

## The Growth 340

Chapter 340 - 10: The Evil Dragon Gnawing at the Tree Roots

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Standing there in a daze for a long time, Meng Ji slowly walked to the front of that box.

Under Xiaohai's curious gaze, Meng Ji picked up the box and turned its front towards herself.

On the front of the box, a very simplistic eye was engraved, occupying most of the box as if it were some sort of symbol—this was the Creator Totem.

Upon seeing that simplistic eye, even the naive Xiaohai realized its significance.

However, what truly stunned Meng Ji in place was some other patterns engraved on the box.

"Is this... me?"

It was as if it were recording past events.

The simplistic humanoid figures in the pattern corresponded strikingly to the only symmetrical humanoid in this world—Meng Ji.

"Was Owo really my former partner?"

Moving her gaze away from those simplistic humanoid figures,

Meng Ji noticed that the box also bore engravings of irregular forms similar to a long worm, somewhat resembling Owo.

Of course, if it were only the patterns on the box, they wouldn't really make Meng Ji think this.

What truly led Meng Ji to make such a judgment was that she had already recognized that the person who made this box was herself in the past.

"And the material used to make this box..."

With a vague suspicion rising in her heart, Meng Ji couldn't help but cast her gaze towards the distant, towering Tree of Life.

Although it was just a suspicion, Meng Ji seemed to truly see her past self climbing the Tree of Life, then breaking off its branches to carve the current box.

"If this was your goal, then you've indeed achieved it."

Rubbing her temples with some headache, Meng Ji was already beginning to doubt whether Owo was an enemy or a friend.

The only thing certain is that her past self seemed to have accomplished some extraordinary deeds in this world.

"So if I climb the World Tree again, can I find my past?"

Looking towards the gigantic Tree of Life that supports the sun, Meng Ji already knew what she had to do next.

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At the same time, at the roots of the Tree of Life.

An unnamed entity coiled beneath the Tree of Life suddenly opened its eyes.

It was like a twisted Evil Dragon, corrosive saliva dripping down from its mouth, continuously eroding the roots of the Tree of Life.

If this erosion continues, the Tree of Life will eventually collapse, and the sun in the sky will fall along with it.

By that time, the entire world will once again be plunged into an apocalyptic crisis.

Fortunately, there is still a chance for this world to be saved.

Almost simultaneously with the awakening of the Evil Dragon, a green light immediately appeared before its eyes.

"Cui Weng, it's you again!?"

With barely concealed rage, the Evil Dragon lowly roared.

And the green light manifested into a semi-humanoid being covered in green vines.

Also twisted in its form of existence.

Yet, the being named "Cui Weng" could faintly be recognized by its features and facial hair.

And this sign of being able to withstand the "Lord Cangbai" curse was proof enough that before being cursed, Cui Weng was definitely the Demigod closest to the Gods in this world.

"Owo, your sins are so deep that even a hundred deaths wouldn't repay what you've done!"

The Evil Dragon, or rather Owo's rage, not only failed to intimidate Cui Weng, it made this Demigod, once known for "benevolence," even more furious.

"Ha! Your words are more beautiful than your singing!"

Owo's powerful voice resounded under the World Tree, full of mocking laughter.

"If you all could really kill me, then why imprison me under this tree?"

"Just wait, one day I will overturn this World Tree and let the 'Lord Cangbai' descend upon this world once again!"

His tone was full of fervor, and Owo behaved even more fanatically than the most devout zealot.

However, Cui Weng, who knew Owo's true nature, simply stared coldly at him, exposing his true self with a single sentence.

"When did you, Evil Dragon, become a follower of 'Lord Cangbai'?"

"Back when you betrayed the Foreigners and forcibly swallowed the Fruit of the Tree of Life, you were not like this."

Upon hearing this, the fervor on Owo's face instantly turned into hatred.

"If it weren't for you despicable scoundrels, why would I have betrayed Meng Ji?"

"It was you who told me that the Fruit of the Tree of Life could grant immortality..."

"And it was you who told me there was only one Fruit of the Tree of Life..."

"Yet when I swallowed the Fruit of the Tree of Life, I ended up in this state, worse than death!"

"In the end, it's all your fault!"

Upon hearing this, Cui Weng merely chuckled coldly with disdain.

"Blaming others for your own greed."

"Even if a worm like you swallows the Fruit of the Tree of Life, you'll still just be a cowardly worm afraid of death."

"The Tree of Life is the key to sealing 'Lord Cangbai' and is also the cornerstone for restoring this world."

"You deceived the Foreigners and stole the Fruit of the Tree of Life, shaking the hope for this world's restoration in the process."

"Sacrificing the hope of the entire world for selfish desires, you're a thousand times more detestable than 'Lord Cangbai'!"

After a slight pause in tone, Cui Weng continued speaking.

"As for deceiving you?"

"It's true that the Fruit of the Tree of Life can grant immortality, but that's merely one insignificant function."

"Because of your greed and deceit, the Fruit of Life that could have been used to seal 'Lord Cangbai' has turned into this."

When Owo, who was not qualified, swallowed the Fruit of Life,

This once perfect vessel for sealing "Lord Cangbai" became the Evil Dragon, ever gnawing on the Tree of Life.

In truth, this was something Cui Weng and the other Demigods never expected.

"Ha ha, you're here this time not to reminisce, are you?"

Knowing that in terms of argument, he was no match for Cui Weng, Owo said mockingly straight away.

"Meng Ji has been resurrected and is eyeing the Tree of Life again."

"Isn't this the reason you came looking for me?"

"However, I am absolutely not going to tell you where she is."

"You despicable Demigods, just wait to be wiped out by Meng Ji again!"

Staring angrily at Owo's arrogant expression, Cui Weng finally left with a harsh retort.

"By betraying the Foreigners at a critical moment, your fate is destined to be worse than ours."