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Chapter 246: The Shock of the People in Mechanical City, Annihilation of the Ghost Wolf Riders in 30 Minutes? Food Crisis.

Su Yu's speed was incredibly fast.

In less than five minutes, he relied on the Azure Oath to return to the Mechanical City.

It had been less than thirty minutes since Su Yu left the Mechanical Hall and resolved the entire Ghost Wolf Riders.

Meanwhile, the people in the Mechanical Hall had not yet departed; they continued to discuss methods to counter the Ghost Tribe after Su Yu's departure.

At this moment, Su Yu, clad in the Azure Oath, walked in.

The crowd was rather stunned at the blue-and-white silhouette.

Back so soon?

Could the Ghost Tribe really be that formidable?

Su Yu had been gone for less than thirty minutes, and no matter how the people of Mechanical City thought, they never imagined that Su Yu had resolved all the Ghost Wolf Riders within this short time.

To them, it even seemed likely that Su Yu found the Ghost Wolf Riders too formidable to handle and returned without success.

For a moment, the people in the Mechanical Hall didn't know how to start the conversation.

They even recalled the fear they'd heard about since childhood, the shadow that the Ghost Tribe had cast over the Dead Silence Wilderness for years.

Even Tie Xin, the Clan Leader who knew about Su Yu's Mechanical Battle Armor's combat power, felt somewhat puzzled. He thought, "Could the Ghost Tribe really be that strong? Can just five hundred cavalry force the administrator to avoid confrontation?"

At that moment, Lang Yun stepped up and met Su Yu's gaze, offering comfort, "Administrator, it was expected that we missed news of this Ghost Tribe attack, so the Skeleton Settlement couldn't be saved in time."

"Exactly, Administrator, although the Ghost Tribe is tough to deal with, the fall of the Skeleton Settlement has at least made the remaining settlements unite more closely. We can gather everyone and possibly stand against the Ghost Tribe," Hu Wen also advised.

Yang Lie, concerned, saw Su Yu's return without success as magnifying his apprehension of the Ghost Tribe. He said, "Administrator, if the Ghost Tribe is indeed that difficult, we might avoid confrontation. With your progress, it won't be long before you surpass the Ghost Tribe."

As he watched everyone in the Mechanical Hall offering comfort,

Su Yu felt both amused and warmed inside.

"Although they do not know I wiped out the whole Ghost Wolf Riders team, even thinking I've come back without success didn't plant the idea of fleeing from Mechanical City in their minds,"

"Even Lang Yun and Captain Hu Wen, who usually hesitate, have no desire to flee Mechanical City and escape from the Ghost Tribe now."

"Mechanical City might be newly established, but its people's hearts are steadfast," Su Yu mused silently.

Observing each person's reactions, as a five-star top-tier Transcendent in mental ability, Su Yu could naturally see everyone was sincere.

"At least now it seems all the measures I took were not in vain."

Thinking of this, Su Yu had no intention of withholding the truth before everyone. As he opened his helmet, he said to everyone, "Uncle Yang, and everyone, there's no need to comfort me. I returned quickly not because I failed, but because I've already resolved the Ghost Tribe's cavalry."

"I also helped the Skeleton Settlement escape danger."

Upon hearing Su Yu's words, everyone froze, their comforting words stuck in their throats.

Resolved?

How could it be possible?

It had only been thirty minutes!

The same thought appeared in everyone's minds.

Only Tie Xin, who knew Su Yu's strength, stared intensely at Su Yu's Azure Oath Mechanical Battle Armor as if he was viewing a valuable artwork.

"Could it be that the administrator's Mechanical Battle Armor is more powerful than I imagined? Is that how Ghost Wolf Riders were repelled in such a short time?"

"Previously estimated five-star top-tier might have underestimated the administrator. To repel five hundred cavalry in such a short time, the administrator's armor must be at least six-star level!"

Tie Xin's admiration for Su Yu's engineering skill had reached an unmatched peak.

Yet even for Tie Xin, he merely thought Su Yu repelled the Ghost Wolf Riders in half an hour.

As for annihilation?

How could that be?

At this moment, Yu Ping'an curiously asked, "Administrator, did you cooperate with the Skeleton Settlement to drive away those cavalry? It seems the Ghost Tribe isn't unbeatable."

"Yes, since you led the Skeleton Settlement to defeat five hundred cavalry, we in the Mechanical City can gather other small settlements from this wilderness. Under your guidance, we might face the Ghost Tribe head-on," Zhang Xiao chimed in.

Evidently, the news of Su Yu repelling the Ghost Wolf Riders reignited hope within them, revitalizing their spirits.

The Ghost Wolf Riders had a notorious name across the Dead Silence Wilderness, known for their terror and perceived invincibility.

Now, Su Yu's leadership of the Skeleton Settlement against the Ghost Tribe's cavalry shattered the myth of their invincibility.

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Su Yu, while making his way towards the high seat in the center of the Mechanical Hall, answered the crowd's questions.

"No, it's not just a repulsion, but an annihilation. Those five hundred Ghost Wolf Riders were completely wiped out with the cooperation of the Skeleton Settlement people and myself."

"All those five hundred Ghost Wolf Riders, including their captain, were killed by me without leaving any behind."

As he spoke, Su Yu had already seated himself in the center seat of the Mechanical Hall.

Below the platform, the people in the Mechanical Hall couldn't believe their ears when they heard Su Yu's words.

Annihilation?

The Ghost Wolf Riders completely wiped out?

Even Clan Leader Tie Xin found it hard to believe Su Yu's words at this moment, because it had only been less than half an hour since Su Yu left the Mechanical City.

"Although the Mechanical Battle Armor of the Administrator possesses supersonic speed, deducting the round-trip travel time still implies that the Administrator managed to annihilate five hundred Wolf Riders in just twenty minutes?"

"Even though it is said that there was cooperation with the Skeleton Settlement, such power is astonishing indeed." Clan Leader Tie Xin found it hard to believe Su Yu's claims. Although he knew Su Yu's mechanical skills were strong and his personal strength was considerable, to such an extent seemed quite unbelievable.

"Those were Ghost Wolf Riders, five hundred Transcendents above two stars, not stray dogs from the wild," Clan Leader Tie Xin thought silently.

The others in the Mechanical Hall also found it difficult to believe Su Yu's statements.

While they didn't openly show it, Su Yu noticed the doubt still lingering between their brows.

Clearly, they didn't believe Su Yu's words.

Su Yu sat in the metallic chair on the high seat, gently tapping the metal armrest with his fingers.

"Considering the time, the Mad Bone Settlement should be sending information over once they finish handling the battlefield," Su Yu thought.

Thinking of this, Su Yu said without any superfluous words, "Clan Leader Tie Xin, you should have the contact details of the Mad Bone Settlement, right?"

"They should be contacting you soon."

Hearing Su Yu's words, a bizarre thought emerged in everyone's mind.

Could it be that the Administrator really annihilated the entire Ghost Wolf Rider team?

The next moment.

An electronic beep sounded from Clan Leader Tie Xin's body.

The people in the Mechanical Hall looked towards Clan Leader Tie Xin.

Clearly, they were anticipating something.

Seeing everyone's gaze, Clan Leader Tie Xin quickly took out a device resembling a personal terminal from the Mechanical City, though this device had only the most basic communication function.

Without hesitation, Clan Leader Tie Xin accepted the communication.

With the communication connected, the somewhat husky voice of Kuang Gu came from the device.

"Hello, is this Clan Leader Tie Xin?" Kuang Gu asked.

"Yes, Leader Kuang Gu, it's me." Tie Xin replied.

"Haha, good to hear it's you. The Administrator of the Mechanical City asked me to contact you, to inform the people of the Mechanical City to rendezvous with our Skeleton Settlement people on the way."

The tone of Kuang Gu from the other end expressed obvious joy.

After surviving a disaster and having the chance to join a faction like the Mechanical City and receive the protection of someone as powerful as Su Yu, Kuang Gu naturally felt joyful.

The people in the Mechanical Temple, hearing Kuang Gu's tone.

Exchanged glances with increasing disbelief in their eyes.

Could it be that those five hundred Ghost Wolf Riders were indeed annihilated by the Administrator within twenty minutes?

The crowd held their breath, not daring to make any noise, afraid to miss what Kuang Gu would say next.

They heard Kuang Gu express his gratitude, "Thanks to the Administrator, if not for him taking down the five Ghost Wolf Rider captains singlehandedly, along with his powerful Mechanical Creations assisting our Skeleton Settlement, in intercepting the remaining Ghost Wolf Riders."

"Our Skeleton Settlement might have been doomed this time."

"Clan Leader Tie Xin, please convey our Skeleton Settlement's gratitude to the Administrator."

"If it weren't for him..."

At this point, Clan Leader Tie Xin was no longer focused on Kuang Gu's words from the other side of the communication device.

"Annihilation, complete annihilation..." Clan Leader Tie Xin murmured.

His mind was completely consumed by these two words.

The others in the Mechanical Hall were not much better off.

And at this moment, Kuang Gu from the other end said, "Yes, it's a complete annihilation, how did it happen? It was entirely due to the Administrator taking down over a hundred Ghost Wolf Riders singlehandedly, allowing our Skeleton Settlement to escape danger."

Hearing this, Tie Xin inquired, "So what were the casualties of the Skeleton Settlement? Under the Administrator's leadership, you annihilated five hundred Ghost Wolf Riders, your casualties must be heavy."

In Tie Xin's view, such astonishing feats, even if all the Ghost Wolf Riders were annihilated, the casualties of the Skeleton Settlement would be significant.

The people in the Mechanical Hall were thinking similarly.

The next moment, Kuang Gu's words left them all in a daze.

They listened as Kuang Gu continued, "Only two unfortunate fellows died, and about a dozen suffered serious injuries, the rest were lightly injured and will recover in a couple of days."

"As for what you said about the Administrator's leadership, that's not exactly accurate."

"To be precise, it was the Administrator alone, with just a gun and the Mechanical Creations, who annihilated five hundred Ghost Wolf Riders singlehandedly, while our Skeleton Settlement merely played a role in buying some time."

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Kuang Gu expressed extreme admiration for Su Yu in his tone.

In the end, he left a message: "This time, it's all thanks to the Administrator. Alright, Clan Leader Tie Xin, you should quickly contact the people from Mechanical City to meet us halfway."

After saying that, Kuang Gu ended the call.

Clan Leader Tie Xin, holding the communication device, stood there in a daze, not knowing what to say.

The people inside the Mechanical Hall also took a while to digest this shocking news.

"So, Brother Su's strength has already reached this level." Yang Lie looked at Su Yu, who was sitting on the metal chair, with admiration and felt somewhat gratified in his heart. The boy he picked up from the wilderness when he was fifteen or sixteen years old has now grown to this extent.

Lang Yun and Hu Wen exchanged a glance, and both saw the joy in each other's eyes.

The two of them shared the same thought: Stability, stability, with such a powerful Administrator, dealing with the mere Ghost Tribe is no problem.

Others also looked at Su Yu, some with respect, others with admiration.

Su Yu did not speak immediately, but waited for a moment, allowing everyone to digest this astonishing news.

Only then did Su Yu slowly open his mouth and say, "The people from the Skeleton Settlement are already on their way. Captain Lang Yun and Captain Hu Wen, you two lead a team to meet them. Remember to bring the transport caterpillar trucks. There are still some elderly, weak, women, and children at the Skeleton Settlement."

Upon hearing Su Yu's words, Lang Yun and Hu Wen immediately left the Mechanical Hall. The only thought in their minds was to hold on tightly to Su Yu's support. When Mechanical City develops to a certain level under Su Yu's leadership, their status would naturally rise.

Lang Yun and Hu Wen, though with tendencies toward weakness and indecisiveness in character, clearly understood the situation.

Moreover, neither had grand ambitions, content to go with the flow. Now that they had someone strong to rely on, they naturally clung tightly.

Since Su Yu could handle five hundred Ghost Wolf Riders alone, dealing with the entire Ghost Tribe was just a matter of time.

Lang Yun and Hu Wen left the Mechanical Temple.

At this moment, Yang Lie stepped forward.

With a worried expression, he said, "Administrator, Mechanical City's construction is enough to accommodate the three thousand people of the Skeleton Settlement, but soon the ten thousand people of Wind City will need to migrate here. By then, although space is still sufficient, food will be scarce."

"Originally, only receiving people from the Iron Heart Tribe was manageable, but now with the addition of the Skeleton Settlement, and I reckon the Ghost Tribe's invasion this time might lead other settlements to choose to join us as well."

"Although you've provided the improved Water Cultivation Plant System, and we've already planted fast-growing crops, the first harvest will still take a month."

"Within this month, if too many people are received, it may lead to famine."

Hearing Yang Lie's words, Su Yu nodded.

For the food shortage in Mechanical City that would accompany the population expansion, Su Yu was naturally aware and had arranged for the improvement of the Water Cultivation Plant System early on.

The original Sanctuary, with a population of only a few thousand, relied solely on fast-growing plants and hunting teams to meet basic needs.

Now, with the reception of the Skeleton Settlement and Wind City's population, the total population of Mechanical City would reach twenty-five thousand.

Feng Tian stood up at this moment and said, "Administrator, no need to worry. Wind City has reserved grain, enough for ten thousand people to eat for a year, and once these ten thousand people join Mechanical City, this reserve grain will naturally be brought along."

"By then, at least a month will not be a problem. However, receiving people from other settlements might also lead to food shortages."

Feng Tian and Yang Lie's words made Su Yu frown slightly.

Su Yu tapped the armrest of the metal chair with his index finger, thinking, "The food shortage is indeed a problem, but receiving the small settlements in the Dead Silence Wilderness is a must."

"Only by doing so can we have enough people to gather resources for me."

"The food problem is solvable; there are Radiation Beasts everywhere in this Dead Silence Wilderness. Although only part of a Radiation Beast is edible, it's still meat. As long as we kill enough, we can mix it with Wind City's reserve grain to last until Mechanical City's harvest."

"No, that's not right. With my current mechanical technology, I should be able to create machines that can eliminate the radiation from Radiation Beasts."

Su Yu's eyes lit up, and he quickly thought of a solution.

"That way, I can lead the Cavalry to hunt in the wilderness and use the machines to eliminate the radiation from Radiation Beasts, making them edible."

With that thought, Su Yu said to Yang Lie and Feng Tian, "The task of receiving small settlements must continue. Regardless of the number of people, they must be received."

"As for the food problem, I have a way to solve it."

Then Su Yu gave orders to the people inside the Mechanical Hall.

"City Lord Feng Tian, please cooperate with Uncle Yang to migrate Wind City here. Everyone in Mechanical City, please do your utmost to assist."

"The threat of the Ghost Tribe looms over us at all times. We must receive all the small settlements' population as quickly as possible."

"Clan Leader Tie Xin, please inform other settlements about the Skeleton Settlement and have them..."

The people inside the Mechanical Hall all left according to Su Yu's orders.

Only Yu Ping'an stayed behind.

He looked at Su Yu and respectfully said, "Administrator, I have found a new method to obtain Source Core Crystals."

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Source Core Crystal?

Upon hearing Yu Ping'an's words, Su Yu's eyes flickered slightly.

The importance of the Source Core Crystal goes without saying.

For Su Yu, with the current development of the Mechanical City, resources in all aspects are no longer scarce.

Only the number of Intelligent Chips has always been insufficient.

Even though Su Yu now has a device capable of producing Intelligent Chips, the output remains too low.

Obtaining more Source Core Crystals is an opportunity Su Yu would not miss.

Thinking of this, Su Yu remained expressionless as he looked at Yu Ping'an and calmly said, "Let's hear it."

"Yes, Master Administrator," Yu Ping'an responded respectfully.

Then, Yu Ping'an paused for two seconds, seemingly contemplating where to begin.

Soon, Yu Ping'an found his train of thought and began to speak slowly, "Master Administrator, the Source Core Crystal I previously offered was a peace charm given to me by my mother."

"And in my mother's hometown, the Source Core Crystal is also a precious crystal, but its value is mainly symbolic, representing peace, which is also the origin of my name."

"In my mother's hometown, the number of Source Core Crystals is not low."

Hearing Yu Ping'an's words, Su Yu's pupils contracted slightly.

Not low?

That means there are many.

At this point, Yu Ping'an continued, "Master Administrator, you may not know this, but my mother was not a native of the Wandering Village; she came from a small settlement that you may not have heard of."

"This settlement is very special. It's a family-based settlement called the Bei Yan Family."

"The population is mainly composed of the Bei Yan Family and their vassals."

"And my mother was a member of this Bei Yan Family."

Bei Yan Family?

This name sounds familiar.

Upon hearing it, Su Yu felt a twinge of familiarity, beginning to recall the remaining information on the maps of Sanctuary and Dawn City.

Soon, Su Yu remembered where he had seen this name before.

"The Bei Yan Family, this should be the small settlement recorded on Dawn City's map, which was known for mining."

"It was a small settlement that existed a hundred years ago. And from what I recall, this settlement was located in the Dead Silence Wilderness."

With this in mind, Su Yu looked at Yu Ping'an, waiting for him to continue.

"Master Administrator, you might not know, but the people of the Bei Yan Family are very skilled at mining. They have accumulated many years of experience in mineral extraction."

"Moreover, their residence is situated within a mineral vein, where there is no shortage of Source Core Crystals."

"But later on..."

Hearing Yu Ping'an's hesitation, Su Yu knew that a turning point was coming.

"But later on, this settlement perished not because of external threats like the Ghost Tribe, but because of a natural disaster."

"A natural disaster?" Su Yu inquired with interest.

"Yes, Master Administrator, a natural disaster indeed," Yu Ping'an said with utmost seriousness, "It was a disaster from the Radiation Ghost City. The mineral vein where the Bei Yan Family resided was not far from Radiation Ghost City, which, as one of the three forbidden zones, constantly emits radiation outward, slowly expanding its radiation range and turning everything around into a Radiation Land."

"Over the years, Radiation Ghost City has grown several times larger than the original size of the capital of the Ghost Empire."

"And thirty years ago, an incident caused the Radiation Ghost City's Radiation Land to suddenly increase severalfold."

"Originally, the Bei Yan Family's location, where my mother lived, was some distance from the Radiation Land. But thirty years ago, the expansion of Radiation Ghost City's radiation range turned the Bei Yan Family's mineral vein into a Radiation Land as well."

Yu Ping'an spoke with some regret, "This forced the Bei Yan Family to abandon the mineral vein and migrate to other places in the Dead Silence Wilderness. However, apart from mineral extraction, the Bei Yan Family had no other means of survival."

"Therefore, it wasn't long before the Bei Yan Family completely declined, and my mother, by chance, joined the Wandering Village and gave birth to me with my father."

After listening to Yu Ping'an's account, Su Yu nodded and said, "What you're implying is that in the Radiation Land surrounding the current Radiation Ghost City, the abandoned mineral vein of the Bei Yan Family still contains Source Core Crystal ores?"

"Yes, Master Administrator, the Bei Yan Family was unaware of the function of the Source Core Crystal and only regarded these beautiful crystals as peace charms. Thus, when the Bei Yan Family left, they only took a few Source Core Crystals with them. Over all these years, with the passage of time, the Bei Yan Family has completely vanished, and finding these Source Core Crystals left in the wilderness is like searching for a needle in a haystack."

"However, there is still a substantial number of Source Core Crystals remaining in the mineral vein where the Bei Yan Family once settled."

"And the amount is considerable."

The news about the Source Core Crystal that Yu Ping'an brought caused Su Yu to furrow his brows.

Su Yu thought to himself, "Radiation Land, that's a tough nut to crack."

The Radiation Ghost City was once the capital of the Ghost Empire and the most intense center of radiation outbreak on the entire Ruins Star.

Back then, violent explosions and intensive radiation in the Radiation Ghost City turned thousands of kilometers around it into a lifeless radiation wasteland.

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Excessive radiation is not merely the residue of a nuclear explosion; other factors influence it, making it impossible for even Transcendents above five stars to last long inside.

Moreover, Radiation Beasts exist in the Radiation Land, and their survival amidst such terrifying radiation makes them formidable in both strength and radiation pollution, posing a terrifying threat to humans.

Furthermore, over the years, the radiation from the Radiation Ghost City has not diminished, but instead, the radiation zone of the entire Radiation Ghost City has continued to expand.

Thus, the Radiation Land is considered one of the three forbidden zones.

Su Yu was well aware of these facts, which is why he felt troubled. He mused, "The radiation levels in the Radiation Land, though not lethal to me now, won't allow me to stay inside for long."

"I am already in such a state, let alone others in the Mechanical City. Even if there is knowledge of the Source Core Crystals' presence, mining them is still difficult."

While Su Yu was contemplating, Yu Ping'an seemed to notice Su Yu's concern and spoke up, "Administrator, do not worry. I am willing to go to the Radiation Land to excavate Source Core Crystals for you."

"My mother told me about the former Bei Yan Family's mineral veins, and as a descendant of the Bei Yan Family, I have, to some extent, inherited their mining talent."

"Therefore, going to the Radiation Land to excavate Source Core Crystals is most suitable for me."

Hearing Yu Ping'an's words, Su Yu felt somewhat surprised.

Su Yu looked at Yu Ping'an and said, "It's too dangerous. The radiation in the Radiation Land and the Radiation Beasts within pose too much of a risk for someone of your level, being only a four-star advanced."

"Even if you go to the Radiation Land, you might find it hard to return alive."

"I know you are eager for revenge, but the Ghost Tribe will eventually be destroyed by my Mechanical City. You can slowly accumulate contributions instead of taking such risks."

Regarding Yu Ping'an's decision, Su Yu was not surprised.

In Su Yu's view, it would be challenging for a four-star advanced like Yu Ping'an to mine Source Core Crystals in the Radiation Land, let alone bring them back.

"However, speaking of which, the effects of my Fighter profession's Core Specialization and core abilities might just resist the radiation in the Radiation Land, allowing for the mining of Source Core Crystals."

"It might be worth trying..."

With this thought, Su Yu began contemplating how to enter the Radiation Land.

But Yu Ping'an's words interrupted his thoughts.

Yu Ping'an said, "Administrator, at first, my idea was indeed to risk entering the Radiation Land to gain more contributions, to become stronger and seek revenge against the Ghost Tribe."

"But now, that's not my intention. To others, the radiation is hard to resist, but as a cyborg, it's not something I can't withstand."

Yu Ping'an pointed to his body, forged with artificial parts except for his head.

He slowly said, "My body is essentially composed of artificial parts, granting me far greater resistance to radiation than others, so I can last much longer inside than regular Transcendents."

"Furthermore, my purpose is not to gain contributions, but merely to repay you, Administrator."

Upon hearing Yu Ping'an's words, Su Yu was momentarily taken aback and asked, "Repay?"

"Yes, Administrator, to repay you." Yu Ping'an's tone was devout.

He knelt down, expressing immense gratitude, "Administrator, the Ghost Wolf Riders slaughtered my Wanderer Tribe, and now your strength is enough to annihilate the Ghost Tribe; it's only a matter of time."

"Your decision to destroy the Ghost Wolf Riders was made for the greater good, and your plan to deal with the Ghost Tribe is in line with the strategy for expansion."

"But for small people like me, for remnants like us from the Wandering Village, your actions are helping us seek revenge, an immense boon."

Looking at Yu Ping'an kneeling before him, Su Yu also felt a bit of regret.

Indeed, regret.

He could see that Yu Ping'an had already resolved to die; after escaping from the Wandering Village, his sole living aim became seeking revenge against the Ghost Tribe.

Now, Su Yu had demonstrated the power to take out a quarter of the Ghost Tribe's elite Wolf Riders alone.

This power, in Yu Ping'an's eyes, meant that with the cooperation of the people from the Mechanical City, eradicating the Ghost Tribe was only a matter of time.

"Although I don't know what the Administrator needs the Source Core Crystal for, I've deduced that, given its importance on the exchange list in the Mechanical City, it must significantly enhance your strength."

"Therefore, I am willing to find the Source Core Crystals for you, even at the cost of my life. This way, you can boost your strength faster and destroy the Ghost Tribe sooner."

Su Yu nodded slightly, finding Yu Ping'an's words to be accurate.

At present, what Su Yu lacked most was Source Core Crystals.

Su Yu then looked at Yu Ping'an and suddenly asked, "So, you're willing to find Source Core Crystals for me, even if it means dying in the Radiation Land?"

"Yes, Administrator, my life's meaning is to annihilate the Ghost Tribe." Yu Ping'an bowed his body lower and said slowly, "I am grateful that you gave me a new life, but my contribution to the Mechanical City is not much."