

The Growth 24

Chapter 24 - 1: Ancient God Descendant

When Meng Yao awoke from her long-awaited dream, the sun was already high in the sky.

Looking at the unfamiliar ceiling and feeling the faint aroma coming from the bedding, Meng Yao blinked in confusion.

In the next moment, she suddenly realized something and abruptly sat up on the bed.

"Li Hao?"

This apartment was originally chosen by Li Hao simply because it was cheap.

Therefore, Li Hao's room was actually not very big, just enough to fit a large bed and a bathroom.

The moment Meng Yao opened her eyes and turned her head, she saw Li Hao cooking noodles not far away.

Due to the lack of a proper kitchen,

Li Hao was cooking noodles on a simple induction cooker, and the enticing aroma immediately awakened Meng Yao's hunger.

"Gurgle..."

Accompanied by the growling sound from her stomach, Meng Yao's face instantly turned red.

"Awake?"

Turning his head to glance at Meng Yao curled up on the bed, Li Hao simply raised an eyebrow nonchalantly.

"Awoke from sleep or from hunger?"

As soon as these words were spoken, Meng Yao's already blushing face turned as red as a ripe apple.

At this point, Meng Yao wasn't concerned about why she was sleeping in Li Hao's bed, but jumped off the bed directly.

Then Meng Yao noticed something seemed off... when did she become so tall?

No, it's not that she became tall, it's that her head flew up!

"Ah!"

Unable to hold back a scream, Meng Yao's head fell from mid-air instantly.

As Meng Yao's head was about to roll under the bed,

Li Hao suddenly snapped his fingers, and an invisible power immediately caught her head.

"Be careful!"

"You have just 'awakened,' you need to familiarize yourself with your new body first."

Before he finished speaking, Meng Yao felt her head shaking for a moment, then returned to her neck.

However, this time Meng Yao clearly learned from previous experience.

She didn't dare make any large movements and cautiously touched the bloodstain on her neck.

"What... exactly happened?"

Seemingly horrified, yet trying hard to recall...

Meng Yao vaguely remembered Li Hao telling her yesterday, "You are already dead."

But why did her head fall off?

And, what's with the bloodstain on her neck?

"The situation is a bit complicated."

"But I think you should understand yourself now."

Without directly telling Meng Yao what had happened, Li Hao simply started frying an egg on the induction cooker.

"I can understand myself?"

Looking puzzled at Li Hao's silhouette, Meng Yao began to dig into those forgotten fragments in her memory.

Soon, Meng Yao's rosy face began to turn pale bit by bit.

Fear, panic, regret, relief...

Various complex emotions surged in Meng Yao's heart at this moment, making her gaze at Li Hao turn strange.

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—She was already dead!

This was the fact Meng Yao suddenly realized after Li Hao reminded her yesterday.

Due to hearing voices from another dimension for years, Meng Yao's mental state had been very unstable all along.

In her classmates' and teachers' eyes, Meng Yao's behavior seemed to perfectly fit a "good student" standard except for her reclusiveness.

Only those who had interacted with Meng Yao knew her mind had long been fractured.

Paranoid, crazy, and even a certain degree of self-destructive tendency...

This was the real Meng Yao, a "madman" drifting outside normal society.

Unfortunately, only Meng Yao's elderly grandmother truly interacted with her in this world.

So, no one ever noticed the struggles and pain in this seemingly strong girl's heart.

In fact, after realizing she was targeted, Meng Yao thought she was just seeking death, yet couldn't truly suicide due to reluctance to leave her grandmother.

Was this really the case?

A paranoid, crazy Meng Yao could really think rationally about her death?

The answer was obviously negative.

The real Meng Yao had actually attempted suicide more than once.

The closest attempt to success was using the small decapitation device she made to painlessly cut off her head.

In terms of execution capability, Meng Yao was certainly commendable.

Using a small decapitation device to decapitate herself.

This method of death truly matched Meng Yao's inner paranoia and madness.

Unfortunately, the Great Serpent wouldn't let go of the only human who could hear its voice.

With the will of the Ancient God, and Meng Yao's own divine bloodline, she miraculously came back to life after decapitation.

Moreover, to make Meng Yao ignore the unbelievable phenomenon happening to her and continue maintaining a facade of a normal person, the Great Serpent deliberately blurred her memory and perception.

This was the truth behind Meng Yao ignoring and even forgetting she had died once.

Until Li Hao's reminder, Meng Yao seemed to realize something in a trance and instinctively tried to break free from the hints cast by the Great Serpent.

Thus, last night, Meng Yao sneaked into the school's archive room, searched for Li Hao's residence address, and eventually found her way here.

[Actually, you are already dead.]

[If you want to confide, I'm willing to be your Listener.]

Standing at Li Hao's doorstep, Meng Yao couldn't help but recall the words Li Hao whispered gently during the day.

It was hard to imagine seeing Meng Yao, known for her paranoia, madness, yet filled with execution capability, showing such obvious hesitation and doubt.

Out of some unspeakable mindset, Meng Yao instinctively refused to embroil others in her disaster.

At this moment, the Great Serpent struck again.

Seizing the chance when Li Hao was immersed in his dream, the Great Serpent attempted to completely destroy the boy who reignited hope for Meng Yao.

The result was predictable, the Candle Dragon's remaining consciousness, also an Ancient God's will, dragged the Great Serpent into Li Hao's dream.

This led to everything Li Hao experienced in the dream.

As for why the Candle Dragon did it? Whether to save Li Hao? Or just to cause trouble for him?

Probably only it knows the answer.

The final outcome was, Meng Yao completely broke free from the Great Serpent's will and regained her freedom.

Furthermore, Meng Yao's ability officially awakened.

In becoming a true Ancient God descendant, she even forcibly seized some traits from the Great Serpent.

— Separation of body and soul, Immortal in disembodiment.