

The Growth of a God

Chapter 17: Chapter 17: Ascender (Part 1)

"Eldest Son of God? No need for faith?"

"That guy named 'Balian', is he really the Prophet of the Gods?"

"Does he know he's wasting your talents!?"

"Does he know he's offending the forbidden taboo of the Gods!?"

The White Serpent, after hearing the undead's recount, raised its torso high, appearing extremely angry, and there seemed to be a hint of fear in its anger.

This was a large serpent nearly three meters long, with pure white scales that revealed a mysterious ancient simplicity.

Judging by its size alone, it was undoubtedly a powerful predator.

But from the expression and voice it displayed, it seemed this serpent wasn't yet mature?

In fact, this serpent was still just an egg three months ago.

The undead had found it among a heap of random rocks and hatched it driven by curiosity.

"Talent? Taboo?"

Completely unable to comprehend where the serpent's fear and anger came from.

The undead merely tilted its head slightly, gazing at the serpent with curiosity.

"Xin, whatever you do, don't get brainwashed by Balian, he's surely not the Prophet of that Great Being!"

Slowly coiling its body, the serpent whispered with a tone of solemn warning.

"Oh, I understand."

Casually replied.

The undead called "Xin" by the serpent, continued to shake its head, showing no heed to the serpent's warning.

It's not that A Xin didn't believe the serpent, but it had no concept of such matters.

God?

Prophet?

Great Being?

Those were all too distant for A Xin.

Its current consciousness was still at the stage of wondering what to do tomorrow and what unusual things had appeared nearby.

Just like an innocent child.

A Xin wouldn't even think about how the serpent knew so much or why it would share everything with it.

"You..."

Seeing right away that A Xin was distracted, the serpent was momentarily at a loss for words.

If it wasn't necessary, the serpent wouldn't want to attract the attention of that Great Being so soon.

After all, it had just reincarnated, and this body hadn't officially outgrown its infancy.

Its ability to communicate with A Xin came purely from a trace of divine power left in its Divine Soul.

But the serpent also knew that if Balian's nonsense continued, that Great Being who rules this world would sooner or later notice the abnormality of these followers.

At that time, should it be so unlucky as to be noticed, it would indeed be a huge trouble.

After all, no God would welcome an unknown entity suddenly surfacing in their Divine Kingdom...

Especially when the other party is an Ascender.

Even the most magnanimous God would crush it like a bug.

[Really unfortunate, who exactly was the boy who reminded Meng Yao?]

[Why was there a real Creator in his dreams!?!]

The serpent thought to itself, realizing it had to hasten.

It needed to figure out a way to leave before that Great Being noticed the "heretics" here.

"A Xin, do you want to leave here?"

With this in mind, the serpent suddenly raised its upper body, asking in a tone full of temptation.

"Leave here?"

Gazing blankly at the serpent, A Xin obviously didn't understand the meaning of its words.

"Yes, leave here, go see the outside world like that guy named 'Balian'."

Face to face with the serpent's enticement, A Xin surprisingly countered with questions.

"Why go see the outside world?"

"Is there a difference between the outside world and here?"

"I think you're tricking me; it's you who wants to leave here, isn't it?"

Innocence doesn't mean stupidity, and A Xin's performance couldn't even be described as dull.

Seeing through the serpent's ulterior motives in a flash, A Xin was merely curious as to why the serpent wanted to leave so urgently.

After all, they were both born here.

Could it be because of Balian's return?

Though its mind was swirling with thoughts, A Xin maintained its calm and composure.

And this calm composure was not feigned; A Xin was genuinely wise yet simple.

"Uh..."

Completely unprepared for A Xin's sudden sharpness, which was before so easily swayed, the serpent's body immediately stiffened.

Luckily, the serpent, being a reincarnated Ascender, quickly regained its composure.

"Yes!"

"After hearing Balian talk so much about the outside world, don't you want to go out and see it?"

Tilting its head slightly, it was unclear if A Xin was aware of the serpent's ill intentions or was simply in a daze.

After a while, just when the serpent thought its plan might have fallen through, A Xin finally spoke up again.

"Alright! Let's go out!"

A Xin's unexpected decisiveness left the serpent momentarily stunned again.

Did it succeed in persuading it once more?

For some reason, for the first time, the serpent felt things might be slipping out of its control.

But this hesitation didn't last long; the serpent figured it was likely due to its "Charm Ability" working again.

Compared to merely coaxing A Xin out of the place under the "Creator's" watch, the next step was the most crucial.

This determined whether it could reopen the Celestial Gate and ascend the Ascension Ladder.

"A Xin, before leaving here, we have one more thing to do."

Hearing this, A Xin seemed confused and tilted its head but didn't speak.

It knew the serpent would explain.

"Don't you want to have a 'heart' again?"

Seeing this, the serpent had no choice but to abandon its subtle inducing and directly reveal its goal.

A Xin was not a complete "person" now.

Like its similarly flawed kind, A Xin had a large hollow at its chest.

The heart that used to be there had long vanished.

Replacing it were capillaries and muscle skin writhing like living entities.

"Heart?"

Unable to resist, A Xin touched the hollow at its chest, asking in a bewildered yet puzzled tone.

"What is a heart?"

"What's the use of it?"

"Or, is it just like the name you gave me, only useful to others, not me?"

The name "A Xin" was bestowed by the serpent, initially just for convenience in referring and distinguishing it from other undead.

However, since Balian's return, A Xin realized the importance of names and began accepting the name given by the serpent.

"No, a 'heart' is different."

"It's the central hub of the seven orifices, the residence of the Divine Soul, and the key to opening the Celestial Gate!"