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Chapter 413 - 35: Star River God Flora

"Is this the world of the Supreme Elder?"

When Flora crossed the space portal and arrived in the Brilliant Realm, the first thing she saw was the dazzling path of starlight.

As if she were in the cosmic starry sky, the morning light illuminated the entire Brilliant Realm, and the omnipresent Ghost Gods gave Flora an indescribable shock.

As an incarnation of flowing water, a spirit nurtured by heaven and earth—Flora could sense that these Ghost Gods were beings of a higher rank than herself.

Though such level of Ghost Gods were not everywhere in the Brilliant Realm, they were definitely not a rarity.

Even more extraordinary was that the Brilliant Realm had a unified will.

It was the collective of all Ghost Gods, the incarnation of the entire world, and the closest existence to the Creator in the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

"Are you the elf that that kid A Lang tricked into coming back?"

With a curious voice, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] manifested before Flora.

Unlike an unpredictable, indescribable unknown form, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] appeared before Flora in the guise of A Lang.

"You..."

Seeming somewhat surprised, yet also a bit shy...

After a brief moment of being stunned, Flora immediately realized the identity of the other party.

In A Lang's description, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] was a very peculiar existence—an embodiment of the Ghost Gods' will in the Brilliant Realm, yet with a personality more childlike than Flora's own.

Not only that, despite having the power to ascend the Divine Throne, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] had never entertained the idea of becoming a True God.

Retaining a corporeal form in the Brilliant Realm, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] usually behaved with great kindness, without a trace of divine majesty.

This was indeed a unique trait of the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

True Gods born within the Mountain and Sea Civilization, unlike their divine counterparts, are integrated into everyday life like ordinary creatures.

Because these Gods have physical forms in the Material Realm, a considerable number of Mountain and Sea People pursue the footsteps of these Gods or set passing their tests and trials as their goal.

Among them, the trials of the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] were the most famous.

For the trials of the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] did not depend on strength or luck, but purely on His mood.

The rewards for passing the trial varied from the ability to "freely summon Ghost Gods" to "causing a gentle breeze," making it the most unpredictable trial in the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

"You're right, I am the 'Mischievous God' that kid A Lang mentioned."

Seeing through Flora's thoughts at a glance, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] relied not on keen observation but on a cheating-like Mind Reading Technique.

Though well aware of the power of the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods], this initial display still made Flora exclaim inwardly.

After all, although not adept at combat, she was not an ordinary mortal creature.

To directly read the mind of an Ascender without any preparation...

In Flora's impression, it seemed that only A Lang, previously wielding the Bai Ze Map, could do this.

"Great Lord of Ghosts and Gods, it is a pleasure to meet you."

Slightly hesitating, Flora, skilled in adapting to circumstances, bowed her head straightforwardly.

Regardless of the intent behind the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods]' appearance, Flora was long prepared for any situation.

"You need not worry; no one in the Mountain and Sea Civilization will trouble you."

Contrary to Flora's expectation, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] suddenly withdrew the prior curious demeanor and spoke softly in a rather serious tone.

"After all, you were personally chosen by A Lang as a future partner, barely considered half one of us."

"Although that guy himself hasn't realized it yet, he is ultimately the guardian of Elder Brother's treasure vault, and could rightfully be considered my kin."

"My appearance this time is mainly to see if you, this cunning little girl, are truly determined to follow that silly kid wholeheartedly."

The candor of the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] once again brought a blush to Flora's cheeks.

Fortunately, Flora was not as naive as A Lang and quickly caught the keywords in the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods]' speech.

"Treasure vault? Elder Brother?"

The treasure vault mentioned by the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] gave Flora a rough idea of what was being referred to.

But the "Elder Brother" mentioned by the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] left Flora somewhat perplexed.

Few could be called Elder Brother by the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] and possess such a treasure vault seemingly containing all worldly treasures, right?

"Indeed, just as you guessed."

"That silly kid A Lang is watching over the treasure vault for the Supreme Elder in your eyes."

Pausing slightly here, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] then continued.

"Of course, calling Him Elder Brother is a unilateral thing on my part..."

"But I think even if He knew it, He wouldn't mind."

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[Actually, I want to say, I do mind a little.]

With a head full of black lines, Li Hao muttered this way while watching the conversation between the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] and Flora.

With the passage of time and the growth of the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods], He indeed approached Li Hao, the Creator, in terms of power and rank.

Compared to those Innate Gods conferred by the Celestial Tao System, from all angles, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] was more like a sibling to Li Hao.

In addition, considering the subordinate relationship between the Brilliant Realm and the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Indeed, calling Him Li Hao's little brother wasn't too wrong.

[Seems there's no need to specifically use the 'Celestial Tao System' ability...]

After a simple grumble, Li Hao quickly focused his gaze on Flora.

As a demigod from another world, perhaps on the verge of becoming a True God, Flora's decision to join the Mountain and Sea Realm was quite abrupt.

Whether for the Mountain and Sea Realm or Flora's original world, her decision carried significant risk.

Li Hao originally thought that either he or his apostles would need to intervene to perfectly resolve this crisis that might lead to a war between two worlds.

However, the appearance of the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods] resolved this issue for him.

Indeed, the [Lord of Ghosts and Gods]' presence was not as simple as He stated.

After a brief conversation with Flora, He utilized His authority and ability to bestow upon Flora the title of Star God—a God of the Star River—of the Brilliant Realm.

Equally wielding the Power of Water Element, this divine position corresponded to the Mother of All Stars-Doumu Yuanjun of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

The only difference was that the stars in the Brilliant Realm were not high and aloof, but flowed like rivers throughout the realm.