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Chapter 363 - 9: Divine Pantheon of Mountains and Seas

Azure Dragon Island, Central Pass.

Unaware of Gui Zhang's speculation, Kuilong led the Mountain Demon into the hatching ground of the Azure Dragon.

The nearly liquid thunder swiftly retreated wherever it went, as if bowing obediently before a king.

The Mountain Demon witnessing this scene was so shocked that he opened his mouth wide, hardly daring to believe his eyes.

"Are you a human-shaped god?"

Clearly possessing a flesh and blood body, yet wielding the authority of the divine spirit.

Clearly still at the exploratory stage of the Ascension Ladder, yet prematurely grasping a Divine Position even Demigods lack.

This kind of existence, hovering between gods and mortals, can only be a human-shaped god.

"Human-shaped god? What is that thing?"

Glancing at the Mountain Demon attached to him, Kuilong's perplexity was genuine.

He had known from a very young age that he possessed a talent in the field of electricity that far surpassed that of ordinary people.

This talent wasn't just limited to power alone.

In any domain related to electricity, Kuilong was a true genius.

From his first contact with electric current, he could perceive the essence of electromagnetic fields, and with just a little research, he developed high-power thunder summoning and electrical generating devices.

Yet Kuilong had never imagined that his talent would somehow relate to "God?"

"You've at least unlocked the 'Ascension Ladder,' so you ought to know about the existence of Heavenly Dao, right?"

Quickly collecting himself from the shock on his face, the Mountain Demon realized the largest difference between the Mountain and Sea Civilization and the Netherworld Race.

The Mountain and Sea Civilization did not have a dedicated Main God for faith, and the Creator had never personally delivered a Divine Oracle.

Hence, certain knowledge related to the gods was a rare secret known only to the Prophet in the Zhiku of the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Clearly, Kuilong had not yet touched upon that domain, nor had he been informed of related information by the Prophet.

"I know a little about it; it's said to be a system used by the Creator to manage the world."

"Mountains and rivers, the operation of all things, all under the management of Heavenly Dao, thus forming the prosperous Mountain and Sea Realm."

Nodding lightly, the Mountain Demon acknowledged Kuilong's explanation and further elaborated.

"Do you know the difference between those born between heaven and earth, those elves whom your Mountain and Sea People regard as 'Demigods,' and ordinary mortals?"

The Mountain Demon's question obviously touched upon Kuilong's blind spot, compelling him to shake his head in bewilderment.

"Simply put, they are the Creator's kin, the reserve force of the True God..."

"Once they are born, the Celestial Tao System assigns them appropriate Divine Positions, allowing them to manage a domain of mountains and rivers or a territory."

"And the so-called 'Divine Position' is the manifestation of the Creator's power—the Primordial Power of this world."

"Generally, Divine Positions belong to the Heavenly Dao's jurisdiction and are only bestowed upon naturally endowed 'Demigods'."

"But in rare instances, some exceptionally talented beings might be granted Divine Positions, possessing the mandate of divine powers."

"This is what's known as a human-shaped god—Demigods with a flesh and blood body."

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In the current Mountain and Sea Realm, Demigods granted Divine Positions are as common as Ascenders.

Typically, All Heavens and Myriad Realms view the incarnations of Primordial Power or those who have traversed the Ascension Ladder to the extreme as "Demigods."

They often only need to abandon their mortal forms to elevate the dimension of life, becoming supreme True Gods.

However, in the Mountain and Sea Realm, the term "Demigod" carries another meaning—beings who have prematurely acquired Divine Positions.

Divine Positions are not complete Primordial Power but deliberately fractured authority by the Celestial Tao System.

The numerous Demigods in the Mountain and Sea Realm cannot ascend to divinity through Divine Positions, indirectly snubbing any attempt to incite war or seize faith.

A certain Mountain God is merely a Mountain God, a specific River God is only a River God...

No matter how much Power of Faith you accrue nor how much you pilfer Divine Positions from other Demigods, it's impossible to become a unified Concept God under the regulation of the Celestial Tao System.

Thus, the Demigods in the Mountain and Sea Realm who wish to become True Gods must, like other Ascenders, find an alternate path.

This is a difficult road, yet it is not an entirely dead end with no prospects.

Quite the opposite, due to the Celestial Tao System's egalitarian treatment, the Mountain and Sea Realm has an astonishing number of Demigods, endowed with a myriad of diverse Divine Positions offering unlimited possibilities.

Therefore, while other worlds measure Demigods possessing Primordial Power in single digits.

The Demigods in the Mountain and Sea Realm, sharing certain Concept God positions, present a diversified stance due to their early exposure to Primordial Power.

Though ultimately, the ones truly elevating to the Divine Throne are few, those extending to the limits of this path are endless.

Place these Demigods in their corresponding worlds.

Unrestricted by the Celestial Tao System, they can swiftly ascend to a Concept God of another world through capturing Primordial Power.

But this is ultimately an extremely brutal path.

After all, the Demigods of other worlds aren't easy to deal with and naturally wouldn't allow foreigners to seize their world's Primordial Power to become gods.

And for those Demigods who have lived long under the Creator's protection.

They have ample time and knowledge to explore the limits of the Ascension Ladder; there's no need to venture into other worlds fighting tooth and nail, competing with ruthless maniacs for a chance at Ascension.

Not to mention, there are currently over a hundred True Gods in the Mountain and Sea Realm who have successfully ascended to divinity, enough to prove the viability of this path.

Moreover, as these True Gods are unlike their counterparts in other worlds, highly dependent on Primordial Power and Power of Faith, they rarely propagate their faith in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Certain True Gods who dislike battle have real combat strength, perhaps not much stronger than some Ascender in combat sequence.

This might be the sole flaw in the "Mountain and Sea Gods" system crafted by Li Hao.

Departing from the most simplistic and blunt mode of cultivation.

The True Gods cultivated in a more civilized and peaceful manner within the Mountain and Sea Realm mostly lack battle desire.

Rather than engaging in life and death combat, these True Gods transcending the dimension of life prefer to research peculiar phenomena and things, sometimes even remaining idle.

Of course, this doesn't mean that the True Gods in the Mountain and Sea Realm are truly weak.

If there are True Gods who dislike battle in this world, naturally there are those dedicated purely to combat.

Without considering other complex issues, some True Gods even have specialized creators building arms for them...

The True Gods in the Mountain and Sea Realm dedicated to combat may be few, but their combat prowess and experience absolutely overshadow most entities hailed as "War Gods."

This is the Mountain and Sea Gods system—a grand pantheon with numerous True Gods and exceptionally distinct division of powers.

As for the future potential of the Mountain and Sea gods?

It can only be described as immeasurable, unfathomable.