

## **The Growth 357**

Chapter 357 3: Fallen Dragon

"No! That's not a snake!"

"Is that... a dragon?"

As the camera slowly zoomed out, the massive shadow finally emerged from the sea surface.

It had a serpent-like winding body, with scales reflecting the sunlight of dusk in the darkness.

The four claws were not particularly sharp, but conveyed a sense of ancient strength more pronounced than that of typical reptiles.

However, most striking was the pair of branched long horns on its head, as eye-catching as those of a moose.

At the sight of those horns, everyone on the ship realized the creature's identity—an organism inheriting the Dragon Descendant's lineage.

In the Mountain and Sea Realm, Dragon Descendants weren't unique, as many creatures had Dragon Race blood.

However, Dragon Descendants with such remarkable horns like this dragon were extremely rare.

"Aung!"

It seemed either aware of the drone's detection or simply venting its emotions...

The Canglong, emerging from the sea, let out a long howl skyward, and the entire sea surface instantly surged with tremendous waves.

It called wind and rain, riding the winds and breaking the waves.

The vast Canglong emerged from the seabed, rapidly expanding its body at a visible pace.

In just a few breaths, the Canglong's size swelled by nearly half, and its once-dense scales scattered.

Witnessing this scene, everyone couldn't help but widen their eyes.

Because the Canglong hadn't opened the Ascension Ladder, its bodily changes should adhere to the world's physics rules.

And as a normal creature, even an Epic Creature, it shouldn't defy physical rules to expand by half.

"How is this possible? This doesn't comply with the law of mass conservation!"

The Burrowing Insect gazed incredulously at the scene, feeling as if its previously learned physics and biology knowledge were overturned.

"No, look closely, it hasn't actually violated the law of mass conservation..."

"The Canglong's body mass hasn't increased out of nowhere; instead, it's inflated like a balloon."

The Ear Mouse, with sharper observational skills, pointed out the principle behind the Canglong's swelling form.

"A balloon? Does its skin have that kind of resilience?"

"And why is it inflating its body? How is it doing it?"

Faced with the Burrowing Insect's persistent questions, no one present answered.

For the Canglong below was demonstrating with its actions what it was doing.

"Aung!"

It wasn't surfacing because of noticing the ship's presence.

As if completing some kind of ritual, the Canglong raised its head to look toward the distant sky.

There, dense dark clouds were gathering, and blinding lightning was taking shape.

Rumble...

When the first thunder roared, the Canglong swam towards that sea area without hesitation.

During this, everyone was shocked to discover that the Canglong's body was actually starting to break away from the sea's surface, struggling to "crawl" into the air.

"Flying? Is it also a flying creature?"

"No abnormal magnetic fields detected, it is not a species akin to the Storm Ray!"

Watching the various data relayed by the unmanned drone, everyone onboard was once again astounded.

Only Kuilong seemed to discern something and looked with some surprise at the Canglong's horns.

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"Aung!"

It was clear that this was the Canglong's first genuine flight out of the sea surface.

From crawling to soaring, the Canglong quickly got used to this state of itself and excitedly reached the skies above the gathering thunder and lightning.

Rumble...

In the increasingly fierce gale and storm, the Canglong's horns suddenly emitted electric light.

Much like a lightning rod, the thunder in the sky instantly struck the Canglong's horns, causing it to let out a painful yet delightful dragon roar.

"Aung!"

In an instant, the Canglong swelled again.

At the same time, all the scales around the Canglong's body opened, as if the powerful electric current was confined within it.

Suspended midair, it stayed immobile until it fully absorbed the power of this lightning strike and then climbed higher towards the sky, shuttling between the clouds.

"Is it undergoing a trial?"

"Monitoring devices haven't detected any abnormal rules, it is not opening the 'Ascension Ladder'."

This scene was completely breaking everyone's knowledge and common sense.

Individuals in the Mountain and Sea Realm who could wield lightning did exist, but the vast majority were Ascenders, Demigods capable of bending world rules with their own power.

"What a magical species..."

Just as everyone thought the Canglong was about to complete this life transformation, a pitiful cry suddenly came from the sky.

"Aung!"

Amidst the mournful dragon roar, ghostly blue flames suddenly erupted from the Canglong's tail.

From afar, the ghostly blue flames quickly spread, instantly engulfing the entire Canglong.

The Canglong cried and howled in agony, starting to plummet downward.

This all happened so swiftly.

The people on the ship didn't even have time to react, watching helplessly as the Canglong fell towards a nearby desolate island.

Using a mortal body to harness lightning, one slight mishap leads to this result.

"Did that dragon... fail the trial?"

After a brief silence, the Six Tailed Fox spoke, breaking the eerie stillness.

"Undergo what trial?"

Wordlessly glaring at the Six Tailed Fox, Kuilong spoke in a low voice.

"Haven't you all figured it out yet? This is this type of dragon species' ecosystem."

"They need the power of lightning to transform, so whenever thunder and lightning gather in this region, it attracts this kind of dragon species."

"And clearly, this Canglong was experiencing lightning baptism for the first time, thus even struggling with the basics of flight at the start."

After a slight pause, Kuilong continued.

"Additionally, look at the island where the Canglong fell, doesn't it resemble being piled with the remnants of countless dragon species?"

Upon hearing this, the Skeletons immediately adjusted the observation angle of the unmanned reconnaissance drone.

Subsequently, a shocking scene unfolded before everyone's eyes.

With the all-around scan of the unmanned drone.

The seemingly desolate island turned out to be in a shape piled with bones.

"Could it be... the many islands we've seen along the way were formed by 'falling dragons'?"

The thought of the countless islands encountered en route made everyone feel a chilling sense of fear.

If Kuilong's speculation were true, then the ecological history of this type of Canglong could even trace back to when the Dragon Race civilization still existed.