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Chapter 390 - 12: Entering the Dao Through the Sword

A Lang is a slow-reacting person.

This is not only his own perception but also a consensus among those around him.

From his student days, A Lang's learning speed was far behind that of ordinary Mountain and Sea People.

Not to mention compared to those clever Nine-tailed Foxes.

Even the Skeletons without Flesh and Blood Armor learned faster than A Lang.

Because of this, A Lang spent a full fifty years completing the basic enlightenment education of the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Even with the various life-extending methods of the Mountain and Sea Civilization, A Lang has already lived through a quarter of his life, fully entering the youth stage.

However, the Mountain and Sea Civilization is not just about basic enlightenment education.

Only by receiving further advanced education can A Lang truly regard himself as a Mountain and Sea Person.

The key problem now is that if A Lang continues with normal education, he might never be able to activate the Ascension Ladder like other Mountain and Sea People until the end of his life.

This is a difference in intelligence, a difference in lifespan, and a difference in potential.

The only consolation is that A Lang's perseverance and temperament far exceed that of the ordinary Mountain and Sea People.

Perhaps because of a lack of intelligence, A Lang, although unable to understand overly complex matters, can execute the arrangements made by his parents very well.

In the words of his father, A He, the only thing commendable about A Lang in this life might be his perseverance.

"Since you can't activate the Ascension Ladder through wisdom, then make up for your lack of talent with hard work!"

Contrary to conventional understanding, Amu, in the role and position of a "strict mother," made a decision completely opposite to A He.

In A He and Amu's original world, the options for the Ascension Ladder were not as complex and diverse as in the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

In that world, there are only two paths for beings wishing to become an Ascender.

One is to devoutly believe in Gods and then be chosen by them to become their Deputy on earth.

Professions like Priests, Priests, Saints, and Priests, which involve being chosen by Gods, are the best choice for this Ascension Ladder.

The other path to becoming an Ascender is to dig one's potential to the extreme, break through the shackles of one's Race, and become an Extraordinary beyond mortal bodies.

This latter path is somewhat similar to the initial Ascension Ladder of Skeletons.

It is a path that uses one's will and belief to distort world rules, allowing oneself to step onto the Ascension Ladder.

The difference is that the path of Skeletons is not locked by any Gods, allowing for a higher growth limit.

In this situation, A Lang naturally took the best of both, making up for his shortcomings, trying to achieve his own Ascension Ladder.

However, the first Skeleton Ascender—A Ke, broke through his limits with the "Hundred Soldiers," turning himself into a living armory.

A Lang doesn't have that kind of wisdom and ability; all he can do is use a single weapon tirelessly for decades.

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"The sword is the king of the Hundred Soldiers, pursuing utmost sincerity and faithfulness."

"Though your talent is lacking, your temperament perfectly fits the 'Sword Dao'."

"Loyal to the sword, obsessed with the sword, consumed by the sword..."

"One day, when the sword becomes an indispensable part of your body, you will officially enter 'Sword Dao'!"

Standing under the dim sunlight, Duo Mu lazily leaned against the tree, guiding A Lang not far away to repeatedly swing, slash, and then sheathe his sword.

A Lang has been practicing the same Sword Technique for decades.

So even A Lang, who lacks intelligence, has a smooth and flowing feeling when swinging the sword.

The body's instinct drives A Lang to keep swinging his sword, his brain long having given up thinking during this process, putting his entire mind into this feeling of swinging the sword.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Seeing A Lang's movements become more and more proficient, yet his expression increasingly bewildered.

Observing all along, Tang He walked slowly to Duo Mu's side, asking in a somewhat puzzled tone.

"Can he really activate the 'Ascension Ladder' this way?"

Looking down at Tang He under the tree, Duo Mu rolled his eyes in annoyance.

"If you think my method is wrong, then you all find a viable method!"

"Moreover, do you think I want to be this fool's teacher?"

"If it weren't for Celestial Monarch Yan's repeated orders to stay here obediently, who would be willing to accompany an idiot in practicing sword for decades!"

Upon hearing this, Tang He immediately shook his head and said.

"No, I'm not questioning your ability..."

"I just wonder, why the 'sword'?"

After a slight pause in his voice, Tang He continued to ask.

"It's not ancient times anymore, there are weapons and tools better than a gun."

"Whether it's firearms or a Drone Combat Group, wouldn't it be better for A Lang to practice those than a sword?"

This is not only Tang He's question but also the question of everyone who knows Duo Mu's intention.

The current Mountain and Sea Civilization can already make a person who doesn't know Swordsmanship at all into a Swordsmanship expert through implanting specific Implants.

Not to mention Swordsmanship, even other more complex weapons are not a problem.

"It's like how you Skeletons are not allowed to use 'Artificial Brain' before your self-personality is fully established."

"After all, those complex weapons are just tools, tools that allow A Lang to concentrate and focus all his beliefs in one place."

"Do you think weapons like swords and knives, which have existed since the birth of civilization, are simpler?"

"Or are those modernized weapons you need special training to operate simpler?"

"Furthermore, the more complex something is, the harder it is to concentrate, as your enlightenment school should have taught this, right?"

At these words, Tang He was instantly silent.

Only then did he realize that A Lang's purpose in learning Swordsmanship was entirely different from others.

The Swordsmanship passed down from Duo Mu to A Lang has never pursued flashy moves or lethality; it is merely a key to help the other activate the Ascension Ladder.

For A Lang, who has a relatively simple mind, things that are too complex are harder to comprehend.

"Entering the Dao through the sword, such people are rare even in ancient times, right?"

It was both sigh and pity...

Tang He felt that, judging by A Lang's displayed intelligence, he was unlikely to reach the final step of successfully comprehending the Dao.

After all, in the history of the Mountain and Sea Civilization, those able to enter the Dao through the sword were all prodigies.

"Hah, you find this surprising."

"Do you think entering the Dao through the sword requires high intelligence?"

"Or do you think few people now can enter the Dao through the sword because intelligence is lower now than in the ancient Mountain and Sea People?"