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Chapter 368 - 14: The Only God of a Race

Dragging the colossal azure dragon step by step out of the sea.

Covered entirely in thunder, the Thunder Dragon never looked up at the dense lightning in the sky.

When the Thunder Dragon gradually approached the Secret Seeker Base, its body started to shrink until it returned to its normal shape.

It was only then that the people at the Secret Seeker Base could clearly see the "thunder" on the Thunder Dragon.

What "thunder" was that?

It was clearly young azure dragons entwined around the Thunder Dragon.

Torsos, limbs, necks, earlobes, and even the horns on its head...

The Thunder Dragon was covered from top to bottom with young azure dragons, forming a stark contrast with the giant azure dragon being dragged behind it like a dead dog.

Constantly absorbing the lightning radiating from the Thunder Dragon, each young azure dragon was spirited and full of joy.

Certain azure dragons with stronger talents even entered the metamorphosis phase early, hanging on the Thunder Dragon in a semi-floating posture.

This was a unique phenomenon that had never occurred in the history of the Azure Dragon Race.

These young azure dragons not only gained the ability to float, which typically belonged to their adolescent stage ahead of time.

Their lively and timid eyes indicated that they were already clearly aware of their identity and situation.

This meant they were no longer ignorant beasts but truly possessed the wisdom of a civilized race.

"This level of intelligence... has increased somewhat dramatically."

Slowly emerging from behind the Thunder Dragon, the Mountain Demon naturally would not ignore the transformation in the azure dragons.

When the lightning from the Thunder Dragon surged into these dragons, prematurely activating their talents, the activity level of their brains seemed to accelerate dramatically under the stimulus of the electric current.

"This is not just an intelligence issue..."

Releasing the hand that was dragging the giant azure dragon, the Thunder Dragon rolled its eyes and said.

"I have indeed studied how to stimulate biological activity through electric currents, thereby enhancing the developmental states of animal brains and bodies."

"However, this method of developmental stimulation doesn’t allow animals to acquire knowledge directly."

"Even with the highest intelligence, they must undergo years of learning to achieve true wisdom."

"But these young azure dragons are different; their brains already contain certain memory fragments."

"My electric current merely serves to make them recall these memory fragment contents ahead of time."

After a slight pause in its tone, the Thunder Dragon continued to explain.

"I now seriously suspect that the demigod hidden behind the Azure Dragon Race is an Ascender planning to follow the ’God of a Race’ route to achieve Divine Investiture."

"These azure dragons were originally close to that demigod, with memory fragments left by that demigod hidden in their brains..."

"Under the subtle influence of those memories, these azure dragons are naturally that demigod’s innate followers."

"If it weren’t for the overly rough reproduction methods of this group of azure dragons and the too-small number of their population..."

"That demigod might have long used the faith of this azure dragon group to ascend to the Divine Throne and become a True God."

Not denying the Thunder Dragon’s conjecture, the Mountain Demon merely slowly extended its palm, revealing the "Ghost God Egg" within it.

"I think you’re not the only one who guessed it."

"When Zhiku’s high-level initially chose to explore Yu Yuan, they must have realized that a race god with an undefined stance was being nurtured here."

Race gods are different from other gods; their stances are derived from their race.

If this nascent race harbors malice towards the Mountain and Sea Civilization, then the race god would naturally oppose the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

This has nothing to do with the race god’s own thoughts and ideology; it’s purely an action compelled by racial stance.

Issues concerning a race’s survival never involve distinctions between good and evil, right and wrong.

To ensure the survival and continued growth of their race, a race god may perform any act.

"Anyway, for now, we at least have the upper hand."

First, glancing at the giant azure dragon behind him, then turning back to gaze at the nearby Secret Seeker Base...

The Thunder Dragon suddenly chuckled, for he noticed the Dragon-headed Bird-bodied God, Fu Xiang, as the leader.

"If the sky falls, there are taller ones to hold it up!"

"Moreover, that tall one is here, so we don’t need to worry about such things at all."

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[A God of a Race... is it?]

In a mysterious state, Li Hao watched the Thunder Dragon laugh lightly but couldn’t help wondering.

After all, with an all-knowing and all-powerful perspective, Li Hao was very aware: the Canglong Race might indeed possess the foundation to nurture a god of their race.

But as the core of this belief—the azure dragon still seeking a way to transcend reincarnation—itself was truly oblivious to this fact.

To distinguish from past generations of azure dragons.

For the time being, the azure dragon capable of freely traversing two realms shall be referred to as the "Ghost Dragon."

Actually, the Ghost Dragon’s original intent was to transcend reincarnation and become a god of death like Yao Xin.

However, as past generations of azure dragons continuously reincarnate, the Ghost Dragon has long embedded its existence into the subconscious of the entire Azure Dragon Race.

In this scenario, as soon as the Azure Dragon Race sprouts initial civilization, the Ghost Dragon will naturally become the symbol of the concept of "Canglong," that is, a god of the race.

And the main feature of a god of the race is the unlimited potential of its authority.

As long as the Azure Dragon Race firmly believes the Ghost Dragon is omnipotent, it would have the potential to unite all divine positions.

This can reference the "Holy Spirit System" of the Yawei God Pantheon—cognition determines divine format.

Of course, even if the Azure Dragon Race considers the Ghost Dragon to be the Creator of the Mountain and Sea Realm, it could not become the true Creator.

Within the scope of its divine power, it merely gains the ability to mimic other gods.

In a sense, the birth of the first Ghost Dragon was influenced by such cognition.

In fact, the first Ghost Dragon can be considered a racial god of the Azure Dragon Race.

It’s just that back then, the Ghost Dragon had no awareness of this fact.

It merely believed that it had acquired the ability to traverse two realms by chance.

Yet, the reality was that in the subconscious of the Azure Dragon Race, the endlessly reincarnating, resurrecting Ghost Dragon had long been regarded as the "God of Death and Rebirth."

This cognition is engraved deep within the subconscious of all azure dragons, an unrecognized "divinity" even by the Ghost Dragon itself.

With this layer of racial god identity, the Ghost Dragon naturally could travel between the Yin and Yang Realms.

In Li Hao’s view, as long as the Ghost Dragon realizes it already qualifies for divine ascension, it will naturally advance to become a True God.

[It now depends on whether the Mountain and Sea Civilization first assimilates the Canglong Race, or if the Ghost Dragon first realizes its divinity.]