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Chapter 173 5: Gods of the Internet (2/3)

"Who said I'm not planning to become a star anymore!"

"Singing is my hobby, acting is my dream, and one day I will become a true top-tier star!"

Raising her small fist with determination, Luo God showed her resentment for Huo Dou's indifference.

"Besides, I didn't come back on my own this time, the boss called me back."

"For this, I even pushed off an audition for a role!"

With a slight raise of his eyebrow, Huo Dou remained noncommittal.

Luo God is indeed beautiful, otherwise, she wouldn't be nicknamed "Little Fairy" in the entertainment industry.

But the problem is, while beautiful, Luo God's acting skills are indeed lacking.

Although she has debuted for several years, she still hasn't had any impressive roles on screen.

Therefore, regarding the audition Luo God mentioned, Huo Dou looked at her like a fool who insists on taking exams despite always scoring zero.

"Did He Bo call you back? Then it seems there's a new field task again this time?"

Somewhat surprised, Huo Dou put down the file in his hand and finally took Luo God's return seriously.

"What happened this time?"

"It shouldn't be a simple task, right?"

Since joining the 749th Bureau, there have been only two field tasks.

These two field tasks can't be called troublesome, but they would indeed be difficult for other non-combat personnel to handle.

Not being an idiot, Huo Dou vaguely realized that this might be related to political struggles at the top.

Of course, Huo Dou actually didn't care about these things.

What he's more curious about is what tricky task will be passed to He Bo this time.

"It's related to that 'God of the Internet' from last time."

On crucial questions, Luo God never beats around the bush.

Especially when facing Huo Dou, no matter which Huo Dou, he always exists like a stabilizing needle in Luo God's mind.

"God of the Internet?"

"Are you talking about that malignant cult annihilated by the 'Dragon Children' working together?"

The "God of the Internet" Luo God mentioned actually refers to a group of ordinary people seemingly influenced by the Ancient God.

Some of their members were influenced by the will of an unknown Ancient God and began to worship and even aim to resurrect this Ancient God.

The result, as expected, in this oriental land, anyone who tries such things is courting death.

After all, as early as during the nascent period of civilization several millennia ago, these lands experienced a remarkable event where the gods returned to the divine realm and humans to the human realm, each performing their duties.

Several Dragon Children rarely joined forces and almost drove away all those followers influenced by the Ancient God.

If that were all, although such cult groups are not common, they wouldn't be rare either.

The most unique aspect of the Ancient God worshipped as "God of the Internet" by its followers, is that it learned to search for a possessor to inhabit via the network.

Relying on the remnants of the Ancient God's power, those followers gained certain network permissions beneath the dark web, inaccessible to ordinary humans.

Then, through this special network permission, they sent a brutal, desperate, and extremist ritual to all users who access the dark web.

Anyone with a dark heart would see that terrifying and twisted Ancient God upon witnessing the ritual.

Immediately followed by the situation most feared by the authorities.

That Ancient God was able through the network to turn the power of data into reality, granting "Extraordinary Power" to any mortal who gazed upon its true form.

Depending on one's innermost desires, the power received by each person varied.

The only commonality is that all mortals who received power from the Ancient God eventually became twisted by their power, turning into madmen or monsters.

In this way, the Ancient God, who seemed to retain some rationality, was sifting worldwide for a suitable body to carry its will.

"If I remember correctly, that Ancient God was sealed in the end, right?"

Due to clearance issues, Huo Dou couldn't access the detailed report of that battle.

However, from He Bo's fragmented words, Huo Dou vaguely learned that it seemed some Ancient God, similar to his situation, truly revived in a human form, made a move.

"Yes, it was indeed sealed."

Just then, the office door was pushed open again.

Looking weary, He Bo entered the office and timely answered Huo Dou's question.

"However, the abilities of the Divine Spirits are unpredictable and unimaginable by ordinary people."

"Before being sealed, a part of its power had already assimilated with our Internet and continues to this day."

Upon hearing these words, Huo Dou slightly raised his eyebrow, choosing not to interrupt He Bo.

Due to his understanding of He Bo, the following words would be the true key and focus.

"Have you heard about the recently widely circulated legend?"

"That is, in the depths of the Internet, there's a mysterious website that records methods to transform into a superhuman."

"Although it's not as exaggerated as the rumors, there is indeed such a website on the Internet that cannot be locked down."

"Every lucky person to access this website will see a training method similar to martial arts manuals."

"By training according to that method..."

"Hmm... Correctly speaking, if you cultivate that way, an ordinary person can possess the physical fitness equivalent to an athlete."

A slight pause in his tone, He Bo further emphasized.

"No need for talent, no need for drugs, or even years of effort..."

"As long as you follow the website's instructions step by step, you can have athletic-level fitness."

One must admit, He Bo's words were indeed shocking.

With broader thinking, Huo Dou even pondered scenarios worthy of deeper consideration.

Such unrestricted ways to strengthen oneself, are they limited to ordinary humans?

Those who already possess superhuman physical abilities?

Or those inherently incomplete individuals?

If they train and cultivate according to the website's method, what would happen?

"Those so-called 'manuals' are another form of screening ritual!"

Clearly using a question format, Huo Dou, nonetheless, spoke this sentence with a tone of certainty.

Simple text surely couldn't achieve such effects, unless the text itself contained an extraordinary power.

"Yes, and this method of screening is gentler, more subtle,"

Nodding in affirmation of Huo Dou's statement, He Bo continued to explain.

"Those who practiced the manuals will subtly become followers of that Ancient God..."

"Just like the initial batch of followers, they, too, will seek suitable bodies for the Ancient God's resurrection."