

Magic Era 1191

Chapter 1191 Younger Generation

A voice echoed at the entrance of the Merlin Family Manor and a man shrouded in steam walked over. The Patriarch of the Charlotte Family was suddenly alarmed, he hadn't noticed that person's existence. 'Heaven Rank powerhouse! It's another Heaven Rank powerhouse! Oh damn, that Heaven Rank powerhouse is wearing a robe of the Henry Family too. Hahah, Mafa Merlin must have offended the Henry Family and the Henry Family dispatched two Heaven Rank powerhouses to retaliate!

'That's great, the Charlotte Family's crisis can finally be lifted. I just have to get in touch with the people of the Henry Family and see if we can cooperate to free my Charlotte Family from its crisis. I might even be able to develop the Charlotte Family to be one of the major forces of the Andlusa Kingdom.'

Arnaud smiled as he went through the entrance of the Merlin Family Manor while Morgan bitterly smiled and landed on the ground. That Darkness Elemental God also recovered and was put away by Morgan.

Vexed, Morgan exclaimed after going through the door of the Merlin Family, "Sir Mafa, your way of welcoming guests is really special, only I could bear this kind of enthusiasm, others might not have as much endurance..."

Arnaud shook his head with a smile on his face.

"Morgan, you idiot. I told you to curb your aura. And how could you not control your brainless Darkness Elemental God?"

"Really, you might end up killed when going through a powerhouse territory and I'll end up implicated..."

"Yeah well, I was a bit too excited since I haven't seen Sir Mafa in a while. My longing was as irresistible as a flooding river. You don't understand Arnaud, this is called true character."

"To hell with true character, you are brainless."

Morgan and Arnaud quarrelled with no regard for others as they entered the Merlin Family Manor. The onlookers were already foolishly looking at Morgan and Arnaud cordially walking forward and hugging Lin Yun. Apparently that attack comparable to the strongest 8th Tier Spell was nothing more than a greeting.

Outside the Merlin Family Manor, the Patriarch of the Charlotte Family was foolishly standing there, cold sweat trickling down his back and his smile stiffening.

'Damn, those are two Heaven Rank powerhouses of the Henry Family, two Heaven Rank powerhouses!

'They actually personally came to congratulate Mafa Merlin? And their relationship seems very good. Sh*t, which idiot gathered the information?! I have to get rid of him. No, I'll kill them all!

'Six Heaven Rank powerhouses came to congratulate Mafa Merlin, and three major forces of the Odin Kingdom dispatched people to congratulate him...

'The old Patriarch was a blind idiot, he actually provoked that kind of monster...'

"Hahaha, Sir Mafa, I'm really sorry for being late. Would you still welcome me to something as big as your inheritance of the Merlin Family's Patriarch position even though I came uninvited?"

The forthright laughing voice echoed as a silhouette appeared at the entrance of the Merlin Family Manor. The silhouette then walked through the entrance.

Outside the door, the eyes of the new Patriarch of the Charlotte Family turned black, he was completely stunned.

'Azurewave Sword Saint! Damn, he has already advanced to the Heaven Rank yet he still personally came!

'Sh*t, can someone tell me what's going on? It's fortunate that I was smart enough to come in person to congratulate Mafa Merlin, so fortunate...

'Right, I have to hurry and go in. I just have to not let Mafa Merlin's attention be on my Charlotte Family. I don't want to end up like that stupid old Patriarch and die an unjust death, I don't want to become the sinner of the Charlotte family.'

The new Patriarch looked at the gift he prepared and then ground his teeth. He then took out a few kinds of materials almost extinct in Noscent and carefully put them into the gift box before entering the Merlin Family Manor.

He gave the gift to the person in charge of receiving gifts and ignored the others' expression as he walked over with a cordial smile. He said a few congratulatory sentences from a distance, but remained tactful and didn't get close. It was a social circle of Heaven Rank powerhouses, he simply didn't dare to get close.

The new Patriarch followed Zeuss and sat down at a table. Zeuss looked at the nervously sweating new Patriarch of the Charlotte Family and a reminiscing expression flashed on his face.

'Back in those days, I was like that guy and provoked Sir Mafa... Actually, this guy is even more unlucky than me, he has just taken over a mess. But if not for that, he definitely wouldn't have become a Patriarch.

'Sir Mafa is such a good person, as long as you don't provoke him, Sir Mafa will never provoke you. And as long as you are a friend, Sir Mafa will do his best to help you.

'If not for Sir Mafa, I would have already become a cripple, but now, I'm already a Peak 9th Rank Archmage powerhouse and I even have hope of advancing to the Heaven Rank.

'I hope this newly-appointed Patriarch of the Charlotte Family has some brains...'

Zeuss patted his shoulder and gave him an encouraging gaze, but the newly-appointed Patriarch shook in fear for a long time without figuring the meaning behind it.

The banquet started. The group of Heaven Rank powerhouses were at the center with Lin Yun accompanying them. He wasn't paying attention to the people around them, but no one was

dissatisfied. Who would dare to be dissatisfied when a group of Heaven Rank powerhouses personally came to congratulate Lin Yun?

In any case, wasn't the old Patriarch Ofran keeping them company?

After the banquet, Lin Yun officially took over the Merlin Family. Since he promised Ofran to make the Merlin Family the strongest force in the Andlusa Kingdom, he had to make good on his promise.

The mage army was brought back and squeezed into the Merlin Family's school to serve as teachers for the younger generation. Lin Yun subordinate alchemists were also transferred and entered the Merlin Family's alchemy workshops to nurture the Merlin Family's alchemists.

The Merlin Family had plenty of Apprentice Alchemists, but very few would advance and become true Alchemists. In addition, it wasn't like there were many Alchemists coming to take apprentices here. The Alchemists hired from the Alchemist Guild would always hide some of the crucial parts when teaching and only taught ordinary techniques.

The alchemists from the shops under Lin Yun were dispatched to teach potioneering and he even dispatched Crowits to personally teach the Merlin Family's Alchemists about puppeteering.

There were even some learning Magic Tools and arrays.

Every single corner of the Merlin Family was checked by Shawn. The spies and traitors that could keep their secrets in front of Shawn had yet to be born. These ordinary mages simply couldn't accomplish this.

The informers of the other Families and the undiscovered traitors were all dug out and thrown into a mine to dig. Only the ones that could be trusted remained.

The Family's businesses also started collaborating with other forces, the Henry Family in particular. This made the stores of the Merlin Family raise by at least two grades.

The Andlusa Kingdom still couldn't compare to the Odin Kingdom in all fields. The same thing could be made in both kingdoms, but it would be a few times more expensive in the Andlusa Kingdom, while the quality would be better in the Odin Kingdom.

Many materials also couldn't be produced in the Andlusa Kingdom and importing them from other regions was very difficult. Their price was also very expensive.

But now, the Merlin Family could procure a large amount of materials at a relatively cheap price from the Henry Family.

At this time, the Andlusa Kingdom's forces all started competing to collaborate with the Merlin Family, even the Andlusa Royal Family extended an olive branch.

With the wealth converging, the younger generation of the Merlin Family obtained more and more natural resources and their strength naturally grew even faster.

Moreover, Lin Yun also established a library in the Merlin Family Manor. There was a lot of information written by Lin Yun himself, with the most precious being some Meditation Law Runes. There was as many as eight kinds of 13-Formulas Meditation Law Sets!

Currently, the younger generation of the Merlin Family might only have 5-Formulas Meditation Law Sets, while the core of the younger generation might obtain 7-Formulas Meditation Law Sets or 8-Formulas Meditation Law Sets.

Even Patriarch Ofran only had a 9-Formulas Meditation Law Set. There was only one 10-Formulas Meditation Law Set in the Merlin Family and it wasn't suited for everyone's use, only an extremely small number of people could use it.

Lin Yun wrote down eight 13-Formulas Meditation Law Sets and thirty 10-Formulas Meditation Law Sets...

As long as they were direct descendants of the Merlin Family, anyone could see the 5-Formulas Meditation Law Sets on the first floor of the library. As for the 2nd floor, there was a barrier and only those powerful enough could enter the barrier and take a look at the 7-Formulas Meditation Law Sets.

To enter the 3rd floor, one needed to have made contributions to the Merlin Family. Anything they did would earn them merit points, and by saving enough merit points, they could access the Meditation Law Sets placed further back.

Converting these merit points into a 13-Formulas Law Set was possible as long as they had enough achievements. Moreover, this was aimed at all the members of the Merlin Family, even those descended from a common ancestor but from a different line. As long as they were powerful enough and made some contributions, they could obtain those rewards!

After all, Meditation Law Sets were the foundation of every mage force. If their Meditation Law Sets were too weak, even if a genius appeared and became a powerhouse, he still wouldn't be able to support an entire Family.

Which of the current powerful Mage Towers and Families didn't have powerful Meditation Law Sets as a foundation? Only with these could a genius not fall into oblivion.

Lin Yun left these Meditation Law Sets after careful consideration. Many of those Meditation Law Sets would be created in the future and these Meditation Law Sets were all suited to the Merlin Family's bloodline. After all, the Merlin Family's bloodline was a powerful bloodline once awakened.

The Meditation Law Sets Lin Yun threw in the library were partial to the blood of the Merlin Family to avoid leakage to a certain degree. After all, the people who could make full use of these Meditation Law Sets were the members of the Merlin Family.

As for the shaping of Magic Conducting Runes, Lin Yun left a dozen kinds of relatively well-known Magic Conducting Runes. Mana Spring which increased mana, Mana Tide, Time Hand which decreased casting time, Elemental Imprint, Blazing Soul which increased the power of spells, Ice Heart, Earth Pulse, Storm Edge...

Even the Magic Array... Lin Yun hesitated for a while before leaving its shaping method behind. But he specifically indicated that it was only suitable for someone with a special gift.

After all, in history, there had been one member of the Merlin Family that successfully shaped the Magic Array, and it had been based on the bloodline of the Merlin Family.

The Magic Array would be known as the most formidable Magic Conducting Rune in the future. It not only referred to the Magic Array's power, it also referred to its problem. Many mages would be obsessed with power in the future and a lot of gifted people wasted their time on the Magic Array without being able to form the foundation until their death.

The most important Magic Conducting Runes left behind also required a huge amount of contribution to the Merlin Family to be learnt. Shawn left his soul imprint inside every magic book. After learning these, the mages would be unable to impart it onto others. When the magic book's content was engraved in their memories, there would be some runes entering their minds, forming a soul contract.

As for the Meditation Law Sets on the first floor, even if they were leaked, they wouldn't cause much of an impact. Without obtaining the follow-up Meditation Law Sets, the highest these people could reach would be the High Mage realm, they could only dream of advancing to the Archmage realm.

How could powerful Law Meditation Law Sets not have a kind of restriction?

It is said that starting something major was easy, but defending it would be difficult. It might be relatively easy when establishing it, but since he promised to make the Merlin Family the strongest force in the Andlusa Kingdom, it couldn't decline soon after he passed the position to someone else.

Increasing the power of the younger generation of the Merlin Family was the best method. Why were William, Ross and Leon far stronger than the other clansmen of the same generation, wasn't it because they had obtained Lin Yun's high level Core Meditation Law Sets? Their Core Meditation Law Sets were at the very least 13-Formulas Meditation Law Sets.

After finishing that, Lin Yun didn't really take care of the rest. After all, he only needed to control the general path. There were plenty of people to take care of the details.

With the library, and the natural resources, the Merlin Family's strength rapidly increased within the first two months.

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Jack Merlin was an ordinary Mage of the Merlin Family's school. He became a Mage at 19 and could even be said to be a talented person if he had been living in a smaller rural area.

Unfortunately, this was the Merlin Family. A Magic Apprentice that couldn't become a Mage before 18 would no longer be provided with resources.

As long as they were just a bit talented and had sufficient resources, even a pig could become a Mage.

The natural resources provided by the Merlin Family to underage children was never lacking. It was in order to have them break through as quickly as possible and to let them build a good foundation to give them a chance while they were so young.

Even during the hardest times of the Merlin Family, when the best resources rapidly decreased, they still wanted to guarantee that the young children had enough resources.

Back then, the fifty mages dispatched by the Merlin Family had all advanced to the Mage realm after eighteen and they no longer had the qualifications to obtain resources.

In fact, those fifty mages all became Mages after 20, they were the lowest of the lows. This was the reason the Merlin Family had very generously dispatched fifty Mages.

As for Jack, he only became a Mage at 19, this also meant that he was no longer supplied with resources. He had to rely on himself or advance to the Great Mage realm before 23 to be able to receive the Merlin Family's resources.

For this reason, Jack Merlin had no other choice but to do like the other children of the Merlin Family and take a part time job at a shop to invest gold in himself, even if the Family recently started distributing some resources to those not worth training...

After finishing work, Jack was on his way back when his path was suddenly blocked by a youth wearing an ink-colored robe. The youth was holding a peach tree staff which was already shining.

"Hey, isn't this Jack Merlin? Didn't I warn you to never approach Vayne again? A trash like you should stay in his dirty and filthy wooden house. It looks like my warning didn't work, let my spell be your warning this time!"

"Jason Watson, don't go too far! Vayne only came to our store to buy medicine!"

Jason Watson sneered, "I don't care. I already warned you to not get in contact with Vayne, but you didn't listen to my warning. So my spell is the one going to teach you this time!"

Jason rapidly chanted his incantation and a cold Ice Shield appeared. It was followed by the incantation of a Frost Spike.

An icicle rapidly appeared and flew towards Jack Merlin's face. The icy air covered Jack's hair in frost.

"Jason, don't go too far! Don't force my hand!"

Jack Merlin looked angry, but he didn't even have a magic staff in his hand.

"Jack Merlin, you are a disgrace to the Merlin Family. You, having the same bloodline as Sir Mafa is an insult to Sir Mafa. I'll teach you a lesson and let you know what power is.

"You poor ghost, you don't even have a magic staff of the lowest grade. And do you think you can defeat a 3rd Rank Mage like me as a 1st Rank Mage?"

Another Frost Spike flew by and Jack barely dodged, but his shoulder was grazed. Moreover, his left shoulder was already frozen from the cold.

In anger, Jack gritted his teeth and extended his hand, rapidly chanting. After 2.5 seconds, a head-sized Fireball was condensed and flew towards Jason with a flaming trail.

Jason stood there and kept casting, completely ignoring that Fireball.

Then, the Fireball struck Jason's shield and exploded it. His Ice Shield burst into fragments and the flames ignited Jason's robe, it also slightly burnt his hair.

"F*ck, Jack! I will kill you!"

Jason irrationally raised his magic staff and was about to cast a spell once again.

Although Jack was a bit flabbergasted, he didn't have time to worry about it and kept casting.

Then, 1.5 seconds later, Jason had yet to finish his cast when an emerald green vine appeared under his feet and instantly bound him there. The sharp thorns of the vine pierced Jason's body and absorbed his blood.

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Jack was thoroughly stunned by this outcome. He looked at his hands in shock before vigilantly checking his surroundings and fleeing in fear.

After returning home, Jack looked at his hands with an unfathomable expression.

'Heavens, what happened. I'm a 1st Rank Mage and I didn't have a staff... How could I defeat Jason? How could my spellcasting become so powerful and fast?

'Jason defeated me last month, and I didn't even have the ability to retaliate. Why did the Fireball explode his Ice Shield this time?'

Jack's face was full of doubt. After his routine meditation was over, shock could be seen on Jack's face.

'Meditation Law Set! Damn, it's the Meditation Law Set. The Meditation Law Set in the library Sir Mafa established! Right, it must be it! It must be that 5-Formulas Meditation Law Set I picked last time. It's said that there are more than five formulas to the Hand of Flame Meditation Law Set and that once I advance to the Great Mage realm, I would be able to go to the 2nd Floor and learn two more formulas... And there is still the 3rd Floor...

'Heavens, didn't the notes on the magic book mention that it could only slightly increase the power of fire spells and slightly cut down casting time. It also mentioned that only the 7-formulas version could display a bit of the true power of the Hand of Flame?

'What's going on? I'm a 1st Rank Mage, how could I defeat a 3rd Rank Mage like Jason?

'Heavens, could it be that Sir Mafa made a mistake when writing it down? It couldn't be, the Patriarch is so powerful, how could he have made a mistake. It must be because this kind of Meditation Law Set is far below him so he didn't really care.'

The next day, Jack rushed to the library like a thief and once again looked at the Meditation Law Set he had chosen, only to find out that many members of the younger generation were cautiously looking at the Meditation Law Set he had chosen.

After confirming that the content of the magic book were the same as what he remembered, Jack immediately returned to his home, his mind filled with doubt, and then started diligently gathering mana according to the Meditation Law Set.

Lin Yun really didn't make a mistake, it's just that when he spent time writing down the Meditation Law Sets, it had been based on the books within Heiss City's library.

The standard was based on those standards, but he had completely overlooked the fact that this era wasn't Noscent's peak era. Not a single one of the Meditation Law Sets in the library wasn't a first-rate

one. Even if it was assessed to only slightly increase spell power and cut down casting time, that was an assessment based on the peak of the Magic Era.

Such a small misunderstanding startled those small guys who picked those Meditation Law Sets without much hope. They thought they had been fortunate and discovered some kind of overlooked formidable Meditation Law Set.

Lin Yun didn't really care about that. The Merlin Family was moving on the right track and was becoming more prosperous with each passing day. Lin Yun even provided some Mana Potions made from the pure Mana Water. It slightly decreased the time Merlins needed to accumulate mana.

Lin Yun spent a good amount of time in the Demiplane, feeling the power of the Demiplane's Laws. He had already been at the peak of the 9th Rank and had reached a perfection that couldn't be more perfect, reached the extreme limit.

One more step and he was at the Heaven Rank. he only needed to complete the Extraordinary Transformation and he would be able to immediately become a Heaven Rank powerhouse, but that step was very difficult.

To Archmages, stepping into the Heaven Rank was similar to forming a gate and breaking through it to transcend mortality.

And the more stable that entrance was, the more stable their foundation, the harder it was to break through it, and the more benefits they would obtain.

Even during the peak of Noscent, powerful mages researched that particular breakthrough. The more perfect and powerful the foundation at the Archmage realm, the more success a mage would have at the Heaven Realm, and the greater their chances of advancing to a higher rank.

Lin Yun stayed in his Demiplane to comprehend the Laws. He wanted to complete the Extraordinary transformation, but couldn't do so. In the world of his soul, he could faintly see an ancient gate with the mark of an extremely complicated wheel standing there, immovable.

The gate exuded an aura as calm as a mountain and his soul was stuck in front of it. He only needed to push open the gate and would be able to transcend and transform.

His soul stood in front of the big gate, as small as an ant. But the gate wasn't budging, and as his comprehension grew, the steady aura coming from the gate grew heavier, making opening it harder.

Lin Yun opened his eyes and a stunned expression could be seen on his face as he bitterly smiled.

'Damn, my foundation is too powerful, it has reached an unfathomable stage. From Mage to Archmage, every single step had been flawless, and now, this gate disconnecting the Heaven Rank from mortality had become perfect...

'It's powerful to the point where I can't even break it. What is this...'

After shaking his head, Lin Yun left the Demiplane and no longer continued comprehending the Laws. He had already reached the peak and only needed one more step. No matter how much he comprehended, it wouldn't have a huge effect.

After coming out, Lin Yun received the reports of his subordinates. Recently, the Merlin Family developed smoothly. The source of their wealth had stabilized, and not only did they nurture many Alchemists, they could already work in alchemy workshops. The younger generation's advancing speed was terrifyingly fast and almost scared to death the original teachers of the Merlin Family.

Furthermore, the Andlusa Kingdom's strongest forces organized a huge competition. The Raging Flame Plane's matter could be considered settled, but there were still many territories disputed by many forces and they wanted to take advantage of that huge competition to make a judgement.

Simply said, it was a dispute over territories and the stronger ones would get what they want, this was approved by all forces.

And the Merlin Family was naturally invited. The territories Lin Yun controlled in the Raging Flame Plane weren't disputed, but the Merlin Family's territories were disputed by other forces.

Especially the Horn of Fertility which was eyed by a few forces.

The competition was split into two parts, the first part was a competition between people under 18, and the other was a competition between people under the Heaven Rank.

In short, it was a contest of the current and future strength of the forces.

During that month, Lin Yun personally chose ten talented candidates to nurture, the candidates were youth with some talent in other fields, but no one knew what the content of the training was.

After a month, Lin Yun personally led the youths of the Merlin Family that had advanced to the Mage realm before 18 to participate in the competition.

A month later, the oldest was a month away from being 18, while the youngest was still 16. After going through Lin Yun's training, the weakest was still a 3rd Rank Mage while the strongest was already a 6th Rank Mage.

The youth part of the competition had no suspense. Whether it was in terms of Rank, Meditation Law Sets, or even understanding of spell incantations, they all suppressed the youths of the other families. Among the top ten, six spots went to the Merlin Family while the remaining four were split between the Cloud Tower and the Black Tower, there was no other force.

As for the competition between Archmages, there was no suspense. Lin Yun was an Archmage, and it was reasonable to say that as a Patriarch, he had to take to the field himself to fight other Patriarches.

Then... There was no then, Lin Yun didn't even get to fight as every other force conceded. Lin Yun hadn't needed to fight to take 1st place. The other Patriarches all fought for 2nd place.

The disputed territories of the Merlin Family in the Raging Flame Plane unsurprisingly remained in the hands of the Merlin Family.

As for the Merlin Family's industry in the Andlusa Kingdom, they could be said to have a semi-monopoly on the market. Almost all alchemy potions related to the Merlin Family was extremely cheap and their quality was extremely good. Even the other Families had no choice but to get their medicine from the Merlin Family.

As for the new puppet shops, they enjoyed thorough market dominance in the Andlusa Kingdom.

And aside from Lin Yun, William, Ross, Leon, and even some mages of the next generation became the most powerful mages of the Merlin Family.

Within half a year, the Merlin Family had become the strongest mage force of the Andlusa Kingdom, and even the Cloud Tower and the Black Tower would always pick the Merlin Family as their first choice for cooperation.

Lin Yun completed his promise within half a year and then decisively passed his position to William.

After such a long period of training, William had become a lot more mature and he had already reached the 5th Rank of the Archmage realm. Moreover, after Lin Yun's training, his fighting strength exceeded his current rank and he could even fight against 7th Rank Archmages.

After straightforwardly tossing the Patriarch position to William, Lin Yun was getting ready to mull over his breakthrough. At the current stage, he needed an opportunity to advance to the Heaven Rank, he needed to find the reincarnation of that God's half-soul in the Odin Kingdom, he also needed to look for the Reedpush Plate. Those were the most important matters on his list.

Many forces knew about that God's half-soul reincarnating in the Odin Kingdom, but not many took it seriously.

After all, after reincarnating, the power of the God's half-soul would disappear and it would only become an ordinary human that advanced step by step.

And during the process, it would be impossible to remain completely hidden. No matter how slow its progress was, it would be inevitably exposed when advancing to the Heaven Rank.

It was impossible for every Heaven Rank powerhouse to completely hide themselves. Especially in a place like the Odin Kingdom. When the time came, they only needed to investigate a bit whenever someone advanced to the Heaven Rank.

Moreover, no one really cared about the scene of the end of the Era of Gods...

Except Lin Yun!

Because the destruction of the Era of Gods, of the Nesser Dynasty, and of the Magic Era in a few dozen millennia were exactly the same aside from the people involved.

None of those forces would take it seriously if they were told that Noscent would be destroyed in a few dozen millennia.

Lin Yun was seeking the truth, and for that he had to find the reincarnation of that half-soul and ask about the secrets.

Moreover, the Heaven Enlightening Plane had already been destroyed. What happened to those countless Chromatic Dragons and Pureblood Elves? That starry sky path in the Ancestral Land of the Merlin Family also had many corpses of Pureblood Elves and Dragons, there was even the corpse of a God. What happened there, what was going on?

The only person that might know something was that reincarnated God's half-soul.

And in order to deal with the upcoming calamity, he had to start building the Shelter Tower ahead of time, and for that, he had to get a hold of the important Reedpush Plate.

Raphael visited just as Lin Yun gathered all his subordinates and prepared to set off for the Odin Kingdom.

Seeing Raphael once again, Lin Yun could see that he was in high-spirits.

"Congratulations, Sir Raphael."

Lin Yun smiled and congratulated Raphael the moment he saw him.

Raphael smiled with unconcealable happiness.

"No, no, I knew that I couldn't hide my breakthrough to the Artisan realm from Sir Mafa, but it is all thanks to Sir Mafa. If not for you, I would have needed at least twenty years to advance, I wouldn't have been able to advance so easily after returning to the Odin Kingdom."

Lin Yun shook his head and sighed with a smile.

"This has nothing to do with me, it's all thanks to Sir Raphael's own efforts.

"Sir Raphael shouldn't have come to the Andlusa Kingdom just to tell me this, right?"

Raphael scratched his head with an awkward smile.

"In fact, I came representing Sky City to invite Sir Mafa to the Odin Kingdom.

"Do you know the Starry Sky College?"

Lin Yun nodded.

"As an alchemist, how could I not hear about the Starry Sky College, the holy land of alchemists? Could it be that your visit is related to the Starry Sky College?"

Raphael nodded with a mysterious expression.

"Indeed, this is related to the alchemist gathering. Only those formidable in the field of alchemy can be invited, background and power are overlooked. Anyone skilled in the field of alchemy would be invited.

"Moreover, only Artisans are qualified to participate in this gathering. Naturally, powerful alchemists are obviously formidable mages. To become an Artisan, one had to be a high-ranked Archmage, and many of them are Heaven Mages."

A trace of understanding flashed on Lin Yun's face. The Odin Kingdom organizing the alchemist gathering should be related to the Starry Sky College. Non-Artisans might really not have the qualifications to participate.

"Congratulations Sir Raphael, you can also participate in the gathering this time. This must be why you are so happy, right?"

Raphael couldn't help displaying a proud smile.

“Indeed, I was only a Master Alchemist before and couldn’t enter the alchemist gathering as I didn’t meet the requirements. My teacher brought me in once, but I unfortunately couldn’t enter the core circle. But it’ll be different this time.

“Furthermore, I was also given the task to invite Sir Mafa. As an alchemist, Sir Mafa wouldn’t give up on such an opportunity, right?”

Raphael didn’t wait for Lin Yun to answer before rapidly casting a Silent Boundary and lowering his voice like a thief as he said, “Sir Mafa, let me tell you a secret, you’ll be raring to go after hearing it.

“Many years ago, a meteorite tore through the spatial barrier of Noscent and fell in the Odin Kingdom, causing a huge disaster and killing many people. Over a hundred kilometers of land became desolate for a few centuries.

“It’s the current Meteorite Basin which was formed by the impact of the meteorite. And in the meteorite, there was a crystal.

“That crystal had been crafted into an alchemy item and is now in the Starry Sky College!

“Many people researched that crystal when it appeared, but they couldn’t solve the secret of the crystal.

“It could only be placed in the Starry Sky College because that’s where the core of the world’s alchemy is. The most powerful alchemists are all in the Starry Sky College.

“The three deans are all Saint Alchemists and the secret of the crystal could only be solved there.”

Lin Yun frowned, faintly thinking of something.

“Sir Raphael, are you saying that the focus of this gathering would be on that crystal?”

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Raphael awkwardly smiled.

“I’m actually not too clear about it. This is the decision of the Starry Sky College after all. I won’t dare to guarantee it but I’ve obtained some news. If there is nothing unexpected, they’ll take out that crystal for everyone to study.

“It is said that there are countless inscriptions on the crystal and everyone sees things differently. No one can tell how many inscriptions it contains, because even after so many years have passed, no one saw the inscription repeating, no matter who studied it.

“Everyone would see something different while looking at the crystal and they would get different feelings, there was no limit.

“And the three deans of Sky City devoted their entire lives’ experiences to research that crystal. Starry Sky College includes the most formidable alchemists of this world and they also seek to uncover the secret of that crystal in their lifetime.”

A longing expression could be seen on Raphael’s face as he spoke.

“As seekers of truth, an unsolved mystery is a lifelong goal for us, alchemists.

“Sir Mafa, this is the best opportunity. So many years passed and no one has solved this mystery before.

“We can just take the chance to observe that crystal to get some rare comprehension. This is an opportunity that can’t be refused for an alchemist. You don’t want to join?”

Lin Yun thought for a bit. He had many things to do in the Odin Kingdom so casually following Raphael to that alchemist gathering was also good. Moreover, he was also very curious about that crystal, it would be for the best if he checked it out.

“I can’t refuse, wait for me to finish handing over the Patriarch position and we can set off.”

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After handing over the Merlin Family to William, Lin Yun followed Raphael and set off on his floating fortress...

This floating fortress wasn’t the same as the battle-oriented floating fortress Sky City dispatched to the Raging Flame Plane, it looked like a silver fish-like shuttle. Not only was there not a single crack on it, it had a silver white metallic luster and was very sharp.

Seeing its shape, Lin Yun knew that this thing was very fast. Moreover, it was using mana crystals as energy sources and was especially suitable for long distance flights.

Lin Yun didn’t have to worry about flying to the Odin Kingdom by himself since he had the support of his Demiplane. But other Heaven Mages definitely didn’t have that much mana to waste.

Lin Yun stepped foot in the flying shuttle. It wasn’t too spacious, it was ten-meter-long and there were only three rooms that could be used for resting. It was clearly used by Raphael to pick up one or two people, any more and it would feel too crowded.

A smug expression could be seen on Raphael’s face as he boarded the flying shuttle. He looked just like a child wanting to show off his favorite toy.

“Hey, Sir Mafa, can you see any part of the flying shuttle that could be improved?”

Lin Yun glanced at Raphael and smiled. He knew that this guy was flaunting his own flying shuttle, but he looked very honest, as if he was really asking for guidance.

A few law runes came out of Lin Yun’s mouth and fell onto this floating flying shuttle. In an instant, icy blue patterns appeared on the surface of that silver white flying shuttle. An elegant deep green law rune was still floating in front of the flying shuttle and the air seemed to slide around that rune.

A gorgeous crimson pattern had also appeared in the back of the flying shuttle. It took a few seconds for the flying shuttle to be remodelled.

Raphael foolishly looked at the even more magnificent and high-profile flying shuttle, he wasn’t able to react.

‘Heavens, I was just being modest... Yet Sir Mafa really helped me remodel my flying shuttle? Eh, how could the flying shuttle be even more perfect?’

'The gale rune in the front keeps diverting the air, reducing the air resistance to its minimum and increasing the flight speed.

'The ice patterns covering the surface would reduce the damage to the materials caused by the air friction when flying at high speed.

'The fire pattern in the back seems to be an explosive pattern. Could it be using flames as a driving force? The mana required would be enormous...

'How long did it take? Not only has Sir Mafa become even more powerful, his ability in the field of alchemy grew even stronger. I simply can't make sense of those patterns... And I've already advanced to the Artisan realm!'

After a few glances, Raphael couldn't understand what he was seeing, he could only roughly guess. But since he knew that Lin Yun was far superior in the field of alchemy, he wasn't ashamed to ask.

"Sir Mafa, can you explain those..."

Lin Yun pointed to the front of the flying shuttle.

"That law rune is only the main body, there are 389 gale runes around it that would make the air slide towards the sides, and it completely fits the shape of the flying shuttle. The air would be squeezed towards the back and the driving force taking shape would increase the shuttle's speed by 40%.

"The ice runes on the surface form a revolving pattern that could reduce the wear and tear of the flying shuttle. Moreover, it would make the driving force from the air take shape of a spiral which would form a sort of wind shield.

"That fire pattern in the back could form a short explosion which would create a great driving force that can triple the flying shuttle's speed for a short time. It could burst with ten times the same speed within ten seconds, and with a spirit mana crystal, it could be used for three minutes at most.

"The insides also have earth runes forming a stable system, lightening the flying shuttle's weight and decreasing the pressure from sharp accelerations. Oh, it's the huge pressure created when the flying shuttle suddenly go faster.

"When there is a mage under the Archmage realm, it's best not to use the fastest flame acceleration or they would be crushed to death by the pressure..."

Lin Yun gave a detailed explanation to Raphael, this wasn't a matter worth keeping secret. Moreover, this was a result of his research of the Four-Element Bomb. Lin Yun researched many similar paths. The casual remodelling wasn't too serious.

But Raphael looked as if he had seen a ghost, he was horrified. He walked around it a dozen times, and went in and out a dozen times, before ultimately walking out with a defeated expression.

"Sir Mafa, I was just joking earlier. This really gives me no sense of accomplishment. You know, I personally manufactured this flying shuttle after advancing to the Artisan realm..."

Lin Yun felt a bit embarrassed, he had really thought that Raphael wanted him to remodel the flying shuttle.

Lin Yun had yet to say anything before Raphael smiled and caressed the flying shuttle with emotion while letting out a strange laughter.

“Hey, this flying shuttle is a lot better than most of Sky City’s flying shuttles... No, it’s better than those few Artisan’s.

“Their flying shuttles can’t be as fast, ten times the speed? Ahahah...”

Lin Yun ignored Raphael as he started laughing strangely and entered the flying shuttle. That thing was originally tailored for speed and wasn’t used for battle. Floating fortresses were used for battle, and Sky City had plenty of floating fortresses. Even Sky City’s main city was a huge floating fortress.

Raphael and Lin Yun had yet to leave when someone of the Black Tower arrived. By chance, that person of the Black Tower also wanted to go to the Odin Kingdom, so they went together.

After they entered the flying shuttle, the door thoroughly closed and the impatient Raphael went into the operating room. Raphael casually put a Level 35 mana crystal into the energy source slot of the flying shuttle.

The flying shuttle rapidly activated as the huge energy of the mana crystal was being absorbed, especially the abilities Lin Yun had added to the shuttle.

From the outside it looked like the flying shuttle rapidly rose into the sky before being shrouded into a drill-like gale. The air and pressure from the atmosphere seemed to be pushing the shuttle forward.

As mana circulated, a layer of spiralling airflow enveloped the flying shuttle. Then, that gorgeous crimson-colored decorative design also started shining and a dozen-meter-long flame suddenly erupted.

The flying shuttle instantly disappeared and appeared several hundred meters away in a second. A few seconds later, its speed already surpassed the speed of sound, but the loud vibration couldn’t be heard from the inside.

After sitting down, Lin Yun decisively used a Mana Shield, saw the 3rd person copy his movement, and then silently looked at Raphael.

Sure enough, it looked as if Raphael’s body was sent flying by a slap as he painfully hit the wall. He looked as if he was glued to the metal wall and his face rapidly turned red as blood rushed to his head. He only felt a bit better after casting a defensive spell, but he looked as if he was completely suppressed and couldn’t budge.

Lin Yun smiled as he sat there, motionless. After three minutes, the flying shuttle’s speed started stabilizing and Raphael fell from the wall. He hurriedly rushed over to control the flying shuttle’s movement and dispel the erupting flames at the back of the flying shuttle, slowing down the flying shuttle’s speed. After losing the speed of sound, a huge booming sound echoed like a thunderclap.

Raphael’s face paled as he looked at Lin Yun who had placed a Silent Boundary around them.

“Sir Mafa, isn’t this... A bit too extreme?”

Raphael still had lingering fears as he recalled Lin Yun’s previous words: Those under the Archmage realm might be pressured to death when the flying shuttle burst with all its power. This wasn’t a joke.

He was a 1st Rank Heaven Mage and still ended up plastered to the wall because he had been caught off guard. Those under the Archmage realm might be crushed instantaneously even with shields on.

That huge pressure was almost comparable to a Gravity Spell increasing the gravity a few dozen times, his blood and internal organs had been squeezed.

It could really kill someone.

Raphael complained with a pale expression, but he instantly became silent after looking outside.

“Heavens, it’s only been a few minutes but we have already flown over a hundred kilometers? Haha, perfect! I take back what I said Sir Mafa, my apologies. This is the most perfect remodelling I’ve ever seen!”

The original uses of the flying shuttle was for travel and escape. Naturally, the latter was more important.

Without complete coordinates, even a 3rd Rank Heaven Mage’s Spatial Door couldn’t cross two hundred kilometers within a few minutes!

Having this thing was equivalent to having a second life when meeting danger. When encountering a spatial storm or an elemental storm, opening a Spatial Door was definitely impossible.

The only way to escape was flight, but relying on Flight to escape something of such magnitude wasn’t always possible. Many mages died under those calamities, and that included Heaven Mages. Especially in the Endless Sea, the deadliest thing there wasn’t the countless powerful magic beasts and sea races, but the unpredictable environment.

But with that thing, not only could he go anywhere in Noscent, his odds of surviving when faced with that kind of danger were much higher than other Heaven Mages’.

Raphael was pale, but he ignored that uncomfortable feeling and remained in the cabin. He started loudly shouting as if he had drunk a dozen Berserk Potions and kept testing the burst of speed.

There were several dozen thousand kilometers from the Merlin Family to the border between the Andlusa Kingdom and the Odin Kingdom. Under normal circumstances, it would take seven days even with the fastest flying shuttle, but it took them a day and a half.

As they arrived, Sky City’s welcoming team was already waiting there. A battleship almost two hundred meters in length was floating in the air. Raphael’s flying shuttle landed on that huge battleship.

Lin Yun’s eyes flickered as he saw the floating battleship from inside the flying shuttle.

This kind of floating battleship was the prototype of a kind of offensive battleship that would sleeplessly conquer endless planes.

When Noscent developed to its peak, the number of planes that had been colonized was almost uncountable. And the greatest heroes weren’t those powerful and unfathomable mages that could even destroy planes.

Rather, it was a relatively old-fashioned kind of magic battleship that could conquer a small plane even when operated by a few Great Mages.

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The Bone Plane Lin Yun visited early on, and where he had obtained the Book of Death, would be completely conquered within a few months by an almost destroyed battleship controlled by a few weak mages.

The Intrepid relied on the Heaven Grade array and its God's body as a frame. It also had countless mana crystal cannons and an intact Hand of Destruction. This was the root of the Intrepid's power.

As for the design, the Intrepid's design was far inferior to the peak battleships of Noscent.

"Sir Raphael, Sky City didn't drive such a large battleship here just to pick me up, right?"

Raphael smiled.

"You are right, I'm in charge of picking up Sir Mafa while this battleship is picking a Family in the Andlusa Kingdom."

Raphael and Lin Yun chatted as they walked out of the flying shuttle. There were many mages wearing robes with Sky City's symbols busying themselves on the deck. There were also many sturdy Sword Saints patrolling and many alchemy puppets laboring.

As they walked out of the flying shuttle, a middle-aged man wearing strange glasses and seemingly in his forties was standing before them. Faint mana fluctuations could be seen on the surface of his glasses and he looked like an alchemist that had been cooped in his laboratory for a long time, he was exuding the temperament of an alchemist.

"Heavens, Sir Raphael, is that the flying shuttle you made? It looks really beautiful. Look at those magic patterns, they are simply too perfect, no, they aren't just perfect. Heavens, it's actually shaped by law runes... Such a talented method, such a perfect design..."

When Raphael got down from the flying shuttle, that middle-aged man's gaze slightly moved as he exclaimed in surprise. He walked to the side of the flying shuttle and his eyes kept sweeping around. The mana fluctuations on the glasses Magic Tool he wore rapidly increased.

Raphael had an embarrassed expression as he rushed forward and pulled that middle-aged man over.

"Sir Raphael, what are you doing? You don't want to let me see your design? Damn, have you forgotten how many times I helped you when you just became Teacher's disciple. Hell, if it wasn't for me concealing that thing from Teacher, you would have already been kicked out.

"You are petty, I only want to take a look at this outstanding design yet you actually..."

The middle-aged man started bringing up Raphael's dark history, so the embarrassed Raphael had to interrupt.

"Gurud, can you first shut your stinky mouth? Don't you see that we have guests?"

Hearing these words, Gurud, who seemed to have entered a magical state, noticed Lin Yun walking out of the flying shuttle.

“Oh, I’m sorry, damn Raphael, you should tell me earlier if there are guests. Isn’t introducing your senior apprentice brother something that you ought to do? What are you foolishly standing here for...”

Raphael bitterly smiled.

“Sir Mafa, this is my senior apprentice brother, Gurud. He is also an Artisan putting all his energy in the world of alchemy. His lifetime’s goal is to seek the truth of alchemy.

“It’s just... You understand...”

As he said that, Raphael ambiguously pointed at his head. Raphael was so obvious, but Gurud’s eyes were still locked onto the flying shuttle as if he hadn’t heard anything.

Lin Yun smiled and didn’t really mind. This kind of person were the purest alchemists, alchemy was their faith.

Raphael pulled Gurud away from the flying shuttle.

“Sir Gurud! This is Sir Mafa Merlin I mentioned to you before, he is a formidable Artisan. He is one of the few people I admire in the field of array, alongside the three Deans of the Starry Sky College and our teacher.

“Sir Mafa’s mastery of the field of array is very high, his mastery of puppeteering and refining is definitely in the Artisan realm, but more importantly, Sir Mafa seems to be most proficient in potioning...”

Raphael gave an introduction, but Gurud’s eyes were still focused on the flying shuttle. Raphael’s expression was a bit dark and his voice kept rising.

“Sir Gurud! I’m talking to you, can you stop looking at that damned flying shuttle? Don’t you want to know about the magic patterns formed from law runes? It’s not something I could create, rather, it was Sir Mafa’s remodelling!”

In short, Gurud seemed to have suddenly snapped out of it and immediately looked at Lin Yun, observing him like a hungry wolf would stare at a delicious steak.

“Raphael, you fool, how could you not say that earlier? How could you let this distinguished person just stand there and not prepare black tea to entertain... This Sir...”

“Mafa Merlin.”

“Oh, I hope you don’t mind if I call you Sir Mafa. Ah, I hope you won’t take offense... Why is this ice rune carved in such a way? Although it lessens the damage from the friction while flying, it would also slow down the flying shuttle’s speed.

“Shouldn’t speed be the main requirement of this flying shuttle? And the fire magic pattern in the back should be causing a huge amount of pressure to the flying shuttle. Based on my calculations, when the fire patterns are activated, there should be 78% chance of the flying shuttle collapsing...”

“But the flying shuttle is clearly intact. The foundation of these materials and the mechanical system could be considered flawless. This means that my calculations are wrong. What have I overlooked?”

Gurud’s eyes shone as he directly started discussing these matters with Lin Yun.

The surrounding people didn’t seem surprised by this sight. Raphael facepalmed and tried to pull Gurud away with a painful expression, but Gurud remained motionless. He put the flying shuttle away, but still couldn’t pull away the enthusiastic Gurud.

At that time, Raphael’s expression suddenly changed.

“They are here.”

At that time, Gurud who was pulling Lin Yun to his side to discuss alchemy suddenly had an ugly expression and looked in the distance. A dozen-meter-big flying carpet was flying towards the battleship.

The flying carpet wasn’t constantly undulating like an ordinary flying carpet, it was floating towards them like a flat carpet.

There was a small table on the flying carpet and a corpse-pale mage with an aquiline nose was sitting there. The mage was wearing a simple gown and a huge pile of paper could be seen on the small table. The mage kept writing something with a quill.

There were a few mages wearing simple robes kneeling on the back of the flying carpet. Their cuffs had a silver circle symbol formed from various silver leaves and a potion bottle could be seen in the middle.

The atmosphere on the floating battleship seemed to turn serious when these people approached.

Lin Yun could clearly see that they were flying from the Andlusa Kingdom, and from their temperaments, they were clearly alchemists. The symbol on their cuffs were different from ordinary alchemists, but Lin Yun could see that they were proficient in potioning.

Each of those nine leaves were different and represented a leaf medicinal ingredient. After all, not all medicinal ingredients could be used in the form of a leaf. Many leaves would only appear for a short period of time and couldn’t be used as a raw material in potioning.

Alchemists who could recognize nine leaves were very rare, three of the leaves belonged to a neglected kind of medicinal ingredient and ordinary alchemy potions simply couldn’t use that kind of ingredient.

Their cuffed magic robes meant that they belonged to a mage family, and a mage family with a Heaven Rank powerhouse. But how come Lin Yun never heard of them before?

Apparently noticing Lin Yun’s doubt, Raphael lowered his voice and explained to Lin Yun with a steady expression.

“Most of Sky City’s alchemists are pursuing their studies in the Starry Sky College and they are also followers of the Starry Sky College.

“This time, you aren’t the only Andlusan to have accepted the invitation of the Starry Sky College. Of the four Artisans of the Andlusa Kingdom, one is already in the Odin Kingdom, another one is in some random plane and can’t be found.

“And aside from Sir Mafa, there is still that repulsive Hardward Family.”

Lin Yun frowned and faintly looked at the Hardward Family.

Raphael gnashed his teeth as he kept explaining to Lin Yun.

“The Hardward Family is a pure alchemist family, they feel that being like mage families and expanding one’s territory, running businesses and participating in war is a blaspheme towards alchemy and would end up in alchemy being neglected. Thus, their family remains in seclusion and never allow the younger generation of their family use their name outside.

“Hey, they are hypocrites among hypocrites, they are really loathsome. If they didn’t run businesses, where did their Family’s wealth come from? After all, the materials required for alchemy aren’t cheap. They require a huge amount of wealth, especially when nurturing the next generation of alchemists, they would need to burn gold coins, no, mana crystals...

“Over 90% of the mages of our Sky City are alchemists. It’s safe to say that our ability to amass wealth is clearly stronger than other forces, but the plans to expand Sky City’s main city have been put aside for more than five centuries since we simply don’t have sufficient wealth...

“These hypocrites are saying one thing, but aren’t they secretly conquering a few planes to support their wealth?”

Raphael’s expression wasn’t so great, and Gurud was also gnashing his teeth. His fists’ bones were cracking and could loudly be heard. The mana roaming his body had become a bit unstable and he was looking at these flying mages as if they were his foes.

Lin Yun understood. He had been wondering where he had heard the name Hardward. This was a secluded alchemist family of the Andlusa Kingdom. It wasn’t well-known, only a few first-rate major forces knew about them.

When he inherited the Merlin Family, he had seen their names in the Merlin Family’s records.

Moreover, when the Merlin Family rapidly developed their alchemy and amassed wealth, they seemed to have come in contact with the Hardward Family.

The Merlin Family’s alchemy materials were the best, their techniques were also not lacking and their price was cheaper than the usual. This made the Cloud Tower and the Black Tower look for the Merlin Family to craft their potions. It was said that the Cloud Tower had been procuring their potions from the Hardward Family before, but they had been completely replaced by the Merlin Family.

It was natural for this secluded alchemist family to have conflicts with the high-profile alchemy force known as Sky City. It looks like they were already hostile to each other.

The flying carpet rapidly flew above the battleship and the group of Hardwards overlooked the deck.

Gurud raised his head and glanced at the people on the flying carpet before loudly cursing, “Watby, you fool, what are you hovering above for? Our battleship is about to sail, we don’t have time to wait for you.”

He then roared to the hold, “Set sail, full speed ahead!”

After a few seconds, dense mana fluctuations appeared on the surface of the battleship. The mechanical system worked at full strength and the huge floating battleship started slowly accelerating.

At that time, the people on the flying carpet had no other choice but to land on deck, because the energy barrier would start rising once the battleship was set in motion and once the battleship reached a certain speed, they would no longer be able to come in. When the time came, they could only rouse the flying carpet to fly to the Odin Kingdom.

The flying carpet needed a mage’s mana to move, and flying to the Odin Kingdom would definitely exhaust a first-rate Archmage to death.

After the flying carpet landed, the mage who had been writing looked up with a resentful and disdainful expression.

“Gurud, you have been corrupted by money, you are an idiot that can’t find the path to the truth. Didn’t you notice that I was in the middle of some important calculations?”

“This formula may be related to the path of truth of all alchemists... Forget it, there is no point talking to you, you definitely can’t understand this. You are already walking on the wrong path, you are an impure alchemist. Alchemy is completely profaned in your hands.”

Gurud had an angry expression, his alchemy path, his pursuit of truth was being rejected by someone, this was a huge provocation.

It wouldn’t end unless they went all-out. Lin Yun suddenly understood why the Hardward Family’s relationship with Sky City was so poor. The biggest reason why the two forces weren’t already at war should be because they were in different kingdoms. They couldn’t rashly start a war across kingdoms.

Gurud pointed at Watby.

“Watby, come, let me take a look at the progress you have made over the years. Just a broken formula and you dare to say that it relates to the path of truth of all alchemists?”

A proud expression appeared on Watby’s face before he picked the piece of paper with both hands.

“Fool who has been led astray, take a look. It doesn’t matter even if you destroy those sheets of paper, I already recorded the important data. You can’t use despicable methods to destroy my research!”

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Gurud was shaking from anger as he took that stack of paper. He immediately took out a quill and another stack of paper and laid down on the deck to calculate.

Gurud immersed himself in calculations, but Watby sneered after a few minutes, "Stupid Gurud, I'm afraid it's impossible for you to do calculations with your intelligence, can you even calculate what this formula is used for?"

Gurud's silence made Watby even more proud.

"Let me tell you, I intend to name this formula Watby Formula. This formula's algorithm could greatly decrease the burden on alchemy calculations while preventing most of the calculation mistakes. As long as my research is complete, it'll lead all alchemists further on the path to the truth, while making it easier!"

Lin Yun was stunned when he heard Watby's words, before inwardly shaking his head.

'Were new algorithms that easy to complete? Truly stupid, speed isn't the most important part in alchemy calculations, accuracy is. Only having 100% accuracy matters. Pursuing speed itself is a mistake.

'Even after 1000 years, 1800 years, 3500 years, 5000 years...

'New algorithms will keep appearing, but all algorithms pursuing speed would end up as failures, all without a single exception. In low level calculations, speed-pursuing algorithms might truly lessen the workload, but at the higher levels, the frequency at which mistakes appeared would make it unacceptable for alchemists.

'The original intent was good, but he unfortunately forgot what the most important part of alchemy was...'

Lin Yun remained silent and just watched. From his short discussion with Gurud, he was able to feel that he was an alchemist with very solid foundations who purely focused on alchemy. The questions he asked went to the crux of the matter. With Gurud's abilities, he would be able to perform advanced calculations within a dozen minutes. When the time came, he would be able to easily point out the mistakes.

"Stupid Gurud, you are still calculating? How is it? The algorithm I designed could be considered a world-defying masterpiece, the calculations' efficiency can't be compared to the old-fashioned algorithms you are using, it's far more efficient, isn't it?"

Watby kept mocking Gurud, but Gurud didn't seem to be hearing him. However, Raphael couldn't sit still.

'Damn it, what's the result of Gurud's calculations? Could it be that this fool really researched a new algorithm? If we end up suppressed by that fool Watby, we might end up unable to raise our heads in Sky City in the future.

'For Sky City's Artisan to lose to the hypocrites of the Hardward Family, especially to that loathsome Watby... At the last gathering, Teacher said that he wished he could get rid of that hateful guy. Sh*t, if not for the Hardward Family being in the Andlusa Kingdom, we would have already moved the main city over to get rid of these hypocrites.

'What should I do if Gurud can't find a mistake? Could it be that we really have to let that stupid Watby announce his victory when he enters the Odin Kingdom?'

Raphael was about to say something when Lin Yun suddenly gave him a meaningful glance.

Seeing Lin Yun looking at him with a relaxed expression, Raphael suddenly came to a realization and calmed down.

‘Since Sir Mafa is hinting at me to stay at ease, then there certainly shouldn’t be any problem. Right, although Gurud’s behavior is a bit strange, he is outstanding when it comes to alchemy.’

‘How could that idiot Watby have developed an even more efficient and faster algorithm? Gurud will definitely find a mistake...’

After fifteen minutes, Gurud was still lying on the deck while doing rapid calculations. Watby, and the members of the Hardward Family he had brought with him, all had a victorious grin on their faces.

“Gurud, it’s fine, you don’t need to worry too much about it. Only people like us who devote ourselves to the world of alchemy can get the real truth. You undoubtedly took the wrong fork in the road, it’s...”

Watby smiled like a winner and started his victory speech, but before he could even finish, Gurud shouted from his lying position.

“Hahah, I found it! I knew it had to be wrong, I knew there was a mistake!

“Idiot Watby, are you trying to harm all alchemists? Look, look! Only Apprentice Alchemists can use your formula for calculations. If a Master Alchemist uses it to do calculations, the error rate would actually be at 3%!

“Hell, when an Artisan uses it to perform calculations, the error rate would go as high as 7%. Heavens, 7% error rate!

“Even an Apprentice Alchemist knows what an error rate of 7% means! That’s a complete mistake! A complete failure!

“Watby, you are trying to harm all alchemists! You treacherous b*stard!”

Raphael sneered with his arms crossed.

“The alchemists of the Hardward Family are really a disgrace among alchemists, they actually concocted such a treacherous plan. This would have destroyed all alchemists at the Apprentice realm.”

Watby’s expression suddenly changed and he then stole Gurud’s sheets of papers to study his calculations. His expression turned even more unsightly, because Gurud’s calculation process was very complicated, but it also meant that it was complete. All details were complete and the result was clearly written on the piece of paper.

Facing Gurud and Raphael’s counterattack, Watby suddenly sneered.

“So what if there is a mistake? The path to the truth is in eliminating mistakes and then occasionally finding the truth.

“Oh, Raphael, turns out you advanced to the Artisan realm. No wonder you dare to speak. You were still an apprentice when I advanced to the Artisan realm, yet you actually dare to criticize me?”

“Don’t tell me that you never make mistakes while calculating? All research requires errors to find the correct path. So what if there is one mistake? Even those three guys closest to the truth in the Starry Sky College have made mistakes in their lives.”

Watby had an arrogant expression as he said those words righteously, saying that his mistake was a mistake that often appeared in research. This immediately made the asocial Gurud tongue-tied. That reason was simply impeccable.

Raphael also had an unsightly expression.

“Sir Watby, this is but mere sophistry, this is completely...”

Watby sneered as he looked at the two.

“What? Am I wrong? It’s very normal for an alchemy to make a mistake, who could prevent it? Am I wrong?”

Gurud’s face turned red at Watby’s twisted explanation.

Raphael also didn’t know what to say and suddenly turned towards Lin Yun and pulled him over with an anxious expression.

“Sir Mafa, what do you think? Please say something, this guy is just too... Too...”

Lin Yun had yet to speak when a youthful Heaven Rank powerhouse behind Watby suddenly sneered.

“What’s this thing? A young Archmage dares to butt in an adult’s research?”

After saying those words, a burst of Extraordinary Power pressured Lin Yun’s body. He apparently wanted to rely on this Extraordinary Power aura to silence Lin Yun.

On the side, Raphael’s expression changed and he released his Extraordinary Aura to counter it.

“Stebe, are you actually courting death!? Is this the attitude of your Hardward Family?”

Watby also burst out with his own Extraordinary Power to suppress Raphael’s aura with a sneer.

“Raphael, do you think that you can speak with a straightened back because you advanced to the Heaven Rank? We are discussing as Artisans, not mages.

“Have the younger generation of your Sky City quiet down, they don’t know manners. You are welcome for the lesson...”

Raphael’s Extraordinary Power was resisted by Watby and Gurud was only a 9th Rank Archmage, he simply couldn’t interfere.

Obtaining Watby’s support, Stebe’s Extraordinary Power suddenly became a lot heavier as he pressured Lin Yun.

Gurud looked angry, but he simply couldn’t get involved. Cold sweat trickled down Raphael’s forehead, but it was because he was looking at Watby and Stebe as if they were already dead.

'Damn, two huge idiots. Especially that Stebe. Does he really think that he can do whatever he wants because he is the heir of the Hardward Family?

'Idiot, you actually provoked Sir Mafa. F*ck that stupid Watby, I was saving Stebe!

'They are guests invited by the Starry Sky College, I can't let Sir Mafa get rid of these two idiots. Sir Mafa has a really bad temper, please don't kill that guy.

'Hell, these two idiots aren't enough to get rid of Sir Mafa. If they are killed, how do I explain to the Starry Sky College upon return? Even if I hope that these two idiots die, they can't be killed here...'

Raphael and Watby's clash of Extraordinary Power grew stronger and stronger. The two men's auras were stuck in a deadlock and Raphael simply couldn't say anything, he could only glance at Lin Yun and pray that Lin Yun wouldn't suddenly burst in anger and kill these two.

Lin Yun didn't display a iota of powerful aura, it looked as if he was truly pressured by the Extraordinary Power, up until he turned and glanced at Stebe. At that moment, that young Heaven Rank powerhouse felt as if a slumbering God had opened his eyes and was gazing upon him. A terrifying pressure suppressed him. Starlight seemed to be flickering within that pair of eyes, and it felt as if a pair of pitch-black eyes were attentively looking at him from the depths of the starry sky.

At that moment, the Heaven Rank powerhouse could already feel the touch of death. It would only take a second for his soul to be torn to shreds by that terrifying power.

Stebe cried out in fear and couldn't help taking a step back before scattering his Extraordinary Power. But after taking a step back, he discovered that everything had been an illusion.

As for Lin Yun, he calmly stood there. His robe wasn't blown by the wind and his expression remained calm.

Stebe exclaimed in surprise and Watby also stopped confronting Raphael.

Raphael instantly sighed in relief and immediately introduced Lin Yun.

"Watby, Stebe, you had better show some respect. This is a guest of the Starry Sky College! Merlin Family's Mafa Merlin, a formidable Artisan!"

Raphael's tone carried some admonishment, but it was for the sake of the other side...

Chapter 1196 Competition

'Hell, if it wasn't because I'm afraid Sir Mafa would suddenly burst in anger and eliminate these two morons, why else would I be helping those idiots of the Hardward Family? No, if it was somewhere else, I would have definitely approved of Sir Mafa getting rid of these two fools.' Stebe and Watby's expressions changed. The Merlin Family was the strongest force in the Odin Kingdom at the moment. Even the Cloud Tower and the Black Tower couldn't compare to the Merlin Family.

And the mastermind behind it was the famous Mafa Merlin, even the Hardward Family knew about it.

Stebe paled as he thought of that huge deathly pressure and immediately understood that it hadn't been an illusion.

'Heavens, this is Mafa Merlin, he is even younger than portrayed in the rumors. As an Archmage, he killed the Patriarch of the Charlotte Family, a Demon Overlord, and a Magic Tool Incarnation that could display the power of the Heaven Rank all on his own.

'It turned out to be this guy, my sight isn't what it used to be...'

Watby's expression slightly changed, but he instantly sneered and stood up, even if he didn't look very confident. All the forces of the Andlusa Kingdom knew of Lin Yun's achievements before becoming the Patriarch of the Merlin Family.

"It turned out to be Sir Mafa Merlin. We came to attend a gathering, but it is an alchemist gathering. Only Artisans received an invitation, no one cares about one's strength.

"No one cares about wealth either. Those with the most wealth are walking on the wrong fork of the alchemy path. They can't be considered pure alchemists!"

Watby and Stebe didn't dare to say too much and only expressed their opinion of Lin Yun in terms of alchemy. Just like Sky City, he was walking on the wrong path.

They didn't mention anything outside of alchemy. After all, after Lin Yun became a Patriarch, rumors started spreading wildly in the Andlusa Kingdom. He was bad-tempered, had strong fighting power, was extremely young, and was the sharpest blade of the Merlin Family within the past millennium.

Everything Lin Yun had done spread far and wide and was summed up to one thing. Never provoke him or you would die.

Raphael didn't know what had just happened. Lin Yun hadn't resisted, he had only glanced at Stebe and the latter paled.

But hearing Watby bringing up alchemy, Raphael sneered and took out his flying shuttle.

"Sir Watby, everyone knows about Sir Mafa being an Artisan. Moreover, he has been invited by the Starry Sky College. Are you calling into question the decision of the Starry Sky College?"

"This is the flying shuttle Sir Mafa helped me remodel, do you even have this kind of power?"

Watby's expression turned serious as he saw the flying shuttle Raphael took out.

The magic patterns on the flying shuttle were gorgeous and powerful. The layout looked wrong, but as a whole, it seemed perfect.

There were even things that he couldn't completely understand. But at that instant, a sneer could be seen on Watby's face.

"This isn't the methods of a pure alchemist but the power of a mage. It cannot show his strength on the alchemy path. Moreover, there are powerful Artisans, but also weak Artisans. There are still a couple of Artisans trying to sneak in the Starry Sky College even though their strength is lacking and they only know one or two Artisan-level tricks.

"Let me say this, the true strength of an alchemist is reflected on their foundation. Only alchemists with the strongest foundations could have true alchemy methods!"

“Moreover, as an alchemist, I only believe in what I see. Truth can never be found in rumors.”

Watby was firmly focused on Lin Yun’s alchemy skills. Gurud was about to say something, but Raphael immediately stopped him while smiling. He squinted and waited on the side, not saying anything.

‘That foolish Watby is actually questioning Sir Mafa in the field of alchemy? And on foundations? How could he even compare?’

‘What a joke. Sir Mafa isn’t just a very powerful alchemist, his alchemy foundations are unimaginably deep and stable. If his alchemy foundations weren’t extremely solid, how could Sir Mafa have such a high proficiency in potioneering, puppeteering, refining, and in the field of arrays?’

‘Watby is courting death. So even the rumored pure alchemist family can be afraid of Sir Mafa? Sir Mafa’s legend has already spread far and wide in the Andlusa Kingdom. These two guys are clearly afraid that Sir Mafa would burst out in anger and suddenly get rid of them.’

‘Didn’t you say something about sacrificing your own life for the sake of truth? How come you are afraid now and want to challenge Sir Mafa in the field of alchemy?’

‘Idiots, the Hardward Family is truly a family of idiots...’

Watby saw Lin Yun remaining silent and suddenly sneered.

“Sir Mafa Merlin, are you afraid of challenges? Artisans should never be afraid of challenges. Challenges are also a way to find the path of truth.”

‘This Mafa Merlin is really powerful and irascible. As long as he had an excuse, he would unhesitantly kill someone with no regards for the others, he is an extremely cruel guy.’

‘However, it is also said that he is an Artisan. The alchemists of the Merlin Family’s alchemy businesses had all been under his care. But it is said that none of the potions of the Merlin Family had been compounded by Mafa Merlin. The rumor that he is most proficient in potioneering might not necessarily be true.’

‘Then I should challenge him to calculating the ratios of ingredients and the configuration of the medicinal ingredients in a potion. That’s a very complicated calculation, and the higher grade the potion, the more different the ratio of ingredients. But it is a fundamental skill in alchemy.’

‘And that fundamental skill has to be gained through experience. Relying on pure calculation ability wouldn’t work. It relies on the patterns and experiences an alchemist would gain through countless calculations. This Mafa Merlin is so young yet so powerful. He must have spent most of his time increasing his magical abilities and researching magic. He definitely shouldn’t have much alchemy experience. Moreover, his abilities shouldn’t have been tempered for too long, they are definitely not good...’

“Since it’s Sir Watby’s wish, then let’s get on with it. As per the customs, you issued the challenge, so you can pick the theme.”

Lin Yun originally didn’t want to bother with the grudges of the Hardward Family and Sky City. Even if they crushed each other, it wouldn’t have much to do with him, but these two Hardwards were trying to

stomp on Lin Yun and arrogantly pressured Raphael and Gurud. They shouldn't blame others if they end up humiliated.

Watby sneered as he took out a piece of crystal table from his spatial ring. He then took out a big pile of materials and put them on the crystal table one after another.

"Sir Mafa Merlin, I purchased these materials on the outside. Let's calculate the ratio of materials needed to craft the potion. I believe I don't need to tell you what potion these materials can be compounded into?"

Watby took out a quill, ink, paper, and made his preparations on the side. As for Lin Yun, he calmly took out his calculations tools.

"Gurud, can you inspect the materials? These materials have yet to be processed."

Gurud was an upright person. To put it rudely, he was heartless. There was only space for alchemy in his mind.

After inspecting the materials, he straightforwardly nodded.

"There is no issue with the materials."

At this time, Stebe suddenly said, "It would be boring if there was no real reward in a match between Artisans. I have a Hurricane Core Gem from a small Wind Elemental Plane. Will someone dare to bet with me? I'll bet on Sir Watby's victory."

Raphael looked at that gem and his eyes immediately shone brightly. He then silently took out a piece of ore that looked like a chunk of earth but flickered with a metallic luster.

"Sir Stebe, I have a piece of Dalaran Ore. I believe its value is definitely not below your Hurricane Core Gem. I'll bet on Sir Mafa's victory."

Watby glanced at Stebe and rebuked him, "Sir Stebe, how could you pollute a pure alchemy contest with other things... Well, let's forget it since Sir Raphael doesn't mind."

"I wonder if Sir Mafa is willing to gamble, I just obtained a bud of Holysong Blood and it was successfully transplanted. As long as it blooms, you can obtain the most perfect raw materials."

"I wonder if Sir Mafa is interested?"

Lin Yun squinted as he looked at the potted flower Watby took out. It had dense green leaves and a blood-colored flower bud at the top. Small runes were roaming the surface of the flower bud and a faint singing voice could be heard.

'Watby is really lucky, he still managed to find that extinct material in this era. This is a peculiar plant that can only be watered by the blood of a Holysong Elf. It's already extinct in this era.

'Seeds can't be found, but this guy actually found a living one. Such dumb luck... To actually get a bud...

'But from that guy's words, the Holysong Blood is only a medicinal material and can only be used once...

'It's of little value if it could only be used once, but it didn't influence how precious it was. He said so much because he wants me to take out something of equal value.'

"Sir Watby, this is a Molten Rock, which can only be produced in the Abyss. It should be more or less comparable to that Holysong Blood."

A trace of amazement flashed in Watby's eyes before he nodded.

To alchemists, Molten Rock was the best tool to control flames. After being made into alchemy devices controlling fire, the temperature of the flames could be controlled with shocking precision and the flames would be very stable.

Each time it appeared in Noscent, it would make a large number of potioneering alchemists go crazy.

But Watby didn't know that Lin Yun had hundreds of those in his Demi-plane. This rock could only be found in the den of a Flame Demon Overlord, or when the saliva of a Flame Demon Monarch fell onto the ground and solidified.

Thus, Lin Yun had as much of this thing as he wanted and every top-notch alchemist of the Merlin Family possessed a compounding device made out of Molten Rock.

Once the two of them settled on the bet, Gurud announced the start of the duel.

Hearing that, Watby immediately immersed himself in calculations. These materials all belonged to him. He didn't need to use mana to probe their state and could directly start the calculations.

Lin Yun indifferently glanced at Watby and casually released a few probes. He grasped the source of these ingredients and the rough medicinal deviations before slowly picking up his quill.

Both sides rapidly moved their quills and wrote down dense and complex sets of data.

On the side, Stebe was overflowing with confidence.

'That impetuous Mafa Merlin is actually an Artisan. What a joke, alchemy isn't something a violent guy can grasp. And he still dared to agree to Sir Watby's bet involving calculation of ingredients' ratio, he is really naive.

'These medicinal ingredients were carefully chosen by Sir Watby and he knows every slight deviation in these ingredients as if they were parts of his body. Look, Mafa Merlin is so slow. Could it be that he already gave up since he knew he would lose?

'Ah, I'll be able to obtain that Dalaran Ore as long as he loses. That's something really valuable and troublesome to obtain, it's worth more than the Hurricane Gem Core I obtained.

'Once we arrive at the Starry Sky College, I must let everyone know about this. We shall see if he has the courage to join the alchemist gathering after that!

'When the time comes, Mafa Merlin's reputation would be completely sullied in the alchemy world. Hmpf, once we return to the Andlusa Kingdom, let's see who will still dare to cooperate with the Merlin Family!'

And on the other side, Gurud was slightly worried, but he had to uphold the fairness of alchemy under these circumstances.

Next to him, Raphael was squinting and was trying to cover up his smiling expression.

‘That Watby is pretty good in the field of alchemy, but that depends on who he is compared to.

‘Sir Mafa could definitely compare to my teacher in the field of alchemy. He is even better than my teacher when it comes to some details.

‘Sir Mafa’s Magic Tools and his mage army’s Magic Tools were crafted by none other than himself, and these Magic Tools are definitely very powerful. He also has a powerful puppet army, his abilities in the puppeteering field was not inferior to his abilities in the field of arrays.

‘But whether it’s Sir Mafa or people close to him, they are all saying that Sir Mafa shone the brightest in the field of potioning. It’s just that Sir Mafa usually made potions that weren’t too advanced, with the best being the Health Potion.

‘Sir Mafa never speaks empty words. If he says something, he means it. He even is too modest sometimes. But since he acknowledges that his potioning skills are the best, then getting rid of that Watby ought to be child play, even if that Watby pulled a trick.’

Watby rapidly wrote on the pieces of paper, while on the opposite side, Lin Yun’s writing speed had greatly slowed down, only writing a few pieces of data in a second. Watby had already filled a dozen sheets of paper while Lin Yun had yet to finish writing two sheets.

Watby raised an eyebrow as he saw this. He then felt confident and his writing speed greatly increased, as did his calculation speed.

After fifteen minutes, Watby dropped his quill and wrote down the last part of the final result.

Lin Yun also put down his quill and organized his sheets of paper.

“Sir Mafa Merlin, this is the result of my calculations, you can come take a look.”

Watby was extremely confident as he put his answer on the crystal table while Lin Yun casually put down five sheets of paper.

Gurud, as a judge, checked the answers of the two, before looking at Lin Yun as if he was a monster.

Watby smiled with confidence.

Chapter 1197 Crushed

‘Mafa Merlin is just like those guys from Sky City, he has completely given up on the alchemy path. I must crush his confidence in the field of alchemy and let him know what a true alchemist is. This kind of guy who has been led astray will achieve nothing in the future.’ ‘I’ll kindly accept that Molten Rock. Leaving such a good thing in Mafa Merlin’s hands is a waste. Only an alchemist focused in potioning, like me, can be qualified to possess such a precious thing.’

“The winner is Sir Mafa Merlin.”

Watby's smile froze as Gurud pronounced his verdict.

"Impossible! This is impossible! Sir Gurud, I believed you because of your upright personality, I didn't expect you to actually be so partial!"

Gurud bitterly smiled, he still had a strange expression as he pointed at the few pieces of paper on the crystal table.

"Sir Watby, take a look at it yourself."

Watby coldly snorted and picked up the few pieces of paper Lin Yun had left on the crystal table. It only took one look for his expression to change.

Because the first set of data he saw was exactly the same as what he had calculated, it was entirely correct.

When he saw the second sheet, Watby instantly froze. The 2nd sheet wasn't the draft of the calculations, it was another set of data, but the recipe was different. The 3rd sheet, 4th sheet, and 5th sheet all had different ratios.

Watby burst out laughing.

"Sir Mafa Merlin, could it be that you think of winning by using quantity? What's the most important thing in alchemy? Correctness. Data accuracy is most important. There is only one correct set of data among your five sets. How about it, can you guarantee that you'll pick the correct one?"

Lin Yun indifferently glanced at Watby.

"Who said that there is only one correct recipe? Aside from the Wind Dispelling Potion on the first sheet, the other four recipes can all be made with these materials. It's just that the 2nd and the 3rd recipes have to be handled differently, while the 4th and the 5th recipes will leave leftover materials."

The corner of Watby's mouth rose in a sneer.

"Sir Mafa Merlin, you must be joking, right? Could it be that you are unwilling to acknowledge it? A mistake is a mistake. I've never heard of these potions. Let's see... Ghost Incarnation Potion. You think I'm a clueless Apprentice Alchemist?"

"Is there such a thing as a Ghost Incarnation Potion? That's an Incarnation Spell very few mages can master..."

Stebe also sneered.

"Looks like there is a sore loser. Mistakes on the alchemy path are unavoidable, but not admitting defeat and refusing to fulfil one's side of the bet is an issue of personality. I believe the Starry Sky College doesn't wish for that kind of person to enter their college."

Gurud opened his mouth, but didn't dare to speak. He wasn't proficient in potioneering so he couldn't tell whether it was true or not. He only saw Watby provide one recipe while Lin Yun provided five. This was naturally Lin Yun's win for him. He hadn't expected this...

As for Raphael, he was a bit stunned as he didn't know what to do. He was most proficient in arrays and could be compared to an Apprentice Alchemist at best when it came to potioneering.

Lin Yun frowned. He had casually written down a few recipes, and although two of them weren't potions of this era, two of them were quite simple. He truly hadn't expected this Watby to not know them...

The Wind Dispelling Potion was a kind of potion that would substantially decrease the damage caused by wind elements. Taking this potion when entering a Wind Elemental Plane would allow a mage to reduce his mana consumption when resisting a plane's poor environment. It's a kind of relatively precious True Spirit Grade Potion. The difficulty in making it is very hard, only Artisan could make it.

As for the others, they were even more troublesome in their own ways. That Ghost Incarnation could grant full immunity to physical attacks for three minutes. When conquering some special planes in the future, this thing would be no different from an Artifact.

And in the current era, no one had researched this potion.

Lin Yun usually wouldn't have felt like bickering with Watby, but that Holysong Blood was of great use to Lin Yun, it would be a waste to leave it in Watby's hands.

Lin Yun didn't answer and directly walked to the crystal table. He then took out potioneering tools and spat out runes. Immediately, a dozen Mana Hands appeared before his eyes as well as flames and ice. Using dazzling techniques, every ingredient was refined once within a dozen seconds.

Watby closed his mouth as he saw that scene and calmly waited for Lin Yun. As an alchemist, the most basic rule to respect was to not disturb other alchemists when they were working.

The group remained silent and calmly watched Lin Yun using dazzling techniques to process those medicinal ingredients.

Lin Yun didn't stop after all the ingredients were refined and he refined five kinds of materials once more.

He then refined one kind of material for the third time before summoning a sphere of pure water and a sphere of cold flames to complete the compounding.

More than a dozen Mana Hands were assisting Lin Yun's refining and the entire process seemed to have been sped up a dozen times. Within fifteen minutes, a bottle filled with dark blue liquid appeared on the crystal table. Wisps of dark aura roamed within the liquid, just like a ghost's aura.

Watby foolishly looked at Lin Yun, already stunned by his actions.

'Eighteen Mana Hands, heavens, he can actually control eighteen Mana Hands at the same time and still complete double refinement... He even refined a material thrice. Sh*t, how did he do that?'

'Why can't I understand? What's this technique, what recipe did he use?'

'Is that potion real?'

Stebe was reluctant to admit his mistake and sneered as he looked at the potion on the table.

“Who knows if this potion is real or fake and if it is the same as the set of data. Everyone knows that theory has to be tested...”

Gurud walked over, picked up the potion and swallowed it down.

“As a referee, it is my job to test it.”

Gurud’s body turned translucent before he even finished his sentence.

Then, Lin Yun took out a sharp sword from the side and pierced the back of Gurud’s head. The sword pierced Gurud’s head, but it passed through as if Gurud was a mirage and left no injuries.

Watby’s expression instantly changed as he saw this, while Stebe didn’t dare to speak.

It wasn’t just the two of them, Raphael’s expression thoroughly changed.

‘Heavens, is there really such a potion? Sir Mafa can actually compound a potion giving full immunity to all physical injuries?’

‘If this potion could be mass produced then wouldn’t our Sky City suffer less losses when conquering that plane?’

‘We spent over a hundred years trying to conquer that plane, we lost countless mages, has it all been a waste?’

‘Just one potion bottle and that plane wouldn’t be able to resist...’

Gurud had been startled when he became translucent. He tried to release a spell and found out that there was no issue on that side, everything was normal, he just had no physical abilities. But it wasn’t like mages used their physical abilities when fighting.

Gurud’s body returned to normal three minutes later, without the slightest side effect.

Watby’s expression crumbled. He put the Holysong Blood on the crystal table and walked in a cabin with an unfocused expression.

When he unconsciously saw the sheets of paper Lin Yun had written down, Watby’s expression completely changed.

The data on those pieces of paper was extremely concise, many calculations didn’t have details and only showed the crucial result in one step. Watby needed half a page to a page of calculations between every piece of data!

Lin Yun came up with five recipes but only used five sheets, while he had calculated one recipe by using over twenty sheets.

They took the same time, so what did that mean? Lin Yun’s calculation speed was at least over twenty times faster than his.

Facing this kind of blow, Watby was completely crushed and didn’t dare to linger. He rushed to the cabin.

Since Watby didn't dare to be shameless, Stebe could only give up his Hurricane Core Gem and follow him into the cabin.

Raphael laughed heartily as he held that Hurricane Core Gem, unable to hide his happiness.

'Sure enough, potioneering is Sir Mafa's best field. That Watby is a formidable powerhouse proficient in potioneering and was said to have been praised by one of the Deans of the Starry Sky College.

'I hadn't expected Sir Mafa to completely crush him. They aren't on the same level at all.

'Damn, could it be that Sir Mafa is about to become a Saint Alchemist?

'Such terrifying alchemy abilities. Even if I'm not proficient in potioneering, I can clearly see how formidable he is. One look at Watby is enough to know that that proud guy is too ashamed to stay there.

'This Hurricane Core Gem will be a great help to my Demiplane's development. It might not take long before I advance to the 2nd Rank. This is all thanks to Sir Mafa.'

While Raphael was overjoyed, the Hardwards were too embarrassed to remain there and all entered the cabin. They also transmitted a message: There was no need to call for them until they reached the Odin Kingdom. In any case, it didn't matter to mages of that realm if they didn't eat for a month.

Lin Yun found a cabin and then entered his Demiplane. The Holysong Blood already went extinct, but there might still be some seeds or buds remaining. And just like the Mana Vine Seed he had found, it wouldn't grow without suitable conditions.

Just like the Mana Vines, it could absorb mana. Unfortunately, Mana Vines couldn't tear apart mana from the void within Demiplanes, they could only mature in a Natural Demiplane whose Four Elemental Laws had yet to stabilize.

As for the Holysong Blood, it required a place with a huge amount of mana to grow.

'That Watby was incredibly lucky, he actually found a budding Holysong Blood. It only requires a huge amount of a mana to bloom.'

Usually, one would have to use spirit mana crystals to supply the mana. And sure enough, he shattered the pot and found many spirit mana crystals buried in the soil. The Holysong's roots were wrapped around these mana crystals, and most of the mana within the spirit mana crystals had already been exhausted.

The Holysong Blood would bloom once these spirit mana crystals' mana was completely exhausted and the bloomed flower would be used as a raw ingredient in potioneering.

The Holysong Blood could be refined into a potion called Unlimited Mana which would have a formidable effect on Heaven Rank powerhouses. Within ten minutes of ingesting the potion, they would have access to unlimited mana and could casually release powerful spells consuming a lot of mana.

But this was just an ordinary potion, it was a complete waste of the Holysong Blood. After all, this kind of plant would be used up after being refined, because it wouldn't bear fruit when supplied by spirit mana crystals' mana.

Strictly speaking, that kind of Holysong Blood was badly damaged and its usefulness was extremely low. The most useful parts of the Holysong Blood were the seemingly useless green leaves.

As long as they had an abundance of pure mana, the Holysong Blood's flower would produce a few seeds. And the seeds would consume all the power of the flower. But once the flower bloomed, it would immediately wither, and only then could the seeds mature.

And those seemingly useless leaves would quickly turn blood red as if they were dyed in blood. The small runes curling around the flower would also move to the leaves and that faint singing voice would become more distinct.

With all leaves gathered together, it would become a Bloodsobbing Holysong. This was a complete alchemy material.

The refined potion was the famous Bloodsobbing Holysong Potion developed during Noscent's peak. It was known as a terrifying potion able to make Heaven Rank powerhouses burst with power half a rank above them.

The gap between every rank in the Heaven realm was extremely great. A powerful Heaven Rank powerhouse could completely suppress a slightly weaker Heaven Rank powerhouse.

A half-rank power boost was a trump card that could reverse the tides of a battle at any time.

Chapter 1198 Ambush

During the peak of Noscent, a powerhouse found a way to breed the almost completely extinct Holysong Blood. At that time, no more than three seeds of Holysong Blood could be found in the entire Noscent.

Lin Yun cautiously planted the Holysong Blood next to the Mana Lake and even led a small stream to soak the Holysong Blood. As the pure and abundant Mana Water irrigated the Holysong Blood, its roots immediately let go of those spirit mana crystals and took root underground before it started frantically devouring that pure liquid mana.

Wisps of blood appeared on those green leaves, as if blood was slowly permeating them.

Seeing this scene, Lin Yun sighed in relief. This meant that the Holysong Blood's situation was very good. If there was no accident, seeds would be produced.

He only needed to wait for the flower to wither and the seeds to fall before he could use the leaves to refine the Bloodsobbing Holysong Potion.

Lin Yun kept observing the Holysong Blood, and when he came out of the Natural Demiplane, Raphael came to inform him that they were about to arrive.

"Sir Mafa, we are about to reach Neverwinter City, the city where the Starry Sky College is located."

Lin Yun walked to the deck of the battleship and checked in the distance. Sure enough, there was a huge city, and in the center of the city was a several-hundred-meter-tall Magic Tower surrounded by a dozen huge crystals stabilized by large amounts of mana.

A faint layer of unfathomable shield was covering the entire city. Lin Yun sighed as he looked at that tower from the deck. The light emitted by those crystals could illuminate the entire city with their warm light.

And more importantly, the huge runes appearing in the air warned them of the Sky Sealing Array and Mana Suppressing Array arranged around this city. Mages that didn't get the permission simply shouldn't think of using power past the Great Mage realm. They would simply be unable to cast spells.

Right now, the mana was very smooth and the fluctuations very weak. It showed that most of the power of those arrays was dormant and wouldn't be too impactful.

After all, that city was 15 to 20 kilometers wide, and the top of the barrier couldn't even be seen. Defenses on such a large scale would need an astronomical amount of mana. It would need to consume several spirit mana crystals every second.

"Sir Mafa, This city is the home of the Starry Sky College and the biggest city of the north of the Odin Kingdom, Neverwinter City. The four seasons here are all warm like spring, and no one feels the cold here even though this is the north. Even during the coldest winter, the city is still warm.

"It is said that there is an endless amount of lava burning under Neverwinter City and if that pocket of lava burst out, it would turn over a thousand kilometers of land into scorched earth.

"Back then, the founder of the Starry Sky College built a Magic Tower and used the underground lava to maintain that tower. Up until now, all the mana of Neverwinter City has been supplied by that Magic Tower.

"Our floating battleship can't get within ten kilometers of Neverwinter City so we will have to descend soon and enter Neverwinter City on foot. The guide from the Starry Sky College should be waiting for us."

At this time, the leader of the Black Tower came out of his cabin.

"Sir Raphael, I thank you for giving us a ride to the Odin Kingdom. It would have taken us a lot of time if we came to the Odin Kingdom on our own. I'll bid thee farewell."

Raphael nodded with a smile on his face, "You are too polite Sir Harren."

Harren finished thanking Raphael and then greeted Lin Yun.

"Sir Mafa, I'm representing the Black Tower to discuss with one of the forces of the Odin Kingdom. I'll take my leave first. You must let me know if you need anything, our Black Tower is friendly with many forces on this side, so don't hesitate."

Lin Yun nodded.

Harren led the Black Tower group and left first. At this time, the battleship rapidly landed on the ground and took off once everyone got down. It was leaving, as per Neverwinter City's rules. This floating battleship couldn't get close to Neverwinter City. Sky City's battleship could only appear ten kilometers away from Neverwinter City when not at war because they were followers of the Starry Sky College.

Otherwise, they would have to stop fifty kilometers away or be shot down.

As soon as Raphael stepped down, he frowned as he received a magic signal fluctuation.

After reading the content of the magic signal, Raphael apologetically looked at Lin Yun.

"I'm sorry, Sir Mafa. I received a message from the Starry Sky College saying that a few Artisans have arrived in the Odin Kingdom and that I have to represent the Starry Sky College in greeting them, this..."

Raphael had an awkward expression as he couldn't say more.

Lin Yun smiled and nodded.

"It's alright, Sir Raphael. Just go, I'll enter Neverwinter City by myself."

Raphael sighed in relief. He took out a magic emblem from his Spatial Ring and gave it to Lin Yun.

"Sir Mafa, this is the emblem the Starry Sky College issued to all invited Artisans. According to the rules, this thing can only be gifted when entering the Starry Sky College. By carrying this emblem, you can find any guard of Neverwinter City and they'll arrange everything for you.

"Please forgive me Sir Mafa. This..."

Raphael apologized to Lin Yun, but Gurud was somewhat anxious.

"Raphael, hurry up. We can't let them wait, this is the assignment of the Starry Sky College."

Raphael was speechless. Lin Yun smiled and shook his head. Gurud simply didn't understand the ways of the world, but that kind of person would walk further on the alchemy path.

Raphael and Gurud hurriedly left in the floating battleship, ignoring the Hardward Family. Picking them up was the assignment of the Starry Sky College, but the assignment didn't require them to look after the Hardward Family once they were picked up.

Watby awkwardly smiled and hurriedly left with the Hardwards. He really didn't want to stay with Lin Yun.

After everyone left, Lin Yun led Xiuban and Reina and started walking towards the Neverwinter City.

"Let's go slowly, this place is completely different from the Andlusa Kingdom."

In reaction to the warm aura coming from underground, Lin Yun silently calculated how much lava there was underground. At the same time, he observed the runes floating in Neverwinter City's sky.

Using the power of lava to supply an entire city with mana was a big deal. After all, that Magic Tower would consume a huge amount of mana every single second.

By observing everything, he could find a lot of places to learn from and would be able to add some benefits to the Shelter Tower.

Lin Yun stopped after walking for a while as he felt a cryptic mana fluctuation in his surroundings. Neverwinter City seemed to be going farther and farther, while the surrounding environment became somewhat illusory.

"I hadn't expected that someone would dare to ambush us here. Get ready to fight."

Lin Yun was a bit surprised as he took out his Draconic Staff. He originally thought that since this was outside Neverwinter City, this should be considered the territory of the Starry Sky College. They were guests of the Starry Sky College, yet someone dared to attack them?

“For such a large-scale illusion, a barrier covering mana fluctuations would require at least fifteen Deepsea Manatee Pearls, they are really thinking highly of me.”

In an instant, numerous Magic Arrows appeared fifty meters away as if it was a rain, and those huge Magic Arrows only hit within several dozen meters.

Lin Yun spat out a rune and a Fire Shield and an Ice Shield suddenly appeared and circled around him like a tornado. As the shield kept moving, it blocked all the Magic Arrows.

As for Xiuban, he resisted with his physical abilities and all the arrows were forcibly shattered.

Reina remained motionless and a layer of ice enveloped her. Those Magic Arrows simply couldn't shake the ice crystals she had released.

After a dozen seconds, the Magic Arrows completely disappeared and an Ice Fire Shield covered Lin Yun's surroundings. It was full of holes and covered in many small cracks.

There was also a lot of enchanted metal arrows on the ground. These enchanted arrows weren't Magic Arrows, they were made out of magic metal. The other side clearly intended to kill Lin Yun.

This was the most common method Archers used to kill mages. Using a large amount of Magic Arrows, mixed with some Magic Penetration Arrows. It could absolutely tear through a mage's shield.

Lin Yun frowned and used a Mana Hand to grab one of the Magic Penetration Arrow with a cold expression.

“Submerged Magic Rock and Blue Kiss Poison. They are really willing to spend a lot.”

Arrowheads made of Submerged Magic Rock had very powerful tearing power against magic shields. Only some Dwarven blacksmiths could make something like that, it could only be created out of pure physical strength, magic couldn't be used to forge that thing.

As for the Blue Kiss, it was even rarer. It was a material produced by a kind of blue-finned fishman in the Endless Sea. And it was a material that could only come from a 300 years old blue-finned fishman.

Moreover, blue-finned fishmen were sparse and didn't have a tribe and a place to settle. They could only keep wandering in the Endless Sea and were very difficult to capture. Not to mention, blue-finned fishmen only lived up until three hundred years old. Only the powerful ones would live longer.

A blue-finned fishman's tribe would only have two to three individuals over three hundred years old.

These Magic Penetration Arrows were all dark blue and tempered to the limit. Every arrow might require the destruction of a blue-finned fishman tribe.

And on the floor, there was at least several dozen Magic Penetration Arrows.

Two or three hits of those poisoned Magic Penetration Arrows would be enough to decrease the power of a Heaven Rank powerhouse by half.

Such a malicious move was clearly intending to get rid of them, so why should he remain polite?

Lin Yun sneered and stretched his left hand. The Book of Death suddenly appeared and its pages automatically flipped open to the Truth Chapter. Boundless radiance spread out and the barrier-like space looked as if it was suddenly torn apart.

Rays of light enveloped this area and revealed a large group of swordsmen, mages, and archers.

There was over a hundred swordsmen, with the weakest being a 1st Rank Sword Saint and as many as three 9th Rank Sword Saints. There was also over thirty Archmages with three 9th Rank Archmages, and twenty Divine Archers.

The archers were all in the front while the Sword Saints were on both sides and the mages in the back, casting some large-scale spells.

Lin Yun's gaze turned cold as he saw these mages. He opened his mouth and a rune came out. A transparent ripple instantly swept through these mages.

A deadly Mass Counterspell dealt with the large scale spells they were preparing.

These mages had completely more than half of their chants before being suddenly interrupted. They all paled and the leading 9th rank Archmage even puked a mouthful of blood.

Before they could react, Lin Yun cast another spell and in an instant, a dozen-meter-big Fireball appeared and ruthlessly smashed onto the leading 9th Rank Archmage.

The Fireball exploded and transformed into a flaming wave, instantly evaporating the leading Archmage, burning to ashes four lower ranked Archmages, and injuring a dozen mages.

Quantity wouldn't make a huge difference for a group of ordinary Archmages. Only a trained mage army would be able to display qualitative increase in strength from an increase in quantity.

Unfortunately, these guys might look like a mage army, but they were a few grades below Lin Yun's mage army. Under the guidance of a 9th Rank Archmage, these guys would at best be able to resist against three 9th Rank Archmages.

In a second, most of the mage army was destroyed, and during that time, these guys noticed that they had been discovered.

The Sword Saints on both sides went on the offensive and threw one Aura Slash after another towards the trio.

"Xiuban, no need to restrain yourself. Get rid of them."

Lin Yun raised his Draconic Staff and coldly looked at the ambushers as the radiance of a spell started blossoming.

Four Element Bombs were rapidly condensed one after another. Five consecutive Four Element Bombs exploded among the mage army, raising five clouds of dust. The overlapping power tore to shreds three to four hundred meters of land.

The remaining mages simply couldn't display their strength and were torn apart by the tearing power.

As for Xiuban, he laughed nastily as he held carnage. Wind power gathered upon his body while a yellow halo covered Carnage.

“Come, come, come, let the Great Xiuban shatter your skulls. The Great Xiuban has been bored senseless lately, my Carnage is already thirsting for blood.”

Xiuban laughed wildly as he charged into those Sword Saints. A 9th Rank Sword Saint let out an Aura Slash filled with his bursting power, only for it to be fiercely smashed up by Xiuban’s Carnage. At that instant, that 9th Rank Archmage’s Aura Slash burst open while Xiuban’s Carnage wasn’t even slowed down and smashed upon the body of the 9th Rank Sword Saint.

In an instant, that 9th Rank Archmage’s Battle Aura Armor and body of that 9th Rank Sword Saint exploded together, making blood rain down from the sky.

Falling into the group of Sword Saints, Xiuban was like a T-rex storming a flock of sheeps. Not a single Sword Saint could resist Xiuban’s hammer.

In the past six months, Xiuban had rapidly grown bored. His strange power was becoming more and more powerful. Especially now that he has reached the peak of the 9th Rank. If he was just a bit careless, he would kill someone.

9th Rank Archmages’ shields were useless in front of Xiuban, they were no different from sheets of paper. And as long as their shields were smashed, they would definitely be crushed to death.

Since he seriously injured a 9th Rank Sword Saint of the Merlin Family and almost killed a 9th Rank Archmage, Lin Yun had restricted Xiuban’s use of Carnage and restricted his full burst. If he exceeded 30% of his power, he would cut off a month of potions and wouldn’t allow him to sleep for a week.

He could finally vent. Xiuban seemed to have gone insane. In less than five minutes, not a single Sword Saint could be seen, they had all been blown away and not a single one had a complete corpse.

As for those archers, they were even more miserable. Every corpse was intact, frozen into ice statues. Many of the archers were still in shooting posture, and the Mana Arrows were condensed into ice statues.

Reina already had a foot into the Heaven Rank. It’s not that she didn’t want to advance, she was just suppressing her breakthrough. Her Draconic Crystal’s transformation would reach the final stage, and as long as she completed it, her Life Essence would thoroughly evolve. When the time came and she wanted to break through, nothing would be able to stop her.

Now, even a lowest Frost Lance would burst with the power of a 7th Tier Spell in Reina’s hands and the freezing power was completely beyond ordinary frost spells.

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The group of cannon fodder was quickly cleaned up, but the faint silhouette of a mage could be seen in the rear, and the red-eyed Xiuban rushed over.

“Hey, last guy! Come, let Lord Xiuban smash your skull.”

Xiuban swung Carnage with terrifying power and ruthlessly attacked that mage. But a Fusion Shield suddenly appeared in front of him, and the numerous earth runes covering it instantly gathered the power of the surrounding earth.

Shockwaves spread out as Carnage hit the shield's surface. In less than a second, a thick Earth Spike appeared under Xiuban's feet and sent him flying, leaving a trail of blood sprinkling down from the sky.

Xiuban reacted as he landed. The person before him was a Heaven Rank powerhouse, and a powerful one!

Even a 1st Rank Heaven Mage's shield couldn't block his all-out attack that easily.

Seeing that he couldn't beat him, Xiuban started rushing back. A several-dozen-meter-big huge rock smashed the spot he had been at a moment ago and its huge power made the earth shake.

Xiuban and Reina both retreated to the back. A battle on this level wasn't something they could participate in. The aura emitted by the other side clearly didn't belong to a 1st Rank Heaven Mage.

The newcomer was wearing an ordinary mage robe and a gold-colored magic staff. A fist-sized Earth Gem was embedded at the peak of his magic staff.

The mage's appearance seemed ordinary and seemed carved out of ancient earth, it didn't have any special feature.

And as this mage walked, Lin Yun felt his steps pulsing with the earth. As he walked, the pressure grew bigger and bigger, as if the earth under his feet was helping him.

Lin Yun looked at this mage with a cold expression.

"Who are you?"

The mage remained silent and instead raised the staff in his hand as an answer. Earth runes were floating around the staff and the surrounding earth felt like a slumbering giant being suddenly awakened.

A ten-meter-big hand rose in front of Lin Yun and the large hand formed from rock resolutely swatted towards Lin Yun.

Lin Yun frowned, flames flashed over his body and he instantly appeared more than a dozen meters away. As for that Rock Hand, it fell on the ground and made the earth shake, creating thick cracks.

And this wasn't over. Lin Yun felt a wisp of mana fluctuations appear under his feet and metallic-looking Rock Spikes suddenly surged from underground and kept chasing Lin Yun.

Lin Yun's escape path was rapidly surrounded by seven to eight-meter-long Rock Spikes.

Then, all the Rock Spikes started converging towards the center. Rock Spikes flickering with a metallic luster kept piercing their way out of the ground and momentary vacuums appeared where they pierced, spreading dust and shockwaves.

Lin Yun's expression turned chilly and he coldly snorted. A circle of mana suddenly burst out of his body and gathered the power of the elements as it transformed into a circle of ice and fire. The halo formed from ice and flames transformed into a shockwave that instantly spread to the surroundings.

Those hard Rock Spikes were turned into fragments in an instant, no Rock Spike could be seen within a hundred meters of Lin Yun.

The dust settled and the earth mage on the opposite side had his staff raised and kept chanting incantations. Eight vortexes appeared on the ground, looking just like quicksand whirlpools devouring everything in their surroundings. Twenty-meter-tall Rock Puppets started coming out of these vortexes.

A dozen Level 38 and Level 39 puppets had come out within a few seconds. And a steady flow of Rock Puppets kept coming out of these eight vortexes stuck to the surface of the earth.

Xiuban and Reina went to handle the large amount of Rock Puppets while the Book of Death in Lin Yun's hand flipped itself to the Element Chapter's page.

Enderfa appeared on Lin Yun's right and controlled the Spell Wheel while Syudos' two flaming eyes floated above the Book of Mantras on Lin Yun's left, firmly staring at that earth mage.

"Who are you? Who is behind you? Why did you attack us?"

Lin Yun coldly looked at that earth mage. Those swordsmen, mages, and archers had all been cannon fodder. To handle another non-Heaven Rank powerhouse, these cannon fodders would definitely have been more than enough. There had been a mage army, a swordsman army, and even an archer army.

A 1st Rank Heaven Mage that hadn't seen through the illusion might even end up dying there.

But after seeing through the illusion, these armies were nothing more than cannon fodder to Lin Yun.

The other side dared to ambush him outside of Neverwinter City. For them to know he would pass through here meant that they definitely knew his identity and the fact that the Starry Sky College invited him. Moreover, they shouldn't be a weak force to dare to pull something like that. Only major forces would dare to ignore the Starry Sky College's reputation.

The Starry Sky College's three Deans weren't just Saint Alchemists, they were all Heaven Mages. And the Starry Sky College wasn't just a college, it had a lot of forces following it.

That earth mage remained silent and expressionlessly raised his staff before rapidly chanting an incantation. Floating cyan rocks gathered together and rapidly flew towards Lin Yun.

Lin Yun's Ice Fire Shield shattered as it came in contact with the cyan rocks. The huge rocks didn't seem to have a lot of momentum. But as they fell, Lin Yun sensed the surrounding gravity instantly increasing.

Lin Yun's body instantly swayed and only a Mirror Image Incarnation was left behind as he appeared twenty meters away.

That Mirror Image Incarnation was instantly submerged in rocks. No, it would be better to say that the Mirror Image Incarnation burst when hit by the first rock.

“Gravity Rocks, damnit, Merlin, how did you provoke this guy in the Odin Kingdom? That’s not an ordinary earth mage, it’s a rock mage! Be careful of his Gravity Spell or you’ll die an ugly death...”

Enderfa exclaims, promptly reminding Lin Yun.

Lin Yun frowned. Rock mages were a branch of earth mages. Their foundation Law was the Earth Law, and by progression in the Heaven Mage realm, they could understand some relatively special Laws.

Just like this earth mage who has mastered rock magic. Even if one specialized in the essence of the earth, they would be called rock mages.

Solid rocks was their strongest defenses, and their unfathomably strong attacks.

That kind of Gravity Rock seemed to be only a dozen-meter-big, but every single one weighed over a hundred tons. Xiuban couldn’t continuously withstand this kind of fierce attack.

Moreover, the falling speed grew faster and faster. When they were at their lowest point, their speed was the fastest and their weight was the heaviest. All of these rocks had the power of a 1st Rank Heaven Sword Saint and could crush anything.

The huge rocks kept chasing Lin Yun. And while Lin Yun’s Law Runic Shield could handle a wave of these Gravity Rocks, that guy definitely wasn’t just limited to one unreasonable spell like Gravity Rock.

After being chased for a minute, Lin Yun’s anger burst. This rock mage didn’t say anything and just kept attacking with a dark expression. Lin Yun had just been walking, minding his own business, when he met this baffling guy, how could he not be angry?

Lin Yun suddenly stopped and endless ice and flames surged as he used the incarnation spell. Fire and ice merged together, forming an eight-meter-tall Ice Fire Elemental Incarnation.

One after another, ice spheres covered in flames kept forming and clashing against those Gravity Rocks. The huge power explosive force of the flames altered the trajectory of the Gravity Rocks and the huge cyan stones fell around Lin Yun.

Then, that expressionless rock mage took out scattered fragments and chanted an incantation. Following the incantation, those shattered fragments disappeared and the gravity within ten meters of Lin Yun instantly rose up. The heavy gravity felt like a mountain was pressing down on Lin Yun’s back, deforming Lin Yun’s Law Runic Shield.

And at that time, the rock mage’s incantation continued and eighteen huge Gravity Rocks fell towards Lin Yun. With the addition of the tenfold gravity around Lin Yun, these rocks’ falling power had become even stronger.

Lin Yun sneered.

“Even using the remnant fragments of a shattered Earth Elemental Plane, you are really going all-out.”

As those Gravity Rocks were about to fall, Lin Yun suddenly took a step forward. In that split second, the distance between them became even shorter. It was only one step, but due to his Ice Fire Incarnation body, that step spanned about eighteen meters. The ten-meter-wide Gravity area covered in Gravity Rock was left in the dust.

At that moment, the Purple Dragon flew out of the Draconic Staff and the Purple Dragon's shadow appeared behind Lin Yun. The Purple Dragon appeared majestic as he held the huge wheel shadow. At the same time, the scales' shadow also appeared. The Spell Wheel and the Book of Mantras took their respective positions on the scales.

The moment Lin Yun escaped the Gravity, his body shot like an arrow towards that rock mage.

This time, a shocked expression appeared on the rock mage expressionless frozen face.

Lin Yun raised his Draconic Staff and rapidly condensed a Law Runic Bomb in front of his body. Numerous runes converged to form a Four Element Bomb, and squeezed within was the power of law runes. The power of these law runes far surpassed the power of the elements.

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, his three faces laughing nastily as he displayed Extraordinary Power with the Spell Wheel. He spurted out fierce elemental storms, which weren't too far off from the void's elemental storms.

As for Syudos, he controlled the Book of Mantras to open an ancient and gorgeous flaming gate from which a flood of flames emerged.

The huge power instantly submerged that rock mage and the Law Runic Bomb tore a crack in that powerful storm like a sharp sword as it flew towards the rock mage.

“Bang...”

A loud sound echoed as a cloud of smoke rose over a hundred meters in the sky and terrifying shockwaves spread in all directions. Over a hundred meters away, eight Rock Puppets instantly turned into fragments after being hit by that shockwave.

And the elemental storm and flood of flames once again rushed into the area at the center of the explosion. The fierce power destroyed everything in the surroundings.

The scenery within this illusory land distorted and a crack soon appeared. Outside the crack, the normal landscape of Neverwinter City could be seen.

As this crack appeared, the eighteen beads creating the illusion suddenly appeared in the sky. These beads blossomed with their final radiance as they tried to restore the illusion, but couldn't resist the bursting power.

In an instant, the eighteen beads simultaneously exploded and the surroundings' distorted scenery slowly dissipated in black smoke. The battlefield reappeared outside Neverwinter City.

The fierce mana fluctuations were like fireworks in the night as they spread towards the surroundings. In less than five seconds, a dozen ten-meter-long Griffin, with forty to fifty-meter-long wingspans, flew over.

A five-meter-tall shadow appeared in the fierce flood of flames and elemental storm and instantly rushed out of the range of the spells. It was a dark spherical stone which rapidly rolled out.

The stone split open and the expressionless rock mage came out of it. The rock mage coldly looked at Lin Yun, then glanced at the Griffin Riders flying over before disappearing into the earth.

The Purple Dragon shadow, the wheel shadow and the scales shadow all disappeared. His Ice Fire Incarnation also scattered.

As he stood on the ground, Lin Yun looked at the area where the rock mage disappeared and frowned, he was puzzled.

'Who was that guy? A 2nd Rank Heaven Rock Mage was specially used to handle me. If it had been a guy slightly weaker, he would have been crushed. The spell storms I usually use were useless.

'Rock mages' defensive power is far stronger than ordinary earth mages. He could resist my Law Runic Bomb as if it was nothing. But that completely unreasonable battle style can't pressure me.

'But if it had been the me before taking a trip through the Starry Sky Gate, I wouldn't have been able to do as great unless I went all-out. We would have been stuck in a deadlock...

'Could it be someone of the Quicksand Tower? It shouldn't be, the Quicksand Tower is located in a desert. Finding a piece of rock larger than a fist is very difficult there. A rock mage can't be born in that region.

'Moreover, the Quicksand Tower's mages shouldn't be coming, this doesn't fit them. But they almost never speak... Did they do this?

'Or could it be the Shadow Tower? This looks like them even less. If the Shadow Tower wasn't resigned and wanted to retaliate, they definitely wouldn't do it openly and ambush me outside Neverwinter City. An attack here is really unexpected.

'But the Shadow Tower's mages required control of shadow magic. A loathsome rock mage might not be qualified to do such a business with the Shadow Tower, the target is too obvious.

'Then who is it?'

Lin Yun frowned, but he didn't think too deeply about who could ambush him here. This felt inexplicable and was truly outside of his expectations.

As Lin Yun was thinking about this matter, those dozen Griffin Riders landed. Their leader was shockingly a Heaven Rank Griffin Rider. After landing, he walked over to Lin Yun with a terrible expression.

"What's going on here? No Heaven Rank powerhouses are allowed to fighting within fifty kilometers of Neverwinter City, and no fights are allowed within ten kilometers..."

The leader of the Griffin Riders didn't have time to finish when Lin Yun threw his Starry Sky Emblem over.

The leader took the Starry Sky Emblem and his expression instantly changed. After sensing the information contained within the badge, his expression greatly improved.

"Sir Mafa Merlin, could I trouble you to tell me what happened here?"

Lin Yun took the Starry Sky Emblem back and frowned.

"I was ambushed. There was an illusion and a 2nd Rank Heaven Rock Mage."

At this time, a man arrived next to the Griffin Rider Leader and whispered, "Captain, I found eighteen shattered Hallucinatory Jewel Beads, as well as a large amount of Rock Puppets' fragments and corpses. This should be a premeditated ambush. But I can't find any valuable information, no clue was found..."

The captain's expression became unsightly. As he started to think, his expression became increasingly serious.

But then the captain walked up to Lin Yun and saluted him.

"Sir Mafa Merlin, we are deeply sorry that this sort of thing happened in Neverwinter City. No matter who it is, those who dared to attack a guest of the Starry Sky College have to be properly punished.

"Please take a rest in the Starry Sky College, we will definitely give you a satisfactory answer a week later, when the gathering starts."

Chapter 1200 Compensation

Lin Yun sent Xiuban and Reina to the Demiplane to heal. Xiuban had suffered and Reina had been injured by the aftermath of that rock mage's spells. Lin Yun rode a Griffin to Neverwinter City on his own. Many people came to participate in the Starry Sky College's gathering. As the holy land of alchemists, whether it was potioners or refiners, Starry Sky City invited everyone.

To Artisan, becoming a Saint Alchemist was the most important thing. Many Artisans would be trapped at the Artisan realm for the rest of their lives. Not to mention the Saint realm, even reaching the threshold was impossible.

As for the Starry Sky College's three Saint Alchemists Deans, they were the best role models. By coming there, they had the opportunity to listen to the guidance of the three Deans of Starry Sky College. Just a few sentences would be enough for an Artisan to make great progress in the field of alchemy.

The Griffin carried Lin Yun above Neverwinter City and flew towards the northern part of the city. The part occupied by the Starry Sky College wasn't in the center of Neverwinter City, but the entire northern part of Neverwinter City.

After crossing the most prosperous area, the building started becoming scarce and the people were fewer in number. Many of the regions were large expenses of forests and medicinal farms.

A large number of runes floated in the sky and defensive devices were floating above every building. Even if someone released a large-scale Extraordinary Spell, they wouldn't be able to destroy more than a few houses. The defenses here were terrifyingly powerful. Even an ordinary forest had more than a dozen defensive arrays.

As they flew to a flat forest, they could faintly see delicate housing. The Griffin carrying Lin Yun stopped in front of a house.

"Sir Mafa Merlin, this house is your temporary residence during your stay in Starry Sky College. There is a laboratory, and as many materials that you can use as you wish.

"If there is anything you need, you can summon this puppet at any time and your needs will be satisfied, as best as possible."

The Griffin Rider gave his explanation before leaving on his Griffin. Lin Yun entered the house. There was a ready-made defensive matrix in the surroundings which could allow a guest to build an array to guard against disturbances.

The exquisite three-story house had a complete laboratory on the 2nd floor and accommodations on the 3rd floor.

Lin Yun looked at the alchemy laboratory and couldn't help sighing. Although this laboratory was small, it was complete. It had all kinds of relatively advanced alchemy devices, including a few that couldn't be found in the Andlusa Kingdom.

After Lin Yun carefully looked at the laboratory, he got ready to set up the defensive array. He had seen many houses like this not far from here, and quite a few of them were already occupied.

Alchemists could be a group of very dangerous people. Who knew what kind of danger could happen when conducting some alchemy experiments? Explosions were the easiest danger to handle. Sometimes, they would clearly be refining a potion, but it would blow up the entire laboratory.

So keeping a necessary distance was required, and raising defenses was also required. After all, those that could become Artisans were almost all Heaven Rank powerhouses. A proficient alchemist being a powerful mage wasn't just a random saying.

Almost all those that could advance to the Artisan realm as Archmages were 9th Rank Archmages. Just like Archmage Gurud who was obsessed with alchemy.

Lin Yun didn't have time to set up an array when Raphael rushed over.

"Sir Mafa, are you okay? I just heard that you were attacked. Sh*t, someone definitely played us. The information we received was fake, a formidable alchemist definitely tampered with the Starry Sky College's communications and sent us a false command. There was no one at the indicated location."

Lin Yun had a calm expression, he wasn't surprised at all. It was impossible for such things to be coincidental. Raphael barely led him to Neverwinter City when he suddenly received urgent news and had to leave. This was followed by someone ambushing Lin Yun.

Lin Yun didn't suspect the Hardward Family. Based on Watby's strength, this was impossible. The Hardward Family's people also don't have this kind of ability.

"Sir Raphael, don't worry about it too much. Do you know if any of the Odin Kingdom's forces have a rock mage? The mage who ambushed me was a 2nd Rank Heaven Rock Mage."

Raphael frowned for a bit before shaking his head.

"I can't say for sure, every force has many Heaven Rank powerhouses and we only know the ones operating on the surface, the rest would rarely appear."

"Most of them are hidden away at the 9th Rank of the Archmage realm. After all, 9th Rank Archmages are also powerhouses and there are many of them. But there are no rock mage under the Heaven Rank, so we can only search for earth mages."

“The number of 9th Rank Archmages proficient in earth magic in the past millennium is uncountable. Moreover, no one knows how old the attacker is.

“Heaven Rank powerhouses have an extremely long lifespan, who knows how old that guy is...”

Lin Yun nodded. He didn't mind and instead showed the appearance of the rock mage, but since Raphael had no impression of him, Lin Yun didn't stay on this topic. That expressionless frozen face must have been the work of a mask Magic Tool, but it didn't matter. As long as he saw him again, Lin Yun would definitely recognize him.

To a mage, facial and physical appearances were never what left the deepest impression, it was the mana fluctuations and aura unique to a mage. As long as he remembered it, then he would be able to recognize him immediately next time he felt that aura and mana fluctuations. Even if the other side had turned into a Pig Beastman.

Lin Yun didn't stay stuck on this matter, but Raphael was angry. Lin Yun was the person he had escorted. But he wasn't just the guest of the Starry Sky College, he was his friend. Yet he had barely stepped into the Odin Kingdom before being ambushed, it would be strange if he didn't get angry.

“Sir Mafa, please rest assured, I'll get to the bottom of this. If I learn which scoundrel did this, I'll definitely burst his eggs!”

Following Raphael's scream, a cold voice echoed outside the house.

“Raphael, I hadn't thought that you would become a lot more arrogant after luckily advancing to the Heaven Rank. You must be feeling very confident, right?”

Lin Yun had yet to set up a proper array. A speck of darkness appeared on that basic light barrier and darkness mana fluctuations started corroding that barrier, creating a five-meter-big hole in the barrier.

Three Heaven Mages arrogantly walked in, hardly concealing their Extraordinary Power and even pressuring Lin Yun and Raphael with it.

Raphael looked at the visitors and surprise flashed in his eyes, rapidly replaced by an unsightly expression.

“Sir Layford, could it be that you still don't know that you have to knock before entering someone else's house?”

The newcomers were wearing pitch-black robes with golden threads and the emblem of their family was embroidered on their cuffs. It was a circle surrounding a knife and a fork crossing each other in front of two palms held together.

And the aura coming from the leader clearly surpassed the 1st Rank of the Heaven realm. The two behind him were also Heaven Rank powerhouses.

The Extraordinary Power's pressure was clearly a provocation.

The leader had a gloomy expression as he coldly glanced at Raphael.

“Raphael, it looks like your teacher didn’t teach you manners. It’s not your turn to speak, you both listen to me, I came here to notify you.”

Lin Yun frowned and a wisp of mana fluctuation appeared on the surface of his body. The pressure of these three people’s Extraordinary Power was like a river which slid alongside him.

Lin Yun remembered the emblem on those cuffs, it was the emblem of the Jackson Family.

The Jackson Family had been influential in the Raging Flame, but the force they sent to the Raging Flame Plane was very weak. Later on, Heaven Rank powerhouses started intervening in the war, but the strongest member of the Jackson Family had only been a Peak 9th Rank Archmage.

When it was time to enter the Raging Flame Plane, the Jackson Family had already been excluded from the competition. At that time, they used the score of the competition between the Andlusa Kingdom and the Odin Kingdom to determine who could enter the Raging Flame Battlefield.

Entering the Raging Flame Battlefield was the most important reason behind the division of the benefits of the entire Raging Flame Plane, because most of the people who came out of the Raging Flame Battlefield advanced to the Heaven Rank. Even if the Shadow Tower suffered the heaviest losses among the top ten forces, and was at the bottom of the ten forces, it still surpassed the other forces.

The Jackson Family suffered great losses when the Raging Flame Plane was on the verge of destruction due to the Ancient God’s awakening. All those above the 5th Rank of the Archmage realm fell, and their forts were also destroyed one after another by Demons and the destruction. In the end, the Jackson Family only got a symbolic share during the division of benefits.

Lin Yun completely forgot about those guys. But now that these guys were here, they definitely were up to no good.

“Listen, Raphael, our Jackson Family’s losses have been disastrous. But you guys have already divided the benefits of the Raging Flame Plane. Take out half to compensate our Jackson Family.”

Raphael was very uncomfortable due to Layford’s pressure. When coupled with the Extraordinary Power pressure of the other two Heaven Rank powerhouses, he couldn’t really rouse his mana.

The Heaven Rank powerhouses’ Extraordinary Power was mostly pressuring Raphael, only a bit was left to pressure the “9th Rank Archmage” Lin Yun.

“Sir Layford, I can’t make a decision on this matter. If you want to take over our territory like that, then you can only discuss with the Lord of Sky City. I hope the City Lord will agree to your request.”

One of the Heaven mage next to Layford said mockingly, “There is no need to shirk responsibility, Raphael. Our Jackson Family isn’t afraid of Sky City. You think we don’t know that you have full control over the matters of the Raging Flame Plane? We are just notifying you, that’s all. You’d best be smart and hand over half of what you control or we can only take it from your corpse.”

Raphael was bursting with anger, to the point where his mana seemed ready to explode. The cyan hurricanes lingered around Raphael’s body, and that Heaven Mage also burst out with his own mana. Pitch-black darkness mana emitted a thick ominous aura.

The two of them instantly flew up to start fighting.

As the two started fighting, the sinister Layford glanced at Lin Yun with disdain.

“You are the Patriarch of that Merlin-something Family from that countryside Andlusa Kingdom, right? There are no magic beasts and even beasts can occupy territories over there. And it looks like even a 9th Rank Archmage can become a Patriarch.

“It is said that you actually control the largest territory of the Raging Flame Plane, and the most flourishing Steel City is under your control, right?”

“Your luck is really not bad. I heard that you have just been attacked and survived. You are really lucky. It’s an humiliation for a country bumpkin like you to step on the Odin Kingdom’s land.

“Fortunately for you, I’m in a good mood today. Your Merlin Family’s territory in the Raging Flame Plane will be taken over by our Jackson Family. From now on, that Steel City, the fertile Four Seasons Plain, and the Horn of Fertility belong to our Jackson family.

“You are rather lucky. You came to participate in the Starry Sky College’s gathering, didn’t you? Then just cut off an arm and I’ll treat it as an apology towards the Jackson Family.”

Layford casually waved his hand, as if he didn’t even feel like looking at a 9th Rank Archmage like Lin Yun. He acted as if he was taking over the interests of the Merlin Family out of pity.

Lin Yun looked at Layford with amazement, he was truly stunned.

‘Does this guy not know that the Raging Flame Plane’s territory can’t be fought over anymore? Many things might remain secret to the people at the bottom, but many forces participated in that matter. The Jackson Family should already know the ins and outs, right? It shouldn’t be too difficult to find out all the information...

‘What makes that guy so confident?’

“Layford, right? Are you sick?”

Layford froze and impatience rapidly appeared on his face.

“Sick? Mafa Merlin, didn’t you hear what I said? Choose an arm to leave behind so you can keep on living.

“Don’t think that the power of our Jackson Family is limited to what you have seen before. I didn’t have time to go to the Raging Flame Plane because of other matters.

“What kind of Family let a 9th Rank Archmage be the Patriarch? What qualifications do you have to occupy the most fertile territories? I’ll give you three seconds before I pick the arm myself.”

Lin Yun took out his Draconic Staff and said with a cold expression, “Say, do you have some kind of brain damage?”

Layford’s expression immediately darkened as he coldly looked at Lin Yun before saying to the Heaven Mage next to him, “Sir White, cut off both his arms and pull his tongue out. If he still doesn’t want to cooperate, then he leaves us no other choice but to get rid of him.”

Layford sneered as he attentively looked at Lin Yun with self-confidence.

'This country bumpkin really thinks that this is the Andlusa Kingdom? Those few Odin forces are really idiotic.

'They split so much of the Raging Flame Plane's benefits with the Andlusa Kingdom. According to the bet, those stupid Andlusan should have been kicked out of the Raging Flame Plane.

'And the most flourishing city of the Raging Flame Plane is actually in the hands of an Andlusa force, in the hands of a 9th Rank Archmage...

'What qualifications do these idiots have to control such wealth? These should be the compensation of the Jackson Family. If our Jackson Family hadn't fought bravely, the Raging Flame Plane would have already been destroyed before these guys could even come to harvest the fruits of victory.

'That "Mafa Merlin can defeat Heaven Rank powerhouses" report is a joke. This guy might be stronger than Archmages, and might even be able to display the power of the Heaven Rank. But defeating a Heaven Rank powerhouse? What a joke.

'Forget it, I'll go and take over the Merlin Family's territory after Sir White gets rid of this guy.

'The Starry Sky College won't conflict with our Jackson Family for the sake of a country bumpkin, especially a dead one.'

Layford didn't pay attention to Lin Yun and flew up to look at Raphael's battle. He was hesitant to kill Raphael.

'Sky City is a subordinate force of the Starry Sky College after all. It's said that one of the Deans participated in the construction of the never-falling city.

'Forget it, I'll let it go as long as Raphael sincerely admits defeat and compensate with half of their benefits.'

On the ground, White cruelly smiled as he roused a pitch-black Fusion Shield and took out a shining staff.