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Chapter 21: Father God

The sun rises and the moon sets, repeating the cycle over and over.

The Great Serpent, immersed in her own world, remained unaware of how much time had passed outside.

In any case, when the Great Serpent once again became aware of the passage of time, she could feel herself gradually detaching from the very concept of "life" as a dimension.

"The Celestial Gate... has opened!"

With a light stroke across her forehead, an eye suddenly opened at the center of the Great Serpent's brow.

This was the "Celestial Gate," and it was also the central hub of the Great Serpent's Divine Soul.

As long as this Celestial Eye at the brow remained intact, the Great Serpent's Divine Soul would not need to undergo Rebirth over and over again.

Combined with A Xin's own Immortal Body, the Great Serpent, once more embarking on the Path to Divinity, was almost certain that this time she would definitely ascend the Divine Throne once more.

"I have completed the first step of the Ascension Ladder."

Slowly standing up, the Great Serpent's body, without any external force, floated into the air.

The Solar Fire, originally burning her body, was gradually being absorbed and repurposed by her during this process.

Immortality, Rebirth, Flame...

With these powers in her grasp, once the groundwork for the Ascension Ladder was laid, the Great Serpent could undoubtedly become the world's first True God.

"Who would have thought, one day I might actually have the possibility of becoming the 'Sun God'."

Ambition flashed unrestrainedly in her eyes as the third eye at the center of the Great Serpent's brow emitted divine light, instantly sweeping across the entire "Land of No Night."

[Sun God?]

At that moment, a vast, profound voice suddenly resonated from the depths of the Great Serpent's heart.

Along with the appearance of this voice came an invisible yet palpable pressure.

"Who!"

Her pupils trembled violently, and the Great Serpent instinctively shouted out.

But immediately afterward, she realized the identity of the intruder.

In this nascent world, besides the momentarily appearing "Primordial Spirit," who else could so effortlessly invade the mind of an Ascender?

"Wait, I am not your enemy..."

Before she could finish her sentence, the Great Serpent found her body uncontrollably plummeting from mid-air.

In the next second, after standing upright again, the Great Serpent was terrified to discover that her Divine Soul was being expelled from the Celestial Eye at her brow.

"No!"

Desperately wanting to scream, the Great Serpent's voice was unexpectedly low and deep.

"Is this the 'Celestial Gate'?"

Her voice line changed instantly, a voice distinct from the Great Serpent and A Xin emanated from her mouth.

The heart of the Great Serpent sank because she knew who was speaking now.

The original Creator, the Incarnation of the World Will, the world-saving Primordial Spirit...

Of course, using the terminology from the Great Serpent's original world, this was a yet-to-be-restored "God of Gods."

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"Is this the 'Celestial Gate'?"

Observing the world for the first time with the perspective of three eyes.

Li Hao examined with slight surprise the golden sphere perpetually emitting a golden radiance before him.

This golden sphere was the Great Serpent's Divine Soul, the entirety of an Ascender's essence.

If a single word must be used to describe it, perhaps the word "Divinity" would aptly capture the nature of this unique soul.

"You actually brought me back to life?"

"This is indeed quite interesting!"

Unlike his previous state when possessing Balian, the current Li Hao had arrived in this world in a form close to Rebirth.

Because A Xin was not Li Hao's Prophet.

As an Ascender, the Great Serpent could not possibly worship an unknown God.

At this moment, Li Hao was reborn into this world as "A Xin."

If Li Hao willed it, he could forever live as "A Xin," much like the Great Serpent previously intended to replace A Xin.

[Brought me back to life?]

Seeing "A Xin" gaze at her Divine Soul with a curious look, the Great Serpent, with her mind in disarray, could no longer determine what to do.

From Li Hao's words, the Great Serpent seemed to discern some horrifying truth.

The immortals she had encountered, those favored by the "Primordial Spirit," did not seem to belong to this world's native species.

They were the "Remains" left in this world by an Ascender before becoming a God.

But why would that Ascender allow their "Remains" to regain consciousness?

Wouldn't they fear that their enemies might find ways to counter them by studying these "Remains"?

Furthermore... what kind of Ascender would possess so many "Remains"?

And most importantly, what was the relationship between that Ascender and the Primordial Spirit?

These questions tangled in the Great Serpent's heart filled her with unprecedented fear.

"You're thinking quite a lot?"

Awkwardly turning her body.

Unable to adapt to this gender-swapped version of himself, Li Hao sighed softly in resignation.

"Don't you know the principle that 'the more you know, the faster you die'?"

"Or has your world not developed to such a level of civilization?"

The Great Serpent's mindset swiftly shifted from fear to trembling, as she realized for the first time how close death was.

Even with her Rebirth ability, the idea of escaping intact from such a great presence seemed impossible.

[Great God of Gods, please spare the humble life of this little serpent!]

The golden sphere twisted and transformed into a small golden serpent.

The Great Serpent bowed her head in terror, her eyes filled with fear of death.

"Spare you?"

Amused, Li Hao scrutinized the small golden serpent but did not immediately respond.

Instead, he suddenly changed expressions, using a questioning tone to "ask and answer himself."

"She wants me to spare her."

"Do you agree, A Xin?"

As if responding to Li Hao, his expression turned from one of interest to a calm and tranquil demeanor.

"As the Father God decrees, A Xin has no opinion..."

A Xin's voice paused briefly before continuing.

"But, A Xin thinks she seems to know a lot."

"If she continues to live, perhaps it would be of greater help to the Father God."

Raising an eyebrow slightly, Li Hao, having regained control of the body, couldn't help but laugh.

"You're quite a kind child."

"Since you don't want her to die, let it be as you wish!"

"However, she may be spared the death penalty, but she won't escape punishment."

"For the time being, you shall obediently stay by my side!"

"After all, an exotic God in this nascent world is still too dangerous."