

## **The Growth 500**

### Chapter 500 - 22: The Iron Laws of the Mountain and Sea Gods

All ghost gods, whether from the Netherworld Race or the sea of red spider lilies, must personally visit the Mountain and Sea Realm.

This is not a clear regulation, but rather an unwritten rule of the Netherworld.

This unwritten rule originally came from the Netherworld Race's tradition of reincarnating into the Mountain and Sea Realm at intervals.

In fact, this tradition initially was just to address the personality disintegration issue of the Netherworld Race due to prolonged stay in the Netherworld.

Subsequently, at the suggestion of the Mother of All Stars, the Goddess of Death agreed to allow the Netherworld Race to vacation in the Mountain and Sea Realm periodically, to relax and regain their humanity.

As more and more ghost gods appeared in the Netherworld, this tradition from the Netherworld Race naturally became an unwritten rule for the ghost gods.

After all, ghost gods are ultimately not True Gods.

They cannot maintain the integrity of their personalities for long periods in the environment of the Netherworld.

Regardless of the nature of their work or the atmosphere of the Netherworld...

It would gradually cause the ghost gods to lose their humanity and become truly indifferent and ruthless ghost gods.

This is clearly not what the Goddess of Death and the Netherworld Celestial Monarchs want to see.

They have never intended to cultivate "Gods of Heartlessness" who regard all beings as ants.

Even so, there are still ghost gods who cannot endure the monotonous life of the Netherworld and choose to flee the Netherworld.

At this time, it is the turn for the Judge of the Netherworld, Shen Tu, to take the stage.

He would personally go to the Mountain and Sea Realm to capture or even kill those rebellious ghost gods, in order to maintain the order of the Yin and Yang Realms.

However, aside from those rebellious ghost gods.

Shen Tu often also bears the responsibility of monitoring the ghost gods who go to the Mountain and Sea Realm normally.

Unlike those ghost gods who have lost their humanity or gone completely out of control.

These normal ghost gods go to the Mountain and Sea Realm to cultivate their emotions, to regain their humanity.

Especially for newborn ghost gods like E Kui, they often do not have much sense of good and evil, they simply act according to their inclinations and desires.

Only those ghost gods who have walked through the Mountain and Sea Realm and regained their humanity are qualified to be considered true "Netherworld Ghost Gods".

And only true "Netherworld Ghost Gods" will be given corresponding duties by the Goddess of Death and the Netherworld Celestial Monarchs, thus embarking on the path to becoming True Gods.

In other words, it is not just E Kui, even HUan Gou, the incarnation of the Nine-Eared Dog, is also one of the candidates for "Netherworld Ghost God".

In the process of chasing each other, they will gradually regain their former humanity.

When E Kui and the Nine-Eared Dog can empathize with all living beings, it will be the time for Shen Tu and Yu Lei to appear and guide them back to the Netherworld.

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Yunmeng Marsh, among the wilderness and the mountains and forests.

The banyan tree that forms a forest is a spectacle here, and Grandma Rong, the giant banyan tree in the center of the forest, is the elder of this area.

Due to its sheer size, the entire Yunmeng Marsh is built on its roots, and this place has been deliberately designated as a restricted area by the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Much like those areas inhabited by a large number of epic creatures.

In today's Yunmeng Marsh, Grandma Rong is the true ruler of this region.

The beings that live here, even those True Gods who have successfully ascended to divinity, cannot conceal themselves from Grandma Rong's perception.

Therefore, when E Kui appeared in this forest, Grandma Rong was the first to discover its presence.

"A newborn ghost god?"

With just a glance, the well-experienced Grandma Rong identified E Kui's identity.

The Ghost-Slaying Sword in its hand is the standard for ghost gods, and its indifferent and unruly aura signifies E Kui's stance...

This is a newborn ghost god, a ghost god who hasn't yet regained its humanity.

"Just came out of the 'Ghost Gate'?"

"Ghost Gate" in the Netherworld is a fixed location, one of the Nine Prisons and Nine Springs.

But in the Mountain and Sea Realm, "Ghost Gate" can be seen everywhere, being a mobile spatial coordinate.

Whenever there is a soul heading to the Netherworld, "Ghost Gate" will appear, guiding those souls to the Netherworld.

Only those evil ghosts who refuse to go to the Netherworld will attract interference from the Netherworld Race or the Netherworld Ferryman, forcing them into reincarnation.

"Shan Hu, a ghost god has appeared in your territory."

After pondering for a moment, the giant banyan tree in the center of Yunmeng Marsh revealed a human face.

Grandma Rong's voice successfully summoned an Innate God with the head of a fox and the body of a human, who is the Mountain God near Pingpeng Mountain.

"As long as it doesn't pose too much danger, guide it to the nearby city!"

In response to Grandma Rong's words, the Mountain God named "Shan Hu" replied.

"Okay, Grandma!"

However, after saying this, Shan Hu couldn't help but show a hesitant expression.

"Grandma, should I inform everyone in advance?"

Although Shan Hu is the Mountain God of Pingpeng Mountain, it is not the only Innate God there.

Apart from Shan Hu, the Mountain Lord, Pingpeng Mountain also has corresponding River God, Wind God, Earth God, and other Innate Gods.

Furthermore, at the foot of Pingpeng Mountain, there is a settlement of the Mountain and Sea People, who also worship Gods of Civilization such as the Door God and Kitchen God.

"No need, it's just a newborn ghost god."

The face on the banyan tree gently shook, and Grandma Rong said calmly.

"Ghost gods from the Netherworld have their own regulators, and if they cause trouble, there will be godly intervention."

After a slight pause, Grandma Rong further added.

"This ghost god has come to the Mountain and Sea Realm to cultivate humanity, so don't do anything that might provoke it."

"Currently, they are in a stage of acting recklessly and without restraint, just make sure to protect yourselves."

Upon hearing this, Shan Hu said no more. Nodding, he turned and disappeared from Grandma Rong's sight.

Rustle, rustle...

Gently shaking its branches, Grandma Rong's face remerged into the tree trunk.

Yet, through its roots that stretch throughout the Yunmeng Marsh, Grandma Rong continuously monitored E Kui's every move.

Should it dare take any action harmful to Yunmeng Marsh, Grandma Rong would not concern herself with any unwritten rules of the Netherworld.

The unwritten rules of the Netherworld are merely those of the Netherworld.

The gods of the Mountain and Sea Realm have their own order.

In the Mountain and Sea Realm, whether Demigods or True Gods, possessing power and responsibility, they must also bear corresponding obligations.

— Cannot spread beliefs at will.

— Cannot interfere with civilization at will.

— Cannot slaughter living beings at will.

These are the three iron rules that all gods in the Mountain and Sea Realm must abide by, and it is also the understanding between the Mountain and Sea Civilization and the Mountain and Sea Gods.