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Chapter 166 - 21: Heaven-Reaching Jianmu (Part 1)

With the infusion of energy from the Cup of Hygeia into the Mountain and Sea Realm.

The first to sense this change were naturally the few Apostles under Li Hao.

Ji Meng, Yao Xin, and Merfolk Spirit all looked up at the sky in unison, as if they were witnessing that supreme existence steering the course of the entire world.

Following closely behind in detecting the alterations in heaven and earth were Hua She, once a noble God, and Yuyu, a Demigod.

Especially the latter, upon feeling the energy pouring into the Mountain and Sea Realm from beyond the world.

The human-bodied, snake-tailed Yuyu instinctively widened her eyes, her face full of astonished expression.

"Jianmu? Heaven-Reaching Jianmu!?"

During the peak of the Mountain and Sea Realm, Candle Dragon also once used a certain Divine Artifact to plunder external resources to sustain himself.

Unfortunately, with the advent of a Gods' Calamity, the Heaven-Reaching Jianmu capable of communicating with the heavens was forcibly taken by other Gods, leading the Mountain and Sea Realm into decline.

"No, this isn't Jianmu."

Decisively shaking his head, Yayu quickly discerned the difference.

If Jianmu is a bridge communicating with other worlds, then the Cup of Hygeia is a pump with its power fully engaged.

The ways they plunder worlds are vastly different, and the outcomes are worlds apart.

During the initial stages of the Gods' Calamity, Candle Dragon gained absolute supremacy in war by relying on Jianmu.

The outcome, however, led the enemy Gods to break the world's barriers at all costs, almost bringing both worlds to mutual destruction.

Afterward, a God named Nuwa forcibly seized that Supreme Treasure by using the Heaven Repairing Stone, which could restrain Jianmu.

Of course, Candle Dragon didn't let those Gods off too easily.

Especially Nuwa, who was nearly forcibly brushed off the dimension of Life by Candle Dragon, also left behind her mark in the Mountain and Sea Realm — Nuwa's Intestines.

— Classic of Mountains and Seas: Western Wilderness Chapter.

— Ten Gods existed, named: Nuwa's Intestines, transformed into Divine Beings, dwelling in the Wilderness of Li Guang, blocking paths and residing.

Simply translated, it means that there once were ten Divine Beings named Nuwa's Intestines in the Mountain and Sea Realm because they transformed from Nuwa's intestines.

They lived on a meadow called "Li Guang", enjoying robbing passers-by.

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Completely unexpected that the Chinese mythological system he was familiar with would collide in such a way.

While Li Hao captured the fleeting thoughts in Yuyu's mind.

He was curious if those ten Divine Beings, transformed from Nuwa's Intestines, eventually left the Mountain and Sea Realm?

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In the blink of an eye, several decades had passed.

The present White Bone City has become a flourishing city celebrated by the Hundred Races.

However, for A Su, who has lived here for a long time, he could only describe this dull prosperity with the word "noise".

Actually, A Su never understood why those "people" outside would toil for Sun Coins, which can't be eaten or worn.

Clearly, for the vast majority of Skeletons, these are not necessary things.

"Completely incomprehensible..."

Mumbling so, A Su looked up towards the nearby Bone Beast.

That was a Bone Beast named "Heng".

It is said that after cultivation by Bone Chant, it can already grow genuine metallic skeletons.

Not the type where Ascenders with strong personal strength make carbon-based bone structures have silicon-based toughness, but genuinely silicon-based metallic skeletons.

According to members from Zhiku specializing in researching Bone Beasts.

The reason Bone Beast's bones can naturally grow when inserted into the ground is because it can automatically absorb the phosphorus and potassium components from the soil.

So, could it allow Bone Beast's bones to absorb components other than phosphorus and potassium during the growth stage to enhance post-growth hardness?

After a series of experiments, references, and comparisons, this plan was ultimately deemed feasible.

A Su sneaked here now because he wanted to obtain a section of metallic skeleton for research.

"If I were you, I would be obediently attending class in school now, instead of sneaking into the grazing area to steal things."

Silently, the girl-like Luo Fu appeared out of thin air behind A Su, giving him a big scare.

Upon realizing it was Luo Fu who scared him, A Su's skull face humanely breathed a sigh of relief.

"So it's you! I thought Bone Chant had returned."

"Shush! Just like usual, pretend you haven't seen me."

"I'll make time to come here tomorrow, then deliver the new RPM Engine design to you."

Habitually, A Su skillfully stated his price but received only a white-eye from Luo Fu in return.

"Trying to trick me again?"

"The engine design you gave last time was a work I helped perfect."

"Plus, most of it referenced the principles and structures of the Burrowing Insect Civilization, lacking any new ideas."

Speaking to this point, Luo Fu's voice paused slightly.

"Speaking of which, did you figure out the 'gunpowder' I mentioned to you last time?"

Now it was A Su's turn to shake his skull, somewhat puzzledly counter-questioning.

"Why are you so obsessed with that so-called 'gunpowder'?"

"If you really want an explosive effect, can't you directly use Explosive Insect slime?"

"Plus, I'm a Skeleton, I have no excrement, where would I extract the 'nitric acid' you're talking about?"

Clearly filled with frustration over Luo Fu's inexplicable obsession, A Su spoke.

"Moreover, the 'gunpowder' you mentioned appears to stem from the technology of the Burrowing Insect Civilization."

Upon hearing this, Luo Fu merely hummed disdainfully.

"Hmph, you're thinking too simply!"

"If I weren't obsessed with studying gunpowder, do you think the metallic skeleton project could yield such quick results?"

Luo Fu spoke truthfully here; though she hadn't developed real gunpowder, she came up with its by-product — fertilizer.

This substance, initially effective only for plant growth, showed remarkable adaptability during metallic skeleton growth.

This unexpected situation once made Luo Fu question whether the Periodic Table of Elements from Father God also applies in this world.

"Forget it, it's not within your research field, talking to you is pointless."

"But you did remind me of something; didn't the Burrowing Insects send you a mini smelting machine?"

"If you need metal, why not simply use the smelting machine to extract it?"

Facing Luo Fu's questioning, the prepared A Su responded calmly.

"I want active metal, the kind that can self-replicate and self-heal."

"Though the Burrowing Insects have memory metal, it still pales in comparison to our active metal here."