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Chapter 291 6: From Flight to Starship (3/3)

[Flying Heaven Experiment? Have they already reached this stage?]

Li Hao always knew that the Skeletons have been trying various sky projects for a long, long time.

Perhaps because of the lingering instincts from the Dragon Race, the Skeletons' longing for the sky is hardly any less than the Earth race's yearning for it.

Plus, with the existence of the Ascension Ladder, the Ascenders have long achieved conquest over the sky with their own power.

However, this is far from enough in the eyes of the Skeletons.

Because every Ascender is an elite of the race, naturally born as a power above ordinary Skeletons.

The Skeletons pursue not just some hardly replicable skyward flight; they want every individual to be able to freely soar in the sky.

This is difficult, but for the Mountain and Sea Realm with its Extraordinary Power, it's not impossible.

Back in the ancient times of Virtuous King Gu Sheng, the Skeletons harnessed the power of hot air balloons, continually exploring and expanding their sphere of influence, making further contact with the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas hiding in forests and rivers.

After the death of Virtuous King Gu Sheng, Tyrant Xiong Pi, to consolidate his rule, utilized this power for war and rebellion suppression.

From then on, even those with the shortest vision realized the suppressive force of the sky.

Especially when Bone Chant from the Serpent Race officially took power, leading the entire Hundred Races to further unification, the universally accessible sky-flying ability truly emerged.

By modifying their own skeletons accompanied by the prefabricated changes of flesh and blood armor...

Even the most ordinary Skeleton could grow wings and soar in the sky.

Yet, still it was far from enough.

After Bone Chant completed the Mountain and Sea Civilization's unification, the civilization wasn't composed of just a single race.

Flesh and blood armor wasn't suitable for Mountain and Sea People besides Skeletons.

And let alone the surgeries required for prior modification of one's own skeleton.

In such situations, the Wise Men of Zhiku had to focus on the only universally applicable flying method—vehicles.

Initially, everyone wanted to develop floating-type vehicles akin to hot air balloons, enabling all Mountain and Sea People to stay in the air for extended periods.

After various tests and experiments, developers realized this was not feasible.

Hot air balloons could only serve as the early-stage flying vehicle, lacking much exploitable potential.

Even airships created with the power of Ascenders couldn't escape the limitations of size and material.

Thus, until A Su stood out among numerous candidates, becoming the leader to propel Mountain and Sea Civilization forward, the research direction for flying vehicles made a complete turn.

Jets and Maglev vehicles became universally acknowledged research directions for flying vehicles.

To be honest, with Mountain and Sea Civilization developed to this extent, Li Hao already found it somewhat incomprehensible.

Jet vehicles were easy to understand, similar to rockets and missiles on Earth.

The only difference was that the Mountain and Sea Realm had more fuel types and material combinations.

If getting stuck, there was still a group of Ascenders capable of bending rules.

Treasure materials from various sci-fi and manga works were things Ascenders at specific Ascension Ladders could effortlessly materialize.

As for production issues?

That's a concern only after mass production; initial research just needs a successful prototype.

Without considering other extra factors, solely in terms of material science, Mountain and Sea Civilization's advances far exceed Earth Civilization's.

When Mountain and Sea Civilization extracted and researched materials and techniques to create maglev vehicles from remnants of Black Hole Life and Supermassive Bodies,

Li Hao then realized Mountain and Sea Civilization had officially entered its incomprehensible "black box" stage.

If Creator Li Hao didn't follow and learn, he would eventually be left behind by his own civilization and followers.

Fortunately, Li Hao was always willing to put effort into learning, ensuring the gap with Mountain and Sea Civilization wouldn't widen much.

Whenever thinking of this, Li Hao couldn't help but marvel at the gap between Gods and ordinary beings.

Even without Celestial Tao System assistance, Li Hao could easily understand and learn the cutting-edge technologies of Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Progressing and innovating on this basis wasn't difficult for Li Hao.

Gods are Gods not only because of their Power and Authority.

Surpassing common beings in wisdom is likewise a fundamental manifestation of a god.

Yet, even as Li Hao repeatedly overestimated the jump and unpredictability of Mountain and Sea People, he never imagined they would directly leap from "Aerospace" to the field of "Interstellar Navigation."

Even though it was just a coincidence, an accident, it also implied Mountain and Sea People's world exploration had transcended the Mountain and Sea Realm's scope.

[Void Exploration Project?]

This was the Mountain and Sea People's name for the failed "Space-time Travel" project.

The project started during Bone Chant's time, and following Li Hao's connection of Divine Fall Realm via Celestial Tao System, Mountain and Sea People began consciously exploring worlds beyond the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Unfortunately, the Mountain and Sea Realm's world barrier far exceeded Mountain and Sea People's imagination.

Constructed through Li Hao's Immortal Body reconstruction...

The defense system built by Celestial Tao System, Cup of Hygeia, and Void Divine Hall...

Plus, the outermost layer capable of isolating the void and dimensions, distorting the Mountain and Sea Realm's timeline—the space-time vortex...

Despite Mountain and Sea People's technologies far surpassing other civilizations, and no gods forbidding their research, their difficulty in observing the outside world was far beyond imagination.

Thus, after a reckless observation yielded no results in the space-time vortex, Fang Xun, one of the experimental flight crew at the time, was directly thrown into the space-time vortex.

Thanks to Celestial Tao System's unerring protection,

Fang Xun, this unfortunate soul, not only wasn't completely consumed by the space-time vortex but was serendipitously rescued by Ashoron.

Until Fang Xun barely returned to Divine Fall Realm, and with Quinn's help returned to Mountain and Sea Realm, the researchers of Zhiku finally successfully obtained firsthand observation data.

[Developing Starships is just developing Starships...]

[Why are you so obsessed with designing the Starship to resemble a "Sky City"?:]

Examining the Sky City model constantly improved and designed based on the observed data, the expression on Li Hao's face turned peculiar as he fell into contemplation.