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Chapter 628 12: City of No Gods

To the surprise of Marquis Yi and Feng Xi, the legendary "Land of No Gods" was not as desolate as they had imagined.

This is the graveyard of the gods, yet it's a paradise for life.

If not for the stars in the heavens above, shining eternally day and night, symbolizing the power of the gods enveloping this land.

Upon seeing this so-called "Land of No Gods," Marquis Yi and Feng Xi even doubted if they had arrived at a highly advanced technological world.

Silver-white metal covered the ground, with unmanned drones suspended high in the sky.

This is a city that eradicated "faith" with "knowledge," a city of civilization built upon the remains of the gods.

"Are you shocked?"

"I had the same reaction when I first came here."

Standing on Feng Xi's shoulder, Hephaestus smiled with deep emotion.

"The knowledge brought by the gods is indeed 'toxic,' but the value of knowledge itself is undeniable."

"Using the knowledge from the gods, the rebels of this world built the initial 'City of No Gods.'"

"Every floor of this city is paved with metal that can isolate divine power."

"See those drones in the sky?"

"Those aren't ordinary drones; they're special drones developed specifically against 'faith.'"

"It's with the real-time monitoring of those drones that the gods' faith and power can never truly invade this city..."

It must be admitted that Hephaestus's introduction did indeed make the two understand the uniqueness of this city.

Isolation from divine power, rejection of faith, and adding that it doesn't hold much value in itself...

These factors ultimately led to the "City of No Gods" standing in this special world filled with divine kingdoms, becoming a tomb where gods discarded the corpses of their kind.

Hephaestus managed to completely sever the prying eyes of the gods through the city's unique features.

However, hiding in a city that isolates divine power and faith also means that even Hephaestus himself is unsure of his current situation.

"Are they... just letting us in?"

Slowly approaching the boundary of the "City of No Gods," Marquis Yi saw the towering giant mecha.

Although this giant mecha was forged with high technology, its appearance was closer to that of gods as people stereotypically imagined.

—Green-faced with fangs, solemn and majestic.

Much like the Heavenly Kings at the temple gates, intimidating those with malicious intentions.

"They are Ascenders, they are all Ascenders!"

Similarly gazing at the giant mecha, Feng Xi noticed another difference.

Those giant mechas were not merely artificial constructs; they were indeed living entities.

"You're quite observant."

"They are the guardians of the 'City of No Gods,' and they're a form of artificial life created using biotechnology and mechanical technology."

"They evaluate and judge every foreigner wishing to enter the 'City of No Gods.'

As if to confirm Hephaestus's words, the giant mecha suddenly moved.

In the next second, the surface that seemed like its helmet revealed dozens of scanners, like eyes, conducting a meticulous full-dimensional scan on Marquis Yi, Feng Xi, Hephaestus, and the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp.

Swoosh!

Seeing the group about to be exposed, Hephaestus suddenly flapped his wings.

A cloud of mist enveloped them like smoke, instantly blocking the giant mecha's scan.

"Let's go! It can't identify us now."

Hearing Hephaestus say this, the ever-cautious Marquis Yi hesitated while Feng Xi already stepped forward.

Beep!

With a crisp low hum,

The giant mecha indeed failed to identify Feng Xi's identity, nor did it take any targeted aggressive actions.

Seeing this, Marquis Yi trusted Hephaestus's words.

Yet, despite his trust, he quickly walked to Feng Xi's side, complaining.

"Do you really believe what that guy said?"

"Aren't you afraid that this guardian might attack you by chance?"

Slightly curling his lips, Feng Xi calmly replied.

"Anyway, our mission this time is bound to fail, so why worry so much?"

"At most, we won't enter the city, and we can just go back to report the mission?"

Hearing this, Marquis Yi was speechless for a long moment, then awkwardly turned his head to change the topic.

"How did you do that? How could you deceive that guardian?"

With a look of enjoying the spectacle, Hephaestus explained with a smile.

"It's called artificial life, but the intelligence of such guardians isn't much higher than that of plants..."

"The creators of this city might have feared these guardians losing control, so they only implanted basic recognition and combat programs in them."

"As it happens, those so-called 'recognition' programs are based on knowledge of existing gods."

"Since I've never spread my knowledge and faith externally, they naturally cannot recognize or decipher my capabilities."

After a slight pause, Hephaestus continued.

"In reality, the reason this city can still exist now is solely that the gods need a place to bury their kindred's corpses."

"These so-called 'recognition' systems can't prevent any determined god."

"Just like the Sky City's warning system, which couldn't stop Maitot's Apostle before the New God was born."

"As truly high-dimensional beings, the gods' perspectives have already transcended the cognition of normal beings."

"For example, don't be fooled by the fact that I've lost most of my power now..."

"But as long as I still have a high-dimensional perspective, I can easily swap the positions of your brain and heart, and you wouldn't have any countermeasures."

"This is the power of gods, an ability that cannot be described in language you can understand."

Hephaestus spoke while slowly opening his palm.

And in Hephaestus's palm lay a Ten-tailed Dragon Carp compressed in size.

"Ah? When did that happen?"

It was only at this moment that Marquis Yi noticed the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp, which had been flying around him, had vanished into thin air.

There was no spatial-temporal fluctuation, nor any special abilities used...

Hephaestus simply momentarily jumped out of this dimension's perspective to "steal" the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp without anyone noticing.

At the moment Hephaestus "stole" the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp, the Dragon Carp's existence itself disappeared from this world.

Even a demigod mastering the power of space-time could not observe what exactly happened at the moment the Ten-tailed Dragon Carp vanished.