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Gong Jie became contemplative upon hearing this..

Alice changed the subject. "It's not as if I've had much opportunity to come into contact with patients like Billy. After all, there are so few patients with that many personalities, but recently, I had the opportunity to take over a patient."

"What kind of patient?"

"An 18-year-old girl by the name of Lucy."

"Lucy?"

"An English girl who grew up in New York. I had been treating her for two months, then I discovered that her split personality had something to do with her childhood."

Gong Jie listened solemnly to Alice's analysis without interrupting.

"Three years ago, she was sentenced to 80 years for killing three students. After the diagnosis, the lawyer overturned the charge on grounds of schizophrenia. However, as you know, the legal process is particularly strict. The lawyer is still defending her innocence." Alice spoke of Lucy with some interest. "Actually, putting aside her unfortunate experience, I think... she's the strangest patient I've ever taken on. For me, taking on such a patient fuels my desire to explore deeper."

"What kind of patient is she?"

Alice scribbled a draft and rattled it off. "When Lucy was young, her mother went through two marriages before she met a man three years older than she was. She married him, taking Lucy with her. From then on, for ten years, until Lucy was fifteen, the man abused, ravaged, and violated her."

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"The crime she committed was that she murdered three seniors from the same school. After killing them successively, she dumped their bodies into the sea. When the case was going nowhere, she suddenly turned herself in and said that she had murdered the three boys. However, at the same time that she turned herself in, she also accused the three boys of having gang-raped her twin sister. When the police investigated the case to gather evidence, they found that her accusations were groundless. They could find no evidence that the three boys had ever committed any wrongdoing against her sister. Lucy had two cousin sisters on the maternal side and one cousin sister on the paternal side of the family. All of them said that such a thing had never happened. Nevertheless Lucy insisted that the three boys had violated her twin sister. The fact was that Lucy didn't have a twin sister. Even so, Lucy stuck to her story. Later, during the trial phase, her defense lawyer proposed a psychiatric evaluation. Following the procedure, the evaluation revealed her multiple personality disorder."

"One of the personalities was her primary personality, Lucy. The other personality was her twin sister, Luna. The third personality was a 'detective' who was her childhood sweetheart. He was the one who

finally exposed her and persuaded her to turn herself in. There were three other personalities, three seniors from school. She confessed that she came home from school one day and found her sister lying on the floor of the bathroom, covered in blood. The floor was also covered in blood. She took her sister to the hospital and learned that her sister had gotten pregnant unexpectedly. In order to hide it, she secretly bought abortion pills and had an abortion at home. However, she accidentally bled out and died from the miscarriage. She became resentful and killed the three boys in succession. Finally, her childhood sweetheart, the 'detective,' saw through it and persuaded her to turn herself in."

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"Finally, her childhood sweetheart, the 'detective,' saw through it and persuaded her to turn herself in. But it was later discovered that these people didn't exist at all. They were her split personalities. These three boys had never harmed her in any way. However, it wasn't long before a girl from the same school came forward to testify that she was the real victim of these three boys. Lucy was there at the scene. She probably witnessed the scene and it triggered unbearable memories of her youth that led to this outcome."

"In other words..."

"These were the plots of her fantasies. And during the unbearable torture of her youth, she kept creating those personalities, and the twin sister was just a reflection of her own misfortune. She wanted too much to escape the unbearable shadow of her youth, and to forget all the pain and the torture. But the more she tried to forget, the more suppressed she became. So, gradually, she created a second personality to carry these painful memories."

The more Alice spoke, the more uneasy Gong Jie became. He had a feeling that Lucy's situation was inexplicably similar to Youyou's.

"I hypnotized Youyou back then and entered his memories. From his memories, I dug up many painful memories. Presumably, this personality of Gong Fan is a carrier that Youyou split off to carry pain and unbearable memories."

Gong Jie muttered to himself in amazement, "The boy actually created Gong Fan's personality himself?"

"Yes. That's why Youyou feels so guilty towards Gong Fan. Because he created this personality himself to carry pain. So..."

The man continued where she left off, "Which is why the boy is reluctant to destroy him."

"Yes. Youyou is really a very kind person." Alice paused briefly, then continued, "So, I've been trying to find a solution."

"Mmm?"

"I've had the thought of whether creating a personality society specifically to maintain order would solve the problem."

Gong Jie was concerned at this suggestion. "You mean to create a third and a fourth personality?"

"Uh huh."

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"No Way," he said flatly. "The human mind simply can't support it." Create more personalities to form a personality society?! "No, I won't agree to it."

Alice's methods always frightened him. Indeed, this "personality society" was as appalling as Project Deva Eye when the boy had first proposed it.

"Do you think I'd use the boy as a guinea pig?" Alice laughed it off. "No. I'm treating the girl now. If all goes as planned, I'll manage her personality and create a society of personalities. If this treatment plan works, perhaps, it can be considered."

Gong Jie kept silent without agreeing or disagreeing with it. He too, wanted to take a chance.

"That girl has become your test subject?"

"Not exactly a test subject." Alice shook her head. "Do you know why she was put in my charge?"

"Why?"

"Because ... everyone's at their wits' end." Alice slowly poured out some tea. "Whether it's electric shock therapy or some other treatment, they had only served to enrage the violent personality inside her. That's why I offered to take over this girl. I wanted her to try my treatment regimen. Surely it's a hundred times better than those inhumane treatments!"

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The mention of electric shock therapy piqued his interest. "What exactly is electric shock therapy like?" he asked tentatively.

Alice frowned, then said, "Do you know why personalities exist?"

"Why? Isn't it because the main personality creates it?"

Alice nodded, then said, "Then do you know why it's so much easier to create a personality than to destroy it?"

"I don't know."

"Because, in fact, personalities are almost indistinguishable from each other except for primary and secondary. Each personality can be seen as an independent entity. Then, since they are no different from ordinary people, and normal people are not willing to die, why would personalities be willing to be

easily destroyed? Once they exist, once they are created, they will be no different from an ordinary person. They will have emotions and desires, independent thoughts and selfishness, even ambition. Then, gradually, these personalities will want to occupy the primary position, and thus cause great mental pressure. When Youyou's primary personality collapsed, it was because of the intense conflict between the two personalities. That's why..."

"That's why..." Gong Jie was starting to put some pieces of the puzzle together. "That's why such a huge mental load was created."

"That's right."

Now the man was getting somewhere. He had never understood the condition of multiple personalities. But after listening to Alice's explanation, he gradually understood it more.

"But do you know why some people choose suicide?"

"Normal folks you mean?"

"Uh huh."

"Because of the pain." Alice's tone was suddenly heavy. "Because there is such a thing as indelible pain, both mental and physical. It's excruciating."

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Gong Jie suddenly understood.

"The electric shock therapy is to make these personalities experience the pain of being born human, so that they choose destruction?"

"Yes, bingo." Alice snapped her fingers and said with amazement, "You look like you have potential!"

"I don't want to have such cruel potential!" The man understood. The use of electric shock therapy causes each personality to experience the pain of being born human. In this way, these personalities will begin to tire of the feeling of occupying a human body, and eventually choose to go to the 'land of the dead' on their own.

"However, the primary personality will suffer the same terrible agony." Alice looked at him intently as she continued, "Although the primary personality is equally burdened with this pain, however painful, it is not fatal. And you know that the primary personality will never be destroyed. Only the other personalities can be destroyed."

Gong Jie felt a sudden bone-chilling sensation.

"What made people come up with such a cruel remedy?"

"Because they are at their wits' end!" Alice sighed again. "That's why there are so many uncharted territories in this world. The only people who really understand the world of schizophrenia and multiple personalities are probably themselves. The vast majority of the information in this area, and the amazing amount of modern medical knowledge, comes from the oral accounts of these patients. There's no way for us to tell if what they're saying is true or fiction. Their world, everything about it, is strange

and unknown to us.” After a long silence, Alice sighed and said earnestly, “I had even thought of the possibility of creating a second personality myself, just so that I can more effectively treat Youyou.”

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After a long silence, Alice sighed and said earnestly, “I had even thought of the possibility of creating a second personality myself. At least I can explore Youyou’s world and find a more effective treatment for him.”

Gong Jie was aghast to hear this.

“Are you crazy!?”

He’d never heard of doctors deliberately creating a second personality for themselves, just so they could treat their schizophrenic patients.

“Is that so strange? Aren’t scientists all ridiculous lunatics?”

The man studied her with a very odd expression. He’d always known Alice to be crazy. She was a mad woman. The average person, perhaps, would assert that she was a cruel woman.

Whenever she felt sleepy during an autopsy, she would casually finish off a bottle of red wine. In the middle of the night, one could find her examining a dead body in the morgue. She was so obsessed with medicine that ordinary people could not understand her.

She was willing to sacrifice herself to cure Youyou? What sort of joke was this?

Gong Jie said, “You really are crazy.”

Alice, however, said disapprovingly, “Many professors who had created epic achievements resulting in medical miracles only did so through countless experiments. Some experiments can be replaced by lab rats. Some can be replaced by bodies voluntarily donated by the deceased. However, in some cases, the vast majority of scientists will sacrifice themselves and use themselves as experimental subjects. Many human subject experiments were conducted during the war. They were cruel, but they also contributed a lot of information to human medicine. That’s because some illnesses can’t be overcome without going through multiple experiments.”

“So?” Gong Jie narrowed his eyes. “How do you create a split personality? It’s not as though just anyone can end up having a split personality or multiple personalities, you know.”

“Although people with dual personality or multiple personality disorder aren’t ordinary people, but then, they were actually ordinary people before they created those personalities, weren’t they?”

Gong Jie did not want to hear her twisted reasoning. “Shut up. Anyway, the answer is ‘no’. From now on, don’t ever mention this again.”

Alice gazed deeply into his eyes and gave an exasperated sigh. “Then I really don’t know what to do.”

The man said nothing more.

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“What’s on your mind, Uncle?” At the dining table, Little Yichen noticed that Gong Jie had been staring into space. The boy snapped his fingers.

Gong Jie finally reacted. His eyes came back into focus, the pupils as dark as ink, and he composed himself. “Nothing. Just zoning out.”

On the way back to school from picking up Gong Fan and Little Yichen, he suddenly recalled what Alice had told him at headquarters. His thoughts were weighing on him. As Alice had said, split personality disorder was a terrible thing.

Youyou loved desserts so much, whereas Gong Fan politely declined all desserts. Amazing, although the man felt sorry for him. Close, yet it felt alien.

Now, except for Youyou and Gong Fan, everyone was in a strange space. They want Youyou’s dual personality disorder cured and at the same time, they hope that the second personality, Gong Fan, can be retained.

Everyone wanted Youyou to be well, yet no one wanted Gong Fan to leave.

What a tricky situation.

Gong Jie cupped his chin in his hand and took a gentle sip of dry red wine. Beside him, Yun Shishi studied him silently, but she understood what was troubling him. It probably had something to do with Youyou!

Apparently, Alice had approached him.

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It had to be about the boy, but since Gong Jie hadn’t mentioned it to her, it probably wasn’t optimistic.

Yun Shishi decided not to ask. Even though she couldn’t stop worrying about Youyou and Gong Fan, it was useless to worry blindly. She might as well let nature take its course and cherish her time with Youyou and Gong Fan.

“Xiao Jie, stop overthinking. Have a steak.”

Gong Jie snapped back to the present and grunted in agreement.

“Who cooked this steak?”

“I did.”

“Eh?” The man looked as if he’d discovered a new continent. “You know how to cook steak?”

“And why not?” Yun Shishi rolled her eyes. “I have to learn to cook sometime!”

“Oh, Youyou... I think he’s been missing for two days.” Gong Jie asked again, “Where’s Gong Fan?”

She answered, “Just eaten. He’s in the study.”

“Oh!”

Gong Jie suddenly remembered Alice’s words. “Actually, the direction I’ve been thinking about is coexistence. You know, if Gong Fan had left Youyou’s body, he would have taken all those dark memories with him. But the uneasiness and guilt will stay with Youyou forever. He’ll always feel that he owes Gong Fan something. His disappearance would have broken Youyou completely.”

Was that really that way?

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The man felt strangely annoyed.

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In the study room.

Gong Fan lay slumped over the desk and slept for a short time. When he opened his eyes again, they were bright and clear.

Youyou raised his head and looked around. He was about to get up when he suddenly noticed a blue notepad beside him. Strange. He raised his eyebrows and looked around again. Seeing that he was alone in the study, as though deep in thought, he flipped open the notepad.

He woke up not knowing where he was or what he should do. His memories seemed to have stopped at a time around two days ago. He knew nothing about what had happened to Gong Fan in the past two days. It was precisely because of this predicament that he felt helpless. He opened the notebook and saw it was filled with handwriting that was completely different from his own, but he recognized it at a glance.

It was written in red. Clear, dazzling.

“In the future, we’ll contact each other this way.”

The boy scanned it, his pink lips curving in a knowing smile. The page looked like a page from a diary, however it was more detailed than one.

1st February: Nighttime, lying in bed, I suddenly felt very uneasy. I felt that I must be a burden. I told Mummy about my unease. She gave me a kiss and said that I was an inseparable part of her. I was... very happy.

Despite the seemingly cold words, the boy could sense Gong Fan’s suppressed joy through the handwriting.

2nd February: Today, Qinger seems warmer towards me than usual. Is it because of your appearance? However, I’m not good with girls. She probably thinks I’m a little lonely and lost.

In the afternoon, Li Sicheng read her love letter to you, to the other students. It made her cry. How troublesome.

I don't deal with this kind of thing. In the future, don't get me into this kind of trouble.

The wolfberry tea Gong Jie bought was too sweet. It tasted awful.

Little Yichen said something bad about me because he thought you were back. Idiot.

I'm inexplicably anxious. I feel sleepy and want to sleep, but I'm afraid that if I fall asleep, it won't be me who wakes up. But it doesn't matter. At least there's a place for me.

Do you like Coke and milk tea very much? It's troublesome. It's not good to eat too many sweet things.

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Do you like Coke and milk tea very much? Troublesome. It's not good to eat too many sweet things.

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The more the Youyou read those words, the more he laughed. It turned out that Gong Fan had such an adorable side to him!

Communicating through a notepad? Well, that's convenient. Why hadn't he thought of this before?

As the boy stretched, the door suddenly flew open. Little Yichen poked his head in. When Youyou saw that it was him, he suddenly had a bad idea. His lips curled wickedly, and then he pretended to be serious, just like the icy Gong Fan.

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"What?" He imitated Gong Fan's cold tone.

Sure enough, Little Yichen fell for it. He came in trembling, cleared his throat, and said gently, "It's late. Time for bed!"

'Have you made the bed?'

"Yes, I've laid it out." Little Yichen rolled his eyes. "I just got out of the shower. I'm already all showered and smelling good!"

Youyou rose slowly to his feet and walked across to the boy, raising an eyebrow. "Let me smell."

Little Yichen immediately stood at attention and stretched out his arms for Youyou to smell.

The latter had a serious obsession with cleanliness. Sometimes, after Little Yichen got home from school and finished his homework, he would be like a bird released from its cage, and start to pester his brother, or Hua Jin, or Lisa for a game of tennis.

When he returned at night all sweaty, Gong Fan and Youyou, both of whom were obsessed with cleanliness, would be aghast at him. Whether one or the other, they'd nag at Youyou every night, to take a shower. They would even watch him closely as he applied body lotion, and would enter the room only when the boy smelled good.

And so, little by little, the boy got into the habit of taking a bath and a shower each day, and of applying body lotion when he was done.

He wasn't so particular in the past. It was all for the sake of this brother.

Little Yichen glanced at Youyou, as the latter sized him up, sensing that he was rather well behaved.

Although Youyou and Gong Fan were one person, they were two independent personalities after all. No matter how they imitated the other personality, one could tell the difference.

He couldn't help but mutter strangely, "Are you really Gong Fan?"

"Mmm?" Amused, Youyou held his tongue. "Who do you think I am?"

"You look like Youyou to me." Little Yichen tapped his head in frustration. He was having some difficulties telling Youyou and Gong Fan apart. Sometimes, Gong Fan would suddenly come back. It would be terrible if he accidentally said bad things about the boy.

"Ha, you caught me." Youyou didn't bother to hide it. Somehow, whenever Little Yichen was in Gong Fan's presence, the boy would become unusually nervous. Youyou couldn't bear to keep up the teasing.

Realization dawned on the boy. "You're Youyou!"

"Uh huh!"

"You tricked me!" Little Yichen complained indignantly. "How can you do this!"

Laughing, Youyou patted him on the head. "All right, I'll stop teasing you. Don't be angry."

Little Yichen crossed his arms proudly, looking as if he was needing comfort and a hug.

Youyou quickly reached out and hugged him. "All right, big brother. Don't be mad."

Satisfied, Little Yichen grunted. "No more next time!"

"Yes, alright."

"Oh yes, something happened this afternoon..."

Little Yichen was about to tell him about Qing'er when Youyou immediately replied, "You mean the matter about Qing'er?"

"Eh?!"

Little Yichen looked as if he'd seen a ghost. "How do you know?"

He instantly looked horrified and wary. There was no way the boy could know. Could he be... Gong Fan?!

"You... are you..."

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“Well, stop making wild guesses and never mind how I know! Anyway, I know about it.”

Gong Fan’s method of communication with him was a secret. He wouldn’t tell even his mother! It was a secret that belonged only to them.

“Is Uncle here?”

“Yes, on the second-floor balcony. Why?”

Youyou said, “Go back to your room! I need to discuss something with him.” As he said this, the boy headed for the second floor.

When he got to the second floor, he ran into Gong Jie, who was about to go downstairs. When the man saw the boy, he studied him for a moment until he recognized him as Youyou and not Gong Fan. Then he tried to greet him. “You’re Youyou?”

“Uh huh.” The boy’s eyes crinkled as he smiled. “You’re smart, Uncle. You recognized me.”

“He doesn’t smile the way you do.” Gong Jie paused before correcting himself. “He doesn’t smile much.”

“Is that so.”

Gong Jie nodded. Actually, it was easy to tell the two personalities apart. Gong Fan’s coldness came from deep within. Whereas Youyou’s warmth was infectious. One would feel it at a glance. This was not something that could be changed.

It was just that he hadn’t realized it before. It was simply odd, how a child could be so clever, so obedient in front of Yun Shishi, when in fact he was a shrewd child, terrifying beyond imagination. But in front of his mother, he seemed so innocent.

However, back then, he had not expected that Youyou had a split personality. If he had detected even the slightest hint of this, he would have handed the boy over to Alice immediately and not delayed till now.

“Are you looking for me?”

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“Uh huh.”

Gong Jie got curious.

“What’s up?”

“Gong Fan wants me to tell you that no matter what you buy for him next time, it shouldn’t be anything too sweet.”

“Just this?” Gong Jie broke out in a cold sweat.

“Of course not.” The boy walked over to the parapet and leaned lazily against it, enjoying the evening breeze. He closed his eyes briefly.

The man came up behind him and stared after him for some time. Then he joined him at the parapet. The uncle and nephew stood this way, enjoying the breeze for a moment. The evening wind was a little cold. Coupled with the low temperature at night, it occasionally became a little chilly.

Gong Jie was getting cold, so he asked, “Aren’t you cold?”

Youyou shook his head and narrowed his eyes in apparent enjoyment.

The man complained, “Did you come up here just to drag me out here to enjoy the chilly breeze?”

“There were many things I wanted to say to you, but when I closed my eyes, I suddenly forgot.”

“You’re not even that old. Has your memory gone that bad all of a sudden?”

“Well, maybe I’m getting old!”

Gong Jie was devastated to hear that. “If you’re an old man, does that mean it’s time for me to ascend to the heavens?”

“Isn’t it nice to get some cold air? It clears my head and wakes me up.”

The man was greatly amused. “It’s late, time for bed, and you’re telling me you want to be woken up?”

“I don’t feel like sleeping.” The boy was actually very tired, but he had no intention of wasting his time on sleep. He wanted to spend more of his time being awake. Even just leaning against the balcony in the cold and staring into the night was better than closing his eyes. “When you die, you’ll sleep forever. Why sleep so much when you’re alive?” The boy suddenly spat out another golden nugget.

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“What sort of weird idea is that?”

The boy smiled. “So people say.”

Gong Jie disagreed. “Well then, have you ever heard such a saying?”

“Tell me.”

The man continued, “You can live longer if you sleep early. Sleeping late can lead to sudden death.”

The boy nodded. “That’s a pertinent and scientific statement.”

The man turned and leaned back against the parapet. “Can Gong Fan hear whatever I’m saying now?” he suddenly asked, looking serious.

“No he can’t.”

“Does that mean he won’t know anything I tell you?”

The boy nodded. "Of course."

"Very strange."

"Strange in what way?"

Gong Jie narrowed his eyes, but he couldn't put his finger on it. "Way before now, you already had a split personality, but the distinction wasn't as obvious as this."

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The boy was stunned for a moment before he realized what the man meant.

"In the past, I controlled his personality. It wasn't so much control as I didn't even realize he existed. Because when he manifested, I'd have a vague memory of what he did and said. It only made me wonder why it seemed I wasn't under control anymore. I didn't know what was wrong with me. All I knew was that sometimes I couldn't help myself from doing or saying certain things. Including the shocking Project Deva Eye. I knew that, too."

Gong Jie nodded. "Then why did it eventually go out of control?"

The boy replied. "Alice hypnotized me. She entered my hypnotic world and discovered my second personality. In fact, erasing the memory merely sealed my first personality in hypnosis. From that point on, the second personality was completely out of control. I tried to suppress it, too. Gradually, however, I lost control."

Gong Jie was silent for a moment, then suddenly asked with a grave expression, "Actually, there is a treatment plan. Gong Fan is willing to sleep and go to the Land of the Dead. Are you willing to..."

"I'm not willing to."

The boy cut him off. Although he said it casually, the man could tell he was shaking.

Gong Jie felt sorry for him for a moment.

"Actually, I used to loathe him, but then I realized I was the one who created him. I forced all my painful memories on him so that I could be at ease. He, on the other hand, has always carried so much. He's a part of me, too. Why should I destroy him?"

The man remained silent.

The boy studied him for a moment, the spark in his eyes fading.

"I know you're worried about me and I thank you for that."

Disgusted, the man ruffled his hair. "Why are you being so polite with me? You're not cute at all." He crouched down and looked into the boy's eyes. "What are you going to do when you grow up and fall for a woman he doesn't like?" he asked, only half-joking.

The boy blushed, feeling a little frustrated. "Do we have to think so far ahead now?"

“Of course. Actually, it’s not far away at all. People have emotions and desires. When you enter your teenage years, when your heart is stirred, it’s inevitable that there will be girls you like. What will you do if he doesn’t like them and rejects them?”

The boy, however, was clearly unconcerned.

“I find it hard to imagine falling for someone. Do I have to live with my wife when I get married?”

“How would it be otherwise?”

Gong Jie countered, “Do you want to stick to your mommy forever?”

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“I find it hard to imagine falling for someone. Do I have to live with my wife when I get married?”

“How would it be otherwise?”

Gong Jie countered, “Do you want to stick to your mommy forever?”

The boy hesitated. “If Daddy doesn’t mind!”

“I’m sure he minds.”

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“Who doesn’t want some time alone with the woman he loves!” For once, Gong Jie was making a stand for Mu Yazhe. “Don’t tell me you’ll grow up to be a mommy’s boy!”

“I don’t know. Isn’t it a good thing, being a mommy’s boy?”

“Mommy’s boys are much despised people. If you do that, it will inevitably cause a war between mother and daughter-in-law!”

The boy’s lips twitched. “Uncle, you’re not even married. Why are you thinking about what happens after I’m married?”

His brother snorted in disapproval. “I’m just worried about you!”

“Uncle, don’t worry about me. It’s better to mind your own lifelong affairs.”

The man smiled faintly at that. “I think it is better to be alone and at ease. I have no interest in women.”

“Oh?” The boy’s interest was piqued and he felt rather nosy. “You actually do like men, don’t you?”

Gong Jie frowned and glanced at him. “You seem very nosy about my love life.”

“Get over it! Stop worrying about other people’s judgment,” the boy assured him with an old pat on the shoulder. “Our society’s very open these days, and it’s not uncommon for men to like men. There’s freedom to love, and people of the same gender can fall in love.”

Gong Jie’s eyelids twitched violently again. It was hard to imagine that such words would come from a ten-year-old child!

It was extremely out of place.

The man suddenly changed the topic. “Alice recently took in a girl who, like you, has multiple personalities. She’s eighteen. Apparently, she plans to start with this girl’s condition and take a deeper dive into this area of work.”

The boy was surprised to hear this. “Multiple personalities?”

“Uh huh.”

“Can I ... see her?”

Gong Jie raised an eyebrow. “Why do you want to see her?”

“Can’t I see her?” The boy pouted indignantly.

The man couldn’t dissuade him. “Okay. I’ll take you there when you’re on vacation.”

“Uh huh.” The boy paused, then mysteriously made a gesture to shush the man. “Don’t tell Gong Fan about this, in case he gets sensitive.”

“Got it.”

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Lucy, the girl Alice had mentioned, was being held at Michel Hospital in Miami.

The reason she was in custody was that there was a berserker among Lucy’s personalities. As a result, Lucy had at one time been viewed as dangerous, and thus was heavily monitored and completely deprived of her personal freedom.

Before Alice took over, Lucy had been Professor Romanka’s patient. Professor Romanka was a living textbook in the fields of psychology and psychiatry. More than that, he was an honorary professor at Michel Hospital. His work in the fields of psychology and psychiatry were regarded as authoritative.

Lucy had been locked up in Michel and was not allowed any visitors. If it hadn’t been for Alice’s connection, it would have been impossible to meet her. Before flying to Miami, Alice had repeatedly warned Gong Jie not to reveal that Youyou had a split personality disorder when he saw Professor Romanka.

“This guy is crazy. You have to be careful.”

Even though he didn’t know why Alice had warned him about this, he agreed unconditionally.

Alice had always been in possession of the boy’s medical report.

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Alice had never dared to reveal anything, for fear that it would go against the boy.

Gong Jie and the boy arrived at Michel Hospital. For some reason, when the boy got out of the car and saw the magnificent and dignified entrance, his eyelids twitched and he felt uneasy.

There was something awfully oppressive about this hospital. It was like a prison.

Children are especially sensitive. Especially kids like Youyou. All in all, the hospital made a very bad first impression on him. He couldn't put his finger on it. This hospital felt eerie.

"Like a haunted mansion." Youyou muttered under his breath.

Gong Jie smiled at that. "It's more like a private research center for Professor Romanka than a hospital."

"Research center?" A chill went down the boy's spine at that. "What kind of research?"

"Studying people with multiple personalities, like Lucy, of course."

"This Professor Romanka isn't using Lucy and those patients with multiple personalities for human experimentation, is he?"

"Anyway, according to Alice, Professor Romanka's methods are appalling. He's the one who advocated electric shock therapy. However, it was banned because it was so inhumane."

The boy suddenly sympathized with Lucy.

They walked down a long corridor that seemed to go on forever, with no end in sight. There was a row of floor-to-ceiling windows of stained glass in the style of a church. They were colorful and felt as though they had something to do with some mysterious religion.

For some odd reason, the brightly-colored facade felt even more oppressive than a black and white image. Youyou held his uncle's hand tightly, feeling strangely uneasy. He was the one who had suggested coming to take a look, but now, he wanted to retreat.

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Gong Jie sensed his unease and tightened his grip on the boy's hand. The warmth of his palm gave the child a sense of security somewhat.

"Are you scared?" Gong Jie was rather surprised.

The boy nodded, then shook his head, clearly conflicted. He had been turning to stare at the French windows, when Alice's voice suddenly came from behind him.

"Stop staring at the window."

Startled, Gong Jie and the boy turned to see Alice, dressed in a white coat, walking towards them. "Stop staring at the patterns on the windows," she said, motioning to them.

“Why?” The boy was the first to question. “Is there something wrong with this window?”

Alice smiled a little and asked in return, “Don’t you feel uncomfortable staring at it?” she asked.

The boy was stunned!

“You...”

“You probably want to ask me how I know?”

“Uh huh.” Indeed! Staring at the patterns on the glass did make the boy feel uncomfortable. Suppressed, even.

“Don’t you think the image is familiar?” Alice stroked his head.

The boy shook his head. After a brief silence, he said, “It does seem familiar, but I can’t place it.”

“Apparently, it’s a world painted by one of Lucy’s personalities.”

“What does it mean?”

Alice explained, “She said that the paintings she painted were images of the Land of the Dead.”

The boy was taken aback as he suddenly recalled. No wonder he felt oppressed staring at the paintings. On the way to the Land of the Dead, one would pass through such a world. It was colorful and dazzling. Then, one would arrive at a black sea.