

Magic Era 391

Chapter 391: Must Die

Although Delson didn't say those words out loud, he was already hating Solan to the bones.

Rolf still looked calm, but Magic Aura was fluctuating intensely around him.

"I didn't come for you today..." Solan smiled, his sight falling onto Lin Yun. Solan was in a good mood after finding Lin Yun and was looking at him with an eerie expression before saying with a hoarse voice, "Mafa Merlin?"

"It's me..." Lin Yun didn't look up, he only nodded as he picked up the cup of water in front of him and drank, not paying attention to Solan Monchi.

"Sir Solan, you know High Mage Merlin?" Delson was somewhat surprised.

"Know? Of course I know him, we have known each other for a while, but we are meeting for the first time today." Solan Monchi threw a strange look at Lin Yun as he cracked a joke, "Mafa Merlin, I truly didn't expect that you would leave that small Thousand Sails City to run to Okland. Did you seek out the Merlin Family for protection?"

"Let me tell you this, I already know everything you did in Thousand Sails City. Even the Merlin Family won't be able to protect you. You should already know my identity, but I don't mind introducing myself properly. I am Solan Monchi, the younger brother of Thousand Sails City's Patriarch Monchi, Mason and Ryan's uncle!"

"So it was you! I had been wondering why your name felt so familiar..."

Solan's words seemed to have roused Lin Yun's interest. He put down his cup of water and looked at Solan with a slight frown.

He clearly remembered that not long after coming to this era, Uncle Fario had been pressing him to pay for his debt and wanted to take away his house to settle it. After driving him away, he came back with Larry of the Viper Nest and his subordinates.

This had all been plotted by the Monchi Family, under the incitement of the Black Tower. Seeing Solan now, he understood that the Monchi Family did all this because Solan Monchi wanted his house.

And that Solan Monchi might be linked to Locke Merlin's shipwreck, that shipwreck might have been set up by him.

"Oh?" Solan clearly didn't expect Mafa Merlin to have this kind of attitude towards him. After a short moment of surprise, he calmly sneered, "I won't beat around the bush, I'll speak frankly. Mafa Merlin, you won't be able to keep your life today. Moreover, those related to you won't be able to escape either..."

He then continued with a smile. "But there is still a margin for discussion. Give me your house in Thousand Sails City and the Gilded Rose, and I can promise you that I won't harm your family and friends

after your death. How about it? The promise of an Archmage has a lot of weight, you should consider it.”

Solan Monchi was one of the youngest Archmages of the Black Tower, but he was even more brash than Herman in his younger days, especially after returning from the Pale Plane, he became one of the candidates for the Council of Seven.

“Sir Solan, High Mage Merlin is an esteemed guest of our three mercenary groups. If you have an issue with him, our three mercenary groups will have to get involved...” Delson stood up at this moment and said, unyielding, “I think there must be a misunderstanding here...”

“Delson, you should think clearly, I’m only here to deal with a Mafa Merlin, this has nothing to do with your three mercenary groups. You had best not get involved, or you might end up getting in huge trouble,” Solan said with his hoarse voice while coldly looking at Delson.

“Solan, did you not understand my words? I said, High Mage Merlin is the most esteemed guest of our three mercenary groups...” Delson expressionlessly said.

“Fuck off.” Solan stared back at Delson unflinchingly before focusing back on Lin Yun. “You think I won’t dare to make a move here with the three mercenary groups backing you?”

‘That Mafa Merlin is too ignorant. Although the Three Great Mercenary Groups aren’t weak in Okland, they are quite inferior to the Black Tower... That’s a businessman for you, he is good in business, but in this field...’

‘Does he really think that these guys will help him against me? Simply ridiculous...’

“Give it a try...” Lin Yun frowned, but only looked at Solan for a short instant.

In the entire meeting room, only Lin Yun knew that his own attention wasn’t focused here. His Magic Array was rotating and three Mage Eyes were floating in the sky. Lin Yun was only paying attention to the surroundings, as well as the wind.

To Lin Yun, the chattering Solan was only a fly.

“Mafa Merlin, I have to say, you are quite stupid. I gave you a choice. Had you chosen to compromise and given me everything, I would have upheld my promise and wouldn’t have involved your family and friends. Unfortunately, you missed this opportunity. Not only you, but your friends and family will suffer. I might not be able to deal with the Merlin Family for now, but I’ll join the Council of Seven in the future and become a Representative just like Sir Weiss,” Solan sneered.

At the same time, frantic mana fluctuations rushed over to Lin Yun like hurricanes. Just as Solan expected, Delson, Rolf, and Dean were only being noisy. They didn’t actually do anything to help him. ‘I’d like to see your shocked expression, Mafa Merlin!’

Solan could see that Mafa Merlin was only a 2nd Rank High Mage, an entire realm below him. Solan would only need one second, no, less than a second, to turn Mafa Merlin into a corpse.

The power of an Archmage was a hundred times greater than that of a High Mage. Simply releasing mana could kill a High Mage.

If he didn't use a protective spell or item, he would definitely die.

Ridiculing Mafa first to torment him before painfully killing him was the only way for Solan to vent.

Thinking of that guy's actions, his Monchi Family being suppressed in Thousand Sails City, wasn't it all because of that bastard?!

"I think you won't have a chance to become a Representative of the Black Tower in this life..." Lin Yun slowly stood up and looked at Solan with a strange expression. It was as if he was looking at a dead person. Blazing flames rose up behind Lin Yun, burning down the frantic mana fluctuations released by Solan. Lin Yun didn't do anything superfluous during that time. "If Patriarch Monchi heard you say those words, he would have been scared to death..."

As Lin Yun got up, mana fluctuations burst out, making Lin Yun look like he was bathing in light as he was shrouded in an incomparably dazzling radiance.

That was the radiance of the Star Gem and Elemental Amber.

Boundless runes fluttered like butterflies as a huge flood of mana flowed out, turning the meeting room into an ocean of mana.

"How could this be!" Solan was suddenly frightened, a chill rising up his back.

Solan had only felt this a few times in his life as a mage, and he had been facing a huge danger each time.

But...

Mafa Merlin was only a 2nd Rank High Mage, he couldn't constitute a huge danger.

He would only need one spell to harvest his life.

That lingering thought and that unclear and unknown monstrous feeling made him feel ill at ease. He unhesitatingly raised his staff and with a waving motion, he instant cast eight Frost Lances towards Lin Yun.

After reaching the Archmage realm, even low-tier spells would become excessively powerful. These eight Frost Lances were powerful enough to break the Runic Shield of a 9th Rank High Mage.

Using them to kill a 2nd Rank High Mage was like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

The Eight Frost Lances moved quickly and tore apart the air, reaching Lin Yun in an instant. But... they stopped in front of Lin Yun!

Solan looked at this scene with disbelief. He couldn't help widening his eyes, trying to look more closely. He then noticed that the eight lances were melting at a visible speed.

'How could this be!'

Solan looked at the melting Frost Lances with shock, his eyes almost falling off.

“Sir Solan, it’s time to settle our issues...” Lin Yun left his seat and smiled at Solan Monchi, tightly holding the staff in his hand as mana fluctuations suddenly spread from it. The temporary meeting room collapsed in a flash under the impact of that mana.

As he said before, Solan Monchi had to die!

Solan Monchi snooping around his house worried him for a while. He had always thought that the Black Tower had discovered the secret Bone Plane. This was enough to sentence Solan to death.

How could Lin Yun be reassured if Solan Monchi didn’t die?

Nowadays, the Bone Plane had already become Lin Yun’s foundation. Soul Fires and the Black Death Rune allowed Lin Yun to nurture Great Mages steadily. The Black Wasteland produced countless magic materials and brought tremendous wealth to Lin Yun every day.

Not to mention, there was still the River of Ten Thousand Ghosts, the Bone Peak occupied by the Bone Dragon, and other areas Lin Yun didn’t have time to develop yet. If he fully occupied the Bone Plane, Lin Yun would have the financial resources the Ivory Tower once had.

Chapter 392: Weiss

Under such circumstances, how could Lin Yun put up with Solan’s threatening his Bone Plane?

If Solan leaked information concerning the Bone Plane, even if Lin Yun held the Book of Death, he would still be forced to face endless harassment.

It could be seen from what had happened to the Mercury Tower.

When the news of the Abyssal Evil Dragon’s corpse leaked, it unfortunately attracted the attention of the Black Tower.

In the end, they snatched away one of the eyes of the Abyssal Black Dragon’s corpse.

‘If news of the Bone Plane leaked...’

Thus, Solan had to die!

Yes, Lin Yun planned to kill him to silence him!

Moreover, Solan was very likely to be the culprit behind Locke Merlin’s shipwreck...

“Issues? There are indeed a lot of issues, it was the same with your father. Had he not refused to sell that old house, he might not have had a shipwreck, hahaha...”

Solan’s expression became twisted, he looked at Lin Yun like a viper looking at its prey. He believed that the old house in Thousand Sails City was bound to be his soon and that Mafa Merlin would run out of luck like his father...

But he then felt mana fluctuations coming from Mafa Merlin.

Lin Yun didn't say anything, a bright moon-like item rose up behind him, emitting a blinding radiance with the two gems, one blue and one red, spreading rich mana fluctuations.

As mana was poured in, the disk burst out with hundreds of spells in an instant, Frost Spikes, Tornadoes, Fire Arrows, Wind Blades, Flame Spears, Frost Lances... This was equivalent to a mage legion simultaneously casting at the same target, Solan, with top tier cooperation!

The countless spells turned into a flood of spells, washing everything away...

When the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel appeared, Solan's face was shrouded with a fearful pale complexion. All those low tier spells were flying forward with the power of a High Mage, 'Shit, this is definitely a True Spirit Magic Tool!'

Solan was inwardly cursing, but he still reacted quite quickly, he timely cast an Elemental Shield, a Runic Shield, and a Mana Shield, one after the other. And thinking that this wasn't enough, he cast an extra three Ice Walls in front of him. The whole casting process took less than a second. It could be seen from this that Solan's power was much stronger than the average 2nd Rank Archmage.

But those three Ice Walls were instantly washed away under that torrent of spells, they weren't able to handle the flood as they shattered in pieces, followed by the Mana Shield. The Runic Shield also didn't even last a second before scattering. At that time, Solan was so nervous he heard his own heartbeat, only his Elemental Shield remained.

This was the most powerful defensive spell an Archmage could use!

But it wasn't worth mentioning in front of Lin Yun. One Flame Burst had been enough to break apart the Elemental Shield of the powered-up Fran when he was still a 9th Rank Great Mage.

Although Solan was stronger than Fran, he was only a bit more powerful.

Solan was becoming scared as his Elemental Shield was darkening, he simply didn't dare to believe this was happening, that a 2nd Rank High Mage could have such frightening power.

He was afraid, and regretful.

When the nightmarish shattering sound echoed, Solan's face turned deathly pale. A dozen low tier spells flew over the instant he lost the Elemental Shield.

Solan flew out after being bombarded and heavily crashed on the ground.

The defensive enchantments on his body also failed to resist the onslaught. After crashing, almost all of Solan's bones broke and he fainted from the pain.

But the young mage didn't give him the opportunity to faint.

The young mage was now walking towards him, a blazing flame floating above his hand. Solan was scared to death, 'That... That's another True Spirit Magic Tool...'

"Stop, stop! Mafa Merlin, doing this is akin to becoming the enemy of the Black Tower. You won't have a good ending if you become the enemy of the Black Tower..."

Solan was laying on the group, breathing roughly with a pale expression. He shouted, but... The young mage only smiled at him before sending that frightening flame towards his head.

He would die within a second if he was burnt by that frightening flame.

“Not just anyone can attack a mage of the Black Tower. Kid, you are too ruthless...” An ice-cold voice suddenly echoed as a stream of air covered Solan and blocked the flame rushing towards him.

“Rumble!”

Explosions burst around Lin Yun, completely without warning, and extremely powerful. Three explosions were enough to almost shatter Lin Yun’s Mana Shield. An Ice Fire Shield appeared and, under Lin Yun’s elaborate control, blocked a few more explosions. This kind of unseen and unreasonable attack would make anyone frantic, even a 5th Rank Archmage might be in a more awkward position were they in Lin Yun’s situation.

“Kid, I don’t care about your grievances with Solan, I won’t interfere for something like that. But attacking a member of the Black Tower in such a ruthless way is unforgivable...” That illusory voice echoed once again, a bit surprised. It seemed that he hadn’t expected Lin Yun to be so strong and remain so calm under such an attack, especially coming from a young mage that was only a 2nd Rank High Mage.

If such a monstrous existence couldn’t be roped into the Black Tower, then he had to be killed!

‘Weiss?’

The moment the voice echoed, Lin Yun understood that he had been too slow.

‘Weiss really made a move...’

This was what Lin Yun had been worried about, Weiss’ existence was a true threat to Lin Yun.

The blabbering Solan didn’t even enter Lin Yun’s eyes, he was like Fran, Lin Yun didn’t need much effort to kill him.

The only worrying part was that Solan couldn’t be killed in front of Weiss.

Lin Yun raised his head to look at the sky. It was empty, bereft of anything or anyone, yet a formless pressure came from some part of the sky. Lin Yun knew that Weiss was there...

With Weiss here, killing Solan would prove problematic, and not just a bit.

Under such a strange assault, Lin Yun didn’t have much time to look after him. Syudos turned into a blazing shield, blocking the countless Wind Blades, Tornadoes dropping from the sky. Even if they were powerful, they still couldn’t break the blazing shield. Lin Yun felt that unless he broke this deadlock, he wouldn’t be able to get out of this disaster.

“Kid, being too arrogant isn’t good for you... You are a Merlin? Even your Patriarch would die if he dared to attack someone from my Black Tower, let alone you.”

Lin Yun’s eyes suddenly shone as Weiss’ voice echoed. The Magic Array clearly caught onto his tracks. That Representative Weiss was a master of the Wind Element, his understanding of the Wind Element

had reached its peak and even an existence on par with him would have some trouble finding him when he used Wind Elemental Incarnation...

But, the Magic Array wasn't just for show.

Frantic mana was secretly poured into the Spell Wheel. As long as this burst out, Weiss would be hurt, or forced to appear. It would be a lot easier afterwards, even if he couldn't defeat Weiss, he could still easily escape.

Seconds slowly passed while Lin Yun patiently endured.

The invisible explosions kept echoing as the Mana Shield and Ice Fire Shield reached their limits, Lin Yun was now using his Runic Shield.

The strength of Runic Shields depended on the amount of runes...

Suddenly, the aura of countless magic beasts rose up from the Line Canyon, they had gathered and formed a magic beast tide, a force to be reckoned with.

At the head were three exceptionally powerful magic beasts who were at least level 37, one of them seemed to have already reached level 38. They were the rulers of the Tulan Mountain Range!

The sea of magic beasts was rushing towards them.

'Shit!'

Lin Yun inwardly cursed, this was frightening. One Weiss was already pressuring him, but now there were three magic beasts at level 37 and above...

'Isn't this too much?'

"Rumble!"

At the same time, a world-shaking sound attracted everyone's eyes, the invisible Weiss even let out a surprised cry. The sound came from a several hundred meters tall cliff.

Another three rumbles were heard as a terrifying aura spread through every corner of the Line Canyon. Weiss shrieked when he felt that aura and no longer caused trouble for Lin Yun.

Lin Yun's expression also became unsightly. He looked at that cliff in a daze.

"Rumble!"

A long crack appeared on the several hundred meters tall cliff as a terrifying existence was using brute force to split open the cliff. As seconds passed, the crack on the cliff widened.

It was followed by loud footsteps.

Ash colored flames rose up all around as a sulfur smell spread through the area. When the ashen flames rose up, the lively forest unexpectedly withered, and the aura of life in the entire Line Canyon also followed suit.

Chapter 393: Underground

The ruler of the Desolate Territory in the 17th Layer of the Abyss, Desolate Overlord Jalax.

It was the real one this time.

Jalax came from the Mythological Era and was a terrible existence who had walked the earth alongside the Ancient Gods. He was so powerful that he was above the Heaven Rank.

Now, the Desolate Overlord was unexpectedly in the Line Canyon!

Even if it wasn't his real body and only a projection or an Incarnation, it still wasn't something Lin Yun could contend against.

Jalax's name had yet to be known in this era, but the famous Desolate Overlord of the 17th Layer of the Abyss had later spread through Noscent.

Among the Abyss' Demons, the Desolate Overlord was a force to be reckoned with, and numerous Heaven Rank experts fell at his hands.

The thick aura of sulfur, the aura of the Abyss, spread through the Line Canyon.

"Rumble!"

Jalax's foot heavily stomped the soil of the Line Canyon, and the entire world seemed to shiver. Only a rumble could be heard as a huge crack split the ground open. With each step, the crack gradually expanded, creating a ghastly sight.

Countless plumes of ash-colored withering fire gently floated down from the sky.

The three powerful magic beasts roared with all their might. It seemed that Desolate Overlord Jalax's appearance terrified them. Countless magic beasts fled, trampling the ground of the Line Canyon, making the whole canyon shake.

A large, pitch-black palm swept over to the level 38 magic beast. That regal magic beast was afraid to escape because of the pressure of that large palm. It had no room to resist and was grabbed before being ruthlessly smashed against the cliff. A terrifying sound echoed as the powerful magic beast died. The withering fires quietly fell and burnt its soul.

The level 38 magic beast was nothing more than an ant in front of the Desolate Overlord. It only took one hit to explode it.

Moreover, the other two level 37 magic beasts didn't manage to escape either. They were firmly held by two large hands made of ashen flames. They were issuing heart-wrenching cries before their souls were also obliterated.

The Desolate Overlord remained there, motionless, emitting a frightening aura. He suddenly raised his head and his demonic pupils looked at the sky. The sky seemed empty, only a vast sea of blue.

But everyone knew that a mage was hidden there, Representative Weiss.

Although Representative Weiss was very powerful and his Wind Elemental Incarnation made it very hard for him to be noticed, he was facing the Desolate Overlord, an extremely powerful Demon that went through the Mythological era. He could see through Weiss' trick with one glance.

"Shit!"

Weiss and everyone else were shocked by the Desolate Overlord. They felt an extremely dangerous aura as the Desolate Overlord emerged from a cliff. Weiss was startled when these two demonic eyes fell onto him. They felt like they were exuding powerful magic, able to pierce through his thoughts. In front of these eyes, no secrets could be kept.

Weiss was anxious as he cursed. He'd just witnessed the power of the Desolate Overlord when it obliterated the three magic beasts without them being able to even resist.

In front of this power, he had no choice but to run, and the further the better.

Fortunately for Weiss, he was proficient in the Wind Element's Law. Few people could compare to him in terms of comprehension of the Wind Element Law in all of Noscent.

Weiss had already turned into a gale the instant the Desolate Overlord looked at him, crossing a distance of a kilometer in an instant.

But, the Desolate Overlord wasn't slow. Weiss' peak speed wasn't anything too great in front of the Desolate Overlord. In a flash, withered flames spread through the sky and chased Weiss faster than gales!

"Shit!" Weiss cursed.

'This is bad...'

The Desolate Overlord wasn't an existence Weiss could contend against, and moreover, that withering fire was the Ash-Gray Flame from the 17th Layer of the Abyss. Weiss' soul would burn to ashes if he was touched by it. He would never dare to fight the Desolate Overlord in the open. In such a terrifying situation, the Representative of the Black Tower tripled his speed. By managing such an impossible feat, he was able to keep a safe distance between him and the flames.

But...

After barely managing to escape from danger, Weiss looked at the ground.

There, he saw Solan laying on the ground, as well as the young mage not far from there.

A young mage at the High Mage Realm that could contend with him. He would become extremely dangerous if allowed to grow.

Thinking about this, Weiss raised his hand and cast a handful of Wind Blasts.

Of everyone present, Lin Yun was the closest to the Desolate Overlord and the Wind Blasts exploded next to him. He hadn't expected that old geezer to play such a hand!

"Fuck!"

Lin Yun swore. He had no fewer than ten defensive spells enchanted on his body, so although the five Wind Blasts were powerful, they still couldn't wound him. But Lin Yun knew that Weiss' true goal was to blow him towards the Desolate Overlord.

'Shit, that's Jalax... someone that can crush me in an instant! If that old geezer succeeds, I'll be crushed to pieces...'

Unfortunately, there was no time to dodge.

The five Wind Blasts exploded almost at the same time. The huge shockwave spread out and carried an irresistible force.

Lin Yun wasn't able to stop himself from flying through the air towards Jalax.

At this time, Lin Yun was inwardly cursing Weiss' eighteen generations of ancestors.

'This bastard...'

Fortunately, Lin Yun reacted quickly and cast a Fire Elemental Incarnation the moment his body flew out, followed by a Flame Flash to avoid flying into a falling withering flame. He ended up landing in an area a hundred meters away from the Desolate Overlord.

"Heavens..." The mercenaries who witnessed this exclaimed in surprise. In their eyes, this was no different from courting death.

Being a hundred meters away from an existence like the Desolate Overlord was no different from being right in front of him.

But as if he didn't know that he was moving toward danger, Lin Yun cast Haste after that Flame Flash, increasing the speed at which he rushed towards death...

Because only Lin Yun had seen it.

There was a deep crack in a place a hundred meters away from the Desolate Overlord. That was the crack that appeared when the Desolate Overlord stomped the ground.

However, a faint light could be seen shining from that crack.

He felt that there was a completely different world under the crack!

Lin Yun even felt a faint mana fluctuation being emitted from the crack.

Lin Yun knew that this was his only choice. The situation would take a sharp turn for the worse if he remained on that battlefield. Those three monstrous magic beasts were all killed in one hit, so what about him?

Moreover, Lin Yun had noticed that the Desolate Overlord had been targeting the strongest people first. First he went after that level 38 magic beast, then the other two level 37 magic beasts, before going for Weiss.

Lin Yun might have been the next target after Weiss.

Thus, he took the initiative to leave the battlefield at such a time by entering the huge crack.

Suddenly, a whistling sound echoed near his ear. That crack was so deep that he couldn't see the bottom. His body remained falling for over ten seconds.

It felt as if he had jumped down from the top of a cliff.

Lin Yun had a bad feeling. He tried to use Levitation to balance himself and see if there was any danger at the bottom. If there wasn't, it would be perfect, and if there was, he would be able to make preparations... But when he cast the spell, he clearly felt the surrounding mana being so chaotic that it greatly affected the spell, only slowing down his speed.

After an entire ten minutes...

An explosion could be heard.

Lin Yun's body fell heavily. It felt as if he had been hit in the chest by a hammer.

If Levitation hadn't been slowing his rate of descent, if he didn't have those dozen enchantments covering his body, he might have fallen to his death.

Fortunately, he could feel that he was on even ground, and it looked like there was nothing dangerous around. He moved with some difficulty as a sharp pain coursed through his body, making him frown. He fished out a few potions from his pocket and drank them all. After resting for a dozen minutes, the pain gradually eased up and he managed to force himself up. But his entire body still felt broken, and even just breathing hurt.

He flipped through his pocket and a large number of potions were taken out. He looked at all of them one by one, but discovered with disappointment that he hadn't crafted any Rebirth Potions. The injuries he was suffering from were very serious this time. An ordinary Health Potion would be useless, and the potions he had just drunk only restored superficial wounds...

Chapter 394: Dark Iron Dwarves

He could only compound a bottle of Rebirth to deal with this emergency. Rebirth Potion needed a total of four ingredients. Lin Yun looked around his pockets and quickly found three of the needed ingredients, but after a few minutes, he found out that he was missing the Blazing Flame Grass.

'Misfortune never comes alone!'

But soon, Lin Yun felt a warm aura within his Magic Array. This made his eyes shine. The Blazing Flame Grass was a very common herb that usually grew in hot environments, so it shouldn't be hard to find some around here.

Lin Yun patted the dust off his clothes and examined his surroundings. It seemed to be a naturally formed cave, a huge, naturally formed karst cave. It was very wide, and after some calculations, Lin Yun roughly estimated that this place was five kilometers away from the surface... Yet it wasn't dim at all...

He followed the warm aura forward and walked for roughly a dozen minutes before the scene in front of him shook him deeply. A huge palace was hovering in midair, fastened to the ground with countless thick chains, and the warm aura was coming from that palace.

What truly shook him wasn't the hovering palace, but the manpower needed for such a great feat of engineering. Even during the flourishing period of the 3rd Dynasty, if the entire country was focused on this project, it would still need at least ten years!

He walked to the hovering palace by following a thick chain. The heatwave coming from below made him frown. There was boiling lava emitting terrifying heat below. In a short few seconds, the high temperature made his robe stick to his body due to sweat, and his face flushed red.

Although the mana here wasn't as chaotic as earlier, there was still a lot of interference. In such circumstances, it would be very difficult for him to survive if he fell.

'Eh?'

With a quick glance, he discovered something.

There were four skeletons floating in the lava. These skeletons were a bit special, as they weren't human skeletons. With a careful look, Lin Yun noticed that they were emitting a gloomy dark-gold luster, and the people these four skeletons belonged to should have been about a meter tall when they were alive...

'Dark Iron Dwarves?'

Lin Yun frowned. He could confirm that these were the skeletons of Dark Iron Dwarves. They would spend most of their time working by a forge, so they naturally had extremely high heat resistance. It could be seen from these four skeletons. They remained there for at least a millennium and were floating in the lava, but they had yet to melt.

'But, how come Dark Iron Dwarves died in this place... After all, this is within the borders of Okland...'

The Dark Iron Dwarves were famous in the Nesser Dynasty. They were the servants of the Chromatic Dragons and they held the richest mineral resources on Noscent. They had the most advanced forging techniques, but unfortunately, the era of the Dark Iron Dwarves fell alongside the Nesser Dynasty, when the Dragons went to the void. Now, the Dark Iron Dwarves couldn't be seen in Noscent. They were already hiding underground and few people would ever meet one alive. Only the best auction halls of Noscent would see a masterpiece of a Dark Iron Dwarf from time to time, proving that the race had yet to become extinct.

'But, what happened to those four Dark Iron Dwarves? Is it related to the hovering palace?'

Dark Iron Dwarves were innate forging masters, so finding a hovering palace near them wasn't surprising at all, but their death put Lin Yun at a loss.

As he moved alongside the chain, Lin Yun paid attention to the lava below, and sure enough, the number of Dark Iron Dwarves' skeletons weren't limited to those four. After walking a few more minutes, he found a dozen more.

A heatwave suddenly rose up as a large, flaming bird came out of the lava with a sharp cry, flapping his wings, surrounding Lin Yun in countless flames.

'Flame Vulture!'

This abrupt change startled Lin Yun. He had had a strange feeling while going up the chain, as if someone had been spying on him, but he had been unable to find anything amiss, so he had been walking cautiously for the past few minutes. He understood when the Flame Vulture appeared. The Flame Vulture itself was a fire lifeform and had been hiding in the lava. No wonder he hadn't been able to find him...

That Flame Vulture wasn't very powerful. It was approximately only level 31. Had it been before, a magic beast of that level wouldn't have drawn Lin Yun's attention. But the environment here was very bad for Lin Yun. The mana was chaotic, greatly weakening his power, and the fall had also injured him.

He gently raised the magic staff and three Ice Walls instantly rose up in front of him, blocking the flames. At the same time, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel also rose up behind him and burst with mana, forming a flood of spells that engulfed the Flame Vulture. At this time, Enderfa came out of the Spell Wheel, and with his control, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel ruthlessly bombarded the Flame Vulture.

Lin Yun didn't know what Enderfa used the Variant Black Lizard Blood for, but after getting it, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel's might did increase a lot. Just as Enderfa had said, it reached the level of a middle-rank True Spirit Magic Tool!

After being bombarded by the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, the Flame Vulture slowly became unable to resist. The frequency at which it flapped its wings gradually slowed down until it finally chose to flee with all its might. Even if the spells were low-tier spells, they were all-powerful and greatly injured it. In less than five minutes, the flames on its body darkened and it was riddled with scars.

Growing tired as it ran for its life, the Flame Vulture didn't notice the three clear blue rays of light, those three Frost Lances. The Flame Vulture let out a mournful howl as the flames on its body stopped burning. At this time, a large Magic Hand grabbed it.

Lin Yun bent down and carefully extracted the Flame Vulture's mana crystal.

But Lin Yun's expression became strange when he took out that mana crystal. He looked at it thoughtfully.

It was too strange...

The fighting power displayed by that Flame Vulture had already surpassed level 30. In other words, its mana crystal should have reached the realm of spirit mana crystal...

The mana contained within spirit mana crystals was pure, and not only could they be used in any field of alchemy, but even low-rank mages could directly draw power from them.

But the mana crystal in Lin Yun's hands was far from being pure. The mana contained within was extremely complicated, and even Lin Yun, with his experience and knowledge, couldn't help shaking his head. This mana crystal would be poison to a low-ranked mage.

If that were all, Lin Yun wouldn't have lost any self-control.

The Flame Vulture was a fire lifeform. The condensed mana crystal should contain fire elements, but that mana crystal didn't just contain fire elements... It also contained earth, wind, and water!

What did that mean?

One mana crystal contained four elements... Lin Yun had never heard of such a thing, even 30,000 years in the future.

He was very curious about how the Flame Vulture could condense such a strange mana crystal.

After carefully observing the crystal, Enderfa's lofty voice echoed. "Shit! What's going on! Merlin, come over and take a look..."

Lin Yun frowned and crouched down. The Flame Vulture's body had stopped burning and was just a pitch-black corpse now. He followed Enderfa's sight and discovered a scar that was hard to notice. After carefully observing it, he discovered that there were traces of the scar being sutured. With the addition of the strange mana crystal, Lin Yun froze, a preposterous thought flashing through his mind.

The four-element mana crystal should have been man-made before being implanted into the body of the Flame Vulture.

If his guess was correct, then the person that did such a thing was too crazy...

But after thinking about it, Lin Yun felt that this was inconceivable. How could a four-element mana crystal be man-made? Moreover, how could a magic beast be unscathed after being implanted with a mana crystal? There would be a lot of trouble to extract the mana in the mana crystal to cast a spell...

"That magic beast isn't the only strange thing, its mana crystal is also strange..." Lin Yun frowned and showed that strange mana crystal to Enderfa. Enderfa's three faces turned contorted.

"This, this..." Enderfa was also startled speechless..."Merlin, don't you think this place is very strange? Most of the bones floating in the lava came from Dark Iron Dwarves. Who knows how they died here?"

Lin Yun nodded but didn't say anything before resuming his path.

Before he passed the chains to reach the hovering palace, Lin Yun discovered some herbs growing on the wall. His pupils constricted as he saw that the Blazing Flame Grass he needed was among them.

But the Blazing Flame Grass wasn't easy to pluck. It was tenaciously growing on the wall and needed Lin Yun to use Levitation to harvest them. This wouldn't pose a problem normally, but the mana was in chaos now and was seriously interfering with casting. Other spells would be fine, but Levitation was out of question. If the chaos suddenly became worse, wouldn't Lin Yun fall to his death?

Chapter 395: Array

But he still had some injuries. He would feel pain whenever he walked, and truly couldn't bear it.

Lin Yun suddenly recalled the Vine and Earth Puppet combination. He first summoned vines, and after tightly fastening them at the chains, he made the Earth Puppet crawl down the vines to pluck some Blazing Flame Grass.

Not long after, Lin Yun successfully got a few stalks of Blazing Flame Grass, but he didn't rush to compound the potion. He instead stepped into the hovering palace.

'This is the building style of the 3rd Dynasty...'

After taking a closer look, Lin Yun and Enderfa immediately discovered that this was a palace from the 3rd Dynasty.

And from the era of Emperor Zhantui.

At that time, Lin Yun was already certain that this hovering palace had most likely been constructed by Emperor Zhantui. But what Lin Yun couldn't understand was why Emperor Zhantui built a palace needing so much manpower in such a place.

After all, Emperor Zhantui and the Gaugass King had their decisive battle in the Line Canyon, yet this palace just happened to be buried under the Line Canyon.

Could it be that before the decisive battle between Emperor Zhantui and the Gaugass King, he still squandered so much manpower to build this underground palace over ten years?

Wasn't that too strange?

Furthermore...

Lin Yun clearly remembered that huge, monolith-like stone tablet in the Bloodshed Forest with the sword gashes left behind by Emperor Zhentui, which said that he and Luo Ning had come here...

The way the words were written didn't seem like something one would write before a decisive battle... it actually looked like they were exploring something.

At that time, Lin Yun was already a bit suspicious as to the veracity of that story.

Did Emperor Zhantui and the Gaugass King really have a decisive battle in the Line Canyon?

Could it be possible that they didn't fight each other there, but rather, were secretly doing some kind of exploration?

Thinking of this, Lin Yun couldn't help shaking his head. The history of the era of Emperor Zhantui and the Gaugass King had too many suspicious parts. Even the crazy gravedigging era hadn't been able to uncover the truth behind those.

Uncovering those might need to wait until someone found the ruins of the Gaugass King.

Lin Yun wasn't in a hurry to explore that place, so he just looked for an empty spot to compound his potion. He arranged the four magic materials in front of himself and fished out a crucible from his pocket, as well as a few test tubes. He was now ready to compound a few Rebirth Potions.

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Lin Yun's injury had long since recovered. He got up and walked through the solemn gates before entering the palace. Lin Yun found four open portals in his surroundings, all leaking different auras.

'Earth, Water, Wind, Fire...'

Lin Yun frowned as he felt the aura from the four portals. He could clearly feel something off about the four elements coming from these open portals. It felt as if something was trying to rush out.

Suddenly, a dense Ice Aura came out of one of the portals, and before Lin Yun and Enderfa could react, several Frost Elementals came out.

Something similar happened to the other three portals...

Flame Elementals, Storm Elementals, Rock Elementals...

Lin Yun and Enderfa were startled by this. The person who built this palace was crazy. He had set up four portals leading to the Elemental Planes. As long as someone came in, the huge array in the middle would instantly activate, and four kinds of Elemental Spirits would come from the Elemental Planes...

It only took a few seconds for the number of Elemental Spirits coming from the four portals to reach a few hundred. Blazing heat, freezing cold, piercing gales, and heavy pressure. Enderfa and Lin Yun felt numb. These Elemental Spirits had the strength of Great Mages. Several hundreds of them might not be much, but what about several thousand, several tens of thousands, or even more?

Moreover, who said that the Elemental Spirits coming out would all be at the same level?

Out of tens of thousands, wouldn't a few Upper Rank Elemental Spirits appear?

Out of tens of thousands, wouldn't an Elemental King be provoked?

It was hell...

The four portals flickered fiercely as numerous elementals rushed out, turning the room into an Elemental World. In a flash, Lin Yun and Enderfa were flooded by the huge amount of Elemental Spirits.

Lin Yun didn't look hurried as he walked around, the Doom Staff in his hand continuously flickering as he chanted various incantations. The Elemental Spirits were crowded on all sides, and every time a Flame Burst exploded, at least a dozen Elemental Spirits collapsed.

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and the Star Gem blossomed with an azure light as the Elemental Amber offered a steady flow of mana to the Spell Wheel. Each time the Spell Wheel burst out, hundreds of low tier spells would sweep through the battlefield, killing swarms of Elemental Spirits every time. This killing speed was a lot quicker than Lin Yun's...

But, there were still too many Elemental Spirits, they spread everywhere. Even if Lin Yun and the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel could kill hundreds, the Elemental Spirits kept pouring in from the four portals. There was no end to them!

"To hell with this!" Enderfa couldn't help cursing. His mana was being used at an extreme pace under the flood of Elementals. At this rhythm, he would sooner or later run out of mana. When that time came, even if the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was a Mid-Rank True Spirit Magic Tool, it would still stop functioning.

"As long as that array remains, the Elemental Spirits will keep rushing out..." Lin Yun frowned as he realized the seriousness of the situation. If this continued, even if he had a lot of mana, he would still end up exhausting it. His gaze then focused back on the huge array in the center of the room. "Enderfa, buy me some time..."

Hearing this, Enderfa immediately understood Lin Yun's plan. He instantly burst out with a boundless flood of spells and cleansed the center of the room of all Elementals.

Lin Yun crouched down and studied the array on the floor. There were all kinds of strange patterns crisscrossing it. They were extremely strange, and with a glance, Lin Yun knew that this True Spirit Rank array would be very troublesome. It was the most complicated array Lin Yun had ever encountered.

He had broken more than one True Spirit array and had accumulated a lot of experience. Had it been before, he might have had no confidence in breaking this complicated array.

But it was different now...

He quickly took out a quill and some Melting Snow Ink and cast an upgraded Sharp Mind on himself. His mind cleared up and his analysis ability was increased at least ten times. He gently dipped the quill into the Melting Snow Ink and quickly drew on the array while his Magic Array was working at full capacity at the same time.

That array might look incredibly complex to others, but it was a basic elemental array in Lin Yun's eyes as he kept breaking it down.

Lin Yun's writing speed was scarily fast, he almost didn't pause.

Without Lin Yun's terrifying calculation ability, anyone in this situation would fall, including Star Sage Jouyi. After all, any mage would run out of mana when facing an endless army of Elemental Spirits.

Enderfa was rousing the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, continuously bursting out with spells and killing countless Elementals. Every wave of spells would kill several hundreds of Elemental Spirits. Although the rate at which they were being killed was very high, so was the mana consumption. At this time, the Elemental Amber in the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was a lot darker than before, showing that a lot of the mana contained within had been consumed.

The busy Lin Yun took a quick glance before speeding up his writing. He had seen Enderfa's situation. As his mana was consumed, Enderfa had no choice but to settle for the next best thing. He drew closer to Lin Yun and protected him as he broke the array.

"Hurry up!" Enderfa's anxious voice echoed. He was the Magic Tool Incarnation of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and the Magic Tool itself was driven by mana. If Lin Yun died in there, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel would be a Magic Tool no longer. What would await Enderfa would be either falling into a never-ending sleep or dissipating away.

Regardless of the outcome, it wasn't something he wanted to see.

He slowly felt the mana of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel seriously depleting and the number of Elemental Spirits hardly decreasing. At the start, several hundred low-tier spells were cast every time he burst out with a wave of spells, causing the Elemental Spirits in a large area to collapse. But now, he only dared to release a dozen spells. He was scared of exhausting all the mana, and Lin Yun had yet to crack the array.

His only choice was to gain as much time as possible for Lin Yun.

Each group of collapsing Elementals would be replaced by a new one, making one despair.

But Lin Yun was calm and collected, not panicking at all. The quill in his hand was quickly moving on the ground, seemingly unaffected by Enderfa's urging. He had already reached the core of the array, his mind calculating at a crazy speed, his Magic Array roused to its peak as the quill kept drawing mana circuits.

Eventually, Enderfa could no longer protect him. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel's Elemental Amber had darkened, not letting out any radiance.

"Alright..."

Lin Yun had already put down the quill. He massaged his aching wrists as the connection between the four portals and the Elemental Planes was severed. Lin Yun stood up and glanced at all the Elementals, before the Doom Staff in his hand burst out with a bright radiance...

Chapter 396: Inheritance

It took only a dozen minutes before the Elementals remaining in the room were taken care of. Lin Yun took out a few mana crystals to replenish his mana while examining this place. When he first came in, countless Elemental Spirits had rushed over, so only now was he able to properly examine this room.

He was suddenly attracted by something in the corner of the room. After approaching, he noticed a deep blue crystal that was roughly the size of a head and felt cold to the touch, which made him curious. 'What is this?'

'Emperor Zhantui should have spent so much on this hovering palace, so it's safe to say that nothing here is ordinary, yet that crystal ball seems very common. There isn't a thread of mana coming from it. Could it be a mechanism of some sort?'

When this thought flashed in Lin Yun's mind, he tried pouring his mana in. But the result left him disappointed, as there was no change to the crystal ball.

But Lin Yun had yet to give up. He observed the crystal ball and thought of moving it, but when his hand touched the bottom of the crystal ball, he discovered a notch. This instantly made him frown. He took out the strange mana crystal he got earlier and attempted to put it in the notch.

A light flashed as the crystal ball quickly rotated, displaying a projection on the opposite wall. But the time it lasted was too short. It only felt like a second to Lin Yun. He only had the time to throw a hurried glance at it, and he wasn't able to see what the projection was before it disappeared. Lin Yun couldn't help feeling annoyed. He turned to look at Enderfa only to see him looking back at him.

'Did Enderfa discover something?'

"Enderfa, did you see that projection?" Lin Yun threw a strange look at Enderfa.

"It looked like a map."

"A map?" Lin Yun frowned. He thought of the glimpse of the projection he had seen after hearing Enderfa's words and felt that this might indeed be a map. He lowered his head to look at the azure crystal ball before reaching for the notch with his hand, only to find out that the mana of that strange

mana crystal had long since been absorbed. When his hand came into contact with it, the mana crystal turned to ashes. "That crystal seems to be supported by that special energy, and that map is most likely the map of the entire palace!"

"To completely learn the map, one would need a large number of mana crystals, just like the Flame Vulture's. Would there be some in this palace?"

After saying this, Lin Yun and Enderfa headed towards the depths of the palace. The entire palace was like a huge maze with countless rooms and countless hallways, and they were exactly the same. It was very easy for one to get lost inside the palace.

After three hours of wandering around the palace, Lin Yun discovered that magic beasts were living there, but they weren't powerful enough. Of the thirteen he met, the strongest was only level 32...

During these three hours, he also discovered many sword gashes as well as faint mana fluctuations that gave him a familiar feeling. He took out some of the mana fluctuations he had collected in the Bloodshed Forest which had belonged to the Gaugass King and compared them. Sure enough, they were identical!

This proved that Emperor Zhantui and the Gaugass King had once fought in this palace, and it was very likely that they finished their battle here.

If he had guessed right, then that six-formula Meditation Law Set might very likely be hidden in a corner of this palace.

But that palace was too spacious, who knows how long it would take him if he went room to room. Thus, he could only rely on the map projected by the crystal ball, hoping he could glean some clues from it.

He soon reached the crystal ball's room and casually put a mana crystal in the notch. The crystal ball changed and projected a scene on the wall. It really was a map, but this time, the crystal ball was supplied with a total of thirteen mana crystals and lasted for a dozen seconds before that scene disappeared.

With Lin Yun's outstanding memory, a dozen seconds would be more than enough to accurately record the details of that map. But when that map appeared, seven static cursors were dispersed in seven different directions. He secretly recorded them, but he couldn't understand what they represented.

Following the map he memorized, Lin Yun fumbled around the palace for a while, but he didn't discover anything apart from magic beasts. He chose not to take their mana crystals since they could only be used on the crystal ball.

He frowned when he reached a certain place. He stopped before a black wall that was very different from the rest of the building. It was huge and had an array inscribed on it.

Lin Yun walked to the black wall and softly hit it with his hand.

A hollow sound came from the wall, and it wasn't thick. That wall might be hiding a room.

Lin Yun stood in front of the wall for a long time...

Because Lin Yun suddenly recalled that this wall was located at one of the seven lights he had seen on the map earlier.

The room behind the wall might tell him what those seven lights were...

But he had some issues opening the wall. In the center of the wall was a Hybrid Array. It was a lot different from ordinary arrays, this array was made up of three arrays with inseparably close connections.

Lin Yun studied it for a while and was able to recognize two of the three arrays, opening and self-destruction.

If the array suffered an attack or a mistake appeared while it was being cracked, the self-destruction array would trigger, and the power of the self-destruction would be not inferior to the full strength attack of an Archmage powerhouse, which would turn the wall, as well as the room behind it, into ruins.

What made Lin Yun rejoice was that the three arrays forming this Hybrid Array had yet to reach the True Spirit Rank. This discovery made him a bit more relaxed.

But he only let out a sigh of relief...

Because this was a Hybrid Array, and Hybrid arrays were True Spirit Rank arrays.

Only Master Alchemists who had reached an extremely high level in terms of calculations could use this technique. A peak Master Alchemist would need several months of calculations without sleep nor rest, not to mention the fact that this Hybrid Array had a self-destruct safety procedure.

Even Lin Yun had no choice but to be careful as he moved his quill to quickly calculate on a piece of paper. It took Lin Yun over three hours to calculate the characters for opening it.

He then picked up his quill again and very carefully inputted the nine characters to open the Hybrid Array. The mana circuit violently flickered before a “bang” echoed and the wall opened.

Lin Yun didn't rush in, clearly on guard since this palace was too strange. He waved his Doom Staff and a Mage Eye explored the room in the back. The room was very small and very empty. There was only a palm-sized crystal laying down on the floor of the room.

After confirming that it wasn't dangerous, Lin Yun walked in, picked up that disk-like crystal, and studied it. That crystal had a memory function which was usually used by mages to record information. Lin Yun tried to pour mana into the crystal and the crystal suddenly changed, countless azure runes appearing around it.

‘The complete Elemental Tide...’ Lin Yun stared for a bit before putting away that crystal. From Okland to the Tulan Mountain Range, Lin Yun had been helping Ross calculate the Elemental Tide's Meditation Law Sets, so he clearly remembered the Elemental Tide and recognized it when he saw those azure runes.

The appearance of the Elemental Tide also confirmed his guesses to some extent. He originally thought that those seven marks on the map had some special meaning, but he was now sure of it.

The Gaugass King left behind seven inheritances. The Elemental Tide Meditation Law Set and the Magic Conducting Rune Arcane Ring were just a part of it.

‘That six-formula Meditation Law Set is most likely among those seven inheritances...’

Lin Yun thoughtfully left the room in order to confirm his conjecture, and he impatiently rushed to another location that had been marked on the map.

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In the past two days, Lin Yun had encountered a dozen magic beasts, and after one of the fights, Lin Yun’s robe was splattered with blood. He had broken many Hybrid Arrays and including from the first room in which he found the Elemental Tide, he found six rooms and obtained three complete Meditation Law Sets and three kinds of Magic Conducting Runes, which included the Arcane Ring that Leon was using.

But Lin Yun was stunned by the seventh room.

The seventh room was located in the center of the palace and was relatively spacious. After breaking the array, Lin Yun rushed in, unable to wait. That 7th room was most likely hiding the six-formula Meditation Law Set, but... The greater the hope, the greater the disappointment.

In the previous six rooms, there was a crystal disk representing the magic inheritance of the Gaugass King, but this room didn’t have anything like a crystal.

This was illogical.

Lin Yun couldn’t help frowning. This outcome was totally out of his expectations. He’d thought that the six-formula meditation Law Set would be in one of the seven rooms, but now...

Chapter 397: Formula

‘Let’s look for it again, maybe there’ll be some clues...’ Lin Yun got a bit angry, he didn’t know what the Gaugass King was thinking. He obviously wanted to pass on his magic inheritance in Noscent, but he used so many tricks. Lin Yun carefully thought about it again and felt that the most important magic inheritance definitely couldn’t have vanished.

‘Eh?’

Suddenly, a wave of mana fluctuations rushed over. Lin Yun couldn’t help but exclaim in surprise before walking over. There, he found an array carved on a wall emitting faint mana fluctuations. This was actually a teleportation array. This discovery made Lin Yun overjoyed, even if he didn’t know where the teleportation array led to. But it meant that the trail of the six formula Meditation Law Set wasn’t lost.

A bit of trouble was nothing, the most important part was to find the six formula Meditation Law Set...

‘What’s going on with this...’

Lin Yun was looking at the teleportation array, it should have existed for millennia. But he quickly found out that the mana source and magic circuit had been artificially severed. He frowned and then took out a quill, dipped it in ink, and went to restore those mana circuits.

After ten minutes, Lin Yun put away his quill and inspected his progress on the teleportation array. Although it came from an ancient era, it was still in good condition. At this time, strange mana fluctuations passed through the teleportation array.

“Shit!”

Lin Yun couldn't help retreating a few steps, pale in fright, when those mana fluctuations came over. He looked at the teleportation array with a fearful expression as he cursed. Only then did his face regain some color. The mana fluctuations just now were truly frightening, they actually had the aura of the Heaven Enlightening Plane.

In other words, the teleportation array led to the Heaven Enlightening Plane...

The Heaven Enlightening Plane was in the middle of rebirth, everything there was in chaos, and everything on the plane was being transformed by the power of primal chaos. Let alone Lin Yun, even a Heaven Rank powerhouse would fall in the Heaven Enlightening Plane.

Teleporting to the Heaven Enlightening Plane at such a time was as good as courting death.

Fortunately, the teleportation array's magic circuits had been severed. The consequences would have been horrible had he approached and activated the teleportation array.

Although fortunate, Lin Yun was also annoyed, the only clue remaining for the six formula Meditation Law Set had virtually disappeared. He would definitely not go to the Heaven Enlightening Plane, even if that Meditation Law Set was precious, it was definitely negligible in comparison to his life. He was inwardly complaining to the Gaugass King, 'You could have put it anywhere, yet you chose the Heaven Enlightening Plane...'

'What should I do...'

After all, Lin Yun rushed from Okland to the Tulan Mountain Range for that six formula Meditation Law Set, but he no longer had any clue about it.

Soon after, Lin Yun put the Meditation Law Set to the back of his mind and focused on the teleportation array. After the final battle between Emperor Zhantui and the Gaugass King, the Gaugass King disappeared in the depths of the Tulan Mountain Range, and this teleportation array led to the Heaven Enlightening Plane. Lin Yun conjectured that the Gaugass King most likely went to the Heaven Enlightening Plane.

“Merlin, come over, there is a secret door here...”

While Lin Yun was in deep thought, Enderfa's surprised voice roused him back to the present. He then turned towards Enderfa, and sure enough, there was a secret door.

That secret door was leading underground and was roughly one meter large. Lin Yun was about to enter when a wave of heat blew over, making him frown. He turned to Enderfa and said, “Let's go check...”

Lin Yun entered the passage when Enderfa returned to the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. Down there was an ordinary flight of steps, but the surprising thing was that not a speck of dust could be seen on that millennia old staircase. Lin Yun's eyelids twitched when he took the first step on that staircase, he had

clearly noticed a spatial fluctuation and a feeling of distortion. That feeling was somewhat odd. Taking that step gave him the feeling of moving from one space to another.

The further he got, the more intense that spatial distortion feeling became. Each step he took would make him alarmed, afraid that he would walk into a spatial crack and be forever lost into chaotic space if he was careless.

At the same time, the further he went, the hotter it became. It reached the point where his robe was soaked with sweat and sticking to his body, which was very uncomfortable. He couldn't wipe the sweat off his forehead as it kept appearing. He continued going down, and after half an hour, the temperature reached an extreme level, it was like being in a stove. His cheeks had become very red, and the sweat drenching his robe had long since evaporated.

Fortunately, he had already reached the end of the passage, but the scene ahead greatly surprised him. That was a library, and when he entered, the hot aura completely disappeared.

Rows of bookshelves were neatly arranged, with books piled up on them. Lin Yun found out that the entire library was spotless. Not only was the ground clean, but even those books didn't have a speck of dust on them. This was a millennia old library, yet it looked like it had just been cleaned.

As Lin Yun explored, he quickly found out that there was only one table in the entire library. It was clean and had nothing on it. He couldn't help gasping in surprise. This shouldn't have been the Gaugass King's private library, so how could there be only one table in here?

But as he explored the library, he felt that the master of this place should have been the Gaugass King.

In his peripheral vision, he caught sight of a crystal ball in a corner of the library. With his previous experiences, Lin Yun knew that this crystal ball wasn't there just on a display. After some hesitation, he softly walked over, but when he was half a meter away from the crystal ball, a bright light suddenly blossomed from it and created a projection.

This was a middle-aged man with an imposing figure wearing a mage's robe. He was tightly holding onto a jet-black spear. Although this was a projection, it gave Lin Yun endless pressure when it appeared, but as time passed, that pressure gradually lightened.

Battlemage, Gaugass King!

Lin Yun knew who that person was with one glance, the legendary person who rose amidst the Gaugass Battlemages, with the power of a Heaven Rank, or beyond... The projection or incarnation left behind by such a person would have shocking power.

This was the first time he saw Gaugass King Luo Ning, even if it was just a projection.

"If you want to obtain my final inheritance, you have to pass a test. There are 3768 books in here. You have to finish these books within twenty days, then I'll put you to the test..."

After saying that, the projection of the Gaugass Battlemage disappeared.

'3768 books in twenty days...'

Lin Yun scratched his cheek, 'That's a lot of work...'

Soon, Lin Yun made a discovery.

The knowledge recorded in those books surprisingly didn't have too many mistakes, only a few parts had some errors. For them to have reached this level of knowledge astonished Lin Yun, after all, there was still about a few ten thousand years till the peak of the magic era, many magic theories had yet to completely mature.

The books collected by the Gaugass King were all fine works and few of them had any mistakes. Even the knowledgeable Lin Yun had no choice but to gasp in admiration. If this library was obtained by any force, they would be able to reach the height of the Cloud Tower and Black Tower, it would only be a matter of time.

Lin Yun flipped every book on the desk at least once, recording the errors in his mind. Soon, books were piled on the desk like small towers. These books were enough for an ordinary person to read for a month, yet Lin Yun only used over an hour to flip through them once.

A day soon passed and during that time, Lin Yun flipped through the books on two bookshelves, remembering all the errors.

After meditating for a dozen minutes, Lin Yun recovered some energy and started reading without stopping.

Two days...

Three days...

Ten days...

On the 20th day, Lin Yun had long since read through all the books. He put back a book bound with a black string to its original place, before thoughtfully sitting at the desk, not talking for a very long time.

As he sat for a day, Lin Yun kept pondering, taking out a quill from time to time to write down some calculations on a piece of paper.

"How come the Gaugass King has yet to appear, didn't he say he would test you? This is already the 21th day..." Enderfa turned into a black mist as he floated out of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and looked at the crystal ball with a doubtful expression.

"He won't come..." Lin Yun's quill paused. After saying those words, he began calculating once again. It felt as if the projection of the Gaugass King had nothing to do with him.

"He shouldn't be fooling you, right? High profile characters like him don't easily go back on their words..." Enderfa's three strange faces were tightly frowning. After looking at Lin Yun, he found out that the other side wasn't even paying attention to him, still immersed in his calculations, "Merlin, did you find something?"

"This library's 3768 books are the last inheritance of the Gaugass King..." Lin Yun nodded, but didn't raise his head, the quill in his hand writing even faster. Maybe only he knew what test the Gaugass King had set up for him.

Indeed, it was patience.

Reading over three thousand books one by one would require ten years, but only after reading all these books can one understand the intention of the Gaugass King. In other words, the six formulas Meditation Law Set was hidden within these 3768 books, only by putting all the knowledge together, calculating and inferring, could the six formula Meditation Law Set be obtained!

Chapter 398: Power Up

Lin Yun, coming from 30,000 years in the future, definitely took a shortcut.

Gaugass King Luo Ning's last magic inheritance definitely wasn't easy to obtain. If Lin Yun hadn't time travelled, he would have been unable to figure out the true intent of the Gaugass King and naturally wouldn't have had the opportunity to obtain the six formula Meditation Law Set.

Lin Yun had been pondering over it while reading. Only when he finished the last book did he have a rough outline in his mind. He estimated that it would take about a day to calculate the six formula Meditation Law Set.

Rustling sounds kept echoing from the piece of paper and soon, a day passed. The young mage suddenly stopped writing and picked up the piece of paper to seriously look over the details. Seeing this scene, Enderfa couldn't help being startled, "Merlin? Got it?"

"Yeah..."

Lin Yun nodded. The piece of paper in his hand only had a simple six formulas. But these six formulas were the most precious thing in this world to Lin Yun.

'Gaugass King Luo Ning was truly talented...'

After looking at it for a while, Lin Yun inwardly sighed. The magic knowledge involved in this formula couldn't be considered deep, even an ordinary Archmage would be able to understand most of the magic knowledge within. But mastering so many diverse magic knowledge and creating this outrageous Meditation Law Set showed that Luo Ning was a true genius. Luo Ning might not be inferior to some of the most outstanding mages of the peak of the magic era.

Every since Lin Yun came to this era, Luo Ning was the first person that Lin Yun thought of as a genius.

After getting the formula, Lin Yun chose a spot in the library and sat down, but before he started learning this Meditation Law Set, he gave it a name. It was now the Equilibrium Law.

The Equilibrium Law's worth was that once it was used as a core Meditation Law Set, and after being integrated with the Magic Array, he would still be able to treat two other Meditation Law Set as Core Meditation Law Sets. And the Meditation Law Sets which could catch Lin Yun's sight were inevitably the top-class Meditation Law Sets in Noscent. Just one top-class Meditation Law Set could easily surpass all the Meditation Law Sets of this era, let alone two.

This wasn't as simple as one plus one equals two.

Lin Yun chose the Void Forge, a very fierce Meditation Law Set. Thirty thousand years later, when Noscent was at its peak before the decline, countless precious Meditation Law Sets were put in the

decaying library. The Void Forge was the most widespread Meditation Law Set at the time, most people chose the Void Forge as their Core Meditation Law Set.

A mage who mastered the Void Forge could turn themselves into a forge to smelt everything in the world, even the Netherstorm could be turned into mana by the Void Forge. The Void Forge could be said to be the least picky Meditation Law Set in Noscent's history.

Lin Yun had personally experienced it 30,000 years later. When mana was exhausted, the existence of the Void Forge saved countless mage's magic path. At that time, they were able to absorb mana from the Netherstorm, and it became the only way for many mages to absorb mana.

Including Lin Yun.

Moreover, this Meditation Law Set was very powerful!

Powerful to the point that it had sixteen formulas!

What did that mean?

In all of Noscent, the strongest Meditation Law Set had fifteen formulas, yet the Void Forge appeared with its sixteen formulas.

The Void Forge was also the only Meditation Law Set with sixteen formulas.

After coming to this era, Lin Yun had originally planned on using the Void Forge as his Core Meditation Law Set, but the Gaugass King's Equilibrium Law made him hesitate. This hesitation lasted for over half a year. An ordinary mage would confirm their Core Meditation Law Set at 9th Rank great Mage by merging it with their Magic Conducting Rune, but he had been dragging it until now.

Fortunately, this trip to the Tulan Mountain Range had been successful and he obtained the Equilibrium Law, through numerous hardships.

The Void Forge had been created by Joussona, a legendary Heaven Mage. He became a High Mage at sixty five, having spent most of his life researching the Void Forge. The year after he became a High Mage, he published the Void Forge. Joussona's name then shocked the entire Noscent.

At that time, the entire Noscent went crazy over that Meditation Law Set and Joussona was revered as a deity by fanatical mages, he was called the father of the Void Forge. At that time, every mage, even Heaven Mages, would be extremely deferential when facing Joussona.

Only someone like Joussona could enjoy this kind of treatment in the strict hierarchical world of magic. Regardless if it was an Archmage or Heaven Mage, they would all face Joussona as if they were disciples facing a teacher.

It could be seen from this how great Joussona's status was in Noscent.

And this wasn't all...

Joussona became a High Mage at sixty five, published the Void Forge at sixty six, and became an Archmage at sixty eight. He was called the Void Conqueror. Six years later, the Void Conqueror brazenly stepped into the Heaven Rank, and Joussona's name shocked the entire Noscent once more.

It was then that people understood...

Joussona's talent in the path of magic far exceeded anyone's expectations.

He had become a High Mage late not because he wasn't gifted enough in the path of magic, but rather because he spent all his time researching the Void Forge.

He was a true genius.

Later on, Joussona's secret gradually surfaced. It turned out that at fourteen, he had already created a twelve formula Meditation Law Set and used it as his Core Meditation Law Set.

In that era, a twelve formula Meditation Law Set could only be described as average. Many people were curious as to why Joussona didn't opt for a more advanced Meditation Law Set and instead created his own Meditation Law Set. And one that only had twelve formulas...

In fact, that Meditation Law Set was incomplete, only when Joussona became a 5th Rank Great Mage was the Meditation Law Set able to reach fourteen formulas. When he became a 9th Rank Great Mage, the Meditation Law Set had fifteen formulas.

Even in the peak of the magic era, fifteen formulas would turn a Meditation Law Set in one of the top-class Meditation Law Set of Noscent. There were only a few of them in Noscent, and they were all in the hands of those peak forces.

But, Joussona was unsatisfied.

He spent thirty years to turn the Void Forge into a sixteen formula Meditation Law Set. For this reason, he even stopped devoting himself to the magic path.

That was the first sixteen formulas Meditation Law Set of Noscent, and also its last.

A few decades later, countless planes were conquered by powerful mages, before they cast their sights on the boundless Abyss. Jousson, who had already reached the Heaven Rank, was leading a group of mages and they killed their way to the 20th Layer of the Abyss, and that Desolate Overlord Jalax was personally killed by Joussona.

Joussona's Void Forge ended up being stored in the decaying library.

The other Meditation Law Set Lin Yun chose had fifteen formulas and was called Elemental Heart. Although it was a bit inferior to the Void Forge, it was one of the top-class Meditation Law Sets even in the peak of the magic era.

Lin Yun was interested in the Elemental Heart because it was the most comprehensive Meditation Law Set of the four elements – Earth, Fire, Wind and Water. Lin Yun already had the Void Forge that would allow him to transform everything in the world into mana, he could still meditate even under the pressure of the Netherstorm. With the addition of the two Alchemic Mana Whirlpool, Lin Yun's mana could be said to be endless. The Meditation Law Sets that could hasten Lin Yun's mana absorption were already useless.

What Lin Yun needed wasn't a famous Meditation Law Set...

What he needed was a Meditation Law Set that could supplement the Magic Array and the Void Forge. The more comprehensive, the better.

The Elemental Heart was the most suitable.

Lin Yun kept his eyes closed.

He was starting to integrate the three Meditation Law Sets into his Magic Array as Core Meditation Law Set.

This process was very long...

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In a flash, a month had passed. Lin Yun was still sitting in a corner of the library, motionless and expressionless.

Enderfa was waiting on the side. He knew that this was generally an extremely long process, but he hadn't expected it to take as long as a month.

After all, ordinary mages would take a day to fuse their Meditation Law Set with their Magic Conducting Rune, yet Lin Yun hadn't moved for a whole month...

As Enderfa was sighing, a shocking mana fluctuation came from Lin Yun's body. In a split second, a gale burst out in the library, turning countless books into shreds. That building would have already been destroyed if it hadn't been constructed with special materials and techniques.

"This..." Enderfa was stunned. He turned his head to look at Lin Yun with shock, 'He is only merging his Core Meditation Law Set, how could there be such a huge reaction?' Moreover, Enderfa could sense that Lin Yun's mana fluctuations were ten times stronger than usual.

In other words, Lin Yun's strength increased ten times just by fusing his Core Meditation Law Set.

"..."

'No... This isn't all...'

Enderfa could clearly feel the mana fluctuations Lin Yun emitted were quickly rising!

3rd Rank High Mage...

4th Rank High Mage...

5th Rank High Mage...

Chapter 399: Encounter

"Heavens..." Even the experienced and knowledgeable Enderfa couldn't help letting out a surprised cry when faced with this scene.

It was incredible...

This young mage only took a few minutes to advance from a 2nd Rank High Mage to a 5th Rank High Mage.

In fact, Enderfa couldn't be blamed for making a fuss.

Lin Yun was too abnormal...

After all, it's been almost a year since Lin Yun broke through the High Mage realm, and he has been suppressing his rank for a while. Some time ago, he carelessly advanced to 2nd Rank High Mage, and since then, Lin Yun spent most of his energy suppressing his own rank.

His accumulation of mana was steady and powerful, far beyond what any mage could imagine.

Lin Yun had felt like a dam, and just like a dam, the more water inside, the taller the dam had to be built. And now that the dam's gate was finally opened, a huge stream of water irresistibly surged forward.

The powerful accumulation of mana was finally set free, making Lin Yun reach 5th Rank High Mage in one go.

And this wasn't all...

Lin Yun could use this momentum to break through 6th, 7th and even 8th Rank, but Lin Yun was very rational and stopped there.

Because Lin Yun knew that the Void Forge and the Elemental Heart weren't ready yet.

He had to give them more time.

What he had to do now was completely merge these two Meditation Law Sets with his Magic Array and make the Meditation Law Sets and his Magic Array seamlessly fuse. At that time, he would be ready to attack a higher realm.

He might even break through the Archmage realm on his next breakthrough.

Right now, Lin Yun completed the initial fusion between his Meditation Law Sets and his Magic Conducting Rune and ended up reaching the 5th Rank of the High Mage realm. When he opened his eyes, he noticed that the library had been destroyed beyond recognition and those precious books all transformed into pieces. That made him speechless.

He knew that he was the cause behind it.

Beforehand, Lin Yun had used the Magic Array to simulate establishing the three Meditation Law Sets as his core and the fusion with the Magic Array and came up with a ten days estimation. However, something unexpected happened during the fusion, Lin Yun discovered that the Equilibrium Law wasn't as simple as he imagined, it actually also had a supplementary role. After being added to the Equilibrium Law, the Elemental Heart unexpectedly reached the level of 16 formulas, making him spend twenty days more than his initial estimations.

Thus, Lin Yun had two sixteen formula Meditation Law Sets...

He was stronger than Joussona who had one sixteen formula Meditation Law Set. Lin Yun had two, this was simply scary.

Suddenly, the crystal ball that had remained inactive all along suddenly shone, projecting the appearance of a middle-aged mage, Gaugass King Luo Ning.

“You obtained my inheritance, so you could barely be considered my disciple. If you want to know what happened, you can go to the lowest floor of the magic tower. You are now in the twelfth floor of the magic tower...”

After saying that, and before Lin Yun could answer, the projection of Gaugass King Luo Ning disappeared.

‘What happened... Lowest floor...’ Lin Yun frowned, trying to digest what the Gaugass King said, ‘Just what is hidden at the lowest floor?’

In any case, he had to go and take a look.

‘The 12th floor of the magic tower...’

Lin Yun recalled something important, he was actually in the 12th floor of the magic tower! ‘I guessed right, the Gaugass King truly surpassed the Heaven Rank! Noscent is a strict world when it came to hierarchy, mages could only build magic towers based on their own ranks.

Archmages’ towers had eight floors, Heaven Mages’ had ten floors, as for twelve...

Lin Yun soon found a flight of stairs leading down, but it was sealed by a True Spirit Rank array. He took out a quill and dipped it in Melting Snow Ink before spending as long as three hours to smoothly crack the array. He then followed the flight of steps down and arrived in front of a door. The scene on the other side of the door surprised him.

“Cousin Mafa...”

“Sir Merlin...”

“High Mage Merlin...”

Several exclamations sounded as he appeared. On the 11th floor of the magic tower was a group of acquaintances. His three cousins, the Draconic Beastman, Dean and the other high ranked mercenaries, as well as Black Tower’s Solan.

“How did you come in here?” Lin Yun clearly froze as he looked towards that group with a startled expression. He clearly remembered getting there from a crack in the ground while the Desolate Overlord chased Weiss. He hadn’t expected that close to two months later, he would meet them on the 11th floor.

‘Just what happened?’

“Cousin Mafa, it’s great that you are fine...” William, Leon, and Ross walked over and spent a few minutes reiterating everything.

Turns out, two months ago, the Desolate Overlord Incarnation kept chasing Weiss, and because of this, they got some time to escape. After entering the underground hovering palace, the group kept walking and walking and discovered a way downward up until they reached the magic tower.

From William's description, the hovering palace they found was exactly the same as Lin Yun found, but Lin Yun was certain that it was another palace. How else could he not have met them after moving around for such a long time.

It looked like more than one hovering palace existed under the Line Canyon, there might be two, or even more.

Dean, Delson, and the others also came over and greeted Lin Yun. Only Solan remained in the distance, standing there on his own.

As he was being greeted, Lin Yun secretly observed Solan and to his own shock found out that the current Solan was already a 5th Rank Archmage.

'Could that guy have obtained something in the other Palace?'

'How else could he have advanced to 5th Rank from 2th Rank in a short two months? This was illogical...'

This could only explained with getting an unexpected opportunity.

Beside his strength having increased, his aura also greatly changed. His eyes were full of madness and the aura coming from his body was cold, thoroughly cold. He even displayed a sinister smile as he looked at Lin Yun.

'What happened to him...?' Lin Yun frowned. Being stared at by Solan made him feel uncomfortable, it felt as if he was being watched by a Demon.

Solan Monchi was a human, how could he give this kind of monstrous feeling?

Lin Yun had some conjectures, but he ignored Solan's gaze and fished out two crystal disks, handing one over to Ross, "Cousin Ross, this is the complete Elemental Tide..."

"Complete Elemental Tide..." Ross was startled. He took the crystal disk, felt the aura from inside and immediately put it away.

In Okland, he had given the first section of the Elemental Tide to his cousin Mafa, and then, his cousin Mafa gave him the 2nd section of the Elemental Tide before they had to hurry to the Tulan Mountain Range, leaving the matter of the Elemental Tide unsettled. He hadn't expected Cousin Mafa to reappear a few months later with the complete Elemental Tide and to just give it to him.

At this time, Ross felt a lot of emotions. Before he met his cousin Mafa, he was still worrying over his Meditation Law Set. If he couldn't find it, he might have to remain a 5th Rank High Mage all his life...

Then, Mafa took him to the Tulan Mountain Range and through countless dangers making Ross realize that even if he knew that the Elemental Tide was hidden in the depths of the Tulan Mountain Range, by relying on his puny power as a 5th Rank High Mage, he couldn't obtain the Elemental Tide. He might have ended in a magic beast's stomach halfway.

"Thank you, Cousin Mafa!" Ross smiled, these words came from the bottom of his heart!

"This, this... Cousin Mafa." Leon nervously stood at the side, twisting his fingers as he stared at the crystal disk in Lin Yun's other hand...

To tell the truth, Leon was very envious of Ross. Although he hadn't come in contact with the Elemental Tide and only met Ross in the Dawn Plane where he saw that diary, he learnt that Ross had an incomplete Meditation Law Set called Elemental Tide coming from the Gaugass King.

But Leon knew how powerful the Arcane Ring was. If a mage with Arcane Ring reached the Archmage realm, each Arcane Ring could fuse with a True Spirit Magic Tool. If he could fuse nine of them, just how high would his power reach?

That Magic Conducting Rune was also a magic inheritance of the Gaugass King.

Therefore, Leon knew that the value of this Elemental Tide was equivalent to his Arcane Ring, maybe even slightly higher.

Seeing Cousin Mafa give a complete Elemental Tide to Ross, how could he not be envious?

His eyes were glued to the crystal disk in Lin Yun's hand, his heart beating fast. He couldn't wait and asked, "Cousin Mafa, this is..."

"Arcane Ring." Lin Yun didn't even look at it and threw it at Leon. In fact, he had already mastered the Arcane Ring long ago and it was one of the Magic Conducting Rune he had considered before choosing the Magic Array.

Even if he didn't obtain the Arcane Ring's magic inheritance, he intended on giving the complete Arcane Ring to Leon once they returned to Okland.

"The complete Arcane Ring..." Leon sensed the aura within the crystal disk and was too nervous to even breathe. He knew that this Magic Conducting Rune was linked to his future. With the incomplete Arcane Ring, he had managed to complete nine Arcane Rings, but he couldn't fuse them together.

Chapter 400: Soul of the Ancient Tree

Without the complete Arcane Ring, Leon would never be able to attack the Archmage realm in his life.

In fact, in order to look for the trail of the complete Arcane Ring, Leon went to countless planes during these past few years. After so many years, he had yet to make any progress, and only learnt that the Gaugass King's magic inheritance might be hidden in the depths of the Tulan Mountain Range. But that was a huge place, how could he find it? He almost gave up a few times...

A few months ago, he guessed that this mysterious distant cousin was going to the Tulan Mountain Range and thickened his face to follow him. In reality, he had to bolster his courage whenever he was facing this distant cousin, especially when he remembered the crazy actions his cousin did, such as killing three Elders of the Merlin Family, or crippling Aube.

Now, as he was holding the Arcane Ring's magic inheritance, Leon felt that this was surreal and everything was a dream.

"Xiuban, come over." After dealing with the two, Lin Yun called the Draconic Beastman over.

“Eh?” Xiuban suddenly tried to make himself look smaller, thinking he had made a mistake and that Lin Yun was about to summon that flaming monster to have a chat with him.

“This is for you.”

“Eh?” The Draconic Beastman looked at the crystal disk in Lin Yun’s hand and didn’t know if he should reach out or not...

“Stop with your eh...” Lin Yun’s expression darkened, ‘That Beastman is so annoying, he is close to a Sword Saint in terms of strength, but he has the same courage as a rabbit...’ He then said, “Take it if I’m giving it to you, stop being foolish, or do you need me to have Syudos personally give it to you?”

“No need, no need...” Hearing Syudos’ name, Xiuban was scared stiff on the spot. He didn’t wait for Lin Yun to urge him and reached out to receive that crystal disk.

“Really...” Lin Yun said, a bit annoyed. He unhappily looked at Xiuban, but didn’t want to explain to that gutless Beastman that the crystal disk he had given him was a treasure people could only yearn for in their dreams.

The Gaugass King left six magic inheritances behind, three Meditation Law Sets and three Magic Conducting Runes.

He just gave Xiuban one of the three Meditation Law Sets, the only one that doesn’t require meditation to gather mana, the Soul of the Ancient Tree.

This was a Meditation Law Set from the Nesser Dynasty, it was created by a powerful pure-blooded Elf in order to nurture his Ancient Tree Legion.

The Soul of the Ancient Tree had a total of eight formulas, it was the most simple of the Meditation Law Sets left behind and the least powerful one.

But the Soul of the Ancient Tree had one advantage, as long as the one practicing it was under the sunlight, they could automatically gather mana, undergoing photosynthesis like plants.

This was also something Lin Yun came up with after thinking for a while, Draconic Beastmen were gifted in the path of magic but they couldn’t meditate.

Only the Soul of the Ancient Tree which didn’t require meditation was suitable for Xiuban.

Moreover, the Soul of the Ancient Tree was rare and was a Meditation Law Set specialized in strengthening one’s body. In the Nesser Dynasty, the Ancient Tree Legion was always charging at the front line. They were like armored carriage charging through the battlefield, weapons and spells brought little injuries to them. They would become impregnable forts on the battlefield.

It was extremely suitable for the Draconic Beastman.

Lin Yun had some high expectations.

After the Draconic Beastman mastered the Soul of the Ancient Tree, with the heavy Carnage in hand, he would cause landslides with a single blow and his body would be as hard as a diamond. What would he look like when he charges on the battlefield?

After finishing up with him, Lin Yun turned towards William.

“Cousin William, how come you guys are here, what happened exactly?” Lin Yun was still puzzled, he remembered that the situation in the Line Canyon was very chaotic two months ago, there was a beast tide and the Incarnation of the Desolate Overlord.

“The situation was very chaotic. The three mercenary groups’ people were scattered by the beast tide while the Desolate Overlord chased after Weiss, completely ignoring us. Vice Leader Delson suggested to find a place to hide and we found a cave besides a stone wall in which the few of us hid in. Oh right, in the end, Solan followed us...”

“We went deeper inside the cave and found out that it wasn’t as simple as we had imagined. We kept walking, but couldn’t see the end, so we understood that this cave was leading underground and was a naturally formed karst cave. Ultimately, we discovered a hovering place chained down to the ground by huge chains. We went in and found out that everything looked similar, just like a maze. From time to time we would see some alchemy array, but in short, it was extremely troublesome. In a room we found a passage leading down and followed it, and we arrived here...”

William thought for a while before deciding to add some important information. He glanced at Solan and said, “Cousin Mafa, you noticed the strange part about Solan? After entering the palace, he inexplicably disappeared and we only met him again half a month ago. At that time, we discovered with shock that within half a month, he advanced from 2nd Rank Archmage to 5th Rank Archmage...”

Lin Yun nodded but didn’t say anything. He frowned and tried to digest the information William had supplemented. William’s group went through a cave and explored an underground palace. Lin Yun could basically confirm that the palace William and the others explored was a different one, because it was less dangerous, it only had some arrays.

‘It looks like there is more than one palace in the Line Canyon...’

As he thought about this, Lin Yun secretly observed Solan. Even though he had a strange feeling earlier, he was still startled when he heard William’s explanation about Solan’s power up.

‘Could he really have gotten some benefits in the time he was missing?’

‘Otherwise, how could he have advanced so much in half a month?’

‘This could only be explained by a stroke of luck...’

“Solan is a complete bastard...” William’s gloomy voice echoed besides Lin Yun’s ear, “After becoming a 5th Rank Archmage, he became so self-satisfied that he used his power to threaten us to take turns and find a path ahead. It reached the point where the few of us got injured on the way. Cousin Mafa, you have to be careful around Solan, he is very troublesome now...”

Lin Yun’s expression became heavy when he heard this, he slightly nodded and walked to the corner where the idle Solan was and said with a frown, “You already reached this place, you can no longer order them. If you want to follow us, then follow, and no one will stop you if you wish you leave.”

Everyone present, including William, watched Lin Yun and Solan’s discussion while shivering, afraid a battle would occur between the two.

It would have been fine if it was the previous Solan.

They had clearly seen Solan attacking Lin Yun in the Line Canyon, and ending up seriously injured. Had it not been for Weiss' timely appearance, he would have long lost his life.

This group had no place for two leaders.

Everyone felt that Solan who had a huge increase in strength and was currently overconfident would take advantage of the situation to retaliate against Lin Yun, or simply leave.

But, contrary to everyone's expectations, Solan did something unpredictable after hearing Lin Yun's words, he softly nodded and said, "Mafa Merlin, with your insight, you should have detected that this place is full of danger. We could be hit by a disaster if we are careless. I have a good understanding of your strength, but it might be hard with only you. It would be better if we cooperated, after all, I'm a 5th Rank Archmage now..."

"Cooperate then..." Lin Yun nodded after thinking about it. Maybe only Solan and him knew some things about this place's secrets and knew how dangerous this place was.

To be honest, he wasn't surprised by Solan asking to cooperate.

Soon, the two reached an agreement. The terms were simple, before they left this place, they would peacefully interact and cooperate when meeting unknown danger.

Although he agreed to cooperate with Solan, this didn't mean Lin Yun trusted him. After all, two months ago, Solan had been defeated in front of an audience and almost killed... But now, there was no trace of hatred in Solan's eyes, showing how much he could endure.

A barking dog isn't frightening, but an unpredictable silent dog was very terrifying.

Then, Lin Yun studied the 11th floor of the magic tower. It was a very spacious hall with no facilities. In front of the group was a shut door from which faint mana fluctuations could be felt escaping. That entrance was sealed with an array. In the corner of the room was the staircase leading to the 12th floor.

The only choice was to go through that door.

"High Mage Merlin, the array on that door is very strange, I've never seen it before... Due to cautiousness, we haven't touched it after coming in, what should we do now?" Delson came to Lin Yun's side and pointed at the entrance as he talked.

"Oh?"

Lin Yun immediately followed Delson's sight, and just as Delson said, he got a strange feeling from the array on the door. He moved over and observed that strange array. Ten minutes later, Lin Yun smiled, "This is only a smokescreen, it's specially used to confuse people.."

Although that strange array looked complicated, it was nothing more than a decoration...