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Chapter 286 1: He Bo the "Garbage" Collector (1/3)

After the college entrance examination, Li Hao's life pace suddenly slowed down.

After the initial discomfort, Li Hao quickly got used to this routine of going back and forth between home and the 3D printing store.

Focusing all his energy and time on fields he was interested in brought an immersive and fulfilling feeling that pure studying and exams could not provide.

Aside from occasionally keeping an eye on the situation over in the [Ascension Area], Li Hao barely touched the computer during his time at home.

Of course, this also had something to do with not being able to use the computer openly after returning home.

Whether it was to hide his secrets or to avoid being regarded by his parents as an internet-addicted teenager, Li Hao now reduced his computer usage as much as possible.

In contrast, Li Yun's frequency of computer use significantly increased after coming home.

Unfortunately, Li Yun used the computer to play games, particularly some recently released domestic blockbuster.

Egged on by their father's playful instigations, Li Yun was frequently nagged by their mother, and Li Hao received a solemn "warning" as well.

Li Hao just brushed it off with a smile, without any retort.

Because this is how the older generation views games.

No matter how popular it is on the internet, in the eyes of the older generation, games are bad things, something that induces addiction.

Especially in the eyes of their strict mother, her children being addicted to games is akin to the previous generation's young people being addicted to gambling, a precursor to becoming a gambling addict.

A tolerant but slightly sadistic father...

A strict yet health-conscious mother...

And a "tomboy" sister who has been wild since childhood...

This is Li Hao's family, a family of four filled with warmth and nagging.

In stark contrast to Li Hao, Huo Dou, who joined the 749th Bureau.

Even when only occasionally focusing part of his energy on Huo Dou, Li Hao felt overwhelmed and frantic.

As for the cause of the events?

We have to start with the Immortal that was unearthed last time.

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At the border between East Asia and the South Asian Subcontinent.

This is the border between China and the South Asian countries, scattered with various county towns and military zones.

Currently, He Bo is within a military restricted area, collaborating on various studies of that Immortal exhumed earlier.

Luo God and Huo Dou were considered subordinates of He Bo and were also assigned here on a business trip.

"It was supposed to be just short-distance escorting, but now it's a full-time escort plus a business trip..."

"Staying in this godforsaken place any longer, and my skin will start cracking!"

Carefully applying various skincare products, Luo God's words were filled with complaints.

From the initial excitement to now being full of resentment...

Huo Dou could quite understand Luo God's complaints because he was in a similar situation.

"There's nothing we can do. Our boss likes to take on everything."

After a slight pause, Huo Dou shrugged and continued.

"But the travel expenses this time are quite generous. One trip could equal two or three years of our regular work."

Luo God rolled her eyes irritably, noticing that Huo Dou seemed to enjoy contradicting her lately.

"Come on, is that really the crux of the problem now?"

"God knows how much longer this trip will last, my agent is about to lose their mind..."

"And as for Xiaofeng, the boss really trusts them to stay home alone?"

Just as Luo God was complaining, the nearby door was directly pushed open.

"Do you think this is what I want? It's not something I can decide."

The person who came was none other than He Bo, who should have been in a meeting at the base.

After changing his outfit, he looked somewhat travel-worn, completely lacking the elegance from earlier.

In retrospect, it's not surprising. As the director of the 749th Bureau, He Bo was one of the main people responsible for the escort mission. If he wasn't tired, then no one would be.

"What's up with that cat?"

Raising his brow slightly, Huo Dou's gaze landed on the somewhat timid white cat behind He Bo.

"Huh?"

Thanks to Huo Dou's reminder, Luo God immediately noticed the cat behind He Bo.

Completely white but with four black paws, and that golden tail ring...

"Isn't that the cat that stopped the car?"

Backing up two steps, Luo God hiding behind Huo Dou cautiously poked her head out to ask.

It was understandable for Luo God to be cautious; the oppressive feeling this cat once gave her was too great.

Even though it now had a well-behaved and timid appearance.

Luo God couldn't help but think of the oppressive and terrifying aura it displayed when summoning that strange Throne Angel.

"I suppose this cat is something you chose to bring along, isn't it?"

Knowing He Bo's character well, Huo Dou rubbed his temples and asked in a low, exasperated voice.

"Ah?"

No sooner had Huo Dou spoken than Luo God widened her eyes in shock.

"Boss? Could what Huo Dou said be true?"

If Huo Dou understood He Bo, didn't Luo God understand him too?

To put it bluntly, Luo God, Huo Dou, and even Xiaofeng were "picked up" by He Bo as trouble.

"Ahem..."

A bit embarrassed, He Bo cleared his throat and muttered unconfidently.

"I had no other choice. It's the host of the 'Ring of the Throne Angels'.

"If I don't take care of it, it will most likely end up as an experimental subject of some organization."

"You wouldn't want to see it end up like that, right?"

As He Bo started to play the sympathy card, Huo Dou rolled his eyes helplessly, while Luo God glared at him fiercely.

"Boss! You should curb your overflowing compassion!"

"You do know it's the host of the 'Ring of the Throne Angels', right?"

"Aren't you afraid it'll suddenly leap up and wipe us all out?"

Averting his eyes from Luo God's glare, He Bo picked up the white cat at his feet and said hesitantly.

"It won't, it's actually quite well-behaved."

"Isn't that right, Xiaomi!"

Saying this, He Bo took hold of the white cat's paw and waved it twice in the direction of Huo Dou and Luo God, as if seeking their approval.

The white cat seemed to understand that those two were crucial to its ability to remain, or even survive, and cooperatively showed a docile side.

"Heavens! Why do I have a boss like you?"

"Can I apply to be transferred to another bureau?"

Dramatically exclaiming, Luo God seemed to glance at Huo Dou beside her inadvertently.

"You two..."

With Huo Dou's abilities, he naturally wouldn't miss Luo God's subtle glance, and he could only sigh in helplessness.

"Since you both agree, what more can I say?"