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Chapter 233 - 17: Soul Materialization (2/3)

Rumble!

It seemed as if the environment, already somewhat illusory, trembled violently upon hearing Celestial Monarch Yan's unhidden words.

A moment later, a massive vortex appeared in the center of the Illusory Fairyland.

All individuals within, whether mortal creatures or Ascenders, realized something was amiss at that moment.

Those closest to Celestial Monarch Yan, who heard her discussion, did not hesitate to choose to flee immediately.

No one daring to venture into the Divine Fall Realm was a fool.

"What should we do next?"

Seeing this situation, the already eager Lord of Ghosts and Gods could no longer contain his excitement and asked Celestial Monarch Yan expectantly.

[What else can we do! Take action!]

Before Celestial Monarch Yan could respond, Duo Mu quickly answered.

Crack!

In an instant, the ground beneath the three cracked open.

A rock giant as massive as a mountain slowly stood up from the earth, exuding a sense of awe and terror.

Despite its humanoid form, the rock giant's head had a rugged, horned visage, akin to a terrifying evil ghost crawling out of hell.

The most crucial aspect was the searing magma constantly dripping from this evil ghost's skin, ever-penetrating the surrounding soil and earth.

—Exorcism and Demon Control Skill: Purgatory Evil Ghost!

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Apart from Gods who inherently possess rules and dimensions, the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill from the Jiuge of God Divine Pantheon is one of the most widespread and adaptable Ascension Ladders.

Even in this entirely fictional Illusory Fairyland, the Lord of Ghosts and Gods could forcibly endow the earth with Spirituality.

The Purgatory Evil Ghost that crawled from deep within the earth was incarnated from the land's wrath.

"Keng!"

The sound resembled rocks crashing together or perhaps the noise of lava corroding...

The enormous and hideous Purgatory Evil Ghost, under the command of the Lord of Ghosts and Gods, unhesitatingly pummeled one of the central buildings of the Illusory Fairyland with a punch.

In the blink of an eye, the Illusory Fairyland's counterattack descended.

Boom!

Countless individuals from various Races materialized out of nothing.

Formidable counterattacks, in various forms, fully covered all dimensional aspects.

Though these individuals were not the originals, they inherited the personas and combat experience of their originals.

Moreover, the individuals materialized by the Illusory Fairyland were a special existence, somewhere between being and non-being.

While the Purgatory Evil Ghost's attacks could touch them, they could not truly be killed.

[Evil Ghosts, they are soul materialized Evil Ghosts!]

Duo Mu's pupil suddenly contracted, and with only one eye remaining, immediately recognized their essence.

Back in the Netherworld's initial fusion with the Mountain and Sea Realm, similar creatures appeared briefly.

Those entities called "Evil Ghosts" by the Skeletons once contributed to their awakening, nurturing a Race consciousness amid a genuine existential crisis.

Simultaneously, it was the existence of such unkillable Evil Ghosts that prompted the great Creator to bestow the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill.

In this context, the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill seems like a natural nemesis for such creatures.

"Soul materialization, is it?"

Seeing more of these unkillable monsters appear, the Lord of Ghosts and Gods decided to get a bit serious.

Boom!

This time, a Storm Giant formed by a gathering storm appeared.

Fierce gales swept the land, and dense thunder descended from the sky...

Upon its debut, the Storm Giant, clearly inspired by Ji Meng, enshrouded the entire Illusory Fairyland in storms and fog.

—Exorcism and Demon Control Skill: Storm Giant!

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"Leave my world! Or don't blame me for being unkind!"

Just when everyone thought the battle would halt at a stalemate, a resonant voice suddenly echoed throughout the Illusory Fairyland.

With the emergence of this voice, more and more terrifying monsters began to appear in the Illusory Fairyland.

And it was evident these monsters were not Ascenders from the World of Fallen Gods.

Some had menacing claws and fangs, others were formidably intangible, and some colossal entities even equaled the size of the Purgatory Evil Ghost and Storm Giant.

If they had one thing in common, it might be their bizarre forms, signaling their origin from multiple worlds at a glance.

"Unkind?"

With a hint of mirth in her voice, Celestial Monarch Yan spoke once more.

"With these fake souls? Artificial Evil Ghosts?"

In stark contrast to the imposing aura of the Lord of Ghosts and Gods, Celestial Monarch Yan mostly maintained a demeanor of light breeze and clouds.

Yet it was this very demeanor of Celestial Monarch Yan that granted the presence behind the scenes a great sense of peril.

—She was their nemesis!

When such a notion crossed the mind of the presence behind the scenes, it realized it had encountered a formidable adversary.

"I have seen countless Ascenders, among whom some are capable of single-handedly evolving a world or a civilization like you."

"Under normal circumstances, such beings as you are undoubtedly strong even among Ascenders."

"Especially since you tread the 'Path of the Death God,' one of the most arduous in the Ascension Ladder."

At this point, Celestial Monarch Yan sighed regretfully.

"Unfortunately, you encountered me this time."

"Innate Evil Ghost, Electronic Essence, Virtual Soul..."

"Any capability involving the soul lies within my divine authority."

With Celestial Monarch Yan's words, the Illusory Fairyland suddenly froze.

Before the presence behind the scenes could escape, its monsters let out despairing wails.

"Death is the eternal destination!"

"The eternal rest of the deceased must not be disturbed!"

Under everyone's shocked and terrified gaze, the authority of the Death God descended into the Illusory Fairyland.

The clouds dispersed, the monsters wailed...

As far as the eye could see, the once violently extraordinary Illusory Fairyland plunged into eerie silence.

No more resistance, no more wailing...

Not until both the Purgatory Evil Ghost and the Storm Giant withdrew did the true form of the presence behind the scenes fully expose itself to Celestial Monarch Yan and the others.

To everyone's astonishment, the daring Ascender collecting Divine Fall Realm data right under the noses of two supreme beings turned out to be a furry... toy dog?

Upon seeing this, not just Duo Mu and the Lord of Ghosts and Gods,

but even the well-informed, self-proclaimed big-hearted Celestial Monarch Yan couldn't help but fall into silence.