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Chapter 208 16: Immortal Trial (Part 1)

After leaving behind his insights on Ascension to Divinity, David unhesitatingly left White Bone City and embarked on his journey to the World's Peak.

Accompanying David on his departure was Chi, who was also seeking her own path.

Although Chi was already an Ascender, she had reached the end of her path.

Therefore, Chi also longed for the legendary "Immortal Trial."

But halfway through the journey, Chi realized the situation was more difficult than she had imagined.

The hardships and dangers along the way were one thing.

Simply climbing the highest peak of the World's Peak was something no ordinary creature could accomplish.

The high peak pierced the clouds, extending infinitely toward the position of the sun.

During this ascent, there wasn't even a slightly suitable path; the peak had no normal footholds.

Even Chi, with her flying ability, felt unprecedented oppression and urgency above the clouds.

Exhaustion, frustration, hunger and cold, compounded by the extreme clash of hot and cold...

Chi, both mentally and physically, had reached her limit and could only watch David continue his relentless upward climb.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

At this height, there was no difference between a flesh body and a mechanical body.

With every step upward, David's Power Melting Furnace released massive amounts of steam.

The overburdened Power Melting Furnace caused David's entire body to be in a state of scorching heat.

Even muscles and shells made of bionic metal experienced metal fatigue under the pressure, temperature, and extreme environment.

Snap...

A crisp sound echoed again.

Chi, not far away, clearly saw a metal fragment, indistinguishable as skin or muscle, fall directly from David's body.

However, the imperfections of the body did not slow David's movements in the slightest.

Having ascended to become an Ascender, David had, in a sense, transcended the constraints of physical laws.

What does it matter if the body shatters or functions are lost...

As long as the will that sustains the concept of "David" exists, he can continue to climb upward.

This is not an Immortal Body, but a miracle forged by one's own conviction.

"David, I can only accompany you this far!"

Chi sighed softly upon witnessing this scene.

She knew she ultimately couldn't go all out like David.

Over the ten years together, Chi had long known from David about everything he'd been through.

In the Cyber World filled with despair, David, sent to the Mountain and Sea Realm by the God he believed in, was the only hope of that world.

As for herself, she was endowed with a Divine Position by the Creator from birth.

Then guided by Elder Rong and a group of Mountain and River Gods, she never felt she had a "non-negotiable" belief.

"Oh mighty Creator!"

"If you are still watching here, please ensure David can pass this trial!"

This wasn't Chi's first prayer to the Creator, but it was undoubtedly her most devout one.

Touched by David's determination, Chi even somewhat resented whether the "Trial" set by the Immortal Goddess was too harsh.

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Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The fierce wind and scorching sun simultaneously acted on David's body.

Unaware of what was happening behind him, David continued his ascent, undeterred by the weariness brought by alternations of extreme cold and heat.

At this moment, an inexplicable warmth suddenly surged from the depths of David's soul.

When David came to his senses, a verdant garden suddenly appeared before him.

The cold and heat retreated from sight, replaced by a long-lost warm sensation for David.

"Is that... the legendary Immortal Tree?"

The fully frozen mechanical prosthetic eye slowly rotated, and the defunct instruments within David's body began to operate again.

And right ahead of David, a towering black tree stood.

Occasionally, a squirrel with fur as red as flames would pop its head out, curiously observing the mechanical creature in the distance.

"That is indeed the Immortal Tree."

Silently, a white skeleton walked out from the garden.

Upon seeing the humanoid skeleton, David, usually composed, unwittingly snapped his mechanical prosthetic eye, showing his surprise.

"Virtuous King!?"

Having stayed in White Bone City for a decade.

David naturally couldn't be unaware of the legendary Virtuous King, who brought peace to the entire Mountain and Sea Realm.

But the problem was, wasn't the Virtuous King long dead?

Even the bones had been returned to the Immortal who endowed it with wisdom back then.

"Wait..."

As if realizing something, David's body trembled instinctively.

Could it be that the Immortal who endowed the Virtuous King with wisdom back then is the Immortal Goddess he is seeking?

Given A Ke's experience, the first Ascender among the Skeletons who passed the "Immortal Trial."

David felt he seemed to have captured a "truth" that should have been buried in the annals of history with time passing.

"It seems you've guessed something."

Seeing David's reaction, the skull face seemed to show a faint smile.

"However, I am not the 'Virtuous King' you know."

"I am merely Gu Sheng, an ordinary Skeleton long accompanying Yao Xin."

Keenly capturing the name "Yao Xin," David knew that was likely the true target of his journey.

"I wish to seek help from the Goddess!"

"I have the Creator's token!"

Slowly opening his chest cavity, David pulled out the well-protected Creator Totem from within.

David now knew the value of this Creator Totem, and was more aware of its status in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

To save his world, even if his actions now seemed a bit disgraceful, David was prepared to be despised.

Surprisingly, Gu Sheng did not show any dissatisfaction.

"Yao Xin had long foreseen your arrival."

"Sadly, you're a 'billion' milliseconds late, the Goddess is not here now."

David didn't notice Gu Sheng's slightly peculiar tone and pronunciation, only lowering his head in some dismay and disappointment.

"Is that so?"

Seeing David's disappointment, Gu Sheng promptly spoke again.

"If you're only seeking the 'Technique of Becoming a God,' I can point you to the right path."

"After all, Yao Xin specifically instructed me before leaving..."

"If you truly passed the 'Immortal Trial' with your own will, you might indeed be eligible for a billionth chance of 'godhood opportunity.'"