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After the "Divine Apostle" Merfolk Spirit personally intervened, the negotiations between the Merfolk Race and the Skeletons proceeded surprisingly smoothly.

Especially when the Merfolk Race took the initiative to propose an alliance, Gu Sheng felt a sense of being flattered.

However, after understanding the needs of the Merfolk Race, Gu Sheng felt that this seemed quite reasonable.

Unlike the Skeleton Race sheltered by the Day of Sin,

the Merfolk Race faced significant difficulties in reproduction, leading to only a small settlement size after hundreds of years.

This was partly because most merfolk offspring transformed into mindless fish with human faces during growth.

But on the other hand, due to the merfolk's valuable nature, they constantly faced hunting from other species.

Weighing both aspects, forming an alliance with the Skeleton Race naturally became an inevitable choice.

[But... is it really just for this reason?]

With this doubt in mind, Gu Sheng accepted the alliance proposal from the Merfolk Race.

Then, the Skeleton Race and the Merfolk Race, entering a honeymoon period, showed amazing potential.

It started with the taming of fish with human faces.

Under Gu Sheng's leadership, the Skeleton Race quickly found a way to tame these fish, greatly easing the most urgent population issue for the Merfolk Race.

Moreover, the most outstanding prophet among the Skeletons, A Li, noticed that these fish with human faces were essentially merfolk lacking wisdom.

If their deficiencies could be systematically addressed, they would likely become true merfolk.

So what does systematic remedy mean?

From the womb to the embryo, from diet to education...

The Li Min among the Skeleton Race demonstrated what professionalism meant through their actions.

For the Li Min, who could independently create "artificial life," supplementing spirituality and enhancing soul strength during the embryonic stage was easy as pie.

Once the embryos grew into young ones, the Skeletons didn't choose to let them roam free like the Merfolk Race did.

Starting from basic language, to the popularization of a common script, to daily nutritional supplements...

The Skeletons didn't overlook any stage of the merfolk's growth, ensuring as much as possible that they could awaken true wisdom rather than becoming beasts.

After solving the issue of taming fish with human faces,

the second impact the Skeletons brought to the Merfolk Race was a massive trade volume.

Dragon Silk and Jue Pearl were ordinary items within the Merfolk Race.

However, once these two items circulated within the Skeletons, they rapidly became novel items favored by many Skeletons.

The splash-resistant, vividly-colored Dragon Silk severely challenged the monotonous aesthetic worldview of the Skeletons.

For the first time, they realized that apart from white, the world had so many beautiful colors.

To exchange for the precious Dragon Silk, the Skeletons provided the Merfolk Race with numerous resources and technical support, ushering them into a true period of racial boom.

Conversely, the ever-bright Jue Pearl held little value for the non-visual-dependent Skeletons.

However, that was only relatively speaking.

So the question arises, is the alliance between the Skeleton Race and the Merfolk Race beneficial only on one side?

The answer is naturally no.

For the dominant Skeleton Race, they sought influence over the Merfolk Race, not advantages in resources or technology.

In Li Hao's view, the leader of the Skeleton Race, the extremely cunning Gu Sheng, was consciously making the Merfolk Race unable to leave the Skeletons.

Material, energy, technology...

The more the Merfolk Race received from the Skeletons, the less they could tolerate reverting to their primitive tribal state.

Especially since, in their naivete, the Merfolk Race entrusted the education of their next generation to the Skeletons, ensuring that future merfolk would naturally be close to the Skeletons.

Furthermore, the Skeletons were using similar strategies to divide and dissolve other members of the Hundred Races.

In this process, the Dragon Silk and Jue Pearl provided by the Merfolk Race became important "universal currency."

No race could refuse the Dragon Silk and Jue Pearl of the Merfolk Race.

These two items were irresistible temptations for members of the Hundred Races still in a primitive civilization phase.

In just a few short decades, under Gu Sheng's leadership, the Skeletons eliminated any opposing voices within the Hundred Races through a strategy of vertical and horizontal alliances.

Lingyu, Nine-tailed, Ya Yan...

As members of the Hundred Races successively joined this enormous alliance, Gu Sheng officially became the leader of the alliance of the Skeleton Race.

[This is a war without gunpowder.]

Witnessing the entire process, Li Hao sighed, realizing once again how he underestimated life in this world.

The individuals rising from their races might be limited in vision, unable to strategize as comprehensively as modern human elites.

Yet in terms of ideals, intelligence, vision, and methods, they are in no way inferior to modern humans.

After all, these individuals truly honed their skills from the bottom, possessing ample practical experience.

As for theory?

That can be summarized through practice, without affecting the final outcome at all.

Moreover, the social theories of humans are based on the structures of human society.

The Mountain and Sea Realm has its unique circumstances.

Blindly adopting Earth's social structures isn't suitable for the current Skeletons and members of the Hundred Races.

The most obvious and fundamental point is the wisdom beings in the Mountain and Sea Realm come from different species without a common ground.

Thus, apart from their kindred, they lack a broader sense of group identity.

Under such circumstances, attempting to create a "unified" social framework similar to human society is a highly challenging and complex process.

Frankly speaking, the fact that Gu Sheng didn't choose to annihilate other species like humans did and make the Skeleton Race the only wise race in the Mountain and Sea Realm already surprised Li Hao.

The subsequent series of alliances and actions strengthening the Skeletons' influence even led Li Hao to wonder if Gu Sheng was a "transmigrator" who came to the Mountain and Sea Realm.

[Sure enough, being born from the skeleton of the Dragon Race...]

[I bet even among the ancient Dragon Race, it would have been a Wise Man renowned for its 'Wisdom'!]

Li Hao's gaze swept over Gu Sheng as it traversed mountains and valleys, continuously shuttling between major species, making him wonder for the first time if the Skeletons had entirely shed the influence of their pre-life.