

## **The Growth 238**

Chapter 238 22: The Fourth Celestial Father (Part 1)

The Other Shore of the Heavens, Brahma World.

This is a vast cluster of worlds, an almost world-encompassing barrier enveloping half of the heavens.

At the center of this world-class barrier is the Great Mandala—also known as the Assembly of Becoming.

From afar, one can vaguely see thirty-seven Buddhas, including the Great Sun Tathagata, manifesting at the center of the Brahma World.

They are arranged in a cross with five circular wheels, symbolizing the Five Buddhas of the Five Directions.

At the center is the Great Sun Tathagata, surrounded by the Four Perfections Bodhisattvas, with a lunar wheel in each direction housing a Buddha, thus known as the "Four Buddhas of the Four Directions."

The Four Buddhas are similarly arranged, each accompanied by four close Bodhisattvas, totaling sixteen Bodhisattvas.

Additionally, there are the inner and outer eight offering Bodhisattvas, the four accommodating Bodhisattvas, various deities from esoteric traditions, and the Thousand Buddhas of the Virtuous Aeon surrounding them.

And surrounding this main Assembly of Becoming is the Three Samayas Assembly, the Subtle Assembly, the Offerings Assembly, the Four Seals Assembly, the One Seal Assembly, the Assembly of Logic and Fun, the Subduing of Three Realms Karma Assembly, the Subduing of Three Realms Samaya Assembly composed of three thousand worlds.

The Maitreya Pure Land, where Maitreya resides, is one of the worlds relatively close to the core of this Brahma World.

"Amitabha Buddha!"

It seemed like only Maitreya's voice, yet it could be the chant of the Thousand Buddhas of the Virtuous Aeon.

The countless Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Vajras, and Celestial Consorts of the Maitreya Pure Land simultaneously opened their eyes.

They are all Maitreya and yet none is Maitreya.

The true Maitreya transcends above the heavens, being the world itself.

All the divine beings, Buddhas, and all living beings within this world are merely incarnations of Maitreya.

However, just as every god has apostles to perform duties,

Within the Maitreya Pure Land, Maitreya also has a permanent incarnate Messenger—that is the Monk Huanxi.

Due to his persistent carrying of a sack, most informed persons refer to this incarnation of Maitreya as "Budai Monk."

"To think someone would trade a 'Heavenly Father's Treasure' for the survival of a world..."

"This heart somewhat resembles that of the Celestial Father, alas the method is a bit extravagant."

Walking among the mountains and rivers, the smiling Budai Monk slightly raised his eyelids, smiling noncommittally.

Then, the Budai Monk reached behind into his bag, groping around before pulling out a completely black copper ring.

[Artifact: Ring of the Three Phases]

[Type: Ring]

[Quality: Rare Treasures]

[Function ①]Sub-ring of the Ring of Domination, able to entrust the holder's life, granting it eternal and indestructible divinity.]

[Function ②]Gathers the power of the three phases, capturing and taking lives, possessing the power of life and death over mortal life below that of gods.]

[Function ③]Any life whose soul is taken by it will become a slave to this ring, even if they are demigods.]

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"So this is the 'Ring of the Death God'?"

"Truly fitting of the most warlike Celestial Father, forging such a terrifying divine artifact with the 'Divine Format' of a Supreme Death God."

Gently caressing the surface of the "Ring of the Three Phases," Budai Monk knew better than anyone the terror of this ring.

As long as you wear this ring, no matter how weak a creature you were, your life dimension could be elevated to the height of a god.

Moreover, all lives slain by the bearer of this ring will be enslaved.

If a suitable Spirit Realm could be found, the bearer of this ring could even directly ascend the Divine Throne, becoming the Supreme Death God ruling a world.

"The only pity is, it is just a sub-ring."

Shaking his head with regret, Budai Monk threw the ring back into his bag.

Even disregarding the potential hierarchical relationship between a main ring and sub-ring,

For Maitreya, this ring is of merely some collectible value.

For an Ancient God at Maitreya's level, creating a God of Death is just a matter of time; there is no need for this ring.

As for its "killing attribute" against life below gods?

Maitreya also does not concern himself with it.

In All Heavens and Myriad Realms, how many mortals stand shoulder to shoulder with gods?

And among those who do, how many truly pose a threat to a Supreme God like Maitreya?

A chicken rib—this is Maitreya's evaluation of the "Ring of the Three Phases."

In comparison, the information conveyed by this "Ring of the Three Phases" is what truly holds value to this transaction.

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[The fourth Celestial Father? The most warlike Celestial Father? Ra?]

Muttering this name with a strange expression, Li Hao was uncertain if it was a pronunciation issue or if this "Ra" was indeed the supreme Creator Sun God from Egyptian Mythology.

Or rather, the Egyptian Mythology circulated on Earth today might actually hint at certain real past events in All Heavens and Myriad Realms?

On reflection, the ring taken by Maitreya being called the "Ring of the Three Phases," doesn't it also hint at Ra's trinity nature?

Ever since becoming the Creator, Li Hao not only gathered various information and intelligence in the [Civilization Game], but also conducted in-depth research into various mythological systems of the real world.

Ancient Egyptian Mythology is one of them.

In Egyptian Mythology, Ra as the original Creator God, Sun God, held a status as exalted as the Emperor Haotian in Chinese mythology.

However, with the passage of time, mythological evolution, and dynastic changes, Ra's image continuously transformed.

The Sun God of the Morning, Aten, the Sun God of Dusk, Atum, and Amon, who merged with Ra, are essentially incarnations of the Sun God in Egyptian mythology.

And in Maitreya's words, Celestial Father Ra had other great achievements in All Heavens and Myriad Realms—giving birth to life.

The current All Heavens and Myriad Realms is a world of life and civilization, where almost every world automatically nurtures gods.

Those naturally world that do not nurture gods, however, are among the rarer types.

Yet before the appearance of Celestial Father Ra, the situation in All Heavens and Myriad Realms was not like this.

At that time, worlds capable of nurturing life were rare, even one in a billion could be considered high.

In most instances, those haphazardly combined and gathered dimensions had no conditions to nurture life.

Dark and cold like the Dark World was the norm of worlds in that era.

It's not an exaggeration to say that the [Ascension Area] back then was no different from the [Fallen Area] where Li Hao is now.

Among the vast stars, a planet able to nurture life was a miracle.

In the then All Heavens and Myriad Realms, a world capable of nurturing life was also a miracle difficult to replicate.

Ra's emergence broke this condition, making the birth of life a norm in All Heavens and Myriad Realms.