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### Chapter 481 - 3: Netherworld Ferryman

The time in the Mountain and Sea Realm has always been cheap.

In less than a month on Earth, hundreds or thousands of years have passed in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

The sun, driven by the Winged Serpent God·Hua She, still rises in the east and sets in the west, while the Day of Sin, symbolizing "Original Sin," hangs high in the sky all day.

These two suns are landmark wonders of the Mountain and Sea Realm, things that most newcomers cannot ignore when they first arrive.

However, only true Mountain and Sea People know that there is actually a third sun in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

That was when the Vast Heaven Mirror illuminated the heavens, and all the Mountain and Sea People saw a third sun in the sky, more dazzling than the other two combined.

Although it was only a fleeting spectacle, the grand scene was deeply imprinted in the minds of all Mountain and Sea People.

Especially the Mountain and Sea Aerospace Bureau, which is conducting a deep space exploration project.

After some exploration and test flights, they found outside the Mountain and Sea Realm, in the chaotic temporal rifts, there appeared a "sun" that can illuminate All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

That is the true body of the "sun" that once appeared in the Mountain and Sea Realm, a supreme divine object created by the Creator to protect the Mountain and Sea Realm.

It is located in the center of the Void Divine Hall, surrounded by the Holy Grail, which can create all things.

Only when it is officially activated will its projection appear in the Mountain and Sea Realm, revealing its true form.

The Mountain and Sea Aerospace Bureau once tried to approach that "sun".

Unfortunately, even the most powerful Demigod of the Mountain and Sea Realm could not break through the outermost layer of defense of the Void Divine Hall.

As for the True Gods and Immortals of the Mountain and Sea Realm?

They seem to know something long ago, merely observing the various actions of the Mountain and Sea Civilization with a smile, neither stopping nor helping.

It was only long after, when the Mountain and Sea People who had broken through the temporal rifts to the Ascension Area realized that their attempt to approach the third "sun" was actually a test.

If even the Void Divine Hall cannot be breached, then what qualifications do the Mountain and Sea People have to go to the Ascension Area to spread the Creator's faith and civilization?

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"However, what the Mountain and Sea People should explore is not just deep space."

The one who said this was HUan Gou, a Demigod of the Quanfeng Race, who is also one of the few Ferryman in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

From afar, the sight of his dog-headed human body exudes an aura of authority, with his bright yellow fur standing up like porcupine quills.

Clearly made of basic fiber material, yet no one doubts whether those erect hairs possess the strength of steel.

Because those hairs are not ordinary hairs, but microscopic implants.

HUan Gou had his body's surface completely remodeled, allowing them to grow high-strength fiber tissues.

These high-strength fiber tissues not only grant HUan Gou the Vajra Indestructible, water and fire resistant abilities, but can also be launched like porcupine quills in times of danger.

As for why HUan Gou underwent such large-scale modifications, the reason is simple.

Since entering the civilized stage, the Quanfeng Race has been responsible for the mining and processing of minerals for the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Although in modern times, many individuals of the Quanfeng Race no longer want to live the lives of their elders and have gone to big cities to seek their own opportunities.

But HUan Gou is an exception, he has always adhered to his original responsibilities.

It should be noted that the mining and processing work of the Quanfeng Race is not as arduous as outsiders imagine.

The introduction of various autonomous devices and mechanized equipment long ago achieved unmanned mining and processing assembly lines.

Most of the time, the Quanfeng Clan People are only responsible for maintaining the overall operation of the mines.

Only specific individuals like HUan Gou, who frequently travel to other worlds, are approved to have various weaponized implants for safety reasons.

Perhaps it is also because he has seen so many different worlds.

HUan Gou sneers at the Zhiku's obsession with using their own power to explore more worlds and civilizations beyond the world.

Only those who have been outside know how hard-won the peace of the Mountain and Sea Realm today is.

A considerable number of Mountain and Sea People even believe that the Zhiku's persistence in exploring deep space will bring war and disaster to the entire Mountain and Sea Civilization.

After all, currently, the only gateway to the outside is the Brilliant Realm's Teleportation Gate.

Other than a very few stowaways who forcibly passed through temporal rifts, that Teleportation Gate is the only passage to the outside.

And that sole passage is now guarded by the Immortals, virtually eliminating all unstable factors.

HUan Gou, of course, is not an extreme fanatic, but he also quite agrees with this view.

Without even understanding the Mountain and Sea Realm, blindly advancing into deep space is simply an act of arrogance.

Thus, HUan Gou decided to explore the other side of this world to make up for this flaw in the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Of course, by downward, it does not mean the Underworld.

In fact, the underground of the Mountain and Sea Realm, like the sky, is a space long developed by the Mountain and Sea People.

A vast and complex underground transportation network...

An extensive network of high-speed maglev trains...

Together with the ever-expanding underground cities...

The underground of the Mountain and Sea Realm has long formed a world comparable to the land and sky, where countless Mountain and Sea People born from the earth's core live.

Earth Dragons, Earth Rats, and other Mountain and Sea People naturally adapted to dim spaces are one of the permanent residents of the underground world.

HUan Gou truly wants to explore the Netherworld.

The Netherworld, now referred to as the Netherland by the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Unfortunately, aside from the few Ferryman like HUan Gou, the vast majority of Mountain and Sea People have never seen the scenes of the Netherworld with their own eyes.

Then again, it's not surprising when you think about it.

That's the residence of the dead, and only the dead and Ferryman can go there.

Even the Immortals favored by the Creator and the Goddess of Death generally do not go to the Netherworld.

In the words of those Immortals, the Ghost Realm has no concept of materiality, and going there with flesh and blood is purely suffering.

Even Ferryman mostly do not easily set foot in the Netherworld except when ferrying souls across the Wangchuan River.

HUan Gou is the sole exception, believing that ignoring the Netherworld as part of the Mountain and Sea Realm is a grave mistake.

Even if one cannot reside there year-round, one must understand the rules and operation logic of that world.

If necessary, it is a must to colonize it without offending the Goddess of Death.

Speaking here, HUan Gou's identity and stance become apparent—he is undeniably the hawk of the Mountain and Sea Civilization.