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Chapter 131 - 10: Trespassing in the Creator's Domain (4/5)

"Will it succeed this time?"

Gently swaying its huge tail behind, the Ear Mouse asked anxiously in a low voice.

The Ear Mouse, a member of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas.

Tiny like a mouse, yet with long ears like a rabbit, its tail can flutter and lift it into the air.

Because of its stark contrast, many people, upon first seeing an Ear Mouse, doubted what they saw, thinking it might be a fantastical creature.

It wasn't until the Ear Mouse clan emerged from Danxun Mountain and proved their existence as intelligent beings that they were gradually recognized as members of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas.

In this process, the Ear Mouse revealed its unique traits.

They are almost immune to all poisons and possess extremely keen insight and foresight abilities.

"Did you sense something again?"

Lowering its head slowly, a nearby Skeleton responsible for recording couldn't help but ask.

As the most astute among the Ear Mice, this particular Ear Mouse was exceptionally admitted into White Bone City.

Thanks to its outstanding insight and foresight abilities, the Skeletons have many times avoided dangers caused by experimentation.

"It's not really a crisis..."

Shaking its head decisively, the Ear Mouse cast its gaze towards the large apparatus not far away.

"I just feel like we're encroaching on the Creator's domain."

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In the center of the Zhiku Research Institute, a huge apparatus stood prominently.

From the structure and style alone, one could tell this was a typical creation of the Burrowing Insect Civilization.

However, unlike ordinary creations of the Burrowing Insect Civilization, this massive apparatus was not made up of mechanical structures.

Each component of the device was automatically generated using the skeletons of Bone Beasts, achieving a near-perfect fit.

Moreover, it's unclear what methods the creators exactly used back then.

The conspicuously auto-generated bones emitted a faint metallic sheen.

Besides, on the base of this apparatus, thousands of small Sun Stones were arranged in the shape of an "Eye of the Creator".

Beep! Beep! Beep!

When the entire apparatus was activated, those Sun Stones simultaneously began channeling energy towards the center.

The next moment, a crystal in the center of the apparatus suddenly lit up.

And in the middle of that huge crystal, a Skeleton who voluntarily joined this project suddenly appeared.

"Energy index: normal!"

"Bone structure: normal!"

"Vital signs: normal!"

"Soul coefficient: normal!"

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With a series of test data passing successfully, the experiment project was officially initiated.

The Skeleton situated in the middle of the giant crystal suddenly lifted that dark, hollow skull.

Subsequently, a strand of black thread extended from its skull and spine, rapidly growing and splitting under the energy infusion of the Sun Stones.

Crisscrossing, intertwining...

The Merfolk present, using remote sensing techniques, manipulated those black threads to weave an extremely complex structure.

This was the weaving technique of creating Dragon Silk by the Merfolk, a special structure that gave ordinary threads a strength comparable to metal.

Each strand of thread was formed by intertwining multiple threads, and these threads constructed a dense web-like structure in a crisscross manner.

Layer upon layer, accumulating incessantly...

In just a few breaths, a structure both exquisite and resilient was born.

That was the synthetic muscle structure!

It was a high-strength artificial fiber muscle specially woven by the institute, mimicking biological structures.

Those black carbon fibers were originally a crystallization of the Burrowing Insect Civilization, an organic fiber that could suspend objects weighing several tons.

When such organic fibers were woven together by the Merfolk using the technique of Dragon Silk weaving, they formed the current synthetic muscle structure.

Far more precise and textured than ordinary biological muscles, and with strength superior to the bones themselves.

Despite appearing a bit uncanny, the muscle structures woven from black threads conveyed a robust and powerful feel.

At this moment, the participating Skeleton looked like a bizarre creature, forcibly stripped of its skin, revealing a black muscle tissue.

"Artificial muscle tissue fabrication complete, prepare to inject the artificial neural network!"

The Skeleton overseeing the study, seeing this, immediately turned to command the Fish lady beside him.

The Fish lady, likewise a member of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas.

This is a special creature resembling a snake and a fish, yet possessing a certain humanoid form.

They universally have the ability to see souls and manipulate Spiritual Essence, making them the closest beings to the Netherworld in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

In this special experiment, the Fish lady was responsible for enabling the artificial muscle tissue to have true vitality, rather than just being a tough armor covering the Skeleton's body.

"Understood!"

With a tinge of lament and depth within her voice, the Fish lady replied softly in her unique manner of speaking.

"Then ready the artificial skin group!"

At the sight, the Skeleton, unable to endure the Fish lady's manner of speaking, shivered slightly before turning his gaze to the Nine-tailed Fox behind him and instructed with warning.

Also a member of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas, the form of the Nine-tailed Fox needs no elaborate description.

They excel at extracting and melding the skin of their prey.

Some Nine-tailed Foxes who have practiced Exorcism and Spirit-Controlling Techniques can even disguise themselves as the original owner of the skin.

Having them create a suitable skin exterior for this new entity was perfectly appropriate.

"Understood!"

With a lazy tone, the Nine-tailed Fox curiously scrutinized the developing Skeleton not far away.

This Nine-tailed Fox was not a regular fixture of the institute but was specially invited by Bone Chant for this experiment.

To obtain its assistance, Bone Chant even promised to disclose certain secret technologies of White Bone City to the Nine-tailed Fox clan.

So even if not for its own curiosity, the Nine-tailed Fox would definitely do its utmost to help the institute complete this experiment.

"Mm, let the logistics team monitor data changes at all times, and meticulously record the before-and-after relationship of each data change."

Upon hearing this, knowing it was a major figure, the responsible Skeleton finally breathed a sigh of relief.

This was an exceedingly rare display of emotion for Skeletons, who seldom showed their feelings.

From this, one could also see just how crucial this experiment truly was.

If it doesn't work the first time, try twice, if not twice, try three times...

This was the first time the Skeletons truly integrated the technologies they currently mastered.

No matter how much resource consumption or how long it took, it was worthwhile.

