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Chapter 106 - 9: Entangled in the Divine War (4/5)

The Shapeshifter·Ancestor took a long time to understand this reasoning.

Sadness? Mourning? Helplessness?

None of these complex emotions you would imagine.

The Shapeshifter·Ancestor merely reaffirmed his position in the heart of the Witch·Zai.

Then he sadly realized that perhaps only he had come to this understanding.

As for Heng, with whom he shared a dual identity, he still stubbornly sought to fulfill the mission assigned by Witch·Zai, completely disregarding the world they had lived in for hundreds of years.

The Shapeshifter·Ancestor knew this was because his host was a Bone Beast.

Neither in lifespan nor wisdom could the Bone Beast compete with the Serpent, the overlord among the Hundred Races.

If the Shapeshifter·Ancestor hadn't always been trying to find ways to extend its life, the Shapeshifter·Heng might have perished in the first century after arriving in this world.

In fact, the reason the Shapeshifter·Ancestor chose to leave the Serpent Race was because he sensed that the Shapeshifter·Heng had been domesticated by the Skeletons.

Although shapeshifters don't have the so-called concept of "family love," they largely exist like living tools.

But after living in this world for a hundred years, the Shapeshifter·Ancestor had already developed an emotional attachment truly belonging to a wise creature.

The Shapeshifter-Ancestor didn't want, nor was willing, to see his kin die just like that, which led to a series of subsequent outrageous actions.

"So, you are considered an outlier?"

After hearing Bone Chant's entire experience, Luo Fu couldn't help but raise an eyebrow.

Even among the shapeshifters, Bone Chant, who possessed emotions, wisdom, and foresight, was quite a special existence.

"According to the Goddess's original standards, I am actually a flawed product."

Without denying Luo Fu's statement, Bone Chant just further explained.

"The 'tools' the Goddess needed didn't require much capacity for thought, only the ability to steadfastly complete their mission."

"Moreover, a long lifespan wasn't a trait that 'tools' should possess."

"Planned obsolescence to make space for the more efficiently used new 'tools' is also one of the missions of 'tools'."

After a slight pause, Bone Chant flapped his four wings again, and his body rose energetically.

"So, from the day I learned to think, I was no longer a tool!"

Perhaps because of his excitement, Bone Chant let out a cry unique to the Serpent, dispersing the clouds above him.

"As you said, I don't know when it started, but I genuinely identified with my current identity."

"Clearly an invader, yet I've been concerned about whether it was moral to drag the creatures of this world into a war not of their making..."

"Clearly an invader, yet I'm using the knowledge gained from the Goddess to help this world develop..."

"Clearly an invader, yet I'm pondering whether there's a perfect solution..."

"Clearly an invader..."

The high-pitched voice gradually became deep; Bone Chant revealed his inner conflict about identity and stance to an outsider for the first time.

"Perhaps my very birth was a mistake."

"I am now neither the Shapeshifter·Ancestor nor the Bone-Resonating Serpent; I am merely an outlier caught between the two."

"Death... is my best destiny."

Eyeing a sense of resolve, Bone Chant, who exposed his innermost thoughts, was prepared for death.

For he knew better than anyone the True God's attitude towards "Desecrators" like himself.

"Are you looking for death?"

Slightly squinting his eyes, Luo Fu, seemingly aware of something, suddenly smiled.

"No, you are resisting your Goddess in your own way."

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[He is a coordinate, a coordinate capable of connecting to the Marz World.]

In the shadows, Li Hao watched the conversation between Luo Fu and Bone Chant, with a clear realization already forming in his mind.

The Witch-Iza, who ascended the "Main God's Throne," had unknown methods that turned the shapeshifters cast into other worlds into living coordinates.

This is a two-way coordinate, allowing Marz World's creatures to travel to other worlds and enabling other worlds' deities to discover Marz World's existence.

[Is it a simple escape route prepared for herself? Or is she trying to redirect disaster elsewhere?]

Clearly, Witch-Iza was long prepared for defeat, even predicting the outcome of becoming a Lost God.

With these living coordinates of the shapeshifters,

even at the most critical moment, Witch-Iza could flee to another world, thus avoiding complete captivity by the Dokwi Divine Pantheon.

Besides, Li Hao never minded assuming the worst of human nature.

Indeed, Witch-Iza was no benevolent figure. But is the Dokwi Divine Pantheon, who initiated the Divine War so recklessly, a Good God?

Once these living coordinate shapeshifters are discovered, the Divine War of these two worlds could very well escalate into a multiverse melee.

After all, Li Hao learned the backstory of this Divine War through the Civilization Game.

However, in the All Heavens and Myriad Realms, there's still a multitude of Gods who aren't even qualified to partake in the Civilization Game.

In the absence of detailed knowledge, what reaction will they have when discovering a living coordinate leading to another world?

It's obvious—invading and plundering is just the beginning.

Under such conditions, will the domineering Dokwi Divine Pantheon allow other Gods to intrude on their possessions, thus giving Witch·Iza an opportunity to escape?

The answer is certainly no.

[Truly, in this world, there are only wrongly given names and not misplaced nicknames.]

[This witch's heart and methods are exceedingly ruthless.]

Gazing at the serpent suspended in mid-air, Li Hao found himself in a dilemma.

Under normal circumstances, fulfilling the serpent's wish and killing it might indeed prevent the Mountain and Sea Realm from being drawn into this war it doesn't belong to.

But the problem lies in that this serpent is indeed quite capable.

Under its guidance, the Skeletons and civilizations across the Mountain and Sea Realm have achieved remarkable progress.

This is not something that "innate knowledge" can explain, but a talent unique to Bone Chant.

For a comparable situation, look at those trying to enlighten the Skeletons over thousands of years yet merely nudging them into the primitive civilization stage—the Immortals.

If this serpent is missed, who knows how long it would take for another individual of the same caliber to emerge in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

[Divine War? This seems to be the necessary experience to become a qualified deity, right?]