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Chapter 550 - 20: Dragons Among the People

The Dragon Monarch in the skies above Luofu, the myriad of demons in the Ten Thousand Mountains, the divine elders of the Immortal Mountains...

Even with Haoguang's ability to traverse a thousand miles in an instant, in the face of the endless descending Celestial Beings, he is forced to move in all directions, struggling to cope.

Although no one knows his true identity, the name "Second Generation Sun Star Monarch" has spread rapidly, reigniting belief in the Sun Star Monarch within the Celestial Human Realm.

Fortunately, cultivators in the Celestial Human Realm also reacted at this time, mobilizing to intercept those Celestial Beings that had not yet descended, greatly alleviating Haoguang's workload.

Regrettably, as long as Bai Mei, the Demon King, and the Empress remain active, similar crises will continue to occur.

Every mistake made by Haoguang and the cultivators results in a new Celestial Being lurking in this world.

In such a give and take, the Immortal Mountain and Archipelago cannot ponder about the reappearing "Sun Star Monarch" and instead attempt to assist each other to their utmost ability.

Of course, in this world where there are cultivators wholeheartedly helping the "Sun Star Monarch," there are naturally those swayed by the Celestial Beings.

Perhaps promised ascension methods by the Celestial Beings...

Or because the descending Celestial Being is the sect's ancestor...

As the struggle between the two sides gradually moves from shadow to light, the mortal forces affected by it also choose to join this inevitably erupting war.

Unlike the cultivators who still care to retain some face, the mortal forces show no such restraint.

Once identified as an enemy force, the mortals who have suffered under the oppression and exploitation of cultivators attack without hesitation.

After all, these Celestial Beings are remnants of an old era, unable to accept the rise of mortal forces.

Those influenced or aligned with them are naturally hostile to the rising mortal forces.

Especially the cultivators who have lost friends or family in the "Battle of the Heavens," exacerbating their oppression and exploitation of mortals.

At this time, the emergence of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers has become a formidable deterrent.

It must be noted that in today's Mortal Realm, Bai Shasheng has not truly unified the entire continent, merging all mortal forces into one.

Quite the contrary, like the Immortal Mountain Archipelago, the mortal forces are also divided.

Occupying the sunken lands of the Five Fingers, the Taiping Taoist Soldiers are just one of the mightiest mortal forces.

Or rather, if not for the strength demonstrated by the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, Bai Shasheng could never have held that territory which supplies abundant Fire Qi.

The Pingchuan Overlord, entrenched in the fertile Central Plains...

The East River Commander, maintaining an understanding with some archipelago cultivators near the East Sea...

The South Land Ghost King, whose stance remains unclear yet is filled with resentment towards other cultivators...

These factions, led by either mortals or cultivators or even sects in disguise, form the main forces of the "Battle of the Heavens."

Certainly, the strength of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers surpasses that of this era.

This is acknowledged not only by the cultivators but also by these mortal forces.

Nonetheless, for various reasons, the Taiping Taoist Soldiers remain committed to caring for the old, weak, women, and children under their command, developing and consolidating their existing territory, maintaining this delicate alliance of mortal forces.

However, all understand that the leader of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers—Bai Shasheng—is indisputably the Alliance Leader of this loose coalition.

As a "Chosen One" who evaded cultivator assassination attempts numerous times, Bai Shasheng will one day unify the entire coalition forces, purging the sins once committed by cultivators.

Against this backdrop, as those clandestinely rising Celestial forces overtly display an attitude of "no compromise with mortals,"

the major mortal forces loosen restrictions on the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, allowing them free passage and swift operations within their controlled territories.

Some forces, with relatively good relations with the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, even voluntarily provide logistical support.

Thus, the prestige of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers spreads and expands throughout the entire mortal community in a way even Bai Shasheng had not anticipated.

It's not just within the regions controlled by the Taiping Taoist Soldiers.

Even in the jurisdictions of other forces, volunteers wishing to join the Taiping Taoist Soldiers emerge.

Were it not for the exceedingly stringent selection and training mechanisms of the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, with high demands on beliefs and ideals,

this wave of expansion alone could have added over a hundred thousand warriors to the Taiping Taoist Soldiers.

Nevertheless, the unification of mortal forces has become a visible future, raising the vigilance of the Immortal Mountain Archipelago forces.

Yet despite their vigilance, under the current circumstances, no one dares to overtly intercept or assassinate Bai Shasheng as before, nor spark a second "Battle of the Heavens."

"The more it comes to this time, the more vigilant one must be."

Carefully reviewing frontline reports from various places, Bai Shasheng remains as composed as ever.

He never doubted his ability to unify mortal forces; his goal has always been to reshape the existing order of the Celestial Human Realm, leading this broken world to a new future.

"What do you mean?"

Yan Xi, looking weary, walked up behind Bai Shasheng, somewhat puzzled by his words.

In Yan Xi's view, now is evidently the best time for the Taiping Taoist Soldiers to swallow up other forces, yet Bai Shasheng remains uncharacteristically inactive.

"A 'Grand Unification' is an event that aligns with the trends of history, there's no need to rush."

"As long as everyone realizes the differences between us and other forces, they will naturally choose to join the Taiping Taoist Soldiers."

"If we're too hasty now, it will only create a sense of crisis among the high ranks of other forces, increasing the difficulty of the 'Grand Unification.'"

Seeing Yan Xi's persistence, Bai Shasheng added another sentence.

"Moreover, we have yet to cultivate a sufficient number of grassroots personnel. Rash acceptance of the territories of other forces will only destabilize our foundation."

"When the Taiping Taoist Soldiers are no longer the Taiping Taoist Soldiers, there's little difference between us and the other forces."

Hearing this, Yan Xi shook his head somewhat regretfully.

"Sufficient grassroots personnel?"

"That's not an easy task."

"Your standards for grassroots personnel are too high; they need to be literate, numerate, with tactical training."

"Even if you dismantle the current Taiping Taoist Soldiers entirely, you can't achieve sufficient grassroots personnel."

Faced with Yan Xi's complaints, Bai Shasheng merely smiled serenely.

"Precisely because it's challenging, it feels more rewarding, doesn't it?"

"Compared to the 'Personal Empire' created by the Sun Star Monarch, what we're pursuing now is a thriving civilization where everyone is like a dragon!"

"One day, even if we're truly killed by cultivators or Celestial Beings, we will have already planted enough seeds on this land."

"Unless they eradicate all mortals, the past form of rule will forever be a thing of the past!"