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Chapter 261: Superior Battle Experience

boom

The rubble abruptly exploded, sending gravel into the air.

From the site of the explosion, a silhouette dashed out and made a beeline for the centre of the room.

The three drudnids that had retreated, had their eyes lit up in the dark as they stared at the scene. Although their consciousness was fractured, they didn't need a complete one to figure out that the silhouette was Lucas.

Without the slightest bit of hesitation, the three drudnids chased after him as they all made their way towards the centre of the room.

Seeing as Lucas was approaching the quarantined area, the stronger of the three coldly exclaimed,

"Holoris."

At that moment, Lucas felt a cold air behind him and without even thinking, he ducked and rolled towards the side.

Bang

A mysterious blast struck the crystal glass wall, forming a few cracks on it. Lucas caught a glimpse of the damaged section and realised that it was caused by a piercing force. It seemed that apart from the monstrous force that possessed a crushing power, the drudnids could also release their mental energy to simulate a penetrative force.

Just as soon as he had this thought, Lucas felt movement right behind him.

While the attack from the leading drudnid didn't get to him, it did manage to slow Lucas down a bit, allowing the other two to catch up to him. Part of the reason for this was because of his injury, which prevented Lucas from being able to run at full speed.

Whoosh

The drudnid which had delivered a devastating hit to Lucas earlier on, brandished its pole once again at him. However this time around, Lucas was prepared and aptly dodged the weapon.

The drudnid was unperturbed by this as it reacted quickly and followed up with a counterattack. However, Lucas used the chance between the two attacks to leap away and widen the gap between him and the drudnid.

As soon as he did so, the second drudnid came into view, punching towards Lucas. Nonetheless, Lucas dodged this with ease as well and created a gap between him and the drudnid.

But it was at this moment that the third line appeared, targeting Lucas from a very tricky angle. It attacked from the side behind Lucas with a weapon that looked like a sword but without a hilt.

From the angle and timing of the attack, it looked as if there was nothing Lucas could do about it. The timing of the attack was so meticulous and well thought up that Lucas' seemingly only option was to face the attack.

However, this drudnid was the strongest of the three and possessed an incredible force of power. If Lucas were to take this attack, he would be heavily injured. Even if he considered blocking it, he would then be dragged into the drudnid's rhythm and forced to confront it. By that time, the other two would have arrived and Lucas would be surrounded.

From this, it could be seen how impeccable the coordination and battle tactics of the drudnids were; and this was with the fact that their artificial consciousnesses weren't complete. If it were, they would definitely be a force to be reckoned with.

But even so, their opponent wasn't a nobody.

Although the drudnids were developed to be battle units, the degree of combat skill they possessed depended on the target of study. It was just like artificial intelligence. The level of smartness and effectiveness of an AI depended on the quantity and quality of data used to train

it. In the same way, the efficiency and accuracy of an artificial consciousness depended on the consciousness copied and modified to create it.

The consciousnesses of all drudnids were based on fighters from different species and even citizens of the Sunil civilisation. The data was then compiled to form a unique consciousness that was duplicated and inserted into every drudnid.

However, compared to Lucas who lived more than five hundred years in a magic civilisation, the artificial battle consciousness was nothing.

In his first life, Lucas had encountered various kinds of opponents of different power levels. At one point in life, he was capable of even blowing apart a continent with one hand. When compared to the Sunil civilisation and their counterparts on Eretre at the time, who couldn't even exceed the Apertures Opening stage, the difference was clear.

Because of his higher vantage point, higher peak and the fact he started from the lowest point in life, Lucas had more battle experiences that were of different standards and qualities. Whether they were unscrupulous or not, Lucas was versed in many tactics.

The third drudnid targeted Lucas from a blind spot but he had already predicted it. In fact, Lucas had purposely left such an opening to bait the drudnid closer to him.

Just as the creature thought it had caught Lucas' in a tight spot, the latter smirked and suddenly tilted his body in a way the drudnid never considered was possible.

The act itself was ludicrous, but as a peak Body Strengthening stage practitioner, Lucas had nearly full control over his body.

As the strange blade went by him, the drudnid also drew closer to Lucas due to inertia.

Just as the two sides were within one metre of each other, the drudnid attacked with its free hand, but Lucas had reacted faster. He placed a palm on the drudnid without any malicious intent. Such action was confusing, but the drudnid didn't think much about it as it continued with its attack.

However, in the next second, something strange happened. The drudnid suddenly froze as the force behind its fist abruptly dispersed. Its glowing green eyes turned dark, while its grip on the

weapon loosened. In the next second, it suddenly crashed forward to the ground due to its leaning posture.

Bang

The change in the situation confused the other two drudnids, but they didn't pull their punches as they attacked Lucas.

Facing the two attacks from different angles, Lucas wasn't worried but had a confident smile on his face as a thought crossed his mind.

'It worked.'

In the next second, he dodged the attacks of the two drudnids and placed his palms on them. Just like their leader, the two drudnids froze and went dark as well.