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Chapter 601 - 11: High-dimensional Module: Artificial True God

"No privileges... really?"

Yao Xin certainly wouldn't interpret the "no privileges" mentioned by Hephaestus as Gods becoming ordinary mortals.

The "privileges" Hephaestus referred to more specifically mean the inherent majesty and unique characteristics of the Gods.

For most Gods who have long been accustomed to being in exalted positions, this kind of degradation of identity and life level is even more unbearable than direct death.

"You just said that the Disaster Realm preys on Gods, so why dare to call me over?"

It wasn't a questioning tone, Yao Xin was simply perplexed.

"The Disaster Realm is only interested in true Gods or Demigods who are in the process of transforming..."

"Entities like you, who don't even qualify as an incarnation, are of no interest to the Disaster Realm."

Hephaestus shook his head resolutely to deny, not wanting Yao Xin to think of him as someone who drags teammates into danger as sacrificial pawns.

"Wait... you said the Disaster Realm is also interested in Demigods who are in transformation?"

With pupils suddenly constricting, Yao Xin asked in an extremely cautious tone.

"Indeed!"

"Demigods in the process of transforming attract the Disaster Realm almost as much as ignorance-laden true Gods like me."

Before finishing his words, Hephaestus suddenly realized this, and his mouth opened wide in a bit of surprise.

"It can't be? Is there a transforming Demigod in this city?"

"Impossible! I scanned this city before arriving, and the closest to transformation is only this fellow!"

Pointing to Kangtao, who still had no idea what they were discussing, Hephaestus was certain his judgment was correct.

The evident strongest Skeleton in Sky City was perhaps Kangtao.

But he definitely hasn't reached the end of the Ascension Ladder, where life's essential transformation begins.

Otherwise, Hephaestus wouldn't dare rush into Sky City and ask Kangtao and others to summon Yao Xin for him.

"Since you scanned the entire city beforehand, didn't you feel the city's structure had a familiar sensation?"

Upon Yao Xin saying this, Hephaestus once again fell silent.

"This very city... is a Demigod in transformation!"

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Sky City is the ultimate product where the Mountain and Sea Civilization has fused all its technologies.

Though appearing as cities floating in the sky, their essence exceeds the understanding of ordinary civilizations.

Twisting space-time, it forms a barrier at its periphery to isolate from the outside world.

This barrier is the basis for Sky City's independence, allowing it to freely move to the Ascension Area.

Within the barrier, Sky City is divided into various areas by function: Energy Area, Research Area, Armament Area, Material Area, Ecological Area, and the central Altar Area.

Each area performs distinct functions, housing varied facilities to ensure Sky City can be self-sufficient under any extreme conditions.

Considering today's Mountain and Sea Civilization has mastered spatial technology, the actual size of Sky City is much larger than it appears to outsiders.

This doesn't just mean assigning different functions to areas.

Even developing from scratch an entirely new ecological system is not impossible.

Planting, livestock breeding, and even civilization establishment...

Every Sky City can be considered as a spark of Mountain and Sea Civilization, a spark that can reignite the civilization.

However, despite this, the designers of Sky City's original plans still worried about flaws and omissions in their design.

After all, it serves as Mountain and Sea Civilization's ultimate weapon, as important as nuclear weapons are to human civilization.

Calling it the Mountain and Sea version of Noah's Ark or a cosmic colony ship wouldn't be an exaggeration.

Under such assumptions, Mountain and Sea Civilization's design demands for Sky City reached unprecedented levels.

Thus, referencing Burrowing Insect Civilization's autonomous mechanical and intelligent life technology, Sky City was designed to be a modular structure capable of freely recombination and transformation.

Here, we must mention Yaojing, today's "living city" in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

It's a legendary city created by Burrowing Insects in a bid to integrate into the Mountain and Sea Civilization, by accident.

The city consists entirely of nanoworms, capable of automatically generating various building and module structures based on residents' will.

Given the convenience of this technology, many cities in the Mountain and Sea Realm adopted similar techniques.

In Sky City's 724.951 design blueprint, structures like Yaojing were mimicked, crafted into freely combinable module structures.

Here, Mountain and Sea Civilization did not opt for the more convenient and efficient nanoworm structure because...

Designers' ambitions while designing Sky City far exceeded mere replication of a "living city".

The combinable modules themselves are high-dimensional modules inspired by the Gods.

The source of these high-dimensional modules is complex.

They incorporate dimensional expansion technology from Mithra World and draw from the Pandora World's Dragon Form and Life Realm's Seven-headed Ten-horned Great Red Dragon.

From this angle, each high-dimensional module forming Sky City is in essence an "artificial God".

However, unlike No. 1 Machine or Celestial Child born purely for combat, these "artificial Gods" exist more to replicate God's capabilities and essence.

Thus, when Sky City finally transitioned from blueprint to reality, one "living city" mimicking God structures appeared after another.

Compared to combat-type armaments like No. 1 Machine or Celestial Child, Sky City's assembly of multiple "artificial God" modules is closer to God's essence.

This is also a major reason why Yao Xin said Sky City is a transforming "Demigod".

In fact, Yao Xin's statement is quite modest.

Except for lacking the courage to hand over complete control of Sky City to an AI system, these cities can be viewed as dimension-reduced True Gods.

If Hephaestus's intelligence isn't mistaken, the allure of Sky City to the Disaster Realm might surpass that of ordinary True Gods.

Because Sky City is both an unknown concept and dimension-reduced True God, it can be seen as a transforming Demigod...

From any angle, Sky City perfectly matches the disaster realm's usual preferences.

