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Chapter 225 - 9: Celestial Monarch Yan at the Bottom of the Rankings (3/3)

Crossing the Central Plains, heading straight towards the west of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

This is a "forbidden zone" that the Mountain and Sea Civilization cannot currently touch, and also a woodland marsh where countless epic creatures are active.

However, in this life-limited forbidden zone, a figure appears at the moment, suspended between reality and illusion.

Its form is clearly born from mimicking the Immortal.

Unlike the Immortal, its limbs are composed of ethereal mist, capable of dispersing or condensing into other forms.

Besides, the figure's face does not have features in the conventional sense, but rather appears as a starry reflection.

Through that reflection, it seems all beings can glimpse the scene of their own death.

In fact, this is not an illusion but a real "future."

Because at this moment, appearing in this forbidden zone is none other than one of the supreme Celestial Monarchs of the Netherworld — Celestial Monarch Yan.

[Celestial Monarch Yan, it's been a decade already, how many souls have you lost!?!]

Along with a voice that only Celestial Monarch Yan can hear, an eyeball with bone appendages suddenly jumps down from a nearby tree.

"..."

There is a moment of awkward silence.

Celestial Monarch Yan doesn't directly answer Duo Mu's question but deftly catches the four-jointed eyeball.

[I understand why you got punished by Celestial Monarch Erosion...]

[It seems even in the Netherworld, you might be among those Celestial Monarchs with the lowest performance!]

Despite it being phrased as a question, Duo Mu is incredibly certain while saying this.

Ten years of companionship had long allowed Duo Mu to figure out Celestial Monarch Yan's details.

Excluding the identity of being a Celestial Monarch, this guy is just a forgetful, hot-tempered fool who loves ignoring others' opinions.

"Shut up; if you can't speak properly, don't speak. Silence doesn't make you mute!"

Feeling somewhat ashamed and irritated, Celestial Monarch Yan suddenly stopped advancing.

Because just a short distance from Celestial Monarch Yan in a forest, a pit filled with massive bones appeared abruptly.

The quantity of those giant bones is so immense that one cannot help but suspect that all the epic creatures in the forest have died here.

[Looks like we've found our target this time.]

The Eyeball of Duo Mu equally noticed that pit and uttered a sincere admiration.

[However, the situation seems to have taken a turn; the one lurking here is obviously a madman.]

In the Mountain and Sea Realm, the revival of bones into Skeletons is common knowledge.

Yet, the pit, buried with such high-quality bones, has not spawned a truly significant Skeleton.

This can only indicate that the souls originally supposed to be here have mysteriously vanished.

"Soul Devour, even in the Netherworld, it's considered a grave sin."

With a long sigh, Celestial Monarch Yan's voice spread throughout the forest at this moment.

"Desecrating the dead, resisting reincarnation, injuring the Yin Messenger, devouring souls..."

"With all these compounded sins, even the River of Oblivion cannot cleanse you of your crimes!"

As if responding to Celestial Monarch Yan's words, the vast pit of bones suddenly shook violently.

Crack!

Instantly, a towering skeletal giant hand stretched out from the pit.

"Sins?"

"If seeking life is a sin, then all beings in this world are unforgivable!"

A deep, hoarse voice exudes infinite rage.

The grotesque Bone Giant climbing out of the pit is composed of countless arms, its chilling bones emitting an eerie aura.

Under the erosion of this aura, all visible bones trembled and yearned frantically.

[Is this the fool who refused reincarnation and even wounded the Yin Messenger?]

Duo Mu's single eye curiously scrutinizes the Bone Giant, slowly arising nearby, without a hint of nervousness throughout.

"Nameless Soul, you are not seeking life; you are merely venting your resentment."

Without acknowledging Duo Mu's meaning, Celestial Monarch Yan merely eyes the opposing Bone Giant with a faint strata of compassion in his tone.

"True seeking life shouldn't come at the expense of other beings' lives."

"Moreover, you devoured their souls and deprived them of their future lives, which is a greater sin than killing them outright."

Upon hearing this, the wrath-filled Bone Giant ceased speaking, directly lunging toward Celestial Monarch Yan.

Boom—Bang!

In an instant, endless resentment caused the entire ground to tremble slightly.

Those bones from the pit began to move one by one, wildly responding to the summons of the Bone Giant.

Unfortunately, what they now face are not ordinary creatures but the incarnation of Death aligned against life — Ancient Celestial Monarch!

"Dust to dust, earth to earth."

"Life returns to life, the dead return to the dead."

When that cool and gentle cadence resounded again, all resentments vanished into smoke in an instant.

"Ah!"

The once menacing Bone Giant let out a scream as countless arms fell from its body.

Realizing what had happened, the Bone Giant found its body had transformed into a mountain of bones.

At last, only a wraith slowly floated towards Celestial Monarch Yan.

[How do you plan to deal with it?]

Having witnessed similar occurrences several times, Duo Mu inquires with growing curiosity.

"It committed the sin of 'soul devour' and is not eligible for reincarnation."

Without sparing a glance at the wraith, Celestial Monarch Yan casually pointed a finger, turning the wraith into a sky filled with spiritual essence.

Whoosh!

From afar, it appeared as if a rainbow pillar suddenly emerged amid the forest.

Countless beings stare fearfully in the direction of the rainbow pillar, seemingly sensing the majesty of "death."

[Alright! Upon handling this, only the last one remains?]

Gently shaking its eyeball, Duo Mu refrains from further queries, shifting focus suddenly.

[Which race was that fellow a member of in life? What sin did it commit?]

Upon hearing, Celestial Monarch Yan noticeably hesitates momentarily before speaking up.

"The last fellow is a bit troublesome; it is an Ascender of the Nine-tailed Race."

"It's not a soul refusing capture; it escaped from the Netherworld as a reincarnator."

Now it's Duo Mu's turn to be stunned.

Escaping the Netherworld and resisting capture by the Netherworld Race, the difficulty difference isn't minor.

[Reincarnator?]

[So you mean it reincarnated directly without its memory being erased by the River of Oblivion?]

Celestial Monarch Yan nodded, signifying agreement with Duo Mu's claim.

[I genuinely submit to you now that Celestial Monarch Erosion didn't count you for dereliction is already leniency!]