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Chapter 179 11: Divine Cruelty (2/3)

"That's all it takes."

Taking a deep breath, Li Hao, who had returned to his apartment, reverted to his original appearance.

As for that fleeting Dragon King?

Let it remain a legend in the files of the 749th Bureau, a tale destined never to be disclosed!

Compared to the temporary upgrade of the Book Spirit to the "Book of Binding Gods," the pursuit of the incarnation of the Ancient God by Hua She was a more critical task.

Only after eliminating the incarnation of that Ancient God would Li Yun truly be safe.

By then, with or without the protection of the 749th Bureau and the "Book of Binding Gods," nothing could possibly happen to Li Yun.

"Great God of Gods..."

The moment Li Hao thought of Hua She, there she was, having just completed her cross-realm chase.

Hua She, materializing once again, appeared somewhat weary, yet her face showed the relief of a mission accomplished.

"It's all taken care of?"

Nodding affirmatively to Li Hao's words, Hua She hissed with her serpent tongue.

"It's all taken care of, even that mysterious website has been destroyed by me."

As she spoke, Hua She slowly spat out a mass of black, bloody non-physical entity from her mouth — the last evidence of the Ancient God's incarnation.

"Divinity?"

Somewhat surprised by this unexpected gain, Li Hao immediately recognized its nature.

Unlike Divine Format, Divine Position, and Divine Power, Divinity was something far more fundamental.

Though it wasn't exactly equivalent to the life of a God, it symbolized existence itself.

Ordinary mortal lives even considered "Divinity" as a beautiful, holy, and radiant entity, attributing all imaginable positive adjectives to it.

Yet in Li Hao's eyes, Divinity was merely a tool.

Previously, Li Hao might have taken this Divinity to the "Faceless" to exchange for some Secret Treasure useful to him.

But now, Li Hao had a better plan for this Divinity.

"Well done!"

Just after saying this, Li Hao suddenly realized that this was Hua She's spoil of war.

Although, according to their current subordinate relationship, Hua She was undoubtedly Li Hao's subordinate.

Li Hao was never a harsh superior and didn't think Hua She should unconditionally give up everything for him.

On the contrary, Li Hao viewed Hua She's existence more as a mentor, a friend, and even a rival.

Especially in the beginning, to say Li Hao was entirely unguarded towards Hua She would be hard for anyone to believe.

However, as time went on, Li Hao found that although Hua She was an Ancient God, her thoughts were not very complex, even somewhat naively simple.

While not every clue was easily readable from her face, Li Hao could still discern some of her intentions.

Moreover, Hua She's genuine desire for Li Hao to become a "qualified" Creator allowed him to gradually accept this rather unique friend.

"Um, this is your spoils..."

"But I actually need this thing now, and I'm willing to trade with you."

Faced with Li Hao's candidness, Hua She raised her head in surprise, unable to hide her astonishment.

"Great God of..."

Before Hua She could finish, Li Hao interrupted her again.

"I don't know how you view other Creators."

"But after all this time together, you should see that I'm not the kind of Supreme God you imagined."

After a slight pause, Li Hao continued.

"I've never considered you all as my possessions; I respect your thoughts and your will."

"As long as your requests aren't too outlandish, I am willing to agree to them now."

"Of course, if you're unwilling, I won't force you."

Blinking at Li Hao, Hua She could hear the sincerity in his words.

Just as Li Hao thought Hua She couldn't hide her emotions, Hua She felt that Li Hao was quite understandable.

Even without mentioning the compassion he showed in prior events, Li Hao was, in Hua She's eyes, a very principled "God."

Particularly because Li Hao had the strength to uphold his principles, which gave him a different kind of charm than other Gods.

Undeniably, Hua She was indeed moved.

She was different from other beings of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

As a former God, Hua She had too many regrets and desires.

The disappearance of the Winged Serpent God, the obsession with becoming a God again, and even returning to the world that birthed her...

Hua She realized this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

As long as she made a request, Li Hao would certainly do his utmost to help her achieve it.

"Great God of Gods, you are sometimes too lenient..."

After a brief silence, Hua She suddenly smiled as she spoke again.

"Normally, at such times, if you just took the Divinity, I wouldn't say anything."

"But by doing this, you give me an 'expectation' that I shouldn't have."

"Do you know that if you don't fulfill my requests, I might harbor resentment?"

Slightly tilting his head, Li Hao, with a smile similar to Hua She's, asked back.

"So, will you harbor resentment?"

With these words, Hua She fell silent again.

"I won't, because I have no other desire!"

A streak of resolve flashed in her eyes as Hua She for the first time clearly understood her heart.

The Li Hao before her may not become a Supreme God as great as her Father God, but he was indeed a qualified Creator.

"If you need anything, I'm willing to do anything for you."

Lowering her head in submission, Hua She sincerely spoke.

After all, it was just a piece of Divinity.

During her peak, Hua She wouldn't have even considered it, and now, she certainly wouldn't make any excessive demands because of it.

On the contrary, Hua She suddenly realized the source of her earlier hesitation.

She shouldn't linger in past memories but should embark once again toward the future.

Perhaps, choosing to follow this compassionate Creator was a good choice.

Assisting him to become a being as great as her Father God might be more exhilarating than dwelling on past glories, no?

"Huh?"

This time it was Li Hao who was taken aback.

Because at that moment, Li Hao actually felt the presence of the Power of Faith from Hua She.

Like the followers in the Mountain and Sea Realm who believed in the Creator, Li Hao had never heard Hua She's heart so clearly.

This proud Immortal Serpent, once a divine being, in this moment offered her faith to Li Hao.

Upon realizing this, Li Hao inexplicably felt an odd sense of amusement.

It could only be said that the world never works according to personal will.

Even Li Hao, who was the Creator, couldn't truly comprehend the human heart.

