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Chapter 485 - 7: Connecting Tong You and the Netherworld

"It's that 'Soulhunter'!"

Looking up abruptly at the ceiling, Huan Gou didn't bother to blame Bi She and immediately wanted to retreat from this dangerous place with the other.

Soulhunter Ao Xing, previously a seasoned investigator affiliated with the "Evil God Processing Center."

During his tenure as an investigator, Ao Xing handled many tricky evil god cases and was a typical figure who fought evil gods with a mortal body.

It wasn't until he returned from the parallel space-time of the Mountain and Sea Realm that Ao Xing chose to resign from the "Evil God Processing Center" and became a full-time Netherworld ferryman instead.

However, unlike ordinary Netherworld ferrymen, Ao Xing was never responsible for any soul escort missions.

Ao Xing's real task was to hunt down the evil souls that escaped the Netherworld, specializing in nipping events that might affect the balance of the Yin and Yang Realms in the bud.

Upon hearing Ao Xing's dragon roar, Huan Gou knew that the "Soul Element Research Center" was doomed.

With Ao Xing's intervention, not even Tianyou could continue to shelter the "Soul Element Research Center."

After all, standing behind Ao Xing were the Netherworld Race, the Netherworld Celestial Monarch, and possibly even the Goddess of Death herself.

Unless Tianyou has gone mad, there's no way he would allow the "Soul Element Research Center" to continue existing.

"But..."

Reluctantly gazing at the "Artificial Soul" not far away.

Bi She felt that he was just a step away from success, so why did such an accident suddenly happen?

Moreover, something Bi She didn't tell Huan Gou was that he had been secretly using "Holy Remains" to create souls, which didn't behave this outrageously.

While Virtuous King Gu Sheng was the first in the Mountain and Sea Realm to master the "Exorcism and Demon Control Skill" to the fullest extent, he was not the only one.

His successors might not have Gu Sheng's extraordinary talent, but the gap wasn't supposed to be this wide.

Hence, the problem couldn't possibly have been the "Holy Remains"!

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"Is it here?"

Looking down at the institute below, Ao Xing flapped his wings, emanating dragon might.

This was both a deterrent and a reminder...

Upon feeling Ao Xing's dragon might, the related departments in Fengdu City quickly activated, promptly evacuating people from around the city.

Particularly, the residents near the institute hurriedly fled the area, knowing it was about to turn into a battlefield.

Since joining the Mountain and Sea Civilization, the majority of the Canglong have become law enforcement officers in various cities, their dragon might becoming akin to "sirens."

Due to the efficacy of dragon might, a considerable number of non-Canglong law enforcement officers have implanted devices capable of emitting dragon might.

Therefore, whenever a Canglong bearing dragon might appeared, the Mountain and Sea People naturally assumed there was some illegal activity here.

Bang!

Whether it was inevitable or coincidental.

When enough Mountain and Sea people had evacuated from around the institute, a violent explosion erupted within the institute suddenly.

Crack!

The next moment, steel and glass shattered into countless fragments, shooting out in all directions.

Researchers inside the institute screamed and wailed, severely injured by the flying steel and shards.

Ao Xing could tell that the attacker intended to torture the researchers.

Each shard could inflict significant pain, yet wouldn't kill them outright.

"What a big problem..."

Upon witnessing this scene, Ao Xing dared not hesitate any longer and decisively dove downward.

Rumble...

Thunder immediately transformed into electric light and floated around Ao Xing.

The violently rubbing charges released strong magnetic forces, causing the shards below to levitate.

Naturally, the attacker could no longer continue assaulting the researchers inside the institute and had to shift attention to Ao Xing.

Seizing the opportunity, Huan Gou grabbed Bi She with one hand and dashed out of the encirclement in a big stride, leaving the attacker's range of attack.

"Help!"

"That freak behind us is a half-god level soul body!"

From afar, while running and fleeing, Huan Gou didn't forget to call to Ao Xing in the sky for help.

It had to be said, Huan Gou's conduct left Bi She stunned, finding it hard to believe that this was the aloof guy he knew.

"Huan Gou? Is this trouble your doing again!?"

Recognizing Huan Gou at a glance, Ao Xing, also a Netherworld ferryman, shouted angrily.

Netherworld ferrymen were already atypical among the Mountain and Sea People, and Huan Gou was notorious among the Netherworld ferrymen for his restlessness.

Unfortunately, he was precisely the type who incurred "no major violations, just minor infractions," making it difficult for one to pin anything major on him.

"It really wasn't me this time!"

Helplessly shouting back at Ao Xing, Huan Gou was naturally aware of his image among the other Netherworld ferrymen.

But this time, it really wasn't him, or at least not entirely his fault.

"You can explain that to Celestial Monarch Luo later!"

"The Celestial Monarch has already detected the depletion of Wangchuan Spirit Essence and plans to convene a 'Celestial Monarch Meeting.'"

This truly frightened Huan Gou a bit.

Not only because Celestial Monarch Luo planned to convene a "Celestial Monarch Meeting," but also because he didn't expect the "Artificial Soul" to be absorbing spirit essence from Wangchuan.

It's known that the Wangchuan River was crafted as part of the reincarnation system by the Goddess of Death herself.

If the spirit essence contained within it were lost excessively, it would not only have irreparable consequences on the Netherworld but could also potentially affect the entire reincarnation system of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Huan Gou only wanted to research the essence of souls to resurrect his deceased friend; he never intended to overturn the existing reincarnation system.

"What exactly have you done!?"

Thinking of this, Huan Gou couldn't help but glare at Bi She again.

Unexpectedly to Huan Gou, Bi She was also utterly dumbfounded.

"I never thought this place would actually connect to the Netherworld..."

"I just found this place rich with spirit essence, suitable for our experimental project."

Realizing that nothing could be changed anymore, Huan Gou didn't continue blaming Bi She and dragged the other away from the institute.

After placing Bi She in a relatively safer location, Huan Gou returned to the institute once more.

Because he still needed to rescue other injured researchers and bring them to safety as well.

This was Huan Gou's duty, and it was also his responsibility.

As an extreme hawkish figure in the Mountain and Sea Civilization, Huan Gou always adhered to the principle that "Mountain and Sea People are above all life."

To save even one Mountain and Sea person, whom he didn't know at all, Huan Gou wouldn't mind sacrificing an unfamiliar tribe.