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Chapter 555 - 25: The Demon Race Returns

The Celestial Human Realm, Ten Thousand Mountains.

In the blink of an eye, it has been some time since the "Weihe Combat Team" arrived in this world.

To Jiang Biao's surprise, since the "Weihe Combat Team" came to this world, they have indeed managed to not harm a hair.

After a conversation with Tian Lihen, the "Weihe Combat Team" proactively headed to the outskirts of the Ten Thousand Mountains.

The Ten Thousand Mountains are located in the southwestern part of the Central Plains, at the furthest edge of the Pingchuan Overlord's territory.

The reason the "Weihe Combat Team" decided to come to the Ten Thousand Mountains voluntarily.

On one hand, it was indeed to show goodwill to the various powers of this world.

But on the other hand, it was because a celestial being with immense power lay dormant in the Ten Thousand Mountains.

Unlike other celestial beings whose descents failed, the one lurking in the Ten Thousand Mountains was one of the original three celestials, retaining their strength to the greatest extent.

Moreover, this celestial being is from a mysterious race.

At least for now, nobody in the Celestial Human Realm regards this celestial being as their ancestor.

"Demon King? Is that what they call that celestial being?"

Standing atop the steel-built fortress, the six-armed snake-bodied skeleton glanced down at Tian Lihen beside him.

"That's right, it's a demon, a Demon King long lost to the Celestial Human Realm."

When Tian Lihen mentioned the Demon King, a glint of undisguised hatred flashed in his eyes.

Because the one who destroyed Luofu Island back then was also a Demon King.

Call it hating someone by association or forcibly redirecting hatred...

Raised with the Celestial One Sect's orthodox teachings since childhood, only in this way could Tian Lihen justifiably loathe those who had no real enmity with him.

"You really don't have to do that."

"Killing driven by hatred will only warp your mind."

"You can hold your head high and tell yourself that everything you're doing now is to ensure your descendants never become celestial slaves again."

As a veteran vanguard in various wars, the six-armed snake-bodied skeleton had seen too many beings twisted by hatred.

If this mindset isn't adjusted in time, even if Tian Lihen avenges himself, he wouldn't be able to return to normal life.

"I... can't do it."

After a brief daze, Tian Lihen realized that even this towering six-armed snake-bodied figure had such a delicate side.

"Xiang Yao, I am different from you."

"In the philosophy of the Celestial One Sect, all things possess spirituality, cause and effect have their cycles."

"My master often taught me that only by liberating your mind from the shackles of the body can you ultimately achieve the realm of celestial beings."

"Therefore, most disciples of the Celestial One Sect pursue the Way through emotions, ultimately becoming either extremely emotional or entirely detached."

As he spoke, Tian Lihen paused slightly, then continued in a more straightforward manner.

"Simply put, we disciples of the Celestial One Sect never force ourselves to do things against our will; otherwise, our cultivation will never make further progress."

"As for me, without choosing hatred, I simply cannot justifiably fight or kill."

"Slaughtering in the name of 'great love' is too high a state for me right now."

After intently observing Tian Lihen for a long moment, Xiang Yao, unable to comprehend such a philosophy, merely shook his head.

Every world has its own rules; every being has its own worldview.

This was a truth Xiang Yao had arrived at after experiencing so many civilizations and races.

"Alright then!"

"I have no intention of changing your worldview; let's get back to discussing those 'demons' you mentioned!"

"After all, they are our enemies for the upcoming period, and to know both oneself and the enemy is the key to winning countless battles."

Xiang Yao's method of changing the subject was clumsy, but it did successfully divert some of Tian Lihen's attention.

"Demons, this is quite an ancient term..."

"If Celestial One Sect hadn't preserved its full legacy, even I might not know what demons actually are."

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In the current Celestial Human Realm, there is only one race: humans.

Both cultivators and mortals are creatures under the branch of the "human" race.

However, in the Celestial Human Realm ten thousand years ago, besides humans, there were special beings known as "demons."

Some were other creatures that had cultivated...

Some were objects tainted with "Qi"...

Others were beings nurtured by the heavens and the earth, like the "Immortal Spirit"...

In short, "demons" is a complex classification, a general term used by humans to refer to other cultivators outside of their own kind.

Yet ever since the primordial Qi in the Celestial Human Realm began to wane, demons gradually vanished in increasingly frequent "Wars of the End of the Dharma," eventually becoming nothing more than legend.

According to a widely circulated saying in the Celestial Human Realm,

the fundamental reason for the demons' disappearance was their inability to adapt to the increasingly barren environment of the Celestial Human Realm.

It must be known that even without cultivation, humans are innately endowed with intelligence.

However, the vast majority of demons gained intellect later, becoming sentient beings with the help of "Qi."

So when "Qi" became increasingly scarce, naturally fewer and fewer demons were born.

Until the arrival of the celestial being known as the "Demon King," this singular dominance by humanity was broken.

While cultivators were busy dealing with the frequent descents of various celestial beings, the Ten Thousand Mountains silently saw the reappearance of many demons.

Humans living near the Ten Thousand Mountains were the first to realize the demons' return to the world.

As the most powerful force governing the Central Plains, the Pingchuan Overlord inevitably made contact with those increasingly outrageous demons.

Fortunately, now that firearm technology was widespread, coupled with the presence of the Hundred Yellow Turban Riders...

The demons of the Ten Thousand Mountains often faced strong opposition from mortal powers on the human side as soon as they emerged.

Thus, Jiang Biao became aware of the Demon King hiding deep within the Ten Thousand Mountains.

The Demon King seemed to possess some ability to rapidly produce demons and was quietly plotting something in secret.

If not for the fact that these newborn demons were too naive and easily tricked by mortals into revealing information, Jiang Biao might not have so easily discovered the existence of the Demon King.

As a matter of fact, one of the significant reasons why Jiang Biao was willing to accept Tian Lihen's advice and become a guiding party was that he sensed the rising power of the Demon Race from deep within the Ten Thousand Mountains.