

Ocean Lord 841

Chapter 841: Altering Perceptions, How Dare You Touch Someone From Our Elven Divine Realm?
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From the beginning to now, they had come to understand a few things.

The high and mighty Oceanic Divinities seemed unwilling to let this young human with boundless potential achieve divinity. They acted with a kind of arrogance that was so extreme, that they hardly considered whether their reasons were valid before hastily sending their divine realm troops to nip this bud in its growth.

Then, the commander of the divine realm troops, unable to breach the barrier, furiously resorted to hurling insults as if in a quarrel on the streets.

Watching the lively text broadcast on the scene, the emotions of players in the chat channel were stirred up as well.

“Damn, how shameless are these Oceanic Divinities? Seeing Big Boss Ji Chen about to become a god, they send troops to kill him off? Can they get any more shameless?”

“These Oceanic Divinities are a bunch of jokers. They are an embarrassment. We better not associate with this Oceanic Divine Lineage!”

“But the divine position Ji Chen is supposed to achieve should be within the Oceanic Divine Lineage. That’s over a dozen divinities. One is tough enough, let alone over a dozen!”

“True, even if he can withstand this time, as long as the Oceanic Divinities exist, there’s no way out.”

“Let’s not talk about the future. For now, although the barrier blocks those Oceanic Divine Realm troops, there’s no way to get rid of them. It’s not like he can stay inside forever, right?”

“No big deal, seeing Big Boss Ji Chen’s confident demeanor, he must have some ways to deal with it.”

Indeed, even if the Oceanic Divine Realm troops no longer attacked, just by staying outside, they could sever the connection with the outside world and the Ocean Crown, effectively stifling its growth.

And the commander of the Oceanic Divine Realm, seeing the barrier unbreakable for so long, had already begun to consider such strategies.

No matter what, it was necessary to suppress the growth of this human, otherwise, the longer they waited, the greater the cost needed to eliminate him!

Under the direct or indirect watch of everyone.

Ji Chen finally spoke slowly.

“Aren't you going to make a move? If you wait any longer, you might not get another chance.”

As his words fell, a dazzling rainbow light shone from the horizon, turning the entire sky into a riot of colors.

Then, beams of flowing rainbow descended from the sky, transforming into knights either riding divine elven steeds, clad in divine wooden armor, their demeanor fierce without anger, or archers riding divine blood eagles, wielding colorful divine bows.

Regiments of majestic knights and divine eagles formed an army in the sky, an imposing sight to behold.

The rainbow light connected into one.

At the forefront, the most brilliant rainbow light transformed into a goddess general, holding a green light spear, looking majestic.

It was none other than Penelope, who had previously infiltrated the Ocean Crown.

She looked at Ji Chen with a face full of surprise and confusion. “How did you know about us?”

“...The moment you entered the Ocean Crown, I already knew.”

“Impossible! My disguise is flawless, not even a demigod could recognize me, how could you possibly know!?”

Penelope had an expression of utter disbelief. She had carefully disguised herself and honestly pretended to be an ordinary elf living in the Ocean Crown for a while.

But remembering the hardships of this period, her heart felt sour.

However, she knew now was not the time to argue about this.

Penelope casually glanced at the Oceanic Divine Realm troops, now on high alert, her dark green eyes flashing with disdain.

The Oceanic Divine Lineage, which has been in decline for hundreds of thousands of years, really had stooped low. In order to prevent the birth of a new Oceanic Divinity, they actually dispatched their divine realm troops to besiege a human. It's truly a step backwards for them.

When it came to the divine realm troops of various divine lineages, their strength was also divided into several tiers, just like the strength of the divine lineages themselves.

The strongest naturally belonged to the divine realm troops of a few powerful divine lineages like the Elven Divine Lineage and the Light Divine Lineage, while the weakest were those of the Oceanic Divine Lineage.

To put it simply, although all divine realm troops belonged to the seventh tier, the Elven Divine Lineage and Light Divine Lineage's troops were seventh tier 9 stars, while the Oceanic Divine Realm troops were seventh tier 1 star.

The difference in strength was as vast as the heavens and the earth.

This disparity was partly due to the Oceanic Divine Realm having access to the least resources, but mostly it was because the Oceanic Divine Lineage was just too weak.

Despite having a considerable number of divinities, with a total of twelve, most of them were Lesser Gods, and they were the kind that barely made the cut as Lesser Gods.

There were only three Intermediate Gods, all of whom lack any distinctive traits or brilliance, possessing powers that rank very low.

For comparison, the Light Divine Lineage had only eleven divinities, even one less than the Oceanic Divine Lineage.

But it included four Lesser Gods, four Intermediate Gods, two Higher Gods, and one who, although a Higher God, surpasses the rest in power, the “Chief God of the Divine Lineage” — the Light Goddess, Alfe.

The Elven Divine Lineage boasted a total of fourteen divinities: five Lesser Gods, six Intermediate Gods, two Higher Gods, and one “Chief God of the Divine Lineage” similar in status to the Light Goddess — the Elf Mother Goddess, Eluvita.

The Oceanic Divine Lineage didn’t even have a single Higher God, and its core strength of Intermediate Gods was so weak, not to mention those floor-level Lesser Gods that some powerful demigods could easily match.

In two words:

They were a bunch of shameful gods!

In ancient times, the Oceanic Divine Lineage was as powerful as the Elven Divine Lineage and the Light Divine Lineage. Under the leadership of the dual “Chief Gods of the Divine Lineage” — the Lord of the Ocean and the Ocean Goddess, it was among the top in the many divine lineages that had not yet fallen due to the divine wars!

Now, its strength had fallen to the point where it could only compete with bottom-tier divine lineages like the Swamp Divine Lineage and the Highland Divine Lineage for some leftover resources in the void. To say it is barely clinging to life would not be an exaggeration.

This time, the Oceanic Divine Lineage’s action, which had crossed the bottom line of orderly divinities and was shameless, truly shocked her and reshaped her understanding.

To prevent this human from becoming a god and sharing their resources, they brazenly dispatched the divine realm troops to descend and besiege him.

Had they not considered the benefits that this human, once ascended to godhood, could bring to the Oceanic Divine Lineage?

Penelope’s previous disdain and scorn had already been washed away by what she had witnessed and learned during her hidden stay in the Ocean Crown.

She was certain that this human had boundless potential and would at least become a powerful Intermediate God after ascension.

But the more she thought about it, the more short-sighted the current Oceanic Divinities appeared, ready to kill such a promising seedling of divinity for a mere immediate gain. How ludicrous was that?

The Oceanic Divine Lineage deserved its decline!

Since the Oceanic Divine Lineage did not cherish such a promising seed of divinity, then their Elven Divine Lineage would not hold back.

Penelope clenched the divine power spear in her hand. If they could cleanly and efficiently deal with these weak Oceanic Divine Realm troops, perhaps this human would appreciate the help from the Elven Divine Lineage and might even consider joining them.

Lady Eluvita herself had said that if he wished to join the Elven Divine Lineage, they could even offer him a power of the Elven Divine Lineage as a gift!

Humph, she hadn't come forward when the Oceanic Divine Realm troops first attacked the Ocean Crown precisely for this reason. Providing help in desperate times was much better than adding decoration to what was already complete.

Waiting until the human was at his wit's end and then descending like divine soldiers to rescue him from dire straits would achieve the best effect.

Unlike Penelope, who was feeling smug inside, the Oceanic Divine Realm troops were now plunged into a state of panic, fear, and dread.

How could the Elven Divine Realm troops appear here? From their stance, they seemed to intend to help this human. How could this be possible?

The Elven Divine Realm troops were among the strongest in all the divine lineages, their combat strength was many times higher than theirs. If they were to take action against them, it was likely none of them would be able to escape today.

Upon this thought, the commander of the Oceanic Divine Realm troops was sweating profusely. He managed to calm himself down and respectfully addressed Penelope.

"Elven Divine Realm Commander, may I ask what brings you and your divine lord here? This human is an enemy of our Oceanic Divine Lineage. If you could facilitate our efforts to eliminate him, we would be immensely grateful, and I believe our god would also thank you for your help."

Penelope snapped back to reality, glancing at him with a sidelong look, and scoffed.

"And who do you think you are, daring to lay a hand on someone under the protection of our Elven Divine Lineage?"

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"Damn! I won't believe it if you told me Big Boss Ji Chen had no special dealings with the Elven Divine Lineage! To have the Elven Divine Lineage send troops down like this, standing up for him so domineeringly, this is just too cool!"

"I've long heard that Big Boss Ji Chen has some indescribable relationship with the Elven Empire's Queen, Laphia. Now, the answer is clear as day; it must be the Elven

Queen who reported to the Elven Divine Lineage, asking them to protect the Crown of the Ocean! (Confidently)”

“But I heard it was with the Elven Empire’s High Priestess, Herli? (Soybean question mark)”

“Why can’t it be both? (Squinting) Maybe there’s also a connection with some deity of the Elven Divine Lineage. Geez, Big Boss Ji Chen really knows how to live off the powerful.”

“I guess the Oceanic Divine Realm army’s faces must be black as charcoal by now. After all, they’re the divine realm’s army. How could they tolerate being scolded without any respect like this? If they were to back down now, it would be an embarrassment.”

As the players guessed, the face of the Oceanic Divine Realm’s commander turned as black as charcoal, his body trembling with anger. Since becoming the commander, he couldn’t recall how many years it had been since anyone dared to ignore and slander him like this, and yet, the person slandering him belonged to the Elven Divine Lineage.

Now, he had finally recognized her; this divine Elven was none other than Penelope, the chief bodyguard of the Elven Divine Lineage’s core god—Eluvita.

She was one of the most powerful demigods among the many divine lineages, even capable of rivaling some of the weaker Lesser Gods!

And for such a demigod, who served the Elven Mother Goddess, to suppress her power and come here, didn’t this signify the will of the Elven Mother Goddess?

Penelope, looking at the drastically changing expression of the Oceanic Divine Realm’s commander, arrogantly put her hands on her hips and tilted her head, saying,

“What, you have an objection?”

The Oceanic Divine Realm’s commander’s mouth twitched. He heard that the Elven Divine Lineage, relying on their powerful strength, was very arrogant. Now, seeing it with his own eyes, he realized the rumors were true.

He forced a smile, “Lady Penelope, this person is not an Elven, and his godhood is also a position within the Oceanic Divine Lineage. How could you say that he belongs to your Elven Divine Lineage? Could you be mistaken?”

“There’s no mistake. Can’t humans join the Elven Divine Lineage? If your own Oceanic Divine Lineage doesn’t cherish such a divine seed, then don’t blame our Elven Divine Lineage for stepping in,” Penelope said as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

“I’ll make it clear here, we in the Elven Divine Lineage are protecting Ji Chen. Stop talking so much. If you want to fight, then let’s start. If not, then scram.” “Elven Divine Lineage’s divine realm army, enter combat mode.”

At her command, the Elven Divine Realm army raised their spears, nocked their arrows, and with a stern expression, took up a stance as if ready to charge.

This caused the Oceanic Divine Realm army to immediately stir, panic-stricken eyes turning to their commander.

The commander’s expression darkened, knowing that this time, they couldn’t deal with Ji Chen. Finally, through gritted teeth, he squeezed out a sentence.

“Let’s go.”

The Oceanic Divine Realm army breathed a sigh of relief, quickly following their commander to leave, carrying a bit of dishevelment and panic as they disappeared into the horizon.

They had arrived with such momentum and murderous aura, yet now they left like beaten dogs, sneaking away.

Ji Chen, watching them disappear from sight, turned his attention to Penelope.

“Come with me.”

Ji Chen was clearly not even a demigod, yet he spoke to her like he was her superior. Penelope couldn’t help but pout.

But for the sake of drawing him into the Elven Divine Lineage, she decided to endure it for now. Who knows, maybe in the future, he really would become her superior.

Penelope ordered the divine realm’s army to stand guard outside, and then, under the watchful eyes of many, she followed Ji Chen into the lord’s castle.

“Chang Wei, are you still saying he has no connection with the Elven Divine Lineage?”

“Based on the description, the one commanding the Elven Divine Realm army doesn’t seem like just any ordinary Elven. Even the commander of the Oceanic Divine Realm army almost had fear written all over his face. Does anyone know who she is?”

“According to observations by players on-site, the appearance and behavior of this Elven commander share a seventy percent similarity with the chief bodyguard, Penelope, who serves beside the Elven Mother Goddess Eluvita in the legends. And according to the records, her strength is that of a demigod.” “Well, a demigod has come to stand for the Crown of the Ocean, and the importance of this cannot be understated. This almost certainly means that Eluvita has designated Ji Chen for protection, right?”

“I’m envious. The main god of the Elven Divine Lineage personally protecting a human, dying would be difficult for him now. Should we quickly latch onto his

coattails? Once Lord Ji Chen ascends to godhood, we too will rise to glory and celebrate together.”

As the players were discussing fervently, Penelope followed Ji Chen into the castle, glancing at the meticulously cared-for garden and the rather imposing tower with a slight turn of her head.

This was also her first time coming to the core of the Crown of the Ocean, but she didn’t feel much surprise. The Elven Divine Realm had buildings that were much more luxurious, delicate, and grand. Having seen the majestic buildings forged by divine power, only the wonders within the Crown of the Ocean could catch her attention.

The two sat down, one after the other.

“Lord Ji Chen, I wonder if you are willing to consider what I just mentioned?”

“What?”

“You should already know. Our god had long anticipated this behavior from the Oceanic deities and had instructed me to bring the divine realm’s army to this world in advance, lurking around the Crown of the Ocean to prepare and protect you from persecution..”

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Penelope said seriously, “The Great Mother Goddess herself has said that if you are willing to join the Elven Divine Lineage, she will personally bestow upon you a powerful Elven Divine Authority after you ascend to godhood. What do you think about it?”

Ji Chen’s face showed some surprise. Would Eluvita actually be willing to spend such a price to recruit him?

Authority was not cheap, especially when it came directly from the illustrious Elven Mother Goddess. It certainly wouldn’t be some weak authority.

Ji Chen couldn’t help but ask in confusion, “Why does the Elven Mother Goddess hold me in such high regard?”

“I believe Lady Eluvita sees a new possibility in you,” Penelope said, pursing her lips.

“Many divine lineages have shown a tendency towards rigidity and stagnation, similar to what we’ve seen in the Ocean Divine Lineage. This trend is evident in most divine lineages, with some not having seen any new gods for tens of thousands of years, and some even millions of years.

With gods continually falling and no new ones being born, there’s a limit in successors, which is a terrifying prospect for a divine lineage.

We need a disruptor to break this trend.”

“Is that all?”

Penelope replied meaningfully, “Perhaps there are deeper reasons, but you’ll have to ask Lady Eluvita herself.”

After a pause, Ji Chen pondered and said, “Thank you for driving away the Ocean Divine Realm’s army... As for joining the Elven Divine Lineage, I can’t agree to it.”

Penelope was somewhat surprised by this response, but it seemed somewhat expected as well. She shook her head afterward.

“Indeed, Lady Eluvita had already said that you wouldn’t agree.”

Ji Chen was somewhat taken aback but continued, “Regardless, Lady Eluvita has helped me on several occasions, and I should repay that with goodwill and friendship. If the Elven Divine Lineage encounters any difficulties in the future, I will lend my support.”

Regardless of Eluvita’s intentions in helping him multiple times, the aid was tangible. She had helped him through several dangers and indirectly aided him in obtaining the Storm Authority, which was immensely beneficial.

Thus, making a commitment to lend assistance seemed appropriate.

Furthermore, the Elven Divine Lineage was one of the most powerful divine lineages. Perhaps there would be a need for them in the future.

Ji Chen was not like those characters in novels who sought to dominate the heavens with their strength alone.

Throughout their journey, the Ocean Crown received assistance from many natives, allies, and players. They hadn’t become a powerful territory solely through solitary efforts; Ji Chen himself had benefited from various forces.

From the Lienhardt Grand Duchy, the elves, dwarves, white-scaled merfolk...

Many forces had assisted them for various reasons, propelling the Ocean Crown and him to greater heights.

Upon receiving Ji Chen’s commitment, Penelope felt pleased. Eluvita had given her a directive, and being able to recruit Ji Chen into the Elven Divine Lineage would have been a great accomplishment. However, it wasn’t a big problem if she couldn’t.

As long as she got this commitment, it was enough for her to report back.

However, Penelope still had doubts and uncertainties in her heart. She spoke again.

“Since you are unwilling to join the Elven Divine Lineage, you will continue to follow the Ocean Divine Lineage. Eventually, you will have to face those Oceanic Gods. In that case, even if you ascend to godhood, you will still face endless harassment and hatred from them.

Unless you reach the level of a Higher God or someone like Lady Eluvita, single-handedly facing off against other divine beings in the competitive void will be difficult.”

Penelope didn’t say one more thing: even if it wasn’t solitary combat, being in a less powerful divine lineage would still pose challenges.

Only pure power and being in a sufficiently powerful divine lineage could sustain one's existence.

Many mortals believed that the realm of the gods was a paradise where the air was sweet and flowed with milk and honey, full of endless beauty and purity.

However, all of this was covered by layers of illusion created by the believers.

Competition in the void was no less intense than in the main world; in fact, it was even more fierce.

Penelope tried to see a hint of uncertainty and fear for the future in Ji Chen's eyes, but from start to finish, this human, whom she once looked down upon and criticized, had a calm and composed expression on his handsome face.

It seemed there was no tension, no fear of these emotions.

His deep eyes, like obsidian, were captivating, dazzling like the stars in the night sky, exuding confidence from the depths of his soul, reassuring those who gazed into them.

With a firm tone, he looked directly into her eyes and said each word emphatically.

"I will rebuild the Oceanic Divine Lineage."

A storm surged in Penelope's heart as if hearing a joke but finding no humor, gazing into those eyes filled with determination and resilience.

Suddenly, a thought arose in her mind.

Could he possibly be serious?

Rebuilding the Oceanic Divine Lineage, how could that be possible?

To rebuild the Oceanic Divine Lineage would mean opposing all the Oceanic deities, who, even if not formidable, were still legitimate gods.

One against twelve?

Even Penelope, accustomed to arrogance, dared not entertain such thoughts.

At least the power of a main god of the Divine Lineage would be needed for any hope of achievement.

"...I hope you can do it, but when that time comes, I believe Lady Eluvita will not stand idly by. After all, an Oceanic Divine Lineage led by a wise leader is far better than the decaying one we have now."

Ji Chen smiled. "Of course."

Penelope shrugged. "Well, my purpose for coming this time has been achieved, but I'm worried that those embarrassing Oceanic Divine Lineage troops will come back after we leave."

"No worries, with your previous words, they shouldn't dare to return anytime soon."

"In that case, I will go back to report to Lady Eluvita."

Penelope quickly disappeared into the sky with the Divine Lineage troops, leaving endless speculation for those who witnessed it.

No one knew what Ji Chen and this elven goddess's personal guard discussed in the Lord's Castle for an hour, or what message the elven goddess conveyed.

But from that day on, no kingdom or power in the main world dared to offend the Crown of the Ocean again.

Considering Ji Chen was identified as a member of their Elven Divine Lineage by none other than the personal guard of the elven goddess herself, wouldn't that serve as a guaranteed escape from consequences?

Which kingdom or power would dare to provoke the Elven Divine Lineage? Even the Elven Empire itself wouldn't dare to anger him!

But then again, Ji Chen was already known as the one who could single-handedly slay three Epic Demon Lords and even kill five Dark Deity Avatars, placing him at the peak of the world's power.

With no gods or troops from the divine realm descending, hardly anyone could rival him. Who would recklessly seek trouble with him?

When the Oceanic Divine Lineage troops returned to the Oceanic Divine Lineage in a sorry state and reported everything, the oceanic creatures wore black faces, but were also full of confusion.

Why would the Elven Divine Lineage and the Elven Goddess shelter this human?

Could it be, as rumored, that this human is the lover of that slut Eluvita?

But by driving away the troops they sent like this, it's blatantly refusing to show them any respect. After all, they are a Divine Lineage with over a dozen deities!

But just as the Oceanic Divine Lineage troops showed cowardice in front of the Elven Divine Lineage troops, the Oceanic deities also didn't dare to provoke the thriving Elven Divine Lineage, only silently holding their grudges.

They began contemplating how to deal with Ji Chen next.

"...It's difficult to lay hands on that human with Eluvita and the Elven Divine Lineage's protection. This is a problem."

"That human's territory is protected by a shield, making it impossible to breach for the time being. We can't even launch a surprise attack with the Divine Lineage troops unless we find an opportunity when he's outside."

"But even that won't work. If Eluvita and the Elven Divine Lineage find out, won't they hold us accountable?"

"So what do we do, just stand by and watch him ascend to godhood? Our church simply can't compete with that human's Oceanic Church!"

"I have a solution... Don't the Dark Deities hate him intensely? If we find an opportunity for them to kill that human, then Eluvita can't say anything, right?"

"Good idea...."

Chapter 844: Divine Realm Key, Mystical Divine Realm

After temporarily neutralizing the threat from the Ocean Divine Lineage, Ji Chen had to consider the looming danger from another, even larger force.

— The Dark Deities.

With the protection of the Elven Divine Lineage, the Ocean Divine Lineage, also an orderly faction, should not dare to make any moves against the Crown of the Ocean in the short term, at least not openly.

Ji Chen speculated that they lacked the courage to provoke the Elven Divine Lineage and Eluvita.

However, the Dark Deities were natural enemies of the orderly gods, still engaged in mutual conquest, and Ji Chen had disrupted their scheme to use demons to swallow the main world. In terms of hatred, they were no less than the orderly divine beings.

Without a doubt, the Dark Deities would eventually strike at him; it was only a matter of time.

It was rather strange that despite the considerable amount of time that had passed, the Dark Deities had yet to formulate any measures against him and the Crown of the Ocean.

After pondering this, Ji Chen began to contemplate.

He took out the divine realm key he had obtained inadvertently.

[Divine Realm Key]

[Tier]: Demi-God Artifact

[Effect]: Able to pierce the void and open a spatial passage to the true divine realm.

Even a mere key being a demi-god artifact was enough to show its extraordinary significance in leading to the divine realm.

Previously, neither the Crown of the Ocean nor his own power was sufficient to touch it. But now, with his influence growing, it was the perfect time to delve into this domain.

Currently, the other resources he possessed were inadequate to confront the impending crises and difficulties. Only the power of deities could contend with deities, and who knew when the rules of this world might change again.

In the past, all divine powers, including divine realm armies, were not allowed to enter the main world. However, divine realm armies were now roaming the skies, wreaking havoc and causing suffering to living beings.

Even a demi-god-tier powerhouse like Penelope could quietly infiltrate the Crown of the Ocean while suppressing part of her strength.

If he woke up tomorrow morning to find that the rules of the world had suddenly collapsed, and the gods descended with supreme power, Ji Chen would not be surprised.

As the Elven Queen Laphia had said, this world was gradually descending into chaos, with forces that had been dormant for tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of years emerging like mushrooms after rain.

The order that had been maintained for hundreds of thousands of years was gradually crumbling, and old rules were being broken by emerging forces.

The situation was fluid.

Situated at the forefront of the ocean's currents, the Crown of the Ocean, if it continued to develop at its previous pace and rhythm, would inevitably be overwhelmed by the tide of the times.

Therefore, the pace of development had to be further accelerated, and more radical.

This key, marked as dangerous, might open up another path of rapid development.

Taking advantage of the time gap created by the Elven Divine Lineage and Penelope supporting the Crown of the Ocean, Ji Chen secretly gathered the two most elite forces of the Crown of the Ocean – the Divine Power Sea Crystal Wyverns and the Divine Power Naga Iron Colossi.

After accumulating divine power crystals for a period of time, a considerable number of Naga Iron Colossi had already been transformed into divine power troops.

The Divine Power Sea Crystal Wyverns, six-tier and 9-star, numbered a battalion and a half.

The Divine Power Naga Iron Colossi, also six-tier and 9-star, numbered nearly five battalions.

Other troops, even if they had diverse capabilities, were not very useful when facing powerful enemies; they only increased casualties rather than being useful in defending the territory.

In addition, powerful heroes were indispensable. Every legendary tier hero was a formidable force for the Crown of the Ocean, equivalent to a battalion of divine power troops.

He summoned those heroes strategically.

The Naga hero Herald, the Siren hero Alice, the Blood Dragon hero Bcnbo, the Featherfolk hero Patheia, and the North Sea Giant Kraken.

All were at least legendary, and most controlled some authority powers, their combat power comparable to that of Above-Epic Tier.

With heroes like Isaiah, Thotmudo, Theod, and other legendary tier and below-legendary tier units remaining behind, Ji Chen believed that with their presence, combined with the protection of the shield, the Crown of the Ocean could be kept as safe as possible.

With everything prepared, to prevent drawing any attention when activating the divine realm key, he first left the Crown of the Ocean with all the heroes and the two divine power armies, heading to a remote sea area away from the usual routes and islands, before attempting to activate it.

The divine realm key suddenly flashed with white light, bursting out terrifying energy.

The wind roared, and the waves surged.

In the blink of an eye, dark clouds gathered, and lightning snakes flickered.

The sudden change in scenery seemed to indicate that this divine realm key was no ordinary object and amidst the changing sky and earth...

A beam of divine light burst forth from the opening in the dark clouds, forming a pristine white gate about thirty meters wide and tall on the sea surface.

Like a dream, it seemed to connect to a secluded paradise, a holy and carefree land.

Seeing the divine gate gradually materialize and open without any anomalies, Ji Chen waved his hand.

“All units, be on guard, and enter in formation.”

The divine sea crystal wyverns and the divine nagas iron colossus lined up and advanced steadily, one after another disappearing into the white light emerging from the gate.

Ji Chen felt a momentary flash before his eyes, as if his body was being pulled by some force towards the front, and his consciousness seemed to sink into a quagmire, halting his thoughts.

But soon, the pulling sensation disappeared, and his feet landed back on solid ground.

His eyes quickly scanned the surroundings.

This was a world resembling a mystic realm within the Ocean God’s Shrine, yet it was incredibly vast and real.

Clouds drifted in the sky, unknown giant birds soared freely above, distant mountains rose, shrouded in swathes of clouds and mist, creating a hazy and mesmerizing landscape like an exquisite ink painting..

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The green grass and fresh flowers spread from underfoot to the edge of the distant forest, where the pupils of naive little deer peeked out from the woods, curiously watching their group.

This scene gave the feeling of an ultimate harmony between nature and creatures, with natural beauty filling the surroundings.

“It seems that this divine realm is maintaining vitality,” Ji Chen thought to himself as he looked at the peaceful and vibrant scene before him.

Most divine realms of various divine lineages have been passed down from countless generations of gods for tens of millions, or even tens of thousands of years. Because of the resources required for their establishment and development, they are considered vast.

The divine realms of powerful lineages were extremely large, such as the elven divine realm, which was like a small world, accommodating billions of divine realm inhabitants and forming its own system.

On the other hand, the divine realms of weaker lineages were only the size of villages, able to accommodate very few inhabitants.

Comparing divine realms to cities, powerful divine realms were like super cities, vast in territory and rich in resources, naturally strong, while weaker divine realms were like small towns, small in size with sparse inhabitants, naturally weak.

Moreover, divine realms were not fixed and were a very special existence. They could move in the void according to the will of the gods, like a moving fortress of war.

Looking at the vast scenery before him, that had been at least a medium-sized divine realm.

However, one thing Ji Chen could be sure of was that this divine realm seemed to have no gods present, or at least it seemed that no gods were in control.

Because the divine realm was an extension of the will of the gods, anything entering or exiting couldn't escape its gaze. They had been here for some time, but there was still no movement.

Both divine power armies had all arrived and were arranged as instructed, on alert, with several heroes of the Ocean Crown also cautiously surveying their surroundings, in case of a sudden attack.

"Let's move forward," Ji Chen decided to explore this divine realm actively.

The core of the divine realm must be in the central position, and any valuable things would be concentrated there, so the direction was quite clear.

The group of mountains didn't look too far away, but in reality, they were astonishingly far. Even after flying at high speed in the air for half an hour, the distance was only halved.

Here, it seemed that space had been stretched out.

"The power of space?" Ji Chen thought to himself.

During the continuous flight, there were magnificent views along the way. The slaughter, bloodshed, chaos, and desolation of the main world seemed to be non-existent here, replaced by peaceful scenes everywhere.

The birds and beasts living here didn't seem to prey on each other. They had evolved a unique mechanism, swallowing and digesting the energy pervading the air when hungry, and the substances they produced somehow returned to the heavens and the earth, circulating and continuing.

Looking at this scene, several heroes couldn't help but feel surprised and enlightened.

No wonder the creatures of the main world longed for and coveted divine realms. Here, it seemed that there was no struggle or conspiracy; all they needed to do was enjoy a carefree life.

However, Ji Chen knew that even in the most peaceful places, they were not naturally created that way.

The divine realm was an extension of the will of the gods; as the will of the gods, so was the divine realm. He believed that dark and cunning gods would create dark and sinister divine realms, while fallen and weak gods would naturally have decaying and dim realms.

The Ocean Crystal Wyvern and the Naga Iron Colossus, empowered by divine energy, swiftly flew through this unnamed divine realm, crossing numerous mountains, grasslands, forests, lakes, and rivers.

Along the way, they saw no buildings, as if this place were an independent natural world.

After flying for two hours, they finally saw a towering giant tree piercing through the clouds, with only the massive trunk visible below the clouds.

Without hesitation, Ji Chen commanded the troops to tilt upwards by several degrees, flying towards the top of the giant tower and into the clouds.

On the trunk of this tree, which seemed to hold up the entire world, the guards, blending in with the color of the trunk, slowly stretched their bodies that had ' not moved for countless years, and their green eyes suddenly opened.

Their wings flapped rapidly, lifting them up.

Ji Chen remained vigilant, quickly noticing the increasingly discordant guards around him.

His pupils slightly contracted.

These were... insects.

What gathered before him like a dark cloud were giant insects.

They looked like ordinary insects magnified dozens of times, but in reality, they concealed terrifying power.

These insects were the army of this divine realm!

Though their emitted power was not comparable to the elven divine realm army, it was much stronger than the Oceanic Divine Realm army.

Seeing this uniform army of insects, Ji Chen seemed to recall something, and a flash of realization passed through his eyes.

Could this be... the Natural Divine Realm?

As this idea came to mind, everything suddenly became clear.

Among the numerous divine lineages passed down over countless years, some lineages grew stronger through management, while others gradually declined or barely survived. Some lineages couldn't escape the erosion of time and perished under the wheels of history.

The Dungeon Divine Lineage, the Earth Divine Lineage, the Ice and Snow Divine Lineage...

Among them was the Natural Divine Lineage.

It was a lineage powered by various natural rules, such as "thunderstorms," "gales," and "waters." One of the three authorities Ji Chen currently possessed, "Thunder Authority," was also one of the authorities once held by the Natural Divine Lineage.

The Natural Divine Lineage had once been a relatively strong lineage. Although it couldn't compare to the Elven Divine Lineage or the Radiant Divine Lineage, it was at least in the upper echelons of the second tier, belonging to the orderly divine lineages.

However, in the first divine war, the Natural Divine Lineage lost a total of nine natural gods. By the end of the divine war, with wounds aplenty, what was once a powerful and prosperous Natural Divine Lineage suddenly dwindled to only two or three remaining gods.

Over the next tens of thousands of years, the Natural Divine Lineage and its teachings gradually declined for various reasons, with a significant decrease in followers and a weakening of faith to the extreme.

One of the characteristics of the demise of a divine lineage is the gradual disappearance of its divine realm into the void, losing contact and trace.

According to records, the Natural Divine Realm disappeared silently 370,000 years ago.

Therefore, tens of thousands of years after the end of the first divine war, the Natural Divine Lineage was also deemed extinct. At least that's how it appeared to the other divine lineages.

But now, it seemed that the Natural Divine Realm had not disappeared but existed somewhere in the void without being discovered.

This caused Ji Chen to feel a surge of excitement.

Since the Natural Divine Realm had not disappeared, did it mean that the remaining natural gods were still alive?

Countless thoughts raced through his mind as he looked at the swarm of Natural Divine Realm army, and Ji Chen conceived a plan, his palm suddenly flashing with lightning.

—Thunder Authority.

The Natural Divine Realm army sensed this familiar yet unfamiliar power, with a hint of anthropomorphized confusion flashing across their faces. Then, they slowly stopped and lost their aggressiveness.

They even began to chirp as if trying to please.

Ji Chen's eyes flickered. This move was indeed effective. Thunder Authority was once one of the authorities controlled by the Natural Divine Lineage, but it was later obtained by the Elven Mother Goddess, Eluvia.

However, this familiar natural authority power, like a pass, made the Natural Divine Realm army think they were among their own.

With their guard down, they quickly fluttered their wings and returned to the trunk one by one. Their bodies of various colors returned to the same color as the trunk, and they resumed their dormant state, executing the commands their masters had given them countless years ago.

Alice and the others looked over one after another. Ji Chen signaled to continue flying upwards. He had a premonition that what they sought would be found at the top.

The higher they flew, the more alarmed they became.

The higher each section of the trunk was, the stronger the dormant Natural Divine Realm army became. They ranged from slightly stronger than the Oceanic Divine Realm army to almost comparable to the Elven Divine Realm army, but their numbers dwindled.

After half an hour of flying upwards, they finally pierced through the sprawling clouds and saw the immensely dense canopy ahead..

Chapter 846: Shocking Truth

The canopy resembled a lush green umbrella, shading the entire sky. The crisscrossing branches were like the ribs of the umbrella, while the luxuriant green leaves formed the canopy, supporting this world just like the legendary World Tree.

According to Ji Chen's estimation, this giant tree was at least tens of thousands of meters tall. However, it might have appeared so towering due to the special spatial rules of the Divine Realm.

However, this giant tree actually supported the core of the entire Natural Divine Realm.

The taller and thicker the tree, the more vast and expansive the space it could support. It was a treasure nurtured by generations of natural divine spirits over countless ages.

Above the canopy and trunk was the realm of the gods.

Among the dense branches and green leaves, Ji Chen saw two coffins wrapped and entwined by vines, hanging in a cavity at the center of the canopy.

The coffins seemed to have been closed and motionless for a long time. Moss covered their surfaces, and unknown plants spread along the vines onto the coffins, giving them a vibrant appearance.

Centered around the two coffins, there emanated a terrifying aura that made all living beings tremble.

And this kind of aura, Ji Chen had felt it before.

—Divine.

There was no doubt that inside the coffins lay two divine spirits, most likely the two natural divine spirits who had survived since the first Divine War.

Seeing this scene, even the heroes of the Ocean Crown couldn't help but hold their breaths, their eyes fixed on the coffins as if expecting them to sit up at any moment.

However, after a long time, the coffins only emitted a daunting aura, remaining motionless.

The heroes all looked at Ji Chen, asking what should be done next.

Ji Chen looked thoughtfully at the two coffins and said, "Open the coffins."

Immediately, the four Divine Crystal Wyverns lined up and flew into the canopy at a steady pace. Compared to the gigantic trunk, their seemingly robust bodies appeared petite, effortlessly maneuvering through the branches and leaves.

As they approached, Ji Chen kept a close watch on whether the coffins showed any signs of movement. Yet, even when the Divine Crystal Wyverns approached the two coffins, there was still no movement.

Seeing this scene, a glint flashed in Ji Chen's eyes.

The Divine Crystal Wyverns flew closer, trying to find seams between the coffin and its lid to pry them open. However, these two coffins seemed to be naturally integrated, without even a crack, let alone a seam.

The coffins appeared to be one solid piece. If it weren't for their shape and style indicating that they were undoubtedly coffins for burial, people might have mistaken them for two pieces of wood.

"Step back; I'll handle this personally."

"Lord, this seems too dangerous," the heroes exclaimed hastily. "Why not let us try it out first?"

Ji Chen shook his head gently and said in a deep voice, "Perhaps only those who possess the authority of the natural divine lineage can unveil the veil of what happened here."

Alice and the others exchanged glances but nodded nonetheless, following closely behind, their eyes fixed on the two coffins.

If there was any movement, they would immediately shield Lord Ji Chen with their bodies.

Ji Chen appeared quite relaxed, walking along the sturdy branches capable of supporting a galloping horse to reach the two coffins below, and then made a shocking move that stunned everyone.

With thunderous power in his hand, he struck directly at one of the coffins, but what happened next was even more astonishing.

The coffin, struck by the thunder, trembled abruptly after a brief pause, as if something inside the coffin was about to awaken.

The vines connecting it were stimulated in some way, breaking one after another, and the coffin fell heavily onto the tree trunk with a loud "thud."

The heroes instantly became vigilant, instinctively protecting the lord behind them, their eyes full of vigilance and horror. However, after staring for quite a while, they found that nothing happened despite the coffin shaking for a moment.

"This..."

"It's alright."

At some point, a crack opened in the coffin. Ji Chen walked over and reached out to lift the lid along the crack.

When he saw what was inside the coffin, a look of confirmation appeared on his face.

Inside the coffin, there was no so-called divine corpse; there was only a greenish crystal ball, seemingly containing some kind of energy.

Without much hesitation, Ji Chen reached out.

The moment his fingers touched the crystal ball, the scene shifted, and his consciousness entered a strange white space without boundaries.

Suddenly, screens appeared one after another, recording information, and scenes flashed before his eyes like a revolving lantern.

It was the war of the gods that swept through the entire main world hundreds of thousands of years ago, involving the void and countless secret realms. The gods in the sky, driven by their interests, mobilized their believers to conquer the heretics. The creatures on the earth suffered, and the land was filled with corpses and blood.

Although it only lasted for a hundred years, this short period nearly depleted the resources accumulated over endless years in the main world and secret realms.

Once prosperous villages turned into scorched earth, abundant rivers dried up, fertile lands degraded into deserts and wastelands, and the mountains were dotted with unsightly mines dug at any cost to extract resources...

All of this was difficult for the nature-loving gods of the natural god system to accept. So, under the prayers of the followers of the natural god sect, they decided to join the war of the gods.

Stop the war with war and restore vitality to the earth as soon as possible.

However, the intensity of the divine war far exceeded their imagination. Nine out of eleven gods of the natural god system fell, and even the only main god of the god system fell, leaving only one lesser god and one intermediate god remaining..

Chapter 847: The Shocking Truth (2)

After the divine war ended, it transformed into one of the weakest divine lineages.

Just when the natural divine lineage thought it could finally recuperate, another malicious force struck.

Before the divine war, the natural divine lineage was considered powerful, and thus the natural divine realm was vast and rich. However, they harbored guilt.

Other divine lineages that were similarly affected by the divine war saw the extreme decline of the natural divine lineage as an opportunity, coveting the resources of the natural divine realm.

With the natural believers almost completely wiped out in the divine war, their faith rapidly waned. With only two natural gods remaining, there was no way to stop those who began to covet the natural divine realm.

In order to preserve the natural divine realm, they decisively led it deeper into the void.

However, venturing far from the main world into the depths of the void would have serious consequences. One factor was the distance from the main world.

The main world was like a signal tower: the closer you were, the better the signal, and the farther away, the worse the signal.

But like satellite orbits, positions close to the main world were limited.

Therefore, some powerful divine realms, such as the elven divine realm and the radiant divine realm, relied on their strength to occupy a position very close to the main world.

The weakened natural divine lineage was relegated to a more distant position.

At that time, the natural divine lineage had already declined to the extreme, and naturally, it was pushed to the outermost periphery.

What those coveters did not expect was that the natural gods would be so decisive. They drove the divine realm away from the main world and into the depths of the void, essentially severing their connection with faith, leading themselves to their demise.

The coveters hesitated, no longer pursuing. But the natural divine realm disappeared into the vast void, losing contact.

They thought that the natural divine lineage's actions would surely lead to its demise, lost in the void.

In reality, the natural divine lineage knew that this was a path to destruction, but they still chose to do so—for the sake of preserving the natural divine realm.

Seeing this, Ji Chen's heart trembled slightly. He hadn't expected that the natural divine realm would be driven into the void by the two remaining natural gods, to prevent it from falling into the hands of other coveting gods. Ji Chen tried to empathize with the mindset of those two natural gods at that time, attempting to understand if they had the determination to choose this path to their demise.

In the end, he could only shake his head with a bitter smile.

This feeling of helplessly walking towards death, even gods would not accept it willingly.

Ji Chen shook himself out of his reverie and continued reading.

As the two natural gods ventured deeper into the void, they, too, saw what even for gods was limited to the realm of legends—the edge of the void.

At this time, 200,000 years had passed since the end of the divine war, more than 100,000 years from now, contrary to what other divine lineages believed, the natural divine lineage and the natural divine realm did not vanish 370,000 years ago.

At the edge of the void, they saw things hidden within the void.

In this void, there was indeed a supreme existence silently observing everything.

That supreme existence, also known as the plane's will, also saw them on the brink of death and told them a truth.

Ji Chen was finally unable to contain his astonishment at this point.

The main world, countless rotating realms, and the void formed a complete plane ecosystem.

Any living being that died in the plane would be transformed back into birth energy by countless constant rules, in order to maintain the continuous operation of the plane.

There were simply too many gods born in this plane, and with powerful beings like gods constantly plundering resources to strengthen themselves, and almost never aging or dying, this led to energy continuously gathering towards the top gods.

And with insufficient energy to maintain the operation of the birthing plane, the world's resource birth rate was slowed down countless times, inevitably leading to environmental collapse.

Therefore, special means had to be used regularly to promote the cycle.

The divine war was one of the ways to cycle plane energy.

And the war between order and darkness became a way of cycling.

As with the previous times, the effect was very apparent, with most of the gods falling in the divine war, and a large amount of primitive energy returning to the plane, promoting the cycle and revitalizing the main world, countless realms, and the entire plane.

However, after such a simple and effective “cycle,” the supreme existence encountered a problem.

Another plane emerged.

There were many ways for planes to continue, but there were only two ways that never changed.

Conservation and conquest.

Conservation meant maintaining the operation and development of the plane through “cycles,” being self-sufficient.

Conquest, on the other hand, meant literally conquering other planes to plunder resources to maintain and strengthen one’s own plane.

Unfortunately, this time, the nearby plane was a powerful conquest-type plane, which clearly expressed its intention of aggression, slaughter, and plunder.

This created a rather amusing situation.

This conservative plane had just undergone the “cycle” of the divine war and was at its weakest developmental stage, but it collided with such a conquest-type plane that thrived on aggression and plunder.

And upon discovering the conservative plane, this conquest-type plane accelerated its approach.

But the will of this conservative plane was not to sit idly by. Just as the two natural gods drove the natural divine realm away, it also drove this plane to move, fleeing from the conquering plane.

If the conquering plane made contact, its plane’s beings would swarm into this plane like locusts, exterminating all beings, capturing them, and plundering resources.

The will of the conquering plane would also devour the will of this conservative plane, leading to the destruction of this plane.

However, the conquering plane was even more powerful, and if this plane only fled unilaterally, it would sooner or later be caught up with.

Perhaps sensing their impending death, the plane’s will stopped here without revealing anything more, or perhaps any further plans.

The light screen changed, showing the figures of the two natural gods.

One was a middle-aged male, and the other was a female of some kind of void race.

At the core of this natural divine realm, the summit of the natural divine tree, they stored everything they had seen in a crystal ball capable of preserving for millions of years, made a coffin out of the branches of the natural divine tree, and passed on the order to the army of the natural divine realm to forever protect this place.

At the end of their lives.

They used the power of the divine realm to send out a medium that could connect the divine realm with the main world, which was the key that Ji Chen obtained, not to let the natural divine realm truly get lost, and also to let these truths be known to future generations.

After seeing all this, the light screen finally froze on the two natural gods turning into light spots rising into the sky, eventually becoming the energy that sustained the natural divine realm.

For a long time.

Ji Chen slowly breathed out a sigh of relief, still feeling the lingering shock in his heart.

That divine realm key was created by the two natural gods when they felt they had reached a dead end, in order to prevent the natural divine realm and this astonishing truth from being lost in the void.

What's even more astonishing is that there exists a higher plane will above the gods, observing everything that happens within the plane for countless years, propelling countless events that have left their mark on history.

Even the divine war, according to the speculation of the two natural gods, was indirectly propelled by it for the sake of "cycle," and such divine wars have occurred more than once.

And each time, countless beings died, turning into energy to return to the plane's cycle.

The emergence of the conquering plane is an even more serious matter.

This is much more serious than any divine war. To put it bluntly, while divine wars allow energy to re-enter the cycle, originally intended to promote and maintain the survival and development of the plane, if the plane is invaded and conquered by other planes, then the entire plane will be dressed in someone else's clothes!

This filled Ji Chen's heart with immense horror, also leading to a series of thoughts.

Could it be that it was the will of the plane that brought players to this world? And the unit technology tree, was it also a gift from the will of the plane?

Chapter 848: Huge Crisis

The heroes slowly opened their eyes and quickly gathered around, asking with concern, "My lord, do you feel anything unusual? We saw you touch the crystal ball and then stand still."

At some point, the crystal ball inside the first coffin had already shattered into powder, blown away by the breeze between the branches.

Ji Chen shook his head gently, his eyes filled with complex emotions. He calmed his mind and slowly recounted everything he had just seen.

After listening to his words, the heroes were immediately plunged into shock, struggling to digest this terrifying amount of information. They looked at each other in disbelief.

The Divine Realm, divine spirits, the will of the plane, the plane cycle, conquering planes...

All of this was somewhat beyond their imagination.

Especially the will of the plane and the plane cycle. The countless wars depicted in thick historical books, influencing the main world for hundreds of thousands of years, were actually driven by that invisible and intangible will of the plane, all for the sake of that so-called energy cycle.

And the last piece of news was even more weighty. A powerful conquering plane was coming towards them, attempting to devour the plane they were in.

“This is truly astonishing,” muttered Patheia, her expression shocked. “What would happen if our plane were devoured?”

Alice’s eyes were also filled with myriad thoughts, indicating her inner unrest. “The outcome is predictable. It’s like the cruel law of nature between predators and prey. The one being devoured will become nourishment for the devourer, leading to complete destruction.”

The heroes’ emotions were complicated. Knowing such heavyweight news made the wars between the demons and the orderly camp, the conflicts between orderly divine spirits and dark divine spirits, and the malice and conspiracy of the oceanic divine spirits against the Crown of the Ocean seem somewhat trivial.

After all, the latter only involved the victory or destruction of one side, while the former concerned the safety of the entire plane.

Ji Chen’s expression became firm once again, his tone decisive as he said, “The unsealing of the dark divine spirits is most likely the work of the will of the plane. The descent of the armies of the Divine Realm is also permitted by it. As beings who live and die with this plane, everything the plane consciousness does must be to preserve the plane.

No matter what, since the crisis is imminent, only those with more powerful strength can survive, even rise against the current, and reach the peak of the world, no, the peak of this plane.”

Inspired by his resolute tone, the heroes’ expressions also gradually became determined, echoing in unison.

“Yes!”

“Only by quickly ending the war between the orderly divine spirits and the dark divine spirits can we gather the strength of this plane to the greatest extent possible and jointly resist the invasion of the conquering plane.

Next, I will accelerate your growth rate, allowing you to possess the power to confront those crises on par with divine spirits.”

Ji Chen cast his gaze towards the second coffin.

There, left by two natural deities, was something preserved within the second coffin.

The second coffin had already loosened, and with a gentle lift, its lid was opened.

The two natural deities left behind messages and relics in the form of coffins, perhaps as a way to mourn the passing of their natural lineage, and also to indicate the end of this world.

Upon learning the truth, they didn't hold much hope for surviving the crisis, yet they still left behind the inheritance of the natural lineage and what they had gained from delving into the void, granting those who knew the truth the power to end it all.

Inside the second coffin, the first thing that floated out were three orbs of authority.

The first was the authority of "Gravity," ranking as the tenth lesser authority.

The second was the authority of "Gravity," ranking as the ninth intermediate authority.

Both belonged to the laws of nature, witnessed by the last two natural deities in the holographic image, ranking as the tenth lesser authority and ninth intermediate authority respectively.

These two authorities belonged to the natural lineage, and their effects did not align with Ji Chen's powers. The existing three authorities, "Thunder," "Storm," and "Ocean," were all capable of merging with the authority of "Ocean" to exert power.

He still maintained the authority of the ocean as his core power.

"The authorities of 'Gravity' and 'Gravity' have found their places," Ji Chen said solemnly.

"Elysia, Patheia."

The two legendary heroes of the Ocean Crown stepped forward, one after the other. "We are here, my lord."

With a slight movement of his fingers, the authorities of "Gravity" and "Gravity" flew out of the coffin, floating before them.

"The authority of 'Gravity' is bestowed upon Patheia. May you overcome the shackles of the earth and soar into the sky with prowess."

"The authority of 'Gravity' is bestowed upon Elysia. May you, as the arrow, use gravity to slay gods."

The two extraordinary female heroes were first startled, then their eyes showed excitement.

Immediately after, they solemnly saluted and replied, "Yes, we will not disappoint your expectations!"

Ji Chen nodded slightly, indicating for them to begin.

Elysia and Patheia each walked to a sturdy branch and began to absorb and control their newly acquired authorities. Ji Chen then shifted his gaze back to the third orb of authority in the coffin.

A hint of solemnity appeared in his eyes.

The power emitted by this authority far exceeded any authority he had ever seen before. Even the most violent and boundless authority of "Thunder" paled in comparison. However, its power was not purely about destruction and devastation; it was a majestic power that encompassed everything, covering the heavens and the earth.

It seems somewhat familiar with the authority of "Ocean."

Ji Chen extended his consciousness to investigate.

A hint of surprise appeared on his face.

This is... one of the twelve superior authorities, the authority of “Nature”?

The lowest tier of lesser authorities consisted of one hundred and eight, the intermediate tier had forty-eight, and when it came to superior authorities, there were only twelve.

Superior authorities were the powers of higher gods and were also controlled by the main gods of various divine lineages.

The twelve superior authorities were not ranked, but in terms of operation, inclusiveness, and harmony, the authority of “Nature” was undoubtedly the strongest. It had been possessed by the main gods of the natural lineage for countless years.

Ji Chen thought that after the last divine war, when the main god of the natural lineage fell and was taken over by other divine lineages, he didn’t expect it to still be preserved by the natural lineage and placed within the coffin.

This is probably also because there are no gods managing the entire natural divine realm, and yet it still hasn’t collapsed after floating in the void for so long, maintaining ecological balance.

After all, the domain in which the authority of “Nature” excels is in cycles, operations, and harmonization.

Without hesitation, Ji Chen drew it into the palm of his hand and turned to the heroes on his left and right.

“Protect me. I’m going to absorb this authority.”

The authority of “Nature” is not only a superior authority but also serves a crucial purpose.

That is to control the entire natural divine realm!

Chapter 849: Controlling Authority

As long as [Nature] authority could be controlled, it could control the entire realm of the Nature God, which was another gift left by the two Nature gods.

But undoubtedly, this was also challenging. Even Ji Chen couldn’t help but feel solemn now. This was a superior authority!

Since the birth of the entire plane until now, only twelve had been born, representing the most powerful forces of the main world. They were the undisputed superior gods of various divine lineages, even the mighty power controlled by the main gods of divine lineages.

But compared to the risks, it was an opportunity.

This was a presence that was absolutely not weak even when placed among many divine realms and even ranked second only to those large divine realms of major divine lineages.

Moreover, this was a vast small world, possessing a complete and balanced ecosystem, countless buried resources, and tens of thousands of armies of the Nature God.

This was the true wealth!

It was enough to transform the power of the Crown of the Ocean to another level!

Ji Chen's eyes gradually became firm, and his consciousness touched the authority of nature.

"Lady Eluvita, that human refused."

In the splendid palace of the Elven Divine Realm.

Penelope, who hurried back from the main world to the divine realm, was kneeling on one knee under the steps, respectfully speaking.

Eluvita, sitting above, didn't show any surprised expression, just nodded slightly.

"It doesn't matter. I also guessed such a result before."

She only ordered Penelope to bring it up with a trying mentality, actually not holding any hope. If that human had agreed, it wouldn't be him.

From the observed information, this human's will was extremely firm. Once he determined his path, it was difficult to change. Otherwise, he wouldn't have developed a small territory of dozens of people into the current hundreds of thousands in such a short two years.

Such talent, even in the elven divine realm with billions of beings, was unique.

"But he said that if the Elven Divine Realm encounters any difficulties, he will lend a hand."

Eluvita was slightly surprised, then showed a smile. "What an interesting human."

She originally just wanted to establish a good relationship with this human with great potential, in order to find the hidden existence, and didn't expect any feedback in a short time.

But unexpectedly, this human was like this, hmm, how to put it, so confident.

Her elven divine lineage was one of the most powerful orderly divine lineages, even if this so-called second divine war had not shaken them too much. If they encountered any crisis sufficient to destroy them, it would probably only be when all the dark gods attacked them.

Penelope, looking at Eluvita who was laughing heartily, fell silent.

"Madam, I think that human is not as simple as we think."

Eluvita stopped and said, "Oh? It seems that you have met him in person in the lower realm this time, and have seen many things that I don't know about?" Penelope hurriedly said, "I dare not, it's just some insights from my observations."

"You can say it's okay."

"I speculate that the human named Ji Chen and those lords of glory are all pawns laid out by the existence you mentioned."

"And that existence intends to use them to achieve some purpose."

Eluvita nodded unequivocally. This point could be easily seen from their perspective. If not, she wouldn't have brought back a full billion lords of glory from the main world and even given them special abilities.

But if Penelope only saw this, she would be disappointed.

Seeing the subtle change in Eluvita's expression, Penelope, who had served for many years, quickly spoke out her guess.

"Based on my observation of the Crown of the Ocean for some time and the intelligence collected in the past, that human seems to possess some special method that can accelerate the growth speed of troops and heroes."

This time, Ivah Tullan finally showed some interest and nodded, indicating her to continue.

"To cultivate a brand new sixth-tier troop in the main world, it takes at least several decades or even hundreds of years, but with the possibility brought by the Crown of the Ocean, there have been more than ten sixth-tier troops appearing successively."

"And a considerable portion of these sixth-tier troops can find prototypes within the troops they previously possessed."

Penelope took out the Naga Iron Colossus, compared it with the fourth and fifth-tier troops such as the Naga Berserker and Naga Guardian that had appeared before, and was surprised to find that the Naga troops that had appeared along the way all had the characteristic of inheritance and evolution. That is to say, from the low-tier Naga Berserkers to the fourth and fifth-tier Naga Guardians, and then to the sixth-tier Naga Iron Colossus, they are like front and rear nodes on the same line of development.

What's even more astonishing is that the interval between the appearances of these Naga troops is not long, with the longest being only five or six months.

If these troops were cultivated, then the cultivation time of five or six months would be too amazing.

Penelope's face was already solemn. "Besides the troops, the speed at which heroes grow in the Crown of the Ocean is also frighteningly fast. If I didn't sense it wrong, the Crown of the Ocean now has at least five legendary heroes and three epic-tier heroes.

Before this, they were only at the legacy tier, or even weaker."

If Penelope were to know that the heroes of the Crown of the Ocean also wielded a considerable amount of power, her jaw would probably drop.

At this point, both Penelope and Ivah Tullan seemed to have a speculation in their hearts. That entity must have nurtured the Crown of the Ocean in some way unknown to them, and its intentions must be extraordinary.

Fortunately, now that their Elven Divine Lineage had taken the initiative to make friends with it, even if there were any significant changes and crises in the future, they could rely on Ji Chen to navigate through more calmly.

In the Natural Divine Realm, atop the giant tree.

Elisya slowly opened her eyes, sharp gleams flickering in her emerald-like eyes. She clenched her fist, feeling the power that had increased by tens of times, filled with joy in her heart.

Indeed, Authority was the most top-notch power in this world. This intermediate-level Authority, [Gravity], had multiplied her strength by more than a hundredfold?

Just a slight thought, and her slender body surged with power like a volcanic eruption, distorting the surrounding air and causing gravitational imbalance. Above epic tier.

This was her current strength!

If she were to face that once defeated dread demon king again, she would surely emerge victorious in battle!

“Gather your momentum; the Lord still controls the power.

Just as she was basking in her self-satisfaction, suddenly a voice sounded.

Elisya looked towards Patheia. It seemed that Patheia had mastered Authority even faster than her. Coincidentally, after mastering the [Gravity] Authority, Patheia ascended to the epic tier.

Complete Authority was indeed terrifying, even stepping up two major tiers to the epic tier.

Elisya nodded and looked towards Ji Chen in the distance.

She knew that the Lord’s control was the key..

Chapter 850: Moriah Aulis

Before them lay a lush green grassland, dotted with clusters of vibrant red and yellow flowers. Crystal-clear streams meandered through, revealing smooth pebbles at the bottom. Among the aquatic plants, small fish leisurely roamed. By the edge of the short bushes, a young deer chewing on tender green leaves stared at Ji Chen with innocent eyes, showing a hint of surprise.

“What place is this?”

Ji Chen surveyed the surroundings but found nothing else, so he walked through the grassland with his hands behind his back.

Deer grazing on the grass, groundhogs poking half their bodies out of burrows, and eagles with sharp eyes scanning the ground from the sky.

The air was fresh with a hint of fishiness, and Ji Chen’s shoes tread on the damp grass, rustling the bushes as the wind blew.

Everything he felt and saw seemed almost real, as if he had entered another world.

Ji Chen suddenly stopped in his tracks, gazing at a slender figure sitting quietly on the grassland ahead.

The figure had six arms of emerald green jade, each in a different pose, resembling the image of Guanyin. Vines entwined around the wrists, and the figure wore a silk robe in wheat color, with a

robe of auspicious patterns on the golden crystal floating antlers. The skin was engraved with intricate green divine patterns, mysterious and boundless.

As if sensing Ji Chen's approach, the figure slowly opened its eyes, revealing deep and unfathomable eyes.

Looking at Ji Chen, as if comprehending something, it spoke with a mouthful of divine laws.

...It seems that the Natural Divine Lineage has indeed perished."

"But here, it seems to have given us a glimmer of hope for revival."

Ji Chen remained silent, beginning to form some understanding of this unknown existence.

Perhaps this was the main god who ruled the entire Natural Divine Lineage, the upper god of nature and abundance—Moriah Aulis.

But didn't the gods of nature and abundance fall in the divine battle hundreds of thousands of years ago? How could they exist here?

Seemingly seeing Ji Chen's confusion, the neutral voice with boundless divinity lightly laughed.

"It seems you are somewhat puzzled by my appearance here?"

Ji Chen paused for a moment, then spoke frankly.

"Aren't you already fallen?"

"Yes, indeed, I have fallen. I was besieged by a dozen dark gods, isolated and helpless. Feeling hopeless to retreat, I secretly divided and merged my soul into the authority, letting my divine soul hide in it, allowing my divine allies to take it back to the divine realm.

This body now only relies on a strand of soul left by the authority, waiting for someone with destiny to discover it. Unfortunately, the other gods of the Divine Lineage were all in awe of me and dared not attempt to control this authority..."

Moriah Aulis sighed faintly, seeming to regret deeply.

If at that time the other gods of the Natural Divine Lineage had controlled this natural authority after her "fall", it might have given birth to another upper god, preventing the rapid decline of the Natural Divine Lineage until Ji Chen's sudden arrival, which made him realize that the Natural Divine Lineage had already perished.

But Ji Chen suddenly realized and understood. Moriah Aulis should be one of the two last divine spirits of the Natural Divine Lineage, and this is just a remnant soul left by the last two natural spirits.

Is this considered fallen or not fallen?

But he didn't dwell on this issue and asked.

"Where is this place?"

This place is a special space I created in the authority before my fall. It feels and touches no different from the outside world. This is also a precautionary measure that allowed me to survive until now with the state of a broken soul.” “I can only exist here. The only downside is not being able to feel the passage of time. Human, could you tell me what has happened in the outside world and how long it has been since the Divine War ended?”

Ji Chen replied, “Roughly over four hundred thousand years have passed since it ended.”

The gods of Nature and Abundance displayed a look of astonishment. Ji Chen pursed his lips and briefly recounted the events of the past hundreds of thousands of years and what was happening now.

The expressions of the gods of Nature and Abundance were somewhat bewildered. For her, who had remained here since the remnants of the Divine War fell, the last war had ended, and now there was a new one, it was like a World War I veteran who had crash-landed and waited for rescue on an unnamed island, only to be told after a long wait that World War I had already ended, and it was now World War II, but the feeling of confusion was the same when the war was launched by the same country.

Absurdity, skepticism,...

“After the last defeat of the Dark Deity and being suppressed, it has once again initiated the Divine War?” Moriah Aulis lightly snorted, “These evil deities are indeed persistent... But compared to the dimensional crisis you mentioned, it’s nothing.”

“So, human, have you come here seeking power to deal with the impending crisis?”

“Indeed, that’s the case. My subordinates have probably already mastered the powers left by those two natural deities.” Ji Chen spoke frankly, “And I intend to control these natural powers.”

“You’re quite candid... But do you have the qualifications for that?” Moriah Aulis didn’t get angry. Just like her gentle face, she was like the mother of all things, accommodating everything, accepting everything.

She chuckled. “I can see that you have already embarked on the path to godhood, and you control more than one power, and you can come before me... Moreover, you have a great destiny.”

I think, human, perhaps your arrival here was already destined. That being the case, take it.”

Moriah Aulis noticed Ji Chen’s hesitation and said, “There’s no need to worry. I am just a fragmented soul, incomplete, incapable of any means of possession. I can only rely on the power of authority to maintain the status quo.”

Ji Chen fell silent for a moment. “Why are you willing to entrust the power of nature to me, Moriah Aulis?”

“I’ve already said it. You have a great destiny. Perhaps you can reignite a spark in the already silent natural divine lineage.”

Although she was just a remnant soul, Moriah Aulis looked divine, and it was also the first time Ji Chen had seen a god.

“...If I control the power of nature, will you, Moriah Aulis, disappear?”

“As long as the power doesn’t disappear, this space won’t collapse, and I won’t disappear.” Moriah Aulis joked, “As long as you, human, don’t burn bridges after crossing the river and destroying the power, I can continue to exist.” After a moment’s pause, Ji Chen no longer hesitated and nodded. “In that case, let’s begin.”

Moriah Aulis didn’t say much either. Two jade stone arms above her formed a cradling posture, and a dazzling green light suddenly flashed, illuminating the entire world in a fluorescent green.

Ji Chen’s eyes gradually changed, reaching out to receive it.

Boom –

The realm of the Nature God suddenly trembled violently. Countless beings panicked and fled, even the towering giant trees swayed incessantly, shedding leaves and branches. This disturbance alarmed countless hidden natural realm armies.

The army of insect-like clouds soared into the sky, all looking towards the Ocean Crown army, these unwelcome guests.

The faces of the heroes changed slightly.

“Prepare for battle.. We must not let them disturb the Lord!”