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Chapter 152 - 7: Totem from the Ascension Area (2/3)

"Totem Incarnation?"

Staring in shock at the peculiar puppet no bigger than his palm in his hand, Huo Dou instantly recognized the true nature of the object.

The emblem of the gods, a totem gathering faith...

No matter what name it was given, its essence would never change.

After all, just two months ago, Li Hao had released many similar totems into the All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

One of these totems even resonated with the Hunting Fish, helping him gain an unexpectedly powerful follower.

"Could there really be someone else on Earth, like me, capable of creating a totem with complete functionality?"

Shaking his head in disbelief, Huo Dou thought this possibility was very slim.

Because a totem is not just a simple divine incarnation; it must also carry the power of faith from all beings.

It was through the faith of the Mountain and Sea Realm that Li Hao was able to create a fully functional totem in the Fallen Area.

Looking at the current state of Earth, let alone gathering the power of faith into a totem, it's still questionable whether humans can even nurture such large-scale power of faith.

In the strictly regulated Fallen Area, the power of faith is fundamentally considered a "forbidden phenomenon."

Otherwise, the gods would not regard this place as a tomb.

Once one falls into the Fallen Area, it signifies that a god is almost impossible to return to the Ascension Area.

"So the question is, where did this totem come from?"

Fixating his gaze on the bizarre puppet in his hand.

A wild yet reasonable guess suddenly emerged in Huo Dou's mind.

[This totem... comes from the Ascension Area!]

Once this idea took root in Huo Dou's mind, he couldn't shake it off.

This isn't an impossible notion. If even he could forcibly ascend dimensions, releasing totems into the All Heavens and Myriad Realms,

then for the gods in the Ascension Area to descend their totems into the Fallen Area doesn't seem to be a difficult task.

After all, the Fallen Area is merely a tomb of the gods, not a forbidden region for them.

The All Heavens and Myriad Realms are vast, and peculiar gods are numerous...

Due to various reasons such as fear of the afterlife, or a simple desire to search for Ancient God legacies in the Fallen Area, some gods would eventually take the first bold step.

The only question now is, in such a vast universe, why did the totem coincidentally appear on Earth?

Or more precisely, why do people and events related to the gods continuously appear in the city where he resides?

If one were to say this is merely a coincidence, even Li Hao couldn't convince himself.

[Could it be related to the 'Innate Misfortune' trait?]

Among Li Hao's mythical abilities, there is one called [Innate Misfortune].

He originally thought it was merely an attribute stemming from his identity as a transmigrator, unwelcome and unheeded by this world— much like the mere five points in luck value within his personal attributes.

However, given the current situation, Li Hao evidently underestimated the mythical capability of [Innate Misfortune].

While He Bo might indeed harbor some secret, it's highly likely that Li Hao's [Innate Misfortune] is the main culprit behind all this.

Even the secret that He Bo is hiding might have been attracted by [Innate Misfortune].

"In a sense, this can also be considered as being a 'Star of Calamity and Solitude'!"

The place he resides, the people he comes into contact with, are all influenced by the [Innate Misfortune] trait.

If Li Hao hadn't been the Creator from another world, it might not have been possible to suppress the various negative impacts of [Innate Misfortune].

Even so, Li Hao's miserable financial luck is enough to prove that [Innate Misfortune] continues to affect him.

Here, without hesitation, Li Hao pinned his dreadful financial situation on the influence of [Innate Misfortune].

"Let me see who you truly are!"

The surrounding flames and barriers gradually dissipated, and his form reverted to that of a burly man...

Immediately following that, a majestic Celestial Eye opened at the center of Huo Dou's forehead.

At this moment, Huo Dou ceased to be purely Huo Dou.

Miles away, Li Hao chose to lend his Celestial Eye to the current Huo Dou, thereby granting the incarnation some of his main body's abilities.

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Time rewinds to a few minutes earlier.

"You said, that little boy will definitely not come back again. What do you mean by that?"

Swiftly identifying the key point in He Jiali's words, He Bo couldn't care less about her still crying state and hurriedly inquired.

Perhaps because He Bo's current expression was too solemn...

Or maybe simply because He Jiali had cried enough and had come to terms...

Confronted with the face suddenly zooming in, He Jiali, amidst her sobs, lifted her head and began recounting her entire encounter with the little boy.

Due to the frequent arguments between her parents, He Jiali had been living in anxiety from a very young age.

She was uncertain when her parents' disputes would cease, nor did she know if she would be abandoned.

The only clear thing was, as their disputes escalated, divorce seemed to be an inevitable choice.

Upon realizing this, He Jiali felt like her world was about to shatter.

It was at this moment that she heard a faint voice, one that only she could hear.

Initially, when He Jiali told her parents about it, they just assumed their child was having auditory hallucinations and didn't give it much thought.

But as time went on, He Jiali gradually realized it was no hallucination.

The owner of that voice claimed to be a "god," though not of this world of hers.

He came from another dimension that He Jiali could never reach, and he hoped to understand the world she currently inhabited through her.

To be honest, the bewildered He Jiali didn't quite grasp what the other party meant.

She only knew that the other party held no malice towards her.

This self-proclaimed "god" not only patiently listened to her concerns but also sensibly advised her on how to interact with her parents and resolve familial conflicts.

From this perspective, the other party was evidently more competent than He Jiali's own parents.

Unfortunately, the other party couldn't maintain long-term communication with He Jiali.

The "god" explained that the dimensional difference was too great between them, and even he hadn't anticipated managing contact with the Earth-bound He Jiali.

The chance of such an occurrence was roughly equivalent to randomly stringing together the digits of pi from an infinite set of numbers.

However, if He Jiali could find his totem incarnation left on Earth, there was hope for maintaining contact.