

The Growth of a God

Chapter 19: Chapter 19: Rebirth of the Ancient God

Having observed the Great Serpent's temptation of A Xin throughout, Li Hao naturally noticed the malice hidden in the Great Serpent's intentions.

For Li Hao, who has lived two lifetimes, the malice exuded by the Great Serpent was palpable and didn't require careful contemplation.

Yet, Li Hao did not stop the Great Serpent's temptation of A Xin.

Because Li Hao was also extremely curious about what the Great Serpent intended to do.

And what exactly was the "Celestial Gate" mentioned by the other party?

Li Hao's intuition told him that everything the Great Serpent was doing might be a beneficial development trend for himself.

Clearly not documented in the Dragon Race Inheritance, yet somehow Li Hao felt it would be advantageous...

[Could it be related to the 'Ascension Ladder'?]

As this thought flashed through his mind, Li Hao's gaze towards the Great Serpent and A Xin became filled with interest.

In this "dream" from which he did not know when he would awaken.

Li Hao's desires and emotions were greatly diminished, becoming indifferent and solitary like a true Creator.

Only a very few people and things could fully stir the emotions within Li Hao.

Things related to the term [Ascension Ladder] were among them.

Acquired from the Candle Dragon, its importance and priority even surpassed the term [Dragon Race Inheritance].

Li Hao was very curious about what effect this term would have on him.

After all, among his only three mythical abilities, [Innate Misfortune] is undoubtedly the first series, followed by [Ascension Ladder].

As for the term [Dragon Race Inheritance]?

In Li Hao's current view, it might merely have barely reached the threshold of mythical abilities, thus being included among abilities at the same gate.

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Just as Li Hao was pondering over this.

A Xin, under the guidance of the Great Serpent, began to climb the highest peak of the "Land of No Night."

According to the Great Serpent, this was the place with the most concentrated Sun Essence.

Only with the power of this highest peak could A Xin achieve the most perfect "Transformation," and thereby have the possibility to open the "Celestial Gate."

Whirr!

Following the Great Serpent's instructions and arrangements, A Xin obediently assumed the posture of five hearts facing the sky.

Then A Xin closed his eyes, quickly entering a state of meditation.

And at that moment, the originally quiet "Land of No Night" suddenly stirred up a storm.

Swirl... Swirl... Swirl...

Sitting atop the high peak, A Xin seemed like a massive black hole, continuously devouring the Sun Essence of the "Land of No Night."

The sudden storm was the energy storm created by the backflow of countless Sun Essences.

Seeing this, the Great Serpent revealed a look of ecstasy.

Because it realized that A Xin had far more potential than it imagined.

Or more accurately, the favor of this world towards this group of immortals had reached an unreasonable extent.

Just by slightly entering a meditative state, A Xin could receive the response of the entire universe.

The scattered Sun Essence in the "Land of No Night" seemed not so much absorbed by A Xin but rather actively pouring into its body.

"A Xin! It's now!"

Seeing A Xin absorbing more and more Sun Essence, the Great Serpent suddenly raised its voice to remind him.

The next second, A Xin abruptly opened his eyes.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Two piercing glances burst out instantly, lighting up a nearby massive tree.

However, A Xin had no time to pay attention to such trifles now.

Because it already felt as though its body was being forged by a searing flame.

Especially in the heart, where the fiery Sun Essence was madly surging, making A Xin feel for the first time what a "heartbeat" meant.

A giant void was regrowing, and the previously missing heart began to regenerate rapidly...

No, the terms "grow" and "regenerate" might not be precise.

Rather than saying A Xin was regrowing a heart, it's more accurate to say it was restructuring its current body.

This is the true meaning of "Transformation."

To abandon its originally flawed form and rebuild a more perfect "Innate Form."

"Don't overthink! Follow your heart!"

Sensing A Xin's distraction, the tense Great Serpent immediately shouted.

At this critical moment of transformation, any external interference could lead to severe consequences.

Moreover, the Great Serpent's aim was not just to let A Xin transform simply.

Whirr!

As more and more Sun Essence poured into A Xin's body, the Great Serpent also coiled around it.

As for this, A Xin did not resist at all but instead returned to that meditative state of unity with the heavens and the earth.

Thus, the Solar Fire began to visibly burn on the Great Serpent's body.

"Hiss..."

Under the intense flames, the Great Serpent emitted the characteristic hiss of snakes for the first time.

The pain of being scorched by high-temperature flames and the pain of having its Divine Soul eroded by Sun Essence...

Pain transmitted from both the spiritual and physical dimensions made even the once ascender—the Great Serpent, unable to restrain its wails and screams.

But the Great Serpent, true to its name.

From the moment it decided, it had anticipated the current situation.

Therefore, the scorching pain did not deter it but rather reinforced its determination.

Its body gradually assimilated with A Xin, and its Divine Soul slowly entered A Xin's body...

In no time at all, the original Great Serpent had disappeared, becoming a complete part of A Xin.

As for A Xin, entirely focused on meditation?

It hadn't even noticed the Great Serpent's disappearance but instead immersed itself wholly in the unprecedented sense of pleasure.

Being one with heaven and earth, its perception extended and expanded infinitely outward.

This was a sensation that A Xin had never experienced and felt it had touched some limit of living beings.

[Is this... 'God'?]

A thought flashed through its mind, and A Xin instinctively accepted this notion.

At least, within a few kilometers where its will could extend, it was indeed the "God" who could dominate everything.

—Where thoughts lead, the winds follow.

—Where the heart desires, everything follows.

A Xin's will replaced the natural rules of this land, becoming the sole order.

The only thing making A Xin slightly uncomfortable was the feeling that some unreachable existence was watching him in the void.

There was neither ridicule nor disdain...

Only pure curiosity and attention, even if his current thoughts were so arrogant.