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Along with the Celestial Tao System continuously tracing back through the timeline.

Everything that once happened in this world also unfolded before Li Hao's eyes, tracing all the way back to the world's inception.

This world was not naturally nurtured; it was an artificially created dimension.

According to the information Li Hao learned in the Civilization Game, the essence of the world is actually an entity formed by the aggregation of dimensions.

When different dimensions converge and happen to form a certain basic entity, the primordial world is born.

Typically, this entity must contain the most basic dimensions of space and time.

But the actual situation is not necessarily so.

Just like All Heavens and Myriad Realms are not short of worlds lacking material concepts, those missing space or time equally exist.

Or to be more precise, time and space are, in some sense, derivatives of material concepts, embodying the growth and movement of matter.

The initial Dark World was such a void created artificially.

Indeed, from Li Hao's current perspective, it doesn't even deserve to be called a "world."

It was merely a singular dimension opened by a certain God, an eternally unchanging void.

As for the intention behind that God opening this singular dimension?

Li Hao looked at the various chaotic "odds and ends" restored by the Celestial Tao System and found himself at a loss for words to express his feelings.

[Could it really just be a storage space?]

As a standard accessory for countless Transmigrators, storage space often manifests in various forms.

Yet, Li Hao never expected that a God would specifically open an independent dimension to store their belongings.

To ensure that their items could still be used normally later, that God even made additional corrections to this singular dimension.

No matter what is placed in this singular dimension, it will not affect its original function.

Simply put, this seemingly simple singular dimension can support numerous rules coexisting simultaneously, which sounds rather astounding.

Even a complete world with a self-regulating system cannot accommodate all rules.

What ultimately happened to that powerful God is unknown to Li Hao.

The only certainty is that when something beyond Li Hao's understanding was placed into this dimension, the dimension, originally just a void, became a genuine world.

The initial world, the primordial Gods, the first Life...

Under the deduction of the Celestial Tao System, the scenes of this world's past were clearly presented, yet no clues of the "Heavenly Father's Treasure" that Li Hao sought were there.

Until the world faced destruction, during the fierce struggle of the desperate Gods and sentient beings, that thing beyond Li Hao's comprehension appeared again.

That was the true "Ring of Darkness"!

It plundered the light of the sun, gathered the will of despair, and transformed into an unfathomable entity.

Those Gods unwilling to give up, unwilling to escape, had their wills seized under endless terror, becoming puppets of that nameless entity.

[That is the Heavenly Father's Treasure!]

Suddenly, Maitreya's voice echoed in the depths of Li Hao's heart.

Once entangled with Li Hao in a game of wits, he voluntarily relinquished interference with the timeline.

[Is that truly the Heavenly Father's Treasure?]

Frowning slightly, Li Hao observed this scene, vastly different from what he imagined, and felt a subtle sense of discord internally.

Both in Hua She and the Civilization Game, the Heavenly Father symbolizes compassion and benevolence.

Yet the events of the past seemed to inform Li Hao that everything unfolding in the real world was contrary to his imaginings.

[Indeed! That must be the Heavenly Father's Treasure, for only the Heavenly Father can defy 'Death'!]

As if to validate his words, Maitreya assisted Li Hao by elevating his perspective to a grander high-dimensional level.

Then, Li Hao observed a world originally destined to fall into the Fallen Area somehow miraculously remaining in the Ascension Area.

Not like the Long-Eyed God, forcibly wedged between the Fallen Area and the Ascension Area, but consistently maintaining its status as a world dimension.

As long as a life source similar to the sun reemerges in this world, it could once more give rise to Gods and Life.

If one were to liken the Long-Eyed God to a "living dead," then this world was akin to a person undergoing a "rebirth."

[I will help you seize the Heavenly Father's Treasure, and you share with me the information left behind by the Heavenly Father!]

With sincerity in his tone, Maitreya at this moment finally revealed his intentions.

In this game destined for loss, Maitreya made a choice aligning with his interests.

He knew clearly that as long as he kept meddling, even Li Hao would not succeed in obtaining the Heavenly Father's Treasure.

But at the same time, as long as Li Hao was there, the chance of him acquiring the Heavenly Father's Treasure was virtually nil.

So instead of continuing to fight on and seeing both suffer, it was better to cut losses early.

[Alright!]

After a brief silence, Li Hao too made his decision.

[However, the specific contents of the deal need some alterations.]

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At the same time, the dome of the Dark World.

The once infinite darkness began to gradually disappear, as a huge ring-like structure resembling the sun appeared in the sky.

That ring structure emitted endless radiance, and the once cold, dark world started to regain light and warmth.

"The sun... has returned?"

Body once again stabilized, Andiro, over ten meters tall, incredulously looked up at the sky.

Past memories gradually clarified, frenzied timelines converging into singularity...

Currently, Andiro was more powerful than at any moment before, yet also more confused than ever.

After all, she had no clue what had occurred, nor what the previous timeline chaos signified.

Contrary to that, Wu Kui suddenly widened his eyes, seemingly realizing something.

"Creator!?"

With Wu Kui's soft exclamation.

A gigantic "Eye of the Creator" abruptly opened at the center of the ring structure.

Subsequently, the prior ring structure that brought light began to vanish, replaced by a slowly rotating swastika.

It symbolized "Buddha," also representing a Divine Artifact capable of rekindling light in this world.

To sustain the existence of this world, Li Hao and Maitreya struck a deal.

And the gigantic swastika was the price paid by Maitreya.