

## **The Growth 32**

### Chapter 32 - 9: Three Major Version Updates

A long time ago, the "Civilization Game" was indeed a channel for communication between the gods.

Gods from different worlds and divine kingdoms, who wanted to cross world barriers to communicate, generally had to be at least at the Main God level to do so.

However, as time went by, the "Civilization Game" soon experienced a version upgrade.

First of all, not all gods are willing to expose themselves to the eyes of others.

Especially those gods who are inherently unsuitable for public exposure.

Their power comes from secrecy, from the dark, from death, from the eerie.

Thus, these gods came up with an idea — to support proxies.

Under every god, there is an Apostle belonging to them.

These Apostles might be mortals, might be demigods, or might even be True Gods.

Allowing Apostles under them, who are qualified to enter the "Civilization Game," to replace themselves in showing up, is indeed a great method.

This not only maximizes the preservation of their own mystery, but also allows gods to focus wholeheartedly on developing their own abilities without investing energy in the "Civilization Game."

Then, a genius god discovered a loophole in the "Civilization Game" during this process.

By establishing some small Secret Realms outside the [Official Hall] that depend on the presence of the [Official Hall], it is indeed possible to allow Apostles below the True Gods to also enter the "Civilization Game."

Naturally, this led to the third major version upgrade of the "Civilization Game" — the rise of mortals.

No longer limited to those extraordinary life forms like True Gods, Demigods, and Apostles.

As long as one has enough opportunities, even mortals as weak as ants can become powerful through the medium of the "Civilization Game."

Some powerful gods who are fond of games, or who have a perverse sense of humor, even deliberately create some ownerless small Secret Realms and release them into the All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

These small Secret Realms have no owner and thus are not subject to any restrictions.

Any creature that gains control over these small Secret Realms can become a participant in the "Civilization Game."

After undergoing the three major version upgrades of [Gods' Game], [Apostle Era], and [Rise of Mortals], the "Civilization Game" has assumed its current form.

According to the Faceless, Li Hao is very likely an Ancient God that existed during the [Gods' Game] period.

If that's the case, it would explain his ignorance of the two major version updates of the "Civilization Game" during [Apostle Era] and [Rise of Mortals].

Gods are not truly eternal and immortal beings; they always temporarily disappear and reappear for various reasons.

This is not considered anything strange in the All Heavens and Myriad Realms and can merely become something for certain gods to discuss during leisure.

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"I see!"

After listening to the Faceless's introduction to the entire development process of the "Civilization Game," Li Hao nodded with a look of realization.

Then he manipulated the "Hua She" character on his phone screen to further inquire.

"What are the benefits of joining the 'Secret Meeting of the Faceless'?"

Li Hao's question was straightforward, but it successfully made the Faceless laugh.

The Faceless liked this kind of straightforward communication because it had been a long time since he had encountered such an interesting "New God."

"You should have already visited that 'Official Hall', right?"

"As more and more Apostles and mortals flood in, it has turned into a place of mixed quality."

"Even though rules set by Celestial Father Hathor prohibit any fraudulent behavior there, some clever individuals may find ways to bypass these rules."

"Complicated information exchanges, coupled with information that's difficult to discern as true or false..."

"This has led quite a number of gods to abandon that place, opting instead to communicate and trade in some small Secret Realms."

"The 'Secret Meeting of the Faceless' is a hidden gathering hosted by my master, specifically for gods to handle trades they find inconvenient to make public."

Hearing this, Li Hao couldn't help but blurt out.

"Alliance of Gods?"

Sidestepping the official channels and holding secret meetings privately — isn't this just an alliance among gods?

"No, no, no, it's merely some secret meetings, not a real alliance."

Hastily shaking his head to deny Li Hao's assumption, the Faceless wanted to make sure there was no misunderstanding about his intentions.

"I cannot deny that ambitious powerful gods may form alliances across worlds..."

"But the 'Secret Meeting of the Faceless' is just a platform for exchanging information and items."

"You can leave anytime, and no one will know you ever came here."

"If you're still not at ease, you can even destroy this small Secret Realm completely."

After a brief pause, the Faceless continued speaking with an unperturbed tone.

"From the moment you accepted the invitation, this 'world' has already become yours."

"I will only appear here when you need to contact the Faceless."

"This is the 'gift' from my master to you."

One couldn't deny that the Faceless's explanation indeed shocked Li Hao.

Only at this moment did Li Hao realize that he was actually speaking with a powerful True God.

A small world gifted just like that, this has more persuasive power than any words could convey.

"This world... has been gifted to me?"

Controlling "Hua She", while looking around, Li Hao noticed that this world seemed endless, filled only with infinite stars and radiance.

Although it was still not comparable to the "Mountain and Sea Realm" in his dreams, Li Hao was certain this was no small world.

"This is sincerity, and also an investment."

Without hiding his purpose, the Faceless simply smiled faintly.

"This world is filled with radiant power, which will certainly aid you greatly in ascending to become the 'Sun God.'

Upon hearing this, Li Hao was taken aback.

"I've started to really become interested in the 'Faceless' due to this."

After briefly being stunned, Li Hao couldn't help but also smile.

"You just said, 'Secret Meeting of the Faceless' is a platform for exchanging information and items..."

"So, I want to know, what are these items you mentioned?"

"They shouldn't be inferior to this world!"

Although phrased as a question, Li Hao spoke in an affirmative tone.

Given how financially powerful the Faceless is to care about these items, there's no way their value could be lower than this world.