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Chapter 319 - 10: Fellow Wanderers in a Strange Land

Three days later, at the edge of the Fertile Wild Mountains.

Dark clouds spread across the sky, lightning constantly flashed, and bean-sized raindrops continuously fell from the sky.

In the distance, it seemed like there was still a sound of a girl crying, as loud as thunder roar.

"She's been crying for three whole days now, hasn't she?"

Hiding in the temporary tent, a small-sized Fire Monkey asked in a low voice.

As a special race among the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas, adept at controlling flames, Fire Monkeys detest the continuous rainy days the most.

"If she keeps crying like this, these mountains will turn into swamps."

The Fire Monkey's words weren't an exaggeration, because their current campsite was set up on a high ground.

Yet even on such a high ground, the accumulated water had already reached over their ankles, showing signs of completely flooding the entire camp.

One can imagine what kind of scene the lower valleys and pits must be like right now.

"What else can we do? Can you comfort the child?"

Nesting under the tall tree shade, Ya Yan's voice also carried a hint of helplessness.

Though Fire Monkeys disliked the constant rainy days, other members of the team didn't favor it either.

Unfortunately, ever since Long Bo left, Dragon Child's cries never stopped, and the continuous heavy rain kept increasing.

"I've never really comforted a child, but I've truly never seen such a hard-to-please child."

"The most absurd thing is, this child is a demigod-level Ascender, and her cries can actually trigger continuous heavy rain?"

Scratching its own head, the Fire Monkey grumbled, the frustration in its heart was almost visible.

"And also that Immortal, indeed as capricious as the rumors suggest."

"If he hadn't gone to such lengths to cover the tracks of that little girl earlier, I'd be wondering if the girl was really his daughter."

Upon hearing this, Ya Yan suggested a completely different perspective.

"Exactly because he is an Immortal, he chooses to become the father of that Female Giant."

"Don't forget, the Immortals are a race unable to have offspring."

Once this was said, including the Fire Monkey, all team members fell into silence.

They suddenly remembered another tag associated with the Immortal, equally famous as 'capricious' — Eldest Son of God.

This label is not only an honor but also a responsibility.

"Indeed, if it were a race other than the Immortals, they might not have devoted so earnestly to caring for that little girl."

The Fire Monkey sighed deeply. Even after joining the Mountain and Sea Civilization, its race still adopted a laissez-faire approach for the vast majority of offspring.

Therefore, the Fire Monkey knew better than anyone how difficult it is to care for such a special offspring like Dragon Child.

"Do you think Gu Zhu can comfort that little girl?"

As the Fire Monkey looked up at Ya Yan, its expression showed a rare sign of worry.

"I know you've always felt Gu Zhu isn't suitable to be a 'Pioneer,' but you should trust the Prophets' judgment."

"Gu Zhu is just a bit young, but its overall qualities are not inferior to ours."

"Most importantly, Gu Zhu's experiences are very similar to those of the Female Giant, they would certainly have a lot to talk about."

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Rumble...

Thunder claps, clouds and rain continue.

Gu Zhu didn't say any grand truths to Dragon Child as everyone imagined.

During these three days, Gu Zhu merely sat silently on the plains not far from Dragon Child, waiting quietly for the other to vent all emotions.

"No more crying?"

It wasn't until Dragon Child's wails turned to sobs that Gu Zhu spoke for the first time.

"I actually understand how you're feeling."

"Because when I left Bone Forest and my teachers, I felt just like you."

"I couldn't understand why my teachers wanted me to go outside?"

"I couldn't understand why I had to endure those different gazes outside?"

"However, we can't always remain children, living forever under the shelter and protection of elders."

After a brief pause, Gu Zhu continued.

"Dragon Child, I know you're very smart and can understand what I'm saying."

"Have you ever thought carefully about why your loving father chose to entrust you to us?"

"Have you seriously thought about why your father, who always fulfilled your every request, decided to leave you at this time?"

The sobbing gradually turned into silence, Dragon Child looked at Gu Zhu in the distance, then after a long while, asked in a voice tinged with slight sobs.

"Why?"

The voice was no longer as thunderous, and the clouds overhead seemed to show signs of dispersing.

Dragon Child indeed understood Gu Zhu's words, just as she had immediately grasped the underlying meaning of Long Bo's words earlier.

"Your father has always been trying to solve your issue with size, hasn't he?"

"I think he already knows how to solve that issue..."

"But because the thing he has to do is extremely dangerous, and he couldn't leave you alone here, he kept delaying until now."

"Until our appearance, your father finally made up his mind to temporarily entrust you to us."

Gently wiping the tears from her eyes, Dragon Child understood the meaning in Gu Zhu's words.

"Father isn't just tired of me? So he doesn't want me anymore?"

Hearing Dragon Child's timid inquiry, Gu Zhu couldn't help but laugh.

"If he really didn't want you, would he deliberately say those words to you?"

"With his abilities, sneaking away without letting you find out would have been easy, wouldn't it?"

The sadness in her eyes turned to hesitation, and Dragon Child still hesitantly questioned.

"But... Father was clearly very angry at that time..."

Slowly standing up from the ground, Gu Zhu walked towards Dragon Child.

"Angry? That wasn't anger."

"Your father just has that kind of temperament, he didn't know how to tell you these things."

"In fact, all first-time parents don't know how to interact with their children, your father is just... one of the more outstanding ones."

When Gu Zhu came in front of Dragon Child and looked up at her, his tone was firm.

"Rest assured, if your father really plans to abandon you, I'll definitely help you catch him back."

"No matter where he is at the ends of the earth, we'll definitely retrieve him!"

The hesitation completely dissipated, Dragon Child looked down at Gu Zhu, able to feel the resolve behind his words.

"Okay! I believe you!"