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Chapter 365 - 11: Transcending Reincarnation

At the extreme of the West Sea, deep within Yu Yuan.

Almost at the same time the Ghost God Egg appeared in the world, a Canglong who simultaneously coiled in the Netherworld and the Mountain and Sea Realm suddenly raised its head to gaze at the sky.

At the junction between the Netherworld and the Mountain and Sea Realm, at the center of this Nether Spring straddling the mortal world and the Underworld.

This Canglong presented a bizarre state of existence.

In the Netherworld, this Canglong possessed a material entity, holding a crushing physical advantage over other spirit bodies.

Yet in the Mountain and Sea Realm, this Canglong existed between presence and absence, with regular creatures unable to touch its body.

Most crucially, in this place where Yin and Yang converge.

Canglong existed simultaneously in two worlds, using this as a foundation to break natural laws and continue growing.

Thanks to this, the size of this Canglong could no longer be described as merely large.

Even a simple turn of its body could stir a massive tsunami in the West Sea.

If it weren't for the fact that it also possessed the traits of a spirit body.

Such a size, which broke physiological limits, would never be possible in a normal Material Realm.

It's known that even the Dragon Child and the Giant Turtle who once waged war in the South Sea had titanic forms built on massive resource consumption.

In contrast, this Canglong not only broke its racial physiological limits, but its entire growth process defied the law of conservation of mass.

No eating, no drinking, no sleeping...

With every breath it grew larger, with every exhalation it expanded the Nether Spring...

"Is it the Mountain and Sea People?"

After a brief silence, the Canglong murmured in the language of the Mountain and Sea People.

This also showed that this Canglong was entirely different from its counterparts outside.

Not only did it possess extraordinary wisdom, but it seemed to have deliberately learned the knowledge of the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

This was indeed the case; this Canglong was born shortly after the Creator descended, having witnessed Ji Meng holding the sun aloft.

It might not be the first Canglong born in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

But it was definitely the first to use its own efforts to break the gap between ordinary creatures and epic creatures.

Before Canglong, ordinary creatures were ordinary, epic creatures were epic.

The two were like rivers with distinctly separate currents, seemingly close yet never converging.

The gap between the two was inherent, a special phenomenon nurtured by the unique environment of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Only by striving to become an Ascender, breaking the limits of flesh and life, could both parties re-stand on the same starting line.

However, Canglong, through its efforts, advanced from an ordinary creature to an epic creature, realizing the evolutionary journey of billions of years on its individual body.

Moreover, Canglong subsequently led its entire race to achieve this leap from ordinary creatures to epic creatures.

This is the fundamental reason the Canglong Race is not, like other epic creatures, a single entity as a race.

They were never epic creatures from the start, and their unique autogenous reproductive mode naturally avoided reproductive isolation phenomena.

However, Canglong was not satisfied with this.

After witnessing the immense power of Ji Meng holding the sun and moon, Canglong also wished to become such a being.

Unfortunately, the Creator's gaze never lingered on Canglong, and divine signs and oracles were rarely left in this world.

Until the birth of the Goddess of Death and the appearance of Yu Yuan, with the Netherworld becoming a part of the Mountain and Sea Realm's reincarnation system.

Canglong finally saw an opportunity, an opportunity to kickstart the Ascension Ladder.

Having reached the end of its lifespan, Canglong decided to emulate the birth process of the Goddess of Death, embarking on its own unique Ascension Ladder—transcending reincarnation.

It had no ability to prevent its soul from entering the Netherworld.

So Canglong chose to replicate its memories, backing them up within each cell of its being.

Meanwhile, to ensure each cell could develop into a complete individual.

Canglong established the first Azure Dragon Island in Yu Yuan, nurturing its descendants with its flesh and blood, who inherited its genes and consciousness.

One must admit, Canglong's approach was pioneering for its race.

With the protection of the island and the Thunder Pool, the survival rate of young Canglong soared, leading to an explosive increase in the population of the Canglong Race.

What seemed a primitive cultivation method to Kuilong was the most advanced concept for the Canglong Race at that time.

At least with the protection of the island and the Thunder Pool, the successfully hatched young Canglong would not be preyed upon by other natural enemies, perishing in their youth.

Once they developed certain self-defense capabilities, the growing Canglong would first attempt to hunt in the water to obtain more food.

As for the hunting instincts and skills of the Canglong?

They were inherently engraved in their genes, needing no specialized learning.

In fact, it was the utilization of this racial trait that allowed Canglong to successfully back up its memory within each cell.

However, this memory backup was not a true method of eternal life transcending reincarnation.

After a brutal struggle, the second-generation Canglong ultimately produced an individual that completely inherited the memories of the first-generation Canglong.

But the question remained, was that really still the original first-generation Canglong?

The Goddess of Death could incarnate into multitudes, perpetually maintaining consciousness unity because she was an Immortal.

Her soul, to her, was like an ordinary bodily organ, something that could regrow at any time, holding no particularly significant meaning.

Conversely, though the second-generation Canglong inherited the memories of the previous generation, their souls were distinct.

Ultimately, the second-generation Canglong that emerged was merely a newborn soul inheriting an ancient memory, essentially no longer its former self.

Perhaps driven by innate biological urges or influenced by the memory of the first-generation Canglong...

The second-generation Canglong embarked on that path seeking immortality and transcendence.

Building on the foundation of the first-generation Canglong, the second-generation attempted to retain its soul.

The results proved that the Mountain and Sea Realm's reincarnation system had no defects—the second-generation Canglong could not find any flaws regardless.

Thus, with no other choice, the second-generation Canglong decided to chart a new course.

Since retaining its soul wasn't feasible at present, wouldn't it be equivalent to rebirth to have its original soul reincarnated into the third-generation Canglong?

This attempt by the second-generation Canglong was both a success and a failure.

By secretly learning the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill, the second-generation Canglong successfully set up a Soul Summoning Array before its demise, channeling its soul, headed for reincarnation in the Netherworld, back into Yu Yuan.

The issue was, upon crossing the Wangchuan River and undergoing reincarnation, the soul was entirely new.

Even if it inherited all the memories of the second-generation Canglong, the third-generation Canglong could not be said to be the reincarnation of the second-generation Canglong.