

## **The Growth 679**

### Chapter 679 11: Protagonist Template

The acquaintance between Jiufeng and the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch was, after all, a coincidence.

Back when Jiufeng left the Mountain and Sea Realm, he made a brief stop in the Celestial Human Realm to search for a world where he could settle his followers.

However, due to the power consumed while traversing through the chaos, Jiufeng was not in his prime when he descended into the Celestial Human Realm.

Then, as in most protagonist templates of novels, the person who was not yet the "Demon Monarch" at that time, the Celestial Sorrow, found the chick-like Jiufeng.

The two helped each other and grew together, with Celestial Sorrow ultimately becoming one of the top powers in the Celestial Human Realm, and Jiufeng gradually recovering his power in the process.

It wasn't until Jiufeng finally left the Celestial Human Realm that Celestial Sorrow took the title of "Demon Monarch" and then chose ascension.

It's hard to say whether the ascension of the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch was intended to follow Jiufeng.

But he indeed embraced his hobby developed during his interactions with Jiufeng—namely, picking up small animals and little apprentices everywhere and raising them slowly himself.

Just as the Gods of All Heavens and Myriad Realms evaluated the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch, he was a rogue "Civilization Seller" with unique preferences.

Every "commodity" from the hands of the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch had its unique and powerful aspects.

Even the powerful Gods had to admit that the "commodities" of the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch always managed to surprise them.

Exotic beasts, Apostle candidates, unknown Divine Abominations...

These are among the "commodity" options that the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch picked up and nurtured.

However, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch was discerning in his choice of "commodity" and buyer.

Not all Gods could obtain "commodities" from the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch; he always carefully evaluated the qualifications and conditions of buyers before selling "commodities".

Thus, many Gods joked that the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch was not in the business of selling "commodities" but rather finding someone to take over his pets and apprentices.

Of course, despite the jokes, the reason why the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch was classified as a "Civilization Seller" was because he indeed had his own professional ethics.

Once a buyer was confirmed, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch would no longer concern himself with the treatment of the "commodity" post-sale.

He would even provide corresponding after-sales service if requested by the buyer.

This after-sales service included but was not limited to tracking, hunting, and re-cultivating new "commodities" that met the buyer's desires.

Therefore, from any angle, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch could not be considered a good person.

The conventional notions of good and evil, right and wrong, were meaningless to him; everything he did was merely to remain true to himself.

Subsequently, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch came across several clues related to Jiufeng.

Unfortunately, the proud Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch always chose to go against the grain at such times, never pursuing Jiufeng's whereabouts.

When Jiufeng learned of the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch's news, he thought about seeking out this obstinate fellow.

Unfortunately, the Celestial Demon Monarch was adept at Transformation Technique.

If he truly wanted to avoid someone, not even the Supreme God could find his traces in these All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

Time and again, Jiufeng could only give up in resignation.

Jiufeng knew this was the price of leaving without word back then.

After all, who would have thought that the ordinary mortal who struggled with basic needs would one day become the wandering Demon Monarch of All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

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"You are as stubborn as ever."

When the two crossed the space-time passage and arrived at the Disaster Realm, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch treated Jiufeng with the same attitude, seemingly familiar yet unwilling to further close the gap.

To say it's lukewarm might be an exaggeration, but Jiufeng indeed sensed a cold and distant attitude from the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch.

"Stubborn? I quite find it normal!"

Conversing as always, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch acted as if nothing had ever happened.

But as former close confidants, this deliberate ignorance of past events felt abnormal.

"I admit leaving without word hurt you back then."

"But there were reasons, and we did return to the Celestial Human Realm to look for you afterward."

This time, it wasn't the more frivolous Seventh Sister speaking, but the gentlest of the nine, the Second Sister.

As the speaker changed, Jiufeng's appearance underwent a profound transformation.

The image conjured by the Second Sister wasn't particularly beautiful.

But her graceful aura, akin to a lady from a great family, was uniquely her own among the nine heads.

Back when Jiufeng was just a chick, the Second Sister had the best relationship with the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch.

Every time another head angered the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch, it was the Second Sister who mediated and mended the relationship.

Regrettably, this time, the otherwise successful Second Sister failed.

"I understand your decision, and I haven't disturbed you since then."

Without a hint of emotion, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch's indifferent words once again plunged the atmosphere into silence.

"I'm sorry!"

Without further explanation, this time it was the eldest sister who spoke.

Reverting to her original form, the demeanor she exuded was vastly different from that of the Seventh Sister.

The eldest sister was the type to let her word stand, bold and formidable.

It was she who resolutely decided to leave the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch.

While the other heads were somewhat reluctant, only the eldest sister insisted on making this decision.

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Turning suddenly to look at Jiufeng, it was now the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch's turn to fall silent.

This was the first time the eldest sister said anything to him since their reunion.

"I said, I can understand your choice..."

After a brief silence, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch sighed deeply with his next words.

"Back then, I was just a mortal, while you were True Gods with Longevity and Immortality."

"Playing pretend for hundreds of years was probably the limit of your patience, right?"

"Moreover, it was only after leaving the Celestial Human Realm that I learned the heavy burdens you carried."

Pausing slightly, the Celestial Sorrow Demon Monarch continued.

"The Celestial Human Realm wasn't suitable for you to live in."

"As a True God, such influences were irrelevant to you, but it was different for your followers."

"They lacked our transformational skills, and striving for the Divine Throne wasn't a task that could be accomplished in a day or two..."

"Therefore, finding a world truly suitable for their survival and reproduction was the only way."

"Knowing that you came to the Mountain and Sea Realm to find me upon learning of my captivity made me a bit less resentful."