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Chapter 630 14: The Godless Sacrifice

"Still not working, they simply refuse to talk to us."

After yet another failed attempt to engage with the inhabitants of the City of No Gods, Feng Xi shook her head helplessly.

She never expected the city to be so eerie, with interpersonal relationships so cold that they wouldn't even speak to strangers.

It's rare to see such a situation, even in other worlds, let alone the Mountain and Sea Realm.

"It's more like they're wary of something rather than unwilling to communicate."

Sitting on Feng Xi's shoulder with eyebrows furrowed as well, Hephaestus's voice reached her ears.

"This situation is very unusual..."

"At least when my true form was here, it wasn't like this."

When Hephaestus first arrived in the Land of No Gods, although the whole city was extremely averse to the worship of gods, relationships between people were very harmonious.

After all, in a world where gods hold absolute dominance, it would be impossible to build such an immense city group independent of the gods without mutual help among people.

In Hephaestus's memory, the City of No Gods at that time was a very friendly city.

The occasional Divine Abomination crisis further intensified the unity and mutual assistance among the residents.

He could hardly imagine what had happened to make this city become what it is now.

"I think I've found out something."

At this moment, the travel-worn Marquis Yi returned to the group, bringing a piece of not-so-good news.

"What did you find out?"

Curiously looking at Marquis Yi, Hephaestus seemed somewhat doubtful that he had managed to uncover information in such a short time that even he hadn't found.

"Sacrifice!"

Taking the canteen handed over by Feng Xi, Marquis Yi raised his head and drank it all in one go.

"It's a sacrificial ritual that started ninety years ago."

"Before the sacrificial ritual appeared, the city was just as you described, with neighbors helping each other and facing crises together."

"But ever since ninety years ago, this city has adopted a special ritual."

"Regardless of race or birth, as long as one's biological age exceeds fifty, a special sacrificial ritual is held every ten years."

"If one is lucky enough to survive the sacrificial ritual, they can continue living for another ten years..."

Upon hearing this, Feng Xi instinctively followed up with a question.

"And if they don't?"

Doing his best to conceal the look of ridiculing in his eyes, Marquis Yi calmly replied.

"It's a sacrificial ritual, those who don't pass naturally die."

A bit embarrassed, Feng Xi realized how dumb her question was.

"What kind of sacrificial ritual is it?"

Fortunately, Hephaestus didn't let the awkward atmosphere last long and broke the silence by asking proactively.

"What does the sacrifice involve?"

"Is it offered to gods?"

With a decisive shake of his head, Marquis Yi answered.

"I don't know, I've only discovered this sacrificial ritual..."

"However, it is certain that ever since this ritual was held, the City of No Gods has been free of Divine Abomination disasters for a long time."

Unable to resist a shiver, Feng Xi vaguely sensed a creepy implication within.

As the graveyard of the gods, the situation in the Land of No Gods was extraordinarily complex, with various Divine Abominations born of the gods being the norm here.

Before coming here, Feng Xi had already prepared herself for battles with all kinds of Divine Abominations, or even remnants of gods.

However, Marquis Yi mentioned that the Land of No Gods had been free of Divine Abomination disasters for a long time, and there was also some bizarre sacrificial ritual within the City of No Gods.

The intuition honed from years of fighting in other worlds made Feng Xi highly sensitive to danger.

"Why does this sound like someone is raising Gu worms?"

Making Divine Abominations full of resentment and anger not disturb the City of No Gods, it's hard to imagine this being achieved through normal means.

Anyway, being a standard warrior, Feng Xi's first reaction was that a more powerful Divine Abomination must have appeared in the City of No Gods, which was preventing ordinary ones from causing trouble.

Coupled with that unknown sacrificial ritual, Feng Xi had reasons to suspect divine intervention.

"I also feel this is rather incredible..."

Recalling various details about the City of No Gods in his mind, Hephaestus wore a similarly puzzled expression.

"What's the point in guessing? Why not just go and see for ourselves!"

At Marquis Yi's words, Feng Xi and Hephaestus promptly turned to look at him.

"Could it be... that the sacrificial ritual is happening soon?"

Rolling his eyes at Feng Xi, Marquis Yi finally couldn't resist retorting again.

"There's no such coincidence in the world."

"I've just found out the location where the sacrificial ritual is held."

Having been together for so long, the image of Feng Xi that Marquis Yi once held had shattered completely, replaced by a lazy, brainless, and somewhat outspoken impression.

"Cough, cough, where is the place where the ritual is held?"

Interrupting Feng Xi and Marquis Yi once again, Hephaestus, who was accustomed to his role, asked.

"Xiaoli, lead the way!"

Without further banter with Feng Xi, Marquis Yi lightly patted the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp beside him.

In the next second, the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp's body swelled and transformed rapidly.

In less than a breath, the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp had become a giant creature, hovering in mid-air.

"Your little pet actually has this kind of ability?"

It was Feng Xi's first time witnessing such a transformation in the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp.

Just as she was about to comment, one of its tails wrapped around her and lifted her into the sky.

Of course, being wrapped up was a treatment only Feng Xi experienced.

Prepared in advance, Marquis Yi simply leaped into the air, landing on the Dragon Carp's head.

As for Hephaestus?

He'd stayed on Feng Xi's shoulder the entire time, showing no surprise at the Dragon Carp's transformation.

Whoosh!

The ten tails stirred the air, creating gusts of winds as they moved...

The Ten-tailed Dragon Carp flew over the city at an unimaginable speed, undetected by the surveillance cameras monitoring the entire city.

In fact, the astonishing performance of the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp was not solely because of Hephaestus's protection with Divine Power.

After all, the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp itself was an apex predator, a peculiar creature that fed on Divine Blood.

Thus, to hunt more effectively, the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp not only possessed the ability to fly in the air, but it could also achieve optical invisibility through sunlight refraction.

What was happening now was merely a fraction of the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp's complete capabilities.