

## The Growth 85

### Chapter 85 - 13: Second-Generation Skeletons (3/5)

When Li Hao closed the computer and lay on the bed, drifting into dreamland.

The "Think Tank Meeting" of White Bone City was also coming to an end, and Gu Sheng once again used his outstanding personal charisma and eloquence to convince all the think tank members to agree to his actions.

Even the most belligerent Prophet of the Li Clan in the think tank had to choose to agree with Gu Sheng's venturesome plan.

However, for safety's sake, A Li decided to have the top combatants among the Skeletons accompany Gu Sheng to the Merfolk Tribe under the sea.

"So, is this why you've come to see me?"

In the pasture area of White Bone City, A Ke looked at A Li and Xiong Pi in front of him and asked.

Behind A Ke, A Ya was helping him watch over the four-legged Bone Beast gnawing on fragments of bones.

But from A Ya's occasional glancing around, it was clear that her mind was entirely focused on the trio of A Ke and the others.

"I am no longer a warrior, and I am tired of killing."

Looking calmly at A Li, A Ke knew that it was him who was the main character of this mission.

As for his former superior—Xiong Pi?

From the moment the war ended, Xiong Pi no longer had the qualifications to lead A Ke.

"This time, it's not for war."

Stopping Xiong Pi, who was about to say something, A Li spoke.

"Your mission is to protect the leader closely, so that it can safely achieve this negotiation."

"If any accident befalls the leader during this negotiation, it will directly trigger the second War of Divine Punishment."

In front of his past clan members, A Li reverted from his previous irritable and belligerent demeanor at the think tank meeting, speaking in a tone full of unquestionable authority.

"And this time, no one else will possess the leader's prestige to allow us to continue co-existing peacefully with the Hundred Races for decades."

"..."

Upon hearing that, A Ke, cloaked in a black robe, remained silent.

No one understood the value of peace better than A Ke, who had experienced war.

But precisely because he knew the worth of peace, A Ke was especially aware of the importance of this mission.

If a slight mishap occurs during the mission, A Ke himself would become a sinner to all Skeletons and even in the Mountain and Sea Realm.

"Why choose me?"

After a long silence, A Ke suddenly asked.

Among the modified Li Min, A Ke was not the most exceptional one.

On the contrary, whether in combat performance or achievements, A Ke was as ordinary as could be.

Let alone compared to those of his kind bred specifically for battle.

Even when compared to someone like Xiong Pi, who had undergone extensive self-modification, A Ke was somewhat lacking.

"Because you are the only one among the Second Generation Skeletons who can restrain your desire to kill."

At this point, Xiong Pi picked up the thread and spoke.

"Your bodies originate from the bones of the Bone Beast, and your souls come from the Evil Ghosts that once ravaged the earth..."

"You are artificially created Skeletons, the closest existence to the original ancestors."

"Perhaps for this reason, once you enter combat mode, you go on a rampage against all living beings in sight, leaving no exception even for your own kind."

After a slight pause, Xiong Pi suddenly shifted topics.

"Only you are an exception, always suppressing your bloodthirsty desires."

"Elder Shuli said before he left that if you did not suppress your desire to kill, you would be the strongest Second Generation Skeleton."

"Thus, having you take charge of this mission is also an opportunity for the entire Second Generation Skeleton group."

In today's White Bone City, the former Li Min had long integrated into the Skeleton community.

They became doctors in the rankings, shepherds among Skeletons, or were responsible for the birth and maintenance of newborns...

Only a few, like A Ke, were trapped by their violent, belligerent nature, unable to fully integrate into the daily life of White Bone City.

If A Ke could indeed perfectly complete this task, he might help the Second Generation Skeletons better integrate into White Bone City.

"Even if not for yourself, you should consider A Ya!"

Seeing A Ke fall silent again, A Li cast his gaze towards A Ya, who was eavesdropping not far away.

"She was born from your bones; she is also a Second Generation Skeleton."

As A Li said, A Ya's birth was an unexpected event.

She was a lost rib of A Ke, and as a result, unexpectedly possessed a soul.

In some ways, A Ya was even more unique than A Ke.

"Fine! I agree with you all."

It was unclear whether he was persuaded or had already made up his mind.

A Ke's voice showed no hesitation, only a calmness so faint it was almost indifferent.

"However, I have one condition, and that is A Ya must follow the Prophet's teachings until she decides to quit on her own."

Among the Skeletons now, the Prophet was the only one qualified to spread wisdom and knowledge.

Especially a Prophet of A Li's stature, whose profound wisdom and knowledge are no less than most of the Immortals.

In truth, A Ke cared little for these things.

The reason he requested this of A Li was simply because A Ya liked to learn.

A Ya was unlike any Skeleton he knew; not only did she possess a strong desire for knowledge, but her learning ability was outstanding.

If A Ya hadn't been born after the Immortals had left, she would certainly have been a key figure in their training.

"You don't need to ask; I would have done so anyway."

Gazing deeply at A Ke for a moment.

A Li seemed to understand why Shuli valued this anomaly among the Second Generation Skeletons so highly.

"Additionally, there is something I should inform you about in advance."

"The Hundred Races of Mountains and Seas have been co-existing peacefully with Skeletons for decades, but we cannot exclude the possibility that some extremists plan to stir up trouble."

"Moreover, this negotiation was proposed unilaterally by the leader, so the Merfolk Race will not be responsible for safety along the way."

"In the realm of the East Sea, those terrifying Ocean Giant Beasts are the true rulers of the ocean."

"Compared to those members of the Hundred Races who might disrupt this negotiation, those mindless Ocean Giant Beasts are the real crisis you face."

Understanding, A Ke nodded, the black robe concealing any emotional fluctuation.

"I understand, as long as I am alive, the leader will not encounter any problems."

A Ke was not assuring A Li of anything; he was simply stating a fact.

The remarkably calm A Ke failed to notice the hint of worry on A Ya's face behind him.