

## The Growth 205

### Chapter 205 13: White Bone Giant Structure (1/3)

Until stepping out of Yunmeng Marsh and officially arriving in the territory of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas.

David only then realized that this world wasn't as "primitive" as he had imagined.

Vast roads crisscrossed, completely different from the forests, lakes, and seas within Yunmeng Marsh, presenting a sense of order that only civilization could possess.

Moreover, these roads were paved with a special kind of high-strength white bones.

According to Chi, these white bones not only had standardized specifications, but also possessed a certain degree of self-repair capability.

Ordinary sunshine and rain would not damage their vitality, nor did they require dedicated personnel for long-term maintenance.

In the current Mountain and Sea Realm, this could be considered a fairly widespread construction material.

Not only the Skeletons themselves, but other members of the Hundred Races also liked to use this kind of material.

On the way to the White Bone City on the East Coast, David, who was equipped with various sensitive reconnaissance prosthetics, also observed many details that Chi took for granted and didn't mention.

Whether it was those odd-shaped wise individuals or bone mechanism devices different from regular machinery...

All greatly refreshed David's values and understanding.

David could see that this was a civilization completely different from the Cyber Civilization.

Although they did not develop mechanical prosthetics, they were equally aware of the most fundamental rules of mathematics and physics and built their own unique machinery system based on these principles.

Of course, from David's perspective, he could clearly point out the backwardness of those machinery systems.

The Wise Men among the Mountain and Sea People also seemed to realize this.

So the further David went towards the White Bone City, the more complex and metallic the bone mechanism devices he saw became.

According to Chi, the Mountain and Sea People could have directly acquired more advanced technology from the Burrowing Insect Civilization.

However, Zhiku members, who acted as the "brains" of the Mountain and Sea People, firmly opposed acquiring more advanced technology directly from the Burrowing Insect Civilization.

In the words of those Wise Men and Prophets, for the Mountain and Sea People to develop a truly independent civilization, they must progress step by step.

Rather than taking shortcuts, ultimately turning themselves into the Burrowing Insect Civilization disguised as the "Mountain and Sea People."

—One may learn, one may reference, but not copy.

This was the caution left by the previous leader of the Mountain and Sea People—Bone Chant before he retired.

As the successor of Bone Chant and also coming from a technical background, A Su deeply agreed with this and always practiced this principle.

"What a strong civilization..."

With unabashed admiration, David commented.

In the Cyber World where David was, there were no such maxims or guidelines.

To those cyber maniacs, instead of thinking about so many things, they'd rather think about how to survive.

As long as they could survive, no one cared about the source of those technologies, nor did they care about the consequences of using them.

Only a truly strong civilization would consider self-reliance, self-efficiency, and self-strengthening.

In this aspect, no matter how advanced Cyber World's technology was compared to the Mountain and Sea Realm, their civilization did not deserve the term "strong."

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From Yunmeng Marsh to the East Sea, from mountains and rivers to endless oceans.

Even though David had repeatedly overestimated the level of civilization of the Mountain and Sea Realm.

But when he witnessed the towering White Bone City, he couldn't help but gasp in amazement.

It was a gigantic architectural complex utterly different from the Cyber Civilization, a "Forest of White Bones" that encompassed almost half of the East Coast.

The naturally growing city walls were the main body of the "White Bone City."

Various buildings constructed inside and outside the main city walls were the characteristic features of the "White Bone City."

Every few distances, David and Chi could see different architectural styles and meet different beings residing within those buildings.

It wasn't just simply residential houses.

Civilization had developed to the extent of the Mountain and Sea People, where markets and districts specifically designed for trading had long been formed.

The sharp-eyed David even saw some bizarre water-based constructions resembling canals, crisscrossing the city and connecting to the East Sea.

The very existence of those constructions was to channel seawater into every part of the "White Bone City," serving as the city's "water supply system."

However, supplying water to the city was only one function of those constructions.

More often, one could see mysterious creatures and merfolk, half-human and half-fish, traversing and communicating within them.

Flying in the sky, walking on the road, swimming in the water...

All kinds of strange creatures and buildings dazzled David's vision.

But what surprised David the most was the discovery of a massive underground space hidden beneath this bizarre, splendid city.

It was the place where Skeletons conducted their daily lives and resided, also representing another side of this peculiar city.

"Is that considered a kind of 'bone mechanism' too?"

Staring in awe at the massive entity traversing the Underworld, David didn't know how many times he had marveled like this.

Just like the subway trains in the Cyber World, it was a white bone giant structure that could travel freely beneath the city.

But unlike subway trains, that white bone giant structure was clearly a biological being.

Or rather, it was an existence hovering between life and death.

The entire body's framework was constructed of metallic bones, with special high-carbon fibers woven into its flesh and skin.

Each brief stop, this white bone giant structure would open its body, revealing its spacious internal structure, allowing more Skeletons to board and travel to the next destination.

Its speed came from the metal wheels beneath it, its power from the colossal sun stone at its head.

Paired with tracks specially constructed for it, this white bone giant structure could even break the sound barrier in a short time.

"No, it's not a bone mechanism; it's the third generation of Skeletons."

Shaking his head, denying David's assertion, Chi apparently knew more about the current situation of the Skeletons than this foreigner.

The bone mechanism created by the Skeletons was merely a tool.

But the white bone giant structure in front of them was an aware member of the Skeletons.

The biggest difference between the third generation Skeletons and their predecessors was their extremely sturdy bones and enormous bodies.

If needed, the third generation Skeletons could even grow to the size of giants.

Evidently, this third-generation Skeleton was a specially adapted individual for the convenience of its kin's transportation.

"I've heard that Zhiku's next step is to popularize rail lines between cities, enabling this special third-generation Skeleton to become a common mode of transportation."

"Unfortunately, there has been ongoing opposition within the Skeletons to this proposal. They believe that treating third-generation Skeletons as tools violates the Creator's will."

"Therefore, the research institutes under Zhiku are endeavoring to create similar bone mechanisms in hopes of replacing the self-aware third-generation Skeletons."