

## The Growth of a God

### Chapter 20: Chapter 20: Innate Form

Just as A Xin perceived, Li Hao was indeed observing the other party with curious eyes.

Transformation, in Li Hao's understanding, seemed to be a way for a demon to become human, mostly existing only in mythological legends.

However, by observing A Xin's transformation process, he gained a new understanding of the word "transformation."

It is not simply turning oneself into a human.

It is reshaping one's flaws and deficiencies, thus achieving a form infinitely close to "nature."

In the words of the Great Serpent, this is the "Innate Form."

Even an immortal like A Xin, whose state has been fixed, can reshape their body through transformation.

It's just unclear whether this is A Xin's own psychological inclination or the subtle influence of the Great Serpent...

The successfully transformed A Xin, although regaining a heart, underwent a dramatic change in appearance.

[Gender transformation?]

Smooth, flowing long hair...

Graceful and gentle body curves...

Plus the faint heroic spirit emanating from the eyebrows...

After successful transformation, A Xin unexpectedly became a female.

Silently observing A Xin, Li Hao basically concluded that the other party was indeed a genuine female, rather than just an effeminate man.

Despite feeling a bit awkward looking at this gender-transformed version of himself,

Upon noticing the changes in A Xin's body, Li Hao vaguely gained an understanding.

It seems that the transformation taught by the Great Serpent can also make adjustments based on the transformer's inner inclination.

Expanding this idea a bit, could it be that as long as one subconsciously believes oneself to be a certain animal, they will transform into an animal that fits the concept of an "Innate Form"?

[Did A Xin become female due to its own psychological inclination or the influence of the Great Serpent?]

As if confirming Li Hao's thoughts, A Xin, who had its eyes tightly closed, suddenly reopened them.

However, the "A Xin" who reopened its eyes now possessed a pair of mysterious, bright yellow snake eyes and emanated a cold-blooded aura.

It's evident that the current "A Xin" is not truly A Xin.

"Is this the true 'Immortal Body'!"

Fingers gently brushed across its wrist.

A Xin, or rather the Great Serpent, looked at the wound that healed without even a drop of blood, a trace of unmistakable joy flashed in its eyes.

As a former ascender, the Great Serpent knew better than anyone the value of an immortal body.

Back in the day, it went through countless life-and-death experiences to successfully tread the path to divinity, only to ultimately succumb to the fate of death.

If there was even a slight ability of "immortality" before becoming an ascender,

combined with the "rebirth" authority gained post-ascension, it wouldn't have ended in such a miserable death.

"Indeed, it is a race favored by the 'Primordial Spirit.'"

Envy, jealousy, and a touch of pride...

The Great Serpent felt this group of immortals were merely squandering their talents.

Yet, it couldn't deny that the purity of these immortals was worthy of the "Primordial Spirit's" favor.

If it were the former self, it would also favor such pure believers—

provided none of them turned into a "Rebel" like Balian...

—Aware of God, believing in God, yet refusing to preach for God.

Such "rebels" are unacceptable and impermissible in the eyes of any true god.

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"Sss!"

After simply checking its current body state, the Great Serpent couldn't help but flick out its forked snake tongue.

Because the current state of this body was even more perfect than it imagined, nearly reaching the limit attainable at the dimension of "life."

"The remains left by the most perfect ascender's transformation may just be like this!"

The Great Serpent self-reflected that even at its peak before ascending, it wasn't as good as this body now.

With this body, reopening the "Celestial Gate" was a straightforward task.

The Great Serpent felt the only thing it needed to consider was how to seize this world's faith from that "Primordial Spirit" after reopening the Celestial Gate, thus ascending to the divine throne and returning to the heavens.

Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle...

With almost no hesitation, the Great Serpent decided to strike while the iron was hot and reopen the "Celestial Gate" immediately.

After all, with such a favorable condition, opening the "Celestial Gate" was just a matter of course.

However, the unsuspecting Great Serpent didn't realize its every move was seen clearly by the "Primordial Spirit" it mentioned.

[Is this the so-called 'Celestial Gate'?]

From Li Hao's perspective beyond the veil, the changes in the Great Serpent's body were all visible.

As seen at the center of the Great Serpent's forehead, a cluster of spirituality encompassing its entire essence, energy, and spirit was being reborn.

Having successfully transformed, A Xin's body was already able to communicate with the heavens and earth to a certain extent.

And what the Great Serpent was doing now was merely taking it a step further.

Letting this body completely become a bridge to the heavens and earth, then utilizing the nearby sun essence to materialize its own soul.

Indeed, from Li Hao's view, what was materializing was precisely the Great Serpent's soul.

Of course, given the situation, calling it a Primordial Spirit might not be out of place—an entity absorbing the sun essence.

[Aside from not having a Golden Core, it looks more and more like the novel's 'Qi Cultivator' ...]

Unaware and unable to know what Li Hao was thinking.

At this moment, the Great Serpent felt the continuous materialization of its divine soul, sincerely grateful for its choice.

Especially when its soul tried to break free from the body but was set ablaze by the backlash of the sun essence, this gratitude turned into ecstasy.

Fwoosh!

The blazing Solar Fire scorched the body.

However, A Xin's "Immortal Body" was unaffected in the slightest.

Instead, under the Solar Fire's burning, it constantly regenerated and grew, forging unprecedented resilience.

One must note that ascenders, as beings between gods and creatures,

were not meant to gratuitously discard the body and exist solely as a "divine soul."

At the very least, before true divine investiture, ascenders must rely on the body's protection to prevent being hunted by those with ill intentions.

The former Great Serpent lost its status as the "strongest ascender" for failing to care for its body, reduced to the "weakest divine spirit," merely surviving through the "rebirth" trait.