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Moments later, at the center of the Quanfeng Race's settlement.

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The gathered clansmen were still chattering noisily, while Gu Hu stood at the center with a face full of shock and conflict.

Because, just as the informed clansman had said at the beginning, Gu Hu's long-dead father had "resurrected."

But the problem was, this "resurrected" father of Gu Hu was now nothing but a skeleton.

Crack... Crack... Crack...

Dazedly crawling out of the deep pit of the grave, he displayed no aggressive behavior throughout.

The dog-headed skeleton was disassembling its own bones while attempting to put them back together again.

The crisp sound of bone friction produced a complicated, indescribable feeling in Gu Hu's ears.

"It's a newborn Skeleton."

Seeing this situation, the Elder Prophet opened his mouth to speak, also astonished.

"It's no longer your father; it's a newborn Skeleton."

"I imagine it won't be long before the Skeleton Race sends someone specifically to take it away for a centuries-long closed 'enlightenment education.'"

Under the Day of Sin, it was quite normal for skeletons to revive as Skeletons.

The creatures of the Mountain and Sea Realm generally accepted such natural phenomena and found them unremarkable.

Gu Hu was just momentarily stunned; he never imagined his reunion with his father would unfold in such a manner.

"I know, my father is long gone; it's merely new life spawned from my father's skeleton."

"To really count, it should be my brother or sister."

Walking forward gently, Gu Hu quickly accepted this reality with a smile.

Although from an outsider's perspective, the dog-headed Gu Hu looked quite grim when he smiled, he unexpectedly earned the newborn Skeleton's trust.

Crack... Crack... Crack...

Still fussing with its bones but its head unconsciously turned towards Gu Hu.

Out of some natural affability, the newborn Skeleton wanted to express closeness to Gu Hu, yet it could only produce crisp sounds of bone friction.

"Much smarter than I imagined!"

At this moment, a voice suddenly came from above everyone's heads, accompanied by a shadow.

When everyone looked up, a small-statured Skeleton with bone wings appeared in their view.

Whoosh!

After circling in the sky several times, the bone-winged Skeleton finally landed on the ground slowly.

It was only then that Gu Hu got a clear look at the skeleton's appearance.

The massive bone wings had a special muscle fiber growing on their surface, forming a paper-thin membrane.

At the same time, to achieve the dream of flying in the sky to the greatest extent.

These Skeletons imitated the bone structure of birds, combining a special hollow skeletal form to produce a petite body.

"Don't look at me like that; I'm here to take it."

When the massive bone wings folded.

The muscle fibers on the wings also began to retract into the hollow bones.

Though used as "padding," the Skeletons were still fragile, but they wouldn't fracture from a mere bump.

Additionally, when necessary, the muscle fibers inside the Skeletons' bones could even grow and cover the entire body, forming a kind of muscular armor akin to flesh and blood creatures.

Thanks to the flesh and blood remains left over from the battle between Yayu and Ji Meng.

The technical bottleneck that had troubled the Skeletons for so long was finally overcome, completing the "Artificial Life" enhancement project exclusive to Skeletons.

Presently, this muscle armor that can grow freely is one of the finished products created by gathering the power of the Hundred Races within the Skeleton Race.

[Artifact: Flesh and Blood Armor]

[Type: Carbon-Based Composite]

[Quality: Rare]

[Function: By abnormal proliferation and control of high-density 'carbon-based composites,' it grants the holder the ability to change form and enhance the physical body.]

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"Why did you come so quickly this time?"

After a brief shock, the Elder Prophet, seemingly familiar with this Skeleton, stepped forward proactively.

In the long-lived Mountain and Sea Realm, the Elder Prophet was already considered someone who had lived quite long.

But the Skeleton before them had taken responsibility for finding and protecting the area's Skeletons since the Elder Prophet was young.

The Elder Prophet didn't know how much longer the other had been alive.

He only vaguely felt that perhaps this Skeleton was once one of his ancestors.

"I didn't come quickly; I was already on the way."

Even compared to the hunched Elder Prophet, this Skeleton couldn't be considered tall.

Yet the aura and presence it exuded silenced all the Quanfeng Clan People present.

"Hu Yi, what do you mean by that?"

Gu Hu, equally familiar with this Skeleton, asked, not hiding the astonishment on his face.

"Didn't you notice this revived Skeleton is somewhat unusual?"

Slowly walking to the Skeleton still trying to assemble its bones.

Hu Yi spoke while gently stretching out a hand towards it.

In the next moment, an unusual light emitted from the Skeleton's skull, gradually floating into the air.

"What is that?"

Witnessing this unprecedented scene, Gu Hu couldn't help but ask again.

From the strange light, Gu Hu seemed to sense a lurking danger.

It was an oppression from the top of the food chain, a divine sense of majesty.

"It's not clear what it is yet."

"The only certainty is that similar situations are appearing in many places."

With that, Hu Yi paused briefly before sharing what he'd observed recently.

"It seems to be a spiritual force that can greatly enhance the abilities of the 'Day of Sin'..."

"Wherever this abnormal situation occurs, the probability of Skeletons being born greatly increases."

"Conversely, these spawned Skeletons are extremely fragile, lacking even the most basic self-preservation capability."

"If it weren't for the Zhiku Prophets detecting this situation earlier, I estimate they'd last at most ten days before becoming completely decayed corpses."

Upon hearing this, Gu Hu and the Elder Prophet finally realized the seriousness of the issue.

For today's Skeletons, their civilization long surpassed the primitive tribal stage, reaching a stage even Li Hao could not comprehend.

They valued the lives of their kind, even if they were just a newly born, unintelligent group of Skeletons.

Thus, to protect these spawned Skeletons as best as they could.

The living force of the entire Skeleton Race was mobilized, alongside contributions from other members of the Mountain and Sea Alliance.