

The Growth 505

Chapter 505 3: Unconventional Skeletons

Mountain and Sea Realm, the endless desert wastelands of the Northwest Region.

This is one of the harshest environments in the Mountain and Sea Realm, and it is also a place where the majority of Gods are unwilling to stay for long.

Yet, in this endless desert wasteland, towering structures made of bone frames and forged steel are neatly aligned.

Like a phalanx, resembling an array...

The orderly and uniform massive structures present a combination of antennas and giant dishes.

The giant dishes rotate and adjust angles, while the antennas continuously extend to the horizon.

When these enormous devices receive information signals from the outside world, they induce the entire array to adjust angles and directions, trying to capture more and stronger signals.

"Finally here!"

"Is this the 'Space-Based Telescope Array'?"

Enduring the intense burning of the scorching sun, a humanlike creature with a peculiar appearance couldn't help but exclaim.

Like all new-generation Skeletons, this Skeleton too covered its bony body with Flesh and Blood Armor, appearing hardly different from ordinary creatures.

The issue, however, lies in the 'alien' state of the Flesh and Blood Armor covering this Skeleton's head.

Overall, this Skeleton's head resembles an octopus, with a jaw that has eight tentacles which can move freely.

Whenever this Skeleton speaks, the eight tentacles twist randomly, giving an especially eerie impression.

Combined with the Skeleton's somewhat dignified and solemn attire, it even gives rise to a sense of disarray and fright involuntarily.

"Can't your armor form be a bit more normal?"

Standing beside this strange Skeleton, its companion frowned and remarked.

Clearly, even as a fellow member of the Skeleton Race, the companion had quite a few words to say about this Skeleton's unusual aesthetics.

All because of its bizarre, Evil God-like appearance.

The two had experienced quite some chaos on their way here, almost being detained as Evil God worshippers by investigators from the 'Evil God Processing Center'.

Fortunately, both possessed passes issued by the Zhiku's high-ups.

Only then were they successfully released under the investigators' bewildered and speechless gazes.

"Oh dear!"

"Celestial Decree, don't be so serious!"

With a light giggle, the Skeleton dressed like an Evil God reassured softly.

For today's Skeletons, covering their bony bodies with Flesh and Blood Armor is no different from ordinary creatures wearing clothes.

What kind of clothes to wear and what appearance to adopt all depend on personal preference and taste.

One could only say, the Skeleton who dressed like an Evil God had a taste that was a bit too far-fetched, which led to troubles along the way.

"Chi Qiu, it's you who are being too unserious!"

Seeing this, Celestial Decree could only glare at Chi Qiu helplessly.

For this friend, who grew up together with him in the Bone Forest, he really couldn't come up with a good way to handle him.

"I should've known better than to let you get in touch with the 'Game Realm' early..."

"Otherwise, you wouldn't have developed such an alternative aesthetic."

The 'Game Realm' from the [Civilization Game] has now become a regular part of the Mountain and Sea People's daily life and entertainment.

Playing NPC roles in the 'Game Realm' has even become a way for many Mountain and Sea People to learn about the outside world.

However, similar to the 'game addiction prevention mechanisms' in the real world.

The Mountain and Sea Civilization strictly prohibits members whose minds are yet mature from prematurely accessing the 'Game Realm'.

Yet, where there are policies from above, there are countermeasures from below.

Especially for the Skeleton Race, which has a long growth period and very strong hands-on ability.

Privately hacking the Brain-Computer for accessing the 'Game Realm' isn't anything too unusual.

It was in this way that Chi Qiu came into contact with a special race called "Heart Stealing Demons," developing his current alternative aesthetics under their influence.

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"Are they the Skeletons who came to change shifts this time?"

Just as Celestial Decree and Chi Qiu were chatting.

In a nearby massive steel building, a pair of Skeletons partnering together exchanged glances.

If Chi Qiu's aesthetics were abnormal, then Celestial Decree, who could partner with him until now, wasn't quite normal either.

At the very least, an average Skeleton wouldn't have their Flesh and Blood Armor metalized, making themselves look like robots.

"Is the new generation this... unconventional?"

After thinking for a long time, the skeleton, unsure of how to describe Celestial Decree and Chi Qiu, said quietly.

However, the two Skeletons discussing this had forgotten that among their peers, they too were no pushovers.

Or rather, the Skeletons who could come to this life-extinct, highly secretive desert wasteland project were all unconventional in their own right.

The essence of the [Space-Based Telescope Array] is actually a super large deep space exploration project.

In terms of importance and priority, the [Space-Based Telescope Array] is no less significant than the [Sky City] project that involves directly entering the Void.

Based on Mountain and Sea Civilization's long-term research, they have long realized that the world never exists in isolation.

Even the Mountain and Sea Realm, surrounded by space-time vortices, can reconstruct some effective information and content through the activities of other creatures and civilizations in the Void.

Unfortunately, this effective information is often mixed within the infinite chaos of the Void, making it extremely difficult to identify and reconstruct.

Thus, a vast matrix array capable of receiving information from beyond the world was born.

Just like observing scenes beyond the world through an "ultra-large telescope," the name [Space-Based Telescope Array] originated from this idea.

By continuously receiving the most basic information from space, the project filters to discover the truly effective content.

The most challenging aspect of this project isn't the continuous reception of cosmic information distorted by space-time vortices, but identifying the truly effective information amidst chaotic, meaningless traces.

In the entire Mountain and Sea Civilization, only the Skeletons have the ability and patience to achieve this.

Given the high level of this project, the selected Skeletons are essentially the elites of their kind, each holding an insatiable curiosity about the external world.

Even so, the Zhiku management conducts a personnel rotation every hundred years.

This is not for confidentiality purposes, but simply to provide the [Space-Based Telescope Array] project's observers and analysts with adequate rest.

After all, no matter how intense a Skeleton's curiosity, after a century-long tedious information filtering life, it's hard to maintain the initial thirst for knowledge.