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After a persistent and relentless effort, the curious [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] finally got what they wanted.

However, under Balian's stern request, [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] could only descend to the World of Fallen Gods in the form of a partial consciousness vessel.

And in case of causing any big commotion or trouble.

Even if it means giving up on that reincarnator, [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] must be sent back immediately.

Therefore, when Celestial Monarch Yan officially arrived at the World of Fallen Gods, an ever-bouncing eyeball appeared on her shoulder.

"So this is the World of Fallen Gods?"

"I heard there are many Ascenders here, and even remnants of failed Gods trying for Ascension."

"Should we explore other places first? Maybe we can encounter some interesting figures!"

The eyeball rolled around incessantly, and [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] didn't use mind sensing like Duo Mu but instead communicated through vibrating the air.

"No!"

Without hesitation, the proposal of [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] was denied.

Having once served as the Mentor of the Gods, Celestial Monarch Yan knows better than anyone else how to interact with these Innate Demigods.

"We should first head to Quinn's territory. There are relatively more clues there."

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Wu Kui was once a Nine-tailed Fox, or rather, he used to be a Nine-tailed Fox.

Ever since he escaped the Netherworld when Celestial Monarch Yan made a mistake, he was no longer the Nine-tailed Fox he once was.

Not having passed through the formal reincarnation channel, Wu Kui could only use his special abilities to forcibly assimilate with an Epic Creature that had a strong body but weak soul.

The direct consequence of this was that Wu Kui couldn't reopen the [Ascension Ladder] for a long time.

The mismatch between the soul and the body made the journey to walk the Path to Divinity much harder than Wu Kui had imagined.

Fortunately, the Epic Creature that Wu Kui assimilated was a Flying Serpent.

Wu Kui, who had studied deeply at the Skeleton Race Academy, knew that the Flying Serpent was a distant relative of air dominator in the Mountain and Sea Realm—MinAsperpentg She.

When the first wise MinAsperpentg She emerged from the forests and became one of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas, it took a path drastically different from its distant relative the Flying Serpent.

The Flying Serpent did not evolve intelligence, so it focused on evolving its physical body.

These Epic Creatures generally have huge bodies, and although calling them mountainous might be an exaggeration, they certainly have an imposing size that dominates the mountains and forests.

Most importantly, as MinAsperpentg She's distant relative, the Flying Serpent also possessed the ability to fly.

When the Flying Serpent inhales air and expands its ribs, it can soar through the skies even without the aid of wings for a short time.

This led to the Flying Serpent standing proudly at the apex of the food chain, even among other Epic Creatures.

The pinnacle predator of the food chain, combined with the wisdom of the Nine-tailed Fox...

Wu Kui, though unable to reopen the [Ascension Ladder], still acquired abilities surpassing normal creatures.

Then, Wu Kui, in the incarnation of a Flying Serpent, stealthily infiltrated the tribe of MinAsperpentg She, and through impersonation, finally succeeded in leaving the Mountain and Sea Realm.

As for why Wu Kui chose to leave the Mountain and Sea Realm?

On one hand, it was because he wanted to escape the pursuit from the Netherworld; on the other hand, it was due to his dissatisfaction with the Creator's bias.

This brings us to Wu Kui's experience when he was still a Nine-tailed Fox.

Wu Kui was born during the War of Two Realms.

Since it was Li Hao's first time orchestrating a full-scale attack under the "Creator" title through his apostles, the related records have always been prominently described in the textbooks of various races.

Under such influence, Wu Kui had developed a nearly fanatical worship towards the Creator.

Unfortunately, Wu Kui himself did not possess the talent to become a Prophet.

And since Li Hao had no intention of fostering professions like Priests or Ascetics, Wu Kui eventually could only choose to become an Ascender.

Initially, Wu Kui didn't find this odd at all.

After all, the creatures of the Mountain and Sea Realm have all come this way, and no one found anything wrong with it.

But the arrival of the Burrowing Insect Civilization gradually made Wu Kui aware of the Creator's "indifference."

According to the Burrowing Insects, a God of the Creator's level could undoubtedly promote their followers unconditionally.

As long as the faith was devout enough, ordinary creatures could completely embark on the path of becoming Priests or Divine Chosen Warriors.

Of course, at this stage, Wu Kui just felt the Creator was too aloof and indifferent towards those who worshipped Him.

This wasn't uncommon and was even seen as a common phenomenon among the Burrowing Insects.

The True God would never grant you special treatment just because of your fanatical faith in Him.

True fanatics always wait for the divine grace to descend.

Until David from the Exotic Realm descended into the Mountain and Sea Realm, Wu Kui, who prided himself as the Creator's most fervent follower, was seized by jealousy.

Why?

Why can an outsider from an Exotic Realm receive such favor from the Creator?

Why did a being like an iron lump receive the favor that countless creatures of the Mountain and Sea Realm hadn't?

Especially when Wu Kui heard that David had successfully ascended in the Divine Fall Realm, his overflowing jealousy turned to unprecedented malice.

If devoutness couldn't earn the Creator's favor, why continue to be devout at all?

If becoming a God could make the Creator notice him, why not walk the path of blasphemy?

With this belief and resolve, Wu Kui finally set aside his inner concerns, taking the true Ascension Ladder at all costs.

As long as there was a glimmering chance to become a God, Wu Kui would not let it pass.

From the Mountain and Sea Realm to the Marz World, then to the Divine Fall Realm...

Wu Kui's journey traversed all the worlds under the Creator's domain, yearning to find a shortcut that would let him become a God.

In the Mountain and Sea Realm, Wu Kui chased after the tracks of the Sainly Divine Being·Yayu.

In the Marz World, Wu Kui deeply researched the knowledge and history of the Burrowing Insect Civilization.

In that world where even Gods might fall, Wu Kui personally visited the places where the Mist Spirit and David ascended successfully, witnessing the remnants they left behind.

Even so, Wu Kui never found that shortcut that could attract the Creator's attention.

Thus, while venturing to participate in the "Third War of the Godslayer," Wu Kui unsurprisingly became a casualty of that war.

Had the Celestial Tao System not protected all creatures of the Mountain and Sea Realm, timely retrieving Wu Kui's soul, sending it into the Netherworld, he might have dissipated like other Ascenders.

This illustrates the difference between having backing and not having it.

Ascenders under the Mountain and Sea Realm or Venerable Maitreya's command have the chance of rebirth through reincarnation, even if they die in the World of Fallen Gods.