

EMPEROR 1999

Chapter 1999: Eastern Magical Beast Territories

Countless people grew ashen with rage and fear clouding their expressions and gaze, their hands quickly taking up armaments.

Looking at the skies and the five magical beasts radiating Peak-Level Emperor Beast Stage Cultivation, there was little doubt to the knowledgeable people that these magical beasts came from the eastern side of the Fifty-Two Territories.

Not much was known about them due to being shut off and far off in the distance. Billions of magical beasts, ranging from the Mortal Rank to Emperor Rank, all lived there, taking six Territories, namely: the Inferno Wave Ox Empire, Scarlet Tyrant Hawk Abode, Azure-Winged Cougar Palace, Rumbling Turquoise Mammoth Empire, Obsidian Crystal Turtle Palace, and the Dark Lightning Moon Serpent Mountain.

Of them, only the Scarlet Tyrant Hawk Abode wasn't here, which made people panic if it was already attacking the Golden Dragon Valley Territory to its west.

The Zlatan Family's expression became unsightly. Since they were the hegemon of the Golden Dragon Valley Territory, they naturally possessed the ability to defend against the Scarlet Tyrant Hawk Abode with their untouched formations and wouldn't easily fall, but there was no information on any attack.

Moreover, there were also the northwestern magical beast empires, namely the Dark Moon Crow Empire, White Serpent Palace, and the White-Winged Tiger Empire. Besides, the Grand Viridian Beast Mountain Range was also a magical beast empire, a large-sized Territory situated adjacent to the Astral Light Sect and the Vast Sky Emperor Palace.

The Grand Viridian Beast Mountain Range's power equals that of the large-sized Territory Hegemon of the Vast Sky Emperor Palace.

However, they didn't seem to be here, but they didn't know and couldn't tell for sure if the magical beasts were collectively launching a full magical beast tide at this very moment.

The expressions of numerous people despaired, but most were full of rage.

How dare those magical beasts plot to invade their righteous path at this time!?

'No! The magical beasts are too stupid. They are incapable of unity and spatial transportation, so they must be spurred by the white-haired woman, Myria!' Upon conceiving this kind of speculation, most of the people instantly deemed her to be an evil woman.

The Mandate Emperor's gaze was also on Myria but compared to the common man and even some knowledgeable powerhouses, he was the most knowledgeable about the situation in the eastern magical beast Territories.

Amidst the magical beast race, only the magical beasts from the Grand Viridian Beast Mountain Range could be said to rival them one or two of their Four Great Righteous Sects in terms of prowess. As for the eastern magical beast Territories, they could be attributed to the prowess of mid-sized Territories from their human race.

Therefore, the Inferno Wave Ox Empire, Scarlet Tyrant Hawk Abode, Azure-Cougar Winged Palace, Rumbling Turquoise Mammoth Empire, Obsidian Crystal Turtle Palace, and the Dark Lightning Moon Serpent Mountain shouldn't have such powerful beings.

Not only the Inferno Wave Ox, Azure-Winged Cougar, Rumbling Turquoise Mammoth, and the Dark Lightning Moon Serpent exuded might equal to himself and the Vast Sky Emperor, the Obsidian Crystal Turtle, and the Ice Phoenix whose origin was unknown surpassed him.

However, he possessed Legacy Artifacts to match their prowess.

Unlike them, the magical beasts didn't possess Legacy Artifacts, so the magical beasts never had the gall to approach them, ending the conflict with the human race long ago while continuing to live with internal skirmishes and sending magical beast tides periodically before stopping in the last few thousand years as they had largely declined.

He knew that they hadn't made much progress after personally scouting a decade ago since if even High-Level Ninth Stage Powerhouses were to go, they would undoubtedly be eaten by the magical beasts.

Nonetheless, they were unable to threaten existences like him, so he was able to traverse and return safely. He didn't kill the magical beasts either, afraid that he would earn their ire which would cause them to send magical beast tides even though he possessed the power to trample them.

However, since those Territories were always protected by the Grand Viridian Beast Mountain Range, the human race was unable to do anything either. Consequently, those six magical beast Territories would also produce tributes for the Grand Viridian Beast Mountain Range, leaving them with scant resources, so how could they become this powerful in a short amount of time!?

The Mandate Emperor's gaze was strictly fixed on Myria.

In his mind, it wasn't an exaggeration to say that she grew their prowess and even managed to make that Obsidian Crystal Turtle a King-Tier Magical Beast, taming all of them. Otherwise, the current situation in his eyes just didn't make sense.

After all, these magical beasts weren't powerful when he visited just a decade ago, much less one of them at King-Tier.

However, how did she tame them?

It must be known that these magical beast rulers would rather kill themselves than submit, especially after living so many years, so what he was looking at was a terrifying and mind-boggling spectacle, to say the least.

'I see. So Myria made the eastern magical beast Territories her playground.'

On the other hand, realization dawned on Davis when he thought about her rapid growth and ability to procure resources without anyone knowing or becoming suspicious of her. It was because after leaving Shirley and joining the Mystic Ice Sect as a foothold, she traversed the eastern magical beast Territories to acquire resources and, in the process, somehow took a few magical beast pets.

Davis couldn't derive any other explanations for this overwhelming encounter of the magical beast race.

As for how Myria did it, he could only ask later.

Nonetheless, Davis's lips twitched as he noticed the deafening silence in the New Era Battle Arena.

Myria had completely subdued the righteous path at this moment, cornering them from both sides. All of their headquarters and Territories were in potential danger while they were completely trapped in their making. After all, it was unknown if this grand barrier would shut down in a timely fashion, allowing people to escape.

As for the Obsidian Crystal Turtle being able to enter, either its spatial prowess exceeded that of the barrier's ability, or the barrier was specifically designed to let things escape from inside, making its prowess concentrated and stronger as a trapping formation but weaker to outside interference.

Nonetheless, he didn't care about that at this moment.

Myria didn't even need to make a move, but her Ice Phoenix and the other magical beast did the job for her. Perhaps, this was one of her trump cards to use at the right moment, but she used them at this moment. If she had the power to kill the Mandate Emperor and the others all by herself, then it could be seen that she only wanted to intimidate them with this move, or else this maneuver didn't make sense to him unless she really wanted to flip the Territories of the human race.

Thinking like this, Davis heaved a sigh of relief, noticing that she took his advice for once.

"Alright, since everyone came to a stop, stay that way."

Davis raised his hand and waved.

He felt that he didn't have to do anything anymore as it was clear to him that the righteous path was disadvantaged.

"Calamity Light's Source, what are you trying to do?"

The Mandate Emperor's expression was gloomy. He never expected this turn of events. The Mystic Ice Sect was protected by Sect Master Lea Weiss, whose prowess had probably surpassed him. He couldn't battle her without a Legacy Artifact. Moreover, there was also the Emperor of Death strangely protecting Myria even though he claimed she stole his treasure.

For the first time in his life, he felt that everything was spiraling out of his hands. He couldn't control the human race's fate anymore, making him afraid that he would be unable to save them.

The fact that the Emperor of Death didn't help but went against him also made him feel somber.

"Ahaha~"

Myria couldn't help but laugh at the Mandate Emperor's question.

"You're the one who wanted to capture me, and now you're asking what I'm trying to do? You tell me~"

She shrugged, looking amused. Apparently, it was evil for her to defend herself.

However, the Mandate Emperor felt that he should've used a better choice of words since he wanted to know her true intent on why she brought the magical beasts here.

"That's because-"

"What!? You dared to capture my master!?"

The Inferno Wave Ox angrily bellowed from the skies when its forty-meter tall figure moved. Space shook with each of its hooves taking a step forward, causing it to rush forward in an instant.

Purplish-red flames blazed out of its two horns as it directly rammed towards the Mandate Emperor, causing his expression to become unsightly.

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The Mandate Emperor's energy surged. He appeared calm and steady in the face of the Inferno Wave Ox that looked furious, its crimson eyes and purplish-red flames making it look like it was born out of the legendary purgatory world.

It was just about to ram into the Mandate Emperor when a whirlwind of greyish-black death energy enveloped its huge body, causing its horn's purplish-red flames to fluctuate heavily.

Bang!

The purple flames exploded as the ox came to a forceful halt, trying to burn the death energy as its eyes were full of panic. However, it was unable to burn no matter how hard it tried. The purplish-red flames increasingly decreased as the death energy closed in.

However, a spatial wave emerged and struck their location, absorbing all the death energy before they were thrown out into the void, neatly without creating spatial cracks.

Davis turned to look at the Obsidian Crystal Turtle. It possessed some unique features he could faintly sense at a glance, but since he hadn't seen a normal Obsidian Crystal Turtle, he didn't know what was so unique about it other than feeling the aura of King-Tier.

It was the one who took out his death energy at this moment.

"Didn't I say to stop the fight? Myria, control your pets-"

"Bastard! Die!"

Davis spoke with an exasperated expression on his face when the Inferno Wave Ox appeared behind him, its mouth agape with razor-sharp teeth aligned in its mouth, wanting to swallow him whole.

"Halt!"

An immense surge of mandate energy formed a resonance with the heaven and earth energy at this moment, causing the Inferno Wave Ox to become stuck. Its crimson eyes bulged, making it wonder why it was unable to move as it struggled.

Davis's hand had surged with death energy, gathering at his finger point to unleash his Death Ray but he changed his mind and waved his hand once, dispersing it before flicking his arm behind, the back of his hand coming into contact with a big face.

Paah!~

A resounding slap echoed as the Inferno Wave Ox was sent flying from the impact, causing countless eyes to widen in shock as they couldn't believe what they had just witnessed.

However, Myria's brows narrowed.

She could see that with the Mandate Emperor restraining the Inferno Wave Ox, it was actually saved from Davis's terrifying attack that had gathered on his fingertip. Nonetheless, there wasn't a change of expression for its ox pet being slapped away.

Instead, she finally opened her lips.

"Gorox, stay your hand."

The Inferno Wave Ox's eyes had turned berserk due to its rage, but when that voice echoed, it was as though a river was splashed on its body.

"But master-"

"I said, stay your hand. The same goes for every one of you."

Myria coldly spoke before she looked at the other four magical beasts.

The five magical beasts all looked confused. This whole scenario looked as if their master was being attacked, so why were they called? Just to intimidate?

It can't be. They knew how ruthless their master was to easily let go of this matter. If it was truly just to intimidate the humans, such usage of them made them blink in annoyance, but they didn't dare to make a fuss.

"There's no invasion of any sort, nor am I plotting anything vile."

Myria's nonchalant voice echoed as she raised her hand, pointing towards the Mandate Emperor.

"Instead, I want his life for displaying hostility towards me."

The Mandate Emperor's pupils fiercely shrunk.

However, Davis shook his head.

"For better or worse, the Mandate Emperor is my little sister's teacher. I understand your rage, but I can't let you harm him, the same way I can't let him harm you."

"Then we're not in agreement. When not in agreement, I prefer to do things my way."

Myria's voice contained a trace of disappointment. Her body moved, nearing the Mandate Emperor as she was almost about to pass Davis like a phantom when he suddenly spoke.

"How about this? You defeat me in our battle, and you get to do whatever you want."

Davis didn't turn his head, but his words caused Myria to stop, her body turning to look at him.

"Fine, but there's a toll."

"What toll?" Davis turned to look at her, his brows furrowing when he saw the murderous glint in her eyes.

"Xiaolan."

Myria's voice echoed when the Ice Phoenix suddenly flapped its wings once, causing icy-blue wisps to burst out, shooting towards a few people with immense speed.

The Grand Elders from the Heaven Mandate Temple, Heaven Gazing Sect, Astral Light Sect, and the Vast Sky Emperor Palace fell at this moment without making a sound.

It happened so fast that the people became stunned as they saw four burning corpses plunging towards the ground.

Each one of the Four Great Righteous Sects suffered a loss of a Grand Elder at this moment as they burst into icy-blue flames, this abrupt happening leaving the Mandate Emperor, who just sighed from the situation deflating to having his expression turned ugly.

"You!"

Roar!~

The Obsidian Crystal Turtle roared at the Mandate Emperor, causing him to be dumbstruck by the sheer energy of the shout, the spatial waves causing his ears to ring heavily and making him feel dizzy. The others felt even worse, closing their ears to protect themselves.

Fortunately, since it was directed at the three Emperors, it didn't cause any major injuries to the others, but that magical beast roar embedded a type of fear in them. If it was just the Obsidian Crystal Turtle, they wouldn't be so afraid, but there was also the Ice Phoenix, not to mention the Emperor of Death, who didn't seem to be not on both sides.

"Well then, let's go."

Myria remained nonchalant about the deaths of the four Grand Elders and started hovering back to the Obsidian Crystal Turtle.

"Emperor of Death, we can't leave it like this! Not only must we obtain the source to unravel the Calamity Light, but we must obtain justice for their unjust deaths."

Davis looked at the Mandate Emperor with cold eyes, wondering if he should kill him for trying to capture his Ellia.

Those sapphire eyes of Davis abruptly turned pitch-black as a layer of death energy covered them, the sight of it causing the three Emperors to become stunned. It didn't take them much to recognize that gaze meant that he would no longer stay neutral if they were to speak another word again.

Davis's eyes flickered to normalcy as he looked away.

Things could still be pushed aside as a misunderstanding if they didn't fully make a move against Myria but first asked, but after they trapped her and tried to hurt her in order to capture her or kill her, it was a given that they must pay the price.

He felt that Myria was merciful in this regard, maybe because he asked her or Ellia told her. Either way, he was thankful that this matter didn't escalate.

Otherwise, those who will be dying were the innocent people who had nothing to do with this matter but were caught in the crossfire.

In the end, he didn't say anything and followed Myria, giving the command to Evelynn, telling her to take the others and return to the Alstreim Family through soul transmission. Simultaneously, he had Lea take back Clara and Tia as well.

"Davis, will you be fine?"

Evelynn's soul transmission fell on his mind after she made the preparations to leave.

"Don't worry. Even if I lose, I won't die."

"At least, take Nadia. Her doppelganger is already guarding the Alstreim Family."

Hearing Evelynn's tone full of worry, Davis sighed inwardly before agreeing with her. If he went alone, she would probably come charging through.

Evelynn was confident of Davis. However, with Myria having so many trump cards, she felt that it was a given that one should stay wary against her countless means. She wanted to go with Davis, but she had to protect her sisters in this junction. Separating means giving their enemies a reason to pick them apart.

Evelynn was aware that's how most families with close relationships fell.

Davis followed Myria. The Obsidian Crystal Turtle opened a wide spatial vortex at this moment, allowing them entry as it stood to the side.

Simultaneously, Nadia arrived beside Davis at this moment, her majestic purple eyes striking fear into the hearts of the magical beasts.

What kind of magical beast was this? So small yet terrifying.

Nadia also got a closer look at the magical beasts who aligned themselves beside Myria.

At this moment, the Ice Phoenix also appeared beside Myria, its graceful eyes possessing a solemn look as it matched gazes with Nadia.

"Xiaolan, let's go."

Once Myria's voice fell, the Ice Phoenix took its gaze away, turned into a ray of blue light, and returned to Myria's soul sea. She stepped onto the spatial vortex, leaving the place.

Seeing this scene, the other magical beasts looked envious.

On the other hand, Nadia snorted with a disdainful grin before finally stepping inside the spatial vortex with Davis and leaving the New Era Battle Arena.

As for everyone else, they could only look stunned by this outcome.

The five magical beasts remained, having received commands to protect the Mystic Ice Sect maidens from the other humans no matter the cost.

The Alstreim Family and its subordinates left. The Mystic Ice Sect maidens also naturally left, no longer staying as they possessed the protection of the five magical beast hegemony.

Once the Mandate Emperor figured out their intentions, he no longer bothered with them. He looked at the destruction they all caused in the surroundings and finally the four specks of ashes on the ground before he belatedly sighed.

Did he make a mistake?

No matter how he thought, they were cornered into a disadvantageous position, and judging by how the Emperor of Death was treating Myria so warily, he could feel that they had possibly escaped death, but still, if he felt that he could give up his life to counter the Calamity Light, it was a small price to pay.

However, with the way those two supreme geniuses were acting, it was as if they would never allow him to witness some secrets.

Making up his mind, the Mandate Emperor raised his head.

"Everyone, please disperse. The Nine Western Territories Young Expert Competition has finally come to an abrupt end, so there's no need to remain here."

"...!?"

The people couldn't help but shudder at this announcement, wondering what the future had in store for them since they couldn't stop the source. Their eyes were bleak, the blind trust and belief in their leaders slowly dropping like a melting bar of ice.