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Chapter 191 23: Using the World as a Gameboard (2/3)

"Father God! Is this your plan?"

Strolling leisurely above the endless machinery and corpses, Yao Xin murmured softly as she appeared in this Godless World.

She was an incarnation specifically sent by Yao Xin to this world and also seen as the "Goddess of Death" by the undead.

[You've noticed?]

A bit surprised by Yao Xin's sharp perception, Li Hao's voice timely sounded by her ear.

"Not only did I notice, I think that 'Buddha' has probably realized it by now too."

Yao Xin continued to walk forward calmly, while a resurrected undead skeleton suddenly appeared in front of her.

However, the undead skeleton did not notice Yao Xin's presence, as if she didn't exist at all.

"You have sown the seeds of 'Wisdom' among the undead, allowing them to gradually develop a civilization capable of contending with intelligent mechanical life..."

"Then, you planted the seeds of 'Compassion' in the hearts of intelligent mechanical beings, allowing them to gradually realize the absurdity of this war and the preciousness of life."

"Perhaps it won't be long before the peace you hope for arrives."

In the face of Yao Xin's encouragement, Li Hao only smiled faintly.

[If peace were truly so easily achieved, then peace wouldn't be so precious.]

[I've never wished to pacify a world filled with strife and chaos; I merely gave the beings living in this world another choice.]

[Apart from killing each other, they should have another choice as well.]

After a slight pause, Li Hao continued.

[Besides, I've never sought their consent when doing these things, I merely carried out my own ideas.]

[Apart from the difference in goals, my actions are no different from that of Maitreya Buddha.]

[I don't even think the beings emerging from this world are obligated to be grateful to me...]

[After all, my methods have indeed led them through a life of greater pain and adversity.]

[Sometimes, 'ignorance' is actually happier than 'knowing'.]

Unable to help but frown, Yao Xin clearly held a different opinion on this.

"You have offended that 'Buddha' for their sake, they must hold a sense of respect for that."

"Compared to caged lambs, a lone wolf, no matter how solitary or tattered, is still a wolf with fangs."

Unwilling to continue debating this with Yao Xin, Li Hao never sought the gratitude of the beings in this world for everything he did.

[Do you remember the purpose of my sending you to this world?]

Without hesitation, Yao Xin nodded, always placing the tasks Li Hao assigned as her top priority.

If it weren't for knowing that Li Hao dislikes war, Yao Xin would have likely led her Netherworld Race underlings into this world with force.

There is no doubt that Yao Xin would do such a thing.

Do not forget, although she is now a God, at heart she remains that morally ambiguous, uniquely thinking Immortal.

Yao Xin genuinely believes that Li Hao's current approach is too "inefficient".

Since they would inevitably offend Maitreya Buddha, it might be better to invade this world with absolute martial power from the beginning.

By then, the Undead Race and intelligent mechanical life must all bow to the Creator's majesty and share peace.

"You sent me to this world because of that 'Celestial Matrix Buddha'."

"Although it was shattered by the former deities of this world, its remnants transformed into the central intelligence of intelligent mechanical cities."

"If we can piece those central cores back together, perhaps we could complete the Netherworld's rules."

The essence of the "Celestial Matrix Buddha" is an Artificial Primordial Spirit.

The world that nurtured it is an artificial data-driven Spirit Realm.

Yao Xin's visit aimed to utilize those central intelligence databases further to refine the rule system of the Netherworld.

Regardless of whether this idea is feasible or not,

At the very least, this endeavor allows Yao Xin to delve deeper into understanding the essence of the "Spirit Realm", aiding her in becoming a more qualified "Lord of the Netherworld".

[Indeed, though Maitreya Buddha's intention of creating the 'Primordial Spirit' failed, this doesn't mean that his experiment holds no value.]

It's hard to say whether Maitreya Buddha chose to utilize the waste and turn this world into a vast breeding ground, letting it drift among All Heavens and Myriad Realms.

To absorb the technology and wisdom of other civilizations, intending to revive that shattered [Artificial Primordial Spirit].

Anyway, from Li Hao's perspective, that already shattered [Artificial Primordial Spirit] is truly the "treasure" of this world.

Referencing the grandeur displayed by the [Faceless] among the Gods.

Li Hao strongly suspects that Maitreya Buddha didn't decisively abandon this world, but instead signed a bizarre "World Crossing Contract" with him, likely because he couldn't bear the remnants of the [Artificial Primordial Spirit].

"So, are we ultimately going to war with that 'Buddha'?"

Unabashedly revealing her eagerness, Yao Xin seemed to harbor an unexplainable hostility towards Maitreya Buddha.

[Go to war?]

[No, Maitreya Buddha's perspective is far grander than you imagine.]

Seeing through Yao Xin's little thoughts at a glance, Li Hao spoke with that calm yet authoritative tone.

[Since I have already captured this world, how can he maximize his interests?]

[Naturally, it's by using the 'World Crossing Contract' to maintain a portion of the dominance over this world.]

[I imagine, even if I hadn't discovered the existence of the 'Artificial Primordial Spirit', he would have hinted at me through various means.]

[He wants to leverage my power and wisdom to help him repair and enhance the technology of the 'Artificial Primordial Spirit'.]

As her pupils contracted suddenly, Yao Xin immediately grasped the implication in Li Hao's words.

"You mean... he's already discovered your identity?"

On what grounds does Maitreya Buddha presume that Li Hao can help him perfect this technology?

That's certainly because he might have discovered Li Hao's identity as a "Primordial Spirit" and realized he is a God of Gods who advanced from the "Primordial Spirit".

[This is the perspective a God should possess.]

Smiling as he acknowledged Yao Xin's judgement, Li Hao suddenly realized that growth shouldn't be his alone.

The Gods and Apostles under him must also keep pace, having a vision commensurate with their power.

[To a mighty God, a mere world is trivial.]

[Even if this world could continually cultivate powerful Apostles and incarnations, they have ample time and resources to replicate that.]

[Only knowledge and wisdom are crucial to a God's strength.]

[Maitreya Buddha is the God of Wisdom, possessing adequate wisdom, so he seeks those untouched knowledge blind spots.]