

The Growth 705

Chapter 705 11: Master of the Mountain and Sea Realm

A month later, in the Brilliant Realm.

"So, I remember I sent you to solve problems, not to create them?"

With a slight headache, Balian rubbed his temples and sighed, suppressing his anger.

Behind Balian, the gigantic Dragon Wolf, as large as a mountain, licked its lips and gazed at Shu Hai with particularly clear eyes.

As an individual who signed a life-and-death contract with Balian, the Dragon Wolf's spirit is stored within Balian.

Aside from being immortal, its body has long surpassed the limits of normal creatures, reaching a level almost like that of a Ghost God.

Especially with the abundant resources and thriving primordial qi in the Brilliant Realm, the Dragon Wolf has reached the level of a Demigod in all aspects.

To be honest, the Dragon Wolf's intelligence and talent are not very high; it became a Demigod purely by enduring over time and by being fed by the Immortals.

"Anyway, wasn't the problem solved in the end?"

Playfully teasing the Dragon Wolf, Shu Hai casually replied to Balian.

This nonchalant attitude immediately broke through Balian's already thinly suppressed anger.

"Shu Hai!!!"

The enormous roar echoed through the skies, and Shu Hai and the Dragon Wolf, being so close, felt as if their eardrums were shattered.

Even the nearby Immortals turned their gaze towards Balian, showing undisguised curiosity and eagerness.

It had been a long time since the Immortals had seen Balian this angry.

However, considering Balian's usual habit of "collateral damage."

Although curious about what had happened, the nearby Immortals weren't foolish enough to walk right into the line of fire.

Moreover, some quick-witted Immortals even began to leave, fearing they might get caught by Balian.

After all, it's not the first or second time Immortals have acted foolishly, and it wasn't just Shu Hai who messed things up.

Now, any Immortal remaining in the Brilliant Realm more or less carried one or two incidents that could make Balian furious.

"Oh, come on!"

"Why are you shouting so loud? I can hear you just fine!"

Holding his ears tightly, it wasn't until then that Shu Hai lazily focused his gaze on Balian.

"Just tell me, did the Wild Children and You Guang end up going to school?"

Shu Hai's self-assured retort immediately left Balian speechless.

In fact, the Wild Children and You Guang eventually chose to compromise, allowing their clansmen to attend the specially established schools for them.

Some individuals with more open and bold personalities even proactively engaged with other races of the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

However, anyone could see the undisguised resentment from certain Wild Children and You Guang.

Were it not for their lack of strength, Balian had no doubt a war would have broken out between them.

"But..."

Opening his mouth, Balian was about to speak when Shu Hai preemptively interrupted him.

"There's no 'but' about it. You weren't going to give them any other choices anyway, right?"

"In that case, let me be the bad guy!"

Before Balian could counter, Shu Hai continued speaking.

"The Wild Children and You Guang are the first groups to oppose integrating into the Mountain and Sea Civilization, but they definitely won't be the last."

"Those ancient Mountain and Sea tribes who have newly returned, more or less, hold a certain contempt for the current Mountain and Sea Civilization."

"This precedent cannot be set, nor can we show too much weakness."

"It's essential to make it clear to those races and individuals intent on division who truly rules the Mountain and Sea Realm now!"

Despite Shu Hai's seemingly rough demeanor, he was once the Wise Man who created units of measurement; he understood the consequences of this matter more than anyone else.

"Eliminating illiteracy is just the first step; education itself is not the focus."

"Strengthening the recognition and sense of belonging of these ancient Mountain and Sea tribes' descendants towards the Mountain and Sea Civilization and the Creator is what's truly critical."

"To achieve this goal, it's necessary to make these current ancient Mountain and Sea tribes realize they have no choice... no, they have no room for negotiation."

Balian sighed softly, understanding the logic behind it, but innate personality factors still made him unable to accept Shu Hai's approach.

After all, those ancient Mountain and Sea tribes were not enemies; they were potential believers of the Creator.

"Brother, I know you always insist everyone should have their own choice..."

"But sometimes, choices are mutual."

"The Mountain and Sea Civilization chooses to accept those ancient Mountain and Sea tribes, and they must show that they deserve to integrate into it."

"If they can't even manage the most basic 'When in Rome,' how can you expect them to develop a sense of identity with the other Mountain and Sea People?"

From Shu Hai's perspective, such displays of authority were bound to happen sooner or later.

The sooner those ancient Mountain and Sea tribes realize the importance of integrating into the Mountain and Sea Civilization, the more they can reduce future signs of division due to issues of identity.

The Wild Children and You Guang just happened to become the targets and the ones the Mountain and Sea Civilization used to demonstrate its resolve.

"You're right; I indeed didn't consider everything thoroughly enough."

With a deep sigh, Balian displayed another characteristic of the long-lived species at this moment—an undiminishing ability to learn.

He didn't stubbornly hold onto his beliefs, nor did he intend to rebut Shu Hai.

Upon realizing his previous oversight, Balian quickly adjusted his mindset.

While those ancient Mountain and Sea tribes are potential believers in the Creator.

As long as they haven't joined the Mountain and Sea Civilization, they remain distant from becoming true followers of the Creator.

"Shu Hai, you are the first outsider to contact the Wild Children and You Guang..."

"So, I hope you'll focus on them in the coming period, helping them deepen their identification and sense of belonging to the Mountain and Sea Civilization as they grow."

Though refraining from using more blatant terms like "brainwash," Balian's intention was clear.

Since those unassimilated ancient Mountain and Sea tribes pose a potential crisis, let those adept at solving such issues address this crisis.

Without a doubt, Shu Hai was the person Balian had chosen for this task.

"Though it's a bit troublesome, since you've already put it this way, I'll keep a closer watch from now on."

After a brief pause, Shu Hai continued speaking.

"But I think you may be overthinking it. The current Mountain and Sea Civilization is no longer the 'infant' that needs our protection."

"The issues I can foresee are undoubtedly more and broader than those the higher-ups of the Mountain and Sea Civilization have contemplated."

"Instead of worrying about this, you should consider more practical problems."

Seeing Balian's surprised expression, Shu Hai rarely showed a worried look.

"During my travels in the Mountain and Sea Realm, I noticed a lot of abnormal extreme weather in many places..."

"I don't think this is just a coincidence; see if you can ask the Winged Serpent God what's going on?"