

The Growth 64

Chapter 64 - 16: Exorcism and Demon Control Skill

Mountain and Sea Realm, Central Plains, Creator Altar.

Balian, who was in a state of meditation, suddenly awoke, and the Dragon Wolf Ah Dui, who had been crouching and curled up behind him, immediately raised its head.

"Awoo?"

Ever since consuming the "Elixir of Immortality" concocted by Yao Xin,

the Dragon Wolf Ah Dui had essentially shed the limitations of lifespan, reverting from aging back to its prime years.

Unfortunately, the Dragon Wolf Ah Dui only physically regained its youthful age; its mindset had long become lazy.

Unless necessary, the Dragon Wolf Ah Dui, like most dragons, preferred to lie on a hillside basking in the sun rather than moving.

"Old buddy, we might need to get some exercise."

Balian said as he stood up slowly, patting the Dragon Wolf Ah Dui on the head.

Then, as if to verify Balian's words, ominous black mist suddenly drifted across the sky at a distance.

It was resentment from another world, remnants of a deity currently reviving.

The Mountain and Sea Realm, because of the existence of the [Day of Sin], allowed Spiritual Essence to linger on the surface without being decomposed by the world's natural cycle for long periods.

Now, influenced by another world, the Spiritual Essence remaining in the Mountain and Sea Realm began to rapidly mutate and reorganize, birthing masses of evil ghosts in a state between life and death.

In the blink of an eye, hundreds of grotesque evil ghosts appeared around the outskirts of the Central Plains.

A mixture of humanoid and beast-like entities...

A combination of aquatic creatures and large predators...

Even aberrant hybrids of individuals from the same race...

These randomly manifesting grotesque evil ghosts were born by recombining their own pre-mortal form with other creatures.

Being rapidly accelerated grotesque beings, they didn't even follow the most basic physical logic like their predecessors.

Freely mixing, freely growing, freely grotesque...

Were it not for the existence of the [Divine Concealment Land], these evil ghosts might have appeared directly where Balian stood, at the Creator Altar.

Even so, should these evil ghosts spread out, living creatures within a hundred miles would encounter disaster.

Despite their repulsive appearances, these evil ghosts were genuine monsters.

Ordinary creatures could not possibly be their match, nor could they kill them.

Or rather, to kill them would only temporarily revert these evil ghosts back to the most basic Spiritual Essence.

It wouldn't take long before this Spiritual Essence would, under the influence of another world, once again merge with other essences to form new evil ghost forms.

They can't be killed, nor fully eradicated...

This is what truly makes the evil ghosts terrifying and troublesome.

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[Although this scene is somewhat different from what I envisioned, it indeed presents an opportunity.]

Being the legitimate Creator of this world, Li Hao naturally noticed the changes occurring in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

In fact, the altered areas extended beyond just the Central Plains.

The entire Mountain and Sea Realm's Spiritual Essence was mutating into evil ghosts due to the otherworldly transformation.

And it was Li Hao's first realization that the influence of the [Day of Sin] was far deeper than he had imagined.

In every corner of the Mountain and Sea Realm, in every bone-laden burial ground, large-scale phenomena of evil ghosts resurrecting are occurring.

In some sense, these evil ghosts, re-emerging from chaotic Spiritual Essence, are actually defective products.

Because truly powerful souls had already resurrected as Skeletons.

Only those souls unable to resurrect, slowly decomposing in the world cycle, would awaken in an incomplete manner like this to vent their grievances upon the world.

Given that the culprit for these resurrections was not the [Day of Sin],

the role of the [Storm Chain] in suppressing evil had no effect on these evil ghosts.

Now, the only ones truly capable of preventing this catastrophe are the Immortals scattered throughout the Mountain and Sea Realm.

As for how they should handle these unkillable, unbanishable evil ghosts,

Li Hao had long prepared a plan.

[Artifact: Exorcism and Demon Control Skill]

[Type: Technique]

[Quality: Rare]

[Function: A secret technique not passed on by the Jiuge of gods, capable of commanding ghosts and gods through will, with the power to communicate with heaven and earth.]

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Honestly, when Li Hao first saw the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill from the Faceless, he was astonished.

Not only because of the abilities of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill, but also due to the entry 'Judge of God' being uniquely tagged.

Qu Yuan, Chu Ci, Nine Songs, Chu Kingdom Witch Rituals, Pre-Qin Mythology...

When these words collided in Li Hao's mind, he realized the value of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill to himself.

Perhaps in the eyes of other Gods, the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill was merely a means used by a faction's prophet for rituals and contacting deities.

Taking it a step further, one might only infer it as an unestablished Path to Divinity with little value to the Gods themselves.

However, for Li Hao living on Earth, it signifies the possible existence of a "Nine Songs God" on modern Earth.

Not in the form of an Ancient God remnant, but genuinely reborn utilizing a human body in the Chu Kingdom during a period of Pre-Qin.

Thus arises the question: Were other deities from Pre-Qin Mythology also Gods truly existing across the All Heavens and Myriad Realms?

This is where the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill holds its greatest value for Li Hao.

It piqued his interest in the mythological system on Earth.

And might also determine, to some extent, his future studies and career path.

Of course, undeniably, the practical value of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill itself was also the reason why Li Hao was willing to exchange the synthesis formula of the Sun Stone along with the Non Burning Wood for this secret technique.

As long as the user is strong enough, the functional scope of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill includes the Gods themselves.

Li Hao originally intended to leverage the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill against that deity from the Spirit Realm.

But instead found only a forlorn Hephaestus there, amid a Divine Remain devoured by evil ghosts beyond recognition...

Therefore, not wanting it to go to waste, Li Hao imparted the fundamental points and usage of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill to the Immortals.

Since the Immortals could all be considered his incarnations, he wasn't concerned about their ability to assimilate and understand the fundamental points and usage of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill.

Moreover, Li Hao was also curious about how these morally reckless, imaginative Immortals would wield the powers of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill.

Conveniently, the most basic ability of the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill could curb the Immortal Body of those evil ghosts.

It could be said to serve a dual purpose.