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Chapter 48: End-of-Volume: Worldwide Ascension

After handling the "small matters" of the Immortals.

Li Hao finally had the time to focus his energies on the "Mountain and Sea Realm" itself.

In the previous volume, we emphasized that the Mountain and Sea Realm is a world on the verge of falling into the Fallen Area, teetering on the brink of destruction.

It was only due to the Candle Dragon's lingering presence after death that the Mountain and Sea Realm did not become one of the stars scattered across the universe.

When Li Hao took over the Candle Dragon's duties, becoming the new Creator of the Classic of Mountains and Seas.

The Mountain and Sea Realm, which should have melded into the Fallen Area, became active once again.

If All Heavens and Myriad Realms are seen as a grand tree with flourishing branches, then the Ascension Area where the Gods reside is its foliage.

Every branch is a different path, and each leaf is a different world.

Worlds with similar rules attract each other.

Thus, the more powerful and prosperous a world is, the more it can attract other worlds, forming a true "Ring of the World."

Those vast divine pantheons spanning multiple worlds are often formed this way.

Therefore, in some divine pantheons, this particular world distribution is called the "World Tree."

However, since worlds are the branches and leaves of the "World Tree," when these worlds are destroyed for various reasons, they fall from the tree.

This place where the leaves return to their roots is what is called the "Fallen Area."

Of course, from Li Hao's personal experience, the "Fallen Area" seen as the "Tomb of the Gods" is not as terrifying as imagined.

This again made Li Hao think about a certain information interface in the Official Hall of the Civilization Game, where related issues are specifically discussed.

Similar to the Secret Meeting of the Faceless, it seems to be a content interface that only true Gods can see.

In there, Li Hao gained a more detailed understanding of the concept of the "Fallen Area."

The "Fallen Area" is just a commonly used concept to distinguish it from the "Ascension Area."

In fact, in different divine pantheon contexts, there are many names for the "Fallen Area."

Just browsing through a portion of the content, Li Hao found several different names.

Returning Ruins, Star Realm, Sumeru...

These are names used by different Gods for the "Fallen Area," indicative of their attitude towards the "Tomb of the Gods."

In the eyes of most Gods, the "Fallen Area" is undoubtedly an end, an absolute dead end where no life can be born or exist.

Yet, in the last few pages of that content interface, a peculiar God named "Excavate the Past" proposed a vastly different viewpoint — is the "Fallen Area" truly barren?

Although the Gods have fallen and the Divine Kingdom has perished.

But with so many unique forms of life in All Heavens and Myriad Realms, filled with vitality and creativity.

Would they willingly be buried alongside their gods?

Or perhaps, would the fallen Gods be willing to disappear as well?

The answer is certainly no.

As long as a minority of these lives survive, the "Fallen Area" will eventually develop life and civilization of its own.

These civilizations, born in the Fallen Area, though without the protection of Gods, might very well inherit the legacy of the fallen Gods.

Truth be told, upon seeing these speculations.

Li Hao once doubted whether this person called "Excavate the Past" was like himself, a member of the "Fallen Area."

Then, Li Hao looked at the publication date of the relevant content, which was shortly after the Ninth Celestial Father Hathor created the "Civilization Game."

From that moment, Li Hao realized a fact — a God had revived from the "Fallen Area."

Such detailed information and understanding could not possibly be speculation or hearsay.

"Excavate the Past" must have either encountered a God revived from the "Fallen Area," or he himself is that resurrected God.

If that's the case, then the question arises.

Can he also replicate the miracle of that God and let the "Mountain and Sea Realm" ascend from the "Fallen Area" to the "Ascension Area" once again?

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After some not-so-complex pondering and operation, Li Hao reached a conclusion.

To allow the "Mountain and Sea Realm," currently merging into the "Fallen Area," to ascend anew, is indeed very challenging.

But it is just a bit challenging, nothing more.

After all, Li Hao, different from those dying or resurrected Gods, has fully mastered the abilities of the "Primordial Spirit" as the Creator.

Combining this with his own Immortal Body, Li Hao is even more powerful than those Gods who fell normally.

Thus, when Li Hao manipulated the "Mountain and Sea Realm" to once again elevate from low dimensions to high dimensions, he could distinctly feel the pressure from the cosmos.

It was as if ascending against an endless current in a turbulent river.

Every effort Li Hao made caused the dimension of the "Mountain and Sea Realm" to rise, slowly advancing from the third dimension to the fourth, and towards even higher dimensions.

Crack!

Just when Li Hao thought he was about to succeed in dimension ascension.

A crisp shattering sound, like an eggshell breaking, came from the outer wall of the "Mountain and Sea Realm."

The boundaries of the world, due to Li Hao's forced dimension crossing, began to collapse.

Whether to descend back into being a planet or to forcefully ascend into a world with independent laws seemed to be a dilemma.

"Heh, another God unwilling to face death."

"It's useless; become a member of the Star Realm! At least that will leave a trace of your existence."

"This is a world of an Ancient God; even if the ascension fails, there should be plenty of good things left behind!"

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In a daze, Li Hao seemed to hear some mocking voices, whether kind or malicious.

Those were voices from Gods of other worlds, also the unwillingness of those Gods on the brink of falling.

Ignoring the cries of those defeated dogs, Li Hao's Immortal Body once again played its role at this moment.

Zzzzz...

In the unwilling and shocked eyes of those Gods, the once broken world boundary was unexpectedly healing, and even becoming stronger and more complete than before.

Today's "Mountain and Sea Realm" is equivalent to Li Hao's body, naturally inheriting his Immortal Ability.

Even if it weren't entirely shattered, even if it did completely shatter, at worst, it would just be another issue of "resurrection."

"How is that possible?"

"After so many eras, another God has climbed out of the Returning Ruins?"

"It seems to be another powerful God breaking away from the fate of death; who might it be?"

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Amidst the lively discussion among the Gods, a small world also on the verge of falling quietly followed the "Mountain and Sea Realm," seemingly intending to utilize Li Hao's power to escape its own fate of demise.