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Chapter 611: Breakthrough

That voice carried a chilling aura, causing everyone to stiffen.

And the Dark Warrior facing it was also an Undead, so his body instantly shivered.

The Undead World was very strict, not just regarding levels, but also with respect to social positions. Even if they were of the same levels, Skeleton Warriors wouldn't dare make a move against a Skeleton Lord.

Baier's pressure revealed a hint of the aura of the Heaven Rank. That whisper was like a thunderous roar in the ears of the Dark Warrior, making his soul fire shiver violently.

The Dark Warrior trembled and knelt on the ground. Enderfa and the others wouldn't let go of this opportunity, and even the bloody Xiuban lifted Carnage and swung it down.

With his soul fire violently shaking, the Dark Warrior didn't dare to use any Aura and just knelt there, waiting to be killed. Except for his thick skin, there was nothing stopping them.

Having lost his Aura Defense, the level 39 Dark Warrior was burnt by a swarm of flame spells.

With a pale face, Lin Yun raised his Draconic Staff and cast an incantation once again, causing a flaming red vortex to appear, with a gold-red spear rushing out of that vortex.

That spear was covered in golden runes and gathered many fire elements, a glaring radiance slowly rising from it.

The golden spear flew out of the vortex as if it had been tossed by a God, leaving a long golden trail behind it and instantly piercing Grom's neck, making his head fly off his shoulders.

The battle was over.

Everyone limply fell to the ground.

Xiuban's terrifying body was now covered in scars, and he almost wept as he was laying on the ground.

Enderfa was sullen, and Shawn looked dead as he was also lying on all fours.

Reina was sitting with a frighteningly pale expression.

As Lin Yun put away the Book of Death, Lagulin already rushing to devour the Dark Knight, followed by Barton. The cleanly took care of the soul fire.

Lin Yun casually threw a spirit mana crystal at Shawn while also taking one for himself to recover his mana.

With great difficulty, they had managed to find a room where they could absorb mana, and their mana was almost exhausted, so no one was in a hurry to leave this place.

At the very least, the area should be considered safe for the time being.

While absorbing mana, Lin Yun started recalling the events that had happened so far.

The mount of the Raging Flame Emperor, Noblesse!

It originally was at level 39 and had been named Noblesse by the Raging Flame Beastmen, referring to the envoy of Gods fallen on earth.

When the Raging Flame Emperor conquered the Raging Flame Plane, he encountered an Abyssal Overlord one step away from entering the Extraordinary Realm. It had been the most terrifying opponent the Raging Flame Emperor had encountered.

In that fight, Noblesse fought alongside the Raging Flame Emperor and thoroughly eliminated the Abyssal Overlord, but had paid a huge price.

Noblesse had died in order to resist the Abyssal Overlord's counterattack on the verge of death.

After the war, although he had been brought to life by the Raging Flame Emperor after the battle, two cross-shaped scars remained on his back.

Had it not been for that scar making him drop a level, then that fake Xiuban wouldn't have just escaped, but rather killed them.

The appearance of Noblesse was beyond Lin Yun's expectations.

Because it was completely illogical for Noblesse to appear here. The Raging Flame Emperor was resting in the Volcanic Mountain Range. As the mount of the Raging Flame Emperor, even if he didn't follow his master to death, he should be guarding his eternal resting place. How could he be in that plane? And on the Intrepid nonetheless...

This discrepancy was too great.

'Could it be... The Raging Flame Emperor is also on the Intrepid?'

Lin Yun was started when he thought about this possibility.

Historically, the Raging Flame Emperor and the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras remained in the Volcanic Mountain Range, yet the Raging Flame Emperor might be on the Intrepid...

Then... Wouldn't the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras also be on the Intrepid?

As he thought to this point, Lin Yun's heartbeat sped up.

Although he knew that in the future, the Raging Flame Emperor's remains and the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras would be in the Volcanic Mountain Range, that was something that would happen ten millennia later.

There were still 10,000 years before then!

There was no clear record of what happened during those ten millennia. Too many things could happen in such a long period of time...

Lin Yun couldn't stand still when he thought about the fact that the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras could be on the Intrepid because of how important it was.

He was a 6th Rank High Mage at the moment, but the fact that he hadn't fused his Meditation Law Sets yet made it more difficult for him to fuse them, especially since he had three of them. He had to make all three of them fuse with his Magic Array or a Magic Tool.

This wasn't a problem that people with only one Meditation Law Set would run into.

They would simply fuse their Meditation Law Set with their Magic Conducting Rune, and if they had a powerful Magic Tool, they would fuse it with their Magic Tool.

As for three Core Meditation Law Sets, the Magic Tools they should fuse with couldn't be too different.

Moreover, the Magic Tools used would relate to future prospects, so Lin Yun simply couldn't settle for just anything.

The Magic Array was known as the most powerful Magic Conducting Rune in history. Its capacity was almost unlimited, so fusing with a Core Meditation Law was no problem. As for the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, it was forged imitating the Magic Array and satisfied Lin Yun's fusion requirements.

Apart from these two, there was also the Book of Death. Unfortunately, though it met his requirements, it was too powerful, exceeding even Lin Yun's abilities.

Lin Yun still couldn't use a wisp of power from the Book of Death, he could only use the Book of Death's Augments.

The current objective for the Book of Death was to add more Augments and to increase the overall power.

He couldn't fuse a Core Meditation Law Set with the Book of Death, so the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras, which was as famous as the Book of Death, was the best choice. Especially since he had a clue about the location of the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras, he didn't need to think too much about it. He would definitely fuse his Core Meditation Law Set with it.

Now, only the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras was missing, and as soon as he got it, he would immediately be able to fuse his three Meditation Law Sets. At that time, his rank would increase extremely rapidly.

There was even a huge possibility that he could attempt to reach the Archmage realm!

Before that, Lin Yun had to keep suppressing himself so that he wouldn't have a breakthrough. Originally, the best timing to fuse with the Meditation Law Sets was at the 5th Rank, but he was already at the 5th Rank, increasing the difficulty. If he reached the 9th Rank, he would have to rethink fusing with a Meditation Law Set, let alone three...

It might be even harder than killing a Heaven Rank magic beast.

Lin Yun couldn't remain calm with that new information.

He thought about it and felt that this was highly possible.

What was the Raging Flame Emperor doing in this plane? And on the Intrepid?

Could it be that the Raging Flame Emperor knew Red Beard? As an enemy? A friend?

Red Beard was one of Constance's subordinates, and apart from those under Constance, it didn't seem like he had many relations.

Could it be that the Raging Flame Emperor was related to Constance?

The Raging Flame Plane, spatial tear, God Nation, Intrepid, Book of Ten Thousand Mantras...

These chaotic things felt a bit less chaotic with the appearance of Noblesse, the mount of the Raging Flame Emperor.

Due to that new clue, Lin Yun made a decision.

He would make a breakthrough!

The situation was becoming more and more dangerous. With the power of a 6th Rank High Mage, he could barely deal with all of it.

He had to break through and raise his power so that they could survive the next time they encountered danger.

Although he could rely on his huge pool of mana to cast High Tier Spells, the greater mana consumption was a critical factor in this place.

The greatest restriction was spell casting. Only by raising his Rank could he control spells more easily and reduce mana consumption, even releasing higher tier spells. This was extremely important for what was to come.

Moreover, Lin Yun was growing more confident that he would soon find the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras.

He started fusing with the Core Meditation Law Sets!

He closed his eyes and entered a meditative state, operating the Equilibrium Law.

This was a Meditation Law Set with only three formulas. Although it wasn't too powerful in itself, it was Lin Yun's formidable foundation.

As the formulas operated in his mind, his Magic Array also started revolving.

Slowly, a formula crystallized into a chain of light and spread out from unknown depths to enter the Magic Array.

When the first rune entered the Magic Array, the array started revolving at maximum power. The rune of light looked like it was thawing, dissipating in the Magic Array.

Countless chains made of runes quickly entered the Magic Array, and the aura of the Magic Conducting rune started transforming as the ability to make endless calculations fused with the power of the Equilibrium Law.

In a mere half an hour, the Equilibrium Law turned into chains of light and disappeared in the Magic Array.

The Magic Array was Lin Yun's foundation, and the Equilibrium Law was the core of the three Core Meditation Law Sets.

Thus, fusing the Equilibrium Law with the Magic Array was the best outcome.

After the fusion was done, Lin Yun opened his eyes. Due to the fusion, he had reached the 7th Rank.

He reached his hand out and the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel flew over.

Enderfa rushed out of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, looking at Lin Yun with a bit of surprise. "Merlin, you are fusing your Meditation Laws?"

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Lin Yun nodded. He looked at the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and resolutely said, "I'll now fuse my 2nd Meditation Law Set with the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel."

Enderfa's eyes opened wide with disbelief. "Merlin, think about it. No one has ever done it before, fusing three Meditation Law Sets. This..."

Lin Yun shook his head, not saying anything. He knew that his choice was risky.

Because even during the peak of the Magic Era, no one had ever fused three Meditation Law Sets.

If he fused only one Meditation Law Set, Lin Yun was certain that he could reach Bane's heights, and even surpass him.

But Lin Yun understood something from the end of Noscent. In the end, even the powerful mages comparable to Gods could only fall one after the other. When faced with the end, they didn't have the power to resist.

So what if he could contend against a God by walking the path of his predecessors?

It would only eventually be a dead end.

Since there was no path, he could only look for a new one!

It was true whether it was the Magic Array or the three Core Meditation Law Sets.

Enderfa sighed as he saw Lin Yun's resolute expression and then flew out of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

Lin Yun closed his eyes once again and started fusing the Elemental Heart with the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

As the most comprehensive Core Meditation Law Set, fusing it with the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was most suitable. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel itself was an imitation of the Magic Array, able to cast flurries of all sorts of spells. Ever since it was crafted, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel's spell bombardments had had huge effects.

As a Core Meditation Law Set, the Elemental Heart also transformed into formula chains of light and slowly merged with the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

Countless runes flowed on top of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. When all the runes and formulas covered the Spell Wheel, light started blossoming.

A glaring light spread and only dissipated after no less than ten minutes.

Lin Yun opened his eyes at this time.

Another breakthrough!

8th Rank High Mage!

Sensing the increase in mana, Lin Yun firmly suppressed it.

Advancing to the 8th Rank after fusing with two Meditation Law Sets was his limit.

It would be bad if he advanced again. Only by finding the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras and fusing the Void Forge could he break through to the 9th Rank.

By fusing with two out of three Meditation Law Sets, the balance thrown askew. Lin Yun wouldn't be able to deal with the consequences if he couldn't find the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras before the balance was completely broken.

He only had a single piece of information as a clue, and that piece of information had a gap of ten millennia, so Lin Yun normally wouldn't dare to pull something like that... but it was different now.

Noblesse's appearance, even if it couldn't confirm that the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras was on the Intrepid, made it a huge possibility. It could even be considered a confirmation that the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras was at least in the Raging Flame Plane.

That was more than enough!

Even if he wasn't 100% certain, they still needed to survive the current crisis. It wasn't just that monster, there were also all of the Undead. One Grom almost wiped them out. There was no point in holding back for the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras if he was dead.

After finding the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras, he would fuse his Void Forge with it and make his Magic Array more perfect.

But, he would have to find Constance's skull to break through to the Archmage realm. Fusing with Constance's skull was the most optimal opportunity to breakthrough.

After handing the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to Enderfa, Lin Yun closed his eyes to sense the changes brought about by the fusion.

After an hour, Enderfa woke Lin Yun up.

"Merlin, we more or less recovered... Shouldn't we leave here? Staying in one place for so long is making everyone feel worried."

Before he recovered enough mana, Enderfa could still suppress his worry. Now that he had more or less recovered, he didn't want to stay in that room.

Lin Yun opened his eyes and glanced over. Reina didn't say anything, but she conveyed the same opinion with her expression.

Xiuban had also recovered from his injury and was looking uncomfortably at Lin Yun.

Lin Yun contemplated... The mana of his Magic Array had already been restored when he broke through, and his two Alchemic Mana Whirlpools had already quickly recovered. As for the others, although they weren't at 100%, they had enough power to fight if they encountered danger, and they couldn't stay here.

They couldn't stay in any room in this damned Ghost Ship for too long. If the door was blocked, they would be done for.

"Let's go to the Captain's Cabin."

The group left the room with Lin Yun leading the way, following the map to the Captain's Cabin.

They didn't walk far. After turning a corner, a bone arrow flew and struck Xiuban, and then a deafening shattering sound echoed.

The exploding bone arrow made Xiuban take two steps back, a painful expression on his face, but without any visible injuries on his body. After all the power-ups he had undergone, Xiuban's body had reached an outrageous level, especially since Xiuban also advanced and became a 2nd Rank Sword Saint.

This kind of terrifying sneak attack was just a bit painful for Xiuban.

Lin Yun immediately readied himself when the bone arrow appeared, and with a wave of his hand, three Ice Walls appeared.

The excessive five-meter-high Ice Walls formed a shield in front of Xiuban.

Lin Yun was already an 8th Rank High Mage, so even an ordinary Ice Wall was clearly different in his hands. The originally ice blue Ice Walls had turned much darker, and they were spreading a cold aura in the surroundings when they appeared.

In the next instant, a dozen bone arrows already blasted through the first Ice Wall, shattering it.

But the moment the 2nd Ice Wall shattered, a sparkling and translucent mirror appeared. The bone arrows seemed to just enter the mirror as if it was water, yet it didn't make a single wave or drop of water.

Then, they watched as those dozen bone arrows were reflected back out from that mirror!

Spatial Spell, Mirror Reflection.

Ordinary Great Mages could use this spatial spell, but they needed 2 seconds to chant it. Lin Yun definitely wouldn't have chosen this spell if this had happened before fusing with the two Meditation Law Sets. A span of two seconds was too long. A lot of things could happen in a battle, and a short moment could be deadly.

But Lin Yun had already fused with two Meditation Law Sets, letting him reach the 8th rank. The two-second cast time had already been reduced to a negligible amount. Even if this Mirror Reflection wasn't instant, it wasn't far from it.

Lin Yun controlled the large Mirror Reflection to slowly move forward, reflecting hundreds of bone arrows. It looked like a swarm of white locusts...

Xiuban also swung Carnage as he charged forward.

Reina cast a dozen ice spells from the back. The benefits she had received from the Ancient God Blood were also showing. Not only had she greatly recovered her power, but she became even more powerful after digesting a part of the Ancient God Blood's power. As a Frost Dragon, her ice spells had been reinforced to a frightening level.

As for Enderfa, because of the fusion between the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the Elemental Heart, his casting ability had been strengthened to an unimaginable degree. Now, under Enderfa's control, a large amount of elemental spells flew out of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. Countless Flame Spears, Frost Lances, Wind Blades, and Rolling Rocks turned into a wave of spells that was several meters tall, ruthlessly flowing forward.

Even if the numbers of the enemies were unknown, such a domineering wave of spells was like a storm that engulfed everything.

Two hundred meters ahead, a dozen Skeleton Archers wearing bone armor were arranged in a line, using bone bows to continuously shoot out arrows.

In front of the Skeleton Archers, there were thirty Elite Skeleton Warriors holding bone sabers in one hand and bone shields in the other as they rushed towards Lin Yun's group, unafraid of death.

But the first wave of magic crashed into them. The large amount of spells drowned these thirty skeletons. Burning fire, freezing ice, sharp wind, spiky earth, everything pressured them. The thirty Elite Skeleton Warriors didn't even last three seconds under the impact of all the spells.

In less than ten seconds, the group had already crossed 150 meters.

Suddenly, a slightly taller Skeleton Archer standing in the middle of the line-up grasped its bone bow, and a light flashed. It used Bone Arrow Rain, which sent over thirty bone arrows flying through the air and piercing down at them. That Skeleton Archer had to be at least level 32.

The Bone Arrow Rain caused a ripple as it went through the Mirror Reflection, but it couldn't be reflected by the Mirror Reflection.

Lin Yun sneered, and without moving, eight Ice Fire Shields appeared five meters around the group.

Fire Shields on all sides, Ice Shields on all sides... The eight Ice Fire Shields intertwined in the form of a gyroscope and quickly rotated in midair.

"Thud, thud, thud..."

A series of sharp noises rose as the Skeleton Archer's Bone Arrow Rain was completely blocked.

Three seconds!

Xiuban, who was rushing at the forefront, was already only ten meters away from the Skeleton Archers!

The destructive power of Skeleton Archers exceeded that of other Undead creatures at the same level, provided they were at a distance... It was very different in a melee battle, especially against a Draconic Beastman.

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Carnage fell heavily, and the level 32 Skeleton Archer didn't have time to counterattack as it was crushed into bone fragments.

Enderfa, Reina, and Lin Yun were like fighting monsters. The few of them engaged the thirty Elite Skeleton Warriors, who were level 28 on average, as well ten Archer Skeletons, with the lowest being at level 28 and the highest at level 32, and completely crushed them. Only one attack was enough to deal with the Skeleton Warriors, and the Skeleton Archers fell after taking several spells.

The fight was over after barely five seconds.

But whether it was Enderfa or Lin Yun, they were both unhappy with the results of the battle...

Because they both saw a sign from this battle.

"Merlin, did you also feel like this group of Undead was ambushing us?"

Lin Yun nodded, his expression not so good.

"You also felt it?"

Lin Yun already had that feeling when they first attacked. The moment Xiuban appeared, he took a Bone Arrow. Those Elite Skeleton Warriors and Skeleton Archers were even already arranged in a formation, ready to attack anytime.

Before, Lin Yun would use Detect Undead on every path, but they had been waiting three hundred meters away from the room, at the detection limit of the previous Detect Undead spell.

The Skeleton Archers could be dealt with easily, but if they launched a sneak attack, even a 5th Rank Archmage would be killed in one hit.

When suffering a sudden attack, the quickest defensive strategy for mages was to instinctively cast a Magic Shield or a Magic Barrier. But those were no different from a piece of paper in front of a bone arrow fired by a Skeleton Archer. And without defenses, it was like suffering from an all-out attack from a Sword Saint. Not dying from a bone arrow in that case would be a miracle.

But if this was a premeditated ambush, then who was the mastermind behind it?

They went through the maze-like hallway with such doubts on their minds. At the end, Lin Yun easily cracked an array gate, but this time, he was more careful than before. He summoned a Rock Puppet first, and after confirming that there was no danger inside, he went in...

“Eh? There is a short-distance teleportation array here,” Enderfa said.

“Let me see.” After a short inspection, Lin Yun discovered that the array was in good condition, but to be safe, he summoned a Rock Puppet again and had it test it.

With a flash of the teleportation array, the Rock Puppet instantly disappeared. After confirming that the connection with the Rock Puppet hadn’t been severed for a dozen seconds, he took the lead into the teleportation array.

As the light disappeared, the group reached a new floor. It was even more spacious, as the hallway was even wider. On both sides stood lamps that were still calmly burning.

From that faint, fragrant smell, Lin Yun immediately understood that this was Deep Sea Manatee Fat.

Deep Sea Manatee Fat was very valuable, even during the Nesser Dynasty. Every drop of Deep Sea Manatee Fat could be ignited for over a millennium. The altars used by the royal family of the Pure-blooded Elves always used it as fuel. As for ordinary nobles, they could only use ordinary Manatee Fat to fuel the lamps.

Not much of the Deep Sea Manatee Fat remained in the lamp. Lin Yun conjectured that these lamps had been lit a few dozen millennia ago.

Lin Yun took some Deep Sea Manatee Fat and cautiously warned everyone.

“Careful everyone! Those that can walk on this floor should be the official crew members of the Intrepid.”

During their lives, official crew members were at least at the level of 5th Rank Swordsmen, even the most ordinary sailors.

The mood of the whole group was very grave. Lin Yun had already said that the space was strange, and it was very hard to use the map as a reference.

When they were below, Lin Yun could take out the map and find the quickest path to their objective since these short-distance teleportation arrays were fixed.

But this floor was already considered the upper part of the ship. It was separated from the lower part, and those short-distance teleportation arrays weren’t fixed. They were mobile teleportation arrays.

At frequent intervals, the position of the array and the opening incantation would change, and although there was a pattern to it, they had just gotten there and couldn’t determine it yet, so they could only find their rough position from the map.

There were at least a dozen rooms to open on that floor!

Even stronger death energy was permeating the array, and the accuracy of the Detect Undead spell had greatly decreased.

The group moved forward very slowly.

They entered the first room, where a teleportation door could be found, and encountered a level 30 Dark Warrior. Just like the 2nd Mate, he had been a Beastman Berserker during his life. Unfortunately, the difference in power was too great, and he was annihilated in less than a minute.

Aside from a Low Rank Spiritual Double-edged Heavy Sword, there had been nothing valuable.

They then opened the second door that could have a teleportation door, but it was absolutely empty... There was nothing there.

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As they kept moving forward, they finally reached the end of that floor. The 10th room could be the room they were looking for... When they cracked the array gate, a sharp, deafening yell echoed in everyone's ears.

They had all been on guard against the Undead, but they hadn't expected to encounter a ghost-type Undead.

At the front, Xiuban's expression instantly became empty. Enderfa also let out a scream as his three faces swayed and turned into smoke that returned into the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

Reina's expression alternated between anger and pain.

Lin Yun's face also went white. His soul shook, his consciousness becoming vague for a short duration as his surroundings turned into the end of Noscent.

He could see the endless flaming thunder falling and the bloody sky ready to cave in.

It could be said that this memory was the most profound scene in his mind. His expression kept changing, but he didn't move, before suddenly casting ten Sharp Minds in a row on himself.

At the same time, he chanted an incantation and a surge of pure mana turned into a shockwave, spreading throughout the surroundings.

It was the purest and simplest magic attack, shattering the scene into pieces.

He was once again in front of that door, with Xiuban foolishly standing just ahead of him, Carnage already on the ground.

A dozen limbless ghosts were floating in midair, their bodies translucent with only eyes and mouths.

At the same time, a black, half-meter thick tentacle ignored Lin Yun's pure mana attack and rushed over at them.

Seeing this black tentacle, Lin Yun felt a chill down his spine.

Dense death energy filled with an evil aura...

Lin Yun realized that it was that monster!

He raised his Draconic Staff and cast three fiery red Flame Spears, hitting the front, middle and back of the tentacle, one of them nailing it to the ground.

Taking advantage of this short respite, Lin Yun didn't even cast a single defensive spell, instead casting a few spells covered with runes. A five-meter-tall Fire God Spear appeared out of nowhere, looking like a work of art.

The Fire God Spear pierced the tentacle from its tip and went through it!

And with blazing golden flames, the tentacle burst into black smoke.

That black smoke didn't have time to gather as Lin Yun sent five Bursting Fireballs. The spells ignited a wide area.

The black smoke quickly recoiled, rushing into a corner to escape.

Lin Yun cast three Sharp Minds on Reina, allowing her to struggle out of the illusion.

Then, he fired several 1st Tier Fireballs at Xiuban. The painful burns made the absent-minded Draconic Beastman wake up in fear. The pain was far more effective than Sharp Mind.

Meanwhile, the puppet had already cleansed the place with fire magic.

Smoke rushed out of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel as Enderfa's three faces congealed once again, cursing fiercely.

"F*ck, how could there be a dozen Shrieking Ghosts here! We were actually ambushed by Shrieking Ghosts!"

A large amount of fire spells erupted like the lava of a volcano and poured inside the room.

The Shrieking Ghosts were smothered by the fire spells and let out miserable shrieks, but they didn't die right away.

Shrieking Ghosts were high-level Undead.

The Shrieking Ghosts before them were all level 32 and had complete immunity to physical attacks. They were even immune to most magic attacks. Fire spells could only cause partial damage.

The best way to annihilate Shrieking Ghosts was to use Holy Magic. Even a simple Holy Cure would make the Shrieking Ghost suffer a huge injury.

Those things didn't have fighting power at all, but their Soul Shriek ability was extremely frightening. Without sufficient defenses prepared, a single level 30 Shrieking Ghost could make even a 9th Rank Archmage sink into a soul-shaking state.

One second could sometimes decide one's fate.

Even so, since Lin Yun already fused with the Core Meditation Law Set, so even a dozen Soul Shrieks only had a negligible effect on him.

Lin Yun would have been in a lot of trouble if he hadn't reacted quickly enough to drive away the tentacle.

Soul Shriek would cause a lot of illusions to impact the mind. Bringing up negative emotions was the key to maintaining the effect of Soul Shriek.

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In the absence of Sharp Mind, unless they had the willpower to shake off those negative emotions, they wouldn't be able to struggle free on their own.

It was even possible to struggle to death in the endless illusion.

But as long as one had enough willpower and wasn't affected by the negative emotions, they would be able to use their willpower or Sharp Mind spells to break free.

It took the angry Enderfa only a minute to exterminate these dozen Shrieking Ghosts.

Apart from Lin Yun, the others weren't aware that the monster's tentacle had appeared.

When Lin Yun talked about it, Enderfa's expression turned heavy.

"Merlin, don't you feel that this is too much of a coincidence? The moment you cracked that array gate, the ten Shrieking Ghosts hiding behind let out their Soul Shriek, and a tentacle attacked while we sank into the illusions..."

They all were brooding over the matter. Xiuban and Reina seemed particularly down, as they had sunk in the illusions for so long, and from the pain and anger on Reina's face, it could be guessed that the illusion was related to her father.

As for Xiuban...

If Lin Yun hadn't saved him, he would have stayed in that illusion forever.

The appearance of that monster's tentacle made Lin Yun frown.

And while the tentacle appeared, the monster was nowhere to be seen.

The other side was clearly aware of their whereabouts using some unknown methods, considering that they could prepare an ambush just behind a door.

Lin Yun thought of the previous ambush and felt that the monster must have been behind that one too.

The next time he cracked an array, he would have to take some precautions and prepare all kinds of defenses.

As expected, there was another sneak attack when he cracked the 12th array gate.

A level 37 Skeleton Lord wearing a dilapidated cloak sliced at him with a grim reaper's scythe.

And there were also two tentacles attacking along with it, with several more thick, pitch-black tentacles attacking from the sides and his back.

The moment they got ambushed, everyone immediately unleashed the counterattack they had prepared.

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to cleanse the left side of the hallway with flames, Reina used her ice magic to take care of the right side, while the puppet used a large storm of instant spells to bombard the room on the other side.

In front, Xiuban swung Carnage and clashed with the Skeleton Lord directly. Lin Yun raised his Draconic Staff and a large amount of single-target fire spells rushed out.

A steady stream of Flame Spears pierced through the air. Flame Spears were the most effective tools for controlling these tentacles. Once they were pinned down, Lin Yun immediately used Bursting Flames. The formidable explosive impact and fire damage destroyed two tentacles after a mere three spells.

The tentacle immediately turned to smoke after being blown up.

Having lost the support of the tentacles, the level 37 Skeleton Lord's power couldn't last at all, and it was quickly dispatched by Xiuban and Lin Yun without much problem. After its left hip had been broken by Lin Yun's Bursting Flames, Xiuban swung Carnage and smashed it to pieces.

As for the others, the first to finish their battle was the puppet. With all the instant fire spells flooding them, the three pitch-black tentacles were completely burnt up.

It was more or less the same for Enderfa. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel rotated rapidly and several dozen Flame Spears rushed out. The five pitch-black tentacles had been unable to even wiggle forwards before thoroughly exploding.

As for Reina, she alternated between Frost Rays and Frost Lances. When the pitch-black tentacles were frozen by the Frost Rays, she used Frost Lances to shatter them into fragments of ice, not giving the tentacles the opportunity to turn into smoke and flee.

Although they weren't forced into a passive state this time, their expressions weren't good at all.

This time, even Xiuban dared to swear upon Syudos that the monster definitely knew their whereabouts and could easily ambush them.

"That monster recovered too fast, a lot faster than before. And it is getting even more powerful! We destroyed half of the tentacles not long ago, yet it already recovered to this degree and snuck up on us from who knows where..."

Enderfa seemed quite distressed.

Before, that monster could only pursue them like a mad dog, but now, it was already setting up traps with these tentacles.

Lin Yun frowned, looking in the darkness.

The monster's tentacles could go through the small cracks of the holds, meaning that it could mount a sneak attack on them at any time.

This was the Intrepid! Even the Void Ghosts, who were experts at going through walls, wouldn't be able to go through any area. The small cracks between cabins and holds could be disregarded because those areas could be said to be nonexistent on the Intrepid.

Yet, this monster could actually go through. To a certain degree, this could already be considered resisting the power of the Intrepid itself.

No one dared to delay after the end of the battle, and they found the teleportation door in that room.

He summoned three Rock Puppets and gave them the command to go through the teleportation door. After going through the door, he immediately looked around.

Twenty seconds had passed without losing contact with the Rock Puppets, so Lin Yun led everyone through the teleportation door.

After going through, he could faintly hear the sound of the monster shouting in the distance.

As Xiuban, the puppet, Reina were on guard, Lin Yun once again took out the map of the Intrepid.

Because of that monster's appearance, his original itinerary might not be very safe. Those areas had too many places where the monster could sneak attack from, and besides Xiuban, if anyone was caught, they would have to pay a high price.

Alongside Enderfa, they drew up a new plan.

"To go from here to there, besides the original path, this is the only path left, crossing past the side of the Intrepid's important crew members. The defenses will definitely be tighter, and there should be fewer areas for the monster to infiltrate..." Enderfa pointed at the map and expressed his opinion with a grave expression.

Lin Yun looked at it and nodded.

Taking that new path was indeed a lot safer. Although they heard the monster's angry roars, they couldn't see its tentacles.

This floor was very close to the Captain's Cabin, and the spacious hallway was covered in alchemy runes, most of which reinforced defense. The doors on both sides were comparable to the First Mate's door, and not only were they fancy entrances, but a large amount of spells were also enchanted on the doors, as well as high-rank array gates.

With these things, regardless of what was in the rooms, as long as they weren't opened, they couldn't threaten them.

Even that monster wouldn't be able to infiltrate the room unless the door was destroyed.

Lin Yun walked at the forefront, carefully looking at the runes on the floor, ceiling, and walls, afraid of touching them in case it would activate a trap or an offensive array.

Although this place was also dangerous, there was no tentacle ambushing them. Those were clearly the arrays added on the Intrepid after it was built, and most of them only had the effect of increasing power and defense, so they didn't constitute any threat.

After walking three hundred meters, a rune suddenly lit up on the floor between them. A dozen Flame Rays rushed out like fireworks, shooting all around.

Reina reacted the quickest and cast five Ice Walls on the ground like a lid over the array, forcibly suppressing the Flame Rays.

Lin Yun turned back and his expression sank when he saw that scene.

The burst of Flame Rays came from the rune next to Xiuban.

Xiuban's face was pale white from fear, as more than a dozen Flame Rays had burst not far from him. Even with his powerful body, he would have been burnt pretty badly.

"Merlin... Sir Merlin, it really wasn't me, I really didn't touch that thing! I don't... I don't know what happened..."

Lin Yun had said before that they had to follow his footsteps exactly, stepping exactly where he did. Since there weren't many traps and offensive arrays, no one knew what kind of people were the owners of those rooms.

It wasn't as if it was incomprehensible for someone to arrange malicious traps outside of their door.

They had just walked past a huge doorway over twenty meters wide with countless alarm arrays.

But alarm arrays wouldn't harm them directly, and who knew how many years it had been since the owner of that room died? It wouldn't matter if these were touched.

Lin Yun stared at the weeping Xiuban.

"Sir Merlin... I really stepped on your footprint, I didn't touch anything else..."

Lin Yun frowned, saying in a low voice, "Everyone, be careful."

As soon as he said that, two arrays started shining on both walls.

One of the offensive counter-attacking arrays was directly activated, and in a split second, over a hundred small rockets flew out at them.

Lin Yun recoiled as he began to cast.

He used Runic Shield to its fullest while also casting three Fire Shields.

The Runic Shield blocked in front of Lin Yun, while the three Fire Shields kept moving in the air, blocking the path of those rockets.

He ended up using twelve Fire Shields to block this attack.

"Merlin, are... Are these arrays activating on their own?" Enderfa asked with a trembling voice.

He wouldn't doubt that Xiuban might carelessly activate some trap, but Lin Yun triggering a trap?

Absolutely impossible!

Enderfa knew how proficient Lin Yun was in the field of alchemy, how could he, while being very conscientious, activate a trap, not to mention an offensive counter-attacking array.

That had to be a joke.

That was the only explanation...

Lin Yun stopped and looked at the two arrays on the walls. His brows furrowed before he lightly sighed, "Annoying..."

Enderfa looked at the hallway, especially at the runes covering both walls. "Merlin... You are saying... Someone..."

Lin Yun nodded as he said with a heavy voice, "Yes, this counter-attacking array was triggered by someone, but no one touched it. The trap earlier might have been the same."

Activated by someone...

Reina and Xiuban couldn't make sense of what they were hearing, but how could Enderfa not understand?

Where was this place?

The Intrepid!

Without anyone in range or touching it, there was only one possibility for how the counter-attacking array activated on its own. Someone was controlling these arrays!

And besides the one who set up these arrays, only the Captain of the Intrepid could control these arrays.

From the map of the Intrepid, there were only two paths that led from the lower floor to the Captain's Cabin. The one they chose at first was the fastest, while the one they were choosing now was the safest.

In addition, it was a path that went through the crew's quarters.

That monster had kept ambushing them, and on this floor, the power of the monster had gotten stronger, meaning that the monster was even closer now, which made the original path more dangerous.

And this relatively troublesome path, in turn, became safer and quicker.

But now, the arrays on this path were being controlled... Wouldn't that make this the more dangerous path again?

Enderfa thought of a possibility.

That one that drove them onto this path and triggered the array might have been that monster!

Fear appeared on Enderfa's three faces as he glanced at Lin Yun.

"Merlin, you mean that the monster might be able to control some part of the Intrepid?"

Lin Yun remained calm and silent. After a while, he softly said, "Follow me, we have to get through this hallway quickly..."

A flaming Fire Shield appeared alongside a cold Ice Shield, slowly revolving around Lin Yun's body.

Enderfa already flew to Lin Yun's shoulder. This was the only spot where he felt at ease.

Reina also cast Ice Armor on herself and Xiuban, closely following behind Lin Yun.

For ten meters, with no one touching anything, an ice elemental trap array activated on its own, and no less than ten level 30 Frost Elementals were summoned.

These began casting a flurry of Frost Spheres, and each ball exploding spread frost in a five-meter area.

Lin Yun's Ice Fire Shield kept spinning, blocking attacks simultaneously. He raised his Draconic Staff and countless Flame Spears flew out, accurately hitting these slow-moving Frost Elementals.

Each Flame Spear pierced the body of a Frost Elemental and didn't spread to other areas. In this place, Lin Yun wouldn't dare to use any spells that could spread to the arrays and trigger them.

It would be like poking a wasp's nest if he activated another counter-attacking array. Under the chain reaction, as well as the mastermind behind the random activations, the entire hallway would turn into hell.

None of them dared to make a move, and it was even worse for Xiuban.

They didn't have Lin Yun's terrifying control and couldn't manage their power as precisely as he could. Furthermore, they didn't know any details about those arrays.

They couldn't guarantee that they wouldn't just cause something else to appear if they did something.

Suddenly, the unpleasant yet memorable roar of that monster echoed from the distance.

Xiuban's face turned green as he asked, "Sir Merlin, what... What should we do?"

Xiuban glanced around but didn't find any places where he would dare to step. Thus he could only walk on Lin Yun's footprints. Every time they stopped, he would only stay in Lin Yun's footsteps.

But the monster's roar was heard again. He really didn't know what to do if the monster came.

Enderfa's three faces kept flickering, looking fretful and worried. From the volume of the roar, that monster shouldn't be too far from them.

They had been chased and ambushed time and time again by that monster, and it had even sent a lot of the Undead to harass them.

Lin Yun's anger had reached its boiling point and he very much wanted to vent.

Bursting Flames spells exploded against the Frost Elementals one after another. At the same time, two Ice Walls blocked the sides of the Frost Elementals, keeping the collateral impact of the Bursting Flames to a minimum.

When the Frost Elementals were sent flying by the impact, an Ice Wall appeared behind them, while another Ice Wall fell from above.

In one second, four Ice Walls had appeared around them, trapping the Frost Elementals in some sort of cage, combined with a Low Tier Freeze spell on the sides of the Ice Walls.

These Frost Elementals were struggling as five blue Bursting Flames that were instantly cast with Lin Yun's Magic Conducting Rune landed on their bodies. Moreover, just as the Bursting Flames were about

to explode, another Ice Wall appeared out of nowhere and suppressed the explosions within that Ice Wall box.

“Boom, boom, boom, boom...”

Several fierce explosions echoed one after another within the Ice Walls, covering them in cracks. As for the Frost Elementals within, they had been blown to smithereens.

Chapter 615: Shatter

After taking out a crystal pen, Lin Yun stared fiercely at the wide hallway.

It was definitely impossible to go back because there would be many troublesome Undead waiting. This floor was the room where the crew members were living, after all. After becoming Undead, none of them would be under level 30.

Furthermore, so far, of Red Beard’s seven Admirals, only the 2nd Mate and Winchester had appeared, meaning that there were still five left. It was very possible that they were on the other path.

Although this path was dangerous, the danger only came from those arrays.

This place had mostly defensive arrays, with few offensive traps and alarm arrays.

Even the most powerful attacking array only reached the True Spirit rank.

‘So you can activate the arrays? Control them? I shall see how you can activate them once I crack all of them!’

A simple crystal was sent out, controlled by Lin Yun’s mana, quickly moving ten meters ahead.

All the offensive arrays were broken by Lin Yun. Within ten meters, even if the arrays were activated, they had no effect and couldn’t threaten anyone.

Enderfa was gaping in surprise as he looked at the fluttering crystal pen.

His previous worried expression was slowly waning, to be replaced by a smirk.

‘I’m such an idiot... The one it provoked is Merlin! Trying to trap Merlin with arrays is so naive...’

It was a brute-force cracking method. By cracking the key parts of the arrays and then overcoming them with power, Lin Yun made the arrays collapse to the point where they couldn’t be restored.

But how could it be that this method, which lacked technique and was pure destruction, seemed like art in Merlin’s hands?

Enderfa floated on Lin Yun’s shoulder and looked at his calm face as he destroyed those arrays as if they were rotten pieces of wood.

It took them over five hours to cover a bit less than three kilometers.

Once they got past these rooms, Xiuban immediately sat on the floor, panting. On the way, he had to pay attention at all times, guarding against any possible ambush. This made him feel more tired than battling.

Enderfa sighed in relief, and Reina did as well, her serious expression easing up a bit.

Lin Yun listened to the sounds echoing, and his brows furrowed.

They were about to get to the Captain's Cabin, but that monster was actually worrying him. Not only did its recovery speed seem to be getting faster and faster, but it was also getting stronger and stronger.

After walking for such a long time, he still hadn't seen that monster, only its tentacles, and they were more powerful than before.

The monster would be a lot more powerful next time they met.

Time passed as they ran for their lives, exhausted and on guard against any possible ambush or sneak attack. Under such circumstances, it was already quite good that they hadn't fallen yet.

With a deep breath, Lin Yun softly said, "Let's go, that last room should be the entrance to the Captain's Cabin. Everyone, be careful."

The array on the last door was easily cracked by Lin Yun.

But just as he cracked the array, Lin Yun instantly cast an Ice Shield, quickly withdrawing.

Sure enough, after he retreated, three thick, black tentacles sprouted out from the entrance.

A muffled sound echoed as the tentacles ruthlessly slammed the area where Lin Yun had been a second earlier.

At the same time, Lin Yun, who had been on guard, cast a few Flame Spears to pierce these tentacles, followed by a few Bursting Flames to blow them up.

"Get in!" Lin Yun roared.

Not waiting for more tentacles to appear, Lin Yun already started casting. A dozen Flame Spears rushed inside the door. Lin Yun then raised his Draconic Staff and a Fire Dragon condensed in front of the staff and charged through the door.

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and flew to the door, the Spell Wheel rotating behind him while condensing so many spells that they couldn't all be identified. A storm of elemental spells whistled towards the door.

The puppet also extended both arms, casting a great many High Tier Spells at the door.

The three mobile magic fortresses released their spells towards this five-meter-tall array gate. The huge flood of spells converged in that small area and made the surging mana swirl in a huge squall.

All the spells lost their original shapes and were combined into a chaotic and berserk elemental storm.

When that elemental storm charged into the door, regardless of what was behind that door, it would surely be torn apart.

After no less than ten seconds, this elemental storm finally stopped.

Lin Yun was the first to rush through the door.

On the other side, he could see that this was a large zone, a few kilometers wide. From the ruins, it seemed that this place was a communal area. There were many dilapidated structures, platforms used for experiments, and ruins of workshops.

The elemental storm had swept out an area of a hundred meters starting from the array gate. Nothing remained. Outside of these hundred meters, there were forty to fifty pitch-black tentacles twisting crazily.

Lin Yun could even see several tentacles that had been shredded by the elemental storm.

Those pitch-black tentacles had already come out of the ruins and had gathered into a huge, sixty-meter-long tentacle. Furthermore, many of the tentacles were giving out a metallic luster, while one tentacle had runes on it.

When he saw this, Lin Yun knew that it was no good; he clearly understood what this small change represented.

He raised his Draconic Staff again and pointed it in front of him. Large flames appeared out of nowhere and turned into a Flame Vortex. When the vortex reached five meters in diameter, large Fire Dragons began to rush out one after another.

There were constantly at least three Fire Dragons charging into the tentacles every second in an endless attack.

Each Fire Dragon exploded violently when they crashed into the black tentacles, leaving deep burns and distorting the atmosphere.

This was elemental fire from the Fire Elemental Plane. By using a guiding spell, he was able to summon Fire Dragons. They could all explode with great impact, and the existence of the elemental fire made sure that they would also combust violently.

The black tentacles that fell into the flames quickly burst into pieces before being burnt to nothingness.

However, the tentacles flickering with metallic luster were able to resist.

After Enderfa, the puppet, and Reina entered, they immediately joined the spell bombardment. It was the best way to handle that monster's tentacles.

Only a formidable flood of spells would be able to destroy them without giving them any opportunities to recover.

They released all of these spells while pressing onward, but after fifty meters, they could no longer move.

The black tentacles had no way to handle that bombardment, but although the tentacles flickering with a metallic luster would be injured, they wouldn't dissipate quickly.

The only tentacle with a thickness of more than one meter not only flashed with a metallic luster, but it also had some runes on its surface. It could forcibly slash through a dozen spells with one hit!

A dozen Frost Lances cast by Reina were smashed by that huge tentacle, and they were shattered into fragments of ice. The Flame Spears cast by Enderfa didn't even break its skin.

Enderfa couldn't help being startled by its resilience.

"This monster is getting stronger and stronger! Just the split tentacles already have such strength..."

Lin Yun's expression was terrible. He was about to reach the Captain's Cabin, but that monster was already this strong, and it was trying to stop them.

The common black tentacles had been greatly reinforced. Unless they were shredded in one hit, they wouldn't fall.

And the attacks of the tentacles flickering with a metallic luster had the power of a Low Rank Sword Saint.

The tentacle with runes was comparable to a level 38 magic beast. If one took the formidable regeneration of the tentacles into account, it would be a lot harder to handle than a level 38 magic beast.

So far they had only dealt with the common tentacles, and let alone the runic tentacle, even the five metallic tentacles had yet to be annihilated.

A Fire Dragon flew over and the metallic tentacles swept over, forcibly stopping its path. After it exploded, just one second was enough for the damaged areas to recover.

The runic tentacle frantically absorbed the mana from the explosion as if it was absorbing the spell itself. Even if the physical spells such as Flame Spears and Frost Lances were shattered, it wouldn't be too bad, but Fire Dragon, a fire spell condensed from pure mana, was actually shattered...

Chapter 616: Swordsman

"Use High Tier Spells and get rid of the thickest tentacle first!" Lin Yun shouted as he frowned.

He then started chanting an incantation. Four seconds later, the Draconic Staff was pointed towards those tentacles again. Many complicated patterns appeared underneath the tentacles, and as if they were coming alive, the patterns rushed forth and spread to cover an area of twenty meters.

"Rumble..."

Turbulent Hellfire surged from the floor, turning a dozen tentacles in its range, as well as three metallic tentacles, to ashes in less than two seconds.

As for the thickest tentacle, its runes shone with a kind of protective layer. It was burnt by the Hellfire, but wasn't cremated.

After Lin Yun released his Hellfire, Enderfa immediately followed with another flood of spells, all of which were High Tier Spells.

Then, rumbling could be heard from the sky as a large, flaming meteor fell, followed by a long trail of flames, and struck that thick tentacle.

As a fusion spell of the Earth and Fire elements, Heavensfall Meteor was a 7th Tier Spell, but its power wasn't worse than that of 8th Tier spells.

Especially when facing these metallic enemies, the destructive power was terrifying.

Because the Hellfire had drained the resistance of that huge tentacle, the impact of the meteor flattened it.

The massive impact of the Heavensfall Meteor turned all the ordinary tentacles within thirty meters into fragments.

When Enderfa released the Heavensfall Meteor, Lin Yun immediately raised his Draconic Staff and cast five Dimensional Edges.

After being heavily injured by the meteor, the tentacle was approached by five Dimensional Edges...

"Slash!"

After being cut into six pieces, the tentacle still had to face the spell bombardment of Reina and the puppet.

Five seconds later, nothing was left of the tentacles.

But no one felt happy.

That monster was becoming stronger, from the first tentacle ambushing them to the barrage of dozens of tentacles now, and this latest never-before-seen runic tentacle.

Would they encounter the main body of that monster when they reached the Captain's Cabin?

With the power of these tentacles, wouldn't the main body of that monster be comparable to a level 39 existence? Not to mention, that monster could compare to the Heaven Rank in terms of vitality. How could they beat it?

The atmosphere was a little heavy, but no one stopped. Even Xiuban knew that if they didn't leave this damned Ghost Ship soon, they would die sooner or later.

"Hurry to the teleportation array." Lin Yun's words caught their attention.

Soon after, Enderfa's voice could be heard.

"Eh? Merlin? There seems to be someone there?"

Lin Yun rushed over and saw a haggard man lying down.

That man's complexion had darkened and he looked older. His skin had wrinkles, and his sparse hair was also grizzled.

“How come he looks so familiar?” Lin Yun asked, feeling apprehensive.

But then, Enderfa pointed at a greatsword not far from there, looking startled.

“That guy is Arthus?”

Had it been outside, Lin Yun would have been unable to connect the corpse of that old man with the Sword Saint.

But after ending up in the Intrepid and having seen that greatsword, Lin Yun was sure that it was Arthus.

After examining carefully, Lin Yun frowned.

Arthus apparently just died. His body was still warm, but there wasn't a single trace of Aura in his body.

Lin Yun thought back to the tentacle and understood. Arthus' vitality had definitely been sucked out of him by the tentacles.

After thinking for a moment, Lin Yun took out the Book of Death and summoned Lagulin.

“Put your Death Aura into his body,” Lin Yun instructed.

Lagulin dismounted and grabbed Arthus' arm and began to pour Death Aura within.

Whether it was Death Aura or death energy, pouring it into a corpse was a way of transforming it into an Undead being. But that method had an expensive price, and it could only succeed on a Sword Saint or an Archmage, because this Undead Transformation could preserve some of their consciousness.

But Lin Yun was using this method only to ask for some information.

As Lagulin's Death Aura was poured into his body, Arthus, who had already breathed his last breath, opened his eyes.

Seeing Lin Yun, Arthus' eyes suddenly shone and he struggled to plead with a hoarse voice, “High Mage Merlin, quick, quick, save Sir Zeuss, under the Captain's Cabin, there is a huge monster, too frightening, Rhett is already under that monster's control, he has gone crazy!

“High Mage Merlin, please, save Sir Zeuss, our harvest is yours... Please go save Zeuss...”

Lin Yun didn't answer and instead asked a few questions, but Arthus' consciousness had greatly dissipated and simply didn't know anything. He just kept asking Lin Yun to save the others.

After waving to Lagulin, Lagulin transformed into smoke and returned into the Book of Death.

Having lost the influx of Death Aura, the light in Arthus' eyes slowly dimmed.

“Rest in peace.”

Arthus' eyes closed once again and Lin Yun sighed, leaving these ruins.

His Aura and vitality had been sucked dry, so even if they revived him as one of the Undead, he would at most be a weak skeleton.

“Merlin, you really want to go?” Worry could be heard in Enderfa's voice.

“Find the Captain’s Cabin first.” Lin Yun didn’t answer and instead took out the map of the Intrepid, looking for the path to the Captain’s Cabin.

But then, something happened to Arthus’ corpse.

Cracks appeared on the corpse like a piece of porcelain that was under pressure. Then, the corpse exploded.

The corpse first exploded into countless tiny fragments, which then dissipated into ashes.

When the ashes fell, they formed a vague design on the floor.

Strangely, not one sound was heard during the process.

Lin Yun was stunned as he looked at that scene.

‘Damn, that’s...’

In the legends, the Raging Flame Emperor held a scepter as he battled, and those hit by the scepter would shatter after dying, before turning to ashes and returning to the earth.

And in the battle between the Raging Flame Emperor and the Abyssal Overlord, the latter’s corpse also exploded after his death, transforming into ashes which spread over the land, forming a twisted demonic face. It was said to be the result of a soul shackling.

Lin Yun looked at the vague design on the floor in disbelief.

‘The Raging Flame Emperor was really in the Intrepid!’

There could perhaps be another reason why the mount of the Raging Flame Emperor, Noblesse, was in the Intrepid...

But there was only one possibility for the Raging Flame Emperor’s scepter to be there! The Raging Flame Emperor was also on the Intrepid!

Because even if the Raging Flame Emperor died, he absolutely wouldn’t abandon his scepter!

As he thought of this, Lin Yun ended up in a deep struggle.

Arthus had definitely been hit by the Raging Flame Emperor’s scepter!

The clue he had been looking for was in front of him, but he was stuck in a dilemma.

He had two options now. First, he could go below and maybe find that clue, which was the crucial step that could lead to the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras.

The Book of Ten Thousand Mantras was too important, especially now that he had fused with two Core Meditation Law Sets. He would have a lot of issues if he didn’t find the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras and fuse all three of his Meditation Law Sets.

But that monster might be below. With its current strength, a direct battle was too dangerous.

And the second option was to go to the Captain’s Cabin and leave this damned Ghost Ship. This was the safest choice.

But because of that clue, Lin Yun was hesitating.

'F*ck, let's go!'

He had to go down! He definitely couldn't give up on the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras, but he wanted to visit the Captain's Cabin first. He had to secure the escape route so that they could leave if they met danger.

This time, Lin Yun had no confidence that they wouldn't lose their lives. Lin Yun wouldn't have hesitated had there not been a huge risk for his life.

That monster was too powerful.

If he couldn't fight head-on, Lin Yun definitely wouldn't choose a direct battle, so he had to seriously consider the chance of success.

They definitely had to visit that cabin first. Not only did it have the door to leave the Intrepid, but there was a high chance of finding that half of the diary in there.

This path was extremely dangerous. Who knew if there were still things in the Captain's Cabin? They would first clean out everything in the Captain's Cabin before going to the floor below, and if they met something they couldn't handle, they would immediately return and leave the Intrepid.

After all, only by surviving could they have a future.

Moreover, there should also be that part of the First Mate's diary in the Captain's Cabin...

Some critical information could still be recorded in those pages, maybe even the weakness of that monster...

To face that monster, the First Mate's diary was an absolute necessity. Without sufficient information, confronting the monster would only be throwing away their lives. There was no other Hand of Destruction there...

Chapter 617: Four Statues

As Lin Yun sank into contemplation, Enderfa asked, "What's wrong?"

Lin Yun explained what happened to Arthus and shared his conjecture and his decision.

That decision was risky after all, anyone would know how foolish it was to throw away the opportunity to escape just to go look for that monster.

Painful expressions appeared on Enderfa's faces. After a long time, he said in a cursing tone, "Forget it, it's just my bad luck. If that is madness, then we can only follow your madness."

After the decision was made, everyone was somewhat quiet. Lin Yun quickly cracked the teleportation array.

Afterwards, Lin Yun cautiously sent three Rock Puppets into the teleportation array.

After twenty seconds of uninterrupted contact with the Rock Puppets, Lin Yun impatiently stepped on the teleportation array.

The appearance of the Captain's Cabin was beyond his expectation. He had originally thought that the control room of Intrepid wouldn't be big. But it now looked to be over fifteen kilometers wide, and apart from the large amount of alchemic machinery, the center was a big open space.

What he got distracted by was the floor of the cabin, it was dark red, as if dyed by blood, and on these dark red wooden planks were several golden runes.

As soon as they entered the Captain's Cabin, Lin Yun felt a faint pressure emitted by the floor itself. That pressure gave a feeling of a rock having been put on their mind, not greatly influencing them, but making people feel very uncomfortable.

Lin Yun crouched down and gently caressed that dark red floor, his finger slowly streaking across the grain with a serious expression on his face.

"This is Blood God Tree..."

Enderfa's three faces changed color, he clearly had an alarmed expression.

Blood God Tree was legendary, that thing could be considered a legend even in the Ascian Dynasty.

Because the Blood God Tree needed a drop of God Blood to grow...

The energy contained within God's blood was huge, it could be seen from the pond Lin Yun had obtained.

That pond could even make the Chaos Twin Snakes not need to hunt for food, just a bit was enough for the Chaos Twin Snakes for a millennium.

And by taking a bath in God Blood, Xiuban's physical ability was strengthened to an outrageous level. Anyone under the Archmage realm would burst just from a drop of the blood...

As for Blood God Trees, they could actually absorb a drop of God Blood.

In the Ascian era, Blood God Trees could be considered as Gods. Every living Blood God Tree was indestructible, even if it was just at the Archmage Rank. Spells under the 8th Tier couldn't leave any trace on the Blood God Tree.

Harvesting Blood God Tree could only be done with Heaven Rank powerhouses, and only Gods had the ability to use Blood God Tree as a wood material in the Ascian Dynasty.

Hard, indestructible, and because of the absorbed God Blood, the natural patterns even formed runes that contained power from the same source as God.

It even had innate formidable defenses and sealing power. It could be said to be a natural Magic Tool. It doesn't need processing yet could display the effect of a Magic Tool.

What Shapeshifter Devils or Shadow Devils, they wouldn't dare to stand anywhere near a Blood God Tree. As long as they appeared within the range of Blood God Trees, all their disguises and camouflage would be forcibly torn apart, it was a lot more useful than True Eye.

This here was a luxurious use of Blood God Tree, everyone could feel a cold piercing through their heart.

And the Soul Absorbing Tree they had seen before had also been used as flooring.

Moreover the hold where they saw the Soul Absorbing Tree floor was where they encountered the monster for the first time. Had they had not pierced a hole through the floor, the monster would have been unable to come out.

After all, that hold was suppressing a group of level 39 magic beasts with a few on the verge of reaching the Heaven Rank!

Even so, it wasn't suppressed to death...

This place was actually using the legendary Blood God Tree, the effects it would display would be formidable, so what was it suppressing below?

That thought made Lin Yun feel numb, he didn't need to think twice, it was definitely that monster!

What accident happened on the Intrepid was unknown, not one living person could be seen, and it was unknown how that monster was able to escape this suppression.

And if this wasn't suppressing that monster, then it would definitely be suppressing something even more powerful!

This was something Lin Yun didn't even dare to think about.

As soon as he came here, he detected something suppressing them and not a single relaxed expression could be seen in their group.

Lin Yun stood at the entrance of the Captain's Cabin and summoned a dozen Mage Eyes while simultaneously summoning a group of Water Elementals and Rocket Puppets before making these elemental lifeforms slowly scout the Captain's Cabin.

Who knew if there was any trap...

After a dozen minutes, every corner of the Captain's Cabin was checked by these lifeforms, not triggering any change. After sighing in relief, Lin Yun's mood became heavier.

No change only meant that the power of the Blood God Tree was concentrated under the floor...

After a thorough search, the Mage Eyes quickly found a teleportation array, but they also found other things.

In the center of the Captain's Cabin, Lin Yun discovered four statues.

Those four statues stood in a circle around a small obsidian platform, emitting a rich death energy. When Mage Eyes got within thirty meters, that rich death energy destroyed them.

But, these small fluctuations didn't cause any issue. With a frown, Lin Yun cautiously approached the statues.

He stopped fifty meters away from the statues, at the edge of the surge of death energy.

Suddenly, Enderfa exclaimed, "Heavens! It's those four!"

Lin Yun turned to look at Enderfa and noticed his unsightly expressions.

"These four were Red Beard's Admirals..."

Lin Yun understood after hearing Enderfa and turned back.

Red Beard's Seven Admirals, any of the seven was a formidable powerhouse on its own.

Apart from that First Mate who had been "blessed by the gods", who of the remaining six didn't have a formidable background?

Winchester was the disciple of the Noscent's first Death Knight and was one of the few famous ones.

Grom was Red Beard's Second Mate and was a Viking Beastman Berserker. Not only was he the most powerful Viking Beastman Berserker in history, after using his innate ability, Clear-headed Berserk Transformation, he would be able to stand against a formidable Heaven Rank powerhouse for a short time.

As for the remaining four, they were all mages, and all of them were 9th Rank Archmages, known as the Unbreakable Four Stars Array. In those days, they had studied together for some time under a Heaven Rank Mage that could be considered a Demi-God.

If the four of them joined hands, they could even resist a 1st Rank Heaven Mage for some time.

Heaven Rank powerhouses could be said to be a completely different species when compared to Archmages. One was mortal, and the other had exceeded the limits of mortals.

Heaven Rank powerhouses weren't something people under the Heaven Rank could resist. The four of them together resisting against a Heaven Rank powerhouse was already a legendary feat.

Lin Yun examined the statues. One of them was wearing a wide robe covered with ice runes.

This was Cook, the Ice Emissary. His comprehension and casting of ice magic was comparable to the most formidable Frost Dragon under the Heaven Rank. Just on comprehension and casting alone, Reina, this Frost Dragon, was far from being able to compare to Cook.

Cook once conquered an ice plane filled with Frost Elementals by himself.

Another mage was wearing a pitch-black robe, holding an ordinary staff forged out of Spiritual Wood. But that low-ranked staff had a resounding name: Dark Contract!

Many people's souls were unable to rest because of that Dark Contract. He was named Hall and was known as the Dark Left Hand, famous as a dark mage. But because of his identity as a pure dark mage, he was chased by a kingdom and destroyed a legion on his own, binding their souls to the core of the Dark Contract.

The title Dark Left Hand came about because Hall usually held his Dark Contract with his left hand.

The 3rd statue was rather short. It was the rumored Dwarf Arnold. Arnold was a summoner and had suffered from discrimination and bullying during his youth in a human kingdom. Even after becoming a mage, he was still mocked because of his poor innate talent and his inferior casting abilities.

Later, in an accident, Arnold discovered that he had superior summoning talent, and that talent was a lot more formidable than his casting talent. After specializing in summoning, Arnold's strength advanced by leaps and bounds. After advancing to the Archmage realm, he got into another conflict with the mages who bullied him as a youth.

Those mages had formidable background, there was even a Heaven Mage behind them. This time, Arnold thoroughly burst out with power and made everyone experience the terror of a summon tide.

Terrifying elemental lifeforms were summoned, even Elemental Dragons appeared. The quantity was so impressive that even Necromancers would feel overwhelmed. He flattened their mage tower in half a month.

That powerful Heaven Mage rushed back, but not even a worm could be found alive in the ruins of that mage tower.

Chased by that Heaven Mage, Arnold escaped to an elemental plane and relied on those endless elemental lifeforms to flee. He later ended up becoming Red Beard's subordinate.

The 4th statue was actually the most terrifying. That green-skinned Beastman was named Garcia and was known as the Silencer. He was a master of curses and mantras!

Chapter 618: Demilich

At the start of the Nesser Dynasty, Garcia, who had just advanced to the Archmage realm, went to the capital city of the Nesser Dynasty, but he ended up clashing with a Pure-blooded Elf, and soon after he left the capital city, he ended up being chased by three 7th Rank Archmages.

But Garcia let everyone experience the terror of a Master of Mantras, as a 1st Rank Archmage, he sadistically killed three 7th Rank Archmages.

It was later revealed that Garcia had received the inheritance of a first-rate Master of Mantras and possessed countless mantras. Just the Silent Curse could make the three 7th Rank Archmages unable to chant a single character.

As he used more and more High Tier Mantras, he achieved the feat of killing three 7th Rank Archmage on his own.

When Garcia, who hardly had any attacking Mantra, reached the 9th Rank, there was almost no one under the Heaven Rank willing to face those High Tier Mantras...

When these four people gathered, even formidable powerhouses that just advanced to the Heaven realm would be unwilling to fight them, even if the difference between Heaven Mages and Archmages was huge...

Seeing those four statues as well as the exceedingly powerful death energy emitted, Lin Yun recalled the ruthless deeds of these four and cold sweat trickled down his back.

“Merlin, these four statues are no good, we should be careful and not provoke them...” Enderfa’s expression was extremely strange, he was clearly afraid.

If these four ruthless Admirals had turned into Undeads, then wouldn’t they also be level 38?

When the four joined hands, even Berserk Grom would be suppressed.

Although their strength was much stronger than Grom, they would be unable to kill him in his Berserk state...

Lin Yun thought about it and nodded.

The group of four circumvented the four statues and arrived in front of the teleportation array. Lin Yun sighed in relief after examining it. Fortunately, it wasn’t a very difficult teleportation array...

But, when Lin Yun took out his crystal pen to crack the array, a loud sound could be heard behind him.

“Snap...”

“Snap...”

A crisp cracking sound echoed in the silent Captain’s Cabin.

Arnold’s statue was instantly covered in cracks before splitting in countless fragments and transforming into a gray smoke.

Enderfa looked at the scene, terrified.

“Damn, that really wasn’t a statue! It was frozen death smoke!”

It was unknown how long the death smoke had been condensed and congealed into a statue, but it had been covering Arnold’s surface and maintaining his appearance.

After this shell broke, it exposed the distinctive features of a Lich.

Thin skin pressing up against the bones, his flesh already withered.

And when Arnold turned around, Lin Yun’s face turned green.

Soul fires were swaying gently in those empty eye sockets, but the flames were only the size of two fingernails.

This was the characteristic of a successful transformation into a Lich!

“Lich...” Enderfa let out a painful groan.

What was a Lich? It was a Heaven Rank Undead!

Every Lich was at the Heaven Rank!

The most powerful Liches could be considered Demigods!

The soul would be stripped off their body and remain in phylactery. Even if their body was annihilated, the Lich wouldn't die.

When meeting a Lich, Heaven Rank powerhouses would prefer avoiding the battle, because if the phylactery couldn't be destroyed, fighting a Lich was just a waste of energy. They could even become a target for the Lich's revenge if they destroyed only its body.

Lin Yun was greatly alarmed, but he then discovered something.

"Wait! Arnold hasn't finished his transformation!"

A regular Lich only had two needle-sized lights in their eyes, and although the lights in Arnold's eyes already lost the distinctive features of soul fires, they were still fingernail-sized.

Clearly, Arnold had spent so many years trying to turn into a Lich, but he had yet to succeed.

Even now, he was only a level 38 Undead Mage, but as long as he finished his transformation, he would reach a higher level. It was a huge leap.

From level 38 Undead Mage, in a short period of time, he would become a Heaven Rank Lich!

To tell the truth, Lin Yun was startled. A true Lich, even the lowest of Liches, could make them die dozen of times.

Arnold would have killed them before he could destroy the array.

Arnold was still a level 38 Undead Mage until the transformation was completed, and even if this Undead Mage was more powerful than ordinary level 38 Undead mages, the difference was very small, simply incomparable.

After the initial shock, they saw Arnold raise his hand and condense four death vortexes in front of him.

A large amount of Undeads rushed out of the four vortexes...

One vortex only summoned Undead Skeletons, the lowest of which was at level 15, these were Skeleton Warriors holding bone sabers, there was also a large amount of basic Skeletons, Skeleton Archers, and even a level 35 Skeleton Lord and two level 34 Skeleton Archers...

From two of the remaining three vortexes came a large amount of Ghosts, Specters, Spirits, Zombies, Corpse Eaters, Dark Warriors, Death Knights. And from the last vortex, Gargoyles, Vampires, and Bone Dragons came rushing out...

In a mere few seconds, the area was already filled with a large amount of Undeads, there were already several thousands Undeads on the ground, and over a hundred in the air.

Lin Yun instantly understood that Arnold had kept his talent for summoning, but it had changed from summoning elemental lifeforms to summoning Undeads.

A large amount of Undeads was blocking the path in front of them. Even if they knew that besides his summoning ability, Arnold's other abilities were terrible, they didn't have any method against him.

Following the appearance of the Undead army, some of the Undeads with casting abilities already started their casts.

Lin Yun raised his Draconic Staff and an incantation quickly echoed, a flame vortex appearing in front of him with one long Fire Dragon after another flying out of it and falling into the army of Undeads, burning a large amount of Undeads to ashes.

The war had started.

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and covered the large area in group spells. Powerful spells fell down in waves, but he didn't have to worry about the effect of his spells since the Undeads were densely packed.

Unfortunately, Lin Yun had just started his counterattack, he saw the three statues in the distance starting to tremble and the condensed layer of death energy shattering one after the other, exposing the bodies of the three Undead Mages turning into Liches.

The four had already completed the greater part of their transformation. Although they were still level 38, their strength had already reached an extremely frightening level, moreover, they had been called the Unbreakable Four Stars Array due to their outstanding coordination.

Four Demiliches awakening, the consequences would be catastrophic...

One Arnold was already their limit, if the other three were added... The battle would be even fiercer...

Ice Emissary Cook, Dark Left Hand Hall, Silencer Garcia...

These three ruthless mages, alongside Summoning Tide Arnold... Lin Yun already understood that they couldn't defeat these four Demiliches.

Enderfa looked at the four Demiliches standing side by side and his three faces distorted from fear...

"Merlin, we are in big trouble..." Enderfa let out a groan.

After paying attention, he noticed Silencer Garcia pointing at Reina. Several runes formed above her head, turning into a circle, before entering Reina's body.

A monstrous and coarse incantation echoed as Reina, who had been chanting in Draconic, couldn't help letting out a muffled sound, before falling from the sky.

The Undeads on the ground were shattered by Reina's heavy fall. She turned into her Human Shape, laying face up while breathing roughly.

Lin Yun looked at Reina's red complexion, his expression becoming grave.

Silencer Garcia's signature skill, Silence.

It could interrupt any spells being cast while also making the target unable to use any spell for a certain duration.

Silence wasn't exclusive to Garcia, any top-notch Master of Mantras could use it, but it had too many restrictions. Not only was the duration of the silence too short and could at most be used to interrupt a cast, it was impossible to cast it on someone above one's rank.

But Garcia had broke this convention. As long as the difference in rank wasn't to the point of despair, Garcia's curses and mantras could still be effective.

Even now, one Silence could make Reina, who had extremely high resistance to magic, curses and debuffs, unable to use her formidable Draconic Casting for a short time.

She was instead suffering from a backlash and she needed some time to recover.

The only one that couldn't be affected were Enderfa and the puppet, they were both only using Instant Spells, they simply didn't need an incantation. As for Lin Yun, he also used Instant Spells to deal with those high level Undeads.

After using one Silence, Garcia only stood there, motionless.

Lin Yun saw this and reacted, quickly chanting an incantation.

But just as he started chanting, Garcia pointed his finger and a circle of runes revolved above Lin Yun's body, instantly interrupting the incantation he had been casting and making his body shake from the backlash.

Chapter 619: Phylactery

Fortunately, Lin Yun had the Magic Array, when the backlash happened, his Magic Array quickly revolved and suppressed it.

Lin Yun's expression became gloomy.

He just probed by using an almost instant 3rd Tier Fire Dragon...

Fire Dragons Spells could already be cast instantly, but when accompanied by an incantation, the power of the spells would be a bit larger. And that small increase would have little effect in battle.

With Lin Yun's current level, even reading the entire incantation would only take half a second to be completed.

But even so, it was interrupted by Garcia before it was completed.

This also meant that even if Garcia did not use any spells and just used Silence, it would be enough to make all of them unable to use any formidable spell.

They wouldn't have any way to cast a spell of the 7th Tier and above.

Moreover, Garcia wasn't limited to the use of Silence.

The tables have turned because of Garcia's presence...

This difference made them despair...

The four death vortexes were like four Death Gates, large amount of Undeads kept rushing out from within, and the majority of that cannon fodder was between level 15 and level 20!

When faced with this huge quantity, Enderfa and the puppet's crazy flood of spells could only temporarily suppress them.

Lin Yun released a large amount of instant cast spells with a calm face while watching the surroundings.

After five minutes, Lin Yun's group had no other choice but to fall back. They were unable to hold the ground against that army of Undeads.

And at this time, Ice Emissary Cook also made a move.

After a wave of his hand, a human-sized sphere of ice appeared in front of Xiuban, instantly exploding.

The huge ice energy fused with death energy and transformed into six pure attacks spreading out.

The blue gray power rippled like a wave as layer upon layer superpositioned. By the time six layers superpositioned, it exploded.

Ice fragments forcibly condensed in the atmosphere and charged at Xiuban, sending him flying.

Xiuban's miserable scream echoed in the air, but it was drowned in the roars of the countless Undeads.

Not only was Xiuban sent flying, every Undead within ten meters was annihilated. And apart from some bone fragments from skeletal lifeforms, ghosts were unable to leave any remains behind.

"Hell, how could Frost Nova reach such power?" Enderfa clenched his teeth as he dreadfully cursed.

A Frost Nova cast among the Undeads sent Xiuban flying. With only a wave of Cook's hand, snowflakes emitting a flickering cold radiance fell down.

Every single snowflake was at least a dozen centimeters big, and the edges emitted sharp cold light comparable to outstanding weapons.

The light Snow Blades fell within a dozen meters and indiscriminately tore those Undeads apart.

Lin Yun and the others hastily avoided the cast, only to welcome Dark Left Hand Hall's attack.

A large amount of Dark Arrows flew over from the sky. The Dark Arrows condensed purely out of dark energy had incomparable piercing power...

Lin Yun used a large area instant spell, but a dozen Dark Arrows pierced through. And even after fully putting to use his Fire Elemental Incarnation, the incarnation still ended up stabbed by a Dark Arrow.

A large amount of dark power started rushing out in the place that was hit, as if it was being devoured by a group of ants. Startled, Lin Yun hurriedly scattered the Fire Elemental Incarnation.

It was rumored that those killed by Dark Arrows would end up becoming Dark Skeleton Warriors, and all Dark Skeleton Warriors would have to obey the orders of the caster of the Dark Arrows.

"Merlin, what the hell are you doing..."

Enderfa saw the Fire Elemental Incarnation being hit by the Dark Arrow and immediately scolded Lin Yun.

Lin Yun didn't speak, once again using a Fire Elemental Incarnation and a large amount of fire spells to keep attacking those Undeads.

Unfortunately, the spells released were simply unable to get within fifty meters of the four Demiliches.

The fight continued on, Lin Yun and the others were pushing and retreating, continuously moving in the Captain's Cabin.

Suddenly, Garcia, who hadn't attacked again, let out a low roar, raising his hands in apparent anger.

At that instant, a bloody light exploded from Garcia's hands. With Garcia at the core, the blood red light instantly swept through several hundred meters.

Every Undead hit by the bloody light let out an angry shout.

In a split second, all of the Undeads' soul fires turned crimson red and the ignited flames were no longer burning peacefully, it was like an oil had been thrown into a fire.

For some Undeads with physical bodies, the change was even more obvious, such as Zombies, Vampires, Dark Warriors, Death Knights...

All the Undeads with physical bodies seemed to have become bigger and a layer of mist was covering their bodies.

In an instant, the overwhelming majority of Undeads turned berserk, they crazily stood up and rushed at Lin Yun and the others.

These fearless Undeads advanced wave after wave, using numbers to force them back.

"Damn, Bloodthirst, and such a large-scale Bloodthirst spell with no backlash at all... Garcia is even more ruthless than during his life..." Enderfa gnashed his teeth as he cursed.

He then turned to check Lin Yun's expression, but ended up getting angry as he saw him looking somewhere else.

The fight had only started a few minutes ago, yet that guy had remained absent-minded, his attention not on the battle, making the team almost suffer heavy losses a few times. And now, Garcia used this Bloodthirst spell, yet he still was absent-minded, 'Damnit, you are going to be the end of me...'

Before Enderfa could scold Lin Yun, a pleasantly surprise appeared on Lin Yun's face, "Finally found!"

Enderfa Swallowed the words he was about to say and quickly asked, "Found what?"

Lin Yun's originally somber expression was a bit more relaxed now, he only said one sentence, "Follow me."

After saying those words, Lin Yun led everyone to fight and retreat, while heading towards the left side.

After moving a hundred meters towards the left, Lin Yun suddenly smiled, "Did you notice? The pressure has weakened!"

Enderfa was in a daze, he had noticed what Lin Yun was pointing out. Originally, the flood of spells could only be used to resist the attack, but it had gradually changed, the flood of spells seemed to be pressuring them a bit now.

“What’s going on!” Enderfa hurriedly asked.

Lin Yun explained while fighting, “The four Demiliches awakened, but the frequency of their attacks isn’t very high, especially Garcia, he had only released two spells so far. There hasn’t been a time when the four of them attacked at the same time, doesn’t it feel strange?”

Enderfa nodded, he also felt that this was odd, but the pressure was so great that he was naturally happy to see the Demiliches’ slow pace.

Now hearing that Lin Yun had noticed something, Enderfa hurriedly asked, “What is it? Quick!”

Lin Yun said in a low voice, “Do you see that crystal rudder in the distance? We have been constantly chased around, but whenever we got close to that crystal rudder, the pressure greatly increased, to the point that Cook, Hall, and Arnold simultaneously attacked when we were closest to it.”

Enderfa understood something and his eyes opened wide, “Damn, you are saying that the four Demiliches...”

Lin Yun nodded and said with a confident tone, “That’s right, these four ruthless mages had waited here for who knows how long, from their appearance, it can be seen that they started the process of turning into Lich before their death and had yet to succeed after such a long time, they definitely planned to retain their consciousness as Liches.”

“Moreover, from their appearances, it could be seen that most of their transformation had been done, thus they almost succeeded and possessed the characteristics of Liches, there is no soul fire in their eyes, but their souls must definitely be in their phylacteries!”

“I probed a bit, and when the rudder, I, and the four Demiliches were aligned, I feigned a weakness. With the power of these four Demiliches, they definitely couldn’t heavily injure me, but they rarely attacked me. Thus, I’m fairly certain that their phylacteries are at that crystal rudder!”

A remorseful expression appeared on Enderfa’s faces, ‘Damn, how could I have forgotten that they already had the characteristic of Liches but still didn’t finish the transformation, their phylacteries definitely couldn’t be far, it had to be in the Captain’s Cabin! And since they didn’t finish their transformation, their phylacteries should be relatively weak...’

After scolding himself a few times, Enderfa’s faces sank. He looked at the large amount of Undeads separating them from the crystal rudder. There were also four Demiliches, it seemed hopeless.

“Even if we know the location of the Liches’ phylacteries, what use does it have? We can’t force our way there, and we can’t determine what the phylacteries are...”

Lin Yun shook his head, “At first, I also thought that these four Demiliches considered me as an intruder, but have you noticed now? To these four ruthless Demiliches, our power is simply not worth wasting energy, they didn’t consider us their match from the start, all their attention was focused on protecting their phylacteries...”

Chapter 620: Life Affixing Rune

Enderfa was puzzled, but he had no other choice but to admit that Lin Yun was right, they fought so hard and could have been submerged by the sea of Undeads anytime, yet the other side had no intention of chasing with all their might, the other side only thought about how to protect their phylacteries.

Lin Yun beckoned the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel over and held it in his hands before telling Enderfa, “I have an idea and we can test it now. If it’s successful, we will be able to get rid of these four Demiliches, but you might feel wronged...”

Since it came to this point, how could Enderfa have a choice, but he was still struggling after hearing Lin Yun’s words.

“Then... Then you better be careful and not let me die...”

Enderfa stopped controlling the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and Lin Yun directly controlled it.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was a True Spirit Magic Tool created by Lin Yun himself, his control was very smooth, and since he fused it with the Elemental Heart, controlling the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was as easy as moving a finger.

Lin Yun controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and had it hover in the air, continuously rotating. This imitation of the Magic Array was fusing spells at an unprecedented speed.

A large amount of fire spells had been fused and the casting speed was even faster than Lin Yun’s own casting speed.

Lin Yun was extremely fierce, frantically rousing the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel’s potential to its pinnacle. The overload released a flood of spell that was at least twice as powerful as Enderfa’s.

Flame Spears bursting with flames, dark red Bursting Fireballs, large scale Fire Rains...

The overwhelming flood of fire spells deliberately avoided the rudder area, thus, the four Demiliches only stood there, not paying attention to Lin Yun at all.

At this time, Lin Yun was certain that the four Demiliches’ Phylacteries were there. He watched for a long time, but didn’t notice anything resembling Phylactery.

There was only a desk over there with a two meter large crystal rudder. There was no other thing within five meters.

Unless he could confirm what the Demiliches’ Phylacteries were, he couldn’t start his plan.

Betting everything on something uncertain wasn’t Lin Yun’s style, moreover, Lin Yun clearly knew that he only had one opportunity.

As long as the four Demiliches get enraged, he would lose that opportunity.

Now, these four Demiliches weren’t even watching Lin Yun’s group and they could see that the four Demiliches’ eyes were focused on that crystal rudder.

After going around the Captain's Cabin, Lin Yun once again returned near the crystal rudder and attracted the Demiliches' attention.

Lin Yun crazily squeezed the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, putting a pained expression on Enderfa's face. He could feel the mana within the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel frantically leaking out while the runes on top were squeezed to their limits.

Regardless of how much it was roused, and even if the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was a True Spirit Magic Tool, it couldn't keep enduring.

"Merlin..."

Enderfa called out, but Lin Yun didn't react at all, his attention was focused on those four Demiliches and that crystal rudder.

When he was fifty meters away from the crystal rudder, Lin Yun suddenly roused the Spell Wheel again and swept the Undeads in front of the crystal rudder.

He rushed forward and when he reached the thirty meters mark, he cast ten Mage Eyes. Unfortunately, the Mage Eye that lasted the longest had only managed so for a second before disintegrating.

And those four Demiliches also made a move at that time!

Ice Emissary Cook roared and with a wave of his hand, three 10 meters tall, five meters wide and no less than three meters thick deep blue Ice Walls appeared in Lin Yun's sight.

An ordinary Ice Wall had been refined to the point of becoming an artwork in Cook's hands, the deep blue Ice Walls were covered in runes, and these gorgeous runes were constructed into the pattern of two vivid Frost Dragons looking forward. There were also many frost beasts carved on the sides of the Ice Walls.

These things made the Ice Walls look like a huge ice gate. This Ice Wall ability had already exceeded the limits of Ice Walls and had a separate name, Askrim Gate.

Of the three instant Askrim gates, the first one managed to block Lin Yun's flood of spells for no less than three seconds!

No attack would be able to fall within 30 meters of the rudder at this time.

As for Dark Left Hand Hall, he was raising his Dark Contract and a black rune appeared in the sky, and the rune appeared to be melting, silently spreading in a black ripple.

All the Undeads under level 20 within several dozen meters of the crystal rudder stopped and an identical black rune appeared on their foreheads. This was the rune of the Dark Contract!

All the Undeads under level 20 instantly died, their soul fire dissipating. Whether it was Skeletons, or Zombies, their bodies were covered by darkness similar to that rune and they silently dissolved.

Then, a large amount of pillars of darkness rose to the surface and all Undeads above level 20, regardless of the severity of their injuries, instantly recovered. Even those high level Undeads who only had small parts of their bodies left were instantly resurrected in full.

Over a thousand level 20 or below Undeads died, but in exchange, five hundred Undeads were at their peak condition. The lowest level Undeads among them was level 25!

Death Contract...

Seeing the two dozen intact Bone Dragons in the sky, Lin Yun's expression turned very unsightly. Hall's Dark Contract still had its Death Contract ability after he turned into a Demilich. He could forcibly sacrifice low level Undeads to revive high level Undeads in battle, and it could also treat the injuries of high level Undeads.

This wasn't over. Garcia then made a move and a totem fell from the sky, emitting dense death energy.

That totem seemed to have been made from countless skulls and was emitting death ripples visible with the naked eye. All the Undeads not only recovered, their abilities also greatly strengthened.

It didn't end with single totem, a second totem appeared, seemingly made from blood, which was still dripping. The bloody light spread out and affected the Undeads, turning their blue soul fires red.

As for Arnold, he controlled his four death vortexes, making them spin even faster and the speed at which Undeads appeared increased.

The outcome of the four Demiliches acting at the same time suppressed Lin Yun, who had even squeezed more power from the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and forced him back.

Lin Yun unhesitatingly gave up on the breaking through plan and led Reina, Xiuban and the puppet back to break out of the siege.

As Lin Yun got away from the crystal rudder, the four Demiliches no longer acted against him, but they did something that made Lin Yun's heart sink.

The four Demiliches floated up and moved closer to the crystal rudder.

The four Demiliches stood in a row in front of it and had the Undeads guard a three hundred meters area around it. This meant that the Demiliches who hadn't taken him seriously so far were finally putting him in their eyes.

The pressure greatly lowered after retreating a kilometer away. Lin Yun turned around to look at that crystal rudder with doubt, before finally understanding.

Why these four Demiliches didn't pay attention to them at first and why he was certain that these four Demiliches' phylacteries were in that crystal rudder yet nothing resembling a phylactery was there.

Although those ten Mage Eyes didn't last long, he was still able to see for a second, and thanks to that, he discovered something shocking.

Those four Demiliches didn't have phylacteries to begin with!

The Mage Eyes spotted some runes on the crystal rudder which shocked Lin Yun to his core. These legendary runes had already faded in the river of time!

Only when the magic civilization stepped into the peak of the Magic Era and conquered the Undead Plane for the first time did these forgotten runes reappear.

This was the rune countless mages unwilling to die were looking for, the Life Affixing Rune!

It was something of a higher level than phylacteries.

Liches' phylacteries were items in which the Lich's soul was deposited. As long as the Lich's Phylactery was hidden properly, the Lich would remain immortal.

Even the most inferior Lich was at the Heaven Rank, but as long as a Lich's phylactery was exposed it could be killed by a 1st Rank Archmage.

By destroying the phylactery, the Lich would be destroyed.

As for the Life Affixing Rune, they were a lot more profound than the phylacteries.

If when turning into a Lich, one's life was affixed to an item, that item wouldn't have as many restrictions as phylacteries. They wouldn't be restricted by materials or by arrays.

They could affix their life to a mountain, or to a True Spirit Magic Tool, or even to an ordinary crystal pen.

Although it didn't have the tedious restrictions of the phylactery, the Life Affixing Rune was even more dangerous in some conditions. Sometimes, even the lowest amount of power could make a Lich fall.

Because affixing one's life to an item could have some unexpected circumstances. As long as these circumstances were met, then the Lich's life could dissipate from the item, and this also spelled the death of the Lich.