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Chapter 147 - 2: The Young Knight and Princess (2/5)

When Huo Dou swaggered in, pushing open the office door with Luo God in tow.

He Bo had completely composed himself, showing no trace of the rage he was in just a few minutes ago.

Only from the chaotic layout of the office could some signs barely be noticed.

"Was this field mission very tricky?"

Upon hearing this rather abrupt question from Huo Dou, He Bo displayed no surprise whatsoever.

Having regained his composure, He Bo even suspected that the other party might have overheard the argument that had just taken place in the office.

"Can't say tricky, just unexpected."

With a bitter smile, He Bo handed the information to Huo Dou and Luo God and further explained.

"This is the target of our field mission, but try to avoid using martial power if possible."

"It's not that I'm afraid you can't handle it, but from our standpoint, resolving it peacefully would be best!"

Luo God took the documents from He Bo first and immediately saw the photo on top.

"He Jiali? Chuntian Primary School, Grade Three?"

"Already confirmed missing for over twenty-four hours?"

A bit surprised with her mouth agape, Luo God couldn't help but ask the same question Huo Dou wanted to ask.

"Is this a child disappearance case?"

"Since when do we also assume the responsibilities of the police?"

He Bo shrugged his shoulders and naturally said.

"Ordinary disappearance cases aren't our concern, but what if this one involves the 'Ancient God'?"

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Outside the city at a suburban train station, near an abandoned railway warehouse.

This used to be a railway warehouse for storing various materials.

In the past few decades, relying on convenient rail trains, this place shipped a lot of timber and coal across the country.

However, with the passage of time and the popularity of high-speed rail passenger services, this has gradually become a relic of the times.

Not to mention continuing large-scale shipments of various materials, now even young people rarely choose to travel by train.

Under such circumstances, unless someone lives in the nearby railway residential area, it's unlikely anyone would notice what happens here in ten days or half a month.

"Brother! I'm back!"

"Look what I've brought back for you!"

Accompanied by joyful laughter, a little girl ran all the way into one of the railway warehouses.

At this moment, the little girl's clean face and neat clothes seemed so out of place with the dilapidated railway warehouse.

Despite the dust on the two big meat buns in her hands, the little girl cautiously protected them in her arms, afraid they might fall to the ground.

"Jiali?"

At this moment, a tender childish voice suddenly came from the shadow at the end of the warehouse.

It was the voice of a little boy, clearly not very old, who was pretending to be mature.

When the little boy stepped out of the shadows, his appearance was fully exposed to He Jiali's sight.

"Do you know how dangerous it is outside, I've been looking for you all along!"

Wearing a tattered electric scooter helmet on his head and an ill-fitting old riot gear,

the little boy stumbled quickly toward the little girl, his face showing undisguised concern.

"I'm fine, I just went to find some food."

Handing over the two big meat buns to the little boy, He Jiali's face blossomed with a radiant smile.

"Look, a kind aunt outside gave this to me, you can eat your fill today."

Instead of taking the meat buns from the little girl's hands, the little boy just frowned and pretended to be indifferent.

"I'm not hungry, and didn't I tell you not to eat things from strangers?"

He didn't look that much older than He Jiali.

But in this regard, the little boy seemed to have gone through much more, exhibiting a natural distance and mistrust toward adults.

"It's okay, I've already eaten!"

Persistently handing the two big meat buns to the little boy, He Jiali discreetly swallowed a bit.

She had indeed eaten, that was a fact.

But she ran back before being completely full due to her concern for the little boy—also a fact.

"Really?"

Glancing at He Jiali with skepticism, the little boy ultimately detected no trickery, reaching out to take the meat buns offered by her.

In the next second, the little boy began to devour them.

"Mm-mm, that aunt must be a good person, the buns taste great!"

The smile on He Jiali's face grew even brighter, as she proactively patted the dust off the little boy's riot gear.

"Yes, everyone is a good person!"

Seemingly emphasizing, or perhaps simply murmuring...

The little boy didn't catch exactly what He Jiali said, continuing to eat buns as he assured her.

"Don't worry, as long as I'm here, no one can hurt you!"

Facing the little boy's solemn promise, He Jiali showed almost no doubt, trusting him fully.

"I know, no matter what happens, you'll definitely protect me!"

"But, now we need to find a way to leave here first."

Just as He Jiali finished speaking, a piercing siren sounded from afar.

Wailing! Wailing! Wailing!

Upon hearing this unexpected siren, the little boy was first stunned, then urgently grabbed He Jiali's hand and ran into the warehouse.

"Those bad guys! They've come again!"

"Hurry, come with me; this time we can't let them find us again!"

Focusing solely on running, the little boy didn't notice the seemingly more panicked expression on the little girl's face.

Until they both ran out of the railway warehouse and the siren grew fainter.

The panic on He Jiali's face gradually eased as she carefully observed her surroundings.

"Brother, where are we running to now?"

Hearing this, the little boy running ahead immediately patted his chest, proudly shouting.

"I've found another secret base, much more hidden than this place."

"As long as we can hide there, no one will find us!"

Pausing briefly, the little boy continued to add.

"Rest assured, once we evade those bad guys, I'll definitely help you find your parents!"

"After all... we're a bit different..."

Unconsciously, the little boy's demeanor seemed to dim slightly, yet he still assured He Jiali firmly.

"Jiali, as long as I'm alive, I'll never let anyone hurt you!"