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People know more than this world when they grow up. Those dreams and expectations are faded away by the reality.

The thing we once admired, once loved, once expected, is going away, but they won't be destroyed. They are hiding in the bottle of our heart, protected by a solid wall. They won't be invaded and attacked by the reality. They are our expected garden; they are weird and ridiculous sometimes, but they bring us happiness and motivation.

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A club of teenager is trying hard to carry stuff into a van. They're dressed very grandiloquent. Each of them is laughing, and their faces are filled with happiness.

Once you're familiar with the style in society, you can easily recognize they're cosplaying. Further, if you're familiar with the modern culture, you'll know which character they're cosplayed as in popular novels.

A petite girl in a lotus flower dress with a round face. She isn't the queen type, but she's very cute. She's the most active person in this club. People say she's cute when they meet her. Compared to her, the second main female role Phoenix, named Faerie, is quiet and cool. On her pretty face, there's no expression.

A handsome boy claps, laughs and yells: “we did very good in the show; we will go to the Sea restaurant later. I will pay for everyone’s dinner. None of you guys can use any excuse to leave early.”

Everyone agrees and becomes excited. The atmosphere is lively. They surround the handsome boy like the stars envelops the moon, showering him with kind words. A few people starts to list cuisines they want to eat. They’re obviously hungry.

Xu Le smiles quietly and moves the last box into the handcart. He smiles and looks over for a good seat in the vehicle, the handsome boy sees him and approaches with a smile as bright as sunshine, softly says: “Xu Le. Thank you for your hard work for the club. You’re supposed to have dinner with us, but there are too many goods and people in the car. There’s no space for you. Can you leave, so we can have better comfortable seatings?”

Xu Le stiffly smiles, and takes a look at those people who are leaving fast, including the actress with no expression, Phoenix. Her name is Qi Lei. She seem like she’s not interested to see him from the tree she’s leaning on with her eyes closed. Perhaps, she’s taking a rest.

Xu Le turns his head. With a thoughtful expression, he smilingly tells his friend, “I need to go home early tonight. I can’t go with you guys. So, I’ll be on my way, bye.”

Xu Le waves at the group, but he finds out quickly — no one is looking at him. His movements were in vain. He slowly drops his hand, unwilling to leave his group.

As Xu Le is gone far away, the group of people blow up laughing. Someone speaks loudly: “that fat man likes Qu Lei, and tries to chase her. The reason he joined our club is to be close with Qu Lei. He doesn’t even know who we’re cosplaying as tonight, right?”

Someone started the topic, and others continue this talking, laughs out: “Look at his silly face. He’s so fat like a pig. It’s impossible that Qu Lei would like him back. Qu Lei more fit for our leader!”

The Phoenix actress, Qu Lei hears those sentences, frowns and says: “I have nothing with Gao Wen Hu. Please stop talking about me and him. I have

something to do. I need to leave now, and I can't have dinner with you guys. Bye."

Qu Lei leaves without explanations. She leaves quickly; even she forgets to change her costume.

The handsome boy who's going to pay for the dinner, Gao Wen Hu, is the leader of this cosplay club. His face becomes dark. With a word, he gets into the vehicle. The atmosphere becomes real bad. Some people start to blame Xu Le, curses at him and continues to bad mouth him.

Xu Le wipes his hands. He's somewhat unhappy. Qu Lei and him were classmates in junior high school. At the time of admission, he was attracted to her personalities. However, he was different from her, and he was also fat. He couldn't be allowed to cosplay. In her eyes, even if he struggled a lot, he still couldn't get her attention.

This time, he was suffering their treatment. He spent lots of time and energy contributing, but he couldn't get respect from the club.

The event was set at the Exhibition Center. It's far away from the house. When he calculates how long it takes to get back home, he puts his hand into his pocket. He's shocked.

"Oh shit! I forgot my wallet in my house. I can't take the subway now!"

Xu le plans to go back to the club; he wants to ask them to give him a ride back home. At that moment, the car drives pass in front of him. There's no time for him to stop them, and the car leaves him with some grey smoke. Xu Le becomes depress.

"It seems like I have to walk back home. It's about 12 miles here. I wonder if I can back home on time or not."

He wipes his hands again. There's no other choice; the only method is to walk.

Four hours later, the sky turns dark completely. He's still on his way back home. The good news is, he's physical endurance isn't bad. He frequently benefits from tough exercises.

In junior high school, he chased Qu Lei. Qu Lei told him; "I don't like fat boy. If

you can reduce your weight to 132 lbs, I'll think about it." From then on, he started his three years training regime to lose weight.

Jogging in the morning and evening every day; doing push-up during the rest of the classes; even jumping through the stage for the training, those were his routine. His classmates made fun of his weird action, but he never thought about giving up.

However, by the maturity and the training, his body unbelievably grew along with his height. In grade two of junior high school, his height increased by eight inches. His height became 5'7", so his weight could not be reduced; instead, he weighed 200 lbs. Xu Le found basketball players were too thin and weak, so he took part in the basketball club. Of course, that was helpful for him. When he was in grade three of junior high, his height was increased to 6 feet. Even after losing a lot of weight, he was still 176 lbs. He was running to the opposite side of Qu Lei. Even though he had eight packs of abs, by his huge frame of bone and round face, he still looked like a fat boy.

Xu Le is tired. He's looking at the sky. He finds comfort from it because in his childhood, he loved to look up at the sky whenever he felt sad but in the city, he can rarely see the starry sky.

He looks down, but he feels uncomfortable. He looks up again, and he can see the stars are exceptionally beautiful.

The question is... in an environment full of pollution, how I can still see a starry sky like that?