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Chapter 96 - 24: Virtuous King's Remains (4/5)

A few months later, at the highest peak of the Mountain and Sea Realm, the cold and ruthless World's Peak.

A Ke stood in the snowstorm, his black robe tattered but still as sharp as an unsheathed blade.

In front of A Ke, a multi-racial combat team surrounded him, with the leading Skeleton shouting at him angrily about his crimes.

"A Ke! Hand over the leader's Remains, or don't blame us for being rude!"

As soon as the leading Skeleton shouted, a giant crow in the sky let out a sharp screech in unison.

Unfortunately, faced with the threat from the combat team, A Ke simply held Bone Sheng's Remains tightly on his back, without changing his expression, and then spread his six arms wide, each performing its function.

"Leave this place! You are not my match."

A Ke, the first native Ascender of the Mountain and Sea Realm, the strongest force of the Skeleton race, spoke the truth.

Even if he had to protect Bone Sheng's Remains, even without going all out against his companions, he still had an overwhelmingly superior combat power.

"Attack! Don't let it assume its battle form!"

Seeing the situation, the leading Skeleton decisively issued the battle command.

In the next second, a giant Bone Chain flew towards A Ke not far away.

At the same time, the crow Ya Yan swooped down fiercely from the sky, its sharp claws enough to pierce through any Stone.

To coordinate with these attacks from both directions, the ice surface under A Ke's feet suddenly rose, and a translucent Banshee emerged from it.

"Skeletons, Ya Yan, Water Demon..."

Upon instantly identifying the three attackers, A Ke showed no sign of panic.

He didn't even focus his attention on these three attackers, but decisively turned around and kicked at an evil wind blowing towards him.

"I never thought even the ever solitary Fei Lian would choose to cooperate."

With a tone full of obvious sarcasm, A Ke aimed to provoke the loneliest Fei Lian.

However, to his surprise, this Fei Lian was evidently a Mysterious Creature.

Because instead of being provoked, the other party whipped up an even greater blizzard.

Thus, another new chase officially began.

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In the blink of an eye, more than half a month passed.

A Ke was now infinitely close to the summit.

Despite possessing a "Half-god Body," upon reaching this altitude, he also felt a deadly cold.

The black robe on A Ke's body had long since vanished with the previous rounds of battles.

But A Ke never let go of the Remains on his back, as if the Remains were a part of his body.

Step by step, leaving a trail of footprints in the snow...

In such deadly cold, the pursuers chasing A Ke simply couldn't get close, so he naturally no longer needed to erase the traces he left.

"As a newcomer who has just embarked on the Path to Divinity, your performance is truly astonishing."

Just as the fatigued A Ke instinctively assumed a battle stance, the coldness within him suddenly dissipated.

It was as if he had moved from extreme cold to spring in an instant.

Basking in the warm sun, A Ke looked up abruptly, feeling an unprecedented surge of energy.

"Ancient Serpent?"

As he looked around, a giant White Serpent appeared before A Ke.

Upon seeing the White Serpent, A Ke realized he had finally found his target this trip.

"I..."

Just as A Ke was about to express his intentions, a figure slowly emerged from behind the White Serpent.

It was a woman with perfect curves, someone who would be considered very beautiful even by the standards of the Skeleton race.

"I already know your purpose."

With a calm voice filled with gentleness, Yao Xin walked towards A Ke with a smile.

"Thank you for your hard work, Ascender who has completed the 'Immortal Trial.'"

Before the words were fully spoken, A Ke suddenly felt the warmth in his body transforming into an inexplicable power, one that granted him an Immortal Body.

Before A Ke could react to what was happening to his body, the Remains belonging to Bone Sheng on his back suddenly trembled.

"This?"

Of the three faces of A Ke, the one constantly watching his back suddenly showed an expression of shock.

For Bone Sheng's Remains were slowly floating up, then moved towards Yao Xin, supported by an invisible force.

"I said long ago, you shouldn't have let this guy be born."

Silently gazing at the ghastly white Remains, Hua She spoke at that moment.

"It is a born Saint, a destined Virtuous King, do you regret it now?"

Not answering Hua She's question directly, Yao Xin very rarely showed a trace of sadness.

"I had thought finding the 'Immortality Technique' would allow me to escape the separation of life and death."

"But what I didn't expect was, there seem to be things in this world more noble than Death, for which Bone Sheng wouldn't hesitate to die."

Pausing slightly, Yao Xin restrained the sadness on her face and said.

"Do you ask if I regret it?"

"I want to say I deeply regret it, but does that hold any meaning?"

"This was Bone Sheng's choice, and what I can do is respect that choice."

She gently pointed at the Remains' forehead.

Yao Xin's third Celestial Eye opened suddenly, revealing that vertical pupil which symbolized 'Divinity' and 'Death.'

"Death was its choice, but granting it new life is mine."

With a gentle voice filled with determination, Yao Xin at this moment activated her Authority as the 'Lord of the Netherworld.'

Whirring... whirring... whirring...

A gigantic vortex, visible to the naked eye, appeared out of nowhere at the world's peak.

The substantive Soul Element surged into the Remains of Bone Sheng.

"Welcome home, Bone Sheng!"

In the vortex of the Soul Storm, the wobbly Remains of Bone Sheng gradually adapted and stood upright without any external aid.

"Hiss... it's all in vain!"

Witnessing this scene, Hua She was taken aback but then disdainfully flicked its tongue.

"Even if you can use the Death God's Authority to recreate its soul, it won't be the Bone Sheng it once was."

"It is merely a new life inheriting the Virtuous King's Remains, destined never to possess its past memories."

Hearing this, Yao Xin unexpectedly smiled a little.

"That's enough!"

"In this life, it is destined not to bear that heavy responsibility, and can truly live for itself."

"In the end, I'm just a shallow and selfish person."

"As long as it remains by my side, does it matter whether it's the Bone Sheng it once was?"