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"So it is. HEH HEH HEH. This matter has become interesting."

Chen Gu listened as Rainbow slowly uttered this sentence. He could hear laughter, but there wasn't a hint of joy in her tone. On the contrary, the anger it contained seemed like a volcano before an eruption, ready to spew forth at any moment.

Chen Gu looked at Rainbow. Beautiful women are all born actresses, he couldn't help but inwardly exclaim.

Rainbow suddenly stood up, gesturing to Chen Gu to follow while she marched out briskly. "Come with me."

Chen Gu's eyes lit up. She's going to stand up for me! he thought. He sycophantically followed behind the Eighth Energy Level Vice Director.

They headed straight for the interrogation room. On the way, Chen Gu thought he heard her grinding her teeth and muttering something like, "Still harboring ill intentions after all these years." But when he looked at Rainbow, she appeared normal, as if she had said nothing.

Once they arrived, Rainbow did not barge in like an irate older sister. Instead, she stopped Chen Gu, and they both observed from behind the one-way glass of an interrogation room.

The person in charge of the interrogation area hurried over. "Director..."

Rainbow, arms crossed, stared at Chen Yuexiao and the prisoner in the interrogation room. "Any progress?"

"None," the person in charge replied honestly. "Mr. Chen tried his best, but these Numbers seem to have long been prepared for mental invasion."

Rainbow suddenly let out a cold snort then pulled Chen Gu in front of her. "If I give you a chance, can you achieve results before Chen Yuexiao?"

Chen Gu pointed inside. "You mean interrogate these Numbers?"

Rainbow nodded and whispered in his ear, "It was this guy who used the Brain Domain Hacker ability to influence our internal task distributor, shunting that task to you."

Chen Gu raised an eyebrow. "I'm willing to give it a try."

Rainbow beckoned to the person in charge with a finger. "You, give Chen Gu your full support."

The man panicked. "These Numbers are of great importance! The Director-General..."

Rainbow declared decisively, "If anything happens, I'll take responsibility!"

After thinking it over, Chen Gu said, "I want to interrogate Number 31."

I'm just a bit confused, he mused. Why would Aviloya bring in Chen Yuexiao, a Seventh Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker from outside the Bureau of Mystic Security, to conduct this interrogation when Rainbow herself is an Eighth Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker?

Rainbow gave Chen Gu an encouraging look. The person in charge had no choice but to steel himself and carry out the order. He sent someone to escort Number 31 to Chen Gu while quickly reporting to Aviloya.

Soon, Chen Gu was in a separate interrogation room, facing Number 31.

Rainbow tapped the one-way glass from the outside. Chen Yuexiao, who was inside, frowned and stepped out. He seemed displeased to see Rainbow, but she just smiled and pointed to the adjacent one-way glass, where Chen Gu and Number 31 could be seen. "Mr. Chen, you better give it your all. If a Seventh Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker gets outdone by a Fifth Energy Level... HEH HEH HEH, that really wouldn't look good."

Chen Yuexiao glanced at Chen Gu contemptuously. Ignoring Rainbow, he returned to his own interrogation room. He wasn't worried that Chen Gu would get ahead of him. In the past few days, he had roughly figured out the unique 'memory structure' in the Numbers' minds. It was a sophisticated form of brain encryption that wasn't easily broken, even with all his might. A Fifth Energy Level... impossible, he thought.

After Chen Yuexiao went back in, Aviloya suddenly appeared beside Rainbow.

Aviloya rebuked her mildly, "Reckless."

Rainbow turned playfully, smiling sweetly. "Then punish me..."

Aviloya snorted but said no more. Rainbow, looking towards Chen Yuexiao's side, disdainfully remarked, "A toad lusting after a swan's flesh! Arrogant, conceited—and he dares to meddle in the affairs of our Bureau of Mystic Security? He's truly seeking death!"

"He clearly could've found the answers we want from those Numbers' brains long ago, but he dragged his feet to stay near you—such a narrow-minded man is truly nauseating."

Chen Gu had already extended his spiritual power tendrils into the mind of Number 31.

Number 31 had been captured by Chen Jixian. Despite his adult son interrogating Number 31 for days, he had yielded no results. Now, Chen Gu, using his spiritual power tendrils, had reached the special memory structure in Number 31's mind.

It was a very complex yet typical encryption structure built by a practitioner of psychic ability.

Not simple at all... Chen Gu muttered to himself before methodically beginning his attempt to decrypt.

Outside the one-way glass, Aviloya shifted her gaze from Chen Yuexiao to Chen Gu. She said to Rainbow, "Chen Yuexiao is very confident, but he is a Seventh Energy Level. His arrogance in dragging things out indicates that this issue cannot be resolved by a Fifth Energy Level, not even a Sixth Energy Level."

"Which means that within the entire Bureau of Mystic Security, as long as you don't step in, he doesn't have to worry about anything."

Rainbow pouted. "The timing isn't right. But do you really have so little faith in Chen Gu? Since he got out of prison and joined the Bureau of Mystic Security, he's repeatedly achieved wonders. You can't always judge people by your old perceptions."

Aviloya shook her head gently. "This time it's different. Over the years, I've seen many so-called miraculous geniuses. But what was their outcome in the end? Their miracles ceased to be."

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They only seem so mystical because their current level is high enough to give that impression. Once someone reaches a truly advanced stage, these beings too will eventually appear no different from anyone else.

Chen Gu was very cautious because he knew that these "Numbers" had been difficult to capture, and losing even one would be painful for everyone. They had struggled against the Digital Group for so long to achieve these gains; they absolutely had to be "careful." He only dared to probe the periphery of this memory structure over and over again. The structure was extremely tight. Even using Isabella Wu's Memory Sight and fully leveraging his Sixth Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker abilities, he couldn't manage to crack it completely. A single misstep, and Number 31's head would explode. Chen Gu frowned in deep thought for a long time but could only sigh in frustration.

He was ready to give up. Although he had thought of some risky methods he could try, failure meant Number 31's death. It wasn't worth such a risk just to prove a point to Chen Yuexiao.

When it came to matters of right and wrong, Chen Gu was still able to make the correct choice.

Just as Chen Gu was about to stand up, Number 31, who was opposite him, seemed to see through his thoughts and flashed a victor's grin.

Chen Gu had risen halfway to his feet before he suddenly stopped. A flash of inspiration struck him: using the Brain Domain Hacker ability alone isn't enough, but what if I add the Quantum Wizard?

Suddenly, Chen Gu felt like he had found the key to solving the problem; many of the difficult parts became instantly clear.

He sat down again and silently began to calculate in his mind. The powerful mental computation abilities of a Brain Domain Hacker allowed him to simulate various possible scenarios and devise corresponding solutions in just over ten minutes.

If I combine the abilities of a Brain Domain Hacker with those of a Quantum Wizard, as long as I can use them simultaneously, all these potential difficulties can be easily resolved!

Chen Gu couldn't help but smile faintly. Ignoring Number 31's puzzled expression, he took out his Secret Nest, cleared out the skills of other professions stored within it, and filled all six faces with Quantum Wizard abilities. Then, with a slight smile at Number 31, he said, "Are you ready? I'm about to begin."

Outside the one-way glass, Aviloya, no longer wanting to watch, said, "I have other things to do, so I'm leaving first. You shouldn't push Chen Gu any further either. If Chen Yuexiao wants to drag things out, let him—his doing so will only make me look down on him even more.

"Let's just wait. Once you're able to take action, all these problems will be easily resolved."

Rainbow, however, was still somewhat dejected. "But who knows how long that will take?"

Aviloya smiled at her brightly. "I have faith in you! You will definitely succeed in advancing to the Ninth Power Level!"

Just as she was about to turn and leave, Rainbow grabbed her arm. Aviloya looked puzzled, but Rainbow pointed straight at the one-way glass of Chen Gu's interrogation room.

In the interrogation room, beams of special energy were moving back and forth between Chen Gu and Number 31, their speed gradually accelerating.

Both women were top-tier experts and could tell at a glance that Chen Gu was using his abilities, forcefully reading the memories in Number 31's mind!

"He..." Aviloya said with displeasure, "He's taking a huge risk! If anything happens to Number 31, I won't forgive him!"

Rainbow, however, tried to persuade her, "These 'Numbers' were all captured thanks to his plan. If something really goes wrong... let's just say his merits and demerits will cancel each other out."

Just then, pale blue energy ripples emanated from Chen Gu's body. Aviloya and Rainbow were perplexed. "The power of a Quantum Wizard?"

Number 31 resisted fiercely, her body shaking violently, but she was completely unable to contend with Chen Gu. The powers of the Brain Domain Hacker and the Quantum Wizard alternated, at times even intertwining and merging, acting upon Number 31 in concert.

The two women watched in confusion. After about ten to fifteen minutes, a vast expanse of pale blue mental energy, like layers of luminous mist, began to drift out of Number 31's head. The scene was surreal and beautiful. Immediately after, Number 31 became motionless, her fierce resistance completely gone.

From Chen Gu's mind, a multitude of fine blue light filaments extended, probing strand by strand into Number 31's brain, clearly indicating he had gained complete control of the target.

Aviloya's mouth fell slightly open in disbelief; her astonished expression was quite adorable.

Rainbow excitedly threw her hands in the air, exclaiming, "Hahaha, success! That kid really did it! Beautifully done..."

She was so excited she was about to burst into Chen Yuexiao's interrogation room and rub this fact in his face, but Aviloya stopped her. Aviloya had regained her usual Valkyrie composure and said with a calm smile, "Steady now, heh."

Rainbow understood and calmed down as well, watching Chen Gu with a pleased and contented gaze.

Chen Gu spent over another hour before finally emerging from the interrogation room. "These 'Numbers' are really cunning," he said. "Apart from the memory safeguards set for them by Zero, they actually had their own set of defensive measures.

"After I broke Zero's memory encryption structure, I almost fell for their trick due to a moment of carelessness.

"If they had succeeded, it truly would have been like successfully navigating great rivers only to capsize in a ditch."

While Aviloya managed to maintain her composure, Rainbow asked eagerly, "Any breakthroughs?"

Chen Gu nodded. "Mainly two parts. The first is a general understanding of the Digital Group. The second... combined with our previous arrangements, there's a good chance we can completely annihilate Number 21!"

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Rainbow glared fiercely at Chen Yuexiao's interrogation room. "I'm going to get rid of this idiot right now! Chen Gu, come with me, and let's thoroughly shame him!"

After all these years, he still dares to covet our Aviloya! And couldn't he at least have some real strength or be a bit more clever? Such a low-level existence is a disgrace to Brain Domain Hackers!

However, Chen Gu shook his head. "We can't just send him away. Not only can we not send him away, but during this period, we need to keep him inside the Bureau of Mystic Security."

Rainbow's eyes lit up. "House arrest? I like this idea..."

Aviloya rolled her eyes helplessly at her best friend, then said to Chen Gu, "What exactly are you thinking?"

"Here..." Chen Gu gestured around them. "It's completely isolated from the interstellar quantum net."

Their current location was surrounded by four one-way mirrors, each facing an interrogation room. This spot was specifically designed for the important figures who secretly monitored interrogations, so there were no surveillance devices here.

To prevent these important figures from leaving any "traces," advanced building materials had been used to construct a "completely shielded space," rendering all spy devices inoperative upon entry.

This was also why Chen Gu dared to speak his mind here.

"No. 21 can monitor almost the entire network—of course, he's not capable of real-time monitoring yet. But if he turns his attention to the Bureau of Mystic Security, and if our plan involves the words 'No. 21,' he'll notice immediately."

Aviloya and Rainbow nodded. Even with the Bureau of Mystic Security's rigorous network security measures, they weren't entirely confident they could fend off a being who was almost "immortal" on the interstellar quantum net.

"So, we must be extremely careful this time. The slightest slip-up could alert the cunning No. 21 to the scent of danger."

"For instance, if we send Chen Yuexiao away, he'll definitely spout nonsense once he's out. If any surveillance device picks it up, it could be leaked to No. 21."

Rainbow's eyes sparkled again. "When all's said and done, we still need to confine Chen Yuexiao. I still really like this idea!"

This time, Aviloya and Chen Gu both looked at her helplessly as Rainbow pursed her lips. "Fine, I won't talk."

"Chen Yuexiao's actions within the Bureau of Mystic Security must not deviate from his usual behavior in any way," Chen Gu stated. "And I've already erased all memories of today's interrogation from No. 31's mind, fabricating a process where 'I tried to break the encrypted memory structure in his mind but overestimated my abilities and returned empty-handed.' He won't notice anything when he returns to his cell."

Aviloya nodded. "Then what?"

"As for dealing with Chen Yuexiao, that will have to be up to you two."

He glanced at Rainbow. "Actually, the best method would be for Deputy Director Rainbow to act, just as I did with No. 31, by directly implanting a false memory in Chen Yuexiao... But if I'm not mistaken, Deputy Director Rainbow isn't using her powers because she's preparing to advance to the Ninth Power Level, right? Otherwise, you wouldn't have needed to bring in Chen Yuexiao from outside."

Rainbow sulked. "You're right. Advancing to the Ninth Power Level is no small matter. Most at the Eighth Power Level restrain their impulses during this period to calmly transition through it."

"Then it's all up to the Director-General. However, judging by Chen Yuexiao's personality, he's unlikely to cooperate easily. Director-General, you must ensure he doesn't mess things up. This plan cannot fail—it's crucial to our ultimate defeat of the Digital Group!"

Great Actor Chen was not a generous person. Seizing the opportunity, he not only made things difficult for Chen Yuexiao but also intentionally presented Aviloya with a rather tricky problem.

Exhilarating!

Aviloya saw through his scheming at a glance, shooting him a reproachful look. Rainbow, on the other hand, giggled with delight at Chen Gu's "clear-cut love and hate." For some reason, she particularly detested Chen Yuexiao and was happy whenever anyone attacked him.

Aviloya said calmly but confidently, "Leave Chen Yuexiao to me."

Chen Gu made an inviting gesture, to which Aviloya replied with displeasure, "Are you just going to watch?"

Chen Gu put on a frank and earnest expression. "Our plan is very sensitive. If it leaks, everyone involved will be exposed. You two don't care about retaliation from the Digital Group; they can't do anything to you. But I'm different. I'm just a minor Fourth Energy Level. If the news gets out, I'll be the most vulnerable to attack. I need to ensure my own safety and request a little right to know. Is that a problem?"

Aviloya was rendered speechless by his insistence. She stared at him for a long moment before slowly saying, "You're just as irritating as you were back then!"

"..." This was the first time Aviloya had voluntarily brought up the past, leaving Chen Gu speechless. Despite feeling immensely aggrieved, he found it hard to defend himself.

Rainbow, loyally backing her best friend, glared fiercely at Chen Gu. "You little pervert!"

Chen Gu: "..."

Aviloya stopped bickering with Chen Gu and knocked on the one-way mirror. Both people inside heard it. Digital revealed a victorious smile, while Chen Yuexiao, looking displeased, stood up and quickly came over. He had been very unhappy, but his mood lifted at the sight of Aviloya. "You're here..."

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Rainbow secretly curled her lip. "It seems like you're quite familiar with Aviloya."

Aviloya said indifferently, "Thank you for everything you have done for the Bureau of Mystic Security. Rest assured, the sacrifice you made today will definitely be rewarded generously by the Bureau of Mystic Security in the future."

Chen Yuexiao was baffled by her words. What does that mean?

Suddenly, a huge battle sword appeared behind Aviloya. A terrifying sword intent, emanating from every direction in the space, converged on Chen Yuexiao!

Chen Yuexiao was startled. What could he, a Seventh Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker, do against a Ninth Power Level opponent?

He showed a "heartbroken," pained expression. "What—what do you mean? Don't you understand my feelings for you?"

Aviloya, however, didn't dwell on this topic and adopted a strictly professional demeanor. "Next, if you don't resist, I won't make a move. Moreover, I can guarantee in the name of the Valkyrie that you won't suffer any harm. We will restore all your memories after this incident is over."

Chen Yuexiao's expression changed. "What—what do you mean by that?"

Aviloya looked at Chen Gu. "Aren't you worried about your safety? Now I'm giving you a chance. I will subdue Chen Yuexiao, and you can use your Brain Domain Hacker ability to implant false memories into his mind."

Upon hearing this, both individuals involved were greatly surprised.

Chen Yuexiao was furious. "How can you do this to me! I came here to help..."

Aviloya interrupted him. "From the moment you used your Brain Domain Hacker ability to influence the internal operations of my Bureau of Mystic Security and meddle with task assignments, I bear no moral or legal burden for any action I take against you."

Chen Yuexiao was rendered speechless.

Chen Gu also exclaimed, "He's a Seventh Energy Level, and I can, at best, only exert Fifth Energy Level strength. How can I implant memories into his mind?"

Aviloya revealed a playful smirk. "So, you can exert Fifth Energy Level strength. You kept insisting you were merely Fourth Energy Level before. You have quite a few secrets, don't you?"

Chen Gu quickly shut his mouth. Truly, the more one says, the more mistakes one makes.

Then, Aviloya continued, "With me here, Chen Yuexiao won't dare to resist. If you still can't implant memories into him under these circumstances, then don't blame me if the plan leaks and the Digital Group retaliates against you."

Chen Gu, like Chen Yuexiao, was rendered speechless. That's the Valkyrie for you—I barely gained a small advantage, and she immediately turned the tables...

However, just as Aviloya said, her actions, though somewhat "detestable," truly did present Chen Gu with an opportunity. Moreover, considering her position and the current situation among the four of them, it was the most appropriate method of handling things.

Chen Gu gritted his teeth. "You really are an old sly fox, coming up with such a perfect solution in such a short time."

He deliberately emphasized the word "old" to vent the frustration in his heart.

But Aviloya responded, cool as a breeze, "I, for one, am eternally young."

Rainbow, standing to the side, let out a happy, bell-like laugh, her eyes full of adoring worship as she looked at Aviloya.

Chen Gu gritted his teeth. "Fine!"

Chen Yuexiao was also gritting his teeth. "You can't implant any strange or bizarre memories that would insult my dignity!"

Chen Gu replied solemnly, "Please trust the integrity of a Meritorious Special Agent of the Bureau of Mystic Security. I'm not like some unscrupulous high-level Brain Domain Hacker!"

Chen Yuexiao didn't engage him in a verbal battle. Feeling Aviloya's overwhelming sword intent beginning to penetrate his body, he completely lowered his mental defenses. "Come on."

Chen Gu knew this was a challenge for him as well—but at the same time, he was actually quite pleased to have such an opportunity.

Chen Yuexiao admired Aviloya and had intentionally arranged a dangerous mission for himself, seeking to trap Chen Gu. And now, the very Aviloya he admired was forcing him to let Chen Gu implant memories into him!

For Chen Yuexiao, this was a tremendous defeat and humiliation. To say he had suffered a crushing double blow wouldn't even begin to describe his misery.

Chen Gu pondered for a moment and constructed a set of memories.

These memories were particularly delicate. They began from the moment Chen Gu completed his mission with the Mutant Electric Leech and stormed into the Bureau of Mystic Security to seek "justice"

from Rainbow. Chen Gu gained Rainbow's support and demanded justice from Chen Yuexiao, but the Bureau of Mystic Security needed Chen Yuexiao to interrogate the Digitals.

Chen Gu, with Rainbow's backing, wanted to read the Digitals' memories, but his Fifth Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker ability was useless against the memory encryption architecture of Creation Zero.

Because the Bureau of Mystic Security still relied on Chen Yuexiao's abilities, Aviloya eventually stepped in. She suppressed Chen Gu and Rainbow but was very courteous to Chen Xiaoyue.

This "conflict" ended in a complete victory for Chen Yuexiao!

Chen Yuexiao would feel quite "comfortable" mentally for a while. However, once the plan concluded and his true memories were restored, he would realize just how incredibly awkward his situation had become—a truth only he would then know.

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This forged memory had to be shown by Chen Gu to gain Aviloya's authorization and also to get Chen Yuexiao's "permission."

Aviloya nodded first, without any intention of considering Chen Yuexiao's opinion.

But after Chen Yuexiao took a glance at it, his face immediately turned ashen. He could tell that hidden within this memory was a trick intended to embarrass him.

Now laid out plainly in front of him, it was an utter humiliation. Moreover, they were using Aviloya to force him to comply.

This little lecher really holds grudges, he thought. I merely played a small trick on him, yet the guy is aggressively pressuring me at every turn, leaving me no way to back down with dignity!

Chen Yuexiao seethed with anger, cast a cold glance at Chen Gu, and said, "Fine."

Since Aviloya had already agreed, Chen Yuexiao knew very well that his opposition wouldn't matter. But the little lecher shouldn't get too happy too soon. Even if I don't resist and let you do as you please, with your Fifth Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker strength, can you truly implant this memory into my brain domain? Heh, don't daydream. You can't even breach the passive defenses of my brain domain. And in the end, when you fail to accomplish your task, Aviloya will have to nicely discuss things and ask me to cooperate with the Bureau of Mystic Security. Thinking of Aviloya, his chest suddenly pained intensely!

What a heartless woman! I love it!

He had been pursuing Aviloya for many years. Chen Gu had already been released early from Soul Imprisonment, while Chen Yuexiao was still a pathetic admirer.

No matter how heartless Aviloya behaved, he would never be truly "hurt." At his level of devotion, he had already become immune to any pain inflicted by his goddess.

"Alright, I'm starting now," Chen Gu said, slowly spreading his hand towards Chen Yuexiao.

Chen Yuexiao watched him with a smirk. Within Chen Gu's palm, the first thing to appear wasn't spiritual power but the light blue energy fluctuations of the Quantum Wizard.

Chen Yuexiao was startled. He then instinctively unleashed his brain domain power, causing Chen Gu's body to shake violently. Chen Gu went pale. That last hit was harsh—a counterattack from a Seventh Energy Level Brain Domain Hacker. He, at the Fifth Energy Level, had nearly suffered a heavy blow.

Aviloya snorted coldly. She directly applied pressure with her sword intent, completely infiltrating Chen Yuexiao's body. Then, it dispersed bit by bit, completely locking down his power—including his spiritual power.

Being able to use the Quantum Wizard's sword intent to lock down the spiritual power of a Brain Domain Hacker indicated a Ninth Power Level. Not even an Eighth Energy Level adept could manage such a feat.

Chen Gu suddenly noticed an excited flush on Chen Yuexiao's face and grew curious. What exactly did the Director-General do to him?

Chen Yuexiao was thrilled to his core. I've finally been completely conquered by the goddess's power!

At that moment, Chen Gu, completely misreading the room, said to Chen Yuexiao, "Here I come."

While immersed in his blissful fantasy of the goddess, Chen Yuexiao suddenly heard a rough male voice say to him, "Here I come." It felt like a pail of icy water had been dumped over his head.

He opened his eyes and saw the light blue energy ripples in Chen Gu's palm. They spread out into the surrounding void, undulating toward him like water waves.

Chen Yuexiao suddenly realized. Wait, this is the Quantum Wizard... Wasn't this little lecher a Brain Domain Hacker?

His expression changed. Crap, I've been careless!

The helpless Chen Yuexiao could only watch as Chen Gu, utilizing the power of the Quantum Wizard, bypassed some of his defenses and injected something into his body...

His eyes became vacant. About fifteen minutes later, a profusely sweating Chen Gu took a long breath and said, "I'm done."

Aviloya released her hold on Chen Yuexiao. He shook his head, recalling a very "complete and clear" memory: he had completely suppressed Chen Gu, that little lecher, and his goddess Aviloya had no choice but to seek cooperation with him.

Smug and swaying his head, Chen Yuexiao straightened his clothes. "If there's nothing else, I'm off to get busy."

Chen Gu hurriedly gestured for him to go. Chen Yuexiao thought he had made that little lecher submit entirely with his power, snorted proudly, and strutted out.

However, as he left, he couldn't shake the feeling that the three people inside had strange looks on their faces.

Once he was gone, Aviloya stared at Chen Gu for a while. "Your plan was malicious."

Chen Gu rolled his eyes and huffed. "Anyway, in your eyes, I'm always the bad guy. I long since stopped expecting any positive evaluations from you."

Aviloya's expression flickered slightly, as though she wanted to say something, but Chen Gu had already turned and was walking away. "Let's proceed according to the plan," he said. "And one more thing: I was initially suspicious that the task assigned to me this time was handpicked by Chen Yuexiao. He might know the ins and outs of the Big Redstone Power Plant. If that were the case, this matter wouldn't be so simple.

"However, I just took the chance to peek at Chen Yuexiao's memories regarding this matter. He really was just being petty, trying to give me a hard time, without much foresight."

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"Not bad," Chen Gu finally said. "Otherwise, the handling of Chen Yuexiao wouldn't have been so lenient; she merely lost some face."

After Chen Gu left, Rainbow giggled and said to Aviloya, "He holds quite a grudge against you."

Aviloya's eyebrows shot up like swords. "He dares to bear a grudge against me! That little lecher has ruined me..."

Rainbow waved her hand. "But really, you can't keep looking at people with your old perspective."

Aviloya huffed, "I'll try."

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When Chen Gu walked out of the Directorate-General building, he had combined the powers of the Quantum Wizard and Brain Domain Hacker twice in a row. Faced with "problems" that his abilities originally couldn't have possibly solved, he had a vague realization. This might be the direction for my advancement to the Fifth Energy Level, he thought.

He was painstakingly pondering this realization when his phone suddenly rang. He reluctantly answered; it was Qing Ruyan.

Qing Ruyan sounded frantic. "I really want to curse someone—how can there be such shameless people in this world?"

Her voice was quite high-pitched, so Chen Gu adjusted the volume. "What happened? What's got you so upset? Don't rush, tell me slowly."

"The owner of the Big Red Stone Power Plant has sued us!"

Chen Gu was baffled. "What? Water sued us?"

"The owner of the Big Red Stone Power Plant is an old man, nearly two hundred years old. He has quite a few connections within the Confederation and knows a lot of secrets, including the existence of our Bureau of Mystic Security."

"He could tell that our people carried out last night's operation. Instead of being grateful to us for solving the potential threat to his power plant, he went through special channels to file a complaint with the Elders' Council and the Supreme Tribunal. He's demanding we compensate him to the tune of six hundred ninety million Starshields!"

Chen Gu was completely dumbfounded. "On what grounds?!"

Qing Ruyan was equally speechless. "His theory is that our Bureau of Mystic Security let the moss virus escape and let the Mutant loose, causing his power plant to suffer this disaster with heavy losses. Even if we eventually 'locked the stable door after the horse was stolen' and dealt with that electric leech Mutant, it was supposedly our duty. So, for the resultant losses, we still have to compensate him..."

Chen Gu felt his head throb. "What kind of fantastical logic is that? And would the Elders' Council and the Supreme Tribunal even support him?"

"That's the problem," Qing Ruyan said anxiously. "They've thrown the issue back at us without indicating support or opposition, telling us to first 'negotiate a solution' ourselves."

This was indeed a delicate situation, Chen Gu thought. He recalled some bizarre cases from his past life, like an old man riding an electric scooter who crashed into a properly parked vehicle and died, and the family sued the car owner for compensation... Eerily similar! At first, I thought the owner of the Big Red Stone Power Plant was just aiming to extort whatever he could, but the higher-ups' response is rather thought-provoking. Such fantastical logic in a legal demand, and it's actually pushed onto the Bureau of Mystic Security, leaving it up to us to resolve? Really? In fact, the very fact that this old man could file a complaint against the Bureau of Mystic Security already demonstrated his extraordinary nature.

The Bureau of Mystic Security was not a dictatorship; of course, one could file complaints against the Bureau's actions. Just as any law enforcement agency would have an internal affairs inspection system, the Bureau of Mystic Security had one too. It was just that most people couldn't even find the door to this "inspection." Not only had this old man found it, but he could also "reach the highest echelons with his plea."

Qing Ruyan warned him further, "I'm giving you a heads-up since this issue concerns you. That old geezer might come looking for you. I'll go dig into the specifics."

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When Chen Gu returned to school, he already knew the ins and outs, not from Qing Ruyan, but from the principal.

"He's just an old rascal." His Excellency the Principal, who outwardly projected the image of a sage, was, in private, vengeful and outspoken.

"His only real skill is living long enough. When they were young, he had some superficial relationships with several members of the Elders' Council and the Supreme Tribunal. But as those people reached the top, their old friends died off one by one for various reasons. Naturally, they feel a bit more nostalgic sentiment for the few who remain."

"What's more shameless is that he makes unreasonable demands, relying on his old age to cause trouble. Those people value their reputations. They fear that if they don't satisfy his requests, he'll go around spreading nonsense about them 'forgetting old friendships,' so they often just let him have his way."

The Principal shrugged. "As a result, this guy has gotten more and more audacious. Now he even has the nerve to try and shake down the Bureau of Mystic Security!"

The Principal harrumphed, expressing his dissatisfaction. "Aviloya is nothing like one of my students. If it were me, I would have sliced that old geezer's bedroom in half with a sword while he was asleep."

Chen Gu scratched his head. Although I've been somewhat dissatisfied with Aviloya lately, I can't speak ill of her in front of her teacher, he thought. He said helplessly, "The Director-General probably also wants to keep the peace. As long as his demands aren't too excessive, perhaps they'll just give him some money to settle it."

"You just stay at the school and keep a low profile for the time being," the Principal advised. "That old man preys on the weak but fears the strong. He knows neither Shentu Lu nor I are to be trifled with, so he wouldn't dare cause a scene at the school."

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"But if you leave the school and he causes trouble that involves the Bureau of Mystic Security, neither Shentu nor I can directly intervene."

Chen Gu laughed. "I don't believe that, Principal. You're the type who has to intervene when you see something you don't like. You wouldn't just give up because it's not officially your place."

The Principal laughed heartily, pointing at him and saying, "You know me well, kid! Study hard. Once you surpass Aviloya, I'll go out and tell everyone that you're my top student!"

Chen Gu flinched, wanting to refuse. Aviloya is undoubtedly the top student right now. If I take that title, I'm afraid the Director-General will never leave me alone.

However, Chen Gu obediently stayed put in the school. With two powerhouses protecting me, why wouldn't I hide here? Go out and confront a scoundrel over two hundred years old head-on? The moment you touch him, he'll just throw himself on the ground, and it's game over!

But there was one thing he couldn't avoid: he had to attend an away match.

The Beast League had worked hard on public relations for a long time to minimize the negative impact of two consecutive accidents. What the Alliance needed most now was to continually arrange matches for star players, creating more high-profile events. They aimed to win back the audience they had lost with thrilling contests.

And this time, Chen Gu needed to travel to Changning Star for an away match.

On the morning of his departure, he stealthily snuck out of the school, borrowed Qiao Shuangyi's car, and drove to the spaceport.

The moment he left the school gates, a team of special forces lying in ambush in the surrounding jungle spotted him through various surveillance devices.

They immediately called back, "Boss, Chen Gu is out."

By the shore of a sapphire lake in Capital Star's most expensive district, within a vast estate, an old man in swimming trunks and a floral shirt listened to the phone. He sipped juice fed to him by a youthful, swimsuit-clad beauty beside him and hummed, "Your mission is complete. Don't worry about the rest."

The special forces team withdrew immediately. As soon as they had packed up their surveillance equipment, notifications of payment received popped up in their accounts, bringing smiles to the faces of the retired operatives.

Inside the lakeside estate, the assistant behind the old man in the floral shirt asked, "Sir, aren't you departing?"

The old man's hands roamed over the curves and contours of the swimsuit-clad beauties beside him as he chuckled, "Heh heh, the only advantage of living a long life is gaining plenty of experience."

That devious Principal is definitely waiting for me in the shadows. I'm not going to look for Chen Gu on Capital Star and walk right into his trap.

The assistant seemed skeptical. "Chen Gu has already left the Huai Shan Branch School, and this is a matter for the Bureau of Mystic Security. The Principal wouldn't intervene, would he?"

The old man cackled like a duck. "You still don't understand the Principal. Prepare the spaceship; we're heading directly to Changning Star."

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The Principal had been following, watching Chen Gu board the spaceship. He pouted with considerable regret. That old scoundrel actually didn't show up? I've found him an eyesore for ages and have been itching to beat him up for just as long, but the old scoundrel didn't give me the chance.

The Principal turned back, feeling helpless.

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The match on Changning Star was very important. Chen Gu had been worried the entire journey, but he arrived on the colony star smoothly. Even his pre-match training was undisturbed.

However, at seven-thirty in the evening, just as the match was about to begin and spectators had already filled the stadium, a sudden commotion erupted outside Chen Gu's locker room.

"Hey... you can't go in... OUCH..."

Immediately after, the locker room door was pushed open. An old man in a floral shirt, flanked by several Experts, barged in.

A large group of bodyguards in black suits followed, forcibly keeping the Alliance personnel outside.

The old man grinned, looking Chen Gu up and down, then waved his hand. "That's him. Take him away."

Several Experts stepped forward. The old man "kindly" reminded Chen Gu, "Don't resist, eh? I've thoroughly investigated your background. These guys are all Seventh Energy Level. You definitely can't beat them, so why endure unnecessary physical suffering?"

Chen Gu frowned. The timing is too perfect.

He asked, "You're taking me away? For what?"

The old man chuckled. "Heh heh, to bargain with Aviloya, of course. If she doesn't compensate me, you're the hostage."

"Naturally, if you can cough up six hundred and ninety million Starshields, I'll release you immediately."

Chen Gu remained expressionless. "Give me the account details."

The old man was stunned. "What did you say?"

"The account details!" Chen Gu repeated. "Six hundred and ninety million Starshields. I'll transfer it to you right now."

The old man had weathered countless storms in his life, yet in that instant, he froze.

What does he mean? This isn't six hundred and ninety; it's six hundred and ninety million Starshields! I'm clearly extorting him, so why is he agreeing to pay just like that? If you don't play by the script, I can't use the series of ploys I had prepared!

Chen Gu stared at him with a half-smile. "What's wrong? Don't you want the money anymore?"

The old man sneered inwardly. Trying to call my bluff? I refuse to believe you actually have that much money. Even if you do, would you really just hand it over to me for nothing?

He sent his account details to Chen Gu. Of course, Chen Gu was reluctant to just throw away six hundred and ninety million Starshields. He had the money, but it was all earmarked for purchasing resources for his advancement; it all had crucial uses.

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But Chen Gu had already seen that this matter wouldn't be so simple. This money was too hot to handle! It certainly wasn't going to be easy to keep.

Without hesitation, Chen Gu transferred a sufficient amount from his account.

The old man was truly stunned this time, not knowing what to do next. He'd been an oddball all his life, but today he'd met someone even odder...

"If there's nothing else, get out. I need to prepare for the competition," Chen Gu said faintly, not at all like someone who had just been extorted out of 690,000,000 Starshields.

The adepts all looked towards the old man; they too hadn't expected things to develop this way.

The old man gritted his teeth. "It's not that simple! Your Bureau of Mystic Security has caused this trouble, and you must take full responsibility! I seriously suspect my power plant has already been targeted by Mutants. Who knows how many Mutants are still lurking within the Confederation? They will all frantically retaliate against my power plant, and you must ensure its safety. Take him away! Don't release him until Aviloya agrees to guarantee my power plant's safety!"

He completely cast aside all pretense of dignity. After all, this old man had never cared for face in his lifetime.

Chen Gu stared at the old man with a smile that wasn't quite a smile and said, "Are you sure? I've already given you six hundred and ninety million Starshields!"

The old man reacted sharply, flailing his arms and shouting, "Your account! Give me your account! I'll transfer it back to you!"

Chen Gu shook his head with a smile. "Daydreaming!"

"This..." The old man was at a loss.

The transfer method Chen Gu had used didn't allow the old man to see the sender's account, nor could the transaction be reversed.

The adepts were very puzzled. What's gotten into the boss?

Only the old man and Chen Gu understood the implications. Chen Gu had willingly handed over 690,000,000 Starshields. Under such circumstances, if the old man still insisted on taking Chen Gu away, regardless of his reasons or who backed him, the Principal would, one hundred percent, storm his home the moment he heard the news.

Moreover, the Principal would be entirely justified, exclaiming, You old scoundrel, you've bullied people far too much!

Chen Gu paying up front had caught the old man completely off guard and outmaneuvered him.

Only then did Chen Gu smile faintly and say, "What is it you truly want? We can discuss it after my competition. For now, get out of my lounge!"

The adepts were all Seventh Energy Level. Being berated by a Fourth Energy Level, it was a great loss of face. They just awaited their boss's command to take down this presumptuous kid who didn't know his place!

But the old man, like a defeated rooster, drooped his head. "Let's go. We'll wait outside for now."

The adepts exchanged glances. "Huh?"

In truth, Chen Gu still felt a little uneasy. After all, 690,000,000 Starshields were still sitting in someone else's account.

Because of this, he was somewhat distracted during the evening's competition. Fortunately, Lord Chicken was incredibly effective, and after a fierce battle, they won the match.

He walked offstage to the cheers of the audience. Just as he exited the player's passage, he saw the old man waiting outside with a group of his subordinates.

The old man wore an apologetic smile. Chen Gu said lightly, "I want to take a shower first and get a massage to relax."

The old man waved his hand grandly. "Arrange it! This kind of decadent relaxation is my specialty. The administrative governor of this planet is a junior of mine; rest assured."

No wonder this old rascal could burst into the stadium with his men; even the Alliance couldn't do much to him.

After Chen Gu had finished his relaxation routine, the old man sidled up with an obsequious smile. "Little Chen, was everything to your satisfaction? Give me your account number, and I'll transfer the money back to you. I was just joking earlier; you actually took it seriously."

Chen Gu raised his hand to stop him. "Old sir, why don't you first tell me what exactly you're trying to do."

This kid was impervious to reason. The old man had no choice but to sigh and adopt the air of an elder in his twilight years. "I'm left with no other choice."

"I've lived a full life, acting as I pleased without ever suffering for it."

"But now, seeing my time is short, I have to consider my descendants." The old man showed a rare hint of shame. "I've offended too many people..."

"You actually realize that?" Chen Gu interjected sarcastically.

The old man wasn't bothered. "So, I was thinking of finding some protection for my children."

"So you set your sights on the Bureau of Mystic Security?" Chen Gu found it laughable. "And you chose a method that thoroughly offends the Bureau of Mystic Security to get them to protect your descendants?"

Truly divine logic, on par with the standard you displayed when extorting me.

But the old man laughed. "What kind of people do you think Aviloya and the Principal are?"

Without waiting for Chen Gu to answer, he continued, "There's an old saying, passed down from the era of the Mother Star: 'A man of honor can be outmaneuvered by appealing to his principles.'"

"Regardless of how I obtain their promise, people like them, once they've given their word, will honor it even if they become extremely reluctant later on."

"Besides, what other method could I use? With my reputation... even if I were to extend an olive branch to the Bureau of Mystic Security, to the Huai Shan Branch School, they wouldn't pay me any mind."

"I can only continue to be a stubborn leech. As long as I latch onto them, I've succeeded. They won't be able to shake off someone like me."

Chen Gu pondered this. It was still divine logic, but this time, there was actually a sliver of sense to it.

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Everyone has their own way of surviving, and this time the old man pushed his "way of surviving" to the absolute limit; you could say he really went all in.

This time, by blatantly imposing on the Bureau of Mystic Security, he would inevitably deplete all the "favors" from his early years.

And Chen Gu had thoroughly figured it out: What the old man wanted was definitely not money; otherwise, why would he simply hand over six hundred and ninety million?

He knew that for the old man to achieve his true goal, the money would have to be obediently coughed up. Chen Gu gave his account details to the old man, who quickly transferred the money back.

Then, with a fretful expression, the old man acted pitifully towards Chen Gu. "What should I do now? Aviloya and the Principal won't fall for my tricks."

Chen Gu snorted coldly, uninterested in dealing with him. The old man sighed and said, "I know you look down on my actions, but it's too late for regrets now. Can you understand the painstaking efforts of an old father, planning for the safety of his descendants and willing to sacrifice everything?"

"HEH!" Chen Gu chuckled lightly. "Don't paint yourself as so pitiful. How many people have you extorted over the years using this method? Have you ever considered the suffering of these victims? If you do evil, you must be prepared for the repercussions!"

The old man was choked with anger, yet he didn't dare to actually do anything to Chen Gu.

He was, in fact, very shrewd. Chen Gu's future looked bright; he was clearly destined to become a 'big shot.' Unless the old man killed Chen Gu now to vent his anger, whatever he did to Chen Gu at this moment would be avenged on his descendants once he was gone.

The old man had led a dissipated life and had countless offspring, but there were always a few he cared about.

After stewing in his frustration for a while, the old man quickly adjusted. This was an ability he had learned early in life: if you are completely powerless against someone, then you just swallow your pride and soldier on.

This had been the situation with a few members of the Elders' Council and the Supreme Tribunal back in the day. He knew he couldn't possibly match them, so he honestly played the role of a sycophant and a punching bag.

He sidled up to Chen Gu, grinning cheekily. "Over on Changning Star, there are some very attractive female stars. How about I arrange for us to go have some fun? HEH HEH HEH!"

Chen Gu's eyelids twitched. If I were really interested in female stars, Man Suling is much more high-profile than them, isn't she?

"Sir, what is it you want? Please be direct."

"HEH HEH..." The old man let out a dry laugh before he could explain, but Chen Gu also smiled. "What favor do you want from me, and what price are you willing to pay? Please, be clear, old sir."

The old man's expression was extremely unnatural. He huffed, "You young man, you're truly mercenary!"

Chen Gu just shrugged, and the old man eventually said, "Help me persuade Aviloya or the Principal, either one will do. I can... I've also collected quite a few nice things over the years. Some precious artworks, rooms full of antiques, and some mystical substances—all of which I can give to you."

"Forget about my property; it's all for the children. I... HEH, I'm still vigorous, so naturally, I have quite a few children. The oldest is over a hundred, and the youngest is just seven or eight..."

Chen Gu couldn't help asking, "Are you really certain those youngest ones are your seed, old sir?"

The old man puffed his beard and glared. "Of course! You don't understand what it means to 'grow stronger with age'!"

Then his face fell again. "Of course, I've had them tested. I'm not stupid..."

"HAHAHA!" Chen Gu burst out laughing.

The old man couldn't quite hang onto his dignity anymore. "Alright, alright, stop laughing! Let me tell you, the total value of what I'm offering is at least ten billion!"

Chen Gu nodded. "That kind of money can't sway any Ninth Power Level individual, but it can sway me as I am now."

The old man didn't deny it. "I've looked into your Chen family. Its foundation is still somewhat lacking. In the future, you're destined to become a 'big shot,' and the Chen family will become a prominent family. By that time, these artworks and antiques will become your family's cultural heritage, and no one will dare to call you nouveau riche."

"And those mystical substances will certainly be of great help to your advancement."

Chen Gu sighed. This was Capital Star, indeed. Chen's Biotech was a huge company on Empire River Star, considered a tycoon there. Yet here, Qiao Shuangyi frankly called the Chen family "poor," and this old man claimed the Chen family had an "insufficient foundation."

Alright. What all of you say is so reasonable. I can't argue.

Chen Gu thought for a moment, then asked, "How long can you hold on for?"

"Decades, at least. I have money, so I can be the first to enjoy any new high-tech breakthroughs."

Chen Gu nodded. "You want a promise from the Director-General or the Principal—I can tell you clearly, that's impossible."

"You think 'a gentleman can be deceived by reasonable means,' and that's not wrong. But who told you those two are gentlemen?"

"Your extortion tactics might work on politicians, but on those two... impossible."

"They are Ninth Power Level individuals. They have to give face to the Elders' Council and the Supreme Tribunal, but they won't do things they don't want to do. Nobody can force them, not even those at the very top of the power structure!"

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The headmaster was gracefully courteous in public, but privately, he was vindictive and brutally outspoken. Aviloya's temperament... when she occupied the Director-General's seat, she embodied great wisdom and acted with impartiality. However, once she left that position, she became petty and autocratic.

They would compromise with the Elders' Council and the Supreme Tribunal for national affairs, but expecting those two Ninth Power Level individuals to hold their noses and tolerate this damn mess concerning the old man? Pure daydreaming.

The old man was still trapped in his own rigid mindset. Simply put, he didn't understand those two well enough and was being presumptuous.

"Really..." The old man sounded somewhat disheartened. He had always conducted himself this way; his disposition was hard to change. He couldn't even imagine handling matters differently.

Chen Gu said, "If you truly believe in my future, I can make you a promise: after you pass, if your descendants are bullied, I will offer them protection."

"You still have several decades ahead of you; you should be able to witness my growth until I possess that kind of strength."

The old man furrowed his brow, seriously considering Chen Gu's proposal.

Chen Gu's earlier analysis had made him realize his initial goal might be difficult to achieve. While Chen Gu's proposed method wasn't out of the question, and though he saw potential in Chen Gu, who could guarantee he would definitely reach the Ninth Power Level?

How many promising talents had been buried on the path of a professional!

Seeing his hesitation, Chen Gu chuckled and said, "Let's leave it at that for today. It seems you still don't quite understand me, sir. Why not make some inquiries at the Bureau of Mystic Security?"

"Very well." The old man agreed. Firstly, he still lacked sufficient confidence in Chen Gu. Secondly, he hadn't completely abandoned the hope of seeking protection from Aviloya and the headmaster.

The old man personally escorted Chen Gu out. Chen Gu returned to his hotel to rest for the night and took a spaceship back to Capital Star early the next morning.

The old man couldn't shake the feeling that there was more to Chen Gu's words, so he immediately began to dig deeper into all kinds of information about him.

During this process, however, he faintly sensed a subtle shift in the attitudes of his "old friends" towards him.

The old man had a bad feeling, understanding that this was likely because Chen Gu was correct: even these old friends, despite their immense power, couldn't coerce two Ninth Power Level individuals.

Subsequently, he managed to uncover a secret: Chen Gu was actually the first multi-professional in history!

The old man sat dazed by the pool for a very long time.

Wu Yihuo was discharged from the hospital. Since he was still hiding the fact he had become a professional from his wife, Bai Hongyue, Chen Gu was the only one there to pick him up.

Wu Yihuo had told Bai Hongyue that his hospital stay was a "business trip."

As Chen Gu led Wu Yihuo out of the Bureau of Mystic Security's hospital and they got into the car, Chen Gu asked calmly, "Any thoughts now? Still as eager as before to carry out so-called secret missions?"

Wu Yihuo didn't respond immediately. Chen Gu continued, "You have a family and a career; staying in a support role is actually the best choice for you."

"Gradually accumulate skill points, gather merit points, then raise your power level, and you'll be able to protect your family..."

But Wu Yihuo suddenly said, "Instructor, I feel like I can advance to the Second Power Level."

Chen Gu was startled and turned to look at him. "What did you say?"

Wu Yihuo replied calmly, "I feel I can advance."

"But your skill points..."

"HEH HEH," Wu Yihuo smiled sheepishly. "When I'm alone in the office, I always get this itch, so I just transform for fun, admiring my own strength in the mirror... several times a day..."

Chen Gu scratched his head. I know I'm a genius, but have I just run into another one?

"What's the most times you've transformed in a single day?"

Wu Yihuo recalled, "I think... thirteen or fourteen times?"

Chen Gu: "..."

So, Chen Gu unhesitatingly changed course. He had originally planned to take Wu Yihuo home but now headed straight to the Bureau's headquarters to find Dr. Meng Ji.

The moment Dr. Meng Ji heard, his eyes lit up. He said to Wu Yihuo, "If what you're saying is true, kid... And if you waste **my** precious time, the consequences will be severe!"

Wu Yihuo shook his head. "I'm absolutely not lying."

Dr. Meng Ji immediately waved his hand grandly and impatiently urged his researchers, "Alright, you lazybones, get a move on!"

Soon, the test results came out. Dr. Meng Ji, astonished, stared at them and grabbed Chen Gu's wrist. "You lucky dog! You just stumbled upon such a talent for free!"

"At the First Power Level, the maximum number of transformations per day is seventeen!"

Aviloya was also alerted by the commotion, which made Wu Yihuo somewhat nervous. His instructor had told him she was the big boss of the Bureau of Mystic Security. Moreover, Aviloya was a national hero—the collective goddess of men over sixty from a bygone era!

After carefully reviewing the various tests conducted by Dr. Meng Ji, Aviloya looked very satisfied and said to Chen Gu, "Cultivate him well."

It suddenly dawned on Chen Gu that he had become a master mentor! Under his wing were the Bureau of Mystic Security's first internally cultivated dual-professional and a middle-aged man who had suddenly awakened as a genius professional!

"HEH HEH HEH..." Chen Gu laughed happily, feeling a bit smug.

Then, just as he and Wu Yihuo were stepping out of the Bureau's headquarters, he received a call from the old man. "I accept your proposal."