

## **The Growth 419**

Chapter 419 - 5: Reincarnated Yinglong · Ao Xing

Ao Xing was an Azure Dragon, moreover, a very rare benign mutated Azure Dragon.

In addition to its original form, Ao Xing grew a pair of wings like the MinAseerpentg She.

You must understand, the Azure Dragon was already capable of soaring across the skies, and the addition of wings made it unstoppable.

In fact, due to Ao Xing's benign mutation, the Azure Dragon Race began considering the possibility of a "winged implant".

From a purely technological perspective, this was not a difficult task for the current Mountain and Sea Civilization.

The difference lay in whether there was a necessity for the Azure Dragon Race to popularize such benign mutations.

After much discussion and debate, Geng Chen, the True God of the Azure Dragon Race and the Cyan Dragon of the Seven Stars of the East, decisively rejected the idea.

The Azure Dragon Race was a single-reproducing, mutation-prone group by nature.

If every benign mutation were to become standard among the group, it would lead to complete genetic chaos and collapse for the Azure Dragon Race.

Not to mention, the Azure Dragon Race was a special group where every individual was an epic creature.

In terms of potential alone, even the so-called Sky Dominator, MinAseerpentg She, could not compare to them.

Under such circumstances, pursuing the Ascension Ladder to become a Race where every individual is an Ascender like the Immortals is the true goal of the Azure Dragon Race.

Of course, although Geng Chen made the decision, this did not mean that Ao Xing's existence was without value.

On the contrary, Ao Xing was now, much like the prehistoric and diverse Mountain and Sea Dragon Race, an extremely precious cultivation objective and observation case for the Azure Dragon Race.

If it could be determined that benign mutations like those of Ao Xing would continue to appear within the Azure Dragon population.

Could the Azure Dragon Race replicate the once-thriving Mountain and Sea Dragon Race and become a major trend in the development and evolution of contemporary Mountain and Sea Realm species and civilization?

This question was not only of interest to the Azure Dragon Race but was also a research direction for the entire Mountain and Sea Civilization.

As expected, the hope-laden Ao Xing received a proper education of the Mountain and Sea Civilization from a young age.

Despite not excelling academically...

Despite not showing any particularly stunning abilities...

Ao Xing became the first in his cohort to initiate the Ascension Ladder, even faster than species with natural advantages like the MinAseerpentg She and Nine-tailed Fox.

It was from that moment on that Ao Xing began to dream frequently.

In his dreams, Ao Xing saw the origins of the Azure Dragon Race, and the transformation of Azure Dragons into Ghost Dragons.

This was a unique heritage of the Azure Dragon Race, an indication of ancient memories buried deep in their genes, an Ancestral Regression.

Although the occurrence of such Ancestral Regression has been rare among young Azure Dragons since Geng Chen ascended the Divine Throne, there has been a precedent.

However, Ao Xing realized that his Ancestral Regression seemed different.

His memories were too vivid, so vivid they appeared to encompass the entire journey of the Azure Dragon Race from their inception to the present.

Ao Xing once perused the Azure Dragon Race's library and knew that a normal Ancestral Regression couldn't possibly contain so much information.

"This is more like the Nether Spring's heritage!"

Since Geng Chen ascended the Divine Throne, and past Ghost Dragons turned into the brightest seven stars in the eastern night, the heritage from the Nether Spring of the Ghost Dragon had been completely severed.

Unless Geng Chen was willing to let the disaster that is the Ghost Dragon reappear in the world, the Azure Dragon Race could never birth another Ghost Dragon.

So the question is, what exactly is happening to Ao Xing now?

"If there is no issue on the genetic level, then the issue must lie with the soul."

With a gentle flap of his wings, Ao Xing, perched like a serpent within the clouds, had his suspicions.

In the next moment, Ao Xing, with wings vibrating suddenly, flew towards a magnificent city in the sky.

It was the exclusive city for flying creatures, a Sky City permanently residing in the clouds by harnessing the Power of Thunder.

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Heavenly Pearl, Kungpeng No.1.

This is how the majority of the Mountain and Sea People referred to that Sky City.

As the Mountain and Sea Realm's first city to truly achieve sustained levitation, the Heavenly Pearl was a gigantic floating island, exhibiting a fusion of sci-fi and mythology.

All those who could reside in this city were special species born with the ability to fly.

Among them, Azure Dragons and MinAseerpentg She's were in the greatest number, leading many Mountain and Sea People to loosely identify it as Canglong City or Serpent City.

To be honest, Li Hao always knew of the Mountain and Sea Civilization's obsession with Sky Cities.

But he never imagined that one day the Mountain and Sea People would manage to send a floating island almost half the size of a continent into the sky without using any Extraordinary Power.

Even though from the ground, due to its altitude, the city seemed not so grand.

The problem was, this Sky City operated in tandem with the stars and moon, representing the pinnacle of Tidal Force and Electromagnetic Force technologies.

Constantly in motion, constantly shifting...

The Sky City's scale was far larger than any city on the ground.

The technologies applied here represented the most advanced stage of Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Nonetheless, a considerable number of Azure Dragons had a permanent presence here, tasked specifically with utilizing their abilities to inspect and maintain the city's operations.

As a new-generation individual of the Azure Dragon Race—Ao Xing was undoubtedly one of them.

However, it wasn't mere coincidence that Li Hao took note of Ao Xing among myriad beings.

Firstly, the winged appearance of Ao Xing was simply too familiar to Li Hao.

In Chinese mythology, dragons have various branches in form.

A winged dragon is also known as Yinglong, a type of Divine Beast clearly documented in the Classic of Mountains and Seas: Great Wilderness Chapter.

——Classic of Mountains and Seas: North of the Great Wilderness Chapter

——Yinglong killed Chiyou, then Kuafu, hence it dwelt in the south, where it rains much.

——Chiyou raised armies against the Yellow Emperor, who ordered Yinglong to battle in the fields of Jizhou.

——Yinglong stored water, Chiyou sought help from the Wind God and Rain Master to unleash great storms, and the Yellow Emperor summoned the Maiden Ba to stop the rain and kill Chiyou.

——Classic of Mountains and Seas: Eastern Wilderness Chapter

—Yinglong resided in the south, having slain Chiyou and Kuafu, couldn't ascend further, resulting in droughts. Only by appearing in Yinglong's form would heavy rains follow.

The second thing that drew Li Hao's attention was Ao Xing's identity.

Or more precisely, the strong soul that reincarnated into Ao Xing.

A soul with a strength comparable to a Demigod, possessing the complete ancestral memories of the Ghost Dragon.

Such an entity, across the entire Mountain and Sea Realm, probably exists only in one person.

[The eighth Ghost Dragon, who abandoned everything to plunge into reincarnation—the 'Awakened'.]