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Chapter 432 - 18: Invaders from Beyond the World

In fact, it wasn't until Ao Xing completely escaped the reach of Ancient Tang, avoiding the pursuit of that terrifying Fallen Dragon.

It still didn't understand what madness the Dragon of Suffering was caught up in, attacking the "tentacles" of that Fallen Dragon even when knowing the truth.

"Where are we now?"

After taking a deep breath, Ao Xing realized it seemed to have arrived at an unfamiliar place once again.

Unlike the absolute darkness in other regions, this place was faintly illuminated.

Yet this faint glow did not bring warmth but rather an inexplicable chill.

This chill wasn't coldness, nor frost, but a pleasantly refreshing coolness.

Somewhat similar to the crispness of a breezy autumn day.

For some reason, upon encountering this glow, Ao Xing felt as if a completely new instinct was awakening within its body.

"This is moonlight, and it is one of the only two light sources in this Dark World."

Silently appearing beside Ao Xing, the Dragon of Suffering also basked happily in this glow, its expression gradually shifting from calm to serene.

"Moonlight?"

Upon hearing this, Ao Xing immediately recalled something the Dragon of Suffering had said before.

In this Mountain and Sea Realm of parallel space-time, the sun and moon had long since fallen, descending respectively to the Land of the Far East and the Land of the Far West.

And the place they had passed earlier was the Ancient Tang in the Far East, where the sun rose before its fall and also the direction where the moon descended.

"Is this where the moon fell?"

With undisguised surprise, Ao Xing suddenly realized the Dragon of Suffering was not just randomly fleeing.

It had consciously guided Ao Xing to the Land of the Far East, to the place where the moon fell.

"Why did you bring me here? What is your true purpose?"

Suspecting the Dragon of Suffering's reasons for approaching him from the very start, Ao Xing deliberately lowered its voice to question.

"I was just confirming your identity."

Calmly shaking its head, the Dragon of Suffering finally confirmed Ao Xing's origin—a confirmation that during their previous conversations, Ao Xing hadn't lied.

"Moonlight is the gentlest light in this world, yet it is also the harshest selection mechanism."

"Only those born in the Mountain and Sea Realm can bathe in such close proximity to moonlight, cleansing their hearts of unease and darkness."

"If you had lied before, upon arriving here, you would have suffered from 'moonphobia,' and it would become impossible for you to rest."

In simple terms, within this mythological worldview, the sun, moon, and stars are mechanisms for the world's self-protection.

Even though the sun and moon have fallen, the world's protection mechanism has become riddled with holes.

But foreign creatures, or even gods, when directly facing the moonlight, would be cursed by the moon.

"The prophets never taught me any of this knowledge..."

After listening to the Dragon of Suffering's explanation, Ao Xing stood in silent astonishment for a long time, before smiling wryly.

Although knowing full well that the Dragon of Suffering's actions were justified.

Deep down, Ao Xing couldn't avoid feeling a sense of betrayal.

After all, after a series of life or death pursuits, Ao Xing had already considered the Dragon of Suffering a friend.

For Ao Xing, who grew up in a peaceful era in the Mountain and Sea Realm, the feeling of betrayal by a friend was enough to make it despondent for a long time.

What's more, the Dragon of Suffering's actions implied that, at some point, this world must have been visited by foreigners.

Otherwise, there was no way the Dragon of Suffering would have such vigilance and verification measures.

"What on earth happened in this world?"

"And what is your true identity?"

In this situation, even if Ao Xing were slow to react, it knew that the Dragon of Suffering couldn't possibly be an ordinary Keren Race or Fallen Dragon.

"Who am I?"

"Actually, I also want to know who I really am."

With a long sigh, the Dragon of Suffering didn't directly answer Ao Xing's question but curiously asked back.

"Ao Xing, have you ever wondered about something."

"Why did the sun and moon fall simultaneously?"

Upon hearing this, Ao Xing was taken aback, as this question once again exceeded its knowledge scope.

According to the myths handed down in the Mountain and Sea Realm from ancient times.

Back when the world was on the brink of destruction, it was the Creator who awakened Storm Apostle Ji Meng and had Him raise the sun back into high altitude.

After that, to maintain the smooth operation of the sun and the Day of Sin, Sun God·Hua She took the place, constantly bearing the responsibility of driving the sun and spreading light.

Perhaps because it was influenced by these mythological legends, Ao Xing instinctively believed that whenever the world was destroyed, the sun had to fall.

But now upon reconsidering, there is no account of the moon falling in the myths of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

In other words, the fall of the sun and moon was not a necessary condition for the world's destruction.

So now the question arises.

What exactly happened in this parallel world of the Mountain and Sea Realm that led to the simultaneous fall of the sun and moon?

"Why?"

"When you were explaining the history of this world, were you hiding something else?"

Knowing that blindly guessing wouldn't yield useful information, Ao Xing straightforwardly asked.

"Yes, I indeed hid some things."

"Like, for instance, those invaders from beyond this world."

As expected by Ao Xing, the Dragon of Suffering slowly resolved the doubts in its heart.

When the world was on the brink of destruction, when the world's barriers disappeared, those Lost Gods or Divine Abominations from beyond would naturally flood into this broken world immediately.

Whether it was for the legacy of this world or to plunder more faith...

A world on the brink of destruction was enough to attract many malicious invaders, bringing crisis to the lives still surviving in this world.

At that time, the Keren Race hadn't been born, and the sun and moon hadn't fallen.

The broken world, eyed by indescribable presences, faced its first crisis after the fall of Dragon Ancestor Zhu Jiuyin.

Crazy plundering, crazy destruction...

Those Lost Gods and Divine Abominations wielding authority intended to snatch away everything of value from this world before the Mountain and Sea Realm completely fell to the Fallen Area.

Among them, the sun and moon hanging high in the sky were naturally the most valuable things.

Unfortunately, the gods and divine abominations who coveted the sun and moon were far more than one, and their struggle affected the original operation of the sun and moon.

Not only that, but the battles of those Lost Gods and Divine Abominations also alerted some even more terrifying existences.

During the fiercest phase of the war, certain beings, once personally sealed and suppressed by the Mountain and Sea Dragon Race or even Dragon Ancestor Zhu Jiuyin, quietly emerged.

"They are beings that once defeated or even killed gods."