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Chapter 193 1: Guardian (1/3)

Inside the office of the 749th Bureau, government building.

Huo Dou was as usual flipping through various documents and materials, not feeling bored at all.

It wasn't until He Bo pushed the office door open, bringing in a little boy, that Huo Dou raised his eyelids.

"Brother?"

"How did you bring him here?"

The little boy was none other than the incarnation of the Panoramic Eye God Totem, stripped of its divinity by Huo Dou.

Although the little boy still had some peculiarities now, he wasn't much different from an ordinary human being anymore.

Nevertheless, just in case, He Bo was currently responsible for his guardianship.

Considering He Bo's habit of working late, the little boy's activities were mostly restricted to the area around this government building, aside from going to school.

Only occasionally did the little boy follow He Bo home for a few days.

Due to this crude way of living, the other staff in the government building had long been gossiping.

Some overly empathetic women, even secretly provided for the little boy, buying him clothes and bringing him snacks, treating him like everyone's favorite.

Sometimes, looking at He Bo's handsome face, Huo Dou couldn't help but wonder if those women had ulterior motives.

After all, aside from being a workaholic, He Bo was quite suitable as a husband or son-in-law.

"Do you have the nerve to ask that?"

"You and that Luo God just shrugged and left Xiaofeng with me."

"Have you ever thought that taking care of a child isn't just about spending some money?"

Scratching his head, He Bo complained helplessly.

"Although I don't mind others seeing me as a single dad, and Xiaofeng is indeed obedient..."

"But hearing these gossips over time is really annoying."

With his usual nonchalant attitude, He Bo didn't even consider how the person involved would react to these words.

Luckily, Xiaofeng wasn't an ordinary child and fully understood He Bo's concerns.

"No... no... problem, everyone is actually really nice to me..."

Over time, Xiaofeng had basically changed his previous wary and hostile attitude towards humans, integrating into this unusual group.

Especially under the bombardment of those gossips, Xiaofeng knew better than anyone the efforts that He Bo, Luo God, and Huo Dou put in for him.

Therefore, in front of He Bo and Luo God, Xiaofeng behaved just like a real child.

As for why Huo Dou wasn't included?

It's because the first impression Huo Dou left on Xiaofeng was just too terrifying, making it impossible for him not to fear the other.

Being able to cautiously hide behind He Bo and come with him to find Huo Dou without running away had already used up all of Xiaofeng's courage.

"Alright, you rarely come to the office; you're not just here to complain to me, are you?"

Glancing at Xiaofeng behind He Bo, Huo Dou directly asked.

He knew with He Bo's personality, if it wasn't for something tricky, he wouldn't proactively bring Xiaofeng to find him.

"I have to go on a business trip for a couple of days; can you watch Xiaofeng for me?"

Seeing this, He Bo straightforwardly said.

"I'll be back once I finish my business trip in a couple of days."

Completely taken aback, Huo Dou pointed at his own face with disbelief and asked quietly.

"Me, take care of a child? Are you sure?"

He couldn't believe He Bo didn't know how scared Xiaofeng was of him.

Even leaving him with Luo God would be better than leaving him with himself; that's an undeniable fact.

"I don't want you to take care of him either, but Luo God has been busy lately too. Haven't you noticed she hasn't checked in for several days?"

Hearing He Bo say this, Huo Dou realized that Luo God indeed hadn't checked in for several days.

"Another audition for a new play?"

Faced with Huo Dou's curiosity, He Bo merely shrugged.

"That I don't know; you can ask her yourself when she gets back."

Before Huo Dou could refuse, He Bo led Xiaofeng out from behind him.

He Bo then turned and walked out of the office, closing the door behind him.

"Remember, Xiaofeng eats at five, sleeps at nine, and has to be at school by seven the next day. Don't be late!"

Bang!

With a crisp sound of the door closing, only Huo Dou and Xiaofeng were left in the office.

"That didn't seem like you were asking for my input..."

Watching He Bo leave, Huo Dou smiled helplessly.

"Don't just stand there!"

"Find a place to sit; I'm not going to eat you."

Glancing again at the trembling Xiaofeng, Huo Dou genuinely didn't understand what Xiaofeng was afraid of.

From the perspective of results, it was clear that he had saved the boy's life.

"Mm!"

Sitting obediently on the sofa furthest from Huo Dou.

Xiaofeng's behavior was more about being too afraid to offend Huo Dou.

"Sigh, we have to spend two days together next."

"Are you really sure that's how you want to get along?"

Seeing the situation, Huo Dou sighed and put down his documents, staring earnestly at Xiaofeng.

Unlike He Bo and Luo God, Huo Dou had no intention of treating him like a child.

Having witnessed the incarnations of the Panoramic Eye God Totem at the Void Divine Hall, Huo Dou knew better than anyone the speed of the boy's mental maturity.

"No..."

Shaking his head vigorously to deny, Xiaofeng could understand the atmosphere.

But precisely because he could understand it, Xiaofeng knew better than anyone how terrifying Huo Dou was.

"Good, let's formally reintroduce ourselves."

"I'm Huo Dou, my ID name is Hodou, but you can just call me Huo Dou."

Extending his right hand to Xiaofeng, Huo Dou was now curious about how mature the boy's mind was.

As expected, although cautious, Xiaofeng reached out to shake Huo Dou's hand.

"He... hello..."

"I'm... He Feng, you can... call me... Xiaofeng..."

Despite stuttering in fear, Xiaofeng managed to complete this short self-introduction.

"You weren't this timid when fighting me back then!"

Teasingly joking, Huo Dou didn't dwell on this issue much longer, instead asking with a somewhat amused expression.

"Do you really think He Bo went on a business trip?"

"And Luo God, is she truly coincidentally busy?"

Upon hearing these words, the intelligent Xiaofeng immediately reacted, looking up at Huo Dou with bewilderment.

Subtly, it seemed there were traces of panic and worry in Xiaofeng's eyes.

