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Chapter 721 3: Ancient Emperor Era

During the Ancient Emperor Era in the Mountain and Sea Realm, it was a world dominated by Innate Gods.

Unlike those acquired gods such as the Nine Heavens Profound Lady and Candle Dragon, who evolved from mortals.

Innate Gods are the embodiment of the natural order, born with divine power that surpasses all living beings.

Wang Shu was a Moon God born from the moon.

The moon was her Divine Kingdom, protecting her growth until she ultimately transformed into a true God.

However, the problem was that there were two moons in the Mountain and Sea Realm at that time.

Chang Xi, who was born before Wang Shu, naturally became her elder sister.

Additionally, the Sun Goddess Xi He favored both Chang Xi and Wang Shu.

Even though Wang Shu had not become a true God, no one in the entire Mountain and Sea Realm dared to easily provoke her.

Perhaps it was because of this that Wang Shu had a vibrant curiosity different from Xi He and Chang Xi.

Compared to the strong Xi He and gentle Chang Xi, the much-loved youngest sister Wang Shu was a bold and audacious type.

No matter what happened, if Wang Shu got interested, she'd willingly get involved.

Even during the Ten Suns incident scorching the land, Wang Shu did not accommodate Di Jun at all, and would protect any creature she fancied.

Because of this, there was no shortage of conflicts and disagreements between Di Jun and Wang Shu.

Especially after Di Jun's infidelity, seeing her two elder sisters create a rift because of him.

Wang Shu, with her strong sense of vengeance, would deliberately rescue Di Jun's enemies without giving face.

After repeated incidents, the relationship between Di Jun and Wang Shu became like fire and water.

If not for Xi He and Chang Xi mediating, both sides might have already engaged in a fierce battle.

This situation persisted until Di Jun and Xi He completely fell out.

Unable to tolerate Di Jun's tyranny and arrogance any longer, the Sun Goddess chose to leave the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Of course, this was also related to the mysterious disappearance of Chang Xi.

Her departure left no useful information for Di Jun, Xi He, and Wang Shu.

Because of this, Wang Shu even stormed into Di Jun's Sun God Palace.

Unfortunately, before Wang Shu could uncover the real reason behind Chang Xi's mysterious disappearance, the sun-scorched Mountain and Sea land rose up in rebellion.

A Divine Being named "Da Yi" emerged from nowhere.

Originally, Da Yi was Di Jun's vassal, a natural Demigod, robust and skilled in archery.

Before the Ten Suns scorched the land, Da Yi had been ordered by Di Jun to descend to the lower realm to eliminate six harms, extinguish nine disasters, and defeated the Yellow River Water Spirit, earning the affection of Fu Xi's daughter, the God of Luo River, Luobin.

However, the heroic Da Yi took in a treacherous apprentice named Feng Meng, and was ultimately tricked and killed during an archery contest.

After Da Yi's death, his Divine Soul lingered.

Instead, he leveraged his previous accomplishments in eliminating six harms and extinguishing nine disasters, ascending to the Divine Throne to become a true God.

Nevertheless, after becoming a God, Da Yi no longer served Di Jun and instead acted decisively when Di Jun commanded the Ten Suns to scorch the land.

—He took the essence of the six disasters and nine harms, forging the Red Bow and White Arrows to shoot the sun.

The so-called "Red Bow" was a red divine bow stained with the blood of the six disasters: Yayu, Chisel Teeth, Nine Infants, Great Wind, Fengxi, and Xiu She.

The so-called "White Arrows" were white feathered arrows forged with the intents of the nine disasters: water, fire, wind, blade, pestilence, hunger, desire, greed, and lust.

This divine bow and arrows contained not only Da Yi's own power but also the resentment of souls who perished from the Ten Suns' scorching.

If Da Yi hadn't used the power of all beings to forge the divine bow and arrows, this resentment would eventually transform into a Divine Abomination on earth.

After Da Yi shot down nine suns, heavily injuring Di Jun, he too fell again from his Life dimension due to bearing divine power beyond his limits.

Frankly speaking, if not for the secret protection of Gods like the Queen Mother of the West and Wang Shu, the now-godless Da Yi would have likely been secretly harmed by Di Jun.

This was followed by a series of stories and legends like "Chang'e flying to the moon."

Of course, as it was in the historical past of the Mountain and Sea Realm, there are differences from the mythological versions.

The most obvious point is that Da Yi's wife was Fu Xi's daughter, the God of Luo River.

She herself was one of the Gods specifically protecting Da Yi, far from being a frail ordinary woman.

The "Elixir of Eternal Life" crafted by the Queen Mother of the West was likewise prepared for Da Yi to rebuild his Divine Format.

However, man proposes, God disposes, and Di Jun, who had been lurking in the shadows, would never allow his nemesis to ascend and become a God again.

Amidst the clashes between many Gods, Da Yi's wife became the first God to fall.

To save his wife, Da Yi gave up the opportunity to become a God again, surrendering the "Ascension Pill" made by the Queen Mother of the West.

At that time, Wang Shu stepped in.

Guiding Da Yi's wife to ascend to her own Moon Palace, aiding her Rebirth and Resurrection.

From then on, the world lost a God of Luo River, and the Moon Palace gained a Heng'e.

Among the series of actions by Wang Shu specifically aimed at displeasing Di Jun, this was just a relatively small event.

Once it was confirmed that Da Yi lost the possibility of becoming a God again, Di Jun also gave up targeting this couple.

Because Di Jun's true nemesis—Bai Ze—appeared at this time.

Bai Ze was born during the scorching of the Ten Suns, losing his family and kin at birth, left to struggle alone in the scorching disaster.

Fortunately, Bai Ze's race has an innate remarkable affinity, able to coexist peacefully with most creatures.

After many twists and turns, an Exotic Beast who also lost its child adopted Bai Ze, striving to raise him.

The naive Bai Ze initially didn't understand what this meant.

Until the Exotic Beast grew more emaciated and weak, Bai Ze realized the creature had been feeding most of the food it caught to him.

Without the baptism of civilization, without any learned knowledge...

The Exotic Beast, purely driven by its natural maternal instinct, wanted to raise Bai Ze—even if it meant becoming the sacrifice.

It was then that Wang Shu noticed Bai Ze, noticing the Mysterious Creature seemingly born with the ability to communicate with Gods.

After the Exotic Beast died, Bai Ze, having survived the infant stage, finally embarked on his arduous journey of survival alone.

During this process, Bai Ze's innate talents attracted the attention of many Gods, wishing to make him their Apostle.

But Bai Ze rejected them all, for they dared not oppose Di Jun.

Bai Ze hated Di Jun, hated the being who took everything from him.

Even with the vast gap in power, it didn't stop Bai Ze from seeking ways to defeat, even kill Di Jun.

In such circumstances, when Wang Shu extended an olive branch towards Bai Ze, for the first time, he found a kindred spirit.