanding. "Ah, it's him. Alright then."

Chen Gu didn't know who this "Chen Yuexiao" was, but as he observed, he felt there was something peculiar about Dr. Meng Ji's apparent realization.

Dr. Meng Ji pulled Chen Gu out with him, saying as they walked, "Chen Yuexiao is a Seventh Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker, far stronger than you. With him in charge, we don't have to worry..."

After the two left, the electromagnetic door behind them closed automatically. Dr. Meng Ji immediately said to Chen Gu, "You're in trouble. You better run! Chen Yuexiao has been pursuing the Director-General for many years. What do you think he'll do to you when he comes and sees you here too?"

"Your unexpected recruitment into the Bureau of Mystic Security ironically serves as a layer of protection for you; the Director-General wouldn't target you so openly."

"But Chen Yuexiao has no such scruples; he isn't even a member of the Bureau."

Isn't that old woman targeting me already? She recruited me into the Bureau of Mystic Security precisely to keep me under her thumb, making it easier to manipulate me!

She's assigned me so many nigh-impossible tasks!

However, he still couldn't help but roast Chen Yuexiao, "Is this guy a man? That's clearly a woman's name."

"Besides, he's merely a Seventh Energy Level. What gives him the audacity to pursue a Ninth Power Level? That's not how you become a kept man, haha!"

Dr. Meng Ji rolled his eyes. "Run!"

"Alright, alright, I'm going," Chen Gu said, his words braver than his thoughts. But if a Seventh Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker were to truly become his enemy... Chen Gu would, of course, opt for a strategic retreat!

Hey, hey, hey, it's not that I'm a coward; it's just unnecessary. If I'm destined to antagonize a high-Energy Level expert over a woman, then that woman would definitely have to be... Chen Qingyu!

My own granddaughter, of course, I'll protect her. As for my grandson... let his father deal with him.

It's not worth it for Aviloya!

Chen Gu dove into his car and sped away.

He didn't go home, nor to the film set, but straight to the school. I love studying! I miss the Principal!

Mhm, mhm, it's definitely not because the Principal, that old mother hen, can shield me under his wing. I refuse to believe that a mere Seventh Energy Level like him would dare to cause trouble at Huai Shan Branch School. Director Shentu could teach him a lesson in minutes without the Principal even lifting a finger.

The film crew had temporarily halted production. In addition to Bai Hongyue, nine other important members had been attacked. Fortunately, the Bureau of Mystic Security's support arrived in time, and everyone was merely shaken, with no injuries.

However, they still needed to be properly reassured and comforted.

The most unfortunate was that group of freelance mercenaries who had gone looking for trouble with Gao Mengjiu; they were thoroughly thrashed by a gorilla...

Who would have thought that the gold-medal music producer and senior executive of a major record company was now at the Third Energy Level?

Among freelance mercenaries, the Third Energy Level was already a status that commanded great respect.

Chen Gu returned to the school but didn't attend classes. Instead, he first farmed his daily skill points in the dormitory's Training Hall. Then, he sat alone on a chair inside the Training Hall, a sense of disbelief washing over him—just moments ago, he had calculated that he had accumulated enough skill points for his current Energy Level.

I'll soon be able to advance to the Fifth Energy Level.

Despite having enough skill points, Chen Gu could feel that he was still some distance from the Fifth Energy Level. He couldn't pinpoint it, but it felt like he lacked "accumulation" in certain areas.

The Fifth Energy Level was different from the Fourth. After this advancement, he would face some complex situations: regarding \*The Past of Four Hundred,\* Milna Katerina, Griffin Wester, and Derek Kun Shen would no longer be of much help to him in terms of their professional abilities.

Their remaining value to Chen Gu would be reduced to their vast memories.

A major change might be on the horizon for Chen Gu.

For a moment, Chen Gu felt quite sentimental. When he first discovered \*The Past of Four Hundred,\* Milna Katerina, a Fourth Energy Level individual, was a being he could only look up to in awe.

And now, he was suddenly on equal footing with such beings, possessing the qualifications to have his name recorded in \*The Past of Four Hundred\*!

As Chen Gu was reminiscing, his phone rang. Unexpectedly, it was Wang Chengqian.

Wang Chengqian looked even more puzzled than him. "A well-known internet company wants to sponsor our school. They're offering thirty million Starshields right off the bat, and they've specifically requested that you attend the donation ceremony."

Chen Gu was also baffled. "What's that got to do with me? What company is it?"

"Tunguska Network Company."

The name sounded familiar to Chen Gu, and then he suddenly remembered: Ah, Wu Yihuo.

Never mind that Wu Yihuo always told people he wasn't worthy of Bai Hongyue, claiming she was a big star while he was just a company executive with a slightly higher income.

But in reality, his income wasn't just "slightly higher."

Tunguska Network Company had a wide range of business, with annual revenue exceeding several trillion Starshields. Wu Yihuo was one of the members of the company's highest decision-making body, the 'Idea Group,' and enjoyed stock incentive dividends, bringing his annual income to over one hundred million Starshields!

He also held certain special powers, such as the authority to decide on corporate sponsorships for research institutions and universities.

Definitely a tall, rich, and handsome man. He was more than a match for Bai Hongyue; marrying a diva-level star wouldn't be beneath him.

For various reasons, Tunguska Network Company allocated tens of billions of Starshields in sponsorship funds annually. Naturally, Wu Yihuo wouldn't have considered Huai Shan Branch School in the past, but things were different now.

Chen Gu promised Wang Chengqian he would attend the donation ceremony. Just after he hung up with Wang Chengqian, Wu Yihuo called. He wasn't calling to take credit, however. Instead, he asked excitedly, "Instructor, when does the next mission start? You have no idea! After my class transformation, my fists are as big as punching bags! I can't wait any longer. Next time, don't make me stay in the rear for technical support. I'm a Hell Titan! Our class is meant to be in the thick of the fight; what's the point of me fiddling with computers in the back?"

Chen Gu was momentarily speechless. Then, on reflection, he understood. A person of Wu Yihuo's status wouldn't listen to mere words. Only by letting him experience the dangers of this line of work firsthand during a mission would he obediently stay in the rear as a tech-support Hell Titan.

"Alright, I'll take you with me on the next mission."

Chapter 597 Ordinary Task

Chen Gu hadn't expected to fulfill his "promise" to Wu Yihuo so soon. Today was the first day the film crew resumed shooting, and at noon, he received a mission notification on his Bureau of Mystic Security account. He was instructed to conduct a secret inspection of the Great Redstone Power Plant, located 160 kilometers away, that evening.

The mission was assigned in an odd manner. Considering Chen Gu's current status within the Bureau of Mystic Security, such matters were usually communicated in person by Chen Jixian within the special operations squad.

Of course, what Chen Jixian considered a "notification" was, in his own mind, a "command," but in Chen Gu's, it was merely a "request."

Chen Gu casually sent a message to Gong Shuxu to confirm the task.

After checking the Bureau's internal system, Gong Shuxu confirmed its authenticity and replied, "It was randomly assigned by the clerical group. There are many such insignificant missions, often initiated when someone reports something strange or unusual. Some of these reports, flagged by our surveillance network as possibly involving Professionals or Mutants, are assigned to any available field agents for a quick check. It seems this one just happened to land on you."

Chen Gu understood. Since he had no scenes scheduled for that evening, he planned to take Chu Zheng and Wu Yihuo with him to investigate.

Inside the main building of the Bureau of Mystic Security, Chen Xiaoyue, smiling, ended a pleasant conversation with a young and beautiful clerical girl.

Although Chen Xiaoyue was quite old, he appeared to be only in his early twenties. As a formidable Seventh Energy Level master, he effortlessly charmed the clerical girl. She unwittingly assigned a seemingly trivial "mission" to an elite agent who shouldn't have been bothered with such trifles.

Chen Xiaoyue walked away composedly, his true thoughts hidden from everyone.

Decades ago, when that "Chen Gu" committed his "abominable" crime, Chen Xiaoyue was already at the Fifth Energy Level. He had also played a significant role when Chen Gu was later sentenced to "Soul Imprisonment."

Back then, I was already pursuing Aviloya. To think he would do such a thing to my goddess—scum like that deserved to die!

As for this mission, a cold smile touched Chen Xiaoyue's lips. It will definitely be a huge surprise for that piece of human trash!

「...」

"I'll come by in the car to pick you both up later!" Wu Yihuo, quite excited about the evening's mission, offered proactively. Chen Gu casually agreed.

When evening came, Chen Gu and Chu Zheng were waiting at the entrance of the film studio. A string of luxury cars sped past them, but none stopped.

Suddenly, a van crept up stealthily, stopping silently in front of them. The door slid open to reveal Wu Yihuo inside, waving at them. "Get in quickly!"

Looking at the ordinary van, Chen Gu asked, "Why are you driving this?"

"Aren't we on a secret operation? I thought we should keep a low profile. It took a lot of effort to buy this second-hand van," Wu Yihuo replied.

Chen Gu was speechless.

These rich guys really are capricious, Chen Gu thought. Buying a vehicle so casually for such a minor mission.

They got into the van. Wu Yihuo set the destination, engaged the autopilot, then turned to Chen Gu, brimming with enthusiasm. "Instructor, what are the specifics of this mission?"

Since Chen Gu was his mentor, Wu Yihuo, like Chu Zheng, also called him "Instructor."

Chen Gu casually replied, "This is a routine secret investigation mission. We need to infiltrate without being detected, search for any suspicious areas, and flag them for further investigation. If there's nothing amiss, we'll simply leave quietly, as if this never happened."

Wu Yihuo's face fell. Just some 'suspicious activity' that needs a quick look? I was so excited and prepared for ages, and it's just a beat cop's job?

Seeing his expression, Chen Gu felt he should... well, not \*trick\* him, but remind him: "The more routine a task seems, the less it should be taken lightly. There's an old saying, 'One must use full strength even to catch a rabbit.' In the hidden world, many dangers lurk in seemingly trivial details."

"Even experienced agents are prone to making careless mistakes on seemingly simple assignments, leading to their downfall in unexpected ways."

Wu Yihuo agreed nonchalantly, clearly seeing through his instructor's attempt to make it sound more important.

Chen Gu said no more. Of course, I have my own thoughts about the Bureau assigning me this kind of trivial task, he grumbled internally.

The Great Redstone Power Plant was one of Capital Star's many civilian power plants, utilizing advanced controllable nuclear fusion technology. Capital Star's constant power demand meant the plant operated twenty-four/seven. However, after midnight, once peak electricity demand passed, most of the staff would go home, leaving only a skeleton crew on duty.

Security at every power plant was tight; stolen nuclear materials could lead to severe incidents.

Their van was parked in a secluded alley outside the Great Redstone Power Plant, waiting to move after midnight.

Chen Gu reviewed the mission details.

This time, the alarm wasn't raised by nearby residents, but unusually, by the power plant itself. They reported that every night, a small portion of their generated electricity would mysteriously vanish.

They had initially assumed it was an internal production issue, but several self-checks revealed no problems.

Yet, this mysterious power loss persisted. While it was a small fraction for a power plant, the absolute amount was significant.

The anomaly was duly reported, and higher authorities dispatched technical experts for an inspection, but they also came up empty-handed.

The Bureau of Mystic Security's surveillance network flagged this situation, which led to the current mission.

Wu Yihuo was bored out of his mind and started playing games, thoroughly disappointed with the mission.

Chu Zheng, however, was perfectly happy, content as long as she could be by her instructor's side.

After midnight, several maglev cars drove out of the power plant as most of the staff clocked out.

After waiting another half hour for the plant to quiet down, Chen Gu stood up. "Let's go."

Wu Yihuo headed out carefreely. Ever since becoming the Hell Titan, even without undergoing his professional transformation, his physical attributes far surpassed those of an ordinary person.

He had secretly visited a gym where, despite his still lean figure, he lifted weights ordinary people couldn't dream of, making the muscle-bound regulars in the gym gape in astonishment.

That experience had inflated Wu Yihuo's ego to its peak, and as a result, he'd developed a slight contempt for ordinary people.

But Chen Gu stopped him.

Chen Gu casually flicked open a holographic screen displaying the structural plan of the entire power plant. He marked some red dots on it. "This is a restricted area with high security," Chen Gu explained. "Security is handled by companies with military backgrounds. They recruit experienced ex-military personnel who, according to our intel, are specially authorized to carry high-powered military-grade weapons."

"For example, there are beam sniper rifles at several vantage points. Do you think you could dodge if you were targeted?"

Military-grade weapons are entirely different from what civilians can legally possess; both their ammunition's stopping power and rate of fire are significantly higher.

A chill ran down Wu Yihuo's spine, and he immediately became much more humble and cautious.

Chen Gu led them, quietly entering the power plant from an inconspicuous corner. Throughout the covert investigation, Wu Yihuo's admiration for Chen Gu deepened.

Chen Gu seemed to possess a kind of "precognition." For instance, he would suddenly stop at a corner, pulling both of them into the shadows just moments before a patrol team rounded it.

Just before a searchlight swept over, Chen Gu would lead them to a blind spot, waiting for the beam to pass before they casually continued.

They meticulously searched key equipment areas but still found nothing unusual.

Two hours later, Wu Yihuo said dejectedly, "There really doesn't seem to be anything wrong. So why is the plant's power disappearing?"

"Let's go," Chen Gu said, gently shaking his head. "We can't find anything either. It's probably an internal technical problem at the plant. They'll have to sort it out themselves."

The three of them were avoiding security personnel and about to leave the power plant when they passed by a set of transmission lines.

Suddenly, Chen Gu stopped. Wu Yihuo found this odd. They had limited time to pass through this area; a few more seconds of delay, and the patrol teams and overhead searchlights would surely spot them.

"Instructor?"

Chen Gu swiftly pushed them both backward. Wu Yihuo's body instinctively tensed, trying to resist the force.

However, the strength that made him a standout in the gym felt utterly feeble against Chen Gu's seemingly casual push. He and Chu Zheng were sent tumbling backward, though Chen Gu had used just enough force for them to land steadily.

Chen Gu, meanwhile, had already spun around to face the rows of transmission lines. A faint blue ripple of energy began to emanate from his body.

From the transmission lines, a strange SIZZLING and CRACKLING sound erupted. Enormous arcs of electricity, like the tentacles of a deep-sea octopus, shot up high before viciously lashing down at Chen Gu.

CRACK! CRACK! CRACK!

The electricity exploded violently, but Chen Gu's figure had vanished. Where the arcs struck, large fissures cracked open in the solid ground.

Alarms blared throughout the power plant, and armed security personnel rushed to the scene.

Chen Gu reappeared elsewhere, but as soon as he did, another barrage of electrical arcs lashed towards him.

Chen Gu was forced to use Quantum Teleportation again to evade.

"Instructor!" Chu Zheng and Wu Yihuo shouted in unison, about to rush forward to help.

Chen Gu reappeared beside them. Grabbing one in each hand, he hurled them far away. "Contact headquarters! Coordinate with the power plant and have them stop generating electricity immediately!"

"As long as the plant keeps generating power, that thing can keep drawing strength!"

Because their brief delay had cost him, several thick arcs of electricity struck Chen Gu squarely.

Chen Gu roared, his body swelling dramatically. Relying on his formidable physique, he managed to withstand the blow, but his body was now crackling with electrical sparks, and he looked rather disheveled.

Now truly angered, he raised his hand, unleashing two double-ended laser swords. Guided by Entanglement Control, he sent them spinning rapidly, drilling into the ground below.

SIZZLE! SIZZLE! SIZZLE—

The laser swords sliced through the ground as if it were tofu. However, arcs of electricity continued to rise around him, striking him repeatedly. Black smoke began to rise from his body, and his hair stood on end.

Chapter 598 - Contagiousness

Amidst the arcing electricity, Chen Gu resembled an enraged Vajra. His mind utterly resolute, he commanded the twin-headed laser swords to accelerate their descent underground once more.

In an instant, a deep hole had formed in the ground. The twin-headed laser swords seemed to be searching for something beneath, causing the surface to undulate a few times.

Chu Zheng hastily radioed for reinforcements from the bureau, while Wu Yihuo held up his credentials. Approaching the power plant's security personnel, he loudly explained, "We are police officers!"

He had barely finished shouting when an electrical discharge suddenly shot out from a wire on a nearby wall, striking Wu Yihuo in the back. SIZZLE!

Wu Yihuo's body began to shake violently. Then, amidst the crackling electrical light, he started transforming uncontrollably.

The approaching security personnel, all ex-military, were stunned. While in the army, they had heard certain legends and could now confirm they were true.

The Hell Titan, immense and fierce, gave them a fright. But immediately after, the massive, clumsy creature toppled over...

BOOM!

A cloud of dust erupted before them. Was it just a paper tiger? Such a huge thing, all show and no go?

Chen Gu's speed was at its maximum, yet he could barely dodge the relentless electric whips. He had already activated another Profession's skill, Radiation Field, through the Secret Nest.

Within a radius of over a hundred meters, he could precisely sense the "enemy's" location, but it moved too fast. Even while controlling the twin-headed laser swords, he couldn't keep up.

It was truly as fast as lightning!

The electric whips bombarded relentlessly. This was a power plant, brimming with electrical energy; the opponent was almost inexhaustible.

CRACK!

Chen Gu, caught off guard by a suddenly erupting bolt of electricity, was struck and slammed heavily to the ground, feeling incredibly frustrated.

This type of opponent was the most troublesome. It's faster than you, and even though you know you're stronger—that one solid punch would take it down—you just can't land a hit! And it keeps landing hits on you!

"AH—"

Suddenly, Chen Gu retracted the twin-headed laser swords. Holding the Father-Son Sword, he switched to the Brain Domain Hacker Profession, unleashing his spiritual power in a wide dispersal. The opponent is too far away and constantly shifting position, so an area attack is my only option, even if it won't be very effective. But I have to teach it a lesson and take it down a peg!

BOOM—

Mental Storm!

The surge of spiritual power swept out. The creature clearly sensed the threat but couldn't escape the range of the mental assault in time. It became momentarily dazed, and the surrounding electrical arcs seemed to pause.

This was the opportunity Chen Gu needed. He had unleashed Mental Storm precisely to create such an opening. He had already switched his active memory profile from Isabella Wu to Derek Kun Shen Ken, once again becoming a Quantum Wizard.

His next action, however, was to gently squeeze the Secret Nest, releasing a stored Mind Remote Control technique that swiftly penetrated the creature's mind.

The creature struggled fiercely; its power was considerable, and it wouldn't be easily controlled.

But Chen Gu had already activated a third Profession skill: Entanglement Control!

He forcefully used the power of a Quantum Wizard to dominate the opponent, pulling it from the earth, bit by bit!

Just as the creature began to feel an intense headache, it found itself unable to resist. Manipulated by some mysterious force, it was being compelled to leave its comfortable subterranean environment.

It struggled desperately, electrical energy bursting from its body. Chen Gu's Entanglement Control began to waver. His muscles tensed, and he pushed his mental fortitude to its absolute limit—this was a contest of endurance.

The power of Entanglement Control surged. As the creature struggled, it found the bindings around it only grew stronger. It emitted strange cries from underground and then... began to draw on the ambient electrical power, its own strength instantly soaring.

Chen Gu nearly lost his grip.

He clenched his teeth, muscles straining, the whites of his eyes instantly webbed with bloodshot veins as he pushed himself to his breaking point. The power of Entanglement Control intensified once more.

The creature was now only about ten meters from the surface and knew this was a life-or-death struggle. Amidst its repeated shrieks, it activated its ability, causing the entire power plant to blaze with light—it was attempting to draw upon all electrical power in the vicinity!

But just then, with a decisive SNAP, the entire power plant abruptly plunged into darkness!

The creature's ability abruptly lost its power source, like someone overexerting themselves and suddenly stumbling. Caught off guard, its resistance to Entanglement Control lost all leverage, and Chen Gu instantly yanked it out of the ground.

"SQUEAK—" It let out a terrified shriek. Chen Gu, however, breathed a sigh of relief. At the crucial moment, Chu Zheng's communication with headquarters had paid off: the power plant's electricity supply was cut.

A second or two later, and the outcome might have been entirely different.

He stared at the creature. It was utterly hideous!

It resembled a rotting mass of flesh. Within its exposed fascia, tissues, and blood vessels, sparks of electric light flickered intermittently.

Based on its appearance alone, it was impossible to ascertain what the creature truly was.

Chapter 599 - Contagiousness\_2

Chu Zheng and the security personnel were about to examine it closely when Chen Gu suddenly shouted, startling them awake, "Don't look! Close your eyes!"

"This is a Mutant!"

And it was a particularly strange type of Mutant, one that Chen Gu had never encountered before.

Generally, once an organism mutated, it would inevitably be driven by an intense contamination instinct, seeking every possible way to spread its mutation.

Even if they had to hide among ordinary people, they would still subtly continue their contamination efforts, "cultivating" more of their kind nearby.

The same was true even for members of the Alien Insect Race that had been contaminated.

But this thing before them had clearly undergone deep mutation and had been lurking in the power plant for a long time without spreading its mutation to others.

If anyone in the power plant had been contaminated by it, they would have certainly rushed out to help during the fight.

"Why is that?"

Moreover, this particular Mutant's abilities were clearly superior to those of ordinary Mutants.

Its control over electrical energy was very similar to that of a Professional.

From its actions, it seemed to want to lie low in the power plant, quietly absorb more electrical energy, and silently grow stronger.

Chen Gu watched the creature. It suddenly split open a large mouth full of fangs from within its body and snarled ferociously at him!

Chen Gu smirked dismissively. He was calculating how to deal with this thing.

If the Bureau of Mystic Security found out about this creature's abnormalities, they would inevitably lock it in a laboratory and try to study it thoroughly. There's no doubt that there are always plenty of madmen in this world who know full well the dangers but can't resist the urge to do so.

Chen Gu sighed internally as fierce radiation flames blazed forth!

The creature instantly shrieked in terror, but Chen Gu's heart was like iron. Regardless of its pitiful cries for mercy, the radiation flames gradually burned it to ashes.

Chen Gu didn't intend to give those madmen a chance to cause trouble, especially since he was certain Dr. Meng Ji might be among those mad scientists.

Their initial intentions were undoubtedly good, but a good starting point doesn't guarantee that great disasters won't result in the future. Incidents where the study of dangerous creatures eventually led to their escape, causing a massacre, were all too common in history.

Indeed, the Mutant's vitality was tenacious. It continued to scream until Chen Gu had burned the last traces of it to ashes.

As the radiation flames did their work, Chen Gu gained a rough understanding of the creature's body structure: it was a product of a Mutant combined with a moss virus!

It must have been during the last incident. Some moss viruses must have escaped the Bureau of Mystic Security's rigorous screening and infected a lurking Mutant by chance.

This Mutant wasn't human. It was probably some kind of sewer beast contaminated during a Mutant clean-up operation.

Considering Capital Star's ecosystem, it was likely an electric leech.

Before humans arrived on Capital Star, these creatures lived in the planet's rivers and swamps. They had strong vitality and could emit faint electric currents capable of stunning prey, though they posed no threat to humans.

When humans began large-scale construction on Capital Star, their habitats were significantly encroached upon. However, they quickly adapted to human sewers. Now, these creatures are abundant in Capital Star's urban subterranean environment.

The moss virus is extremely contagious, and Mutants also possess an intense desire to infect. Strangely, when combined, they seemed to suppress this infectious nature in each other.

Chen Gu finished burning the creature to ashes when he heard Chu Zheng's anxious call from behind, "Instructor!"

Turning around, Chen Gu saw Wu Yihuo lying unconscious on the ground.

He hurried over and used [Atomic Life]. Wu Yihuo's breathing stabilized somewhat, but he remained unconscious.

The electric leech Mutant was actually very powerful; otherwise, it wouldn't have pushed Chen Gu into such a battered state, forcing him to fight to his limits and rely on cutting the power at a critical moment to capture it.

Its sneak attack on Wu Yihuo, who was merely at the first Energy Level, had caused great harm to this "Hell Titan."

Chen Gu immediately shouted into the public channel, "Where's the ambulance? Why isn't it here yet?!"

An ambulance, protected by the operations team, sped into the power plant, and Wu Yihuo was carried aboard. Chen Gu pulled Chu Zheng along, got into the van parked outside, and chased after them.

At the Bureau of Mystic Security's hospital, Chen Gu and Chu Zheng waited outside for several hours. Finally, the attending doctor emerged, weary and out of breath. "He's out of danger now..."

They both breathed a sigh of relief. Just then, Chen Gu's phone suddenly rang. Seeing it was Bai Hongyue calling, he felt a pang of guilt but braced himself and answered.

Bai Hongyue spoke sternly, "Chen Gu, is Wu Yihuo with you? He told me he went out for drinks and a chat with you, but it's so late; why hasn't he come home? I called him a dozen times, and no one picked up..."

Wu Yihuo becoming a Professional had not yet been disclosed to Bai Hongyue.

Wu Yihuo was quite enjoying the sensation of being a "secret agent."

Chen Gu had no choice but to lie, "He's with me. Don't worry. He drank too much, and I was afraid he'd disturb you and the child if he went home, so I found a hotel to settle him in. Rest assured."

Chapter 600 - Contagiousness\_3

"Really?" Bai Hongyue had a woman's intuition. "I've felt that he's been acting strange recently," she said, then added, "Especially after meeting you."

Chen Gu was speechless.

So I'm the main culprit, huh.

"Which hotel is he at? I'll go take care of him."

Chen Gu hurriedly said, "Don't wear yourself out traveling back and forth. Stay home and take care of the kids. Besides, you have filming tomorrow. I can handle things here."

"Alright..." Bai Hongyue sighed.

"Stop overthinking," Chen Gu said. "I can guarantee that he absolutely hasn't done anything to betray your trust."

Bai Hongyue clearly wasn't entirely convinced and said a few more words before hanging up.

Wu Yihuo was wheeled out in a medical pod. Chen Gu and Chu Zheng accompanied him to the hospital room.

Chen Gu thought of something and said to Chu Zheng, "Stay here and watch over him. I need to go back for a bit."

This mission was peculiar: why was *he* chosen to carry it out?

Gong Shuxu had previously stated that such missions were randomly assigned to agents not currently handling other assignments. However, while waiting for Wu Yihuo's surgery, Chen Gu had covertly asked Qing Ruyan.

According to convention, an agent of Chen Gu's standing would never be assigned such a task.

Chen Gu reflected that if the power plant hadn't lost power at the crucial moment, he might not have been able to subdue that electric leech Mutant on the spot.

The result could have been the electric leech Mutant completely destroying the power plant and then escaping.

Even if he hadn't been injured on such a mission, he would still have been held responsible afterward!

This meant that if Wu Yihuo and Chu Zheng hadn't helped him communicate with Bureau Headquarters, he likely would have botched this mission.

But Wu Yihuo had been seriously injured because of it.

He headed straight for the Bureau of Mystic Security building. It was now past eight in the morning, and the administrative staff inside had already started their workday. Chen Gu had initially intended to find Gong Shuxu, but he changed direction midway and headed straight for the Deputy Director's office.

Rainbow smiled brightly when she saw Chen Gu again. "Yo, what brings you to me?"

Chen Gu's face was grim as he recounted the events of the previous night's mission. "I want to know who assigned this task to me."

Rainbow thought for a moment. "Doing so doesn't violate any regulations."

"I know," Chen Gu said. "But I also have reasonable suspicions."

"Do you want to retaliate against the clerk who assigned you the mission?" Rainbow inquired.

Chen Gu shook his head. "I think the issue isn't who assigned me the mission. The problem might be that this itself is a trap!"

Rainbow frowned. Chen Gu stepped forward and pressed, "Will you help me?"

Rainbow casually pulled up an interface. "If I use my authority to help you find that clerk, and the investigation reveals everything is normal—that you were simply unlucky enough to get this mission—do you know what the consequences would be?"

Chen Gu paused. Rainbow continued, "My reputation within the Bureau would be ruined. Everyone would think that I, a Deputy Director, used the most childish means to show you favoritism."

"I probably couldn't stay on at the Bureau any longer."

Chen Gu wanted to say something, but Rainbow stopped him. "I'll help you find this person. If the investigation shows you were indeed targeted, then so be it. But if it proves to be just your baseless speculation, and as a result, I have to voluntarily resign and leave the Bureau—then the favor from when you saved Aviloya will be considered repaid."

Chen Gu nodded quickly. "Okay."

He had never expected any reward for saving Aviloya previously.

Rainbow's fingers moved, and internal surveillance footage flashed onto the screen. When Chen Xiaoyue appeared, Rainbow suddenly laughed. "So that's how it is! HEH HEH. This has gotten interesting."