

## The Growth 204

### Chapter 204 12: Mother of Yunmeng Marsh (3/3)

Elder Rong's true form is a banyan tree, a towering old banyan tree that rises like a giant spire.

Years of expansion have made its body occupy nearly a tenth of the Yunmeng Marsh, nurturing countless lives.

However, Elder Rong's mindset remains youthful.

Almost at the same time when Chi arrived with David, a root extended out from beneath the giant banyan tree.

The next second, the root naturally twisted and changed, and a face resembling that of a woman appeared on it.

This was the appearance of that immortal long ago, and also the only memory Elder Rong could reminisce about.

"It's you, this mischievous little thing again. Who have you brought this time?"

With an elegant female appearance accompanied by an aged voice, Elder Rong spoke in a way that made David feel quite peculiar.

"Haha! Elder Rong, long time no see!"

Chi excitedly descended from the air and pounced towards Elder Rong.

However, having anticipated this, Elder Rong twisted its roots, dodging Chi's "assault."

"I'll tell you, if you cause trouble again this time, I won't clean up for you."

It seemed both indulgent and helpless...

As Elder Rong spoke, it playfully teased Chi with its roots like teasing a bird, stunning David who watched from the side.

The scene before him was nothing like what David had imagined, completely irrelevant one might say.

A being that claims to be a "god," and an ancient tree of unknown age...

Their attitude was even more lively than that of David, who had only lived for a few decades.

To this, David could only attribute it to the peculiarity of long-lived species.

"I didn't cause any trouble this time!"

After several failed attempts to grab the roots, Chi had to abandon this "little game" and landed directly on David.

"I found this guy outside, and he happens to have some questions for you."

Seeing Chi displaying such seriousness for once, Elder Rong's roots slowly approached and used that female face to scrutinize David.

"An autonomous mechanical burrowing insect?"

"When did the prophets of Zhiku allow such things into the Mountain and Sea Realm?"

Faced with Elder Rong's question, David didn't wait for Chi to speak and performed a unique gesture from his world.

"I'm not an autonomous mechanical; I'm a modified individual from another world."

"What you see now is my appearance after receiving mechanical implants, but my original form was a carbon-based flesh and blood body."

Upon hearing this, Elder Rong's brow visibly twitched for a moment.

"A life from another world?"

"How did you come to this world? What is your purpose here?"

With a hint of caution, Elder Rong's gaze gradually became more serious.

It was not like Chi, a youngster only a few hundred years old.

Having lived through the War of Divine Punishment and witnessed the fusion of the Hundred Races, Elder Rong knew better than anyone the seriousness of the term "from beyond the world."

"Here's how it is..."

Seeing this, Chi quickly began to explain the entire sequence of events.

From how it discovered David, to how he stumbled upon the Creator Totem, and then his purpose in coming to this world.

Chi hid nothing, telling Elder Rong everything that had transpired.

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"So, you come from a world ruled by Evil Gods?"

"And your purpose in coming to this world is to seek ways to balance or even defeat those Evil Gods?"

Staring wide-eyed at the mechanical body opposite, Elder Rong was shocked and opened its mouth wide.

"Simply put, this guy wants to become a god."

Chi summed up David's purpose in a single sentence, speaking with great excitement.

"Elder Rong, with your vast experience, you should know how a life like his can embark on the Path to Divinity, right?"

If it were just a normal creature, Chi itself could teach him how to embark on the Path to Divinity and begin his own Ascension Ladder.

But with David, who had transformed himself beyond recognition as a Cyber Individual, Chi was completely clueless.

Chi even doubted whether David had a normal biological soul left.

After all, David now was merely an unremarkable backup among the millions of copies of David's personality.

"I'm well-experienced, but I'm not all-knowing and all-powerful."

Rolling its eyes at Chi, Elder Rong couldn't help but fall into thought.

Even though Elder Rong still doubted David's story.

But in light of the Creator Totem in his hands, Elder Rong decided to temporarily trust his words.

Because regardless of which world he came from, since he was recognized by the Creator, it at least indicated that this David posed no threat to the Mountain and Sea Realm.

"If you truly wish to embark on the Path to Divinity, I don't have an immediate method."

"I can't sense any spirituality in you, the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill is useless to you..."

"Your soul presents an anomaly I can't comprehend, the Skeleton True God Technique is also ineffective for you..."

Here, Elder Rong deliberately didn't mention the most orthodox Ascension Ladder.

Because that path, gathering the Heaven and Earth Essence Qi and world essence, was impossible for a mere foreigner to gain the recognition of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

"What should he do then?"

Replacing David, Chi asked this question, also filled with curiosity.

"Go find the Immortal!"

Raising its eyelid subtly, Elder Rong responded.

"If you can find the Immortal, perhaps you'll learn other Ascension to Divinity Techniques from them."

This time, without needing Chi to speak for him, David took the initiative to ask.

"Then where should I go to find the Immortal?"

Seeing David so sensibly, Elder Rong immediately smiled.

"Go to the Skeleton Race's territory; they have more detailed records about the Immortal."

"Especially in the White Bone City, detailed records of the first Ascender among the Hundred Races are still preserved there."

"It's a legend; if you can replicate its journey, you might not even need to find the Immortal, and you could create your own unique 'Ascension Ladder' instead!"

Upon hearing this, David instinctively narrowed his prosthetic eye, as if detecting a hint of expectation in Elder Rong's tone.

"Honorable elder, how should I repay you?"

Coming from the Cyber World, David always adhered to the principle of equivalent exchange, and this time would be no exception.

"Repay?"

Caught slightly off guard, Elder Rong's smile became even brighter.

"Take Chi to see the world outside; that's my only request."