

## **The Growth 161**

Chapter 161 - 16: Celestial Being's Curse (2/3)

[The True God you seek has long since perished; there is no deity here that you are looking for.]

The voice was calm yet helpless as the two eyes, one green and one red, spoke almost in unison.

As they claimed, the Ancient God of old indeed had died, leaving behind only some remnants after their death.

The Panoramic Eye God Totem is like this, and so is the entire Void Divine Hall...

Alas, that Ancient God was truly too powerful.

Even after billions of years in death, they could still long maintain their world from falling into the [Fallen Area].

[The Long-Eyed God... is already dead?]

Though he had long speculated, hearing this answer still left Li Hao unable to conceal his inner shock.

Before coming here, Li Hao had considered countless answers to why the Panoramic Eye Divine King cast totems across All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

Upon seeing the Void Divine Hall, Li Hao once thought perhaps the Long-Eyed God, like the Candle Dragon and Winged Serpent God, had survived in some way.

After all, the world hadn't fallen into the [Fallen Area], so how could a True God hiding within have perished?

However, the words of the two eyes, one red, one green, shattered all of Li Hao's conjectures.

[What exactly happened here?]

From the perspective of the [Hunting Fish], one could clearly see an expression of hesitation in the two eyes.

Yet this brief hesitation ultimately succumbed to their desire for survival.

Through the harmonious descriptions of the two eyes, Li Hao gradually understood what happened with the Long-Eyed God.

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As the Faceless Ones said, the Long-Eyed God was an Ancient God birthed before Celestial Father·Haojun.

Their true name and exclusive title had long been forgotten.

The only thing the Gods remembered were those two eyes occupying nearly half of their face.

Thus, the name "Long-Eyed God," more symbolic than substantive, gradually became their alias.

Though the Gods weren't categorically stronger the older they were.

Yet, surviving calamities time and time again was proof enough that the Long-Eyed God wasn't renowned without reason.

Regrettably, after weathering countless storms and witnessing seven Celestial Fathers' rise, the Long-Eyed God ultimately capsized in a mere gully.

In one God's Calamity, the Long-Eyed God nearly fell from the dimension of life and completely perished.

Even so, the Long-Eyed God fell into a long silence, with no one knowing where they had gone.

In fact, during the time the Long-Eyed God disappeared, they were battling against "Death."

Because in that God's Calamity, the Long-Eyed God, indeed relying on their formidable power, forcibly struggled back from the brink of death.

Yet, a bizarre curse struck them—Celestial Five Declines!

This curse originated from a peculiar civilization—the Celestial Beings, who called the "Gods" of their world Celestial Beings.

Unlike general civilizations revering deities, all life in their world believed "Gods" were not aloof.

With opportunity, even the lowest ants could obtain a "God's" power through cultivation.

The difference lay in that the Innate Gods transcended beyond the world, bearing the responsibility of maintaining world's operation.

In contrast, those Celestial Beings attaining Divine Power through cultivation could transfer their responsibilities, carefree between heaven and earth.

—Enjoying power alone, without bearing responsibilities.

The Long-Eyed God had no intention of evaluating the right or wrong of these actions.

Their only understanding was that those Celestial Beings indeed deciphered the essence of Gods.

Using curses to cause the God's gradual decline, eventually dropping from the dimension of life, falling into the impossible-to-climb God's Tomb.

The Long-Eyed God tried everything but could not shake off the entanglement of this bizarre curse.

More so, as the life of the Long-Eyed God declined, phenomena of infection by disease began to widely appear in their world.

This was the truly frightening aspect of the Celestial Five Declines!

To completely kill the deity, this terrifying curse would spread throughout the God's world.

Once the deity truly dropped from the dimension of life, the entire realm would be buried alongside them until it completely plunged into the [Fallen Area].

In desperation, the Long-Eyed God attempted self-rescue by merging with their world.

Thus formed the Void Divine Hall that Li Hao witnessed today.

Alas, this quenching thirst with poison did not genuinely save the Long-Eyed God's life.

On the contrary, the curse of Celestial Five Declines, upon the merging of the Long-Eyed God and world, successively infected every being in their world.

Until the moment before death, the Long-Eyed God still fiercely sought survival.

The Panoramic Eye God Totems repeatedly appearing across All Heavens and Myriad Realms were a means of their survival.

If a single totem shook off the curse of Celestial Five Declines, the Long-Eyed God could live anew and return once more.

Did they ultimately achieve their goal?

In a sense, the Long-Eyed God indeed succeeded.

But from a realistic perspective, the Long-Eyed God unmistakably failed.

Those totems inheriting their will, despite obtaining various abilities through assimilation with myriad peculiar creatures and even non-living things across All Heavens and Myriad Realms,

None of these totem incarnations escaped the curse of Celestial Five Declines, eluding the fate of death.

Again and again death, again and again forgetfulness, again and again decline...

Even if few powerful totem incarnations returned to the Void Divine Hall, they could only degenerate into "Old Gods" like those unspeakable beings.

The Long-Eyed God's will completely vanished the moment they died.

The remaining "Old Gods" are merely existences birthed from their corpse, a group of unspeakables resembling Gods yet not.

Due to inherent flaws, these "Old Gods" couldn't even embark on the Path to Divinity, reenabling them to be complete Divine Spirits.

Thus, knowing the entire truth, Li Hao finally understood everything that happened on Earth.

It's uncertain whether it was a complete forgetfulness or an intentional deceit towards He Jiali...

The Panoramic Eye God Totem, possessing a puppet body, targeted the little girl and led her to find their true form.

Ultimately, at the last moment, the curse of Celestial Five Declines took effect, causing the Panoramic Eye God Totem to forget everything and reincarnate as the little boy, Brother.

[So, with each death, you grew weaker...]

[Only within this Void Divine Hall could you barely retain your past memories.]

[Until one day, this Void Divine Hall plunges entirely into the 'Fallen Area', where you will truly perish.]

Faced with Li Hao's soul-searching question, the two eyes, one green and one red, fell silent.

[Since that is the case, are you interested in taking a gamble?]

[I don't know how to dispel the curse of Celestial Five Declines, but I might temporarily free you from this prison called the 'Void Divine Hall.']

[After all, you told me all this, didn't you want me to help you?]