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The main job of these “senior brothers” was to use their religious system to preside over various sacrifices and invocation ceremonies,

Thereby brainwashing and empowering their members,

Making them believe they were invulnerable to weapons—in reality,

It was all a lie.

However, not all senior disciples were mere charlatans.

Brovnen once encountered a senior disciple at the Boxer Rebellion’s southern altar,

A disciple who had one foot in the door of cultivation.

Although he had already attained enlightenment,

He was still required by Victoria to disguise himself as an ordinary peasant rebel and infiltrate the Boxers to gather intelligence.

After an internal ritual to invoke the gods,

This senior disciple, to boost morale, told everyone a story—a story about a special race before the end of the Dharma era.

He said that before the end of the Dharma era, when the world was still in the Bronze Age,

There were numerous cultivators.

The world of cultivators was filled with sects and powerful figures.

Their overall strength was many times greater than that of cultivators at the end of the Dharma era.

Ascension was commonplace.

Almost every sect had a Mahayana cultivator who successfully transcended tribulation and ascended,

Greatly boosts the confidence of other cultivators and strengthens their resolve.

At that time, cultivators were solely focused on cultivation and ascension.

In their eyes, mortals were like uncivilized savages,

So they had no time to concern themselves with worldly affairs.

At that time, until the end of the Dharma era,

Most cultivators lost their path to advancement and perished as their time to live approached.

Because cultivation was so difficult in the Dharma-ending Age,

The older generation of cultivators gradually dwindled,

And the new generation was even fewer,

This results in the swift depletion of the cultivator population's size and strength.

The surviving cultivators, seeking immortality and ascension, began searching for opportunities to survive.

However, immortality and ascension became increasingly difficult,

And many sects, with their last generation dying unwillingly in their pursuit of immortality,

Saw their thousand-year glory vanish completely into the annals of history.

But legend has it that a sect once found the final gate to ascension in the southernmost and coldest place in the world—perhaps the last hope for cultivators in the Dharma-ending Age.

Those who listened to the story with Brovnen at the time didn't believe their senior brother's words, dismissing it as a myth.

In their understanding, the further south one went,

The warmer it became.

The coldest place in the world must be in the far north, not the far south.

The peasants who joined the Boxer Rebellion in those days didn't know what the North or South Pole was.

They had never been abroad, or even more than a thousand kilometers from home.

They only knew that the north was freezing cold and the south was spring-like all year round.

Therefore, such a story contained a huge, counterintuitive flaw in their common sense.

Brovnen was different from others.

He could see through the cultivation level of that senior brother and knew that he was vastly different from those frogs in a well.

Therefore, he always felt that the other party's story might not be just empty talk.

Later, he heard from Western missionaries that there was indeed an extremely cold continent covered by glaciers at the southernmost point of the earth,

And that Western explorers had already set foot on that land many times at that time,

And even began to plan to explore the South Pole.

At that moment, he became even more convinced of the truth of that legend.

At the same moment, he regarded the South Pole as the ultimate goal of cultivation.

In the Dharma-ending Age,

He did not want to repeat the mistakes of Meng Changsheng and Victoria.

He wanted to find the gate of ascension and reach the heavens in one step.

And he never told this story to anyone, not even Victoria.

Now, Victoria had suddenly granted them a brief period of freedom,

And his cultivation was only one step away from opening his Niwan Palace.

In this world, apart from cultivators with higher cultivation levels than him,

The winds, waves, and extreme temperatures of nature could hardly harm him in the slightest.

Therefore, in his view, now was the perfect opportunity to go to Antarctica and explore.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!