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Chapter 539 - 9: Successor to the Sun Star Monarch

"Are you saying the Celestial Beings have returned?"

Suddenly widening her eyes, Yan Xi looked at Bai Shasheng across from her in disbelief and asked.

"It's highly possible, and I've already found some evidence."

Lightly flipping through the book in his hand, Bai Shasheng's face appeared calm and composed.

"According to the information gathered so far, the turbid water capable of assimilating creatures resembles a Heretical Sect Leader who ascended three thousand years ago—the Blood Demon."

"Blood Light Escape Shadow, Blood-Devouring Spirit..."

"At its peak, the Blood Demon could consume countless mortals with a single gulp, transforming into myriad blood shadows, possessing a body nearly immortal and indestructible."

Pausing slightly in his tone, Bai Shasheng looked up at Yan Xi across from him and said in a slow voice.

"This is the only record the Lotus Sect has of that Blood Demon."

"Apart from the color being slightly off, this evil spirit appearing in Shuangliu Village seems very similar to that Blood Demon in every aspect."

"No, from my personal perspective, I even think that evil spirit might be more terrifying than the Blood Demon."

Stunned, Yan Xi instinctively opened her mouth to ask.

"Why?"

Yan Xi's shock was heartfelt.

For she could not imagine what kind of existence could be more terrifying than the Blood Demon.

"Because the essence of the Blood Demon is actually the extraction of primordial qi and spirituality from the bodies of mortals after the loss of primordial qi, to make up for the lack of 'Qi'."

"In earlier times, before the sect of the Blood Demon had fallen into heresy, they actually did not need to walk the path of 'Blood Refining into Demon'."

"Absorbing Weak Water, True Water, Pure Water, or innate water from places like the Nether Spring was the most orthodox cultivation path for this sect."

The arrival of the End of the Dharma Era and the loss of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi directly led to the disappearance of those genius and earthly treasures.

In such a situation, all sects were searching for new paths.

The path sought by the Blood Demon's sect was to replace innate water with the blood of mortals and use mortal spirituality to fill the lack of 'Qi'.

Thus, what was originally a righteous and reputable sect also turned into an Evil Demon Sect that everyone would fight against.

"So, do you think that evil spirit is the returning Celestial Being?"

After a moment of contemplation, Yan Xi had to admit that Bai Shasheng's speculation made a lot of sense.

Practicing the magic gate of the Blood Demon sect, refining a form of 'innate water' that could no longer exist in the Celestial Human Realm...

Only the possibility of 'Celestial Beings returning' could make sense of the situation in Shuangliu Village.

Then, the question arises!

Why would those Celestial Beings who had long ascended to other worlds choose to return to the Celestial Human Realm?

Is the evil spirit currently in Shuangliu Village an isolated case, or is it part of a wider phenomenon unfolding?

And most importantly, how much of their strength do those Celestial Beings who have returned to the Celestial Human Realm still retain?

"Since you know that evil spirit is from the Outer Realm, why do you still want to force the various sects?"

"Do you really want to recreate another 'Battle of the Heavens'?"

Taking a deep breath, Yan Xi spoke again to try to dissuade Bai Shasheng, while also expressing her inner confusion.

"No, the situation is not yet that serious."

With a faint smile, Bai Shasheng shook his head, naturally understanding Yan Xi's stance.

He didn't want his friend to be troubled any longer, so he revealed part of the truth, half in jest.

"I'm merely forcing them to act."

"That evil spirit is not a crisis for us mortals to handle, so why should we be the ones to solve it?"

"If that evil spirit is as I suspect, a returning Celestial Being, then those cultivators should be the ones stepping up!"

Seeing Yan Xi's eyes gradually filled with clarity, Bai Shasheng's expression reverted to its initial indifference.

"Whether it's to uncover the truth of the Celestial Being's return or to seek the opportunity for ascension..."

"Those cultivators have no reason to stand by and leave that evil spirit for us to face."

Lastly, Bai Shasheng silently added in his mind.

[Moreover, the appearance of that evil spirit in Shuangliu Village seems intentional in provoking conflict between us and the cultivators.]

[If so, why not use the hand of that evil spirit to weaken the cultivators of the Immortal Mountain Archipelago?]

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On the fragmented edge of the continent, in a small village outside the control of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers.

"Bai Shasheng... this is an attempt to kill with a borrowed sword."

Just ending a conversation, the acting Sect Leader of the Golden Crow Sect turned his head and said this to his fellow disciples.

Among the disciples of the Golden Crow, Haoguang was thoughtfully stroking his chin, trying to piece together the whole story.

Just like Bai Shasheng's judgment, Haoguang also believed that the evil spirit was very likely a returning Celestial Being.

He also agreed with his own direct disciple—the acting Sect Leader's claim of "borrowing a sword to kill a person".

"We have no choice, Bai Shasheng has always been one to do as he says."

"Since he said he wants to start a war, he must have already prepared for it in advance."

Having been lurking in the Lower Realm for so many years, the people of the Golden Crow Sect knew Bai Shasheng far more than other cultivators.

Especially when Haoguang had transactions with the Mountain and Sea Realm, exchanging a lot of knowledge and technology useful to mortals.

Even though much of that knowledge and technology was intended to help mortals survive better, it would inevitably be acquired and used by Bai Shasheng upon the Taiping Taoist Soldiers.

Haoguang sometimes even suspected that Bai Shasheng might have long discovered their existence.

But because the Golden Crow Sect always stood on the side of mortals, continuously providing all kinds of knowledge and technology, he turned a blind eye, completely pretending not to know their existence.

"To avoid another outbreak of war, I need to go to the central area of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers."

When Haoguang raised his head and said this, all the disciples of the Golden Crow Sect present fell into silence.

From a personal standpoint, the people of the Golden Crow Sect actually didn't want Haoguang to get involved in this matter.

They also understood that after his rebirth, Haoguang was no longer the same as the old Haoguang.

Compared to his old leisurely and indifferent demeanor.

The current Haoguang seemed to bear an inexplicable responsibility, striving to maintain a balance between cultivators and mortals, creating a world where both could coexist peacefully.

This inevitably reminded the people of the Golden Crow Sect of the previous Golden Crow Sect Leader—Lord Master Bai Xiao, known as the "Sun Star Monarch."

"Master, let me accompany you this time!"