

## **The Growth 542**

Chapter 542 - 12: Eye of Horus

After officially capturing and sealing the Water Demon.

Haoguang, without the slightest hesitation, once again used the "Vertical Earth Golden Light Technique" to leave the territory of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers.

Due to his own identity, Haoguang did not want to have too much direct contact with the Taiping Taoist Soldiers.

Especially with their leader—Bai Shasheng.

The other side is striving to change this world, step by step realizing the ideals of the Sun Star Monarch.

As someone who was truly entrusted with the will of the Sun Star Monarch, whenever Haoguang saw Bai Shasheng, he couldn't avoid recalling his own decadence and apathy over the past two hundred years.

That feeling made Haoguang feel ashamed and secretly pained.

Swoosh!

In a flash, the golden light streaked across the sky, disappearing beyond the limits of mortal sight.

"That's a Divine Ability User from the Golden Crow Sect."

Beside Bai Shasheng, Yan Xi immediately saw through the nature of that golden light.

"Golden Crow Sect again?"

Promptly halting his mount, Bai Shasheng looked up at the sky, his eyes filled with complexity and contemplation.

Since Yu Wei single-handedly brought down Nine Peaks Mountain, sects led by the Golden Crow Sect have vanished without a trace, never to surface again.

Yet, as the leader of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, who inherited most of Taiping Tao's legacy, Bai Shasheng had long detected the hidden Golden Crow Sect among mortals.

The cultivators of this sect seemed different from others, having a natural affinity and goodwill towards mortals.

Moreover, they appeared to possess unique knowledge and skills that could help mortals survive better in this world.

Under Bai Shasheng's leadership, the Taiping Taoist Soldiers managed to subdue the various sects during the Battle of the Heavens.

A significant reason for forcibly making cultivators recognize the independence of mortal powers was due to the knowledge and technology secretly disseminated by the Golden Crow Sect.

From a cultivator's standpoint, the actions of the Golden Crow Sect seemed somewhat like a betrayal of their own class.

However, considering the Golden Crow Sect was the sect that nurtured the Sun Star Monarch, such class-defying actions were not surprising.

"It's a pity they never wish to make contact with us; otherwise, they would be a target worth recruiting."

Hearing Bai Shasheng's words, Yan Xi also felt a bit regretful as she nodded.

Unlike the cultivators of Taiping Tao, the Golden Crow Sect was a legitimate and righteous sect in the Immortal Mountain Archipelago.

If they could be recruited, perhaps it would truly be the first step towards peaceful coexistence between mortals and cultivators.

A prosperous era co-created by mortals and cultivators is the future Yan Xi wants to see.

"Never mind, at least the issue with the Evil Demon is temporarily resolved."

"Next, even if the Celestial Beings return en masse, it will primarily be an issue for the cultivators to worry about."

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The Golden Crow Sect is a reputable and righteous sect, and also the leader of the righteous path.

Before the fall of Nine Peaks Mountain, the Golden Crow Sect once held sway over the future of the entire cultivation realm.

This was certainly due to the deep roots and the emergence of strong individuals in the Golden Crow Sect, rarely experiencing a break as other sects did.

Further, with the Sun Star Monarch originating from the Golden Crow Sect, his lingering influence continued to affect the Celestial Human Realm for two hundred years.

So then, the question arises: Can the Golden Crow Sect's style of conduct truly be considered that of a reputable sect?

The answer is naturally no.

In the Celestial Human Realm, a world where the strong are revered, each successor of the Golden Crow Sect is known for being distinctive and unrestrained.

If not for their sufficiently strong power, sects dissatisfied with their conduct would have intervened to eliminate them long ago.

This point can be seen from the actions of the previous leader of the Golden Crow Sect—the Sun Star Monarch.

As the successor to the Sun Star Monarch, although Haoguang is somewhat Buddha-like and apathetic, he is never one to follow rules.

"What do you want to do!?"

Twisting and changing like a slime, the Water Demon, firmly held in Haoguang's grasp, asked in terror.

Both have left the territory of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, arriving at a secluded place within the mountains.

"What I want to do, haven't you already seen through?"

With a malicious smile, Haoguang slowly released the slime-like Water Demon.

Realizing the danger, the Water Demon struggled desperately, still unable to escape Haoguang's control.

The golden light penetrating each water molecule restricted the Water Demon's hard-earned "Innate Qi."

Without the aid of "Innate Qi," the Water Demon's proud, diverse transformative abilities naturally couldn't manifest, much less allow its primordial spirit to escape.

"No! I am a Celestial Being, you can't do this to me!"

As Haoguang's hands formed a spell, the Water Demon, having recognized it, lamented.

At this moment, Haoguang was about to use the Divine Seeking Skill, which was deemed taboo even at the peak of evil forces in the Celestial Human Realm.

This is a Soul Searching Technique specifically targeting the primordial spirit.

As long as the user wishes, not only can they search the memory within the primordial spirit, but they can also extract a part of it for their own use.

In other words, it is a malicious spell targeting divine ability users who have cultivated the primordial spirit.

For the Water Demon, who achieved the Celestial Human Dao Fruit, as long as he possesses a primordial spirit, he cannot escape this spell specifically targeting it.

"I won't let you succeed!"

"Don't even think of getting any intel from me!"

After futile pleas, a fierce look flashed in the Water Demon's eyes.

In the next moment, the Innate Qi within the Water Demon exploded, tearing its primordial spirit to shreds.

Unexpectedly for the Water Demon, Haoguang did not display any surprise at this scene, instead, he once again wore a mocking smile.

"Turns out you're just a fool who benefited from the times."

"How could I possibly use 'Divine Seeking Skill,' a forbidden technique even in ancient times?"

This was the last thing the Water Demon heard before disappearing, leaving him shocked and regretful.

"This is my trump card!"

Looking at the Water Demon's shattered primordial spirit, Haoguang's brow suddenly opened.

At the spot between his brows, a prosthetic eye made entirely of gold was gazing at those fragments of the primordial spirit.

This Golden Eye was neither a Celestial Eye nor a Dharma Eye.

It was the Eye of Horus, an Ancient Egyptian Divine Artifact acquired by Haoguang through the Sun-Hunting Gold Coin.

The Eye of Horus possesses the ability to see through people's hearts and discern between good and evil.

Using the power of this Divine Eye to analyze the memories in the fragments of the primordial spirit is a method Haoguang figured out.

The prerequisite is that the will within the primordial spirit must be destroyed in advance, without deliberately hiding or twisting certain key memories.