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Chapter 526 24: The Truth from 200 Years Ago

"Because... I'm just a mortal."

Under Yu Wei's piercing gaze, Haoguang finally spoke again.

"I am different from you all. I have never been a favored child of the heavens; I am just an ordinary mortal."

"Even if I was fortunate enough to be chosen by the Sect Leader and join the Golden Crow Sect, I have always remained an insignificant Outer Disciple."

No hatred, no resentment...

Haoguang calmly faced Yu Wei's furious glare, as if he were speaking about an unrelated person.

"So when the eldest senior brother invited me to join you, my first reaction wasn't happiness or joy, but fear and unease."

"What virtue or ability do I have to be so fortunate to dance on the same stage as you favored children of the heavens?"

"What virtue or ability do I have to be so fortunate to become the most trusted junior brother of the Sun Star Monarch?"

"The behaviors that are commonplace to you seem to me the most incomprehensible things in the world."

"Mortals are merely the soil from which Celestial Beings are nurtured, merely speaking cattle and horses. This is the unwritten rule of order in the Celestial Human Realm for millennia."

"I don't know why you choose to defy this rule and order..."

"I only know that this is definitely not something an ordinary mortal like me can meddle in."

Yu Wei laughed coldly out of anger, her eyes widened, her icy tone revealing a chilling intent to kill.

"So, is this your reason for betrayal?"

"The Star Monarch trusted you so much and favored you so greatly, yet you chose to stab him in the back for such an absurd reason?"

Shaking his head slowly, Haoguang, although he identified himself as a mortal, also understood the importance of gratitude and couldn't possibly choose betrayal for such a simple reason.

"As I said before, when I knew that the eldest senior brother wanted to establish a Human Divine Kingdom, my first reaction was fear and unease."

"So, I secretly told our master about his idea without letting the elder brother know."

Calming his voice slightly, Haoguang's eyes appeared somewhat lost, as if recalling the events of that day.

"Master told me not to spread this, and not to tell the eldest senior brother either."

"At the time, I did not understand the meaning behind Master's words..."

"I only knew that I finally didn't have to bear this pressure alone."

"After that, I followed the eldest senior brother down the mountain, witnessing step by step how he grew from the Golden Crow Sect's top disciple to the Sun Star Monarch."

"To this day, I still remember how excited and thrilled the elder brother was when he announced his new title of 'Sun Star Monarch' to the world."

"It was a side of the eldest senior brother I had never seen before."

"It was the realization of his long-held ideals and ambitions."

Staring intensely at Haoguang, Yu Wei questioned again.

"Given that, you should understand even more how great the Star Monarch is!"

"He wanted to create a world where mortals could survive and could converse equally with cultivators..."

"This is an ideal that no one has ever accomplished or even proposed in the history of the Celestial Human Realm."

"Why did you choose to stab your eldest senior brother in the back at the moment of near success?"

Faced with Yu Wei's repeated questioning, Haoguang, snapping out of his reminiscence, merely displayed a peculiar smile.

"The moment of near success?"

"Haha, and that's the biggest difference between you favored children of the heavens and me!"

"I can see reality clearly and know what the boundaries of Master and the others are!"

"From the beginning, your identities were never concealed from the Sect Leaders of each sect..."

"Even the rise of the eldest senior brother was done with the tacit approval of the sect leaders."

"You thought your identities were unknown?"

"In reality, it was merely Master and the others wanting to see how far you all could go."

"And I was just a pawn that Master and the others placed by the eldest senior brother's side—a pawn with no real choice."

"Otherwise, do you think, with my level of cultivation, how could I have consistently escaped danger, gained opportunities, and encountered fortuitous events?"

"Frankly speaking, your encounter with the eldest senior brother was not without the secret arrangements made by our masters."

Seeing the incredulity on Yu Wei's face, Haoguang further supplemented.

"From the Profound Might Demon Monarch to the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, this world has never been just about you favored children of the heavens seeking a way forward..."

"Like our masters, they are also looking for a path that doesn't require becoming a Celestial Being."

Listening to Haoguang's words, Yu Wei became even more puzzled.

"If that's the case, then why did you... or should I say, why did they still choose to stab the Star Monarch in the back?"

This time, the strangeness on Haoguang's face turned into unabashed sarcasm.

"See, I told you guys are too naive!"

"You always think the world is black and white, always think that understanding the truth can solve everything."

"But have you ever considered, even for Master and the others, they might not agree with the path the eldest senior brother created."

"Our masters wanted to use the power of the eldest senior brother to find a path that doesn't require becoming a Celestial Being, doesn't need Ascension to an unfamiliar world, yet allows for Longevity and seeing eternity..."

"But on this path... there was never a place for mortals!"

Before Yu Wei could open her mouth to refute, Haoguang immediately shared another piece of information that shattered her worldview.

"In the eyes of Master and the others, mortals just need to obediently play their role as cattle and horses."

"Having a dialogue with cultivators on equal terms? That's nothing but a delusion!"

"If mortals could have equal dialogue with cultivators, then what is the point of Longevity and seeing eternity? Where is the significance of the cultivation that has been upheld for so many years?"

"Moreover, do you think everyone shares the same idea as Master?"

"In the eyes of the strong from the previous era, Master is already considered quite pedantic and weak."

"More existences like Master only want to become Celestial Beings by leveraging the 'War of the End of the Dharma' instigated by the eldest senior brother!"

"They no longer have time to wait any longer; they must become truly Longevity and Immortal Celestial Beings before their lifespan runs out!"

In one statement, it revealed the deepest thoughts of most cultivators, and feeling it still wasn't enough, Haoguang added another point.

"For example, your Master—the previous Sect Leader of the Lotus Sect..."

"Do you think she really died from the Celestial Five Declines?"

"No, among those who participated in the sneak attack on the eldest senior brother at the end, she was one of the main forces!"

Struck like a bolt from the blue, Yu Wei fell silent for a long time, as she suddenly recalled the various abnormal behaviors of her master before passing; she couldn't help but trust Haoguang's words a bit more.

"No matter what, you have ultimately betrayed the Star Monarch, and you must die!"