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Chapter 627 11: Ten-tailed Dragon Carp

In the blink of an eye, half a month had already passed.

When Marquis Yi and Feng Xi stepped off the time-travel train, a peculiar carp swirling around them emerged.

It was a carp with ten octopus-like tentacle tails and a sharp horn atop its head.

This creature was named "Ten-tailed Dragon Carp," a unique life form that feeds on Divine Blood.

Although Chubby ultimately couldn't reach a consensus on the trade with Marquis Yi and Feng Xi, he promised to help connect him to Sky City for further in-depth exchanges with Kangtao.

The knowledge of the high-dimensional module couldn't be used as a trading item.

But the Mountain and Sea People didn't possess only the knowledge of the high-dimensional module.

Marquis Yi believed that with the abilities and wisdom Kangtao had shown, they could definitely extract a lot of useful things from Chubby.

At worst, as a long-term trading partner, Chubby was a qualified merchant.

At the very least, for the curious Mountain and Sea People, the various goods in Chubby's possession from All Heavens and Myriad Realms indeed held enormous appeal.

It was this allure that led Marquis Yi to exchange his portable [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] for the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp.

The [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] was a spatial storage bag, woven by some accomplished Merfolk after Mountain and Sea Civilization introduced the cultivation system of Qi Refiners.

Its material was mainly woven from Dragon Silk of the Merfolk, adorned with the luxurious Jue Pearl.

Moreover, the [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] contained the Divine Power of the Mother of the Stars and the Dipper Monarch, capable of releasing Star Mist and Dawn that could bewilder the human mind.

Whether it's for storing living beings or as a weapon, it could effectively threaten a typical Demigod.

Additionally, the weaving techniques of the [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] had been specially optimized, with each thread capable of infinite extension, inherently providing the effect of the Immortal Binding Rope.

To be honest, even within Mountain and Sea Civilization, the [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] was considered an extremely rare treasure.

Glancing throughout the entire Mountain and Sea Civilization, probably only Marquis Yi, who specialized in the Five Elements Escape Technique, could exchange a seemingly useless Dragon Carp with the [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] without batting an eye.

"I really couldn't tell, you actually like raising pets?"

Gazing intently at the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp swimming through the air, Feng Xi made a rare sarcastic remark.

In Feng Xi's eyes, exchanging a precious [Golden Threaded Shark Bag] for a carp with more ornamental than practical value seemed like a shameless waste.

"Pet?"

"Is that really how you perceive this Ten-tailed Dragon Carp?"

Feigning surprise, Marquis Yi raised an eyebrow and teasingly replied with a rare hint of a smile.

Ever since learning of Feng Xi's past, Marquis Yi never found himself capable of harboring any ill will against this often aloof kin.

For, putting oneself in Feng Xi's shoes, Marquis Yi couldn't be sure he'd maintain a relatively normal worldview and perception after experiencing the same events.

In contrast, whether out of fear or dislike, Feng Xi's distant attitude was simply a means of self-protection.

"Not a pet?"

Catching the undertone in Marquis Yi's words, Feng Xi frowned and asked.

"Of course not a pet!"

"Don't forget, what are we out here looking for this time?"

"Since this Ten-tailed Dragon Carp feeds on Divine Blood, it suggests it's highly sensitive to the blood of the Gods, possibly even possessing the ability to locate Gods."

"In fact, I have a suspicion that the guy Chubby might have discerned our intent, which is why he deliberately put this Ten-tailed Dragon Carp on the trading list."

While saying this, Marquis Yi's tone was very certain.

That Chubby guy wasn't as simple as he appeared.

The only thing that puzzled Marquis Yi now was why the other party would help them so much.

"You mean to say, you still don't trust me!?"

At this moment, a feather from Feng Xi's wing voluntarily detached, transforming into the toy-like form of Hephaestus.

To prevent Maitot from discovering himself, Hephaestus had transformed into a feather of Feng Xi before boarding, completely blocking his own Perception.

It wasn't until they left the carriage that Hephaestus regained Perception and overheard Marquis Yi's intention in purchasing the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp.

There was no doubt that Marquis Yi's words revealed his distrust toward Hephaestus.

"Can you still sense your original body?"

Upon hearing this, Hephaestus fell silent.

"See, it's not that I don't trust you; it's that you are simply not trustworthy."

Spreading his hands slightly, the prepared Marquis Yi's tone didn't change much.

On the other hand, Feng Xi was completely taken aback looking at Hephaestus, never expecting that this manifestation of a God couldn't even locate its own main body.

"When did you start realizing this?"

Focusing intently on Marquis Yi, Feng Xi's tone carried hints of admiration and praise as she asked.

After all, Feng Xi, from start to finish, hadn't perceived Hephaestus' deception, much less see through its intricacies.

"I noticed from the very beginning..."

Slightly tilting his head, Marquis Yi's tone remained fairly unchanged.

"This task was proposed by our New God."

"Why was a mission to search for its own body not initiated by its own manifestation?"

"In fact, if our New God hadn't proactively proposed it, it wouldn't have promoted the mission's progress from start to finish."

"Maybe it finds our Power lacking, or perhaps the Goddess of Death left some instructions before departing..."

"Excluding intelligence I might not know, I thought of another possibility."

"That's, to prevent other Gods from locating its main body via manifestations, the main body deliberately concealed relevant information when forming this manifestation."

This was merely one of the doubts, and Marquis Yi further confirmed his suspicion upon boarding the space-time train.

Because if Hephaestus needed to avoid even a relatively neutral God like Maitot, how could it so easily divulge the location of its main body?

Considering the opponent's previous remarks and demeanor, Marquis Yi realized this mission was far more challenging than initially anticipated.

"You are indeed very clever, no wonder Kangtao entrusted you with leading this mission."

Without denying Marquis Yi's words, Hephaestus shrugged nonchalantly.

"To be frank, I never expected you to find my main body from the beginning."

"I agreed to join you merely because I was bored staying in Sky City."

"Moreover, your New God is somewhat desperate now..."

"Hasn't it thought about how I've been trapped in this world for so long without finding a suitable believer, so how could I have a solution to 'the poison of knowledge'?"

"At that time, I agreed simply because I thought without making a definite statement, with its current mindset, it probably wouldn't last for even a few hundred years."

"After all, the 'poisoned' knowledge affects not just the believers."