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Chapter 416 - 2: God... Is Dead!

The next day, on the high-speed train heading to Lu'an.

The four members of Li Hao's family sat together, continuously sharing their feelings about this trip.

Of course, most of the time, Jiang Xin was speaking continuously about various precautions, while Li Jian Country, Li Yun, and Li Hao listened obediently, not daring to interrupt at all.

It wasn't until Jiang Xin seemed to realize that the atmosphere was a bit too serious that she changed the topic.

Thus, the family of four began discussing the various landmarks of Lu'an and the history and events of the university Li Hao was about to attend, with great enthusiasm.

To be honest, this wasn't the first time the four of them had taken the high-speed train.

Because when Li Yun got into university, the whole family went to Capital Hua Mansion together just like now.

However, what truly excited the family was not the destination, but the rare opportunity for the four of them to go out together.

Especially as the children gradually grow up, such opportunities are destined to become increasingly rare.

[Lu'an, here I come.]

With a slight smile at the corner of his mouth, Li Hao listened absentmindedly to the discussions of his family, while his thoughts inevitably drifted to the city where he would spend the next four years.

As a supreme Creator, Li Hao should remain unflappable when faced with Mount Tai collapsing.

However, as a human, Li Hao could not, and did not wish to, break free from emotional and familial ties.

While pondering this, Li Hao's fingers suddenly twitched slightly.

In the next second, a wisp of black flame vanished from the train without being noticed by anyone.

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At the same time, in a residential area outside the city of Lu'an.

A plainly dressed, weary-looking girl suddenly looked up, eyes flashing with unconcealed astonishment and delight.

"Li Hao!"

With an exclamation, the girl's identity became obvious.

She was Meng Yao, the former classmate of Li Hao, also the only one who might know about Li Hao's mysterious powers—Meng Yao the Possessor.

Whoosh!

The black flames appeared out of nowhere.

And within the burning flames, the face of Li Hao gradually emerged.

"Why are you here?"

Gazing at Meng Yao, who should not have been here, Li Hao's expression was remarkably calm.

Because, under normal circumstances, Meng Yao should now be in Capital Hua Mansion.

After all, she was one of the Nine Sons—the disciple of Taotie, known within the 749th Bureau as the Possessor of "Xingtian."

"Well... it's a long story..."

Hesitantly pausing, Meng Yao spoke in a soft voice with a slight frown.

"So make a long story short."

The black flames took a humanoid form, and Li Hao's body gradually emerged from the flames.

Despite being separated by thousands of miles, with the blessing of the ominous misfortune, Li Hao effortlessly reconstructed a temporary incarnation able to walk on Earth.

"Alright, I'll keep it short!"

Seeing this, Meng Yao finally did not hold back anymore.

"My Guide—Taotie encountered some trouble, which resulted in my demotion here."

As Meng Yao narrated bit by bit, the story of her recent experiences unfolded before Li Hao.

—A God... died!

—Our world is a graveyard of Gods!

When Meng Yao first heard this news, she was dumbfounded.

But since it was spoken by Taotie himself, and with a look of fear when he said it, Meng Yao believed him immediately.

According to Taotie, he was originally trying to trace the source of Meng Yao's Ancient God bloodline, to understand which Ancient God could allow her to reverse the will of the Gods.

In the process, Taotie accidentally found a God who had just fallen not long ago.

As this god had not been in the Fallen Area for long, he still retained most of his memories.

These included the existence of the Fallen Area and the Ascension Area.

After that, Taotie was wanted for secretly infiltrating a military facility, attempting to steal national secrets.

As Taotie's disciple—Meng Yao was implicated and demoted from Capital Hua Mansion to Lu'an, becoming a junior staff member here.

Of course, due to age and identity reasons, Meng Yao still had to return to Capital Hua Mansion in a few days for her studies.

Her work here was more like an external assignment and inspection, to confirm she had no further ties with the fugitive Taotie.

But now the question is, does Meng Yao truly have no more contact with Taotie?

"You've still kept in touch with Taotie, haven't you!"

Although it was framed as a question, Li Hao used a tone of certainty when he said it.

"I knew I couldn't hide it from you..."

Momentarily stunned, Meng Yao laughed with candor.

From the moment Li Hao manifested himself in this manner, Meng Yao knew something must be wrong with herself.

Otherwise, given Li Hao's usual style of action, he would never appear before her voluntarily.

"Before Taotie left, he left a mark on me."

"Through that mark, I can maintain a one-way connection with him..."

Pausing slightly, Meng Yao continued speaking.

"But this one-way connection method is definitely not Taotie's doing."

"So I highly suspect whether the current Taotie is still the same Taotie."

A knowing look appeared on Li Hao's face, and he immediately followed up with a question.

"Have you been in contact with him?"

Shaking her head decisively to indicate no, Meng Yao was not the type to recklessly put herself in danger.

"No, before confirming Taotie's identity and stance, there's no way I would contact him again."

This was not just for her own protection, but also for Taotie's own good.

Whether from the perspective of the fallen god or from the standpoint of the state, having no more contact with each other was the best choice for both parties.

"It's good that there's been no contact; leave the subsequent matters to me!"

"For the next four years, I will be living in this city."

"I really like the atmosphere here and do not wish for any disorderly elements to disturb my current life..."

In Meng Yao's eyes, filled with a mix of surprise and disappointment, Li Hao smiled.

She was pleasantly surprised that Li Hao was willing to help her, even if his reason was to protect the city where he would live for the next four years.

She was disappointed that Li Hao chose to attend university in this city rather than joining her in Capital Hua Mansion.

"So, where do you plan to start?"

Having quickly adjusted her mindset after experiencing many events, Meng Yao now used a steady tone to ask.

"Well, of course, I'll start with you!"