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Chapter 483 - 5: The Celestial Tao System's Bug

In the depths of the void, above all realms.

[Blockhead? Steve? My World?]

He stared peculiarly at the so-called "Artificial Soul."

Li Hao never imagined that in just a moment of neglect, the Mountain and Sea Civilization would create such a peculiar thing.

No past life, no causality, and not recorded in the [Celestial Tao System]...

Such a soul is generally called an "Innate Soul," often symbolizing those Innate Gods naturally born.

Aside from the Innate Gods, the current Mountain and Sea Realm scarcely has souls that can be called "Innate Souls."

Even the weakest soul, as long as it's not a most basic soul element, has more or less undergone reincarnation.

In fact, this was the original intention behind Li Hao establishing the reincarnation system—to nurture strong souls.

It is precisely due to the strength of souls that the Mountain and Sea Realm inhabits various life forms, giving birth to numerous Ascenders and Demigods.

From this perspective, an "Innate Soul" can even be said to be synonymous with weakness.

However, the artificial soul created by Bi She is different now.

Though it has no past life, no causality, and is not recorded in the [Celestial Tao System], it possesses a soul strength comparable to that of a Demigod.

Or more precisely, this is a "Innate God" artificially manufactured by the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Despite this "Innate God" having only one soul, it is enough to catch the attention of the [Celestial Tao System].

Nevertheless, despite the attention, the [Celestial Tao System] did not immediately bestow any divine position upon the "Artificial Soul."

The birth of the "Artificial Soul" actually exploited a loophole in the [Celestial Tao System].

It is not a true Innate God, so the [Celestial Tao System] does not have a divine position fitting its origin.

Similarly, the "Artificial Soul" has not undergone the Mountain and Sea Realm's reincarnation system, so the [Celestial Tao System] has imposed no restrictions on it.

Considering the strength of the "Artificial Soul," as long as it doesn't act foolishly, it is nearly unkillable.

This means the Mountain and Sea Realm suddenly has a nearly permanent undocumented entity, no wonder the [Celestial Tao System] took immediate notice.

In fact, not only did the [Celestial Tao System]'s error-checking mechanism fail, even Li Hao himself was somewhat baffled.

[What kind of monstrosity have these folks created again...]

Through Li Hao's perspective, he could clearly see that the "Artificial Soul" was still continuously absorbing soul elements.

It must be known that normal souls require reincarnation to become strengthened.

Even for those claimed to be "Innate Gods," they only have strong innate souls, but lack the ability to continually absorb spiritual essence to strengthen themselves.

If Li Hao's creation of the reincarnation system is considered a sort of good seed cultivation mechanism.

Then the "Artificial Soul" is equivalent to skipping this cultivation mechanism, growing untamed in its own way.

Lacking supervision by the reincarnation system and [Celestial Tao System], this innately gifted soul can indeed possess attributes of continual growth.

However, whether this growth brings more advantages or disadvantages is uncertain.

Only if its structure remains markedly healthy does the soul's continuing power represent the righteous path.

Otherwise, eventually collapsing into chaotic evil, turning into an evil ghost, would be the best outcome for this "Artificial Soul."

This is the price that must be paid for exploiting the loophole in the [Celestial Tao System].

For weak souls, the [Celestial Tao System] and reincarnation system can help them grow.

For those naturally talented strong souls, the [Celestial Tao System] and reincarnation system can also correct mistakes made during growth.

Every reincarnation, every rebirth...

Essentially is correcting the soul's erroneous tendencies, guiding them towards a healthier, stronger direction.

Then, when a soul capable of infinite growth escapes such positive correction mechanisms, what will the final outcome be?

[A twisted evil ghost that will inevitably destroy the whole world...]

[No, "evil ghost" is insufficient to describe it; it is an artificial "Divine Abomination."]

After coming to this conclusion, Li Hao's gaze toward the "Artificial Soul" turned to awe.

Unconsciously, that group of beings who depended on Immortal's protection to survive has now genuinely acquired the technology and ability to change, even destroy the world.

As for whether the twisted evil ghost created by the Mountain and Sea Civilization can ultimately destroy the world?

Li Hao never cared about this, nor would he worry because of it.

If the current Mountain and Sea Realm were so easily destroyed, then the energy Li Hao invested in recent months would have been somewhat frivolous.

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Netherworld, Celestial Monarch Luo's Ancient Divine Hall.

Within numerous Netherworld Celestial Monarchs, Celestial Monarch Luo is not a particularly prominent presence.

Whether it be the Netherworld Race or the Ferrymen, they are largely unaware of this monarch's fame, nor do they know why he placed the Divine Hall at the Land of the Yin-Yang Border.

Just as the Mountain and Sea Realm has places like Yu Yuan which infinitely approach the Netherworld.

So too does the Netherworld have places infinitely approaching the Mountain and Sea Realm.

This is the domain overseen by Celestial Monarch Luo, a unique boundary known as the "Land of Three Lives."

Within the Yin and Yang Realms, any ghost or life attempting to cross borders must appear at the Land of Three Lives, confronting Celestial Monarch Luo's majesty.

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Suddenly, within the Ancient Divine Hall, Celestial Monarch Luo opened both eyes.

So too did the two Netherworld Race under Luo's command swiftly react, looking unexpectedly at their master.

"The spiritual essence of Wangchuan is draining at an abnormal speed..."

Glancing at his subordinates, Luo's voice was somewhat somber.

"The spiritual essence is draining?"

The Netherworld Race wielding the Judge's Pen widened eyes, their expression appearing somewhat bewildered.

"Is some Ascender raising a Divine Throne in the Netherworld?"

Upon hearing this, the other Netherworld Race holding the Book of Life and Death immediately retorted.

"Impossible, the Netherworld is different from the Mountain and Sea Realm, to ascend here one must have the Goddess of Death's approval!"

"Moreover, if anyone plans to ascend in the Netherworld, they cannot be unaware of the importance of spiritual essence."

"Anyone daring to plunder Wangchuan River's power for ascension, is absolutely impossible to succeed!"

Raising his head calmly, Luo's gaze seemed to transcend the barrier between Yin and Yang Realms, seeing the scenes of another world.

"The one currently plundering the power of Wangchuan...is a soul from the Mountain and Sea Realm..."