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Chapter 696 2: Tiger Totem? Bai Ze!

In the vastness of the universe, among the countless billions of stars.

At the last moment of the Candle Dragon's fall in the Mountain and Sea Realm, it appeared on Earth and attempted to possess Li Hao. Could this really be a coincidence?

The appearance of the Candle Dragon, the legend of the Nine Heavens Profound Lady, along with the "Classic of Mountains and Seas" and the "Bai Ze Monster Map"...

If all these details are compiled together, it becomes evident that the gods of the Mountain and Sea Realm have appeared on Earth more than once.

After learning of these pieces of information, perhaps no one, no matter how naive, would consider this series of events a coincidence.

After all, Li Hao is quite curious, is it possible that each Mountain and Sea God has their "fall point" anchored to Earth?

However one looks at it, this seems obviously impossible.

After all, not to mention the Nine Heavens Profound Lady, who has not died even now.

And when the Candle Dragon appeared in the [Fallen Area], it wasn't in the true sense of death.

As for Bai Ze, who perhaps has even greater power?

Considering the Old Gods of Mountains and Seas' consistently powerful life force, Li Hao remains skeptical about whether they have truly died.

Moreover, Li Hao has always harbored a suspicion in his heart that perhaps more Mountain and Sea Gods have appeared on Earth than he imagined.

[Jiuge Divine Pantheon, could they be related to the Mountain and Sea Gods?]

Once such a suspicion arises, Li Hao finds it difficult to suppress it.

From the perspective of the [Ascension Area], the Jiuge Divine Pantheon obviously has nothing to do with the Mountain and Sea Gods.

Because before the fall of the Candle Dragon and the gods fleeing the Mountain and Sea Realm, the Jiuge Divine Pantheon had already mysteriously disappeared, with only related secret techniques and legends circulating in the All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

However, from the perspective of Earth archaeology, Li Hao can clearly see the extension of a mythological lineage.

In the many myths and legends of the Huaxia land, besides recording names, abilities, and weaknesses of gods and spirit monsters, the "Bai Ze Monster Map" also implies the ability to command divine spirits and creatures.

According to some branches of mythology, ancient warlocks firmly believed that names themselves contained power.

By acquiring the names of those gods and spirit monsters, warlocks could often borrow their abilities, and even directly command them for their own use.

Those ancient myths have continued to this day, and some more backward rural areas still have superstitious practices like giving children vulgar names or using names and birthdates to curse others.

Doesn't using names to command divine spirits and creatures sound familiar as a kind of witchcraft?

Yes, if you replace "divine spirits and monsters" with "Heaven and Earth Ghosts and Gods", isn't this exactly the Exorcism and Spirit-Controlling Techniques that the Jiuge Divine Pantheon prides itself on?

More critically, after some verification, Li Hao was surprised to find that the "Holy Beast" image of Bai Ze originally came from Chu Culture.

In the early stages of the formation of Xiang Chu Culture, there was a very strong atmosphere of admiration for the "Tiger Totem" culture.

One of the most famous images of the Holy Beast Bai Ze is indeed a tiger head, double horns, red fur, and a Qilin body.

Aside from the mythological lineage and historical genealogy tracing back.

Li Hao had one more obvious piece of evidence to prove the connection between Bai Ze and the Jiuge Divine Pantheon.

That is, in the descriptions of the Old Gods of Mountains and Seas, Bai Ze possesses the ability to understand all things and command ghosts, gods, and spirit monsters.

Disregarding all subjective factors and ideas, isn't Bai Ze's ability precisely the highest expression of the Exorcism and Spirit-Controlling Techniques?

By coincidence, Bai Ze vanished during the ancient times of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

If they chose to leave the Mountain and Sea Realm at that time, wouldn't it coincide with the survival period of the Jiuge Divine Pantheon?

So, how should Li Hao verify his conjecture now?

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With this in mind, Li Hao suddenly turned his gaze west.

There, a hidden conflict was unfolding, a battle over the "Immortal".

And in this war, there happened to be someone who knew the secrets of the Jiuge Divine Pantheon and has kept them hidden until now.

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"When will those damn guys ever calm down a little!"

Tightly gripping the firearm in his hands, He Bo had no idea how long he had been hiding in this forest.

To successfully send away that Immortal Body, He Bo and the others ultimately decided to split into two groups.

He Bo's group was the decoy, deliberately exposing some traces and clues to lure the pursuers to chase them.

Facts proved that He Bo's decision was indeed effective.

The increasingly frequent gunfire and the increasingly rapid footsteps all indicated that those pursuers were closing in on He Bo and his team.

"Captain, what should we do now?"

Fully armed soldiers remained vigilant while turning to ask He Bo.

Even though He Bo was not a professional combatant, his superpower and on-the-spot command won the trust of these special forces soldiers.

If it weren't for He Bo's maneuvering along the way, this decoy team would have likely been wiped out long ago and wouldn't have been able to hold on till now.

Nonetheless, the team's situation was becoming increasingly dangerous, and the soldiers had mentally prepared themselves for a last stand.

"Head in this direction, and I'll follow shortly!"

Without a moment's hesitation, He Bo, who had long prepared a plan, pointed ahead.

It was a hidden path through the forest leading to the outside world, with a concealed stream ensuring the team wouldn't lose their way.

"Understood!"

Without hesitation, the leading soldier immediately led the team toward the forest path.

Throughout the journey, He Bo had nearly made no mistakes, always finding the only hope in despair.

However, when the soldier took a final glance, they realized He Bo hadn't followed as usual.

"Captain?"

The soldier turned to gaze at He Bo still standing where he was and called out in confusion.

"You go first!"

"They've discovered our current location, so I plan to leave them a little surprise here."

Gently shaking the grenade at his waist, He Bo explained with a smile.

Tilting his head and staring at He Bo for a long time, the soldier ultimately said nothing, but instead saluted him and then turned to follow the team.

[You fool! You're seeking your own death!]

Seeing this, the Jiuge God within He Bo finally couldn't hold back roaring.

Unfortunately, He Bo, as always, ignored the Jiuge God, watching the team gradually disappear into the distance.

Until he could see the soldiers no more, He Bo slipped into the forest in the opposite direction, manipulating the water flow along the way to launch stealth attacks on the pursuers.

"If I'm to die, let me die alone!"