

Magic Era 1331

Chapter 1331: Tables Turned

Sheldon extended one of his demonic clawed hands, protecting his head, and smashed his other clawed arm at Xiuban.

Unfortunately, he had no idea how strong Xiuban who had gone berserk again at the cost of all his rationality would be.

There seemed to be an Ancient Poison Dragon that was attached to Carnage. It roared and charged at Sheldon when Carnage collided with Sheldon's claws. The claws, which were more than one meter long, exploded into pieces like a huge crystal that had been smashed brutally.

At the same time, Sheldon's other clawed hand hit Xiuban brutally, and smashed him to one side of the pit.

The dust was roiling, and the soil was broken. In only half a second, Xiuban had charged back at Sheldon from the dust, with nothing but a vague red mark on his body that soon disappeared. No wound could be seen at all.

Carnage hit Sheldon's remaining claws again, making them explode even though they had completely transformed into a demon's. This time, it could be seen that the power of fire and frost was mixed on the surface of Carnage. When Carnage smashed down, the power of fire and ice would hit Sheldon too. Because it had been compressed hundreds of times, and because Xiuban was wielding Carnage brutally, it would be dozens of times more powerful when it burst out.

After Sheldon's claws were broken, Xiuban's eyes remained bloodshot. The second berserk status wouldn't end until he broke Sheldon into pieces.

Instantly, Xiuban moved so fast that only his shadows could be seen. Explosions burst out on Sheldon's skin like firecrackers without stop.

A dozen seconds later, the noises of firecrackers came to an abrupt end. After the last explosion, Sheldon's enormous body fell apart into countless pieces like a glass statue.

Xiuban, however, continued wielding Carnage without stopping. He didn't stop until he smashed all the crystal pieces again and again, and made them no bigger than a fist. Then, the bloodiness in his eyes gradually disappeared.

After regaining his rationality, Xiuban grinned and rubbed his sore parts. He held Carnage on his shoulder, and stomped on the broken crystal pieces.

"Damn it, idiot. I said that I'd break you into pieces, and I never go back on my word. When you chose to fight against me, you... How did Sir Merlin put it? Oh right, you embarked on a trip to death..."

When he walked out of the pit, the battles in other places were all coming to an end. Everybody of the Thorny Crown had been defeated except Myers. Sheldon was the only one who died, and the others were only suppressed. The most unlucky of them had a dozen broken bones, and was frozen in ice. He was alive, although only barely...

Reina had finished her battle. She didn't help the army of alchemy puppets—unless she saw level-40 beasts. Then, she would step up and kill them.

The legion mages turned into a fiery cloud that dashed to the beasts, leaving nothing but ashes in their way. Xiuban raised his head, and looked at Lin Yun's battle. Then, he grinned, and charged at the beasts with Carnage on his shoulder.

In the sky, the battle between Myers and Lin Yun was ongoing. After losing his rationality and being controlled and crystallized, Myers was five times stronger than he usually was because it fitted the bloodline he transplanted.

His crystal spells made him much more powerful than normal level-5 Heaven Rank experts. He was almost as strong as the level-6 Heaven Rank experts.

Lin Yun was holding the Book of Death in one hand and the Draconic Staff in the other. The incarnation of the purple dragon was floating with the illusion of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, which was spinning quickly as Lin Yun calculated and looked for his enemy's weakness. The Book of Ten Thousand Mantras had been opened and put aside, allowing Lin Yun to cast level-9 spells almost instantly.

Around Lin Yun, mana was surging faster and faster, and the waves of laws were getting more and more powerful too. Even the projection of his Natural Demiplane seemed to be manifesting.

Crystal balls the size of a fist were released by Myers, and surrounded Lin Yun in a semicircle. Instantly, all the crystal balls exploded. Crystal stings that were hundreds of meters long stuck out. All the crystal stings' paths seemed to have been calculated carefully, and none of them collided.

When all of the crystal stings burst out, they occupied every tiny bit of the space in a radius of a kilometer. The magic resistant crystals made it impossible to use mana in the range. Any power that was based on mana would be torn apart.

Lin Yun remained calm. He had flashed several times when the crystal stings burst out. His Fusion Shield's protection was barely useful in front of the crystal stings. It could only stop the crystal stings briefly if it was hit.

Lin Yun seemed to be roaming in midair, with the crystal stings sticking out near him all the time. Each of his steps crossed at least dozens of meters. The longest one even covered 200 meters. Every time he took a stride, stings would be sticking out where he used to be.

In less than one second, he had flashed a few times, and emerged outside the sticking crystal stings' coverage. The last sting brushed past Lin Yun's hair.

It was like dancing on the tip of a blade. He would've been pierced by countless crystal stings if he'd made the tiniest error. However, thanks to the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the Magic Array, he was able to calculate the vectors, speed, and sequence of the crystal stings, and predict what would happen. He could dodge them easily according to the calculated trajectories.

After dodging the attack, Lin Yun furrowed his brows. The waves of his mana and extraordinary power became more and more powerful. Even the projection of his Natural Demiplane was appearing more frequently.

He had to take everything into account precisely in the fierce battle. If he made any mistake, he would die. Myers' strength was terrifying. He was almost cheating by summoning the magic-resistant crystals with his spells.

However, Lin Yun didn't really counterattack. He simply kept dodging, forcing himself to squeeze out his limits. He was also testing an inspiration that occurred to him earlier.

Myers was expressionless. His face was as rigid as that of a dead body. His eyes were hollow without the sign of a soul too. After he missed the first attack, a lot of brilliant crystal balls appeared in the sky again. A terrifying amount of time had been condensed in the small crystal balls, and could unleash dozens of crystal stings.

Another hundreds of crystal balls appeared behind Lin Yun. It seemed that they were going to surround Lin Yun with the crystal barrier that had already covered 1,000 square meters.

All the crystal balls exploded again, and the same stings stuck out. Lin Yun walked in the middle of the dangerous storm of blades at ease while he calculated quickly with the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the Magic Array.

Right when Lin Yun was about to escape from the forest of crystal stings, the crystal stings ahead of him suddenly fell apart, revealing more crystal balls. Then, those crystal balls exploded, and countless more crystal stings appeared.

They pressed together like two hemispheres 1,000 meters in diameter that were closing. Lin Yun was right in the center of the hemispheres.

When the two hemispheres were closed, it would be impossible to escape. There would be 100 bloody holes left in his body. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was spinning quickly and working at full efficiency, surrounded by a mist of mana. Lin Yun's face turned red too.

In the moment of life and death, everything in front of his eyes slowed down. The seething magic power inside and outside his body crossed the limits at this moment, and was ignited into fire. Intense extraordinary power burst out too.

His soul opened its eyes in his head. Immediately, a shackle was broken. The world in front of his eyes turned from monochrome to colorful. It looked different from before.

Two illusionary wheels that were spinning slowly appeared in Lin Yun's eyes. They seemed to be two illusions, but they were the reflection of the same thing.

The vague illusion of his Natural Demiplane behind his back fully appeared. It did not glitter like an illusion any longer.

The power of laws swept out, and the elements of earth, fire, wind, and water blew up like a colorful ball of light.

Immediately, all the crystals within dozens of meters of Lin Yun crumbled into pieces. Silver light flashed, and Lin Yun moved like a fish. When he swam, he caused ripples in the space nearby, and passed through the forest of crystal stings.

The stings that should've penetrated Lin Yun's neck brushed past his cheeks when he approached, as if the space had been distorted.

In the blink of an eye, Lin Yun had passed through the sphere made of enormous crystal stings. The moment he dashed out, he pointed the Draconic Staff at the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras. A torrent of mana surged out, and a complicated spell flew out of the book. With the Draconic Staff as the starting point, an enormous barrel that was more than 300 meters long craned out.

The power of space was utilized. The space in front of him was compressed. The 300-meter barrel seemed to be dozens of meters long. A special silver cannonball was launched from the barrel, and disappeared the moment it left the barrel.

Then, it reappeared only a dozen meters from Myers. At such a short distance, the cannonball was too fast for anyone to dodge. It wouldn't take any time for the cannonball to cross the dozen meters!

At the tip of the special cannonball was a new experimental material that Lin Yun added, making it exceptionally penetrative. He had added special experimental materials into the cannonball too. It was difficult and costly to make the cannonball. It would unleash all its power when it was squeezed.

The process would occur when the cannonball penetrated into the target's body, but didn't pass through. It would explode inside the target's body. The pure energy outburst in such a tiny area could obliterate and evaporate everything within a radius of several kilometers.

When hit, even Xiuban, whose body was unreasonably sturdy, would be heavily wounded, if not killed. Normal mages would surely die when their shield was broken.

Of course, while the cannonball was powerful, it still had a big flaw, which was that it had to hit the target. If it didn't, then it would be completely useless...

Lin Yun had waited for the right opportunity. He'd even surpassed his limits, and made a breakthrough again in the crisis. He was finally able to really use his Natural Demiplane in battles.

The monster that was controlling Myers couldn't possibly have realized that yet. This was the best opportunity for him to counterattack and confirm his conjecture!

Facing the cannonball that was approaching so fast, nobody could have any time to think. They could only react instinctively. Both Myers and the monster that controlled him were no exceptions...

Myers moved aside, and established a crystal shield. However, it was impossible for him to evade or resist.

When the special cannonball was only one meter away from Myers, the space was slightly distorted, and the cannonball deviated from its original trajectory, and was thrown far away.

A dozen seconds later, a gigantic mushroom cloud rose to the sky about 20 kilometers away, and reached two kilometers in height.

Although his attack missed the target, Lin Yun put on a smile.

He had made another breakthrough. Also, his conjecture was confirmed.

Lin Yun didn't attack again. However, Myers continued attacking crazily. He unleashed all his mana in his every attack. His exhausted mana was replenished by the monster's power.

While dodging the attacks, Lin Yun sent a message to the ground.

"Xiusi, deliver a message to *The Intrepid*, and ask it to break into this plane, and activate Hand of Destruction vertically towards the land at the center of the plane."

Lord Shawn and Xiusi had been hiding in the center since the beginning of the battle. They didn't dare to use their power at all, fearing that they might catch the monster's attention. Hearing Lin Yun's order, Xiusi cheered and flapped his wings, disappearing without thinking.

Lord Shawn opened his mouth, and roared, "Damn you, Xiusi, you escaped without me! You're dead! I'm going to give all of your food to Xiuban!"

Before Lord Shawn could finish, Lin Yun had appeared next to him, and put Lord Shawn on his shoulder.

Frightened, Lord Shawn held on to Lin Yun's robe, and looked at Myers, shrieking, "Merlin, kill him! Why don't you kill him? Don't tell me that you can't kill him! Even if he's strengthened after being controlled, you are definitely still able to kill him!"

"You've already made a breakthrough. Stop waiting. Kill him! If he's dead, the monster will lose the strongest man it can control, and it won't be able to do anything..."

Lord Shawn shrieked at the loudest of his voice, but Lin Yun wasn't persuaded at all. He kept dodging Myers' attack. At this moment, his Natural Demiplane's projection could no longer be used just for defense. He was already able to make use of the power of its laws, which made the battle easier.

He didn't have to fully activate the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the Magic Array to avoid all of Myers' attacks. Unfortunately, Myers was still casting crystal spells tirelessly.

A few minutes later, deafening noises echoed in the sky that looked like a broken mirror. The space cracked, and *The Intrepid* broke into this world through the dark opening.

The power of space continued squeezing *The Intrepid*, causing a great number of lightning bolts to erupt on *The Intrepid*. It seemed that the entire plane was rejecting *The Intrepid*, but unfortunately, it was useless interference...

The warship was made of the remains of a god's body. In terms of hardness, only the best warships made in Noscent's heyday would be able to compare to it.

On *The Intrepid's* front, an enormous cannon that seemed to be assembled with countless parts extended. It was surrounded with the power of destruction.

That was the masterpiece of magic cannons. Its strike equaled the full-strength attack of the Lord of Destruction, who boasted the power of gods, using his one hand.

Terrifying energy was gathered in the Hand of Destruction. The power was so unbelievably huge that no mage or highly condensed magic crystals could possibly provide it.

To fully unleash the power of the Hand of Destruction, one had to make use of the power of the entire plane!

The Intrepid's energy core was the energy channel that was devoured in the Raging Flame Plane. It was connected to the abyss, and provided inexhaustible power for *The Intrepid*.

It had to be noted that even the incomplete soul of the 73rd god had borrowed that power to launch attacks.

The power of the abyss was transformed into pure energy, and filled into the Hand of Destruction. Then, the destructive power in the cannon got greater and greater.

In the sky, Myers, who had been attacking Lin Yun crazily, seemed to be trying to get away from him and fly higher to stop the Hand of Destruction from being activated.

Chapter 1332: Negotiation

Lin Yun, however, stopped Myers with a weird smile.

“Where do you think you’re going? Have you come to your senses? Are you ready to talk?”

Lin Yun stopped Myers, and spoke to Lord Shawn, who had been petrified.

“Lord Shawn, translate my words into the soul language. I believe it should be able to understand.”

Lord Shawn was immediately stunned.

“It? Are you referring to that horrifying monster? It can understand? That insane guy is a beast that does not have any intellect... Intellect... Damn it, are you implying that the monster is intelligent?”

“Cut the crap. Just translate my words. The language of the souls is universal. It’s the expression of your consciousness. As a soul entity, you’re naturally endowed to speak that. Don’t tell me you can’t.”

Lin Yun interrupted Shawn. Lord Shawn’s expression changed in shock. However, it listened to Lin Yun’s command, and translated the words.

Immediately, Myers, who was casting spells crazily, paused for a moment, and then attacked again.

Seeing that, Lin Yun put on a big smile.

The thought had occurred to Lin Yun many times, but he’d never had the time to consider it carefully. It was not until he fought Myers for a while that he recaptured the idea that flashed in his head earlier.

The idea was that the monster was not one that acted on animal instincts as recorded in history!

Because of his preconception that the monster was brainless, all his plans and thoughts were on a wrong basis. So, everything was wrong, and not the truth.

The truth was that the monster boasted its own wisdom. The enormous mana crystal and soul were not an amalgamation of soul power; they already underwent a qualitative change, and gave birth to wisdom.

That monster was the only intelligent life in this plane. That was why it let nature run its course in this plane until enough creatures were born. Then, it would tear apart those creatures, and swallow their souls. After that, it would fall asleep, and wait for its next waking and eating.

The detailed records of this plane weren't left until 1,000 years after its discovery. Nobody knew what happened during the previous millennium.

When there were detailed records, the monster wasn't intelligent, so there was only one possibility.

At the beginning, the monster's soul already had a qualitative change, but it wasn't very intelligent, not even as intelligent as a normal human being. At this critical moment, human beings found it.

Then, it was 1,000 years of war and conflicts. Its massive yet unfocused soul ebbed, and its intelligence dwindled. It degenerated into a monster that only had instincts.

Therefore, at that moment, there was no way to eliminate the monster without completely destroying the plane. To develop the plane, the monster could not be woken up.

For a long time, the plane had been developed in such a manner...

If the monster was a crazy monster that only had natural instincts, then Lin Yun would have to give up this plane despite all his efforts. He would have to destroy all the creatures in this plane that were under the monster's control, and then collect all the resources he could find. After that, he would have to leave and wait for the monster to fall asleep.

However, the monster turned out to be intelligent, which meant that it was possible to negotiate with it. Wisdom and rationality meant that it had a lot of weaknesses...

Wearing a smile, Lin Yun dodged Myers' crazy attacks. In the sky, the Hand of Destruction had already been half charged. The waves of the destructive power had already caused a terrifying cloud to form in the sky. The clouds turned into a vortex, and surrounded the Hand of Destruction.

The monster seemed to be done with waiting. Dazzling crystal brilliance surfaced on Myers' skin. Then, 1,000 crystal balls appeared around Lin Yun. At the same time, the space around him was pressing him, and preventing him from escaping. He could only be torn apart by the crystal stings from the balls.

His Natural Demiplane's projection appeared above his head, and the power of laws sprayed down. The laws that the Natural Demiplane and the pillar accommodated fell at the same time. The power of earth, fire, water, and wind was rolling, as if it was establishing another space around Lin Yun. It was pushing the oppressing spatial power away.

Lin Yun casually stepped out, and left the range of the crystal stings' outburst.

He then looked back at Myers with a mocking smile.

The Natural Demiplane's projection, when used as defense, could even pass through Agalon where the laws of space were changed. It could certainly let Lin Yun survive in this place.

Although the power that the monster used was enormous, its understanding of the law of space was quite primitive. It had the power because the plane was part of the monster's body. However, the

power was just its natural instinct, and the monster didn't have a deeper understanding of the law of space at all.

It didn't require a lot of power to break the blockage, and it only depended on one's understanding of the law of space.

After Lin Yun dodged the attack easily, the dark and scary power finally burst out of the Hand of Destruction's barrel. A thick gray pillar of light descended from the sky.

The pillar of light brutally hit the land in the center of the plane. Immediately, the earth was shaking, and the space was cracking. All matter that was hit by the pillar was obliterated. Soil, magic crystals, beasts, rocks...

Everything was obliterated when hit by the pillar of light. Even the gravity around the pillar of light seemed to be gone. The river of time was flowing at a lower speed. Dust, stones, bodies, and everything else was floating.

The pillar of light entered deep underground, obliterating everything in its way. In only three seconds, it had pressed three kilometers into the ground...

At this moment, the entire plane was trembling. The earth was trembling. Everything was trembling. The crystallized beasts all stopped moving, and the entire plane seemed to be collapsing...

A dozen seconds later, the gray pillar of light vanished, but the earth didn't stop shaking.

Looking at Myers, who had stopped fighting, Lin Yun sneered.

"I think I attacked in the wrong direction. I didn't hit your mana crystal and soul. Oh, I got it wrong. Your mana crystal and soul are not in the center of the plane, but a bit away from the center..."

"Lord Shawn, translate."

Lord Shawn quickly translated Lin Yun's words. Three seconds later, Lord Shawn looked back at Lin Yun in surprise.

"Sir Merlin, that monster is truly intelligent. He says, 'almighty being, stop hurting me, what do you want to talk about?'"

Lin Yun narrowed his eyes. Countless thoughts rolled in his head. From his reply, Lin Yun confirmed that the monster hadn't gained wisdom for a long time. It was only as smart as an innocent ordinary person...

"I'm not here to hurt you; I'm here to help you. I'm only showing my ability to destroy you. As long as I destroy this plane, which is your body, your mana crystal and soul will be defenseless. It will be very simple to destroy your soul.

"However, it couldn't have been easy for you to gain wisdom. I don't want you to walk on the wrong path. I'm here to help you. Your way of growth is completely wrong. In the end, you will lose your wisdom, and you won't get any stronger. You'll be stuck as what you are."

Lin Yun expressed his kindness patiently. A few seconds later, the monster replied.

"Almighty being, you can take anything away as long as you don't hurt me."

Lin Yun immediately shook his head.

“No, no, no. You’re mistaken. I’m here to help you. You don’t need to pay anything. This is called benevolence, you know? Every intelligent creature should know what benevolence means.

“Basically, it means that I prefer protecting you from getting hurt to hurting you, even though I’m stronger than you.

“To gain more wisdom, you must first understand what benevolence means. I’m wiser than you, so I am benevolently trying to help you.”

Lord Shawn stood on Lin Yun’s shoulder, and looked at him in utter shock with his mouth open.

Damn it, why does Merlin seem so genuine when he’s tricking others? I was almost fooled. This stupid and innocent monster probably will fall for his trap...

After speaking, Lin Yun thought of something and landed. He took out a bunch of alchemy devices, and started to make a potion. He even spouted a mouthful of blood and some of his soul power into it.

After a complicated process, a bottle of potion that emitted strange waves was produced.

Myers descended from the sky, and looked at Lin Yun’s actions without doing anything. Lord Shawn, on the other hand, couldn’t bear watching it any longer. It covered its eyes with its claws, and seemed to be in pain...

Damn it, Merlin is so mean. He’s making such a potion right in front of this guy. He added his blood and soul power into it without worrying that the monster would notice anything at all...

Oh my God, this monster will be tricked by Merlin. As soon as the monster lets the potion touch his soul, only 300 bottles... No, maybe only 100 bottles will be needed before the monster’s soul is essentially contracted under Merlin’s control...

Lin Yun didn’t conceal anything when he added his blood and soul power. He was just taking advantage of the monster’s ignorance.

“This is the product of wisdom. Your soul is too big. Although it’s big, it contains too many impurities, which is the reason why you cannot get smarter. You can try letting your soul touch this potion. Then, your soul will be purified.

“Just have a try. Believe me, this is me benevolently helping you.”

Lin Yun wore a friendly smile. He meant what he said. That was exactly the effect of the potion. However, additional ingredients had been added to the potion so that the monster’s soul would be reassembled during the purification. During the reassembling, Lin Yun’s blood and soul power would be melted into it. Then, he would be able to control the monster better than a contracted animal...

In the distance, Xiusi, Reina, the legion mages, Xiuban, and everybody else looked at Lin Yun with their mouths open. They were utterly shocked...

“Sir Merlin is so shameless and cunning...”

Xiuban gazed at Lin Yun and mumbled to himself, coming up with a bunch of adjectives because of shock...

Lin Yun didn't care what other people thought. Besides, even if they said anything, the monster probably couldn't understand. Even if it could understand, it wouldn't get their implications.

The monster had just awakened wisdom, and didn't know much. It only had natural instincts, and was still acting on instincts even after it gained wisdom. It didn't get anything from the souls it swallowed. If it had swallowed some mages' souls, then it would've been much more terrifying.

Unfortunately, this plane had never been discovered before, and no intellectual creatures had ever come. When the mages came here earlier, the monster hadn't awakened yet. After it was finally awakened, it was able to swallow Sunny's soul, but Sunny's soul was already corrupted by the power of hell. It could only swallow her basic soul power.

The bloodline transplanters of the Thorny Crown were only controlled. Their souls were still confined in their bodies. Sheldon, who had been killed, didn't have anything left of his soul, which was ripped apart by a crazy Xiuban. The monster couldn't swallow his soul even if it wanted to.

If Lin Yun had been facing a monster that only had natural instincts, he would've had to escape because he didn't want to destroy this place.

However, if the monster was intelligent, it was possible to negotiate with it. Furthermore, this monster turned out to be intelligent yet ignorant. It seemed ready to be ripped off. Lin Yun would regret it if he didn't set up this horrifying monster that was practically acting on its natural instincts just like before.

"I have the power to destroy you, but I didn't destroy you. I'm here to help you. If I'd wanted to destroy you, you would've vanished.

"I can wait for you here while you try this potion. Your soul is enormous anyway. You'll be fine even if it's damaged a little bit. After you try it, you'll know that I'm telling you the truth.

"Of course, the purification of the soul can be very painful. However, as an intellectual creature, it shouldn't be a big deal to endure some pain for greater wisdom, right?"

Lin Yun had truly given up the thought of destroying the monster, and was genuinely hoping that the monster could grow stronger and smarter. He meant everything he said. Even if the monster were to examine Lin Yun with his instincts, it would be convinced.

The monster was silent for a few minutes, as if it was considering a question that was too complicated for it. A few minutes later, a stone worm emerged from the underground world, and opened its mouth towards Lin Yun. Lin Yun put the potion in its mouth without being scared.

The stone worm disappeared into the underground world, and moved all the way to the spherical space where the monster's mana crystal was through the rocks.

An hour later, the worm arrived at the spherical space, and spouted the potion that Lin Yun made. The potion then floated towards the enormous mana crystal. Inside the mana crystal, an illusionary eye was floating, and emitting misty soul power.

The power stretched out of the enormous mana crystal, and squeezed the bottle. The potion in the battle sprayed on the surface of the mana crystal, and gradually seeped inside through the tentacles that the monster stretched out.

Instantly, the monster's soul screamed in agony. Its misty tentacles were torn apart. Its soul power within a radius of a dozen meters was ripped apart. Then, the shredded soul power was reassembled with the help of the potion, with a lot of impurities being removed.

The monster seemed to have never experienced such soul damage, and didn't know what was going on. It was exasperated. The power inside the mana crystal burst out, and the entire plane was shaking.

However, a few seconds later, the monster's shredded soul was reassembled. As the power of the potion spread throughout its soul, the monster was no longer angry. It seemed to have understood what pain meant in only a few seconds. It was a lot smarter than before.

The terrifyingly huge soul had obviously shrunk. However, the monster realized that the potion was truly helpful, and it understood what Lin Yun meant earlier.

Pain was inevitable, but it would bring forth greater strength and wisdom, which was more important. At least, the monster was able to understand what pain meant.

Its gargantuan yet illusionary soul had been more condensed. Even the appearance of the soul had changed a little bit. The dispersing soul power around the eyeball was gathering into a second eyeball.

The monster was thrilled at its growth. To be intellectual meant to know what anger and happiness meant, and to be able to consider and communicate.

The man was capable of destroying it, yet he didn't destroy it. Instead, he helped it gain greater wisdom and soul. Naturally, the man could be trusted.

It seemed that the monster just realized what trust meant too...

Chapter 1333: Rescue

Having gained more wisdom, the monster immediately forgot everything it was determined to do. It also gave up the idea of slaughtering all the intruders. Clearly, it wouldn't gain anything else until it kept a friendly relation with those people.

On the ground, everybody waited quietly. The people who had been controlled by the monster were still under its control. The legion mages who came from Lin Yun's Natural Demiplane, on the other hand, weren't controlled by the monster. Needless to say, only the people who failed to resist the first blast were controlled.

They could feel that the earth was trembling, and even hear the painful roar that was coming directly into their souls.

"Merlin, the monster seems to have discovered it. We're in big trouble..."

Feeling the fury and pain in the roar, Lord Shawn pulled a long face with fear all over his eyes.

There were very few things that Lord Shawn was scared of, and this was one of them. Although the monster's soul was of a poor quality, and its core was absolutely vulnerable, it contained terrifying soul power.

Lord Shawn could tear apart the monster's soul easily, but then he would get drowned in the soul too. As long as he got caught, he would be a piece of iron that was drowned in an ocean. No matter how powerful the essence of his soul was, he would still be drowned in the ocean of soul power, unless it surpassed certain limits.

That unreasonable power and the unreasonable monster would lead to an unreasonable ending.

Xiusi had been sent to deliver the message, but he was still not back. Obviously, he was scared, and wouldn't come back until the things here were taken care of. He was terrified of the monster. As a soul creature, he would never mess up with such a monster...

The others didn't react as strongly. Xiuban even grinned with Carnage on his shoulder, ready to fight again. While the monster's level was high, it only had natural instincts, and was incapable of fighting if it couldn't control the living creatures in the plane. They were safe on the surface. The monster couldn't stop them from leaving.

"Shawn, what are you scared of? I've got you covered. That monster doesn't dare to do anything, unless it wants me to destroy its nest..."

Xiuban casually patted Lord Shawn, and almost killed him. However, at this moment, Lord Shawn was in no mood to be angry with Xiuban.

Lin Yun looked at Myers, who was expressionless, and wasn't too worried, either.

"Don't worry. There are too many impurities in its soul. The odds were very slim that it gained wisdom despite so many impurities. My potion might not have worked on other people, and could've torn apart their souls.

"But for this monster, the soul power that it lost is negligible. After its soul was ripped and reassembled, it would be even more powerful than before, and it can sense the increase of wisdom. Of course, the process might be a little bit painful. That should be a good thing for a guy who has never experienced pain..."

Since Lin Yun wasn't worried, nobody else had anything to worry about. As expected, a few seconds later, intense soul waves appeared from Myers, and Lord Shawn put on a weird expression after he understood the monster's intention.

"Sir Merlin, it wants more of the potion. It's very earnest, and repeated itself a dozen times..."

Lin Yun narrowed his eyes and smiled.

"Don't be hasty. The potion is very effective, but it cannot help you achieve your purpose immediately. Your soul cannot grow powerful so soon without being damaged, either. It takes time. You should wait for a while until you have the next potion.

"I'll ask someone to help cleanse your soul regularly. That will be for the best. It's also the only way for you to gain more wisdom."

Lord Shawn translated the words, and the monster calmed down. Although it didn't understand most of the sentence, it understood that Lin Yun promised that it would gain more wisdom by doing so. That was good enough.

"You are no longer needed here. I'll have someone bring the potion to you when it's time."

After Lin Yun said that, the monster immediately fell quiet. The beasts on the ground, as well as the people of the Thorny Crown, were suddenly uncrystallized. All the creatures on the surface were out of control.

The beasts, after coming back to themselves, didn't attack each other as expected. Rather, they turned around and ran back to their nests like frightened young animals, not caring that they were running along with their natural enemies. All the beasts were having the same thought: they had to return to their nest, which was the only safe place...

Running and stampede...

Countless beasts collapsed, and were reduced to pulps of meat by the following beasts. When a beast tripped over another one, a chain reaction was caused, and thousands of beasts were rolling on the ground. However, they didn't stop the beasts behind them from moving on at all. Even though countless beasts were rolling on the ground, even more beasts were stomping on them.

Blood was flooding the ground. The bodies of countless beasts were left on the ground.

The giant insects that lived in the underground world dispersed like a tide. Carrying the bodies of the beasts on the ground by the way, they all surged back into the underground world through the cavern.

The flying beasts that enshrouded the sky like clouds also dispersed like plumes of smoke...

In only a couple of minutes, not a single beast could be spotted on the ground or in the sky. They were all trembling with fear in their nests.

The beasts had disappeared, leaving only Lin Yun's team, the army of alchemy puppets, and the Thorny Crown's experts, who had regained their consciousness, and were writhing and screaming. Some of them were even too heavily wounded to scream.

Earlier, their bodies had been completely crystallized, and when they unlimitedly made use of their bloodline power, all the side effects were suppressed. But as the crystallization was gone, all the side effects were bouncing back. Even Myers was screaming in pain on his knees. His body was constantly turning into crystals and then backwards...

Some of them were even more unlucky. The bloodline that they transplanted was swallowing their own and transforming them. Eventually, they would be transformed into another species. Their souls would be destroyed in the process. Then, their bodies would still be alive, but they would just be crazy soulless monsters.

Without any surprise, the people of the Thorny Crown would all die here. When they turned into crazy soulless monsters, they would be no different from being dead...

Lin Yun observed coldly. Those people were still alive mostly because the monster couldn't distinguish them from Lin Yun's partners, and also because it wasn't interested in the guys that it could control anytime.

Now that the monster had a way of growing stronger, it naturally listened to Lin Yun's instruction, and waited underground half asleep. It was incapable of complicated thinking. Its brains were more simple than anyone could imagine.

The monster's unrestricted control brought misery to the people of the Thorny Crown. They were already unable to tame their transplanted bloodline...

"Sir Merlin, Sir Merlin, we can swear on our soul and magic power that we will never divulge anything that happened in this plane or anything about you.

"Please help us. We can pay any price. We can even obey you henceforth..."

Myers was on his knees. His limbs were already turning into crystals. That was his crystal bloodline swallowing his bloodline of a human being. When the swallowing was over, he would be transformed into a crystal monster.

The transformation of limbs wasn't too serious, but when his internal organs or head were transformed and his soul was damaged, it would be impossible to turn things around.

Myers was absolutely pale. Blood was flowing out of his single crystal eye. Still, he held back the pain, and stared at Lin Yun imploringly.

Sir Merlin is the only one who can rescue us now. I cannot hold much longer. In 10 minutes at most, someone will be irreversibly transformed. Then, it will be impossible for Sir Merlin to rescue us even if he wants to.

He's the only one who can rescue us now. We'll be able to survive if we have the bloodline stabilizer potion...

When I was controlled by the underground monster, I retained some of my senses, and I remember a thing or two from the battle.

Sir Merlin wasn't controlled by the monster. None of his subordinates was. He must've already seen it coming. His understanding of this plane is unbelievably profound.

He can certainly help us. However, the two idiots of the Ring of Roses offended him, and pissed him off. It's merciful enough that he hasn't killed us yet. Why would he help us?

The greatest price we can pay is to obey him. We must surrender everything of the Thorny Crown to him. Only in such a way might he show his mercy and save us...

Besides, Sir Merlin's expertise in bloodline transplantation has already reached such a height that I cannot understand it. It's nothing even if we must surrender. I believe most people of the Thorny Crown wouldn't disagree.

At least, the men who have witnessed Merlin's expertise of bloodline transplantation here certainly wouldn't...

Despite the physical and spiritual pain, Myers quickly thought of a way of rescuing himself. He even decided to surrender to Lin Yun. The idea had occurred to him earlier, but he didn't make the decision until this moment.

Myers begged in pain, and Lin Yun didn't say anything.

The Shadow Tower and the Ring of Roses were all affiliated with the Thorny Crown. Or rather, they were both founded by the members of the Thorny Crown. After the conflict between Lin Yun and Shadow Tower, the Shadow Tower never showed up again. Lin Yun never marched to the Shadow Tower, either. All his enemies had either been killed or sent to his Natural Demiplane as laborers...

The two maniacs of the Ring of Roses were dead too. At this moment, the Ring of Roses was back under the Thorny Crown's control.

However, it was impossible to let go of their history. Lin Yun hadn't killed them yet only because they were already doomed...

"Sir Merlin, we can swear on our souls..."

"Emmy and Sunny are already dead. I really didn't know what they did. Nobody is really in charge of everything in the Thorny Crown. The Ring of Roses is independent. I didn't know anything until Sunny came here. We have wandered for a long time in the boundless void.

"Most members of the Thorny Crown are just looking for a new path to the truth of magic. Many of them are untalented. Had it not been for the transplanted bloodlines, they would've died a long time ago.

"Sir Merlin, we're not hostile towards you. Nobody can represent the Thorny Crown. I don't want all of us to perish here. The people in the Thorny Crown who will give up everything for greater power like Sheldon will definitely take advantage of our deaths and expand, which will be a disaster..."

"When our soul is corrupted, we are no longer really a human being. What happened to Sunny has made me realize that this is a disaster..."

Myers struggled to persuade him. Around him, the other people of the Thorny Crown wanted to say something, but they couldn't open their mouths. Their side effects were even stronger than Myers'. Some of them were already transforming.

Lin Yun looked at Myers with complicated feelings.

Lin Yun knew the Thorny Crown very well. At the beginning, the Thorny Crown had been truly founded with the spirit of self-sacrifice, hoping to establish a new path for future generations.

At that moment, everybody had known that the path would've been full of thorns and sufferings, and most of them would've collapsed on the journey.

Then, the spirit had vanished. When the Thorny Crown had expanded crazily, it had already been taken over by maniacs who would sell anything including their own soul for greater power.

Eventually, the maniacs caused a catastrophe that affected Noscent for thousands of years.

Had it not been for them, Noscent would've been even more powerful in its heyday.

Lin Yun was not fond of those lunatics, but hearing what Myers said, he understood something.

There would be thousands of years to go until the Thorny Crown was unified under a tyrant's command. At this moment, most people of the Thorny Crown still remembered what they'd set out for.

People like Sunny and Sheldon who would abandon everything for power were just the minority...

If Myers, the chief elder of the Thorny Crown and the man with greatest power, died with his subordinates, then the process of obtaining dictatorship would be shortened by many years. The lunatics who would betray anything for power would definitely seize the opportunity to seize the Thorny Crown's power.

Myers had already noticed those lunatics, and was even determined to suppress them. If he was kept alive, then it would be a good thing for future development.

At least, those lunatics wouldn't have the opportunity to cause trouble. When the Thorny Crown was controlled by the lunatics, they were bold enough to summon the demon overlord from the abyss and the devil overlord from hell.

They only did that to hunt their targets, and obtain their bloodline power. By crazily summoning creatures from alien worlds, they caused continuous havoc to Noscent for a long time.

Lin Yun frowned, and considered for a long time. He had planned to let those people die partly because he didn't like them, and partly because he wanted to keep everything that happened a secret.

Now that the secret was kept, and the future could be better, should he save those people instead?

After considering for a moment, Lin Yun decided to save the survivors of the Thorny Crown. They were all with Myers, so they probably believed in what Myers did. They wouldn't have joined together if they'd believed in different things.

He had already noticed that Sunny and Sheldon weren't happy to accept Myers' command. They were only forced to listen to him because of pressure.

After making the decision, Lin Yun took out a bunch of materials, and quickly made some potions. He then poured the potions into the mouths of the Thorny Crown's survivors.

Soon, their bloodline conflicts were suppressed. Although the potions were too effective, and they would be in pain for a while, the transformation had stopped, and they were gradually regaining their original looks.

Myers' limbs that had transformed into crystals turned back into flesh and blood. He stood up, and bowed deeply at Lin Yun with gratitude all over their eyes.

The survivors of the Thorny Crown all struggled back to their feet, and stood behind Myers, bowing at Lin Yun deeply. For those people, it was not just a gesture of gratitude, but also one of respect.

Chapter 1334: Conquest

"I walk on a thorny road. The thorns are stained with my blood. I reach for the bloody thorns, and weave them into a crown. May I be coronated with this crown at the end of the thorny road.

"I hope that you'll remember the Thorny Crown's vow in the future."

Lin Yun shook his head, and didn't say anything else to Myers. It was already kindhearted enough of him to rescue them. He was not interested in letting them work for him at all.

Those people had been notorious and despised by normal mages for a long time.

The conflict and hatred between the battle mages of Caucasus and the mages of Andlusa were due to their different ideology in magic. They had fought for so many years, even though the difference was trivial.

At this moment, many of Andlusa's mages still hated the Caucasus battle mages. Luckily, there had never been a large-scale war between them.

As for the people of the Thorny Crown, they were hardly human mages anymore, and had deeper conflicts with normal mages. They had been expanding in secret and keeping a low profile, or they might have been eliminated.

This ideological difference and conflict was much greater than that with the Caucasus battle mages. Besides, the mages who had transplanted foreign bloodlines tended to have personality problems, such as Sheldon and Sunny, which left an even worse expression on the orthodoxy mages.

Lin Yun would be in a lot of trouble if the Thorny Crown worked for him, not to mention that the Thorny Crown was still in chaos...

Lin Yun ignored Myers, but Myers' single crystal eye was glittering. There was still pain on his face, but it was weakening. He looked at Lin Yun's back and the army of alchemy puppets on the ground with passion on his face.

It was nothing wrong to surrender to Sir Merlin with the Thorny Crown, which was already a mess and required cleaning. Those crazy guys would bring disaster to the Thorny Crown. All of this misfortune was because of the crazy idiot Sunny.

If the Thorny Crown was purged, it would definitely be damaged. The internal research of the Thorny Crown had stagnated for many years. They needed a leader that everybody respected and admired.

Mafa Merlin is even stronger than me. Also, he's terrifyingly talented, and he hasn't transplanted any other creature's bloodline. He will surely grow stronger. His expertise in bloodline transplantation is even greater than mine. With his guidance, everybody of the Thorny Crown will be able to carry on.

Also, his subordinates are formidable too. Nobody knows that he has such a huge iron puppet army. All the 100,000 alchemy puppets are above level 30. He's truly terrifying. I'm afraid that none of the organizations in the Odin Kingdom will be able to deal with him except the top ones...

Following such a man who is strong and knowledgeable is the best way out for us. However, he doesn't seem willing to accept us. That's a big problem...

Behind Myers, the members of the Thorny Crown gave silent agreement to Myers' proposal. They were about to say something, but Myers stopped them. Instead of approaching Lin Yun, he led everybody to swear on their soul and magic power.

It prevented them from disseminating anything that happened in this plane in any way. They even had to keep everything about Lin Yun and his subordinates a secret.

As long as they leaked any information, their souls would immediately collapse, and their magic power would disperse.

Very few people could force a Heaven Rank expert to confess in such circumstances. Even if they were forced to confess, they would be stopped before they could finish.

Myers had expressed his sincerity, but he didn't keep following Lin Yun. Obviously, he noticed that Lin Yun didn't really like them. He could only stay aside, and treat his wounds with potions...

On the other hand, Lin Yun left the people of the Thorny Crown aside, and opened his Natural Demiplane, summoning a large number of alchemy puppets. A lot of machine parts were moved out and assembled in this plane. The mining puppets went underground through the caverns, collecting the magic crystals down below.

At the same time, many more alchemy puppets were building fortresses, exploring the plane, and collecting the plants that grew on the surface of the plane...

100,000 alchemy puppets sounded a lot, but they were not enough when they spread to the entire plane. All of them had been installed with a control system. They were manufactured for construction instead of fighting. It was easier for them to work in this plane than it was for human beings.

Seeing that Lin Yun had summoned so many construction puppets, as if he was determined to initiate a great development, Lord Shawn floated towards him, scared.

"Sir Merlin, is it really appropriate to do this? If we send so many alchemy puppets to develop this plane, the guy below the ground won't go crazy, will it?"

Lin Yun looked at Lord Shawn as if he were an idiot. Quite a few seconds later, he replied, "Do you think that guy knows this?"

Immediately, Lord Shawn fell quiet. He felt that his intelligence had been insulted...

Everything in this plane, including the magic crystals, the plants and beasts on the surface, and even the special resources, didn't matter at all to the monster. It probably had never noticed any of those things...

It was unaware of the value of those things or the meaning of trade. It simply knew that Lin Yun could give it more wisdom and strength...

Knowing that, it wouldn't care whatever Lin Yun did in this plane as long as he didn't hurt it. Nothing else mattered to it at all.

Lin Yun could develop however he wanted. The monster didn't care or know what he was doing. It only knew that Lin Yun could increase its wisdom.

Lin Yun built fortresses on the surface, and looked for plantations that were suitable for plants and herbs, as if this plane belonged to himself and he could do anything he wanted.

In the future, when the mages obtained the plane, they would have to develop it when the monster was asleep. Whenever the monster woke up, they would suffer a huge loss.

In this situation, Lin Yun felt that it was a good thing that the monster woke up. It would've been terrible if the monster had kept sleeping.

If the monster were to sleep forever, although it would still be possible to develop the plane, Lin Yun would be much more restrained than he was at this moment. Currently, he could even dig the mana crystals of the highest quality in the spherical space.

Also, there was also a chance that the monster might wake up even if it was put to sleep by special potions. If it woke up after construction was completed on this plane, then the losses would be heavy.

The monster had woken up, and the situation was much better than expected. Lin Yun could develop this plane freely. As long as he didn't destroy this plane, he could turn it upside down three times every day if he wanted too.

More importantly, the potion that could violently purify the soul would gradually imprint his blood and soul marks into the monster's soul. It was even more perfect than a soul contract.

After the marks were completely melted, the monster would follow Lin Yun's every order thanks to the instincts deep inside its soul. It would be as obedient as a pet that he raised up.

Also, as the monster's soul was purified, it would become smarter too. Then, no other protection measures would be needed for this plane. It would be impossible for anyone else to invade this plane. Of course, that was only the last resort.

It would be more significant to build a city in the boundless void outside the plane. The city would be a great supply station in the boundless void.

Also, when the monster's soul was improved to a new level, it could even split up its soul and mana crystal to create a similar plane. The soul and mana crystal could also be kept inside Lin Yun's Natural Demiplane. He could already think of many things he could do with them. He was sure that he would find out even more uses in the future.

He could even transfer part of the monster to Noscent. The channel between this plane and the void was left by the monster on purpose, even though it could've destroyed it. Through this channel, the plane would be able to swallow the energy from the boundless void.

Although the monster was swallowing energy from the boundless void, 99% of the energy was applied to the plane itself, giving it more and more mana. The abundant mana in the plane was not just due to the blue sun in the sky.

If part of the monster was transferred to Noscent, and grew up there, then there would be a lot more mana in Noscent, and the time of mana ebbing would be postponed. There would be a lot of time for him to build the Shelter Towers and look for the truth...

There were so many returns for taming this monster...

Lin Yun wore a smile for days. He had harvested much more things on this trip than he'd expected.

The only thing that bothered him was that Myers came to visit him once every couple of days.

"Sir Merlin, whatever you need us to do, just give us a command, and it will be done..."

Myers followed Lin Yun as if he was already Lin Yun's subordinate. Also, he had precise control over time. He only talked to Lin Yun for a few minutes every time, and whenever Lin Yun showed any impatience, he would promptly go.

Lin Yun didn't know what to do. Those guys thought they were already his subordinates. Myers even shamelessly volunteered to work for Sir Merlin and share his worries...

Unfortunately, none of them was familiar with magic plants or herbs. They weren't even as useful as the alchemy puppets. They didn't know planning or construction, either, and would only bring trouble instead of help.

What could they do? Mining. That was the only thing they could do. They were all Heaven Rank experts, yet they worked every day like miners. They were truly shameless...

Lin Yun didn't even know how to scold them. In the end, he ran out of his patience, and had a magic battleship send the overly enthusiastic guys back to Noscent.

After sending away the people of the Thorny Crown, Lin Yun didn't want to get involved with them ever again. He even regretted saving them, and thought he should've just let them die. After all, there were still years to go before they caused any serious trouble. He only needed to pay more attention...

The plane was being developed quickly. The magic battleship returned from Noscent with a lot of passengers. They were the main force to develop this plane.

A lot of alchemists had traveled from Noscent to this world. Those who were good with potions began to experiment on the local plants, which all contained mana, and could be used as materials for potions. The alchemists were so excited that they explored the plane with puppets every day. Some of them even entered the habitats of fearsome beasts for materials...

The alchemists who were good with magic tools began to experiment on the ores. Besides the huge reserve of magic crystals, there were also special materials that were developing in the underground world. Even the hard stones could be studied too.

Those who were good with alchemy arrays began to set them up. To grow the magic plants and build fortresses, alchemy arrays were needed in the general layout.

The alchemists who were good with puppets started to design new puppets that were pertaining to this plane's conditions.

Everything was developing fast. At first, a great amount of herbs that were readily usable was found. Their reserve was so huge that they could supply three Gilded Roses. It meant that even if the Gilded Rose had three times more branches in the Odin Kingdom, there would still be enough materials.

Also, the new materials meant that they could be made into a lot of new potions that only the Gilded Rose had. The other stores wouldn't have the materials to make them even if they figured out the recipe.

The specialness of this plane meant that most of the materials here would unlikely be found in other planes.

Three months later, Lin Yun gave another bottle of potion for soul purification to the underground monster, making its soul marks clearer.

Having experienced improvement again, the monster was obviously much closer to Lin Yun. It didn't care about the things that Lin Yun did in the plane at all. It even thoughtfully asked Lin Yun if he needed any help...

Bringing a bunch of special materials that would be famous in the future, Lin Yun returned to Noscent on? *The Intrepid*.

The three magic battleships were defending the entrance outside of the plane, where a fortress was being built. It was very significant to have a base in the boundless void. After it was completed, it would be possible to build a space gate inside the base, and shorten the time of transportation.

Unfortunately, this special plane was a life form in a way, and it didn't have stable coordinates. It was impossible to build a stable Planar Path inside the plane.

Otherwise, it would've been most convenient to just build a Planar Path in the plane instead of transporting via magic battleships.

During the travel in the void, Lin Yun entered a laboratory that was transformed from a room on? *The Intrepid*. He experimented on the special materials he brought from the plane. Those materials had one thing in common: they boasted a great amount of mana that was pure and stable. The herbs that contained such mana were most suitable as potion materials. Most potions required such materials.

Only the most famous of such materials were recorded. The rest were not even qualified to be written down in the decaying library.

With the famous materials, Lin Yun soon created a few new potions. However, only two of them turned out to be possible to manufacture in the end.

One of them could make up for mana exhaustion, and the other could increase the mana storage. Both of them were very popular, and had a huge demand.

The new potion, which Lin Yun had named Blue Demon, was much more powerful than the potions that were meant to fill up mana on the market. Most such potions on the market filled up the mana by increasing a mage's recovery speed. When the mage's mana recovery speed was improved, they would regain their mana very quickly.

For a low-level Archmage to fully replenish his mana, it would take at least an hour with the drug. The time cost was not a big deal in battles that weren't too fierce. Slow recovery of mana had another merit, which was that it could improve one's mana capacity a bit.

However, such potions were almost useless in fierce battles. They couldn't really do anything except adding a tiny bit of mana, and helping the mage escape...

Chapter 1335: New Products

There was also a potion that could instantly refill mana. However, the effect of the potion was unremarkable, and it was surprisingly expensive. It could only be used by High Mages or those who were weaker. For the Archmages, the tiny bit of mana that the potion provided could only allow them to cast a normal spell...

The Blue Demon Potion that Lin Yun just made would be the most popular potion for mana replenishment in the next 10,000 years. It wouldn't be obsolete even in Noscent's heyday, when there were better potions for instantaneous mana replenishment, because it was affordable, and had many customers.

The average-quality Blue Demon Potion could fill a level-5 Archmage with mana in three seconds. The best-quality Blue Demon Potion could even let a level-9 Archmage regain at least 50 percent of their mana instantly, and be fully charged in only a couple of seconds.

Even the normal Heaven Rank experts would use the Blue Demon Potion too. The mana that a bottle of Blue Demon Potion offered could let them cast one or two normal level-9 spells.

The top Blue Demon Potion made of the best materials could reach the Heaven Rank in quality. It was the most commonly used potion for the Heaven Rank experts to replenish their mana. Its recovery speed was almost as good as that in a Demiplane.

The potion was necessary for every mage. In a fierce battle, a bottle of Blue Demon Potion might change the outcome. If two mages that were as strong as each other both ran out of mana, and one of them was able to refill all the mana in a couple of seconds, then the result of the battle would be obvious.

After the Blue Demon Potion was invented, battles would be much fiercer. As long as the mages controlled the speed of mana usage, they could fight crazily for a long time with the help of the Blue Demon Potion.

One of the important reasons why the mages in this era were much weaker than those in the heyday was the exhaustion of mana. Many Archmages hadn't fought in years or even decades. It would be a miracle if they were good at fighting.

According to the records in the decaying library, in Noscent's heyday, every Heaven Rank expert would fight more than 80 times a year on average, and every Archmage would fight more than 160 times, meaning that they would often fight once every two days.

The conquest and colonization of planes and the competitions in the boundless void would make all the mages in that era go through a lot of battles.

That would be the direct result of potion development. In that era, the effects of all potions would be maximized. Countless new materials would be found in the colonized planes. Alchemy would be changing and progressing on a daily basis.

Thanks to the new potions, the mages wouldn't worry about exhaustion of mana, so they would fight more and gain more experience, which would make them stronger. Magic progressed too under such circumstances.

With the Blue Demon Potion, the Gilded Rose wouldn't have to worry about profit for a long time, because the potion was expendable, and a tremendous number of mages would need it all the time.

Besides the Blue Demon Potion, there was another potion called Luminosity Potion, which could directly improve a mage's strength. Until a mage became an Archmage, or a level-5 Archmage, their main problem was the accumulation of mana, which was time-consuming. They had to spend a lot of time on meditation to improve their mana capacity.

The Magic Apprentices, Mages, and Great Mages spent more than 80% of their time on meditation. The Luminosity Potion was a potion that could shorten that time.

After they took the Luminosity Potion, their mana capacity would rise crazily in one day. Considering the average efficiency of meditation, the potion equaled to three months of meditation. Although the potion would be ineffective after it was taken more than three times, it could still improve the efficiency of meditation and shorten its time, which was more important.

After one took the Luminosity Potion, one's efficiency at meditation would be improved at least three times in the following month. Even though the direct effect of the potion would be gone as it was taken often, its efficiency improvement could last two months.

Also, during the process, the duration of meditation would be lengthened too. The low-level mages' souls were too weak, so they had a time limit to meditation every day. If they surpassed the limit, their meditation efficiency would plummet.

With the Luminosity Potion, the mages could accumulate mana six to seven times faster than before, not counting the direct improvement of mana capacity brought forth by the Luminosity Potion.

Back in the Andlusa Kingdom, the Gilded Rose had released the Hope Potion, which was designed for Magic Apprentices, and could save their time in mana accumulation. It could improve a Magic Apprentice to become a level-9 Magic Apprentice.

Unfortunately, although the potion was groundbreaking, and had a huge market, only some mage families bought it. It was so expensive that only families which weren't short of purple gold would purchase it for the young geniuses of their families so that they wouldn't need to waste time on mana accumulation in the apprentice phase.

In the end, only very few people bought the potion. For the official Mages, the Hope Potion was useless. But the Luminosity Potion was different. It was usable even for the Archmages!

Although it couldn't upgrade them by a couple of levels as it would've upgraded lower level mages, it could still improve their meditation efficiency.

It was not hard to imagine that after the Luminosity Potion was released, it would be as in demand as the Blue Demon Potion in the coming hundreds of years.

There was nothing to worry about even though the potions were analyzed and decomposed. Their materials were mostly from the monster plane, which was the only place where the materials could contain so much mana. The huge storage of mana was the key to the potions' effect.

Even if other alchemists were to duplicate the potions, the counterfeits wouldn't be nearly as effective. If the cost was the same, the counterfeits wouldn't be one-tenth as effective as the real potions. Even if they didn't care about the cost, the counterfeits would only be half as effective, and the cost might be a dozen times higher than the retail price of Gilded Rose's potions.

After the two potions were released, as time went by, Noscent would be strengthened in general in a couple of decades, and the age of plane colonization would be advanced...

To build a Shelter Tower, too many materials were required, and all of them were rare. Some special materials could only be made by certain species with their talents.

Those materials and species would be mostly discovered in the age of colonization. It was difficult for anyone to accomplish that on their own. So, if the overall power of Noscent was improved, and the age of colonization came sooner, the materials would appear sooner, and could be bought with purple gold.

Essentially, everybody else would be collecting materials for Lin Yun. All Lin Yun needed to do was to buy things he needed from them with the money he earned from them. He wouldn't need to care about the details or the cost at all.

That was also one of the reasons why Lin Yun made the two potions. After he created the potions, he taught the relevant methods to his subordinate alchemists. It would be their duty to manufacture the potions. He wouldn't need to care about anything else. His alchemist team would take care of everything.

The voyage in the void was boring. After the research was completed, Lin Yun began to consider something else.

He had grown stronger again, and could make use of a bit of the power of laws, so the fastest way to improve his strength was to upgrade his magic tool.

He was able to make use of the power of laws, so it was time to upgrade the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel into an Extraordinary Magic Tool. He had prepared most of the materials earlier, and found the most crucial material in the monster plane. All preparations were complete. He could already upgrade it.

Back in the monster plane, of all the materials that were found, the Golden Honey and the Queen's Fluid were most precious. The Golden Honey was a treasure that could in a way improve a mage's talent. It was also a lifesaver for the people of the Thorny Crown who had transplanted their bloodlines.

As for the Queen's Fluid, Lin Yun didn't expect to discover it at all at the beginning. That was what the queen of the underground insects used to breed her offspring. It could transform a normal egg into a giant insect. It could change the essence of life.

As a material, it was irreplaceable too. Only the Queen's Fluid could fundamentally change the nature of a material. Very few items that boasted similar effects would be found in the next 10,000 years.

Lin Yun didn't expect to find it at all before he came to the monster plane. The Queen's Fluid was in the queen's nest that was located in the deepest part of the underground insects' caves. It was impossible to reach the nest without killing the countless giant insects in the way, if he could locate the queen's nest at all...

When he just came, he considered how he could avoid waking up the monster. He thought he had to wait and see if he could find the Queen's Fluid next time.

However, things didn't quite turn out as he'd planned. The monster below the ground was actually intelligent, but it was easily tricked. With the monster's help, it was very easy to fetch the Queen's Fluid. The insects even voluntarily delivered the previous Queen's Fluid to him...

With the Queen's Fluid, some of his future plans could be put into practice in advance.

Unfortunately, he was still traveling in the boundless void. This wasn't the best opportunity. He had to wait until he returned to Noscent.

Nobody could stop the flow of time. Very soon, *The Intrepid* returned to the Raging Flame Plane, and Lin Yun came back to Noscent with the Raging Flame Plane as a platform.

He handed over the Blue Demon Potion and the Luminosity Potion to Faleau. His core alchemist team was already capable of manufacturing the potions with the help of Lin Yun's enlightening advice. The new potions would be released in one month at most. Their advertisements had already been released.

The potion samples were displayed in the Gilded Rose's headquarters. In a fully closed showcase, the Blue Demon Potion was put in a transparent glass bottle with a detailed introduction. However, it was alone.

Both potions were so effective, and it would be a waste to release them together. Therefore, Faleau decided to release the Blue Demon Potion first to further improve the Gilded Rose's popularity.

When Lin Yun led his team to the monster plane, the Gilded Rose stopped its expansion. One of the Ring of Roses' leaders was dead, and the other left Noscent. Also, they almost summoned a real devil overlord to Neverwinter City. It was impossible to keep that thing a secret forever.

The powerful forces never bothered to ask or waste their time on trivial conflicts, but this time, it was truly huge. A real devil overlord was almost summoned. Judging by the lingering aura, the devil overlord to be summoned was definitely as strong as a level-9 Heaven Rank mage.

If the devil of such a level had arrived, it would've been a disaster for the entire Odin Kingdom. At least, Neverwinter City would've been destroyed. Agalon, the Great Astrologian of the Starry Sky College, was the strongest man in Neverwinter City, but he wasn't in Noscent. Even if the other experts had stopped the devil overlord, the aftermath of their battle would've destroyed Neverwinter City several times over.

After that happened, the Ring of Roses hid itself in the dark, and abandoned all its bureaus that other people knew. The intelligence agents of the Ring of Roses didn't dare to contact each other anymore. The Thorny Crown didn't dare to intervene, either. They all kept a low profile.

Those who intended to cause trouble to the Gilded Rose learned that it was the Gilded Rose that had taken care of the devil overlord incident. Even if they hadn't killed the devil overlord, they had somehow

disrupted the summoning, which already showed their strength. Many people became cautious, and didn't dare to mess with the Gilded Rose anymore.

Also, the Gilded Rose had stopped expanding since Lin Yun left Noscent, and seemed to be consolidating itself. Even the Gilded Rose's business competitors would rather not piss off the Gilded Rose anymore.

The Gilded Rose was developing steadily. It didn't further expand, and kept its current scale. The potions that it made every month were sold out without anything left. The Universal Cores were always in demand too. Also, they were only sold to its partners, which made them rarer and rarer.

An unused Universal Core could be sold for at least 200,000 purple gold on the black market, and it would always be bought immediately every time one popped up.

The material suppliers, who had cooperated with the Gilded Rose but then terminated their contracts, had all lost their status in the top tier. They had to make such a huge compensation for the violation that they lost at least 10 years of profits.

That was the profits in the coming 10 years. None of the material suppliers could offer so much purple gold at once. However, they couldn't possibly find the loopholes in the contracts, which had been personally drafted by Lord Shawn.

They didn't have enough money to compensate, but they had to as they were being punished by the contracts. Panicked, they offered their local properties in the Odin Kingdom instead, which expanded the Gilded Rose's wealth by several times.

The purple gold was actually not very useful. The Gilded Rose was not short of money. All the money was used to store and purchase materials, or to buy properties in the Odin Kingdom. Those properties didn't belong to the Gilded Rose on the surface, but if anyone was smart enough, they could find out the relation between the properties and the Gilded Rose.

To compensate, one of the families even offered part of the ownership of a material plane.

Both the properties and the mother lodes in the material plane were much more valuable than monetary compensation. Purple gold would be useless if what one wanted to buy was unavailable. However, the properties and mines were hens that laid golden eggs. They could continuously generate revenue. Besides, the things they yielded could be exchanged with the things of other forces.

It seemed that the Gilded Rose stopped expanding, but it was actually much wealthier and more deeply rooted in the Odin Kingdom. Faleau didn't expand the Gilded Rose, but what he did was more beneficial for the Gilded Rose than directly expanding it.

Lin Yun was naturally very satisfied with Faleau's achievements. He let Faleau take charge of the Gilded Rose. Unless there was any especially important decision to make, Faleau would be responsible for everything in the store.

Chapter 1336: Absorption

With Faleau being responsible for the Gilded Rose's development, Lin Yun simply left it alone, and devoted himself to things that were more important.

He secretly came to a manor that Faleau had purchased earlier, and set up an alchemy array. Adopting the alchemy arrays he learned from *The Intrepid*, he enclosed the castle in the center of the manor. That was a real Heaven Rank alchemy array, though it couldn't possibly compare to those on *The Intrepid*...

The enclosing Heaven Rank alchemy array was powered by the best magic crystals. A pile of magic crystals that was almost four meters tall had been laid at the center of the alchemy array. The mana that the magic crystals contained was much greater than what a normal Heaven Rank mage had. Standing next to the magic crystals, Lin Yun thought for a moment, and took out another bunch of magic crystals.

After everything was completed, Lin Yun meditated for an hour with his eyes closed to adjust himself to the best status. Then, he summoned the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel had been stuck as a peak True Spirit Magic Tool for a long time. It could've evolved into an Extraordinary Magic Tool when Lin Yun advanced to the Heaven Rank, but due to the accident, he didn't go through a normal extraordinary transformation, but summoned the Gate of Rebirth that would be legendary even in the future. He became a real natural-born extraordinary creature.

So, the previous way of upgrading the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to an Extraordinary Magic Tool was no longer perfect. Now that he was already a natural-born extraordinary creature, it was only natural that the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel should advance perfectly, and turn into a natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool!

The Book of Death was a powerful natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool. The Book of Ten Thousand Mantras was also a natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool. It had been incomplete until the 13 Fate Tablets were added to it.

However, both the Book of Death and the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras could only be used as magic tools. They were not truly indispensable, and were nothing more than two magic tools.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, however, meant something entirely different. It accommodated all his understanding of laws, and manifested the path of magic that Lin Yun had picked. It was his foundation.

Every Archmage dreamed of having a tailor-made True Spirit Magic Tool, but very few really had one. The Heaven Rank mages all had a personal True Spirit Magic Tool that perfectly matched them. They could unleash 120% of their power and the magic tool's when they used this personal True Spirit Magic Tool.

The Heaven Rank mages who didn't have a personal True Spirit Magic Tool were much weaker. Some Heaven Rank mages could be three or times as strong as they usually were when using their personal True Spirit Magic Tool.

Due to the flaws of alchemy in this era, even the Heaven Rank mages might not have a True Spirit Magic Tool that perfectly matched themselves. Even if they did, the True Spirit Magic Tools might not be in the top tier. Extraordinary Magic Tools that solely belonged to a Heaven Rank mage were even rarer.

In Noscent's heyday, every peak Archmage had a personal True Spirit Magic Tool that perfectly matched them. Although very few Heaven Rank mages had personal Extraordinary Magic Tools, and most of them

only had top True Spirit Magic Tools that matched them perfectly, those True Spirit Magic Tools were more powerful in their hands than most Extraordinary Magic Tools were. Take Bane for example.

When Bane was at the peak of the Heaven Rank, his strongest magic tool was his personal True Spirit Magic Tool, but it was almost more powerful than any of the Extraordinary Magic Tools.

It was 1000% matched with himself, so it was much more powerful than any other tools on its level. After Bane ignited the God Fire, the Book of Death became his strongest magic tool.

A real powerful mage never blindly believed in levels...

Therefore, after advancing to the Heaven Rank, Lin Yun didn't rush to upgrade the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to an Extraordinary Magic Tool even if he could've. He had continued using it as a True Spirit Magic Tool, but it was just as powerful as any Extraordinary Magic Tool.

In particular, he had been using the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel as a computer in battles, and it offered a significant amount of help.

Lin Yun would've died many times without the deductions of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, which was not to be underestimated even when it was not really casting a spell. It was definitely one of Lin Yun's most important magic tools.

Nevertheless, no matter how powerful a True Spirit Magic Tool might be, it could not make use of the power of laws. Only the real Extraordinary Magic Tools could do that. They could make a mage multiple times stronger.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel revolved slowly in front of Lin Yun, enshrouded in the halo of magic power. A plume of smoke spread out of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and quickly constituted three faces. All the three faces looked at Lin Yun angrily. However, after seeing the environment, Enderfa was stunned.

"Merlin, are you..."

Lin Yun looked at Enderfa calmly.

"I've found everything I need, including the way to upgrade the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to an Extraordinary Magic Tool. Now, I'm asking for your choice.

"This improvement will be different from the methods I used. It will be more effective. Another thing that's different from the past is that if the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel is upgraded to an Extraordinary Magic Tool, then as the Magic Tool Incarnation of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, you won't be able to regret it.

"You will be tightly and truly combined with the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, as if you were the Magic Tool Incarnation that was born inside the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. Unless the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel is destroyed and you perish, you won't be able to get rid of your identity as a Magic Tool Incarnation.

"Now, I'm giving you a chance to choose."

Ever since he met Enderfa, Lin Yun had known that Enderfa had his own secrets. To become a Magic Tool Incarnation was not a decision that couldn't be reconsidered.

Take Lord Shawn for example. As long as he got rid of his identity as a Magic Tool Incarnation before the Heaven Rank, he could grow independent as a real living creature, but it wouldn't be easy for him to enter the Heaven Rank.

In particular, because of the method that Lin Yun was using, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would transform into a natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool like he did. So, Enderfa would remain a Magic Tool Incarnation forever if he didn't quit.

Enderfa had been following him for a long time, and deserved the right to choose. Also, more importantly, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would be Lin Yun's most important magic tool.

Lin Yun wouldn't allow any accident to happen, so it was best to explain everything to Enderfa first. If Enderfa accepted sincerely, then it would be great. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would be even more powerful, and with the complete Magic Tool Incarnation, there would be no obstacles in its advancement.

If Enderfa disagreed, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel could give birth to a new Magic Tool Incarnation after the advancement. It would take time to raise this new Magic Tool Incarnation, but the result would be the same.

There was hesitation on all of Enderfa's three faces. Then, they grinned at the same time.

"Merlin, I think it's great to be a Magic Tool Incarnation. I've never been more comfortable than I am these days. No need to overthink. Let's just begin."

Lin Yun smiled and nodded.

If Enderfa was willing to continue being a Magic Tool Incarnation, then it would be the best. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would have the best controller after becoming an Extraordinary Magic Tool.

A few seconds later, the mana of Lin Yun seethed, and his extraordinary power spread out like tides, revealing the projection of a Demiplane that was hundreds of meters high.

The aura of laws and magic power spread out like ripples. Immediately, the room he was in was obliterated into ashes. The neighboring rooms were shattered into pieces by the ripples too.

Inside the castle, everything had been burnt up and obliterated by the ripples. Only the shell of the castle remained intact because it was covered in glimmering light that didn't seem too powerful—that was the power of the Heaven Rank alchemy array.

All the waves were sealed inside the castle. The magic crystals inside the alchemy array exploded one after another, injecting a great amount of mana into the alchemy array, and making up the cost. The mana exhausted every second was as much as that a low-level Heaven Rank expert had.

This terrifying cost of mana was only meant to cover the following waves. Observed from outside, the wind was flowing normally around the castle, and no mana was attracted to it. The castle had been completely blocked. No elements or mana could possibly enter or exit the castle...

The projection of the Natural Demiplane was summoned, spraying the power of laws. The pillar in the center of the Natural Demiplane glowed brilliantly. Enderfa glanced at Lin Yun, and then entered the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel again.

Lin Yun gradually pushed the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel into his Natural Demiplane's projection, which looked the same as before, but the pillar's projection was getting bigger and bigger.

Technically speaking, the pillar was Lin Yun's Natural Demiplane that accommodated all of his understanding, and it was the key at this moment. He was going to separate his Demiplane and melt it into the Natural Demiplane. It was the most special part of the Natural Demiplane, and was more important to Lin Yun than the Natural Demiplane itself.

The pillar's projection was expanding continuously. It was supported by the power of half of the Natural Demiplane. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel floated towards the pillar's projection. There were only several meters between them, but it seemed as long as a plane.

Tiny cracks appeared on the surface of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, which looked like a piece of porcelain that was about to fall apart. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was enshrouded in the halo of magic power, which melted into the light of the pillar. Their frequencies were turning the same.

When the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was about to reach the peak of the pillar, it suddenly fell apart...

Immediately, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel crumbled into countless pieces. The broken Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was still in the previous location, but there was a tiny gap among the pieces. It looked as if the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel had been enlarged.

Among the broken pieces, there were components that were tiny runes. They were the key to the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. As the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel revolved slowly, the other things among the pieces all dispersed, leaving only the structure of the tiny runes.

That was the framework of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and the most crucial part. The other materials were more like the stuffings that had been added to the framework to make it a real magic tool.

The other materials were gradually abandoned as the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel revolved slowly, leaving only the glittering wheel floating above the peak of the pillar.

After all the materials were abandoned, the glowing Ten Thousand Spell Wheel slowly descended from the peak of the pillar to its inside.

Immediately, Lin Yun felt that the pillar was glowing inside the Natural Demiplane, with an illusionary Ten Thousand Spell Wheel floating inside. The truth runes inside the pillar were also glittering.

The 108,000 truth runes, whether Lin Yun had grasped them or not, were glittering at the same time. They seemed to have been stimulated and activated by some sort of power.

At the same time, an illusionary wheel dozens of meters tall surfaced behind Lin Yun's back. The illusionary wheel looked like a combination of countless circles that were in the middle of each other. Like the glowing Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, it sank into the pillar's projection too.

Immediately, the mana in the Natural Demiplane seemed to be swallowed by a black hole. One-third of the water in the Mana Lake was lost. It was evaporated and seeped into the pillar through the surface, covering up the glowing Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

The enormous illusionary wheel sank into the pillar too. Endless mana wreathed the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the illusionary wheel at the same time.

Gradually, the glowing Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the illusionary wheel melted under the support of the infinite mana.

The same picture could be seen outside the Natural Demiplane. The core of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was almost melting with the illusionary wheel that was turning corporeal.

Almost in an instant, the glowing Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was gone, and so was the illusionary wheel, leaving only a real gigantic glowing wheel.

Mana was injected into the glowing wheel crazily. Lin Yun didn't stop the process until seven days later. Then, the previous materials that he had laid on the top of the pillar inside the Natural Demiplane sank into the pillar one after another.

The materials were minced into pieces when they reached the slowly revolving wheel. 99% of the materials were rejected as impurities; only a tiny bit of essence was melted into the wheel.

The Queen's Fluid dripped into the wheel, facilitating the fusion of the materials and the wheel. The power of the entire Natural Demiplane, the pillar, and the 108,000 truth runes were powering the fusion.

The amazing power of the Queen's Fluid was turning the process into a natural one so that the result should be natural-born.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was being born as a natural Extraordinary Magic Tool with the power of the entire Natural Demiplane, the pillar, and the 108,000 truth runes. It was like a natural Extraordinary Magic Tool was being born, and the process had been expedited.

The Queen's Fluid, which would be sold by drops in the future, and often couldn't be bought, was poured onto the pillar without caring about the cost, just to make sure that the new Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was perfect.

It was being born in Noscent with the Demiplane's projection as a link. At this moment, Noscent and the Natural Demiplane were connected. In a way, Noscent and the Natural Demiplane were giving birth to the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel together.

It was very beneficial for the new Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. Even though Lin Yun had only controlled the Natural Demiplane, the new Extraordinary Magic Tool would surely absorb Noscent's mana, and keep Noscent's marks when it was born here. As long as it swallowed Noscent's mana, the Extraordinary Magic Tool would naturally absorb some of the original power of this plane.

The magic crystals that contained pure and enormous magic power were mostly obtained from the monster plane. They would allow the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to absorb some of the essence of the monster plane.

Although the monster plane was much smaller than Noscent, its mana was more concentrated than that in Noscent. It didn't have as complete laws as Noscent did, but all that was needed at this moment was mana...

Being conceived with the power of three worlds, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would boast formidable power when it was born. Also, it would have much more potential than it would've had if it had been upgraded to an Extraordinary Magic Tool when Lin Yun had reached the Heaven Rank.

As time went by, Lin Yun looked more and more solemn. Besides injecting mana and the Queen's Fluid, he started injecting the law runes he had mastered too. Those law runes were all the perfect basic law runes that were condensed in perfect shapes.

16 runes, according to their purpose and significance, were turned into part of a law run. Every law rune he condensed was perfect. They were the most perfect basic law runes. He never condensed the law runes into higher-level ones, not because he was incapable of doing that, but because he had been waiting for this moment.

Chapter 1337: Upgrade

They were the most suitable to be melted into the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. Those basic law runes were like a foundation. A powerful foundation was what made one continuously grow strong.

Half an hour later, the mana around Lin Yun was so dense that it was almost corporeal. The mist of mana had already become sticky. One breath here could replenish all the mana that one had used up.

The alchemy array set up in the castle had already been fully activated, locking all the waves inside the castle tightly. However, things were already changing inside the Natural Demiplane. On the peak of the pillar, mana had gathered into dark clouds that revolved above the peak like a vortex. From the center of the vortex, a colorful column of light was falling.

A terrifying amount of mana raged throughout the plane. The mana stored in the Natural Demiplane was quickly exhausted. The water level in the Mana Lake was dropping continuously. Facing the crazy mana exhaustion, the mana bushes that had already gathered into a forest woke up. They rose from the ground and extended vines into the void, shaking their trunks like green serpents.

Mana was pulled into the Demiplane by the greedy vines from the void, and then transformed and purified into torrents that gathered on top of the vines. Then, the torrents hit the Mana Lake like a waterfall, replenishing the exhausted water in the lake.

The entire plane was trembling. All the creatures in the plane, be they laborers that had been caught here or others, were hiding and shivering in fear. An Extraordinary Magic Tool was being born. The essence of the plane had been summoned. This rarely happened unless the plane was about to collapse.

The collapse of a plane, even just a small one, was so powerful that even the experts who could destroy it easily would have to avoid it.

Everything that Lin Yun had done earlier paid off. He had invested a lot of Eternal Dark Gold into the construction of the plane, making it much harder than usual. Also, the Demiplane he established was melted into the center of the Natural Demiplane as a pillar. Then, he fused 108,000 truth runes into the pillar.

Even though there were still 90% of truth runes he hadn't learned yet, the power of the truth runes made the pillar the stablest place in the Natural Demiplane that prevented the essence and the plane from being shaken.

Everything made the Natural Demiplane develop to a terrifying level. It was the essence of a Natural Demiplane, not its size, that evolved first. At this moment, even when the essence of the Natural Demiplane had been activated, it rarely had any influence on the entire plane.

Unending mana was injected into the center of the pillar, where a ball of light was expanding and shrinking, and emitting such a horrifying aura as if a god were about to wake up there.

The enormous vortex was revolving faster and faster in the sky. More and more mana was instilled into the center of the pillar from the thick column of colorful light.

Outside the Natural Demiplane, the space around the castle was already twisted. Even the Heaven Rank alchemy array couldn't entirely block the waves inside the castle. The space inside the castle was distorted too. The hill of magic crystals had been mostly used up, and the mana they released had all been absorbed.

Lin Yun solemnly stared at the Natural Demiplane's projection, and threw another 100,000 pieces of magic crystals that he had cut apart. They dispersed even faster than before.

When the mana was exhausted so quickly, Lin Yun was actually more relaxed. The more mana was swallowed, the more successful the conception and the more powerful the new Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would be.

As time went by, the mana in the Natural Demiplane was almost boiling, and its essence had already been activated. Had it not been for the pressure of the pillar, it probably would've been damaged.

The waves were much less intense than before, but they still couldn't be blocked. Observed from outside, the space around the castle seemed to have been completely twisted. Terrifying waves were spreading out from the castle. The patrolling alchemy puppets all turned around, and looked at it.

Pabiete's crystal eyes glittered frequently. He looked back at the castle, which had been completely deformed, and decisively gave the command of patrolling in a larger range to all the alchemy puppets.

All the puppets began to patrol a large area with the castle as the center. They patrolled in a radius of almost 30 kilometers.

This manor had been picked because it was quite remote. It was just a large farm. The nearest farms were hundreds of kilometers away. It was nothing surprising that nobody could be seen in a radius of dozens of kilometers. With the power of magic, it was easy for one person to manage such a large farm.

There was not an outsider within a radius of 50 kilometers. So, there was no need to worry about anything.

Xiuban and Reina were guarding the castle. Xiuban was enjoying an enormous roast leg that was 1.5 meters long, not caring about the powerful waves at all. Reina was even less bothered.

Lord Shawn gazed at the castle, which had been completely twisted, and looked like an abstract painting, and put on an envious expression.

Damn it, Enderfa is truly lucky. This is not a normal upgrade into an Extraordinary Magic Tool; this is the birth of a new Extraordinary Magic Tool.

If Merlin succeeds, Enderfa will become the Magic Tool Incarnation of natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool. He'll be a natural-born extraordinary life. Damn it. Why didn't I see it coming?

Merlin came out of the legendary Gate of Rebirth without upgrading the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel into an Extraordinary Magic Tool. That didn't make sense. I didn't know that he had a better solution.

Enderfa is terribly lucky. He'll be a natural-born extraordinary life...

Lord Shawn was so jealous that he bit a magic crystal that was the size of a human head. Then, he chewed it loudly as if he was venting his fury.

An independent creature wouldn't choose to become a Magic Tool Incarnation unless their body or soul was about to be destroyed. That was the best solution to keep themselves alive.

There were also special beings that became Magic Tool Incarnations to live a longer life. As long as the magic tool wasn't destroyed or out of mana, a Magic Tool Incarnation would be able to live on forever like an undead creature. This was similar to a mage transforming into a lich, but with more restrictions.

Many Magic Tool Incarnations were such beings. Take Lord Shawn for example. He was a Soul Walker, yet he turned into a Magic Tool Incarnation. So, he tried to get rid of the identity as a Magic Tool Incarnation whenever he had a chance.

Enderfa was so smart that he had to have transformed into a Magic Tool Incarnation similarly. There was also the purple dragon incarnation in the Draconic Staff. Those Magic Tool Incarnations were similar. The purple dragon had greater potential, but only a little bit. It was not as smart as Enderfa or Lord Shawn. To obtain as much wisdom as Enderfa and Lord Shawn had, it would have to spend a lot of time on the accumulation of knowledge.

Many famous Magic Tool Incarnations were like sages. The most important reason was that they lived unimaginably long lives. Even though they were not good at learning, it was enough for them to accumulate a significant amount of knowledge over such a long span of time.

However, the natural-born Magic Tool Incarnations that were born in natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tools were different. They were the strongest. Their difference was like that between natural-born extraordinary creatures and ordinary creatures. The gap between them was too huge to be crossed.

The most important reason why Syudos could become the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras' Incarnation was that the Elemental Spirit was one of the extraordinary creatures, and it would transform into another species in every evolution. Syudos was already a natural-born extraordinary creature when it evolved into a Flame Spirit King. That was why it could become the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras' Magic Tool Incarnation.

Nobody could become a natural-born extraordinary life after they were born.

The Heaven Rank mages lived a much longer life than normal mages. They could live thousands of years. However, every natural-born extraordinary life could live at least 10,000 years. That was exactly the difference. When Lin Yun advanced into the Heaven Rank and walked out of the Gate of Rebirth, he was

already an extraordinary life with his new body and soul. He could live 10,000 years even though he was only in level 1 of the Heaven Rank. At this moment, even if he stopped advancing from level 5 of the Heaven Rank, he could still live to the end of Noscent...

While Lord Shawn felt jealous, the new Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was still growing at a high speed.

Lin Yun had accumulated a lot of things so far. It was time he put those things into use.

As time went by, the castle didn't just look like an abstract painting anymore. Rather, it became an amalgamation of overlapping twisted vortexes. Nothing specific could be seen anymore.

Even the Heaven Rank alchemy array couldn't stop the internal aura from leaking out. Around the castle, a terrifying power was suppressing everything nearby. A patrolling puppet accidentally approached within 100 meters of the castle, and was instantly crushed into scrap iron.

Terrifying waves spread out. However, the frequency of the waves was too high. Although they were terrifying over a short distance, they didn't transmit very well. They could barely be detected 30 kilometers away.

Seven days later, the pillar, which had been most stable, suddenly began to shake. The ball of light inside the pillar had already been shrunk into a cocoon. It could be vaguely seen that an illusory wheel was revolving inside.

Gradually, tiny cracks appeared on the surface of the glowing cocoon. The light from the cocoon seemed to be piercing the pillar like actual needles.

Immediately, the truth runes that had been engraved to the pillar but weren't mastered yet were activated. Facing the light within, all the 108,000 truth runes glittered at the same time. With the help of the pillar's power, they instantly suppressed the light.

More and more cracks appeared on the cocoon, until it fell apart into countless pieces in the end. When the entire cocoon exploded, all the things inside the cocoon splashed out into spots of light, and rose to the top of the pillar.

They were like a swarm of fireflies that flew towards the top of the pillar against the colorful column of light from the sky, which was pushed upwards when hitting the spots of light. When the fireflies flew to the sky, the dark clouds of mana collapsed in the center.

The vortex revolved faster and faster. The boundless mana that was gathered in this place was swallowed during the revolving.

In the outside world, Lin Yun's expression changed. The magic crystals he had prepared were being exhausted dozens of times faster. The 100,000 magic crystals were used up in only a couple of seconds. Lin Yun had to add another 300,000 magic crystals.

The moment those magic crystals were thrown out, they collapsed and transformed into pure mana, filling the Natural Demiplane's projection.

In the Natural Demiplane's sky, light was fading away. Countless pieces were floating in the sky. Then, those pieces gathered in the center. In the blink of an eye, an enormous wheel dozens of meters tall took shape.

The wheel was covered in flowing light, with a hexagonal symbol on the surface. There was a glamorous gem on each of the hexagonal symbol's five corners. They were red, blue, yellow, green, and black, respectively...

They represented the power of earth, fire, water, wind, and darkness. The only corner that didn't have a gem meant that Lin Yun hadn't grasped the law of darkness.

Around the gems of earth, fire, water, and wind, there were many branches and gems of different colors. The black gem, on the other hand, was alone.

In the center of the wheel, there was also a gem whose color was turning between silver and transparent, back and forth. It represented the power of space.

They were the manifestations of the laws Lin Yun had grasped.

The wheel revolved slowly in the sky, emitting extraordinary power like ripples. At the same time, another wheel appeared in the Natural Demiplane's projection in the outside world. Terrifying waves of extraordinary waves spread out.

The Heaven Rank alchemy array was immediately full of cracks like broken glass, and might collapse any moment. The magic crystals inside the alchemy array were instantly used up too.

Shocked, Lin Yun hurriedly inserted a lot of magic crystals into the alchemy array to prevent it from collapsing.

Inside the Natural Demiplane, the new Ten Thousand Spell Wheel's power spread out. The entire Demiplane was shivering. That was the natural reaction of the birth of a new Extraordinary Magic Tool.

The pillar regained all its power after it stopped powering the Natural Demiplane. It stabilized the entire plane, with all the 108,000 truth runes glittering. With the pillar, the essence of the Natural Demiplane was as stable as a mountain, and couldn't be shaken again.

The pillar released its power. Instantly, the entire plane stopped shivering. The power that the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel revealed was just like the roar of a dragon that just grew up. It was only declaring its rise to the world.

It was suppressed in the Natural Demiplane, but not in the outside world. The power that leaked from the Demiplane's projection had already caused even more cracks to appear on the Heaven Rank alchemy array. Even though the cracks were soon repaired, some horrifying aura still rose to the sky.

Instantly, black clouds that covered 1,000 square meters appeared. Lightning bolts that were as thick as dragons showed up in the clouds. Like thick serpents that were a dozen kilometers long, they rolled in the clouds, and descended in the area of 1,000 kilometers.

Fortunately, very few people lived in this area. There was nothing but mountains and farmlands.

After the lightning struck, the waves of extraordinary power spread thousands of kilometers away.

The dark clouds existed for a dozen seconds, and disappeared. Then, the aura that was unique to Noscent appeared on the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

The Natural Demiplane became tranquil again. However, the thick magic vines were still shivering and splitting up into more parts to attract more mana from the void. More than half of the water in the Mana Lake was gone.

As more and more truth runes were melted into the Natural Demiplane, It was developing faster and faster, and covered an area of 10,000 square kilometers. The water that had been gone from the lake could've filled up a couple of Mana Lakes a few years earlier.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel wasn't born until so much mana was exhausted. It usually wouldn't require so much mana for a natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool to be born, but it would take much longer...

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel revolved slowly, and shrank to half a meter in diameter. Then, it disappeared with a flash.

In the Natural Demiplane's projection, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel drifted out. Then, the projection vanished.

Lin Yun stuck his finger to the center of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and sent in some mana. Immediately, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel seemed to activate. It was covered in a halo, and released colorful rays of light. The rays gradually concentrated into Enderfa's three faces...

Chapter 1338: New Extraordinary Magic Tool

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After Enderfa was congealed, his face on the left side exclaimed in amazement.

"Hahaha. I did it. I truly did it. I feel that I'm already a lot stronger. It shouldn't be a problem for me to kill that idiot Shawn..."

The face on the right side looked rather bitter.

"This is too ugly. I look too fancy. My body is even colorful. There's even a horn on my head, although it's slightly better looking than a unicorn's..."

Enderfa's three faces had completely changed. They were made of light, and there was a horn that looked like a colorful crystal on his forehead.

The faces on two sides were remarking and whining, and the one in the middle wore a weird expression.

"Damn it, Merlin, I think my wisdom has increased. Those two jerks seem to be growing independent..."

Instantly, the faces on the two sides became unhappy.

"What do you mean, independent? You were only suppressed by Lord Shawn because you were too dumb. Didn't you see that even Syudos became the Magic Tool Incarnation of an Extraordinary Magic Tool? Even Lord Shawn is extraordinary too at this moment. You're not satisfied?"

"Exactly. Although I look uglier than before, it's always better to be stronger..."

Lin Yun was dumbfounded to hear the three faces arguing with each other. Previously, Enderfa had three faces but one consciousness. The guy had three faces, not three heads.

However, it seemed that at this moment, all the three faces had independent yet connected consciousnesses. There was no telling if it was a good thing. If they argued again in the middle of a battle, then it would be a disaster...

Lin Yun didn't say anything. He also knew that Enderfa was the same. Technically speaking, Enderfa had gained more wisdom, and could unleash more power of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

Enderfa had already leaked his aura one time, so it wouldn't matter what might happen. The new-born Extraordinary Magic Tool had swallowed Noscent's mana and kept its mark. Nothing could possibly happen.

Lin Yun canceled the Heaven Rank alchemy array, which was on the verge of collapse. Instantly, the castle fell apart into pieces. The pieces and dust then vanished at the same time, leaving the ground empty. The entire castle had already disappeared.

The castle had already been destroyed in the previous blasts. What previously remained was only a shell that was safeguarded by the Heaven Rank alchemy array.

Walking out of the empty ground, Lin Yun found everybody waiting for him. The glamorous Ten Thousand Spell Wheel floated next to Lin Yun, and Enderfa floated on top of it.

Seeing Enderfa, Lord Shawn, who had been feeling jealousy, instantly burst into laughter.

"Hahaha. Enderfa, I didn't expect that this would happen to you. You look like a lustful chameleon. Oh, wait. You're much more beautiful than a chameleon. Look at your horn. You may be carrying the bloodline of the Crystal Unicorn..."

Hearing that, all of Enderfa's three faces became grim.

"Shawn, you idiot. You're just jealous of me. Come on, let me show you Master Enderfa's new power!"

"Shawn, drop your jealousy. I'm still more handsome than you!"

"Damn it, Shawn, are you up for some beating again?"

Enderfa's three faces cursed at the same time, and it immediately dumbfounded Lord Shawn. Also, Lord Shawn realized that the three faces were different from before, and it seemed like each face had a completely different character.

After being cursed by the three faces for two minutes without stopping, Lord Shawn finally roared and flew to the sky, swiping at Enderfa's left face with a bit of strange soul power on his claws.

Amidst a flash of light, Lord Shawn's claws hit the halo around Enderfa. Dazzling light burst out, as if two horrifying streams of power were colliding. The waves of extraordinary power spread out.

The next second, Lord Shawn was flung back. He didn't attack again after he landed. He looked shocked and suspicious.

“Damn, no wonder you were confident of yelling at me. You’re capable of defending against soul attacks now!”

Not just Lord Shawn, Lin Yun was slightly surprised too. Lord Shawn’s attack seemed unremarkable, but it carried the power that could hurt the soul. At this moment, Lord Shawn could easily rip a level-1 Heaven Rank mage’s soul, even if the mage was on guard.

However, the power didn’t work on Enderfa at all. As a Magic Tool Incarnation, Enderfa was technically a soul creature. There shouldn’t be a soul creature that was incapable of using soul power, and yet could resist soul attacks...

That was probably the benefit of the conception. It was very hard to predict what a natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool Incarnation was capable of.

With this new capability, Enderfa would be better at defending himself, which was a good thing. After all, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was the most important magic tool.

Lin Yun shook his head.

“Alright, stop fooling around. The waves we just leaked must’ve caught a lot of attention. They could not possibly infer from the waves that an Extraordinary Magic Tool was born, but if they find something, it will be troublesome. Let’s just get out of here.”

After Lin Yun said that, nobody else said anything. Lord Shawn grimaced and glared at Enderfa, and Enderfa wore a cocky smile on all of his three faces...

Summoning the alchemy puppets, and leaving behind the puppets that had originally protected this large farm, Lin Yun gave the manager a few instructions, and left with his men.

In only half an hour, a powerful aura arrived at the manor. A lot of people were cleaning up the mess, but even the strongest of them was just a High Mage. After all, this was just a plantation, and nothing very precious was grown here. Even the High Mage wouldn’t have been deployed here if the plantation hadn’t been so huge.

When the Heaven Rank expert arrived, those who were too weak passed out under his pressure. Seeing that, the Heaven Rank expert who had just arrived quickly concealed his aura. He was here to ask questions. Whom could he ask if they all passed out?

“Do you know what happened here?”

When the expert, who was at least in level 6 of the Heaven Rank, floated in the air, the High Mage shivered with a pale face, and confessed the truth without thinking.

“My lord, I didn’t know what happened. Just now, a large number of black clouds gathered in the sky with a horrifying aura. Then, lightning bolts struck down. One of them hit our castle, and burnt it into ashes...”

“My lord, I truly don’t know what happened. I don’t know how to report to my supervisors yet. Many materials that had just been collected were destroyed in the castle...”

Naturally, the High Mage was speaking the truth, or what he thought to be the truth. Lord Shawn had modified his memories. He didn't remember that Lin Yun had been here at all.

There had never been an Extraordinary Magic Tool that contained the mana marks of three worlds. The moment the aura leaked out, Lin Yun knew that it would cause a lot of attention. However, he didn't expect it to be so eye-catching that the entire Odin Kingdom would know it in half an hour.

Although the outburst had only lasted a dozen seconds, the experts who had felt the aura would definitely come to investigate. The aura could've only indicated the important breakthrough of a formidable creature, the appearance of an astonishing item, or the rise of powerful relics.

If they found anything, whether they knew it was related to the Extraordinary Magic Tool or not, they wouldn't give up easily. Then, they would spell great trouble.

If they knew that an Extraordinary Magic Tool had been born here, the Heaven Rank experts would definitely fight over it. Even the high-level experts couldn't resist such a temptation.

After all, a new natural-born Extraordinary Magic Tool meant that anybody could use it. Those people didn't know that the Extraordinary Magic Tool fitted Lin Yun perfectly, and that it had been tailor-made for him.

If they knew that Lin Yun could make Extraordinary Magic Tools, he would be in even greater trouble. After all, even the Saint Alchemists were unable to create an Extraordinary Magic Tool easily. They needed a good opportunity and a lot of favorable conditions.

To avoid trouble, Lin Yun had to leave. He even let Lord Shawn modify the memories of the supervisor of this place.

The Heaven Rank mage, who was floating in the sky, frowned. He could easily tell that the High Mage was speaking the truth, so he didn't ask further. He simply looked at the residues and left.

In the day, a dozen Heaven Rank experts had passed by the manor and asked. More than five of them were above level 6 of the Heaven Rank!

For a moment, this part of the Odin Kingdom became lively. All the forces in the north of the Odin Kingdom sent scouts to this place. The important forces in the south also sent investigators after receiving the report.

Even the Gilded Rose had sent investigators too. If the other people all sent investigators and the Gilded Rose didn't, it would be a public announcement that it knew what happened. Besides, the Gilded Rose had properties in this place, and it had the right to investigate.

The destroyed castle was rebuilt in one day. All the previous traces were cleaned up. As a result, nobody could find anything unusual in this place.

The waves of extraordinary power made everything within a radius of 1,000 kilometers fuzzy. It was impossible to see anything valuable by looking back into the river of time. Only twisted, abstract pictures could be seen.

For a dozen days, Heaven Rank experts could be seen flying in the sky. However, as time went by, none of them found anything valuable. Gradually, they lost their passion.

After all, it had been many days. Even if there was any treasure, it had probably been taken away. It was pointless to continue the investigation after this long time.

More and more scouts retreated. Some of the persistent ones were still investigating, but Lin Yun didn't really care about them.

Having acquired an Extraordinary Magic Tool that matched him perfectly, Lin Yun was in a good mood for several days, until the visitors of the Thorny Crown came to him...

"Sir Merlin, we already pledged our loyalty to you. How can we not honor our promise? Besides, we swore on our soul and magic power. We'll still be your subordinates even if you drive us away..."

Myers seemed humble yet confident.

Lin Yun, however, frowned in silence. He was feeling a headache.

Damn. Those people were truly annoying. They had found the Gilded Rose so soon. They were the biggest organization of bloodline transplanters in Noscent anyway, yet they were desperately pledging their loyalty to someone else. Was everybody else in the Thorny Crown as crazy as Myers?

The mages and warlocks who had transplanted their bloodlines hadn't been appreciated in this age. Only the Sword Saints who had transplanted bloodlines were better, but they were only used as cannon fodder in plane conquests. They led the charge every time.

When they lost control of their bloodlines, they would attack everybody alive except themselves like insane berserkers. They couldn't really do anything except working as cannon fodder.

The Thorny Crown had gathered almost all the mages and warlocks who had transplanted bloodlines. Did they all agree to work for Lin Yun? Were they crazy?

Did they not know the trouble they caused? They would only cause greater trouble in the future, and didn't have great potential. They would only be problems if they were recruited.

"Sir Myers, I simply didn't want you to expose anything about that plane. I didn't ask anyone of the Thorny Crown to pledge loyalty to me. The Gilded Rose is too small a group to take in the Thorny Crown, which is too big.

"Please do not speak of pledging loyalty again. If you ever come to the Gilded Rose for shopping, I can give you a discount on whatever you want to buy.

"I have an important alchemy experiment to do. Feel free to take a look at the store. I've informed them."

After saying that, Lin Yun left in a hurry. He truly didn't want to get involved with the Thorny Crown. Those people had never had a good reputation. Also, there were too many maniacs in the organization, and they would surely cause a disaster.

Besides, transplanting foreign bloodlines was extremely dangerous. Every person and every bloodline was a different individual. There was never a fixed procedure for transplantation. Everybody had to study bloodline transplantation to ensure that the match rate and success rate were maximized.

However, even a perfectly matched bloodline might still fail to be transplanted, and the failure would mean death or loss of all power. There had never been a better ending.

Because of the super high failure rate, the transplantation of foreign bloodlines would be considered as an unsuccessful method and a wrong choice in the future. Those who did it barely had any prospects.

Even in Noscent's heyday, the strongest mage who had transplanted a foreign bloodline only just reached level 9 of the Heaven Rank, and he was the only one!

Very few had ever surpassed level 5 of the Heaven Rank. The bloodline transplanters, if they kept strengthening themselves with the bloodlines of the same creatures, could surpass level 5 of the Heaven Rank more easily, but they wouldn't have enough potential even if they grew stronger.

If a level-3 Heaven Rank bloodline transplanter who had absorbed the bloodline of a Lava Dragon couldn't advance further, he would have to hunt a level-4 Heaven Rank Lava Dragon, and absorb its bloodline again for a chance of advancement.

But the irony was obvious. It was barely possible for a level-3 Heaven Rank bloodline transplanter to kill a level-4 Heaven Rank Lava Dragon. As they rose to higher levels, the odds of success would further plunge.

Also, such a method had limits too, and the limits depended on the bloodline transplanters' match rate. When they hit those limits, they could hardly improve anymore.

They didn't have much potential, and a lot of them were insane. They were major problems. Lin Yun didn't want them as subordinates at all. They would be a waste of his time and efforts.

Ever since his legion mages began to grasp laws, they had been leveling up very fast. When all 50 of them advanced into the Heaven Rank, they would be able to take care of all battles unless facing top experts.

A real legion of Heaven Rank mages would definitely be powerful and shock the entire Noscent. After that, all organizations would try to recruit as many legion mages as possible.

Lin Yun left in a hurry. He really didn't want to be stuck with Myers. However, the man remained respectful and humble, and kept a low profile.

After he came, he apologized for what happened earlier, and offered a bunch of precious materials as a compensation for Lin Yun's losses before he finally talked about pledging loyalty.. As a result, Lin Yun couldn't really shut the door on him.

Chapter 1339: Chasing and Running

Lin Yun left. Myers was not really surprised at the result of the visit. He was still wearing a smile, but there was frustration in his eyes.

It seems that Sir Merlin hasn't decided to accept us yet. I didn't really understand it before, but after I returned to Noscent and the Thorny Crown, I realized that the Thorny Crown is no longer what it used to be. It's getting controlled by maniacs who pursue strength no matter the cost.

The power of the organization is being concentrated. A lot of mages, warlocks, and Sword Saints have perished because of bloodline transplantation over the years. Most of them were actually caught by maniacs for experiment purposes.

That was no different from the doing of evil necromancers. No wonder the Thorny Crown is getting infamous, and many organizations are angry with us.

Eliminating the members who have sold their souls for greater power, the Thorny Crown has suffered a heavy loss too. But that's a good thing anyway. The Thorny Crown has to pledge loyalty to someone now. If this continues, the organizations that are angry with us will probably take action.

It's a shame that Sir Merlin is unwilling to accept us. If he accepts us, the Thorny Crown will be able to survive the crisis, and we'll be able to learn bloodline transplantation from Sir Merlin...

Myers left the Gilded Rose with a bitter smile. The internal purge of the Thorny Crown had caused a huge loss to the Thorny Crown. Many organizations were probably going to seize this opportunity and do something.

Covering his empty eye socket with his hood, and only showing his single eye that was no different from a normal eye, Myers left the Gilded Rose. He looked back at the store with determination in his eyes, deep in thought.

The Blue Demon Potion of the Gilded Rose had been so well advertised that everybody in Neverwinter City knew it. At the beginning, a random customer was picked on a fixed day every week, and given a bottle of Blue Demon Potion for free.

When it was to be released, a bottle of it was even offered for free every day. In such a way, many mages were already looking forward to the Blue Demon Potion before it was released. Everybody knew who received the free Blue Demon Potions, and was eager to find out if the potions were as effective as described.

After all, ever since the Gilded Rose opened, the new potions that it released had all proven to be no less effective than described. It already had a good reputation. Most people who had never used the Blue Demon Potion believed that they would only be more effective than described.

Also, according to the Gilded Rose's convention, every potion was further divided based on its quality, and their descriptions were only the effects of the worst-quality version. The higher-quality Blue Demon Potions hadn't been released yet. According to the Gilded Rose, it was too costly and difficult to make higher-quality Blue Demon Potions, so they wouldn't be sold normally.

However, everybody understood the implication. The higher-quality Blue Demon Potions were too few to be sold in the store, but they did exist...

The release date of the Blue Demon Potion was drawing near. The people who received the Blue Demon Potions reported their experience of using the potions. Many people and organizations were reaching out to the Gilded Rose, hoping to strike an agreement.

A few days before the release, a level-9 Archmage, who received the Blue Demon Potion the earliest, appeared in the sea to the east of the Odin Kingdom. It was the Boundless Sea, the biggest sea in

Noscent, and contained infinite treasures. Also, it was home to a lot of strong sea life forms, and had a mysterious special environment.

As a result, the Boundless Sea became the best place for mages to look for treasures and opportunities. Everybody knew the dangerousness of the sea. The death rate of the travelers was never lower than 30 percent, meaning that every time 100 people set sail, 30 would stay in the Boundless Sea forever.

However, there had always been people who returned from the Boundless Sea with a fortune. Tom, as a level-9 Archmage, was taking a ship that was more than 50 meters long for the gifts of fate in the Boundless Sea.

He had been stuck as a level-9 Archmage for more than 100 years. Judging by the trend, he probably couldn't make further progress on the path of magic in another century. Therefore, Tom decided to take his chances. He bought a bunch of potions that might be useful from the Gilded Rose.

August was the most peaceful time of the year on the sea. It was also the best time to embark on a voyage. The sea was less dangerous, and had fewer tides. It was also warmer during the day. If he sailed from the middle part of the Boundless Sea, he would be able to travel far, and find great treasures.

Most powerful life forms in the Boundless Sea didn't like to appear on the surface during the day when it was hot. They were usually hiding in the deep sea. The creatures in the shallow sea weren't too strong.

The ship sailed normally for seven days, and was already very far away from the continent. The experts on the continent could only control the 200 kilometers near the shore at best. That was the reason why none of the formidable sea creatures liked approaching the seashore.

In a peaceful noon, Tom reached his first destination that he was going to explore. All of a sudden, waves arose on the tranquil sea, and reached almost 10 meters high in only a couple of seconds, as if a storm was taking place. But it was still sunny in the sky, without any sign of a storm.

A terrifying aura of mana surged from underneath the surface of the sea. Tom was rather solemn as the mana waves were clearly more powerful than what an Archmage could resist.

In only a couple of seconds, a huge bump had risen on the surface of the sea 1,000 meters ahead. The bump rose 100 meters, and then suddenly exploded, revealing a monster that was almost 100 meters long and looked like a crocodile. It jumped from the surface, and flew almost 300 meters high.

"A Deep Sea Crocodile! Damn it, how can a Deep Sea Crocodile be here?" Tom cried in panic. Then, he jumped from the ship without thinking, and cast a short spell. He was then pushed in the opposite direction by the power of wind.

The enormous Deep Sea Crocodile flew in the sky, with ferocity in its eyes. Yet, it didn't notice the big boat not far away at all, and was looking down with fear.

Only two seconds later, another explosion burst out on the surface, and a strange fish that was almost 300 meters erupted. The fish had an abnormally huge head, which took up half of its length. It seemed that the fish didn't have a torso, just a head and a tail. The fish's tail was shivering quickly. There were also two arms that were dozens of meters long underneath its body, and its three-fingered hands looked like the claws of a ferocious beast.

The strange fish charged at the falling Deep Sea Crocodile, and opened its horrifying mouth that was at least 100 meters in diameter, with three rows of sharp teeth inside.

The falling Deep Sea Crocodile screamed in fright, just like a helpless kid, but it couldn't stop its body from sinking into the fish's mouth.

The moment it fell into the strange fish's mouth, the Deep Sea Crocodile swatted the mouth with its tail, pushing its upper half body from the mouth. But then, the strange fish closed its mouth, causing a dull explosion. There was even mist around the mouth because it had bitten so fast that it squeezed apart the air...

The lower half body of the Deep Sea Crocodile was bitten off and swallowed. Its remaining upper half body had been caught by the fish's arms before it could escape. Then, the rest of the screaming Deep Sea Crocodile was stuffed into the mouth.

With a dull noise, the level-40 Deep Sea Crocodile, which was almost 100 meters long and in level 40, was swallowed alive. The fish fell from the sky, raising a wave almost 100 meters tall.

In only a couple of seconds, waves hit the ship, each higher than the last. The ship, like a poor canoe, capsized easily. Everything on the ship was turned upside down. Only a few Archmages were able to escape in time, but the waves slapped them brutally.

A second later, the enormous strange fish emerged from underneath the sea, and swallowed the entire ship. Blood was spreading out, but the strange fish didn't stop at all. It chased after the Archmages who luckily survived, and swallowed each and every one of them.

The power of ice, wind, and fire was invoked at the same time. A tremendous number of spells rained on the strange fish, but they couldn't cause any damage. Many of the spells were even swallowed by the monster.

In no more than 10 seconds, the fish had swallowed everything in this place. Even the floating pieces on the surface were eaten too. After everything was swallowed, the fish finally looked at Tom, who had flown away. It immediately shivered its tail, and chased after him.

The fish opened its mouth and shrieked, raising a wave that was more than 200 meters tall. The wave moved towards Tom quickly. The latter chanted a spell and unfolded a rune shield, trying to fly faster, but the wave still hit him.

The green rune shield was shattered easily like a bubble, and exploded into countless runes. Tom was slapped away too. His blood gushed out, and almost 10 of his bones were broken by the enormous strength, yet the fish was still chasing after him.

In the emergency, Tom turned pale, and gritted his teeth, swallowing a bottle of Clarity Potion. Then, he let go of his defense, and chanted a spell while flying. A green tornado arose and enshrouded Tom, carrying him to the continent fast.

The fish burst into fury when the prey escaped, and chased him relentlessly. A few minutes later, the distance between them increased, but the monster still didn't let him go.

Half an hour later, Tom became pale. His mana had almost been exhausted. Not seeing the fish anymore, he actually lowered his mana output, and the green tornado that was carrying him slowed down significantly.

This was a spell that was purely for escape. It would continue as long as he sent mana into it. The more mana he outputted, the faster he would be. But if he kept himself at a high speed, his mana would be exhausted quickly.

Having flown at full speed for half an hour, he had used up almost 80% of his mana, and he had to slow down.

But only a couple of minutes later, the surface of the sea exploded, and the strange fish jumped at Tom from down below, with its mouth wide open...

He narrowly escaped again, but the fish still wouldn't let him go. Gradually, Tom found the optimal speed that prevented him from being caught without exhausting his mana. He flew onwards, hoping that he could reach the continent.

The fish swam very fast in the sea, and kept up with Tom, who was flying with the tornado. After a day of flying, Tom had covered half of the distance, but there was still a long way left to reach the continent. At this moment, he was running out of his mana...

He had been replenishing the mana he used on his way. Even the mana in his magic tools had been exhausted. In half an hour at most, he would be out of mana, and be caught up with by the fish.

The potions in his ring had been used up. None of the other potions could refill his mana. He was going to take them nonetheless, when he noticed the Blue Demon Potion among them.

Immediately, there was excitement, eagerness, and worry on Tom's face.

Damn it, I almost forgot that the Gilded Rose offered me a Blue Demon Potion for free. I kept it among the healing potions.

The Gilded Rose's products have always been great. But is the Blue Demon Potion really as effective as they promised? Never mind. It's my last hope anyway. I hope it's as good as the Gilded Rose described. If so, I will be able to finish the trip.

Tom took out the Blue Demon Potion, and poured it into his mouth without hesitation. When he finished only half of the bottle, he detected that a stream of mana emerged inside his body. 30 percent of his mana was refilled, and in only three seconds, 80 percent was restored.

Instantly, the tornado was moving three times faster, and carried Tom away quickly. The strange fish roared and chased him, raising waves and air explosions, but couldn't catch up with Tom.

During the flight, Tom felt that his mana was being exhausted again, but as it was being exhausted, there was new mana that was being generated. Although less and less mana was generated, it was possible for him to keep himself in his best condition.

After flying for an hour at the highest speed possible, he finally ran out of his mana again. Then, he swallowed the other half bottle of the Blue Demon Potion. Not daring to stop, he rushed for another hour, and finally saw the continent on the horizon. The fish had been left far behind.

A dozen minutes after Tom landed, waves that were moving at a high speed finally arrived on the sea behind him. The guards on the shore, detecting a strong sea beast, became vigilant. Energy cannons, ray spells, and large bows were all deployed.

The fish weathered through all the attacks, without really being hurt. It certainly wouldn't retreat, not after seeing so much prey on the shore. However, waves of extraordinary power burst out from several places not far away from the shore. Feeling the waves, the fish finally calmed down and left.

Pale, Tom sat on the ground. He looked at where the fish disappeared in relief, and was still clenching the bottle of the Blue Demon Potion. There was still a tiny bit of potion left in it. Tom quickly closed the bottle.

After the Heaven Rank fish left, someone finally came to Tom, and asked him what happened.

"Oh, poor Tom, I didn't expect that you would encounter such a strong beast on your first trip. You were truly unlucky. Under normal circumstances, such strong beasts won't appear on the surface of the sea or approach the shore in this sea. How did you come back? You left on the ship more than a week ago, didn't you?"

Everybody else looked at Tom with a different expression after hearing that. They were not mocking him, but rather were shocked. A lot of experts had set sail from here. There were even Heaven Rank experts among them. However, the majority of them were Archmages—mostly level-9 ones.

Such level-9 Archmages mostly didn't have any prospects, and probably couldn't reach the Heaven Rank their entire life. Some of them were also reaching the end of their life. They were not uncommon here.

Having been sailing for more than a week, Tom should've been thousands of kilometers away considering the speed of the ship. If the ship had been faster, he could've been ten thousand kilometers away.

Tom had flown back to the continent, which meant that the ship had to have fallen victim to the terrifying sea beast. Not everybody could've escaped over such a long distance. At least, none of the level-9 Archmages here was capable of doing that.

Looking at their reaction, Tom put on a bitter smile. Many of the guards here were his friends, and knew that the task was too difficult for him to accomplish. It was extremely challenging to escape from a Heaven Rank beast and fly all the way back here.

Chapter 1340: Unknown Aid

"Just stop guessing. We encountered a terrifying fish on the seventh day of our trip. It must've come to the surface of the sea whilst chasing after a Deep Sea Crocodile. We were unfortunately near their battlefield. The level-40 Deep Sea Crocodile was eaten alive by the terrifying fish, which then swallowed our ship, and killed everyone.

"Only I, a tornado mage, survived. I ran for more than one day with the help of the tornado, and the fish never stopped chasing me. Bloody hell. How could that stupid fish be so persistent? There isn't a lot of meat in my body..."

“I already ran out of my mana, and used up the replenishing potions. At the last moment, I remembered that I had a Blue Demon Potion that the Gilded Rose offered. That was the reason why I could escape.”

“The Blue Demon Potion? I know that. It was recently released by the Gilded Rose in Neverwinter City, right? But it’s not available on the market yet, is it? How did you get it? Is it really as effective as advertised?”

“Stop kidding. One bottle of replenishing potion has allowed you to escape from that terrifying monster?”

Hearing that his companions didn’t trust him, Tom burst into fury and stood straight, raising the bottle in his hand that had little potion left.

“Why would I lie to you? Damn it, you have no idea. I forgot the potion too until the last moment when I was about to replenish my mana with healing potions.

“After taking half a bottle of the potion, I regained 80% of my mana in three seconds, and more mana came to me slowly. That half bottle of potion gave me more mana than my body could’ve contained.

“More importantly, I regained 30% of my mana in one second, and 80% in three seconds. It’s truly a lifesaver. Had it not been for the Blue Demon Potion, I probably would’ve died half a week ago.

“I was truly lucky to get this Blue Demon Potion! It’s truly a gift of fate!”

Hearing Tom saying that, everybody around was dumbfounded.

“30% in one second and 80% in three seconds? Oh my God, is such a potion really possible? Damn it, it’s even more effective than advertised!”

“If half a bottle of the potion recovered all the mana of Tom, who is a level-9 Archmage, then doesn’t it mean that it works for the Heaven Rank experts too? Is the Blue Demon Potion the best True Spirit Potion?”

Immediately, a lot of people were exclaiming in the port, and discussing the Blue Demon Potion. Many of them could testify that Tom shouldn’t have been able to escape so far, because he didn’t have enough mana to spend.

Besides, nobody believed that the strange fish was there to help Tom with his lie...

The bottle in Tom’s hand was purchased for a high price because of the Blue Demon Potion residue in it.

Very soon, someone confirmed the accident. The broken pieces of the ship that was destroyed thousands of kilometers from the shore had spread out on the surface of the sea.

A few days before the release, the effect of the Blue Demon Potion was well spread. The Blue Demon Potion that was offered as a gift was gradually used. Then, everybody was amazed at it. The news of the accident on the Boundless Sea spread even further away. The level-9 Archmage was able to survive the attack of a level-42 sea beast thanks to the Blue Demon Potion. That was almost a legend.

Thanks to their trial, the Blue Demon Potion had become popular before it was released. Many organizations hoped to sign bulk purchase agreements with the Gilded Rose. They all knew that it would be one of the rarest and most strategic potions for its amazing effectiveness.

This age was still the beginning of planar colonization. To conquer other planes, the Archmages would be the main force. The Heaven Rank experts would only help at the most critical moments during the conquests. Under normal circumstances, the Archmages would be needed 95% of the time in a conquest. The Heaven Rank experts didn't even need to take part in certain planes' conquest.

The Blue Demon Potion was most effective on Archmages. Although it worked on Heaven Rank experts too, it was only useful to those below level-3. It was barely useful for the stronger ones.

Even if they didn't need the potion just yet, it wouldn't hurt to hoard them. No organizations would consider the storage a burden. They would only hope that they could have as many Blue Demon Potions as possible so that they could use the potions anytime they needed it.

Because the potion was unexpectedly popular, many people came up with evil plans days before the release. Some of them were sneaking around the Gilded Rose too.

A lot of such sneaky guys had been spotted around the branches of the stores. The scouts of other organizations appeared around the Gilded Rose too. The representatives of major organizations negotiated with Faleau, hoping to receive a stable supply. Some even started studying the Blue Demon Potion.

The key to a potion was the technology to make it. By analyzing a potion, it was quite possible to decompose it. The more skilled an alchemist was, the more likely they could decompose a potion.

However, Lin Yun wasn't worried at all this time. Therefore, he simply left them aside, and entered the library of the Starry Sky College, looking for information.

As he grew stronger and stronger, Lin Yun realized that the records in the decaying library might not be entirely correct, especially those on historical events instead of knowledge about magic and alchemy. After all, they had been buried underground for countless years. It might not have been possible for the crazy mages to infer what happened precisely.

A tiny difference from the perspective of tens of thousands of years later might mean a very huge one in this age. The result of a bit of deviation could be entirely different.

In particular, the information he was looking for would only be briefly recorded tens of thousands of years later. To find out the truth, he had to search in this era.

The information about where and how the 73rd God was reincarnated could have only been written down in this era. In 1,000 years, all the insignificant clues would be lost.

Besides, where should the Shelter Tower be built? Where could he find the materials to build it? Where were the special races that were needed for the construction? Who controlled the planes where some of the materials were located?

He needed to seek answers to those questions. He had to find the answers immediately in order to speed up Noscent's development. Furthermore, he didn't have a lot of time for planning.

After all, in real history, when the Shelter Tower started to be built, there wouldn't be enough time. By then, the Shelter Tower that cost all of Noscent's power was only an incomplete product.

Lin Yun didn't think building the Shelter Tower 10,000 years sooner was too early. Besides, as the magic civilization of Noscent developed faster, the doomsday would arrive sooner too. There wasn't much time at all.

Therefore, Lin Yun simply left the Gilded Rose aside, and left everything to Faleau. Faleau wasn't worried that anyone might decompose and duplicate the Blue Demon Potion, either.

Even if a skilled alchemist found out how to make the Blue Demon Potion, it would be alright. After all, it wasn't very technically sophisticated. None of the potions that could be manufactured was.

Faleau wasn't worried at all, because unlike ordinary potions, to which the technique was the key, the most important thing about the Blue Demon Potion was its materials.

Without the materials from the monster plane, even a Saint Alchemist wouldn't be able to make it.

The night before the Blue Demon Potion's release, someone had figured out most of the techniques that were applied to the Blue Demon Potion. Only some of them had been taught by Lin Yun. But it was useless. After figuring out the techniques, the people found that the materials were the key. Without the mana in the materials, the Blue Demon Potion wouldn't be even half as effective.

At night, there were fewer people on the streets in Neverwinter City, but it was still lively. Many intended to sneak into the Gilded Rose, and find out secrets of the Blue Demon Potion.

The Blue Demon Potions had been delivered to the Gilded Rose's branches for the official release the next day. However, two of the branches were robbed at night, and the Blue Demon Potions were stolen. The burglars were Heaven Rank experts!

The robberies happened the night before the release, and were done by Heaven Rank experts. Naturally, it was impossible to keep them a secret. The second day, many other people were thinking. Why couldn't they rob too?

One bottle of Blue Demon Potion was sold for 180,000 purple gold! And it was expendable. It would be gone after being used—unlike magic tools, which were expensive, but could be used for a long time.

This one bottle of True Spirit Potion cost 180,000 purple gold, which wasn't affordable for every mage. Only those stronger than level-5 Archmages could possibly afford them, and they could only use the potion at the most critical moments as a lifesaver.

Only the mages from major organizations, or the top Archmages, would be able to buy such an expensive potion for daily usage.

If they were to rob a branch and steal 1,000 Blue Demon Potions, they would earn 180,000,000 purple gold. Also, if they were to resell the potions, they could earn even more money. If they were to explore relics and dangerous places with the potions, the returns could be even huger...

At dawn, Faleau received reports that many people who shouldn't be there had come to a lot of branches, and that they were obviously malicious.

It was impossible for the Gilded Rose's 38 branches to defend against shameless Heaven Rank experts. Now that the first person had succeeded, the others had fewer things to worry about. If they all robbed, the Gilded Rose wouldn't dare to get back at them, and offend so many Heaven Rank experts at once.

Before Faleau figured out a way to deter them, he had received another report. A Heaven Rank Sword Saint, who had been famous for a long time, lost his hands in a city where the Gilded Rose's branch had been robbed. Also, the special power on the wounds prevented them from being healed, and kept them bleeding.

The stolen Blue Demon Potions returned to the branch in perfect condition. The staff in the branch didn't even know how they came back...

In another city where a branch was robbed, an Archmage's hands^[1] were cut off too. Also, he was even more unlucky. Someone cast a silence curse upon him in a special way that it couldn't be lifted.

A mage who had lost his hands and the ability to chant spells was practically crippled...

As for the stolen Blue Demon Potions, they were somehow sent back too.

The two unlucky Heaven Rank experts who had lost their hands were both unaffiliated mages. It wasn't easy for them to advance into the Heaven Rank. However, they didn't have the support of big organizations or a good foundation. Their prospects didn't look well. That was why they took the risk of stealing the Blue Demon Potions, hoping that they could look for opportunities in relics they hadn't been able to explore.

However, they had been caught before they left the city, and they couldn't resist when their hands were cut off. They didn't even know who did it.

The two unlucky guys didn't admit that they robbed the Gilded Rose. They simply said that they were attacked and crippled without being able to defend themselves.

At the same time, all of the Gilded Rose's stores began to sell the Blue Demon Potions. The robbed ones had enough Blue Demon Potions to sell too, as if the robberies were just rumors...

However, all the organizations that weren't too uninformed could tell that the two unlucky Heaven Rank experts had robbed the Gilded Rose's branches, but were maimed before they could escape. Also, they didn't even know who their enemy was.

With those two people as examples, all the potential robbers became obedient. No more Blue Demon Potions were stolen again.

The two robbers were quite miserable. One of them had constantly bleeding wounds. As a Heaven Rank Sword Saint, he was almost dying of massive hemorrhage. None of the healers could cure him. As for the other one, his wounds had stopped bleeding, but he couldn't regain his hands, not even with the level-9 Limb Regeneration spell. It was impossible to lift the silence curse, either. He was basically handicapped.

Everybody knew that the Gilded Rose did it, but they didn't say anything, and pretended they didn't know. They dropped all their malicious plans. Some people investigated who crippled the robbers, but didn't find anything. They lost the courage to pursue the matter.

Nobody was willing to mess with someone who had crippled two Heaven Rank experts without even showing their face...

The release of the Gilded Rose's Blue Demon Potions was quite successful. The fastest branch sold out the Blue Demon Potions in 10 minutes, and the slowest did in 15 minutes.

The headquarters in Neverwinter City had the biggest storage of Blue Demon Potions, but they were sold out in half an hour. Those were just for retail. The major partners had all asked for more than 10,000 bottles.

That was what the Gilded Rose needed. It could exchange the Blue Demon Potions for necessary resources that usually weren't available on the market from those partners. Such resources, especially materials from other worlds, were held by the major organizations, and wouldn't be sold easily.

They could only be bartered for things that were equally precious. It was impossible to buy them with purple gold.

With the Blue Demon Potion, negotiations would be possible. Nobody thought that they didn't need the Blue Demon Potion at all...

The release of the Blue Demon Potion went well, but Faleau was absolutely befuddled.

Inside the Gilded Rose, many people thought that some of them did the punishment. Faleau, however, knew that it wasn't anyone of the Gilded Rose who crippled the two unlucky Heaven Rank experts.

Damn it, who did it? Xiuban? No. If it were Xiuban, the two idiots would've been smashed into pulps of meat.

Then was it Reina? Unlikely. The special silence curse and the constant bleeding aren't Reina's abilities. Then who was it?

Pabiete? That's not possible, either. While Pabiete is strong, it doesn't know the first thing about curses. It was, after all, just an alchemy puppet...

Sir Merlin might have done it. But he probably wasn't interested in the matter, and wouldn't have taken action in person. Obviously, it was two experts who did the punishment.

Does Sir Merlin have other strong subordinates? That doesn't look right. Whoever did it can't belong to the Gilded Rose. Then who did it?