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Chapter 514 12: Sun Star Monarch

Eight hundred years ago, the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch failed to save the world, yet his influence has persistently affected the generations to come.

The "War of the End of the Dharma" that occurred two hundred years ago was essentially an embodiment of this influence.

According to the historical records that Li Hao learned, five or six hundred years after the death of the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, his ideology, along with the "True Martial Demon-Vanquishing Scripture," spread throughout the Celestial Human Realm.

A considerable number of new generation cultivators inspired by him believed that the previous path of the celestials should not be repeated.

Among them, the new generation genius from the Nine Peaks Mountain—Sun Star Monarch was the most remarkable.

Sun Star Monarch was the strongest of the Golden Crow Sect of Nine Peaks Mountain, and was the first divine ability user to reappear with celestial power after the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch.

It is said that this Sun Star Monarch pioneered a new path, practically cultivating all divine techniques related to the sun, becoming a genuine Human Sun God.

In comparison to the near all-powerful Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, this Sun Star Monarch was evidently far inferior.

However, merely forging the Six Orthodox Paths and Eighteen Side Paths relevant to the sun into one was enough to surpass the celestial limitations and become a true celestial being.

As the living Sun God of the Celestial Human Realm, Sun Star Monarch inherited the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch's ideology, believing that only through deepened understanding and mutual cooperation with mortals could cultivators possibly stop the final end of the Dharma from arriving.

For this, Sun Star Monarch chose to descend from the Immortal Mountain and assist the mortals in the Lower Realm.

Admittedly, under the guidance of Sun Star Monarch, mortals originally in primitive agricultural civilization began to progress once again.

From slash and burn agriculture to refined cultivation, from bronze and stone tools to farming iron tools...

The civilization of mortals in the Celestial Human Realm advanced at an observable pace, crossing millennia of other civilizations' progress in just less than a hundred years.

Especially when "firearms" emerged, those mortals even mastered the ability to harm cultivators.

This prompted terror to appear on the faces of cultivators who originally dismissed this without concern.

Here, "firearms" were not gunpowder weapons from Earth, but a unique technological route belonging to the Celestial Human Realm.

Under the favor of this Human Sun God, Sun Star Monarch.

Mortals mastered the ability to extract explosive substances from sunlight, and with this, developed various artifacts to drive their civilization.

The name "firearms" originated from the worship of fire, the worship of the Sun God.

Then, what happened next followed a clichéd path.

Once mortals mastered power capable of threatening cultivators, war between cultivators and mortals broke out.

In that great war, the entire land fractured, and the Sun Star Monarch completely fell.

And the followers of Sun Star Monarch either died, defected, or concealed themselves, never reappearing under the cultivators' subsequent pursuit.

As for the mortals who mastered the power of "firearms"?

The outstanding ones would be forcibly taken to the Immortal Mountain, while the stubborn ones would be killed as examples...

Since then, the once flourishing mortal realm regressed to primitive agricultural civilization, constantly under the supervision of the Immortal Mountain and islands.

Once a mortal with extraordinary wisdom and talent was born, they would be immediately taken from the Lower Realm.

The various small towns and cities surrounding the Immortal Mountain today emerged as a compromise in such circumstances.

Thus, even if figures like Demon Vanquishing True Monarch or Sun Star Monarch appeared again in the Celestial Human Realm, they would be discovered by the Immortal Mountain at the first opportunity.

Moreover, unlike the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, Sun Star Monarch did not have the ability to impose restraints on the world.

Therefore, since the death of Sun Star Monarch, the Sun Scripture he created was burned as a forbidden book, not allowed to have any copies kept in the Lower Realm.

In truth, not only in the Lower Realm.

Even in the Immortal Mountain and the Archipelago, the Sun Scripture was an absolute forbidden text.

After all, no one dared to guarantee that those who cultivated the Sun Scripture wouldn't comprehend Sun Star Monarch's rebellious thoughts from that text.

Even the True Martial Demon-Vanquishing Scripture would be restricted, if not for the restraint of celestial tribulation and thunder fire, within a controlled range by the cultivators.

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"The more I delve into this world's history, the more interesting I find its developmental trajectory."

Sitting within the Scripture Pavilion, Li Hao casually made an evaluation while flipping through the Sun Scripture in his hand.

The Sun Scripture he held couldn't possibly be an original, but rather a backup collection preserved in a cultivation sect of Four Directions Mountain.

From the myriad annotations and explanations on this Sun Scripture's front page, it was evident that it had been perused by more than one individual.

"In your opinion, what should be the normal developmental trajectory of a world?"

Slowly pushing open the door to the Scripture Pavilion, a woman in a white robe entered.

She was the Mountain Lord of Four Directions Mountain and also the Saintess of Four Directions Mountain · Lotus Sect.

The blooming Lotus Seal on her brow was the power inheritance of every Lotus Sect Sect Leader.

Once unleashed, this Saintess would possess the combined power of all the previous Lotus Sect Sect Leaders, becoming the strongest being in the world closest to a celestial.

Thanks to this unique inheritance secret technique, the Lotus Sect indisputably became the foremost sect of Four Directions Mountain.

"In my view, the power of individuals is ultimately limited."

"Unless one is the supreme Creator, every powerful individual has a side they aren't proficient in."

"Only by using the collective power to surpass and remedy one's shortcomings, forming a true civilization, is the conventional path for creatures in a normal world."

As he spoke, Li Hao paused slightly, then turned to look at the Saintess of Lotus Sect.

"Of course, there is no lack of creatures within All Heavens and Myriad Realms who are unified as one body that singly achieve sanctity."

"But you celestial beings evidently do not possess such conditions, yet you still choose the path of 'singly achieving sanctity.'"

"It's worth knowing that even gods understand the importance of banding together and forming a divine pantheon, yet celestials always remain loosely detached from the mainstream of All Heavens and Myriad Realms."

With a slight raise of her eyebrows, although it wasn't her first time hearing Li Hao's evaluation of celestial beings, she couldn't help but fall into silence.

Celestial beings, worshipped by countless lives in the Celestial Human Realm.

In the eyes of this unknown entity from an Exotic Realm, they seemed inferior to those ants surviving by unity.

Considering that Li Hao frequently issued evaluations of the equally exalted gods from a superior standpoint,

The Saintess of Lotus Sect had grown accustomed to it.

The more she interacted, the easier it was to discover that this mysterious entity from an Exotic Realm appeared to possess a higher status than she had imagined.