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Chapter 751: Energy Concentration Technology, The Interrogation of the [King]

In Su Yu's mind, a scene emerged, that of a black mist enveloping the entire planet.

In a short period, the entire planet was devoured and assimilated by this black mist, transforming into a black mist planet itself!

Then this black mist planet flew towards another planet in the depths of the starry sky, continuing its devouring...

This was Su Yu's imagination, a reasonable imagination based on the recent performance of those Miniature Mechanical Race.

The self-replication speed of those Miniature Mechanical Race was too fast and aggressive. If they were truly allowed to replicate infinitely, devouring an entire planet wouldn't be impossible!

However, Su Yu also knew it wasn't that simple.

The self-replication of those Miniature Mechanical Race required consuming a large amount of energy.

Relying solely on their own energy, such high-speed replication couldn't be achieved; it was Su Yu who had been providing energy to them.

If there was no energy supply, their self-replication speed would be greatly limited.

Moreover, they had requirements for material rank.

If it was common substances, replication couldn't be completed, and most of the planet consists of ordinary rocks and soil which obviously couldn't meet their demands.

Additionally, controlling a sufficient number of clones required consuming a large amount of computational power for coordination.

The more numerous they are, the harder to control, too many, in fact, might even result in losing control and self-devouring.

Moreover, each clone's individual power is too weak. If it truly reaches the planet-level, simply relying on the friction and gravity between them would lead to self-destruction.

Under multiple restrictions, achieving Su Yu's imagined planet-devouring level was very difficult for them.

Su Yu couldn't solve this technical problem in a short time.

To make these miniature machines devour an entire planet, basically their rank would have to reach the Fifth Rank, a capability Su Yu did not possess yet.

However, Su Yu knew that these limitations were only under normal circumstances.

And these Miniature Mechanical Race acted purely on mysterious instincts.

Perhaps at some stage, they might awaken some instinct and break through these technical challenges, becoming monsters that devour planets!

Though the probability of this was low, Su Yu couldn't ignore it and needed to research it thoroughly.

"Nuonuo, what do you think of them?"

Su Yu asked Nuonuo beside him, inquiring Nuonuo's view on those Miniature Mechanical Race.

After evolution, little Nuonuo was quite excited, but since Su Yu had been busy, it refrained from speaking out of patience.

Now hearing Su Yu's inquiry, it immediately excitedly said: "These guys seem... seem somewhat similar to my Mechanical Factory! But they seem slightly different, yet also seem more powerful, so strange ⇒ '▼'⇒!"

Nuonuo is now at the Fourth Rank, its personality hasn't changed much, but its power and insight have far surpassed the past.

The changes happening in those Miniature Mechanical Race earlier, it observed closely.

It could see that these Miniature Mechanical Race were somewhat similar to its Mechanical Factory.

Nuonuo's Mechanical Factory ability absorbed part of the Radiant Blueprint's power, capable of transforming into billions of Mechanical Cells, forming a Mechanical Factory to quickly produce Mechanical Creations.

Whereas those Miniature Mechanical Race were not much different, also comprised of countless clones forming a miniature production line to synthesize food.

However, upon closer examination, the specifics differ, possibly significantly.

This greatly puzzled Nuonuo.

"Not bad, not bad, you noticed accurately."

Su Yu casually praised Nuonuo.

There indeed was a significant difference between Nuonuo and those Miniature Mechanical Race.

Nuonuo's abilities have traces recorded in the Radiant Blueprint.

Those Miniature Mechanical Race, on the other hand, are inexplicable, relying entirely on so-called instincts.

Upon hearing Su Yu's compliment, little Nuonuo immediately became cheerful, throwing its doubts to the back of its mind.

And as Su Yu watched those Miniature Mechanical Race researching dark cuisine, he fell into deep thought.

Watching for a while, a thought crossed Su Yu's mind, and he mobilized a thread of energy.

This thread of energy was only at a star rank, far less than the energy of a single energy coin by thousands of times.

Su Yu concentrated his spirit, continually condensing and compressing this thread of energy!

With continuous compression, this thread of energy became invisible to the naked eye, but its energy density continuously increased.

Finally, this thread of energy became as minute as a large molecule, reaching the limit of Su Yu's control.

Compressed to this extent, its energy rank far exceeded its original rank.

Also far exceeded the limit those Miniature Mechanical Race could reach.

Su Yu took out a Metal Ingot and gently waved this energy filament towards it...

Seemingly, nothing happened.

However, Su Yu knew, at that very moment, the Metal Ingot was sliced into two by the energy filament, just that the cut was so fine, a molecular-level cut, causing the two halves to stick back together immediately after cutting.

Su Yu slightly bent the Metal Ingot, and it split into two halves.

"Tsk tsk, learned a new trick again."

Su Yu sighed lightly in his heart.

This trick could also be used in battles, extremely concealed, with very strong destructive power.

Only a single energy filament isn't particularly powerful, but Su Yu could prepare thousands of them in advance, forming an all-encompassing net, releasing them instantly to slice the enemy into countless fragments.

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Even if the enemy doesn't die, they will be severely weakened, giving Su Yu an opportunity.

This technique is expected to be very useful when Su Yu and the Ghost Emperor commence their duel.

Su Yu did not anticipate learning such a powerful technique from the unremarkable Miniature Mechanical Race.

A technique that can compel a Fourth-Order expert to learn it surely possesses extraordinary intricacy.

This is another extreme compared to the maximum efficiency Su Yu learned before, and both can be used simultaneously.

Maximum efficiency combined with extreme concentration can achieve maximum power with minimal energy.

"It's truly mysterious that a technique I find so exquisite is instinctual for the Mechanical Race..."

Su Yu thought secretly to himself.

The more exquisite this extreme concentration technique is, the more peculiar it appears.

How did the Mechanical Race come to possess this technique?

"Is it because of... the King!"

Su Yu murmured softly.

The Mechanical Race became this concentrated form because the King merged them into the Hell Furnace.

And the Hell Furnace is something created by the King, so any changes within it are naturally related to the King.

It seems that the King transformed the Mechanical Race into their current state not just to torment them but for a deeper purpose.

Clearly, the King has many secrets worth delving into.

With this thought, Su Yu immersed his spirit into the Hell Prototype, where the King was still enduring hellish torture, continually screaming.

Beside it were the City Lord of Heavenly Punishment City, Mechanical Guards, and other companions, all suffering together.

The King screamed the loudest, while the others almost lacked the strength to scream.

It seems that the King still has a lot of spirit left, indicating that it hasn't been completely shattered by Hell's Pain.

Su Yu had been waiting for the King to be overwhelmed by the Power of Hellish Suffering before interrogating it to uncover its secrets.

For a Fourth-Order top expert like the King, Su Yu couldn't forcefully invade its consciousness to obtain memories, nor could he brainwash with the Power of Nihilicity; this was the only method.

Su Yu thought the King would soon be unable to bear it.

But it seems this guy is quite resistant, still spirited after so long without collapsing.

Perhaps it's because it practices the Path of Hellish Suffering and has strong resistance?

This indeed complicates matters.

Unless Su Yu genuinely begins to delve into the Path of Hellish Suffering, bringing it to the extreme, with his formidable talent, he could effortlessly overpower the King.

But if that happens, Su Yu would fall into the trap of the Pain Evil God, which he is unwilling to do.

But can he just drag it on like this?

Su Yu observed the King for a while, then suddenly sprang into action.

He attempted to use the newly acquired Energy Concentration Technology to condense the Hell's Suffering Force.

The Power of Hellish Suffering is very unique, different from ordinary Spiritual Energy. Su Yu wasn't sure if this skill would work.

Fortunately, Su Yu quickly found it worked!

The initially somewhat dispersed Power of Hellish Suffering, under Su Yu's control, was continuously condensed, forming molecular-level energy threads in a short period.

Su Yu manipulated this Pain Thread and tried to gently poke it into the King...

Ah!

A terrifying scream nearly erupted out of the Hell Prototype.

The screams the King previously uttered were largely curses, a venting of pain.

But this scream was purely just that—a scream, an inherent response under unbearable, beyond-limit pain!

Seeing this, Su Yu smiled slightly, pulling out the Pain Thread and then condensing it again, this time into two threads!

Half an hour later, the previously hard-spirited King now wore a blank expression.

Su Yu's figure appeared before it: "Tell me all your secrets."

Su Yu said coldly, holding hundreds of Pain Threads in his hand, ready to pierce all of them into the King's body with just a flick.

The King saw Su Yu, fear flashed deep in its eyes, and it quickly nodded.

Under the concentrated Power of Pain Su Yu created, even someone as strong as the King eventually succumbed!

Then, it delivered a piece of information to Su Yu.

Su Yu didn't directly receive these pieces of information but took out an information terminal to receive them and then used it to interpret them.

Su Yu, having previously deciphered the memories of the Brutal Evil God, knew that even pure memory information could be highly dangerous to existences of the King's level.

Not to mention, the King is quite eerie, able to create a Fifth Rank Hell Furnace, making its memory information even more perilous.

Thus, Su Yu was very cautious.

As expected, his caution was justified; the King's information was incredibly astonishing! Moreover, it carried a high level of contamination!

The information terminal Su Yu used to receive the information was swiftly corroded, disappearing rapidly.

However, before disappearing, it managed to interpret and convey some information fragments to Su Yu.

These fragments, after being translated by the terminal, had lost most of their danger and could be safely received by Su Yu.

After receiving the interpreted pieces of information, Su Yu's complexion changed dramatically.

Looking at the King, he said coldly, "Once more!"

With that, Su Yu took out another terminal to receive the King's information.

The previous mechanical device had corroded too quickly, allowing Su Yu to only acquire a small portion of the interpreted information.

But that's alright, the King is still here, and there are plenty of terminals. Repeating this a few more times, the information will be fully interpreted eventually.

Upon hearing this, the King showed signs of struggle.

Transmitting such confidential information was apparently quite a burden for it.

Seeing this, Su Yu immediately plunged the Pain Threads in his hand into the King's body, causing earth-shattering screams to resound once more.

After a while, once the King had calmed down, Su Yu coldly said again, "Continue, don't make me repeat myself!"

This time, the King dared not delay any further and promptly transmitted the information again.

Meanwhile, Su Yu used another information terminal to receive and interpret the data.

Instantly, that information terminal corroded once more.

With a twist of his hand, Su Yu brought out yet another information terminal: "Continue!"

This interrogation lasted a whole day.

Finally, nearly exhausting the King to death, Su Yu spared it.

After all, this guy is the Energy Core of the Hell Mecha, and it wouldn't do to have it truly die.

Moreover, Su Yu had acquired enough information, so there was no need to torment it any further.

Su Yu left the Hell Prototype, entering a long contemplation.

He pondered the information he had just obtained.

This information was very startling, and he needed to digest it thoroughly.

"So there was such a thing..."

According to the information Su Yu acquired, the King's secret was indeed extraordinary.

This matter dates back to ten thousand years ago.

Ten millennia ago, the King had its mind liberated by the Mechanical God and was influenced by the Brutal Evil God's aura, becoming brutal and ruthless, launching massacres against humans and even attempting to eradicate humanity worldwide.

Later, the Mechanical God couldn't stand it and confined it within the Manifestation Space.

The King was naturally unwilling to be trapped there forever, so in the first hundred years, it made numerous attempts.

Most of these attempts ended in failure, but one particular endeavor succeeded, creating the present King.

The content of that attempt was quite bizarre.

At that time, the King wanted to obtain the Power of Time to travel through time and space, returning to a moment before it was trapped. This way, it could naturally break free, and it might even counterattack the Mechanical God.

Its thought process was similar to that of the nemesis.

Moreover, its starting point was much higher than the nemesis because it was a Fourth Rank strong entity from the start.

Then, through dedicated research, it quickly made progress, really designing a time ability, and attempted to transform and remold itself to realize this function.

However, despite its strong combat power, it wasn't skilled in mechanical engineering, and its self-transformation ended in failure, even destroying most of its body. It was left with only half a head because of this.

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Ten thousand years ago, when the [King] first launched the rebellion, although it was indeed injured in the battle, it was far from this severe.

The reason it was left with only half a skull was entirely due to the aftereffects of a failed transformation experiment it conducted on itself.

That failure was a horrifying time explosion.

The so-called time explosion occurred when the [King] introduced chaotic time currents from subspace into its own body, attempting to fuse and gain the Power of Time.

In the end, it couldn't withstand it, and an explosion happened.

This explosion did not occur on the material level but happened on the time level.

In the explosion, chaotic time ravaged within the [King]'s body, causing most of its body to disappear forever.

This disappearance couldn't be replenished by normal means.

Even if it forged new body parts with precious materials and installed them, they would soon disappear again.

This greatly diminished its power; if not for its Fourth Rank essence, it could hardly suppress its mechanical guards.

From a powerful [King], it became a cripple with only half a skull; the [King] was extremely dejected and furious.

However, it quickly discovered that this failure wasn't entirely without gain.

It seemed to have gained some special abilities from the explosion, obtaining a fragment of the Power of Time.

It could actually feel the flow of the river of time!

The Mechanical God constructed the river of time in the Manifestation Space, and this river was originally visible only to the Mechanical God, but after the explosion, the [King] could vaguely see it too.

However, even though the [King] could see the river of time, it couldn't touch or interfere with it.

The Power of Time it gained was too weak, too fragmented.

But this still excited the [King] greatly, as it proved its theory was feasible!

It was just that the technology was lacking, leading to the transformation failure.

If a Fourth Rank mechanic could assist it, it would definitely be able to realize its vision!

But now, it was too late to say anything; its body was destroyed, and it couldn't conduct a second experiment.

The [King] hadn't completely given up and continued to delve into research, trying to understand the cause of all this.

After research, the [King] came up with a bold hypothesis.

It speculated that the part of its body that disappeared hadn't truly annihilated but was blasted to the past or future by the explosion of the chaotic time flow, into other timelines.

In some sense, those body parts were still connected to it.

Newly installed parts would also be attracted to the past or future for some reason, disappearing in the present time.

Understanding this, the [King] was extremely excited.

If it could figure out a way to retrieve its lost body, it would surely gain complete Power of Time, break through this Manifestation Space, and escape!

However, after another few hundred years, the [King]'s excitement cooled thoroughly.

In those hundreds of years, it tried various methods, but all failed.

Not to mention retrieving its complete body, it couldn't even recover a single part.

Moreover, over these hundreds of years, its body grew increasingly weak.

At this rate, it would fall from the Fourth Rank.

Then, could it still be the high and mighty [King]? Its subordinates might rebel immediately!

Under these circumstances, the helpless [King] made one last attempt.

This attempt was to...

Write a letter to its future self or to anything, asking them for help.

The [King] separated a portion of its spiritual consciousness.

This portion of spiritual consciousness contained some plea for help.

Then it used precious materials to forge a batch of body parts.

Each of these parts contained chips storing information.

The [King] sealed the separated spiritual consciousness into these parts.

Then it installed these newly forged parts onto itself.

As expected, these newly forged parts soon disappeared too, sent to a past or future timeline by the defective Power of Time.

However, unlike the previously disappearing parts, these new parts contained the [King]'s separated spirit.

These spiritual fragments didn't have the ability to think; their sole purpose was to carry the information through to the past and future.

This was a series of letters, cries for help traversing time!

In the Manifestation Space, unable to contact the outside world, the [King] devised this method to reach the future!

Then all the [King] had to do was wait patiently.

The [King]'s attempt was known to Su Yu as well.

This was a method to validate time travel.

Write a letter to your future self or another, inviting future time travelers to come communicate.

If a time machine exists in the future, theoretically, as soon as this letter is written, future time travelers would travel back.

But this was purely theoretical; even if there were time travelers in the future, why should they bother with you?

Normally, nothing would happen from writing such a letter.

However, at the time, due to years of failure and weakening, the [King] had become somewhat deranged, hence attempting this.

Surprisingly, on the day it attempted this, the [King] actually succeeded!

Yet, the [King] didn't meet a time traveler from the future; it received some information in its dreams.

The original [King] wouldn't sleep.

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On the day it wrote this letter, it actually felt sleepy, and then fell asleep.

In the dream, it seemed to see a mass of black light, and that light imparted a lot of knowledge to it.

The knowledge included how to condense the mark of the Mechanical Race, how to cultivate the Power of Pain, how to forge the Hell Furnace, how to repair the Radiant Mecha...

After waking up, the "King" was invigorated and immediately began to experiment with the knowledge gained from the dream...

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After reading through this information, Su Yu fell into deep thought.

He didn't expect the "King's" experience to be so peculiar.

It wrote a letter to the future, and then something from the future responded to it, giving it knowledge and power.

That's why there was that "King" who fought fiercely with Su Yu earlier.

Even the repair of the Radiant Mecha was knowledge imparted to it by that thing from the future.

When the Radiant Mecha was destroyed, most of the body had already been completely obliterated, with only a few fragments scattered.

One of these core fragments pierced through the protection set by the Mechanical God and fell into the Manifestation Space.

Following the guidance of the dream knowledge, the "King" excavated this fragment, and then using the technology of the Hell Furnace, repaired and powered it.

Had Su Yu not carried the Giant God Soldier Command Fragment, it would have truly succeeded.

Now, all this knowledge has become a boon to Su Yu.

This knowledge from the future also has a corrosive effect of "time," which is why the information terminals Su Yu used earlier disappeared.

However, after translation by the information terminals, this knowledge has lost its danger, allowing Su Yu to grasp it safely.

In theory, with the Giant God Soldier Command Fragment and this future-derived knowledge in hand, Su Yu could also repair the Radiant Mecha and recreate the scene when the "King" brought down the divine manifestation.

According to the knowledge Su Yu acquired, such a fifth-tier powerful creation as the Radiant Mecha has a trait where any fragment contains all of its information.

As long as the corresponding technological means exist, it is possible to fully repair it with just a piece of the fragment!

Of course, achieving all this would require a massive amount of energy, time, and effort.

The "King" had plotted for ten thousand years to barely restore the Radiant Mecha, only to have control taken by Su Yu shortly after, making it quite tragic.

And Su Yu doesn't have that much time to waste and can only seek other opportunities.

Rather than repairing the Giant God Soldier Mecha, the most critical issue now is, what exactly did the "King's" letter to the future summon?

The Pain Evil God? This is the most probable.

The influence this yet-to-manifest Evil God had on the timeline is surprising; it had already been "instructing" the "King" in its dreams ten thousand years ago.

This tightened Su Yu's heart, realizing how powerful this Pain Evil God truly is!

It can actually traverse ten thousand years of time and influence the past!

Su Yu even suspected that during the ancient battle between Zhang Chenfeng and the Brutal Evil God, the Pain Evil God might have been watching with cold eyes, perhaps even intervened!

What's worse is that this Evil God has now targeted Su Yu, and Su Yu is given more importance than the "King."

Su Yu is now concerned whether one day he might also be "instructed" in a dream, waking up as a completely changed person.

However, upon closer thought, this possibility seems unlikely.

If the Pain Evil God really had such power, why bother having the rotten meat eyes solicit Su Yu, when brainwashing directly would suffice?

Presumably, even for this Great Evil God, there are limits to his ability to influence the past across time, and he faces numerous restrictions.

After all, he hasn't truly descended yet; in a sense, the Pain Evil God doesn't exist, and it will only truly take shape and become a terrifying Subspace God in a future time.

"An Evil God that doesn't even exist yet is so terrifying already."

"I wonder, when will this Evil God be born?"

"Could it be in ten thousand years, or perhaps, just tomorrow!"

Su Yu's heart grew heavy.

If the Pain Evil God is born tomorrow, all will be lost, but if it's in ten thousand years, there's nothing to worry about.

With Su Yu's pace of strength improvement, ten thousand years later, his power level will be hard to fathom. It would be the Pain Evil God having to fear Su Yu instead.

Could it be that because of this reason, the future Pain Evil God is trying to recruit the current Su Yu?

All of this remains unknown, only to be gradually verified in the future.

As for the interrogation of the "King," it concluded here, with Su Yu acquiring what he wanted.

The various peculiarities of those miniature Mechanical Race creatures have now been explained.

These strange features of the miniature Mechanical Race were not due to the technology passed back from the future by the Pain Evil God.

The technology they used was actually obtained by the "King" from the core database while repairing the Radiant Mecha.

According to the data Su Yu acquired, the Human Empire back then had a terrifying weapon known as the Starry Sky Devourer.

The Starry Sky Devourer is actually an enormous number of nanomachines.

These nanomachines can consume any material, infinitely replicating themselves, devouring planets, and annihilating everything.

They were considered a forbidden weapon even among the Empire's armies.

After all, the Empire sought to conquer the stars for colonization, not for destruction.

But those nanomachines indiscriminately consume everything — once they devour everything, what could possibly remain?

Excessive consumption by these nanomachines could lead to program errors, causing them to devour humans as well.

Such program errors are unavoidable.

Because these nanomachines employed Subspace technology.

Given the chaotic nature of Subspace along with the billions upon billions of nanomachines, this chaotic error was bound to occur.

Once these terrifying weapons reached a certain quantity, they would inevitably consume their own creators.

This made them a kind of ultimate doomsday weapon.

Fortunately, these nanomachines, after consuming and replicating to a sufficient quantity, would fall into self-consumption and mutual destruction.

Otherwise, if allowed to grow infinitely, they could surely result in a cosmic disaster no less than the Deep Space Ghost.

The "King" transformed these miniature Mechanical Race creatures to imitate the Starry Sky Devourer and use them as a trump card.

However, in the end, it was not utilized, benefiting Su Yu instead.

The "King" didn't use these miniature Mechanical Race creatures in the end, not due to a sudden moral awakening.

But because the acquired technology was incomplete, the produced nanomachines were nothing but a knockoff version, lacking the original power.

After figuring all this out, Su Yu resolved that he must not let those miniature Mechanical Race creatures expand and replicate again.

Though they were just a counterfeit version, if grown to a sufficient quantity, who knows what might happen.

These were terrifying weapons deemed forbidden even by the ancient Human Empire.

If recklessly studied, it's possible that Su Yu might inadvertently doom himself, perhaps even causing the entire planet to be devoured.

Thinking of this, Su Yu looked up.

He noticed that those miniature Mechanical Race creatures were still diligently synthesizing all sorts of bizarre meat blocks for the descendants of the Mechanics to savor.

Under the guidance of those food enthusiasts, the meat blocks they now synthesize look and smell more proper, not as peculiar as before.

As for how they taste, seeing the twisted expressions on those food lovers' faces, one could tell it's not very promising.

Su Yu smiled slightly: "Having them synthesize food might be a good option..."

Just then, the entire Mechanical City vibrated slightly, which alerted Su Yu to a new development.

Earlier, the Mechanical City had set off to the Giant God Soldier's Camp, preparing to devour the construction materials there to achieve evolution.

The Mechanical City's speed wasn't slow, and now it had arrived.

However, to be precise, it hadn't truly reached the destination yet.

The Giant God Soldier Camp is surrounded by mountains, and to enter, one must fly above the mountains.

Su Yu gazed at the clouds in the sky. To cross the mountains, with the bulk of the Mechanical City, it would inevitably come into contact with the clouds, touching the Brutal Evil God's true form within the clouds.

"So, digging it is!"

Su Yu issued a command in his heart.

Immediately, the Mechanical City began to rumble! From its base, a multitude of drills emerged, aiming at the mountain in front, commencing the excavation!

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Boom!

The Mechanical City, like a giant beast, bared its terrifying fangs at the mountain.

Numerous enormous drill bits, each several hundred meters in diameter, formed an array poised to fiercely bite into the mountain ahead.

However, just as the Mechanical City was about to initiate, Su Yu called it off.

Because with his keen eyes, Su Yu noticed something writhing on the surface of the mountain.

Those things utilized some method of invisibility, but it had little effect in front of Su Yu.

Focusing his spirit, the scene before him rapidly enlarged, and he clearly saw those writhing things were actually a group of humans!

These humans all wore black armor, and black mist emanated from them. Seeing the black mist on them, Su Yu felt it was very familiar; it was the aura of high-rank Ghost Energy!

"Are they the Ghost Emperor's followers?"

Su Yu thought to himself.

Besides the Ghost Emperor, no one else could utilize high-rank Ghost Energy.

The Ghost Emperor actually sent people to the Giant God Soldier Camp, the outskirts, to try and cross the mountain and enter inside. What could be their intention?

The number of these people wasn't small, at least several thousand.

Their armor's sturdiness was extremely high, reaching up to six-star top-tier!

There were even a few with a seven-star aura!

Su Yu was slightly surprised; where did the Ghost Emperor find so many followers? Could it be that his empire's subjects also revived with him?

"No, there are also those criminals among them!"

Su Yu recognized some familiar faces among the Ghost Emperor's followers, who were criminals from the settlement residents.

They were expelled by Su Yu from the Mechanical City, fell to the ground, and in such a short time, they managed to associate with the Ghost Emperor's followers, and now even wore six-star Ghost Energy armors.

However, Ghost Energy has a powerful corrosive nature. Although these people gained great strength, their complexions didn't look particularly well.

Originally, there were tens of thousands of criminals expelled from the Mechanical City, but only one to two thousand were here. Who knows where the rest are?

"It seems the Ghost Emperor has a high demand for people, even criminals are welcomed by him."

"No wonder, the Ghost Emperor himself isn't a good person either, accepting a group of criminals is no big deal."

"Having just revived, he's probably looking to rebuild his empire and is currently short of manpower, so he'll take whoever he can."

As Su Yu was thinking, many residents in the city sensed the commotion and quickly came out.

Seeing the enormous drill bits exposed outside the Mechanical City, they were all in awe.

Such colossal Mechanical Creation could be considered a marvel, with engines roaring, showcasing the beauty of industrial machinery.

They first admired the massive drill bits, then looked at the mountain blocking the way and immediately understood what Su Yu intended to do, all showing expressions of excitement.

"Who would have thought that such a domineering machine was hidden beneath the Mechanical City!"

"Is Mr. Su Yu planning to tunnel through the mountain?"

"Certainly! It's truly domineering; if a mountain is in the way, simply tunnel through it. Such is the power of machinery, the power of humanity!"

"Those drill bits look so powerful!"

"But why hasn't Mr. Su Yu started yet?"

The crowd buzzed with discussion, eager to witness it with their own eyes.

Given the scale of the Mechanical City, once excavation begins, it wouldn't just be creating a tunnel; it would carve through the entire mountain, slicing it apart.

The power to move mountains!

Such a miraculous feat hasn't been witnessed by anyone in this era, so naturally, they were very excited.

Yet Su Yu's delay in starting the excavation puzzled them.

At this moment, Su Yu snapped out of his thoughts and, with a mere thought, the Ghost Emperor's hidden followers on the distant mountain became visible.

They involuntarily levitated, instantly flying to the Mechanical City and hovering in front of Su Yu.

These people looked horrified.

Earlier, seeing the Mechanical City approaching from afar, they were all taken aback.

They quickly concealed themselves, planning to hide away.

But they were still discovered by Su Yu and easily captured.

These people, all donned in armor and individually powerful, even included a few seven-star warriors.

Yet in front of Su Yu, they were as powerless as children.

Although Su Yu had just ascended to Fourth Rank with ten stars, due to various secrets, his power couldn't be measured by ordinary ten-star standards.

In his presence, an ordinary seven-star warrior, unless in large numbers, was no different from a regular person.

"This Su Yu seems as powerful as the Emperor, perhaps even stronger!? Is it because the Emperor hasn't fully revived yet? Even the Emperor doesn't give off such oppression..."

Hovering in the air, unable to move, these followers of the Ghost Emperor couldn't help but compare Su Yu to the Ghost Emperor.

The result of the comparison was that Su Yu was certainly not inferior, perhaps even stronger!

"You must be the Ghost Emperor's followers?"

Su Yu asked softly.

"We are subjects under Emperor of Ghosts' reign. Are you Mr. Su Yu? What... what do you intend to do?"

The leader of the Ghost Emperor's followers, a seven-star warrior, asked, suppressing his fear.

Hearing them admit their identity, Su Yu nodded and asked, "What are you here to do?"

Upon hearing Su Yu's question, the person's eyes flickered, hesitating to speak.

It seemed that although he feared Su Yu's power, he also didn't dare disobey the Ghost Emperor's orders nor reveal any information.

However, Su Yu didn't need his response. Just as Su Yu posed the question, he already used his data ability to forcibly invade their minds to search their memories.

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Anyway, they were enemies, so Su Yu wouldn't be polite to them.

Su Yu's current strength was extremely powerful, his spiritual power transforming into data information, silent and invisible. These people didn't notice anything amiss and had their brains thoroughly searched by Su Yu.

However, the Ghost Emperor lived up to his reputation as a veteran expert from ten thousand years ago, fully prepared.

In these people's brains, some kind of encryption program had been set. If any critical information was triggered, it would immediately explode their brains, destroying all information.

Even for non-critical information, there were some errors and misguidance, mixing truth with falsehoods, making it difficult for anyone to obtain genuine intelligence even after searching their memories.

Fortunately, Su Yu was also deeply versed in memory and information research.

He had previously killed the Enemy Demon and obtained career information related to memory. Coupled with being a Manifestation Mechanic, he was also powerful in the field of data.

In a short time, he tried various decryption methods on these people's brains.

In a short time, Su Yu's mind calculated over a billion times, acquiring some critical information from their brains without triggering the explosion program.

Only then did Su Yu learn that these people's mission was to enter the ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army's base, transform and develop it into a new city, becoming the new capital of the Ghost Empire!

These people were just precursors sent to scout. Once they finished surveying the area's status, the Ghost Emperor would come in person.

As for why the Ghost Emperor wanted to abandon his original lair and come here to establish a new capital, Su Yu didn't know.

These people themselves probably didn't know the real reason; only the Ghost Emperor himself knew his purpose.

Apart from this information, Su Yu also obtained another key piece of information.

The entire Ghost Empire, besides the Ghost Emperor himself, indeed had other people resurrected with him!

There were ten generals among them, three thousand Forbidden Guards, and a million-strong army!

The people in front of Su Yu were members of that million-strong army.

These were specifically sealed and put into hibernation by the Ghost Emperor before his death.

Only now, with the Ghost Emperor's resurrection, were they awakened.

Among them, the stronger their strength, the stronger the seal, requiring more time to unseal.

Even the Ghost Emperor himself hadn't fully regained his peak state.

They were truly archaic strongmen resurrected, and there were various difficulties in completely restoring them.

However, most of the million-strong army consisted of ordinary Spiritual Users, so it wasn't too troublesome; now over half had been unsealed.

The thousands of people were an elite battle group sent here to scout, but unfortunately, they ran into Su Yu and were taken out in one fell swoop by him.

"The Ghost Emperor's power is truly astounding!"

Su Yu digested this information, marveling inwardly.

Only now did he know for the first time just how powerful the Ghost Emperor was.

The exact strength of the Ghost Emperor was unknown, but his ten generals were at the Fourth Rank level!

All three thousand Forbidden Guards possessed seven-star or higher strength!

The million-strong army had an average six-star armor!

This was the true power of the Ghost Empire!

The seven-star army Su Yu had always dreamed of, the Ghost Empire had already realized ten thousand years ago!

The encryption level of this information wasn't high, as if the Ghost Emperor deliberately wanted to tell Su Yu, perhaps to scare him a bit?

But Su Yu was not overly surprised by the Ghost Emperor's power being this formidable.

To be able to unify a planet, establish the Ghost Empire, and even outsmart the Brutal Evil God, how could he be weak?

Su Yu could not be intimidated by such power.

"You may leave."

Su Yu said again.

Although these people didn't answer Su Yu's questions, he had already gotten the answers, so there was no need to keep them.

Then, with a thought, Su Yu sent these people flying out again, far away from Mechanical City, landing on the ground.

Initially, the Ghost Emperor infiltrated Mechanical City with no ill intentions but did not kill anyone.

Su Yu captured his subordinates and, returning the favor, let them go back safely.

As for those criminals, there would be a day of reckoning eventually, so there was no rush.

Those Ghost Emperor's subordinates hadn't yet reacted when they felt a powerful force, and then the scenery in front of them rapidly receded. By the time everything calmed down, they had distanced themselves several hundred kilometers from Mechanical City.

Though so far away, the Miracle City suspended high in the sky was still visible.

They looked at the distant Mechanical City in disbelief, "We're not dead?"

"That Su Yu didn't kill us? Even let us go?"

They all knew that the Ghost Emperor and Su Yu were enemies.

Before coming, the Ghost Emperor had given orders to be cautious of Mechanical City and wary of Su Yu.

Previously, when captured by Su Yu, they had thought they were dead for sure, but unexpectedly, they could leave alive.

"This Su Yu fellow is on the same level as the Emperor and seems quite merciful..."

These people sighed for a moment and then quickly set off, speeding away.

They were worried that staying here too long might draw Su Yu's attention.

Though Su Yu was merciful, they wouldn't overstay their welcome, or it would mean courting death.

After sending them away, Su Yu finally let Mechanical City begin excavation.

Bang!

Mechanical City had been waiting impatiently. With the command received, the massive array of drills was immediately activated.

In an instant, a large chunk of the mountain was dug out, as if it had been gnawed by a giant beast.

The residents of Mechanical City, who had earlier seen Su Yu suddenly bring in a group of people, claiming they were Ghost Emperor's subordinates, were surprised. When Su Yu released them, they were even more puzzled.

However, they dared not question further, focusing all their attention on the excavation process at hand.

They watched as a mountain several thousand meters high was hollowed out in no time before Mechanical City, instantly showing expressions of amazement.

This was indeed the power to move mountains and fill seas!

Whether it could fill seas was unknown, but they had witnessed mountain relocation.

At this rate, in a few hours, a mountain would be completely hollowed out.

When had they ever seen such a grand spectacle? Naturally, they were incredibly astonished.

Especially watching the gigantic machinery forcibly excavating a natural mountain, this feeling of altering the world stirred a sense of heroism in them.

However, Su Yu himself was somewhat indifferent. With his current strength, he could smash the mountain barehanded if he were willing to spend the time, so he wasn't particularly excited.

At this time, Su Yu was still pondering the matter of the Ghost Emperor.

Why did the Ghost Emperor send people here and even want to move his lair here?

Moreover, before his death, the Ghost Emperor had left behind some means, sealing over a million subordinates. Now, with his resurrection, he unsealed them, seemingly to rebuild the Ghost Empire.

Sealing over a million subordinates intact for ten thousand years must have required a significant amount of effort and resources.

The Ghost Emperor going to such great lengths must contain some secret.

It's definitely not because the Ghost Emperor has an imperial obsession, wanting to be an Emperor, ordering subordinates around for power and glory.

"Probably related to the ascension ritual to the Fifth Rank..."

Su Yu knew well that something of such importance to a strongman like the Ghost Emperor must certainly be related to ascension.

The Ghost Emperor himself was already a strongman among the Fourth Rank. Ascending further would result in the Fifth Rank. This million-strong army was likely preparing for the Fifth Rank ascension ritual.

"Does his ritual require establishing a planet-wide empire? Or perhaps a large-scale populace sacrifice?"

Su Yu speculated inwardly.

He knew little about the Fifth Rank ritual.

Even after interrogating [King], he couldn't extract information because even [King] didn't know.

[King] had briefly ascended to the Fifth Rank, relying on repairing the Radiant Mecha and then merging with it.

This method suited [King] but wasn't applicable to Su Yu.

Given that the Ghost Emperor was human, his method might be something Su Yu could refer to.

"Fifth-Order Experts are dubbed Planet-Level. Does this mean that at this level, the ritual has also reached a planet-level, requiring global unification, complete control of forces and power on the planet?"

"And might the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army also be related to the ritual?"

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"The Fifth Rank is called Planet-Level, and its ceremony is also Planet-Level, which is a very reasonable assumption..."

Su Yu had previously experienced ceremonies that were not particularly large in scale.

But now, he suspected that the Fifth Rank ceremony wouldn't be so "simple," but instead take place on a planetary stage—a Planet-Level ceremony!

Advancing to the Fifth Rank was extremely important for Su Yu.

After all, the Brutal Evil God was Fifth Rank, Zhang Chenfeng was Fifth Rank, and the Radiant Mecha was also Fifth Rank.

To accomplish his long-held goal of breaking the blockade and reaching the stars, Su Yu had to also break through to the Fifth Rank.

Although he had recently advanced to the Fourth Rank and was still far from the Fifth, not even knowing what the ceremony entailed, he had already begun to think ahead and prepare.

"I wonder if all Fifth Rank ceremonies have such requirements, or if it's just the Ghost Emperor's ceremony that does..."

While Su Yu was pondering, the Mechanical City had already mobilized in full force, frantically excavating the mountain.

Soon, a massive gap was dug into the mountain.

Eventually, it was almost split in half, revealing the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army inside.

Mechanical City hurried towards the ruins, where its "feast" awaited.

However, as it flew over, the mountain it had just split began to change.

The mountain started to wriggle, as if trying to restore its original form.

"This is..."

Su Yu watched the writhing mountain in shock.

Though the mountain's movement was minimal, nearly undetectable,

nothing could escape Su Yu's keen senses, and he immediately noticed the subtle change.

Su Yu quickly performed a mental scan, closely observing the movement.

He discovered that the writhing was not due to any spiritual energy but was purely a natural geological activity.

Based on Su Yu's calculations, it would take just over two thousand years for the mountain severed by Mechanical City to "heal."

Normally, geological activities take place over millions or even billions of years, so two thousand years was remarkably swift.

"Indeed, this place is exceptional; no wonder the Ghost Emperor wanted to move his lair here."

Su Yu whispered to himself, looking at the wriggling mountain.

Even though he couldn't understand the cause of this geological activity, it certainly wasn't a bad thing. After all, this was where the Giant God Soldier Army chose to station itself, and the Ghost Emperor saw its value.

But now, this place belonged to Su Yu!

Mechanical City, unaware of Su Yu's musings, simply dove onto the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army, feasting on the remains of the buildings.

Eating meant devouring the construction materials of the Ruins, which were all high-grade and greatly beneficial to Mechanical City.

After consuming these materials, the strength of Mechanical City's body would no doubt undergo a significant leap.

"Drinking," however, referred to Mechanical City not just consuming building materials, but also extending its long mechanical drill to delve underground and extract the magma deep below!

Only a kilometer beneath the surface, magma flowed, making this place akin to a volcanic vent, though without signs of eruption.

The magma seemed to be another sort of delicacy for Mechanical City, something it greatly desired.

However, after consuming it, it didn't convert the magma into part of its body.

Instead, it stored the magma, even maintaining its temperature.

At the heart of Mechanical City now was a lake of magma, resembling a planet's core.

Yet, Su Yu observed that the magma appeared to be ordinary, but Mechanical City craved it deeply, for reasons even it couldn't explain, feeling it held special significance.

Su Yu couldn't find an answer and could only surmise that the place was unique.

Mechanical City's "feasting" lasted a full ten days.

In those ten days, it devoured all the construction materials of the Ruins and drank its fill of magma, until finally "sated," it fell into a slumber.

It's about to evolve!

Su Yu felt a surge of delight in his heart.

He had worried that there wouldn't be enough building materials here, planning to set out for the Ghost Emperor's lair after consuming all the materials at the Ruins, to devour the materials there as well, and resolve their duel.

But now, there was no need for such trouble; Mechanical City had directly begun its slumber and evolution.

During those ten days, the Miniature Mechanical Race, with the help of the Mechanic's descendants, successfully synthesized normal food. Though the variety was not yet rich, the taste and nutrition were impeccable.

This signified that Mechanical City had entered a new era—a new era of no longer lacking food!

As long as there are basic raw materials and energy, an endless amount of food can be synthesized continuously.

Everyone in Mechanical City no longer had to worry about food, a monumental achievement in any era, worthy of celebration.

When Su Yu announced this, the entire city erupted in cheers, everyone shouting Su Yu's name.

Living in this era, who wouldn't understand the importance of food? Naturally, they grasped the significance of this achievement!

[Professional Experience +10000...]

Amidst the city's excited atmosphere, Su Yu once again gained a large amount of professional experience.

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Millions of people, nearly ten million, their passionate emotions, devout reverence, all were transformed into professional experience, causing Su Yu's Giant God Soldier Mechanic level to continuously rise.

And the increase far exceeded what it was before.

In fact, Su Yu had always been gaining experience from these residents.

After going through so many things, they more or less, had started to worship Su Yu in their hearts as if he was a deity.

However, Su Yu never publicly preached, so the faith of these people has remained at a very superficial level.

This level of faith is more admiration than true belief.

This superficial belief hasn't deeply bound them with Su Yu, and won't affect their emotions and independent thinking, which is what Su Yu wants.

He doesn't want to cultivate a bunch of zealots who only know how to pray.

However, the downside of this superficial belief is that Su Yu's power increases very slowly.

The Giant God Soldier Mechanic has a maximum level of 100, and each level requires far more experience than before.

Since his advancement, he's only increased by one level, mostly through the experience provided by the "Mechanical Believers".

Su Yu, as a Giant God Soldier Mechanic, can view Mechanical Creations as believers and gain experience from them.

Nuonuo, Hell Mecha, Mechanical God, they all constantly provide Su Yu with experience.

However, their numbers are too few, so the experience is naturally limited.

And as for the residents, the experience they provide is almost negligible and practically useless.

But now, after arriving at the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army, the experience these residents provide has increased tenfold or more, rapidly accelerating Su Yu's level.

"This is truly a treasure land indeed!"

Feeling the increase in his level, Su Yu couldn't help but sigh.

All these changes are thanks to the influence of the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army. The environment here seems to accelerate his cultivation, causing the experience gained from the residents to increase tenfold, hundredfold.

At this moment, he holds a metal disc in his hand, which is the New Recruit Navigator of the Giant God Soldier Army.

Currently, this navigator displays a complete map of tens of thousands of kilometers around, with the location of the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army marked by a large red dot, constantly flashing, the meaning of which remains unknown.

Su Yu had asked the Galaxy Battle Armor, but even it could not explain.

"The Imperial Family..."

Looking at the navigator, Su Yu fell into deep thought.

The navigator has a significant origin, as Su Yu had long heard from the Galaxy Battle Armor.

This navigator belonged to a new recruit of a special background.

This new recruit's navigator could even connect to the Empire's "Star Tower," providing navigation through it.

It's worth knowing that every activation of the Star Tower consumes planet-level energy, yet it provided navigation service for a new recruit.

Even now, this navigator can still receive navigation signals!

No one knows what the recruit's background was, or why this navigator recognizes Su Yu as its master, offering him services.

Even now, this navigator is still functioning, seemingly displaying some signals, but Su Yu can't decipher what it intends to convey, and the Galaxy Battle Armor can't explain it either, as it has only heard of the Star Tower but never interacted with it.

The signal displayed on this navigator also indicates the particularity of the Ruins of the Giant God Soldier Army.

"Forget it, better concentrate on cultivation; I must prepare for the challenge with the Ghost Emperor."

Su Yu put the navigator away and began to focus on his cultivation.

He had agreed with the Ghost Emperor for a decisive battle in three months, and now about half a month had passed, leaving over seventy days.

During these seventy days, Su Yu planned to enhance his strength as much as possible to prepare for the battle.

Facing such a veteran strongman like the Ghost Emperor, Su Yu dared not slack off.

Su Yu's cultivation is naturally not ordinary cultivation.

He had the Mechanical God assist, adjusting his fate, allowing him to enter a state of enlightenment to quickly level up.

This was the method Su Yu used before his previous battle with the [King].

At that time, Su Yu rapidly broke through in a short period.

Now, Su Yu employed this method again, but the effect wasn't as good as before.

Because now Su Yu had already advanced to the Fourth Rank, increasing the difficulty significantly.

Simultaneously, the strength of the Mechanical God had declined, given the body change, now only at the Fourth Rank level.

But better than nothing.

With nearly ten million residents' devout reverence, coupled with the Mechanical God's help in fate adjustment, Su Yu's level increased daily.

"Roughly, one level up per day..."

Su Yu calculated the speed of increase.

With these seventy-plus days passing, he could only increase by seventy levels, not far from the full level of 100.

Unfortunately, Su Yu originally intended to max out his level to full before the decisive battle.

But reaching Level 70 plus is pretty good too, enough for Su Yu to fully familiarize himself with the power at this stage, facilitating his battle with the Ghost Emperor.

Moreover, during these seventy-plus days, Su Yu wasn't only focusing on cultivation; while cultivating, he also multitasked by creating mechanical battle armors for others.

He had long wished to create a Seven-Star Battle Armor army, and now that conditions were suitable and he had some free time, he naturally could start.

Actually, this task doesn't need Su Yu to personally handle it as he had delegated it to Nuonuo to take care of.

Nuonuo's Mechanical Factory is already capable of automatically producing mechanical battle armor of the seven-star level.

In the city, those who accumulated enough energy credits and materials could find Su Yu and start forging armor.

However, there is a limitation on the number of seven-star battle armors that Nuonuo can manufacture, because these seven-star armors rely on "sharing" Su Yu's Subspace Domain to possess seven-star power.

And this "sharing" has a numerical limit.

But since the demand is not high, it hasn't yet reached the limit.

Moreover, even if Nuonuo reaches the limit, as Su Yu's strength increases, the number he can "share" will also increase, so there's no need to worry too much.

To be honest, Su Yu was initially surprised, since the Evil God was about to awaken and coupled with the threat of the Ghost Emperor, Mechanical City was in a state of lockdown, so people were not allowed to go out casually.

How these people accumulated so many energy credits was a mystery to Su Yu at first.

Loans? But a down payment would still be needed.

After a slight inquiry, Su Yu found out that these folks had started trade, finance, and other economic activities within the city, and some with sharp minds earned a lot through these means, thereby gathering the funds for the down payment.

After all, the previous global mining frenzy had made many people rich in energy credits, although not nearly enough for each person to forge a set of seven-star armor.

But if concentrated in a few people's hands, it would be more than enough, simply by transacting, financing, to gather the energy credits, thus supplying a portion of the populace.

Additionally, some strong individuals who didn't understand finance or business openly "tendered for investment," getting others to "sponsor" them.

Once they obtained the Seven-Star Battle Armor, they'd reciprocate, returning these sponsorships with significant interest.

With nearly ten million people cooped up in a city unable to go outside, each trying to maximize their strength, they came up with all kinds of schemes.

Su Yu found plenty of amusement in watching.

Su Yu also understood these individuals felt a sense of urgency, wanting to improve their strength as much as possible.

And so, time passed day by day, Su Yu's level increased day by day, and the number of seven-star armors forged grew more and more.

Finally, seventy-plus days passed.

During these seventy-plus days, Nuonuo had used up all of its manufacturing limits of one hundred Seven-Star, fifty Eight-Star, and thirty Nine-Star armors!

Those thirty Nine-Star slots were especially precious, and everyone in the Mechanical City fought tooth and nail for them; eventually, they were mostly won by Tie Long and those high-ranking members.

That's because Su Yu secretly gave them the green light; otherwise, they couldn't have gotten them.

Of course, a green light didn't mean a price reduction.

Nine-Star mechanical battle armor is exponentially more precious than the seven-star one.

These high-ranking members had to spend everything they had and are now heavily in debt, a burden they might not clear in a century or two.

Yet, they are all beaming, dressed in their Nine-Star armors since if Nuonuo fused them, they could temporarily be elevated to Fourth-Rank, possessing such power, who wouldn't be thrilled?

Mechanical City consequently gained over a hundred Third-order combat powers and even thirty temporary Fourth-order combat powers.

"I once thought Ghost Emperor's forces were formidable, but now it seems my side isn't bad either..."

Su Yu is very satisfied with the enhancement of his forces.

With a movement, he left Mechanical City, speeding towards the Radiation Land in the distance.

Today is the day of his showdown with the Ghost Emperor!

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In the past two months, the Ghost Emperor actually sent someone to the Mechanical City, bringing a communication device.

Then Su Yu used that communication device to talk to the Ghost Emperor and confirmed the location of the duel.

The location is in the Ghost Emperor's lair, Radiation Ghost City!

Su Yu was a bit surprised by this result, but he gladly agreed.

Going to the opponent's lair to duel certainly requires taking huge risks, as the opponent has the geographical advantage.

However, Su Yu would not be afraid.

Moreover, the Ghost Emperor must also face the risk of having his lair blown up by Su Yu, it's mutual.

If the two Fourth Rank powerhouses battle fiercely enough, they could destroy the ecosystem of a continent. If the fight lasts longer, they could directly destroy the entire Earth Gang.

If the duel were at the Mechanical City, Su Yu would be reluctant, but having it in the Radiation Ghost City, Su Yu just happens to want to see the scenery there.

Last time Su Yu went to the Radiation Ghost City, he just had a quick glance before being discovered by the Ghost Emperor, and he had to flee. This time, he definitely wants to regain the advantage.

Su Yu's departure wasn't grandiose; he only notified a few people.

At this time, he left the Mechanical City very reassured because the Mechanical City had begun to advance to the Fourth Rank. Although it wasn't completed, the defensive power had already increased many times.

Additionally, Su Yu left the Mechanical God in the city, ready to scan with spiritual energy at any time. Even if the Ghost Emperor and the Rotten Meat Eyes invade simultaneously, they can be quickly detected and resisted for a while, enough time for Su Yu to return.

With the rear secure, Su Yu can naturally go to battle with peace of mind.

Flying in the air, Su Yu pondered, wondering about the deeper meaning of this duel.

Back when the Ghost Emperor challenged Su Yu, Su Yu casually agreed, as he had just broken through the Fourth Rank, resulting in an explosive boost in confidence and a lack of strong opponents to test his skills.

The Ghost Emperor's challenge was exactly what he wanted, so he didn't think much about it.

Now, after so much time, Su Yu has realized something was off.

The Ghost Emperor's challenge definitely carried deep meaning, and it was very important.

Su Yu estimated it was most likely related to the Ghost Emperor's ceremony for advancing to the Fifth Rank, though any other hidden meanings remained unknown.

With vigilance in his heart, Su Yu decided that once he arrived and sensed anything amiss or discovered any conspiracy, he would immediately unleash full firepower and go all out!

In these two months, besides his regular training, he actually prepared some powerful trump cards.

However, those trump cards were left in the Mechanical City to fend off external threats, but Su Yu could summon them at any time if needed.

Because Su Yu's Manifestation Space had improved over these past two months.

The Radiation Land and Mechanical City are over ten thousand kilometers apart, but they're still within Su Yu's Manifestation Space signal range.

In other words, as long as Su Yu wishes, he can summon the various forces from the Mechanical City to his side through the Manifestation Space at any time.

Though he goes to battle alone, he actually "carries" an army with him—the entire Mechanical City, with millions of people, are his backup.

"The power of the Manifestation Mechanic is indeed convenient. Once the Giant God Soldier Mechanic reaches full level, I must prioritize upgrading it to the Fourth Rank..."

Su Yu thought to himself.

The signal range of the Manifestation Mechanic still has its limits, but if it can advance to the Fourth Rank, it might be able to cover the entire globe and even extend into outer space...

As Su Yu was contemplating, suddenly, black mist surged ahead—it was the Radiation Land!

Su Yu's speed was extremely fast, and in just a short flight, he had crossed this distance of over ten thousand kilometers.

Looking at this long-missed Radiation Land, his gaze sharpened, and he charged in.

In the Radiation Land, it was still quite similar to before, with black mist pervading the air.

However, Su Yu noticed that these black mists were now entirely different from before.

These black mists were actually high-energy Ghost Energy. With the ability of the Ghost Hidden Blade, Su Yu could sense that the density and intensity of these Ghost Energies had increased many times over.

Moreover, as he flew through these black mists, he felt countless eyes staring at him!

These eyes contained powerful spiritual power, raising Su Yu's vigilance.

He knew these were the Ghost Emperor's will!

These Ghost Energy Fogs were no longer lifeless dead objects; they had life and thought!

"So, the entire Radiation Land, all of the Ghost Energy Fogs, are controlled by the Ghost Emperor. This radius of thousands of kilometers of Ghost Energy Fogs is essentially another body of the Ghost Emperor..."

Su Yu was astonished.

This expanse of Ghost Energy Fog, covering a radius of thousands of kilometers, contained an unknown amount of high-level Ghost Energy, all controlled by the Ghost Emperor's will.

This Emperor's power is indeed formidable!

In this Radiation Land, the Ghost Emperor's energy was practically endless, holding an absolute geographical advantage.

If Su Yu were to battle the Ghost Emperor here, the losses would be too substantial.

Su Yu's figure paused slightly, seeming to hesitate.

In the depths of the Radiation Land, in a dark golden palace, the Ghost Emperor sat on the throne, a slight smile appearing on his face.

He had just discovered Su Yu's intrusion and thus extended his will over to keep an eye on Su Yu, giving him a little intimidation.

Seeing Su Yu's hesitation now, he showed a satisfied expression.

"It seems this young strong one is still too inexperienced after all..."

The Ghost Emperor thought to himself.

But just then, he suddenly changed his expression.

Because through the Ghost Energy perception, he noticed that though Su Yu's speed had slowed, there was no hesitation or fear on his face.

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But there was a faint smile on his face.

"Why is he smiling?"

The Ghost Emperor had a question flash through his mind.

The next moment, he understood why Su Yu was smiling.

Because Su Yu's figure disappeared, vanishing from his perception!

The Ghost Emperor was slightly shocked. In this Radiation Land, he was the absolute god, and everything was under his control.

But Su Yu, a living person, actually disappeared from his perception, which was simply unbelievable.

With his rich experience, the Ghost Emperor immediately judged what had happened.

The first possibility was that Su Yu, relying on his powerful strength, forcibly shielded himself from the Ghost Emperor's Ghost Energy perception.

But thinking about reaching that level, Su Yu would have to be at the Fifth Rank, at least the Fourth-Order Top, just a tiny bit away from advancing to the Fifth Rank, to achieve that.

The second possibility was that Su Yu, relying on his powerful control over Ghost Energy, shielded himself from the Ghost Emperor's perception. This would not require very strong hard power, but it would require absolute control in the field of Ghost Energy.

"Ghost Hidden Blade... No wonder it's an experimental result of the empire from ten thousand years ago, truly powerful..."

The Ghost Emperor softly whispered this name, a gleam flashing in his eyes.

At this moment, Su Yu was transforming into a mass of black mist, traveling swiftly through the same Ghost Energy black mist.

At this time, he was like a drop of water merging into the sea, indistinguishable by anyone.

Even the Ghost Emperor was no exception!

Even if the Ghost Emperor had been managing this place for over ten thousand years, and all the Ghost Energy black mist was equivalent to his body, it was still useless, unable to discover Su Yu!

When Su Yu's Ghost Hidden Blade had just been promoted, there was no Evil God Origin, no Power of Nihilism.

The main ability was only high-level Ghost Energy control, and a skill of "concealment."

This profession is best at hiding, especially in high-concentration Ghost Energy environments.

The first time Su Yu entered the Subspace, he was almost discovered by the will of the Brutal Evil God, but he managed to hide using the ability of the Ghost Hidden Blade.

Even the Fifth Rank Brutal Evil God couldn't discover Su Yu, let alone the Ghost Emperor?

Although Su Yu's Ghost Hidden Blade was still at the Third Rank, in such a high concentration of Ghost Energy environment, it was enough to exert the power of the Fourth Rank!

The Ghost Emperor thought he could scare Su Yu with the geographical advantage here, but that was a miscalculation.

Su Yu, who activated the Ghost Hidden Blade's ability, likewise had the geographic advantage here.

"Consider it a win for him this time..."

In the dark golden palace, the Ghost Emperor slightly shook his head.

He had just had his first encounter with Su Yu, and it was Su Yu who won.

He lost track of Su Yu's location, which meant Su Yu could come and go freely in his own lair, so naturally, he lost.

Of course, it's not that the Ghost Emperor had no way to deal with Su Yu completely.

If he wanted, he could still find a way to forcibly uncover Su Yu's hiding form.

For example, by collecting all the Ghost Energy black mist in the entire Radiation Land, Su Yu would have no place to hide.

But that would be too disgraceful, and the Ghost Emperor naturally wouldn't do that.

So he had no choice but to sit quietly on the throne, waiting for Su Yu's arrival.

No choice, as he didn't even know where Su Yu was, he could only wait.

Fortunately, Su Yu did not keep him waiting for long, and soon, Su Yu arrived outside the palace and revealed his form.

Su Yu looked at the palace before him, slightly amazed.

The last time he came to the Radiation Land, he did not see this palace.

He only saw a towering palace, thousands of meters high, covering hundreds of kilometers, situated at the center of the Radiation Land.

The palace's primary color was dark gold, which matched the dark Radiation Land, but it didn't appear gloomy; instead, it had an aura of nobility.

The palace consisted of numerous halls, towers, and temples. The architectural complexity was immense but not chaotic; instead, arranged with grace, grandeur, and elegance.

Su Yu, accustomed to skyscrapers, didn't know anything about classical architectural design, but at first glance, he could tell this design was ingenious, clearly crafted by a master.

Such a gargantuan palace, in terms of scale, was no less than Su Yu's Mechanical City.

Though called a palace, it was ordinary for housing millions; the only difference from Mechanical City was that it didn't fly in the sky.

Who knows, does this palace have the function to fly into the sky?

"Looks like this is the true Radiation Ghost City, the Ghost Emperor's Imperial Palace."

"Didn't see it before because it was buried underground?"

Su Yu mused while looking at the palace.

The last time he came here, he saw a big pit.

Now it seemed that what was buried in the pit was this palace, and now the Ghost Emperor had unearthed it from beneath the ground.

While Su Yu contemplated, the palace's gates opened.

The main gate of the palace was several hundred meters high, and when it opened, it made a sound like Heavenly Thunder; light shone through the doors, resembling the entrance to a Divine Kingdom.

Once the gates opened, a series of jade-like black steps were revealed, seemingly leading straight to the heavens.

At the highest point of the stairs was a great hall, presumably where the Ghost Emperor resided.

Then, two teams of soldiers in pitch-black armor emerged from behind the doors, standing on either side of the gate.

Su Yu looked at these two teams of soldiers, his heart skipping a beat.

Each team had a hundred warriors.

Each one had the strength of Nine-star Top Level!

These soldiers were silent, nodding slightly to Su Yu as if inviting him to ascend the steps and head to the great hall.

"These are likely the so-called Forbidden Guards, truly formidable."

"Indeed, as expected of a great emperor, quite the display."

Su Yu thought silently to himself as he looked at the scene.

Then he strode forward, walking up the steps towards the great hall.

He proceeded unhurriedly, looking around as if he were on a sightseeing tour.

The steps weren't enclosed, allowing a view of the distant scenery.

Su Yu noticed that in some palaces and buildings in the distance, many curious and wary eyes were watching him.

This palace housed many people, seemingly far surpassing the so-called million-strong army, possibly including many civilians or perhaps some technical personnel or warriors' families.

The number seemed to reach millions, not less than the population of Mechanical City!

The Ghost Emperor, before he died, had thoroughly prepared, sealing off so many people.

"This palace houses an entire country..."

Su Yu murmured to himself.

It seemed the Ghost Emperor had already informed his subjects of their duel.

So now, these people were all watching Su Yu from afar, observing the reckless person who dared to challenge their emperor.

These people, sealed by the Ghost Emperor until now, were undoubtedly his most loyal and trusted.

Their reverence for the Ghost Emperor probably matched the reverence Mechanical City's citizens held for Su Yu.

No! Perhaps even more intense!

After all, Su Yu had never proclaimed himself an emperor nor employed any brainwashing techniques.

Whereas the Ghost Emperor had long ago trained his subjects to be utterly loyal, without any divided loyalties.

Su Yu could sense the intense emotions from the gazes of those people, filled with hostility, vigilance, and disdain!

Moreover, as Su Yu ascended each step, this emotion intensified, even putting pressure on Su Yu!

As they say, "Under the pointing of a thousand fingers, one dies without illness."

The psychological pressure from being hated and despised by a large number of one's peers is immense.

Moreover, Su Yu was not merely facing the scorn of thousands but of millions.

That pressure transcended mere psychological stress, becoming tangible, akin to Spiritual Energy, multiplying the pressure with each step Su Yu took.

"Interesting..."

Su Yu found the pressure quite refreshing.

Always, when among his peers, he was in the guise of a savior, enjoying reverence and trust.

Now, he was experiencing the animosity of so many, a completely new experience.

"Furthermore, this stairway has some tricks, transforming invisible emotions into substantial pressure..."