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Chapter 129 - 8: The Burrowing Insect's Amazement (2/5)

He Li was an Ascender, and at the same time, a Second Generation Skeleton.

But all that is in the past.

Now, He Li is merely a road maintenance worker—a worker specifically responsible for breaking mountains and digging rivers, while also doubling as a protector against attacks from epic creatures.

As for the engineering team he is part of?

It's an independent team directly under the jurisdiction of the White Bone City Hall.

On regular days, the members of the engineering team are scattered throughout the various corners of White Bone City, living their own lives.

But as soon as there is a task, they immediately gather and head to the most difficult and harsh frontlines to carry out road construction and maintenance work.

The composition of this team is quite diverse.

Besides the Skeletons as the main body, there are the Ya Yan responsible for road surveying, the Merfolk tasked with water source exploration, and the Burrowing Insects in charge of overall planning.

Indeed, this team not only includes members from the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas, but also Burrowing Insects from another world.

With the conclusion of the great war back then, the Burrowing Insect Civilization, on the brink of destruction, had to seek assistance externally to ensure the continuation of their civilization.

Under such circumstances, the Immortal Prophet—Balian, after careful consideration.

Decided to use the Brilliant Realm as a transit station, allowing a small number of Burrowing Insects to come to the Mountain and Sea Realm under conditional and limited terms to "work."

This Burrowing Insect in the engineering team is a laborer sent by the Burrowing Insect Civilization to exchange for the Skeletons' help in rebuilding the Marz World.

Due to its highly developed intelligence, it is responsible for task assignment and planning for the entire engineering project in most situations.

As the main force for breaking mountains and digging rivers—when not working, He Li's primary task is to protect this "frail" Burrowing Insect.

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"I've said it ten thousand times, it's not that we are weak, it's that you guys are too outrageous."

Supported by a steel framework, the Burrowing Insect, which still retains some biological organic matter, sighed helplessly.

This is the characteristic of most of the surviving Burrowing Insects today, and also one of the aftereffects left on the Burrowing Insect Civilization by the great war back then.

"To have a carbon-based skeletal structure with the strength of high-hardness alloy is not something an average civilization can achieve."

Tilting its head slightly, He Li merely stared at the Burrowing Insect with his empty eye sockets.

"High-strength alloy?"

"Are you referring to the framework supporting your body?"

Curiously reaching out to poke the Burrowing Insect's Metallic Armor, He Li clearly found nothing strange about his skeleton being harder than the other's.

"That's not a framework, that's Metallic Armor."

Somewhat helplessly correcting He Li, the Burrowing Insect further explained.

"The Mountain and Sea Realm possesses stronger gravity than my world..."

"If I don't implant this Metallic Armor, even breathing here would be extremely difficult."

The Burrowing Insect considers itself to be among the strongest physiques in its race, yet it took a long time to gradually adapt to the environment of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

In contrast, the creatures of the Mountain and Sea Realm— even the weakest Skeletons—can survive in the harshest environments.

Not to mention those epic-level creatures that seem ridiculously formidable at first sight.

The Burrowing Insect believes that they are undoubtedly the strongest beings below the Ascender, creatures only a peculiar environment like the Mountain and Sea Realm could give rise to.

"I see!"

Whether he understood or not was unclear, but He Li nodded with a look of sudden realization and then shifted the topic.

"So you came to our world to earn Sun Coins?"

While speaking, He Li pulled out a delicate Sun Stone from his Dragon Silk Pouch.

The Sun Stone looked like a standard coin at first glance.

On the obverse and reverse of the coin, an eye and a skull are respectively engraved.

The eye undoubtedly symbolizes the "Eye of the Creator," while the skull symbolizes the "Skeletons" race.

"Of course, since our world no longer has sunlight."

Eyes gleaming at the Sun Stone in He Li's hand, the Burrowing Insect sighed with admiration.

"Until the Gods find a way to bring back the sun, these Sun Stones from your world are our hard currency."

"Honestly speaking, we Burrowing Insects have come across many civilizations and seen numerous currency systems."

"There are commodity-based monetary systems, and credit systems based on divine faith..."

"But honestly, it's the first time I've seen someone use Secret Treasures as a universal currency like you guys."

The Burrowing Insect was not exaggerating at all in this aspect.

These Sun Stone coins produced from White Bone City, each one is a "Precious Level" Secret Treasure.

Even excluding its currency attribute, it would be a treasure fought over by the Extraordinary in many worlds.

The key point is, it's not only the Skeletons' White Bone City adopting this approach.

Teardrops of Merfolk, feathers of Ya Yan, scales of MinAseerpentg She...

Members of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas unanimously use their precious items as equivalents.

For this reason, White Bone City even established a currency exchange department specifically to monitor real-time currency rate changes between different races, ensuring fair transactions.

Honestly, the ease with which such a special monetary system was established is almost unfathomable to the Burrowing Insect.

As the strongest race in the Mountain and Sea Realm—the Skeletons surprisingly didn't seize the opportunity to make their currency a dominating currency, but instead maintained this multi-currency free exchange system in harmony.

The unique system, combined with the inherent value of the currency...

Is enough to ensure this special monetary system remains the unquestionable mainstream in the Mountain and Sea Realm for a considerable length of time.

"Is it really that exaggerated?"

He Li scratched the back of his head, displaying his usual dullness.

Living in the unique environment of the Mountain and Sea Realm, He Li found it hard to comprehend the awe of foreigners like the Burrowing Insect.

"But ever since Bone Chant implemented the Sun Coin, life indeed has seemed somewhat different."

Recalling the changes over the past centuries, He Li seemed to understand a bit of the Burrowing Insect's sentiments.

The only thing that made He Li slightly uneasy was that this change seemed to have a side that was not entirely positive.

A special change began brewing quietly, one where originally equal individuals became unequal.

Skeletons, who used to have no desires or pursuits, began to have new aspirations.

Individuals with more currency unwittingly gained more influence.