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Chapter 248 8: Implant Technology Proliferation (2/3)

"Advanced technology...is it?"

On the "Underground Transportation Type-White Bone Giant Structure" heading toward the Central City, Tianyou couldn't help but look up at the fleeting darkness outside the tunnel.

Unlike during the time David came to the Mountain and Sea Realm, when those [White Bone Giant Structures] possessed self-awareness.

The [White Bone Giant Structure] Tianyou is riding today is purely mechanical, rather than Skeletons shaped into [White Bone Giant Structure] form.

The overall driving and maneuvering of the [White Bone Giant Structures] are managed by the drivers at each intercity transportation station.

Although in terms of speed and convenience, it lags behind the bullet trains Li Hao knows.

But this "Underground Transportation Type-White Bone Giant Structure" that only travels underground, perfectly matches the needs of the Mountain and Sea Realm itself.

After all, the Mountain and Sea Realm houses countless races, each with different requirements for their own survival environments.

Building such a large transportation tool for city-to-city travel underground meets the need to not destroy the habitats of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas, while also expanding the realm itself.

On a low-latitude celestial body, a civilization wishing to expand its living space would best aim for the sky or even outer space.

Because the Underworld of a planet has boundaries, once you dig to a certain extent, you may hit magma, not to mention reaching the core.

However, in the high-dimensional world where the Mountain and Sea Realm resides, there is little difference between ground and underground.

As long as you avoid those dangerous areas, the vast underground space is just as much a developable area as the boundless sky.

"Hi, are you also going to Central City?"

As Tianyou was lost in thought, a petite Fire Raccoon Rat suddenly came forward.

As a branch of the Fire Rat, the origin of the Fire Raccoon Rat has always been shrouded in mystery.

In current official records, it is only known that the Fire Raccoon Rat comes from the mysterious World's Peak, and is one of the wise members of the Hundred Races.

"Fire Raccoon Rat?"

With a gentle turn of the head, information about the Fire Raccoon Rat appeared in Tianyou's field of vision.

Through the implanted "Data Hub" and "Retinal Imaging", most Skeletons with Flesh and Blood Armor can do this.

This has become daily life for Skeletons after the popularization of "Remote Communication" and "Individual Base Station" implants.

Paired with the Skeletons' own "Artificial Brain", the present-day Skeletons no longer need to spend hundreds or thousands of years enlightening newborns.

"You're a Fire Raccoon Rat coming down the mountain for the first time!"

A calm tone revealing certainty.

Through implant scanning, Tianyou discovered that this Fire Raccoon Rat had not implanted any biological components.

This is quite a rare phenomenon in the current Mountain and Sea Realm, occurring only in "native individuals" making first contact with Mountain and Sea Civilization.

"Ha! Surely you Skeletons can't be fooled; is this your developed scanning implant?"

"Are you using the 'Celestial Eye' series? Or the 'Bai Ze' series?"

Jumping onto Tianyou's shoulder with great familiarity, the Fire Raccoon Rat excitedly inspected the other's eyeball.

"I heard that after implanting different models of prosthetic eyes, one can experience varying vision capabilities?"

"Thermal imaging, enhanced vision, dynamic tracking, even location navigation?"

"I'm going to Central City this time precisely to get a prosthetic eye, so I won't get lost wherever I go."

Chattering endlessly, the eyes of the Fire Raccoon Rat sparkled with anticipation, having gotten lost many times due to its size.

If not for the leadership of the Mountain and Sea People, the Mountain and Sea Realm would no longer be so wild and untamed; this little creature might have died countless times by now.

"Your body size is too small, and your brain capacity too limited, to implant advanced prosthetic eyes."

Perhaps it was by nature, but Tianyou's words immediately deflated the previously enthused Fire Raccoon Rat.

Unlike the Skeletons with Flesh and Blood Armor who can easily generate "Artificial Brains".

Other Mountain and Sea People wishing to implant various biological components must consider their original body size and brain capacity.

Because every biological component implanted consumes the organism's heat and brainpower.

The more biological components implanted, the more biological heat and brainpower are consumed.

Smaller Mountain and Sea People like the Fire Raccoon Rat would have to eat constantly to replenish energy if they want to use advanced implants.

"So, can't the Prophets of the Zhiku consider us smaller creatures more when developing implants?"

With a helpless complaint, the Fire Raccoon Rat voiced the most authentic thought shared by many small creatures.

"I heard that the Zhiku's external implant research is making headway, perhaps it won't be long before the latest advancements are out."

Though not very emotionally intelligent, Tianyou had a knack for reading people.

"Moreover, hasn't a cultivation technique from the Divine Fall Realm been sent over that allows for free shapeshifting? Maybe you could try it?"

Among the cultivation knowledge of the Mountain and Sea Realm, everyone knows that not every cultivation technique can successfully initiate the [Ascension Ladder].

But the Fire Raccoon Rat's initial intent wasn't to activate the [Ascension Ladder], so this actually suited it well.

"Do I look that stupid to you?"

With a resentful glare, the Fire Raccoon Rat retorted.

"To rashly choose an uncertain Path of Cultivation just to implant some biological components, only a fool would do that!"

Even knowing it lacks cultivation talent, the Fire Raccoon Rat still holds a glimmer of hope.

After all, the few clearly confirmed Paths to the [Ascension Ladder] in the Mountain and Sea Realm are much better than those unknown cultivation techniques outside, aren't they?

The only shortcoming is that among the few confirmed cultivation techniques for opening the [Ascension Ladder], there's none allowing for shapeshifting.

Realizing something, the Fire Raccoon Rat suddenly widened its eyes, looking at Tianyou.

"Wait, you aren't progressing through the Skeleton-exclusive 'Ascension Ladder'?"

"Is this...the Exorcism Technique?"

This time, Tianyou looked at the Fire Raccoon Rat with some surprise.

It wasn't unusual for it to know that he wasn't on the Skeleton-exclusive [Ascension Ladder]—such an overbearing aura is impossible to hide.

But to recognize that he was cultivating the Exorcism Technique at a glance, the vision of this Fire Raccoon Rat was quite notable.

"Don't look at me like that; I initially chose the Exorcism Technique too..."

"Unfortunately, I lacked the talent, and my master couldn't even get me started after half a day."

Slightly squinting as if sensing something, Tianyou lowered his voice to ask.

"Your master is..."

"My master is Gu Sheng, also a Skeleton like you!"