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Chapter 325 - 16: The Two Paths of Civilization

The danger of the Bottomless Abyss is beyond doubt.

Especially at this moment when negotiations between the Giant Turtle and the Merfolk Spirit have broken down and they stand in opposition, the surging waves are enough to shatter the strongest rocks in this world.

And just above these surging waves, a solitary, extremely simplistic bone ship drifts with the wind.

No matter how turbulent the waves, this bone ship maintains its stability, sailing towards the source of the Bottomless Abyss at a leisurely pace.

Because the bone ship is completely translucent, even from the outside, one can clearly see the members inside the ship.

The number of members inside the bone ship is not large. Leading them is the Skelton named Tianyou, who has activated his Flesh and Blood Armor and is staring intently ahead.

On Tianyou's shoulder rests a small Fire Raccoon Rat.

Despite shivering a bit, the Fire Raccoon Rat barely manages to stand straight, looking in the direction of the Bottomless Abyss along with Tianyou.

"Since you're so scared, why did you come with me?"

Turning his head to glance at the Fire Raccoon Rat with some resignation, Tianyou's voice is slightly deep.

"Because we are friends, aren't we?"

Forcing a radiant smile, the Fire Raccoon Rat's voice became much more enthusiastic.

"Also, I'm not scared, I'm excited!"

"I never imagined I would one day see the legendary 'Holy Relic Ship'!"

"This divine ship made from a finger bone of the Virtuous King is said to possess the miraculous ability to resist any storm."

Upon hearing this, Tianyou felt an urge to roll his eyes and then tell the Fire Raccoon Rat that the master it always admired, who knew nothing, was actually the reincarnation of the Virtuous King.

However, thinking of the Fire Raccoon Rat's character, Tianyou ultimately decided not to shatter its illusion.

After all, the reincarnated Virtuous King was no longer the Virtuous King of the past.

Since the other party was unwilling to acknowledge his identity, there was no need for him to point it out.

"This is a divine artifact that the Prophets have always kept in the museum..."

"If it weren't for the dire need for a ship to cross the South Sea, I doubt those old stubborn folk would have approved my request."

Equally amazed by the miraculous 'Holy Relic Ship', Tianyou's reaction seemed much calmer.

The current Tianyou is no longer the novice he used to be.

With the help of the [Ring of Domination] and the [Civilization Game], he successfully opened his unique [Ascension Ladder].

Therefore, Tianyou could better appreciate the Virtuous King Gu Sheng's mastery over the [Exorcism and Spirit-Controlling Techniques] than the Fire Raccoon Rat could.

Just a single Immortal Bone could transform into a 'Holy Relic Ship' that defies any storm and sea's wrath.

As the user, Tianyou didn't even need to exert effort to steer the ship; it naturally took him where he wanted to go.

This is what sets the Mountain and Sea Civilization apart from other civilizations, as it follows a path of mythology and technology in parallel.

Though there is no saying that older means stronger in the Mountain and Sea Civilization,

the divine artifacts left behind by top Ascenders indeed can produce magical effects when necessary.

This is an inherent mythological path that warps the rules of the world.

Complementing the technological path that progresses by conforming to the world's rules.

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Drifting on the boundless ocean, there is no concept of time.

As far as the eye can see, only the constant sound of waves and seawater can be heard.

So, to pass this dull time, Tianyou often adjusts his mindset with contemplation and conversation.

"What is that?"

Just as Tianyou once again sank into thought, the ever-alert Fire Raccoon Rat suddenly exclaimed.

Looking in the direction the Fire Raccoon Rat pointed, Tianyou suddenly noticed a gigantic whirlpool appearing on the endless ocean surface.

This whirlpool appeared out of nowhere, without any warning.

It wasn't until Tianyou focused intently on the whirlpool that he realized what it actually was.

It was the entrance to the Bottomless Abyss on the ocean's surface, the real pathway into the Bottomless Abyss.

It wasn't that it really appeared suddenly; it had always been there.

Just like the Divine Concealment Land where the Immortals reside, only through special trials and experiences would the entrance to the Bottomless Abyss reveal itself to a foreigner.

Normally, Ascenders would have to endure countless trials to find this entrance, unlike how easily Tianyou did.

This is the miracle brought about by the 'Holy Relic Ship.'

The destination in the captain's heart, no matter how absurd or boundless, if it truly exists in this world, will surely be reached.

This world is not limited to the material realm; the same goes for the spiritual realm.

In simple terms, if Tianyou wishes, he could even drive the 'Holy Relic Ship' to the Netherworld where the Wangchuan River and River of Oblivion reside.

"That is our destination for this journey!"

Without hesitation, he steered the 'Holy Relic Ship' towards that gigantic whirlpool.

During this process, Tianyou didn't forget to stabilize the Fire Raccoon Rat on his shoulder to prevent it from being thrown into the sea by the whirlpool's power.

"Ah!"

Accompanied by the sharp scream of the Fire Raccoon Rat, the 'Holy Relic Ship' smoothly entered the whirlpool's interior.

A faint protective barrier rose around the 'Holy Relic Ship'.

Tianyou then held his breath, casting his gaze towards the more distant and darker depths of the ocean.

Shush!

After sinking beneath the sea, the 'Holy Relic Ship' naturally switched to submarine mode.

The faint glow illuminated only the area three feet around the 'Holy Relic Ship'; further than that required Tianyou and the Fire Raccoon Rat to find a way to observe.

Fortunately, this wasn't difficult for Tianyou, who had a prosthetic eye implanted, and the Fire Raccoon Rat.

Tianyou's eyes quickly switched to Life Wave Perception mode, and the Fire Raccoon Rat's ears activated sonar detection mode.

Soon, Tianyou and the Fire Raccoon Rat beheld a battle that shook their understanding of the world.

Whirl... whirl... whirl...

In the endless depths of the ocean, at the real entrance of the dark Bottomless Abyss,

a Giant Turtle, so vast its size defied description, blocked the exit and entrance.

Every breath it took could inhale and exhale massive volumes of seawater, each of its actions could create endless ripples deep in the ocean.

Opposite it, hovering was a formless Flood Dragon completely composed of seawater.

Though both sides remained motionless in confrontation, the entire ocean's currents quietly shifted, presenting a stunning spectacle beyond ordinary imagination.