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Chapter 607 - 17: The Heartbeat of the Gods

"Why is that impossible?"

"Flesh and blood are not necessary conditions for life."

A sound resembling the clank of iron suddenly emerged from behind Marquis Yi.

He was completely unprepared for the presence of another entity in this Imaginary Number Space.

Startled, Marquis Yi instinctively turned around and assumed a defensive stance.

However, when he saw the owner of the sound, he was even more shocked.

For the owner of the sound was not a living being, but an ancient armor covered in various sword and knife marks.

Without any wearer, the ancient humanoid armor gently shook its helmet, much like an elder inspecting a youngling.

Marquis Yi was certain that the entity couldn't be Mountain and Sea People or their creation.

Because any Mountain and Sea People allowed to access Sky City had their information stored in Marquis Yi's brain-computer.

Similarly, if this armor was a creation of Mountain and Sea People, it would certainly have interfaces recognizable or even controllable by the [Brain-Machine Implant].

"What are you exactly?"

From Marquis Yi's hesitance at this moment, it was clear he was genuinely unsure whether the armor was a life form or a man-made artifact.

If Li Hao hadn't created a separate [Game Realm] in the Civilization Game, allowing each Mountain and Sea People to witness all kinds of strange beings, Marquis Yi wouldn't even have asked that question.

"Messenger of Gods, or as per your usual terminology..."

"You can directly call me... Apostle."

The armor's voice, displaying a sense of leisure and ease, did not take offense at Marquis Yi's comments.

However, upon hearing the self-proclaimed title of Apostle, Marquis Yi was dumbfounded.

"Apostle? Messenger of Gods?"

"How is that possible? How did you bypass Sky City's alert system?"

It should be known that the Mountain and Sea Civilization had implemented a series of alert systems tailored to divine-level invasions during the creation of Sky City.

If only one or two alert systems failed, it could be understandable.

But for the Apostle to bypass all of Sky City's alert systems seemed somewhat unbelievable.

"Your systems are quite intriguing..."

"Even if a True God came personally, it wouldn't be possible to invade your city quietly."

The armor apostle seemed to take Marquis Yi's words as a compliment and continued in a lighthearted tone.

"However, even the most perfect systems cannot prevent my entry when the system's owner invites me."

This statement caused even more confusion in Marquis Yi's mind.

"System's owner? Who are you referring to?"

Sky City was built by Mountain and Sea Civilization, so its rightful owners should naturally be the Mountain and Sea People.

This was a fairly common understanding, though Marquis Yi was starting to suspect a betrayal within the city.

The Apostle's next words shattered his understanding completely.

"I mean the city itself!"

Ignoring Marquis Yi's bewildered expression, the armor apostle continued speaking.

"You have created a god, a powerful Artificial God..."

"My master heard its wails, heard its desires, and heard its yearning to live..."

"So I arrived here, into the 'heart' of this deity."

"You're here just in time to witness this god's first heartbeat with me!"

Before the words were finished, a nearby energy vortex suddenly expanded, resembling a genuine heartbeat.

Soon after, a powerful will emerged along with the heartbeat.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

When Kangtao and his group arrived at the Energy Area, a clear sound of heartbeats was reverberating outward.

Anyone who heard the heartbeat sound felt their own hearts beating in rhythm.

Not only the living Mountain and Sea People felt this.

Even those lifeless mechanical entities felt heartbeats rising within them.

Steel and concrete constructed skyscrapers resonated with heartbeats...

High-speed trains traversing the city gained heartbeat sounds...

Vehicles and airships piloted by the Mountain and Sea People also gained heartbeats...

Amidst these heartbeats, everything in Sky City came to life and acquired wills of their own.

"This is not the Exorcism and Demon Control Skill..."

Witnessing all this firsthand, Kangtao was quick to dismiss this possibility.

For although Exorcism and Demon Control Skill could infuse all things with spirituality, this spirituality was derived from Ascender's own.

"This resembles the 'demon' of the Celestial Human Realm in some ways..."

Having just jumped from a speeding vehicle, a three-tailed fox muttered softly.

This was because as soon as her car gained heartbeat and self-awareness, it began to run wildly, ignoring its owner was still in the vehicle.

Similar incidents were occurring throughout Sky City, making the already chaotic place even more chaotic.

"A new rule is being written into Sky City..."

Scanning the surroundings, an Eagle-headed Winged Person with a Celestial Eye on the forehead spoke up.

Under this Eagle-headed Winged Person's Celestial Eye, it was clear that a rule unfamiliar to Mountain and Sea Civilization was rapidly spreading over Sky City.

This was a rule from the gods, a rule that could bring life to all things.

Of course, the rule brought life to all things.

But as observed by this Eagle-headed Winged Person, the rule distinctly favored mechanical entities and technological products.

Boom!

As everyone struggled to understand what was happening, a sudden explosion resounded from the [Super Large-Imaginary Number Core].

In the next moment, Marquis Yi, emitting five-colored lights, was flung out.

"You scoundrel!"

In a somewhat disheveled state, Marquis Yi shouted angrily as he adjusted himself to fly back.

But before Marquis Yi could adjust his flight path, the armor apostle flew out from the Imaginary Number Space as well.

"If anyone is to be called a scoundrel, it should be you, right?"

Still casual in demeanor, the armor apostle merely retorted calmly.

"Witnessing the birth of a New God is your supreme honor."

"Yet, instead of gratitude, you wished to strike the New God."

"It is merely out of consideration for the New God that I expel you."

"The New God seems particularly fond of you creators..."

"Even though you showed malice towards it, it hasn't intended to kill you."