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Chapter 599 - 9: Becoming the Supreme God!

"Hephaestus?"

Even though there was some disbelief in Hephaestus's claim.

Kangtao ultimately brought the other party to the Creator Altar in the city center and conveyed their intentions to the Goddess of Death.

It didn't take long, at the left side of the magnificent Creator Altar, the statue of "Granny Wangchuan," forged with divine steel, suddenly opened her eyes.

Granny Wangchuan is one of Yao Xin's most famous incarnations and also one of the main incarnations that maintain the cycle of the Netherworld.

When Granny Wangchuan opened her eyes and saw the flickering form of Hephaestus, a trace of surprise flashed across her eyes.

"Bad Luck Star?"

This title blurted out by Yao Xin left Hephaestus momentarily stunned.

Because he never could have imagined that after so many years, the first impression he left on Yao Xin was "Bad Luck Star"?

However, after a brief moment of being dazed, Hephaestus had to admit that his "Bad Luck Star" attribute indeed seemed more prominent than his identity and abilities.

The acquaintance between Hephaestus and Yao Xin can be traced back to the inception of the Netherworld.

At that time, the Mountain and Sea Realm had just undergone a grand ascension, and due to curiosity and his misfortunate attributes, Hephaestus was forced into the temporal vortex of the Mountain and Sea Realm, appearing in the Netherworld.

In the Netherworld, Hephaestus had his memories washed away by the abilities of the "Omen and Oblivion Beldam" and was nearly devoured by Evil Ghosts.

If it weren't for Yao Xin's timely appearance, Hephaestus might have long disappeared from this world.

"What unlucky event have you been swept into again, Bad Luck Star?"

Before Hephaestus could react, Yao Xin's second statement directly struck Hephaestus's heart, leaving him speechless and staring at her with a head full of black lines for a long time.

"You... still have such a sharp tongue!"

Seeing Yao Xin, who, despite now being the God of Death, still spoke with such sharpness and wicked wit, Hephaestus questioned whether reaching out to her for help was a mistake.

This kind of individual who knows his dark history and isn't a good match is his natural nemesis.

"Alright! Seems like I guessed right."

Slowly stepping down from the Creator Altar, Yao Xin approached Hephaestus.

Then, under the witness of Kangtao and other Sky City managers, Yao Xin reached out towards Hephaestus.

Bzz bzz bzz...

In an instant, the already faint Hephaestus suddenly vanished.

If previously, his appearance was due to interference in the circuits causing unstable signals, now it seemed more like a forced shutdown and restart.

"Was your true form indeed imprisoned?"

Seeing this situation, Yao Xin, who had anticipated it, snapped her fingers.

The next second, Hephaestus, who had disappeared, suddenly reappeared, and this time he had a genuine corporeal form.

"This is..."

With eyes widened in shock, Hephaestus looked at his now material form, unable to comprehend what had happened to him.

"Just soul materialization."

"I am not in my true form now, so I can only temporarily materialize this fragment of your divine soul."

Despite her calm and composed tone, the information in Yao Xin's words greatly shocked Hephaestus.

"Wait... are you aware of what you've done?"

"This is soul materialization, and you're materializing a fragment of a god's divine soul!"

Gods are not like ordinary beings; they are truly high-dimensional existences.

As the saying goes, "I think, therefore I am," and gods possess a similar trait.

From an enemy's standpoint, materializing a god's divine soul is akin to forcibly demoting that god to a lower dimension.

And from a friend's standpoint, while gods are immortal, it doesn't mean they cannot be imprisoned or sealed.

Yao Xin being able to materialize a fragment of divine soul or thought means that ordinary seals can't hold her.

Just like Hephaestus now, with his divine soul materialized, he essentially regained his freedom.

What about the true form?

For an entity already a god, the true form holds no significance.

"Uh, is this very special?"

Blinking in slight confusion, Yao Xin, though the Death God of the Mountain and Sea Realm and ruler of the Netherworld, did not exhibit many all-knowing and all-powerful attributes.

Especially in comparison to gods like Hephaestus, born into a major divine pantheon, Yao Xin's experience appeared quite limited.

This isn't surprising, as the Mountain and Sea Gods are essentially a newborn divine pantheon.

Yao Xin is the first among the Mountain and Sea Gods and could arguably be considered the founder god of the pantheon.

For such a nascent pantheon, tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of years is not a long time.

"Of course it's very special!"

Having witnessed Yao Xin's entire journey from mortal to godhood, Hephaestus quickly realized his oversight.

What he considered "common knowledge" was shaped by his divine pantheon, which had existed for many generations, a powerful pantheon born in the Second Celestial Father Era.

However, this daughter of the Creator, ruling a world as the Supreme Death God, is a new god of this generation.

Among the gods, such a new god is akin to a newborn.

"You were originally a Supreme Death God, with the potential to become a Supreme God..."

"If you follow the normal path, there are two ways for you to become a Supreme God."

"The first is to gather more powers, cultivate more divines, and then, in the final moment, trigger a cataclysmic crisis to unify all divine positions, achieving the glory of a Supreme Creator..."

Pausing slightly, Hephaestus glanced around at the Kangtao people, who, despite being able to hear his voice, appeared bewildered.

Conversations among the gods can only truly be understood by other gods.

Mortals like Kangtao, when hearing secrets concerning gods, have their minds and souls automatically block this information because they can't grasp it.

"And the second way?"

Also glancing at the Kangtao people, Yao Xin immediately understood how crucial the information Hephaestus was relaying to her was.

"The second way is much like your path, to take the path of the Death God to its extreme!"

"Death Gods are gods next only to the Time God among all heavens and myriad realms, beings who wield death."

"Now that you can materialize souls, you have essentially transcended the conventional definition of 'Death God,' beginning to touch upon the domain of the 'God of Life.'"

"Using the divine position of the Death God as a foundation to push the authority of a Death God to its limits can equally elevate you above all gods as a Supreme God!"

"These paths are not distinguished by strength or weakness, merely by choice!"