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Chapter 534 - 4: Qi Cultivators of the Mountain and Sea Realm

Mountain and Sea Realm, South Pillar City.

This is a port city established near the South Sea Celestial Pillar.

Aside from the ubiquitous Skeletons, the most numerous among the Mountain and Sea People living in this city are the Merfolk Race.

In this semi-maritime city, Merfolks do not need to follow special waterways like in other land cities and can freely move through every corner of South Pillar City.

Yet in this city that theoretically does not suit land creatures, there recently arrived a strange individual.

From biological structure and appearance, it is clearly an individual evolved by imitating the Immortal.

But the other person insists on denying this, and can even move freely in the water.

The most crucial thing is that this strange individual can always bring out something that greatly interests the Merfolks.

Over time, a Merfolk even directly funded this individual to open an underwater store in South Pillar City, dedicated to selling those strange items.

For instance, right now...

"That's a Talisman, not a Ghost Talisman!"

With eyes wide open, staring at the indifferent Merfolk opposite, Yu Wei forcibly suppressed the anger in her heart and said through gritted teeth.

"Moreover, unlike the 'Living Plants' you mentioned, using a Talisman requires no cultivation!"

Slightly tilting his head, the Merfolk still appeared unconcerned.

"Isn't it just another application of the 'Exorcism and Demon Control Skill'?"

"Rather than simply summoning thunder, can't you let this...Talisman summon a Living Thunder Dragon?"

"Clearly, that would look much cooler, and surely more people would buy it!"

As the behind-the-scenes sponsor of this shop, the Merfolk felt his suggestion made sense.

Unfortunately, Yu Wei evidently did not think so, but she felt helpless.

"I say, are you so bored that you want to go to the 'Game Realm'?"

"Why stay here with me, just to annoy me for no reason?"

Even though she had been in this world for many years, Yu Wei clearly still could not accept this world's indifferent attitude towards the "Qi Cultivation Technique."

Of course, the Qi Cultivation Technique in this world is also known as the [Ascension Ladder].

Compared to the Celestial Human Realm's monopoly on the "Qi Cultivation Technique," this world's [Ascension Ladder] has more than one path, and the number is still increasing.

However, Yu Wei had no choice but to admit that this world is truly her dream world.

A peaceful environment, friendly creatures, thriving civilizations...

If she hadn't seen it with her own eyes, Yu Wei would find it difficult to imagine individuals born in different Races could amicably discuss what to eat tonight.

Thinking of this, Yu Wei somewhat understood the behind-the-scenes shareholder's pursuit of grandeur rather than practical cultivation attitudes.

In this peaceful world, in this world where there's no struggle for survival...

The Merfolk's attitude towards Talismans is, in fact, the typical Mountain and Sea People's attitude towards the [Ascension Ladder].

"Going to the 'Game Realm' only allows for playing fixed roles, it's too dull."

"Rather than playing those roles, I actually want to join the 'Civilization Game' and become the real protagonist!"

Upon discussing this topic, the Merfolk's eyes instantly sparkled with intense interest.

The Merfolk in the Mountain and Sea Civilization have always played roles of rich men, tycoons, and the like, which has led each individual of the Merfolk Race to be very self-centered.

In their view, money can solve most of the world's problems.

Only the few problems that cannot be solved with money are the true targets that these Merfolks want to pursue.

The unreachable end of the [Ascension Ladder] is considered one of them.

To possess a [Civilization Game Invitation] is also a lifelong pursuit for them.

"Civilization Game, huh?"

Having long understood from Merfolk what the Civilization Game is, Yu Wei lightly nodded.

Because Yu Wei is also very curious about that "divine creation" capable of connecting All Heavens and Myriad Realms and witnessing countless species and civilizations.

"As far as I know, 'Civilization Game' invitations are very precious."

"Even looking across the entire Mountain and Sea Realm, it seems that very few people have an invitation, right?"

Upon hearing these words, the Merfolk immediately laughed and spoke.

"Of course!"

"But I recently found out about a channel that can get an invitation."

"So I came over this time to give you a heads-up, I need to make a trip to the Marz World in the near future."

Frowning slightly, Yu Wei asked in a peculiar tone.

"Is your information reliable?"

"Isn't this another scam?"

Similar situations have happened to the Merfolk more than once; Yu Wei is already used to it.

Although this guy has an innocent personality and is easily deceived, there's definitely no problem in terms of self-preservation.

At most, he loses a bit of wealth.

For the Merfolk Race, that's really no big deal.

"How could that be!?"

"Those last few times I got duped on purpose, just to see what tricks those guys were playing!"

Hearing Yu Wei's unreassuring comment, the Merfolk jumped up in agitation.

Though known as 'Dog Rich,' the Merfolk certainly don't want to bear the label of 'Dumb Rich' among their peers.

"Sure, sure, when were you ever not duped on purpose?"

"It's only because the Mountain and Sea Realm is a peaceful world, and the Gods in this world protect you well."

"Do you believe that if it were creatures from another world, those guys could even trick them out of their souls?"

When Yu Wei said this, her tone was half a reminder and half envious.

Because before coming to the Mountain and Sea Realm, she was exactly the 'creature from another world' she referred to.

Only the Merfolk, backed by the Mountain and Sea Civilization, would dare consider demons and Evil Gods, capable of soul-stealing and belief-deceiving, as normal trading partners.

"The Mountain and Sea Realm is not peaceful, at least not anymore."

To Yu Wei's surprise, the Merfolk, who usually spoke with a teasing or even joking attitude when she said this, was now uncharacteristically serious.

"Our family's Great Prophet specially reminded me before I left that a war might happen soon."

"If you have nothing to do, you'd better not leave the Mountain and Sea Realm during this period."

A bit surprised and a bit puzzled...

Yu Wei looked at the Merfolk, who didn't seem to be joking, and opened her mouth, yet stopped.

"What happened?"

Whether intentional or not, the Merfolk's gaze briefly lingered on Yu Wei before slowly speaking.

"It's related to the Celestial Human Realm that recently established contact with us."

"I heard a war is about to break out over there, and the higher-ups at Zhiku are preparing and mobilizing for war."