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When agricultural civilization reaches a certain stage, it will gradually advance from handicraft to an industrial civilization dominated by machinery.

During this period, automation equipment such as looms, internal combustion engines, and industrial lathes, which greatly save manpower, will inevitably emerge.

However, this rule does not necessarily apply to the Skeletons.

Because Skeletons have little demand for agriculture, and even the domestication of Bone Beasts is merely for better reproduction.

Therefore, it wasn't until Virtuous King Gu Sheng established the Hundred Races Alliance that the Skeletons truly broke away from the primitive civilization stage and entered a rather peculiar period of agricultural civilization.

During this phase, the Skeletons experienced the rule of three distinctly different leaders: the Virtuous King, the Tyrant, and the Prophet.

Eventually, a special governing class that suited the Skeletons' race and intrinsic needs took shape—Zhiku.

Whether it's considered as non-action governance or laissez-faire...

Zhiku does not have direct interference or management rights over the Skeletons; it only guides the overall direction of the race.

Under the governance of Zhiku, each industry forms small groups spontaneously according to different standards.

Skeletons only need to join these small groups of different industries according to their preferences and skills, thus forming the current social structure system of the Skeletons.

From a human perspective, it is actually hard to understand why these Skeletons have such a highly autonomous consciousness.

Sometimes, even Li Hao himself, seeing these Skeletons, inexplicably wonders if the ideal harmonious society is what the Skeletons now embody.

Without needing to consider basic survival issues, they can freely choose to pursue their interests...

The concept of parents and family is rarely present, so most Skeletons only need to be responsible for their own decisions...

Possessing generally long lifespans, they have enough energy and time to gradually experiment with new things...

With the nationwide spread of an educational system, every Skeleton possesses substantial awareness and aspirations...

All these reasons combined result in the unique social structure of the Skeletons.

However, this doesn't mean there is no class differentiation among Skeletons.

It's just that this class differentiation is not hierarchical; in most cases, it's merely a personal choice.

Classes can move freely, and there are no significant differences between individuals.

Coupled with the absolute existence known as the "Ascender," Skeletons who truly have pursuits will often embark on the Path to Divinity, seeking the elusive "truth" like a mirage.

Then the question arises.

What would happen when such a unique civilization transitions from the agricultural stage to the industrial stage?

Large factories under unified management are not mainstream in this civilization.

The mass production of certain fixed-style items is not the purpose of this civilization either.

On the contrary, due to the immense individual differences and pursuits, their factories can hardly standardize the production of a single industrialized product.

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In the Marz World, within the Burrowing Insects' classroom.

"So, they ultimately headed towards 'all-powerful'."

Through the Thought Sensing Device, an elderly Burrowing Insect synchronized its firsthand experiences in the Mountain and Sea Realm with the young Burrowing Insects below.

"They don't need factories."

"Because they themselves are a mini-factory, capable of producing anything needed."

The voice was filled with an old and nostalgic tone, as if the elderly Burrowing Insect had returned to its younger days at this moment.

"We Burrowing Insects need Metallic Armor to survive in that world."

"Once the Metallic Armor is damaged, even slightly adverse conditions can take our lives."

"But the Skeletons are different, they don't even need the cooperation of others to independently create their own 'Metallic Armor'."

"Because in their long lives, accumulating knowledge and wisdom is just an instinct."

At this moment, a young Burrowing Insect suddenly raised its limb to ask a question.

"Teacher!"

"I heard that before they came to our world, they were just a group of primitive tribes without a unified language or writing!"

"Does that mean we are their teachers?"

Upon hearing this, the elderly Burrowing Insect couldn't help but laugh, though with a tinge of sadness in its smile.

"Before going to their world, I used to think so too."

"But after returning from their world, I abandoned this naive view."

"They are not primitive; they just walked a path completely opposite to the 'civilization' we pursue."

"For survival and reproduction, our race united and gradually developed the splendid civilization we have today."

"But the Skeletons have no such worries for survival and reproduction; their ultimate goal is 'all as one'."

In the astonished eyes of the young Burrowing Insects, the elderly Burrowing Insect slowly expressed its viewpoint.

"Most individuals in this world are fragile..."

"Therefore, 'civilization' is these fragile individuals coming together to overcome their inherent flaws, ultimately achieving omnipotence by working together."

"This is the so-called 'all as one'."

After a brief pause, the elderly Burrowing Insect continued to speak.

"However, the Skeletons, blessed by the gods since birth, have little survival crisis."

"So they don't need to unite to resist any threats, thereby developing a collectivist-centered 'civilization'."

"Each one of them is a seed of 'civilization' and will eventually root and sprout over the long course of life, becoming an 'all-knowing and all-powerful' ultimate being."

"This is the so-called 'one as all'."

In a realm unknowable to the Burrowing Insects.

The God of Darkness and Rebirth, Kanas, who was also attending this class, smiled.

From a god's perspective, the theory proposed by the elderly Burrowing Insect seemed so absurdly laughable.

Kanas had ten thousand ways to prove and refute the flaws in this theory.

After all, even the final form of life, "Divine Spirits," dare not proclaim to be "all-knowing and all-powerful."

What right do these lowly undead, merely chosen as followers by chance by an Ancient God, have to be dubbed "all-knowing and all-powerful?"

But undeniably, this "one as all" theory indeed gave Kanas quite a bit of inspiration.

The Mortal cannot achieve "one as all," so what about a God like myself?

When wielding the authority of all gods, could one become a great existence like the Creator?