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Chapter 187 19: Mechanized Buddha-Celestial Vajra (Part 1)

It's not a whim, nor is it a sudden impulse.

Quinn had long prepared a series of plans to successfully infiltrate the City of Intelligent Mechanism.

From luring the snake from its den to dispersing forces...

Quinn had calculated everything meticulously, only revealing his true strength at the very last moment.

Therefore, despite the rapid response of the Mechanical Vajras' electronic brains, they were still a step too late.

They watched helplessly as Quinn tore through the city walls and broke into the territory of the "City of Intelligent Mechanism", while more Mechanical Vajras began to move back toward the main city from all directions.

And in that gap, Quinn saw the true state inside the "City of Intelligent Mechanism".

Clearly possessing advanced technology, clearly having ample productivity...

Yet the creatures living within appeared so weak and desolate, utterly incompatible with those Mechanical Vajras outside.

Emaciated, shriveled, listless...

Wherever the eye could see, only a few creatures had replaced parts of their bodies with mechanical components, still leaving traces of basic activities.

Even so, to reduce consumption, they would move only when necessary.

What shocked Quinn the most was that even in this state, those creatures maintained a habit of praying.

Their physical frailty and the disappearance of life could not hide their satisfaction as they continued praying to the "Buddha".

To them, the suffering in this life was a way to accumulate blessings for the next, the pain in this moment a path to better understanding the essence of the "Buddha".

"Madness! All mad!"

Even Quinn, as an undead, could not achieve the selflessness that these beings did.

They didn't even deserve to be called life anymore; they were merely a functioning component of the city, merely a cell in the body of the "Buddha".

Everything existed for the city, everything existed for the Buddha...

In comparison, his own life was insignificant; only the spirit could exist eternally.

Swoosh—Boom!

The supersonic moving Quinn naturally drew the attention of these beings.

But it merely attracted their attention.

Whether praying before a shrine, indulging in electronic chants, or exploring the virtual world with a connector in their brains...

The creatures that no longer deserved the title of "life" glanced at Quinn before closing their eyes again, immersing themselves in their faith in the "Buddha".

As Quinn moved forward, he quickly found his target—Burrowing Insect.

What terrified Quinn was that, just like the other life's in this world, the Burrowing Insects were completely brainwashed by the faith of the "Buddha".

Plump bodies became shriveled, intelligent gazes gradually disappeared...

The surviving Burrowing Insects had long lost everything from the past, becoming slaves of the "Buddha".

It was only at this point that Quinn finally understood where the bones outside the city came from.

They were not just remnants from this world's ancient war, but waste expelled by the City of Intelligent Mechanism, the monster that devours life.

Once the creatures in the "City of Intelligent Mechanism" were drained dry, they were discarded outside the city like rubbish.

Only when darkness fell, would the lingering resentment of the Innate God wandering the world re-animate them.

No matter how drained, no matter how much they were reduced to mere skeletons...

The undead born from anger and dissatisfaction would still relentlessly besiege every City of Intelligent Mechanism.

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In a short time, Quinn had roamed through every corner of the "City of Intelligent Mechanism".

Sadly, he found no Burrowing Insect there worthy of saving.

As a wise species from another world, the higher intelligence of the Burrowing Insects captured the "Buddha"'s attention and was specifically transformed, with data viruses planted within them.

Their wisdom had been exhausted, their minds sunken into virtual faith...

The emaciated bodies left in the outside world were just meaningless flesh and blood remnants.

Upon realizing this, the angry Quinn turned his gaze toward the center of the "City of Intelligent Mechanism"—the Nine-Story Neon Buddha Pagoda.

His intuition told him that the pagoda, glowing with neon lights and housing Golden Relics, was the source of all these woes.

Swoosh—Boom!

Without the slightest hesitation, Quinn tore through the air once more and charged towards the Nine-Story Neon Buddha Pagoda.

Then, a shocking scene unfolded.

Rumble...

Suddenly, the earth split open, buildings collapsed.

Lines and cables buried underground shot up like living creatures, trying to ensnare Quinn, who was just within reach.

In the next moment, the Nine-Story Neon Buddha Pagoda emitted a radiant glow.

Guardian Mechanical Vajras, nearly ten meters tall, flew out from the pagoda and charged toward Quinn with the aid of nitrogen flight devices.

In an instant, Quinn found himself besieged on all sides, trapped in a desperate situation.

[Indeed, still too young...]

Li Hao sighed softly in another realm, providing an evaluation of Quinn's actions.

Although aware of the danger, even knowing that his actions were pure venting...

Quinn still charged toward the Nine-Story Neon Buddha Pagoda without hesitation, trapping himself in a desperate situation surrounded by enemies.

Given the current situation, without absolute power, once Quinn was cornered, before the Mechanical Vajras outside the city even came back, he would be left with no place to die.

[But I just enjoy this youthful vigor.]

A smile slightly curled on Li Hao's lips as he knew it was time for him to act.

——Celestial Tao System·Initiate!

In an instant, the entire world seemed to fall into some strange stasis.

The next second, fortune smiled upon Quinn.

In his dire state, he miraculously discovered a flaw that should not exist, forcibly breaking out of the encirclement of the giant Guardian Vajras.

"Ha!"

Following this, propelled by sudden enlightenment, Quinn roared loudly.

His bones and flesh rapidly grew behind him, revealing a pair of massive wings.

It must be noted, the Flesh and Blood Armor developed by the Skeletons is not something that can grow indiscriminately like cancerous cells.

Especially for combat-type Flesh and Blood Armor like Quinn's, every form is a predetermined structure and framework, impossible to grow specific biological tissues spontaneously.

Rumble...

Seeing Quinn successfully gain flying advantage, the Nine-Story Neon Buddha Pagoda also seemed to detect the presence of the [Celestial Tao System].

Thus, the entire "City of Intelligent Mechanism" trembled once more.

Giant Mechanical Guardian Vajras transformed into metallic skeletons...

Lines and cables underground coiled and knotted like muscles...

The creatures living in the "City of Intelligent Mechanism" became skin and flesh...

By the time Quinn regained his senses, an entity akin to a God of Giants already stood towering over the earth.

— Mechanical Buddha·Celestial Vajra!