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“What exactly happened? Tell me quickly.”

“Everyone suspects that it was Gong Fan who stabbed her. That day, for some reason, Gong Fan lost control of his emotions and was sent to the hospital for emergency treatment after he accidentally ate too many painkillers.”

Gong Jie told him everything that had happened, in detail.

“But don’t worry. Your mommy is fine now. Otherwise, I won’t be standing here so calmly.”

Deep down, Youyou knew that his uncle cared as much about her as he did.

He listened, calmed, and lowered his head. It was impossible to know exactly what he was thinking.

Gong Jie asked tentatively, “What do you think?”

“I think this matter is very strange. I’m quite certain it was not Gong Fan’s personality who stabbed Mommy. However, it’s impossible in split personality... unless other personalities are residing in my body? If that’s the case, I can’t be sure if those personalities are dangerous.”

“That is why we brought you back to the Hurricane Group. Alice is working with Romanka to find a treatment.”

Youyou looked even more somber now. He leaned against the railing a little forlornly and frowned.

“What did Alice say?”

“She hasn’t said anything to me. There doesn’t seem to be any progress.”

“Well...”

Gong Jie was surprised to note that the boy did not suspect Gong Fan. “Don’t you think that Gong Fan could have been the one to do this?”

“Impossible.”

“Why?”

The boy breathed deeply. “He cares about Mommy as much as you and I do. I’m different from him, in that there are others whom I care about besides Mommy. He, on the other hand, doesn’t care about anyone else but Mommy. How could he do anything to hurt her? No way.” The boy trusted Gong Fan far more than anyone else.

Since he was already on this island, it meant that he would probably have to cooperate with the treatment for some time. He would not be able to go back.

So be it, since he was here. He would go along with everything planned.

However, he insisted on one thing. If the treatment plan involved destroying Gong Fan’s personality, he would not be willing to go along with it. He felt that if Gong Fan died, his own soul would be incomplete.

Gong Fan and he were one. His ideal treatment would be one that would allow the two personalities to fuse tacitly. This way, it would be good, whether for him or Gong Fan. During this time, Gong Fan and Youyou's personalities took turns manifesting several times.

Two weeks later, Romanka finally emerged from his room and told Alice that he would like to carry out a hypnosis experiment.

When he mentioned hypnosis, Alice became cautious. Romanka understood her concerns, so he indicated that Alice was welcome to be present during the process.

"What kind of hypnosis test is it?"

"I want to create an illusion through hypnosis, and I wish to use hypnosis to summon Gong Fan's and Youyou's personalities to meet each other."

Romanka paused, then said, "But, in the course of hypnosis, we can't rule out other personalities making an appearance in the dreamscape."

"That's ... dangerous!" Alice realized the dangerous nature of this experiment.

If other more dangerous personalities appeared in this dream and harmed Youyou and Gong Fan, as outsiders, they would not be able to interfere at all.

Romanka nodded. "Any experiment comes with risks before they become established. I must make that clear to you as well. But there is no other way. This experiment is an imperative."

Alice nodded, and prudently sought permission from Youyou and Gong Fan.

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That evening, Alice took the Youyou to the laboratory and waited for Romanka.

Sitting in the lab, the boy was clearly uneasy. He confirmed again, "In this hypnosis, I'll be able to see Gong Fan, right?"

"Yes."

Youyou was suddenly nervous. Before this, he had learned through Alice that there were other personalities inhabiting his body. That meant that the chances of encountering other personalities in the dreamscape would be very high. In other words, he could very well run into the other personalities before he met Gong Fan.

"Can you be sure that the people I see in my dream when under hypnosis are my other personalities?"

"Yes."

"Then, if that personality looks like the others, how would I be able to tell?"

He asked, because Gong Fan had written in his diary that he had dreamed of people who looked exactly like Youyou trying to hunt him down.

Gong Fan had previously suspected that this person was Youyou, but after knowing that there might be other personalities residing in this body, he had become suspicious of them. Perhaps this personality who looked exactly like Youyou was someone else.

Youyou then suspected that there were two personalities inside the body who looked exactly like them.

Multiple personalities might look the same, but the chances of them being different were higher. For example, there was a patient with a dozen personalities residing in his body. However, these personalities had different faces. There were blond girls, middle-aged men, and even FBI detectives, and they each played different roles.

Alice's head began to throb. "Your condition is a little more complicated, Youyou, so I can't say for certain who you'll meet in this hypnosis session, but it's always good to be on the alert."

"Why do you say that?"

Alice's expression was a grim one. "Because, in a dream, any personality other than yours will disappear completely if it is fatally damaged."

"..."

The boy quickly realized what she meant and shuddered.

He had not expected this experiment to be so risky and began to feel afraid. "You mean that if someone kills Gong Fan in my dream, Gong Fan's personality will really disappear completely...?"

"That's right."

"What about me?"

"You won't disappear! You must always remember that!" Alice was suddenly agitated.

Youyou was startled by her jumpiness.

"First, you must remember that you are the primary personality. In your dreams, no matter what attacks you encounter, you will never disappear. You will never be destroyed! No matter what harm you suffer, even if it feels real, you must not believe it. Otherwise..."

"Otherwise what?"

"Otherwise you'll never be able to wake up and the other personalities will take over your body."

The boy gasped in spite of himself.

"If you believe that you're dead, your personality will subconsciously think that you're dead, like what happened previously. You'll fall into a deep sleep. At that point, if something happens to you and Gong Fan, the other undesirable personalities will occupy your body. It'll be extremely difficult to enter the hypnosis to retrieve your personality. Therefore, you have to understand that no matter how badly you're damaged, you're different from Gong Fan. You'll never be destroyed!"

Youyou nodded gravely, his heart heavy for some reason. "I understand. I'll do my best to protect Gong Fan."

Alice was greatly amused at that. "Silly boy. You just have to protect yourself."

"But as you said, even if I were to die in the dream, I will still exist in reality. On the other hand, Gong Fan's existence would be in danger. I have to protect him!"

Upon hearing this, Alice was silent for a moment. For some reason, she thought of Yun Shishi's earlier concerns. She couldn't help but ask indirectly, "If there came a day when everyone would choose to give up Gong Fan, what... would you choose?"

"Why would we give him up?"

"..."

Youyou seemed confused. "I'll never give up Gong Fan. He's another me. He's the other half of my soul. If he disappears, I will be incomplete, no matter how good I am."

Alice nodded, gratified, and scratched the bridge of his nose. "You're such a gentle child, Youyou."

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Soon, Professor Romanka arrived with some necessary instruments for hypnosis. He entered the room and approached the boy. "Are you ready?" he asked with concern.

"Yes."

"Here's a cup of milk tea." Professor Romanka handed the boy a cup. "Drink this. It has a small dose of sedatives. Just a little."

Before entering the hypnosis experiment, it was necessary for Youyou to take some sedatives. Otherwise, if a person was extremely awake, it would be difficult for him to enter hypnosis in a good state.

As the boy took a sip of milk tea, Romanka set up a dim yellow lamp and switched it on. He went to the window and drew the curtains. The large room was suddenly plunged into pitch darkness, save the weak light that came from the lamp before Youyou.

After drinking the milk tea, the boy didn't feel much, and he wasn't very sleepy. He had enough sleep to begin with, so he was wide awake.

Professor Romanka sat down in front of him and greeted him in a friendly manner.

"Hello, Youyou. I'm Romanka."

He held out his hand to the boy as if greeting a gentleman.

The boy shook his outstretched hand gently and smiled. "How do you do?"

"We will soon begin our experiment. Are you ready?"

"Yes."

“Okay, then, let me tell you a story. First, lean back in your chair and relax. Yes, good...”

He settled the boy down. Then, in a softer voice, he said, “Don’t breathe too hard. Be quiet... Quieter... Slowly adjust your breathing frequency...”

He set a metronome on the table, adjusted it, and instructed the boy to adjust his breathing to the rhythm.

Romanka proceeded to tell him a story.

It was a very dry fairy tale.

The boy wondered what the point of Romanka telling this story was. Wasn’t this supposed to be a hypnosis experiment? Why was he telling a story?

However, only Alice knew that Romanka’s hypnosis had officially begun without the boy realizing!

In the dark and quiet room, with the dim yellow lamp and Romanka’s deep voice, the sedative in the milk tea began to quietly take effect...

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The boy did not know when he had lost consciousness. When he woke again, he found himself in a large hospital ward. The reason he recognized the ward was that when he opened his eyes, all he could see was a blanket of white. He could even smell disinfectant.

His head was spinning. It took him a moment to adjust and realize that he was in the world that Romanka had created for the hypnosis.

Was this the dreamscape? Or some dimension of space?

He remembered Alice telling him that he needed to be on guard against anyone he met in this world. What might appear here could be the dangerous personality living in seclusion in his body!

The boy was immediately on the alert. He rolled out of bed, looked around to make sure there was no one else in this ward, and began to search the room.

The ward was huge and well-equipped. Apart from the normal facilities in the hospital, which included potions, needles...

The boy actually felt a chill. He was especially afraid of such spaces. He had been in the hospital much of the time as a child and he hated such an environment. Now that he was in such a space, it was inevitable that his heart started to pound.

Professor Romanka had said that he would summon Gong Fan’s personality over as well. However, if Gong Fan appeared, the other personalities might also appear. Moreover, he wouldn’t be able to tell if the person who would appear was Gong Fan or someone else.

Casually picking up a scalpel from the trolley, the boy went to the door and cautiously pushed it open. Beyond lay a vast, empty hallway.

On either side, there was a long corridor. From his angle, it was impossible to tell where the corridor ended.

Each corridor corresponded to a row of floor-to-ceiling windows. However, strangely, while the sunlight outside was clearly so bright and warm, it had difficulty getting through the windows. It was as though it had been obstructed by an invisible barrier, so that the long corridor seemed especially dark.

Youyou went to the window and pushed it open. The strong wind rushed in. He looked down and was shocked to see that the floor he was on was more than ten meters above the ground. From the looks of it, it was about five stories high.

The boy shut the window and looked around. After much deliberation, he decided to head towards the right.

“Because I’m Youyou!” he muttered to himself, referring to his own name, which sounded similar to the word for ‘right’ in Chinese... an attempt at humor in a stark situation.

As he walked, he suddenly heard footsteps overlapping his own.

He had a very acute sense of hearing. The boy stopped dead in his tracks, alert, his back to the wall, trying to listen carefully for exactly where the footsteps were coming from. Even more chilling was the fact that when he stopped, the footsteps stopped instantly.

Could it be an echo of his own footsteps? Could he have been so sensitive that he mistook the echo of his own footsteps for the footsteps of others?

Impossible...

Those footsteps were much faster than his own.

The boy took a deep breath, forcing himself to calm down quickly.

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Alice had once said that no matter what happened to him in the dream, he was the main personality and could never be destroyed! Perhaps for that reason, he became fearless and emboldened.

He braced himself against the wall, lifted his feet a little to take a step, and listened carefully for an echo.

There was none.

That reassured him. He ventured out again, and began to walk.

However, before long, the strange footsteps returned and overlapped with his own.

The boy could tell that the sound was coming from behind him. He pretended to walk calmly. Then he turned abruptly and looked behind him!

In the distance, a shadow flashed past the end of the corridor. Clearly, the shadow was also highly alert. After sensing his discovery, it had quickly ducked into a room along the corridor.

The door to that ward did not open, so the dark figure seemed to press himself against it, deliberately curling himself up.

Suddenly, Youyou's limbs went cold. This person... was obviously following him. But what was his purpose of following him?

Youyou took half a step back, suspecting the identity of the shadowy figure.

Could it be... Gong Fan?

The boy cautiously called out, "Gong... Fan?!"

Nothing happened for a while. He stared in that direction as he slowly backed away, trying to lure him out. As he moved, the dark figure heard his footsteps and seemed to think that he had left, so it reappeared.

Youyou saw the shadow appearing slowly at the end of the long corridor. Despite the distance, he could feel the figure's eyes meet his. He could not see the figure's face clearly, but he could tell that the dark figure was also slightly startled.

"Gong Fan, is that you?" He spoke a little louder.

The dark figure paused, slowed a little, and walked towards him.

Could it really be Gong Fan? Nervously, the boy started toward him. Halfway there, however, he felt the shadow quicken its pace.

That's not right...! He was not Gong Fan! Gong Fan was about the same height as him, but this dark figure was rather tall!

From what he could see, the boy guessed that the shadowy figure was a grown man, perhaps more than six feet tall! How could Gong Fan be so tall!? He was not Gong Fan. Who was he then?

The boy suddenly remembered the dangerous personality Professor Romanka had mentioned. Could this be him?

Oh no! Could this be another personality?

The boy took a few steps back, then realized the shadow had quickened its pace and was heading in his direction. Not good, he thought, then he turned around and started running!

As he hastened his pace, the shadow behind him increased its pace too. Instantly, the boy broke out in a cold sweat. Barely daring to look back, he strode out and ran, not knowing where he was heading.

And now, the huge hospital had become the battlefield for this chase. In the immense space, he hardly had time to consider where the exit might be. Seeing that the door to a room was open, he rushed in without thinking and turned around to lock the door.

He nervously leaned back against the wall, listening to the approaching footsteps. Immediately, it seemed to stop as it came up to the door, as though it was trying to make a decision.

The boy held his breath in fear that it would break in!

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Who exactly is this man? Earlier, when they had looked at each other from a distance, the boy had clearly sensed a murderous intent in his eyes.

As he held his breath, Youyou was distinctly aware of the man outside trying the doorknob> Then, realizing that it was locked from the inside, he turned and walked away. As the footsteps faded, the boy let out a long sigh of relief.

“Finally gone.” He leaned back against the door and turned around, realizing with a start that there was someone else in the room.

It was a large ward. The boy had entered quietly, but was surprised to see someone sitting on the bed.

It was a girl. About 15 or 16 years of age, she had long black hair and a delicate face. She actually bore a slight resemblance to Yun Shishi.

She sat leaning back on the bed and was staring out of the window, her gaze so blank it was as if she wasn't even aware of his presence all this while. She was sitting on the bed in a hospital gown, hugging her knees, looking weak and pitiful.

Perhaps because of the girl, Youyou's wariness lessened somewhat. But, at the same time, he was puzzled.

Why was such a girl in his dreams?

Could this be one of his personalities?

The boy looked doubtful. “Who are you?”

“What?” She was startled by the sound of his voice.

The girl looked up at him, seemingly a little lost. When she saw that it was Youyou, her breathing smoothed out a little. “Who ... who are you?”

“My name is Youyou.”

“Youyou?” The girl tilted her head. Clearly the name was a little too foreign to her.

“My name is Shanshan.”

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The girl looked up at him suspiciously as she spoke.

“Who are you? I’ve never seen you before.”

“I...” Unsure how to explain, Youyou immediately changed the subject. “Are you alone? No other family?”

“There is.” Shanshan didn’t think too much about it, nor did she seem to notice that Youyou was trying to change the subject. She answered his question. “I have a sister called Ranran.”

“Ranran?”

“Yeah. But ... she bullies me all the time, so ... I’m a little scared of her. If you see her, you don’t need to tell her I’m here. I don’t want to see her.”

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“In other words, the various people in Youyou’s childhood memories become shadows of the personalities in him?” Alice touched her nose gently as she came to this conclusion.

Professor Romanka nodded. “Something like that.”

After the boy had fallen asleep, Romanka put the brain monitor on him while he checked the boy’s physical status in his dreams. Moreover, he could also monitor the emerging personality situation.

Through the tests, Alice found that the boy’s brain waves alternated between quick and slow, calm and agitated...

The agitated pattern represented fear.

Alice wondered what in God’s name the boy had seen in his dream to cause such an emotional upheaval.

She sighed. “If only I could get into his dreams.”

“If you interfere now, I’m afraid the boy will go mad.”

“Go mad?” Alice was incredulous. “Is there some scientific basis for this?”

“For example, right now, the boy’s emotional state is like a few well-ordered highways, and the different personalities are like speeding cars on the highway. If you interfere, what happens when the cars reverse into other highways?”

“Collision.”

“A disturbed state of mind leads to disorder. Therefore, the consequences would be unthinkable. Of course, it wouldn’t be the same for everyone, but it’s not recommended to interfere, just in case.”

“I understand.”

Romanka’s explanation was easy to understand so she could easily follow what he was trying to illustrate.

Alice sat down in a chair not far from the boy, feeling rather defeated. “What you mean is that now we can only watch and do nothing more.”

“Yes. This is deep hypnosis. Unlike the superficial hypnosis you had performed before, you cannot interfere with this. You can only wait and see.”

“Is it possible to wake him up?”

“Yes, but only through professional means.”

Alice was still uneasy. Because she was not an authority in this field like Romanka, she might not be able to detect it if he secretly did something out of line. That was why she felt uneasy.

Even now, she could not be 100 percent at ease with Romanka. But there was nothing she could do at the moment except turn to him.

She could only say a silent prayer for things to go smoothly.

Romanka sat down beside her. He knew in his heart that Alice doubted him and therefore she was reluctant to leave. However, he didn't mind. He was willing to offer a treatment plan for the boy because it would benefit his research if he could cure him.

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Alice stared at the boy in silence. She kept her expression neutral, but inside she was praying that both he and Gong Fan would be able to get through this in one piece.

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Youyou woke suddenly that night.

His waking was a pleasant surprise to Alice. She could hardly contain herself. There were so many questions she wanted to ask, but because he had only just woken up, she forced herself to calm down.

“How do you feel, Youyou? Do you feel better, more awake?”

“Be quiet for a moment.” Romanka motioned for her to be quiet, then brought a glass of milk and held it out to the boy.

However, the little one looked up and around. He first muttered to himself, “Where am I?” Then he turned back and gave her a long look, but he was clearly puzzled.

“I... am not Youyou.”

“...” Alice and Romanka were stunned.

Seeing their strange expressions, Gong Fan couldn't help but worry. “What's wrong with Youyou? Did something happen?”

“What ... what's going on?” Alice exchanged a worried glance with Romanka. She seemed impatient.

“Where... is Youyou?”

Romanka had not expected this turn of events as well. After all, no matter what the experiment, there would always be unexpected twists and turns. Now, he had encountered a tricky matter.

He had hypnotized Youyou, hoping that the boy would go deep into the dream and find Gong Fan. Moreover, by working together in the dream, the two boys could explore the potential personalities in his body.

However, there was still an hour to go before he should wake up.

What caught Romanka and Alice off guard was that it was Gong Fan who had woken up!

That meant Youyou was trapped in the dream.

If the boy wanted to wake up, he would probably not be able to return now that Gong Fan was occupying his body.

Romanka and Alice exchanged worried glances.

Gong Fan sized them up with a strange expression and asked nervously, "What's going on?"

"Well... we were originally conducting an experiment." Romanka told him everything he wanted to know about the purpose of the experiment.

Gong Fan was smart and immediately understood their intentions. In addition, he had heard Alice mention it by chance before. She wanted to do such an experiment. He accepted it gladly. Alice had said that the ideal state for Youyou was to have two of his best personalities—Youyou and Gong Fan—merging with each other. That would be the best outcome.

He agreed with the plan too. Except...

"In other words, if I suddenly wake up in this experiment and take over the body, Youyou won't be able to return, is that right?"

Alice said hesitantly, "That's... that's the theory. But it shouldn't matter."

"No, there is danger."

Suddenly, however, Romanka interrupted Alice. "This time, Youyou shouldn't be sleeping as much as usual. I had hypnotized him into the XY dimension, hoping he'll locate other personalities. When the time comes, he'd better return. If he stays in that dimension too long, I'm afraid those dangerous personalities will surface and harm him."

Alice was skeptical. "The dominant personality never goes away, isn't that so?"

Gong Fan also looked at Romanka in confusion.

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"Can you be sure?" Romanka questioned, "Although I also firmly believe that the primary personality will never disappear, there is always a chance. Although this chance is only a chance, once it happens, it will be an irrevocable ending!"

Alice winced fiercely and became even more nervous. "So what do we do now?"

Gong Fan suggested, "Why don't you hypnotize me and I'll go to that world too?"

“No way.” Romanka said, “You were already in that world. Even without hypnosis, you’d find yourself in that world. However, if you undergo hypnosis frequently, your mental strength will decline greatly.”

Gong Fan insisted, “If I can’t undergo hypnosis repeatedly, then I’ll try to fall asleep myself. Will that work?”

Romanka encouraged the boy, “Why don’t you try!”

Gong Fan nodded, lay back in his chair and closed his eyes. However, the stronger a purpose one had, the more active the surface layer of the brain was, so it was harder to fall asleep. Gong Fan couldn’t will himself into falling asleep and started to feel a little anxious. He tossed and turned, and his consciousness only became clearer.

Romanka sighed, too, seeing that he was pushing it too far. “Don’t push yourself too hard if you just can’t sleep.”

Gong Fan opened his eyes, which were now bloodshot. “I’m worried ... I’m worried about him.”

Alice asked, “Do you remember where you were before you woke up?”

“I think... it’s on an island.”

“An island?”

Alice was puzzled. “What’s on the island, do you remember?”

“Let me think.” Gong Fan pursed his lips and thought hard, trying to recall the scene before he woke up.

“It seems... There’s a very beautiful manor.”

“A manor?”

“Uh huh. But, outside the manor, there were other things, but I usually just stay in the estate and don’t venture out.”

“Just you alone?” Romanka became alert. “Do you see anyone else?”

“No others. Just me. The island sits in the sea, it has a harbor, and I don’t know what else is outside the manor estate, and I’ve never walked out of it.”

“Well...”

“Oh, I remember. There is a car.” Gong Fan frowned. “I remember trying to open the door to drive out, but the car seemed to be locked. I couldn’t find the key, so I didn’t bother after that.”

In his memory, even though there was no butler, servants, or maids in the manor, everything seemed to be in order and well taken care of.

The manor grounds were abloom with Chinese roses.

They were Yun Shishi’s favorite flowers, and they seemed to have projected themselves into the dreamscape as well.

Alice was at her wits’ end, when Romanka suddenly asked, “Are you hungry?”

Gong Fan was stunned. “Yes, I’m a little hungry...”

“Let’s have something to eat!”

“But...” Gong Fan was puzzled by the man’s calmness. “What about Youyou?”

“At the moment, there’s no good solution. We can only wait for you to fall asleep and proceed from there! Waiting here might not change anything!”

Alice had thought of something else, but after much deliberation, there was really no solution. Perhaps the best thing to do was to have a meal first..

As Romanka stood up, he mentioned, as if by accident, “If you’re always in the manor, you might as well find a way to locate your car keys and go out. You might make some progress.”

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After a short rest following dinner, Alice got Gong Fan to play tennis for a while.

Previously, when Gong Fan was recuperating on Acklan Island, Alice would play tennis with him for half a day whenever she came to the island. Firstly, the exercise was good physical training for him, and secondly, she wanted him to have a hobby or two.

Unexpectedly, Gong Fan actually got hooked on tennis. At the time, Alice wasn’t around every day. When she wasn’t around, Gong Fan would ask Lisa to play with him.

Now, Gong Fan knew that Alice was making him play tennis to exhaust his excess energy so that he could fall asleep more easily later.

Gong Jie and Lisa turned up as well, just as Alice was almost spent. It had been a long time since she’d had such intense exercise, given most of her time was spent in the lab. So, after a few rounds, she was trying hard to catch her breath.

Gong Jie saw the two of them playing tennis and became interested. Coincidentally, Alice was taking a break, so he took the tennis racket from her and asked Gong Fan if he needed to rest.