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Chapter 50 - 2: Possessor of the Ancient God

Along with Meng Yao's gradual recounting, some of the mist surrounding the real world was unveiled.

First of all, it can be confirmed that people like Li Hao and Meng Yao, who are targeted by the Ancient God's Will due to their own anomalies, have actually not been few since ancient times.

It's just that in most cases, no one realized the value of this kind of supernatural phenomenon.

It wasn't until the 1970s and 1980s, with the establishment of the 749th Bureau, that the government began to formally intervene and study these completely beyond human understanding supernatural phenomena.

The ultimate purpose of establishing the 749th Bureau was to thoroughly analyze and understand this kind of supernatural phenomenon, to let supernatural phenomena become a kind of natural phenomenon.

Research, understand, learn, and even surpass...

According to what that woman Meng Yao met last night said, one day, humanity will bring down those so-called "Ancient Gods" from their pedestals.

Regardless of whether such a presumptuous idea is achievable or not.

In terms of results alone, the 749th Bureau indeed has made many achievements.

For example, the special energy magnetic field produced when Meng Yao gets excited was successfully detected by the 749th Bureau.

Although it seems somewhat like hindsight, within the 749th Bureau, individuals like Meng Yao, who have already awakened exceptional abilities, are collectively referred to as "Possessors."

"Possessors" can't be discovered before the fact and can only be identified post-facto by piecing together some clues.

As for why the 749th Bureau calls these special individuals "Possessors"?

It's because, regardless of whether they have awakened or not, they easily attract the peering of some Ancient God's Will.

In the ancient times when humanity first emerged, such people were often called Witches, Prophets, or Shamans.

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"How does the 749th Bureau distinguish these 'Possessors' as still human and not people possessed by the Ancient God's Will?"

Having sharply grasped the crux of the issue, Li Hao asked with some curiosity.

However, in the face of Li Hao's question, Meng Yao's expression became even more peculiar.

"The 749th Bureau can't differentiate the identity of 'Possessors'..."

Ignoring Li Hao's bewildered expression, Meng Yao lowered her head and continued to explain.

"The 749th Bureau can only determine whether we are 'Possessors,' but it can't know whether the person using this body now is the original owner or an Ancient God."

"Well, at least that's what that woman said..."

After a brief pause, Meng Yao suddenly lowered her voice and said.

"Of course, all the above is just what that woman said. I suspect they can actually distinguish who the real 'Possessor' is."

"Because a person's habits and personality are very hard to change in a short period of time..."

"So as long as enough data is collected for comparison, it's very easy to distinguish whether the current user of this body is the original person."

This was a fact Meng Yao suddenly realized after being reminded by that woman.

But the question is, does making such a distinction hold any meaning?

As long as those Ancient God's Wills are willing to pretend to be human and cooperate with the research of the 749th Bureau, they wouldn't care at all about who is currently using this body.

After all, a "Possessor" driven by the Ancient God's Will is far more valuable than those "Possessors" who are completely in the dark.

Besides, Meng Yao wondered if she was overthinking it, as she always felt that the woman who appeared before her last night seemed to be intentionally or unintentionally hinting at certain things to her.

As if... she was searching for her kind.

"What's that woman's name?"

Slightly squinting his eyes, Li Hao also realized the problem within.

As a secret organization hidden in the shadows, why would that woman say so much to a newcomer who hasn't yet decided to join the 749th Bureau?

"She didn't tell me her real name."

"According to her, the 749th Bureau usually prefers to use codenames when carrying out missions, and her codename is 'Taotie.'"

Saying this, Meng Yao added with some shyness.

"For convenience in addressing and communication, she also gave me a codename, 'Xingtian.'"

Hearing Meng Yao say this, Li Hao raised an eyebrow.

Because he thought of Meng Yao's abilities and the second race marked as "Corpse of Form."

"It seems this codename wasn't just randomly given."

Hearing Li Hao's murmur, Meng Yao clearly misunderstood something.

"Don't let your thoughts run wild; she just temporarily assigned me this codename based on my ability..."

"Once I officially join the 749th Bureau, I'll definitely change this codename."

The image of the Ancient War God Xingtian—"having nipples for eyes, and a navel for a mouth"—was obviously too advanced for a young girl like Meng Yao.

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Shooting an unspeaking glance at Meng Yao, Li Hao thought this codename actually suited her image well.

Headless, Corpse of Form...

The woman Meng Yao spoke of clearly knew more than Meng Yao did, even the codename was actually hinting at her abilities.

Unfortunately, the current Meng Yao clearly couldn't understand this point yet.

But thinking about it, it's really not surprising.

After all, Meng Yao was just a girl not yet eighteen, and her time spent encountering supernatural phenomena summed up to less than two days.

If she appeared too familiar, there could be a chance the 749th Bureau would see her as a "Possessor" borrowed by an Ancient God for Rebirth.

"Are those security guards on duty at the school gate people from the 749th Bureau?"

Not dwelling too much on this issue, Li Hao shifted the topic while looking out the window again.

"Yeah, they were sent to protect me."

"After all, my family situation is rather complicated, and that woman wasn't comfortable letting me stay alone at school."

Meng Yao didn't mention that if she hadn't insisted on going to school once, Li Hao probably wouldn't have seen her today either.

"By the way, I have to transfer schools starting tomorrow."

"That woman helped me secure a 'Outstanding Student Scholarship Program' at Hua Fu University, so I won't have to worry about school tuition anymore."

Speaking of this, a complex expression appeared on Meng Yao's face.

She had originally thought that after her grandmother died, she would have to drop out of school and return to the countryside.

But Li Hao's appearance had turned her life to another turning point, a new path she had never imagined.

"Hua Fu?"

"That's one of the top universities in the country."

Also somewhat astonished by the influence of the 749th Bureau, Li Hao couldn't help but click his tongue.

"Does that mean you're now considered to have been admitted early to Hua Fu University?"

Nodding in agreement with Li Hao's statement, Meng Yao also hadn't thought that one day she could directly enter a top-tier university like Hua Fu without examination.

"Li Hao, have you considered listing Hua Fu University as a choice for your college entrance exams?"