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Chapter 348 - 18: The Original Sin of Godslaying

"Dictator... of God..."

Repeating the title Meng Ji had for Raphael, Owo was at a loss for words.

Because in the myths of this world or in the descriptions by those primordial demigods, that six-winged blazing angel from the exotic realm was always seen as the True God who brought civilization to this world.

Such a perspective like Meng Ji's was appearing for the first time in this world.

"If Cui Weng and the others heard your words, they'd fight you to the death."

Demigods like Cui Weng were mostly born after Raphael's advent.

Before that, the gods were the absolute ruling class of this world, an unchallengeable and unquestionable supreme presence.

It was only after Raphael's arrival that the world's creatures and demigods began to flourish, and entered a peak period of civilization.

"However, you are quite right on a point."

"Before that Exotic God descended, this world was wild, but every moment, new faiths, new gods were being born."

"But ever since His advent, no New God seems to have been born."

"All faiths have converged on the God of Civilization, and most creatures worship the known gods."

"Those who do not believe in me are all heretics!"

When Owo slowly spat out this final sentence, the roots of the Tree of Life entwining its body seemed to grow tighter.

Because those last words were the inherent concept gradually formed among the gods after Raphael came to this world.

Nobody had ever questioned this concept until Meng Ji raised his dissent.

"A truly merciful deity would never forcibly demand all beings to worship them."

"A truly merciful deity has enough generosity to embrace individuals with beliefs different from their own."

"A truly merciful deity would only reveal themselves to guide their followers when they are lost."

Perhaps because this topic had never been discussed with others, Owo was stunned for quite a while before slowly coming to its senses.

"Does such a deity really exist in this world?"

"Or, can such a deity really earn the respect of all beings?"

"Desiring nothing, doing nothing most of the time — does such a deity's existence make a difference?"

Owo's past experiences told it that only by showing their power and worth could a deity gain maximum worship and faith from all beings.

The "merciful deity" Meng Ji spoke of could never appear in the real world.

"Heaven and earth are unkind, treating all things as straw dogs."

Unconsciously, this phrase emerged in Meng Ji's mind, and he spoke loud and firm.

"Only a deity who treats all beings equally deserves the name 'merciful.'"

"Just because you haven't seen such a deity doesn't mean they don't exist."

Hearing this, Owo did not argue back but recalled the "Eye of the Creator" that Meng Ji had inscribed on his box.

"I now understand why you would resolutely choose to become a 'Savior' with your personality."

"It turns out there is a truly merciful deity in the world you grew up in."

With a hint of sadness, Owo ignored the Life Tree roots tightening around its body and spoke in a rare, low voice.

"Unfortunately, such a deity does not exist in my world."

"Six-winged Angels, Master of Cui Lu, Spirit of Nature, Lord Cangbai..."

"None of them have ever regarded the ordinary beings of this world; they just start divine wars for their beliefs."

Before Meng Ji could speak again, Owo chose to let him through voluntarily.

"Walk over me; there is a shortcut leading directly to the Tree of Life's canopy."

"If you truly wish to save this world, that's perhaps the only hope."

"But remember one thing: I am not the only 'evil person' in this world..."

"Including those demigods you've met before, none who survived the 'Lord Cangbai's curse are innocent."

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The Tree of Life is harmonious and indestructible.

Otherwise, the Tree of Life couldn't support the entire world, lifting the sun to the sky.

Unfortunately, since Meng Ji picked the Fruit of Life and Owo backstabbed Meng Ji by consuming the fruit, the Tree of Life became incomplete.

If it weren't for the surviving primordial demigods imprisoning Owo and subduing him at the Tree of Life's roots,

the Tree of Life today would likely have already failed to hold up.

Even so, until Owo's Life Essence is fully drained, the Tree of Life can barely maintain its current state and cannot bear new Fruits of Life again.

Moreover, due to Owo's presence, it's gradually integrating with the Tree of Life.

The previously flawless Tree of Life now has a shortcut leading directly from Owo to the canopy.

This is a passage that distorts time and space concepts, reflecting the history of the entire world.

Upon entering this passage, Meng Ji even saw the remnants of some gods this world had seen.

"Is that the scene when the 'Six-winged Blazing Angel' descended?"

Staring blankly at the divine light coming from the corridor,

Meng Ji vaguely saw a humanoid figure with six wings, holding a Flame Sword.

With wings covering its face, wings covering its feet, and wings spread wide, the Flame Sword in its hand seemed to burn away all worldly sins.

"Roar!"

Noticing the divine light as well, Xiaohai instinctively showed hostility.

Soon, the corridor's end showed other images.

Scenes of divine conflicts...

Scenes of demigod duels...

Scenes of the world's overturn...

Scenes of lamenting creatures...

Pivotal moments from this world's history were now entirely laid bare before Meng Ji and Xiaohai.

At that moment, Meng Ji finally understood why Owo said that no demigod surviving until now is innocent.

Because in this world, where even gods could fall, those demigods who still live had only survived by devouring divine formats.

And this inevitably involved the death of the "Master of Cui Lu."

Serving as the last guardian of the Tree of Life and Raphael's will in this world, the "Master of Cui Lu" did not die to a divine war.

This native demigod of the world was betrayed and consumed by his kind during his weakest moment for survival.

Thus, any demigod who has retained rationality and wisdom inherently carries the original sin of "Godslaying."