

## **The Growth 318**

Chapter 318 9: The Well-Intentioned Old Father

With the help of Ya Yan, Gu Zhu's advance into the depths of the mountains went smoothly.

The other team members followed suit, utilizing various advanced instruments and equipment to scan and collect geographic and ecological data of the area.

This was also one of the team's tasks.

Every area that can nurture epic-level creatures possesses an extremely unique ecosystem.

Combined with the influence of epic creatures, this has resulted in almost no two identical ecological regions within the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

As the group was about to delve into the core area of the mountains, a rhythmic rumbling suddenly came from behind the majestic mountain range not far away.

At the same time, the indicators of various instruments within the team quickly exploded.

"It's that epic creature!"

"No, it's not just that epic creature!"

"Even those beasts that were previously intimidated have become restless..."

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Amidst the calm conversations, the team quickly compiled data and intelligence, and then sent the final results to Gu Zhu via their communication implants.

"It's here!"

At some unknown point, Ya Yan, who had been hovering in the sky, landed on Gu Zhu's shoulder again.

Then, as if in response to her words, an invisible force suddenly parted the clouds not far away.

"Are you the bad guys who scared Xiaocao and the others?"

When a childish voice came from behind the clouds, all the team members present were stunned.

Because what appeared before them was a little girl who seemed no more than seven or eight years old.

The difference was that this little girl was immensely large, towering several times taller than Gu Zhu, truly a heaven-supporting giant.

"Howl!"

With the little girl's appearance, a giant wolf, entirely snow-white, also appeared behind her.

Following the giant wolf, other forest rulers and even epic-level creatures appeared one after another.

The most crucial aspect was that with the little girl's proactive appearance, the mystical fog originally enveloping the entire mountain range seemed to gradually dissipate.

The various instruments and equipment in the team began to function normally.

The little girl's figure appeared in the mountains for the first time without any obstructions.

"Notice the Ascender on her shoulder; he's the real culprit behind all this!"

At this moment, the team member in charge of detection noticed the figure without any life aura on the little girl's shoulder.

"Culprit? Isn't that saying a bit too much!"

Evidently, Long Bo heard the team's communication, and his voice was directly in their ears.

"I haven't done anything wrong, so why am I suddenly declared the culprit?"

In the face of Long Bo's questioning, Gu Zhu firmly countered.

"You've disrupted the local ecology and set up a fog that isolates most detection methods, which already violates Central City's regulations."

"Even if you're immortal, you must come with us to Central City immediately to explain to the Prophets."

Gu Zhu's unyielding yet polite response successfully drew Long Bo's attention, only to notice that the opponent's size was second only to Dragon Child.

Indeed, it was only now that Long Bo noticed this.

This was partly because of the fog.

On the other hand, it also showed Long Bo's inherent disregard for the team.

"I will explain when the time comes..."

"The reason I've come this time is actually to ask for your help."

This time, it was Gu Zhu and Ya Yan who were surprised.

Immortals are rarely seen asking for help.

At least, that immortal across didn't seem like the type to ask for help readily.

Just one glance at the little girl-like Dragon Child, and the team members who had families flashed understanding looks.

And Long Bo's next words confirmed their suspicions.

"Dragon Child is my daughter. She has never been exposed to the outside world."

"I want you to take her out to experience the civilization of the outside world, rather than staying in this place and keeping company with beasts."

To show his sincerity, Long Bo slowly flew off Dragon Child's shoulder as he spoke and landed in front of the team members.

From this angle, all team members could clearly see Long Bo's appearance.

"Why choose us?"

Slightly tilting her head, Ya Yan spoke up at this time.

As a female, Ya Yan was much better at deciphering emotions than the straightforward Gu Zhu.

She could tell that Long Bo sincerely wanted to entrust the "Female Giant" to them.

"Because you're the Anomaly Response Unit."

"Because my daughter is a bona fide Mountain and Sea People."

This is what makes the Mountain and Sea Realm distinct from other worlds.

The identity of "Mountain and Sea People" is not exclusive to any one race but belongs to all intelligent life born in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Especially for pioneers like Ya Yan and Gu Zhu, who, under the guidance of the Creator Prophets, naturally possess stronger responsibilities and missions than ordinary Mountain and Sea People.

Choosing to entrust his daughter to them was the result of Long Bo's careful consideration.

"Huh? Dad? This is not what you said!"

Before the team members could respond, Dragon Child behind Long Bo picked up the discrepancy.

Dragon Child is merely simple and innocent, not a fool.

"Dad? Aren't you coming out of the mountains with me?"

Seeing this, Long Bo immediately turned to explain.

"Sweetie, daddy just has some temporary business to deal with."

"Once I've sorted things out, I will be the first to come find you!"

Faced with this rhetoric from Long Bo, Dragon Child shook her head decisively in denial.

"No, then I'm not going out."

"Actually, it's quite fun in the mountains with daddy and everyone around; I really don't want to leave."

Slightly exasperated by the situation, Long Bo rubbed his temples and continued to explain painstakingly.

"Darling daughter, haven't you always wanted to shrink a bit?"

"Dad has come up with a solution, and I'll come back to get you once it's sorted!"

Shaking her head again, Dragon Child looked at her father with eyes that seemed to say, "Are you trying to fool a kid?"

"I don't want to shrink anymore; I think I'm fine as I am!"

With a twitch of his mouth, Long Bo realized he wasn't cut out for coaxing kids—especially ones as overly clever as Dragon Child.

"Dragon Child! Am I still your dad or not? Will you listen at all!?"