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Chapter 316 7: Pioneer Squad

Gu Zhuo is a mysterious creature among the fourth-generation Skeletons.

From the birth stage in the Bone Forest, Gu Zhuo demonstrated an extraordinary capacity for absorbing silicon-based substances.

While other fourth-generation Skeletons have a nutrient absorption rate of about thirty percent, Gu Zhuo exhibited a rate of over ninety percent.

This directly caused Gu Zhuo's physique to far exceed the normal fourth-generation Skeletons.

Even those large Skeleton individuals who have specialized in their structure are not comparable to Gu Zhuo in terms of size.

The key point is, Gu Zhuo's massive physique did not impact its agility, but instead grew with it synchronously.

It is well-known that the larger the organism, the slower its speed and reaction tend to be.

This is the basic rule of life evolution, also a limitation of the physical world on large individuals.

Only a few creatures, like the MinAserpentg She, which have developed complex neural nodes similar to auxiliary brains, can maintain a massive physique and possess exceptional neural reflexes.

Even so, compared to smaller creatures, the MinAserpentg She's neural reflexes can still be somewhat sluggish.

In this context, Gu Zhuo's existence broke through this limitation.

The ever-growing physique did not become a stumbling block for Gu Zhuo's speed and reflexes.

On the contrary, compared to other clumsy contemporary Skeletons, Gu Zhuo's overall performance was outstanding.

Especially after entering the academy, Gu Zhuo did not even need Flesh and Blood Armor to generate an Artificial Brain to keep up with other Skeletons' courses.

Thus, like all teachers who are willing to favor good students, Gu Zhuo's school life became its busiest and also the most fulfilling period of its life.

No teacher disliked Gu Zhuo, and they generously imparted their knowledge in response to Gu Zhuo's various questions.

As expected, Gu Zhuo became the most outstanding new Skeleton of that year.

Whether in physique, power, knowledge, or pursuit of wisdom, Gu Zhuo far exceeded the normal fourth-generation Skeletons.

Gu Zhuo only realized this after joining the Mountain and Sea Civilization formally.

Even among the Skeleton community, where emotions are the faintest, there are negative emotions such as jealousy and hatred.

The overly exceptional Gu Zhuo inevitably faced some degree of exclusion after joining the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

Fortunately, the Mountain and Sea Civilization is made up of various complex and highly diverse races, with high acceptance of mysterious creatures.

Gu Zhuo, who did not fit in with the external world, thus didn't become a true outcast.

However, even if not seen as a true outcast by the Mountain and Sea People, Gu Zhuo's enormous physique destined it for exclusion from city life.

Only a few cities built by races with massive physiques like the MinAserpentg She could accommodate Gu Zhuo's daily life.

Thus, after initial trials, Gu Zhuo ultimately chose to become a "Pioneer."

"Pioneer" is not a fixed profession within the Mountain and Sea Civilization.

It is a special group that walks the frontlines of civilization, pioneers dedicated to providing a brighter future for more Mountain and Sea People.

Exploration teams searching for prehistoric relics...

Testers conducting aerospace experiments...

Engineers delving deep underground to develop subterranean spaces...

And those adventurers venturing into other worlds...

They are collectively known as "Pioneers" within the Mountain and Sea Civilization, explorers paving the way for the entire civilization.

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"Is it here?"

Ignoring those companions still arguing behind.

The hulking Gu Zhuo slowly stepped forward, standing at the very edge of the mountain range.

Here, one could clearly see the mountains shrouded in mist and the towering trees reaching into the clouds.

"Did the initial disturbance come from inside?"

Gu Zhuo's current role is as an Anomaly Investigator, specializing in investigating abnormal phenomena occurring all over the Mountain and Sea Realm.

Considering the inherent mystery of the Mountain and Sea Realm and the complex origins of the Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas.

The various anomalies of the Mountain and Sea Realm are not uncommon and can even be described as very frequent.

Yet, in the vast majority of cases, those so-called anomalies are human-induced, with only a few truly involving dangerous anomalies.

For instance, the disturbances and sounds frequently emerging from this forest lately.

According to the Central City Zhiku's assessment, this should be the movements of a newly born epic-level creature.

Unlike the epic creatures of earlier generations, those born after the establishment of the Reincarnation System generally possess intelligence comparable to, or even surpassing, ordinary Mountain and Sea People.

Unfortunately, when those powerful epic creatures gain true wisdom, they often become even harder to manage.

The new generation of epic creatures sees itself as the lord of the forest, inherently proud.

Unawareness of the outside world ensures they only behave after receiving a beating from an Ascender.

Obviously, the Central City Zhiku believes that such a new generation epic creature, and a particularly massive individual, is hiding in this forest.

Logically, such dangerous work wouldn't normally fall to Gu Zhuo.

However, upon hearing that this epic creature was also a massive individual, Gu Zhuo volunteered and applied to the superiors to undertake this mission.

After careful consideration, the superiors realized that Gu Zhuo seemed indeed more suitable than an average Ascender for this task.

Even among Ascenders, an individual with a physique akin to a mountain is rare.

Though Gu Zhuo is not yet a true Ascender, its massive size is something ordinary epic creatures can't contend with.

Forget epic creatures, even a slightly weaker Ascender may not be a match for Gu Zhuo.

So, with several rounds of weighing the options, this task finally fell upon Gu Zhuo.

"How are the data from the Earth Pattern Detector and the Life Scanner?"

"Can we determine the epic creature's characteristics and specific location?"

After careful observation, Gu Zhuo turned back and asked its companions in a low voice.

These companions might not excel in combat, but in other areas, they surpassed Gu Zhuo by more than one extent, being elite talents from various fields.

"No, we can't even recreate that eerie sound."

A massive Ya Yan gently landed on Gu Zhuo's shoulder, her voice revealing a hint of melancholy amidst its clarity.

"This task isn't simple, Ascenders might have intervened."

"To be safe, I personally suggest applying to deploy armed 'Living Plants' from above."