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Chapter 1211 Rescue Mission 3

At that instant, there were only a dozen level 39 alchemy puppets remaining. "Stop it." Lin Yun shouted.

He charged towards the casting puppet. The best opportunity to attack it was after it shot its ray of light. Or it could be said that it was the best opportunity to dismantle it.

It would be a shame if he didn't dismantle a puppet with spell strengthening ability.

As Lin Yun rapidly approached the casting puppet, that dual-wielding puppet immediately left Laibo behind to dash towards Lin Yun.

Laibo sneered and a white light appeared on the edge of his black sword. His body instantly disappeared as he sent a dozen Aura Slashes in a row.

The shuriken-like Aura Slashes were revolving as they appeared before the dual-wielding puppet, intercepting it. The huge deathly still aura burst out and greatly slowed the speed of the dual-wielding puppet. That puppet's speed greatly slowed down and the light of the Lightning Speed rune slowly darkened, seemingly suffering from the corrosion of that deathly still aura.

On the other side, Lin Yun was already getting close to the casting puppet. Enderfa's elemental storm and Syudos' flood of flames were already flowing over and suppressed this puppet who could burst at any time.

Lin Yun kept spitting law runes and these law runes transformed into a flood and carved themselves onto the puppet's body, making strange patterns emerge alongside these law runes.

The mana within the puppet's body kept resisting, but its speed couldn't keep up with the speed of Lin Yun's law runes. The huge amount of law runes instantly submerged this casting puppet.

The law runes severed the mana supply coming from its arms, severed its four limbs', before finally severing its torso's. All of its mana was suppressed into its mana reactor through force. After finally cutting off the puppet's control over its body, Lin Yun placed his hand on it.

After three seconds, the puppet exploded into components which piled on the ground.

When Laibo, who was still fighting in the distance, saw this scene, his hand couldn't help shaking and the dual-wielding puppet attacked his Battle Aura Armor. A crack appeared on the grey battle armor and even the protection he was wearing ended up with a crack.

'What a monster... That guy actually tore apart a Heaven Puppet with his bare hands. Is there a puppet this guy cannot dismantle?

'He is only a 9th Rank Archmage... What a monster... Have the people living outside really become that powerful?

'Even if they aren't necessarily as scary as this guy, they shouldn't be too far behind. No good, I have to do everything I can to persuade the Abbot to end the seclusion once I'm back!'

Lin Yun rapidly ended the battle. The casting puppet, which posed the biggest threat, had already been turned into a pile of components and Laibo no longer needed to focus most of his attention on it. He turned and faced the dual-wielding puppet.

A 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse full burst wasn't something this 1st Rank Heaven Puppet could contend against. Especially with Laibo's Deathless Aura, he had a huge restraining effect on these puppets.

The fighting style of the Secret Monastery wasn't to rely on formidable defenses, but to excel at blocking during battle. It was the first time the dual-wielding sword puppet's attack landed, and it was due to Laibo being distracted.

The fierce deathless aura burst out. The surrounding elemental power and mana started being silenced. After the dual-wielding puppet entered the ten meters area around Laibo, its speed was clearly reduced and the movement of its mana slowed. The rune on its forehead was also affected by the deathless aura and slowly dimmed. The dual-wielding puppet's speed grew slower and slower.

Half a minute later, the aura released by Laibo slashed at the dual-wielding puppet three times in a row. In an instant, the rune on that puppet's forehead stopped shining and the speed buff thoroughly disappeared. Laibo's black sword slashed from a crafty angle and pierced through the small crack on the puppet's neck. With a slight shake of his wrist, the longsword completely sliced through.

The dual-wielding puppet's head flew off and the grey deathless aura rapidly infected the entire puppet's body.

In less than three seconds, the energy emitted by the puppet turned deathly still. Aside from the mana reactor still emitting energy, all of its components had turned deathly still and no longer operated.

As for the control center of the puppet, it was located in its head and was infected by a huge amount of deathly still aura. Those flickering scarlet eyes were now grey as the control system was completely at a standstill.

Lin Yun walked over from behind and tore that puppet apart with one hand.

All the puppets had been eliminated, either turned into scrap metal or into components. The entire process didn't last more than three minutes.

Lin Yun put away all of the components he dismantled and put special attention on the pieces of the Heaven Puppets, storing them aside. Their ability runes had to be carefully studied to see if it was possible to transplant them.

Many alchemists would research this in the future. In the Puppet Plane, the loser of a battle might lose their special ability rune while the winning puppet could transplant the loser's ability rune onto themselves.

But alchemists had yet to find a way to transplant these runes. After a puppet died, the rune would only be worth for research, they simply couldn't be transplanted. There had been successful transplants later on, but they weren't able to display the runes' full power.

For this reason, some people ended up attacking the Puppet Plane to obtain the successful transplant method of the puppets.

But it was unfortunately left unsettled since the development of alchemy techniques would focus on large scale weapons, mana crystal cannons, magic battleships, and huge defensive mage towers in the future. Those were most important during that era.

And as mages became more powerful, especially after the appearance of the Mana Baptism Potion, Archmages became as numerous as dogs and Heaven Mages were everywhere. No one would spend a lot of effort to create a puppet which wasn't as good as mages.

Not to mention, it was a lot harder for a puppet to advance to the Heaven Rank than it was for mages, which was why this technique hadn't been fleshed out by the time Noscent's mana disappeared. It only had a very low success rate and the power wasn't great.

Once Lin Yun put away all those components, Laibo pointed at a collapsing building in the back.

"My junior disciples should be in an array behind that building. I could possibly tear that array apart, but something happened when I tried earlier and a few of my junior disciples ended up poisoned. I don't know how it is now..."

Laibo had a worried expression but Lin Yun didn't mind.

The location Laibo pointed to was the place where the puppets underwent their final tempering and debugging. Many of the puppets would already be activated when walking out of there.

According to the map, that was a poison tempering factory, tempering some of the puppets' weapons in poison. On the map, the danger symbol was second only to the easternmost part of the ruins in terms of danger and the area was completely covered by an array.

After passing through the ruins of the building and leaving their current location, they saw a zone covered in a dark mist, making it impossible to see the inside.

And outside the array, there were a few huge runes floating. When they were a hundred meters away, those runes immediately transmitted information in their minds.

These were warning runes, it warned all approaching people that something had happened, the poison mist was leaking, and that until this was handled, approaching was forbidden.

Lin Yun was speechless before he even approached. This wasn't an offensive array, it was actually a kind of defensive array. Moreover, it wasn't defending against the outside, but it was defending the outside from what was inside. As long as the array was active, the inside would be separated from the outside. Even the air and the elements would be firmly trapped inside.

And through the cover of light, Lin Yun was able to see through the mist with one glance. That was a complex type of poison containing a few kinds of deadly toxins.

If anyone else under the Heaven Rank was stuck inside, they would have absolutely died. However, the monsters of the Secret Monastery wouldn't die from poisoning.

But if this went on and they were trapped for ten days to half a month, they would definitely be screwed. Their huge vitality wasn't limitless, they can't resist forever.

"Sir Mafa, can you break through this array? There is still poison inside, my junior disciples wouldn't die from the poison, would they?"

Laibo was nervous. As a swordsman, he simply couldn't understand these kinds of things. Recalling his previous domineering actions, he felt somewhat regretful.

Lin Yun shook his head.

"It's fine, it's just a small problem. This array's defenses are targeted towards the inside, not the outside. But the poison gas is already leaking, this array doesn't have the power to resist, as long as it's not an attack."

After saying that, Lin Yun slowly extended his hand and touched that membrane. Laibo's eyes widened as he saw Lin Yun's hand easily pass through the light membrane and enter the array before he slowly pulled it back..

But he ended up catching a faint layer of dark green mist. The layer of dark green mist lingered on top of Lin Yun's hand and it looked like it was trying to spread to Lin Yun's body but was blocked by some sort of power.

Lin Yun frowned as he sensed the poisonous gas. The Magic Array revolved and calculated how many kinds of poisons the dark green mist contained.

"Sir Mafa, how is it? This poison gas..."

Lin Yun faintly shook his wrist and a wisp of power swept across it, instantly dispersing the poison gas on his palm.

"It doesn't matter too much. The poison might be very complicated, contain many kinds of poisons, and require a long period of detoxification, but your Secret monastery people won't die within ten days."

Laibo sighed in relief, he was completely oblivious to the fact that Lin Yun's words showed a deep understanding of their Secret Monastery.

"Sir Laibo, you take care of attacking the array."

Laibo was startled.

"Sir Mafa, what are you thinking? Poison spread last time I attacked..."

Lin Yun frowned and scowled.

"Sir Laibo, the poison there has already turned into a mist. No matter how much you attack, nothing else would appear. I'm only letting you attack so that the people trapped in the array get notified and approach. Then, I'll cut open an exit in the array to let them out, but the poison mist has to remain locked. If this array was broken, the poison mist would spread through the entire ruins."

Laibo awkwardly smiled and didn't dare to say anything else.

“I’ll do as you say, Sir Mafa, even if I don’t understand...”

Laibo swung his black sword and a grey Aura Slash fell onto the array. The deathly still aura spread and a dozen-meter-wide area of the barrier dimmed, it even spread through the array.

Laibo looked at this scene and his eyes flashed with amazement. Lin Yun’s hand could casually pass through the light barrier, but his attack was completely stopped.

Lin Yun didn’t have time to care about Laibo’s surprise. He observed the array and directly took out crystal pens and Star Ink before starting to decipher the array.

He controlled four Mana Hands to hold four crystal pens which flowed like running water. In less than three minutes, the floor within ten meters was covered in numerous cracking runes.

But Lin Yun didn’t stop once he was done, he had left a blank space in the center of the cracking runes, in the most important location. The crystal pens didn’t stop, but Lin Yun changed the ink to a kind of Mana Ink.

The crystal pen covered in Mana Ink kept writing and mana condensed runes floated in the air. The runes were only a finger away from the array. At this distance, the stable mana wouldn’t make the array react.

After five minutes, ten meters of the light barrier were completely covered in a layer of illusory runes.

These runes looked like an entrance, and in the entrance was a blank space that had yet to be filled.

“Sir Laibo, please attack and confirm that they are here. This won’t last long, if they don’t show up within three minutes, then they can only remain trapped inside.”

Laibo immediately let out three small Aura Slashes, and a few seconds later, the light membrane fluctuated. It seemed that someone was attacking the light membrane from the inside.

Lin Yun controlled the crystal pen and wrote the most important runes within the cracking array. In an instant, the numerous characters on the ground faintly shone and countless runes appeared to be alive. At the very center, the rays of light converged into a blade of light that fell onto the light membrane.

At the same time, Lin Yun’s crystal pen wrote the last few runes. The string of magic runes transformed into a light membrane that slowly attached to the array’s barrier.

The cracking array’s light tore a breach through the light barrier, and everything within four meters thoroughly melted.

But at the same time, the light membrane covered the ray of light and stabilized the ray of light.

Lin Yun spat out a rune and the double door opened on that light membrane. Moreover, a faint layer of power was restraining the poisonous gas inside.

Panicked voices echoed from within.

“Senior Brother Laibo, is that you? Save us quick, we have been poisoned and it won’t be long before we can no longer resist...”

“Senior Brother Laibo, we will die soon, we are all dying...”

Laibo immediately shouted as he heard those voices.

“Hurry up and come out! Hurry!”

After yelling, he seemed to remember something and promptly asked Lin Yun, “Sir Mafa, can they come out now?”

Lin Yun remained silent and nodded.

Those radiant doors opened and five young Sword Saints staggered out.

After these guys came out, Lin Yun immediately sealed the doors and kept the poison within the array. As long as this array had energy, this poison would remain sealed inside. These ruins had been abandoned for such a long time yet it was still full of energy. Lin Yun wasn't worried about the poison gas leaking.

Those five young Sword Saints rushed out, covered in a layer of their own power, but their skin was dyed green and wisps of green smoke was lingering on their bodies. It was odorless but carried a terrifying toxicity. Their clothes had been ruined beyond recognition by the poison and even their weapons were infected by the poison.

Four of them were sitting on the ground as if paralyzed, all of their strength used to resist the poison with deathless aura. As they resisted the poison, their lifeforce was being ignited and kept healing their corroded bodies.

One of them had a completely dark green skin and was exhaling dark green air. The lifeforce burning within his body kept weakening and the deathless aura was becoming weaker and weaker.

The deathless aura's deathly still pressure coupled with their monstrous vitality allowed them to resist. Once their lifeforce was exhausted, they would die from organ failure and no one would be able to save them. The poison they suppressed would burst out like a volcanic eruption and destroy their bodies.

“Senior Brother Laibo, please save me! I won't be able to last long...”

That poisoned youth seemed to be in his late twenties and was the one who was poisoned the worst. He was now resisting by burning his lifeforce and deathless aura, while the other four were sitting on the ground and focusing on their deathless auras.

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Laibo was confused. He wanted to use his deathless aura to help them suppress the poison, but he knew that the deathless aura would also suppress his junior apprentice brothers. The poison had already fused with their bodies and was rooted inside their bodies, they had to suppress it by themselves.

Laibo anxiously looked at Lin Yun while Lin Yun frowned.

“The poison is very complicated and they are poisoned too deeply. Moreover, it would take too long to compound an antidote as I'm missing one of the ingredients. It's growing in the Undead Plane...”

Lin Yun barely finished his words that Laibo's expression changed. The expression of the youth in the worst situation greatly changed and he roared out of fright, "Sh*t, what are you saying?! Are you trying to screw us over? Senior Brother Laibo, make this damned guy give us an antidote..."

The youth barely finished speaking when Laibo's expression worsened and his gaze turned icy, "Shut up Constantine! Have you already forgotten the basic manners you were taught? This is Sir Mafa Merlin, a powerhouse from the Andlusa Kingdom. He isn't one of my subordinates, he is just as strong as I am. Sir Mafa is also a powerful Artisan!

"It was Sir Mafa that cracked that array and rescued you, yet you don't even know how to show your gratitude?! If not for Sir Mafa, you would have all died inside!"

Laibo's eyes were shaking and he almost slapped Constantine.

'That idiot has been spoiled back in the monastery, he even forgot the most basic manners. Did they not see Sir Mafa saving their asses?

'Damn, if they had seen Sir Mafa single-handedly dismantle a Heaven Puppet within a few seconds, they wouldn't be acting like this.

'If not because I humbly asked for Sir Mafa's help, why would he bother coming here? If you anger Sir Mafa, who knows whether Sir Mafa would become hostile or not. Does that idiotic Constantine want to die?

'Did he forget that the Abbot repeatedly said that they shouldn't offend anyone when outside the monastery? If they casually offended someone and died, the monastery wouldn't be able to save them!'

Laibo's horrified expression seemed to scare those few alarmed young Sword Saints. It was apparently the first time they saw Laibo do this kind of expression. He seemed... A bit nervous?

Constantine's expression instantly froze, his alarmed heart suddenly calmed down and he didn't dare to say anything else.

Lin Yun frowned. If not for the sake of speeding up the process of cracking the Heaven Grade Array because five days weren't enough to do it by himself, he simply wouldn't care about these people.

Laibo looked a bit awkward.

"Sir Mafa, please don't mind it. These junior apprentice brothers of mine had stayed in the Secret Monastery all along and never came out. They don't really know how to get along with people outside of the monastery, and they are terrified after encountering such danger for the first time..."

After saying that, Laibo felt ashamed, he then fiercely glared at his junior apprentice brothers.

"You fools, if I had known you would act like this, I wouldn't have asked Sir Mafa to save you. The monastery's teachings are wasted on you!"

Hearing these words, the few Sword Saints were instantly terrified, they immediately struggled to stand up and respectfully bowed towards Lin Yun.

"Sir Mafa, thank you for saving us."

“Sir Mafa, I’m sorry, I didn’t mean it...”

The young Sword Saint promptly apologized before throwing a pleading look at Laibo.

But what could Laibo do? He could only shamelessly beg Lin Yun with a red face.

“Sir Mafa, you see... Is there a way to detoxify their poison? Constantine is the most affected and might not last long. Do you have another method? Or a way to delay the poison...?”

Lin Yun felt awkward. The poison they were infected with was really too complicated...

“It’s not that I don’t want to refine an antidote to save them, but that poison is too complicated and has seeped in too deeply.

“They have been using deathless aura to suppress it and their outstanding vitality to resist, but this poison is a mix of 37 kinds of poisons, many of which could absorb vitality to strengthen their own power. This mix of poisons had been roused by their vitality and it has already taken root inside their bodies.

“I do know a way to make an antidote, but I’m lacking a material that can only be found in a plane like the Undead Plane. The Undead Bone Flower only grows in places with a rich and calm death aura.

“Without this medicinal ingredient, I would have to spend some time studying alternate methods, and this would take over three days.

“But they can’t last three days...”

Hearing Lin Yun’s words, the young Sword Saints’ green faces turned even greener. Constantine foolishly looked at Lin Yun, but his expression kept changing.

‘Sh*t, Senior Brother Laibo said that this guy is as powerful as him, this must be a joke... That guy is only a 9th Rank Archmage, isn’t he? For our sake, Senior Brother Laibo even humbly asked that guy.

‘From that guy’s expression, he must have a method to save us but he wants to retaliate for earlier. Shit, do I really have to apologize to such a repulsive guy?

‘He is only a 9th Rank Archmage, he can’t compare to similarly ranked Sword Saints of our Secret Monastery. I only need one hand to get rid of this guy and cut his head off in one minute.

‘He actually dares to threaten me? I absolutely can’t compromise, no, I won’t be able to continue resisting soon...’

Constantine’s skin turned dark green. His deathless aura and his life force already weakened at a rapid pace. If this continued, it wouldn’t take more than half an hour before his body was thoroughly destroyed and his soul torn apart.

Laibo paled. His junior brothers had just been rescued, but he could only watch as they died. This was even worse than death.

“Sir... Sir Mafa, is... Is there really no other method?”

Lin Yun felt awkward. The puppets they had encountered before didn't have poisoned weapons. How could he have thought there were 37 kinds of poisons in that area and that several of them could even affect a Heaven Rank powerhouse.

Many of these poisons could even poison Heaven Rank powerhouses to death if mixed according to specific ratios!

Although the mix of 37 kinds of poison was troublesome, it wasn't that fierce otherwise these few guys inheritors of the Secret Monastery would have already died.

Unfortunately, he really lacked the most important material to compound the antidote, and it couldn't be replaced. If he used something else to replace it, he would have to do some research to make sure that it wouldn't just bring temporary relief and fail to eliminate the poison.

After pondering for a bit, Lin Yun suddenly thought of something that could be used among the loot he had recently sorted out.

That was a poisonous insect larva he had obtained from the Abyss. These poisonous larvae were said to have once been Ancient Poison Dragons' parasites, using poison as food. They fed on poison and relied on toxins to grow, the fiercer the better. Even if they were larvae, something that could grow on the body of an Ancient Poison Dragon should be completely immune to poison.

This drew Lin Yun's attention. They were collected during the last tribute of the Demons, unfortunately he hadn't had time to nurture them. Ordinary poison simply couldn't make these poisonous insects grow so they had been left aside and forgotten.

It was said that once this kind of poisonous insect matured to its peak, the poison of its bite wouldn't be weaker than an Ancient Poison Dragon's, it could kill a Heaven Rank powerhouse with just one bite.

As he recalled these parasites, Lin Yun's eyes suddenly shone. He reached out with his hand, and a crystal bottle sealed with a rune appeared in his hand. The lid was covered with a seal and inside the bottle were disgusting larvae squirming in the sticky liquid. The translucent sticky liquid and light yellow larvae made people feel sick just by looking at them.

Lin Yun awkwardly looked at Laibo.

"Sir Laibo, I just thought about it, and the only solution I can think of is this. Those are poison insects I accidentally obtained in the Abyss, they feed on poison. Moreover, they are only at the larva stage and don't have any other ability other than absorbing poison.

"If you want to save your junior apprentice brothers, you can only try these poison insects' larvae..."

Laibo didn't care so much as long as they didn't die. Although they looked nauseating, was nauseating as serious as losing their lives?

Laibo took on the appearance of a senior apprentice brother and solemnly looked at the pale green faces of his five junior apprentice brothers. He seemed ready to beat up anyone who would dare to say anything.

Lin Yun undid the seal on the crystal bottle and a foul smell spread out. It felt as if a mix of rot, stink, and sulfur entered everyone's nose.

Lin Yun couldn't help frowning, he couldn't smell the stench when he was a Demon as there were millions of foul-smelling things in the Abyss, but he couldn't help retching a bit when he smelled this now.

"Sir Mafa, how do I do this?"

A young Sword Saint with a pale green face looked at Lin Yun's crystal getting closer with an alarmed expression. Under the threat of death, no matter how disgusting the smell was, no matter how disgusting it looked, he had to endure.

Seemingly feeling the fierce poison, the larvae in the crystal bottle got restless and kept squirming as if they wanted to crawl out of the crystal bottle.

Lin Yun released a Mana Hand and grabbed three pinkie-sized poisonous insects and put them on the young Sword Saint's body. Immediately, that Sword Saint looked as if he had been hit by a Petrification Spell. His body turned stiff and he foolishly looked at those damp poisonous insects lying on his body.

Having been deprived of poison for a very long time, these poisonous insects were starving. They started swallowing the poison crazily, and soon, half of this young Sword Saint's left arm had regained its original color, the green slowly disappeared and those few poisonous insects were no longer able to absorb the poison.

Lin Yun placed poisonous insects all over the Sword Saint's body and the poison infecting him was rapidly absorbed. After two minutes, although the young Sword Saint was still pale, he was no longer green and there was no trace of poisonous aura on his body.

Seeing how effective this was, Lin Yun grabbed the poisonous insects and had them rapidly absorb the poison of the remaining four people. Five minutes later, three of them were cleared of poison, but Constantine's skin was still faintly green.

The poisonous insects had absorbed more than half of the toxins, but couldn't absorb anymore. Moreover, Constantine's skin turned back to dark green in less than thirty seconds.

"Sir Mafa... What, what's going on..."

Constantine was terrified. The other four were good, only his poison couldn't be absorbed cleanly and kept on strengthening after the absorption.

Lin Yun frowned.

"The poison has seeped in too deep, it already infected your internal organs, blood, and maybe even your bone marrow. The poisonous insects can only absorb so much from the surface of your skin, they are still larvae and they are weak, they can't absorb the poison inside your body..."

Hearing this, Constantine was terrified and couldn't hold on anymore. His face was already pale green, his deathless aura rapidly weakened and his life force also rapidly declined.

On the side, Laibo was immediately alarmed, but he couldn't do anything, he could only watch. Everyone knew that this was the poison within Constantine's body bursting out.

Constantine's body was stiff. He felt that he had lost perception, but suddenly, Constantine saw a Mana Hand holding his chin in place and opening his mouth while another Mana Hand flew over with a crystal bottle.

In an instant, Constantine's pupil shrunk as he saw the yellow nauseating larvae continuously squirming within the thick sticky liquid.

Then, the crystal bottle was slowly tilted and that sticky liquid and nauseating larvae were poured into his mouth.

His body stiffened and his eyes were full of despair as he could only watch those poisonous insects, squirming within the thick liquid, slowly enter his mouth. A moist feeling covered his throat as the larvae kept sliding in his throat.

The pile of larvae followed his throat pipe and entered his stomach alongside the thick sticky liquid.

At that moment, Constantine recalled the decomposed corpses he had seen in the past, they had been many similar-looking insects squirming within their bodies.

Seeing Lin Yun's action, the surrounding few young Sword Saints turned pale, they were 9th Rank Sword Saints, but they couldn't help taking two steps back.

As for Laibo, his eyelids twitched fiercely, but he sighed in relief. He had just thought that Constantine was screwed, but he hadn't expected Lin Yun to still have a solution.

'So what if he suffered a bit as long as his life could be preserved?'

The poisonous insects' larvae were all poured into Constantine's mouth in a single breath. At the same time, the toxins erupting from Constantine's body were like a flood encountering a flood gate, they were frantically absorbed by these poisonous larvae.

Constantine's dark green skin could be seen recovering at a visible pace. His skin slowly regained its fair color and the poison bursting out of his body also slowly calmed down. After a few seconds, the stiff Constantine suddenly bent down and retched.

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He puked countless milky white small insects. Lin Yun used mana to put these poisonous larvae back into the crystal bottle and immediately put the lid on. Constantine was still kneeling on the ground after having puked these larvae. He kept puking and spitting, still retching even when there was nothing left to puke.

The few young Sword Saints paled as they thought of those nauseating poisonous insects and they couldn't help retching. But the four Sword Saints were also rejoicing, they had been fortunate enough to not be poisoned too deeply.

Laibo sighed in relief. He could sense that although Constantine was about to vomit his gallbladder out, his vitality was stabilizing and his deathless aura wasn't being consumed anymore. This showed that the poison had been completely cleansed out of his system.

"Sir Mafa, this is truly thanks to you. If not for your quick reaction, Constantine would have already died.

"I can't imagine what I would have felt watching my junior apprentice brother die in front of me, and I don't know how I would have faced the Abbot upon my return..."

Laibo looked like he was weeping. He had just been terrified when Constantine's poison burst out. That kind of helpless despair wasn't something he wanted to go through again.

Lin Yun shook his head.

"Sir Laibo, you are too polite. I would obviously do my best since I promised you."

Laibo sighed and then pulled the still-retching Constantine up with a solemn expression.

"Constantine, your life has been saved by Sir Mafa this time. Sir Mafa not only rescued you from that damned area, he even cleanse everyone's poison. Especially you Constantine, if not for Sir Mafa's quick reaction, you would have already died. You should hurry and thank Sir Mafa!"

The other four Sword Saints sincerely followed ancient etiquette and thanked Lin Yun for saving their lives. As for Constantine, he had a twisted and pale expression as he was carried by Laibo to show proper courtesy.

Constantine's expression kept distorting, his complexion sullen and weak.

'This guy absolutely did it on purpose. Right, he definitely did it on purpose to humiliate me. Why else would the basic treatment work on the others but not on me? Those nauseating insects were definitely raised by that guy and are definitely under his control, that's why they didn't fully absorb the poison within my body.

'He then waited for the poison within my body to burst out to make me swallow a bottle of nauseating insects... Heavens, I can't...'

Constantine's face distorted as he concluded that Lin Yun did it on purpose to humiliate him, that he used this method to retaliate against him.

But as he thought of those poisonous insects, the scene of those insects entering his mouth and sliding down his throat flashed in Constantine's mind.

Thinking of this scene, Constantine couldn't help retching...

How could Lin Yun know what Constantine was thinking of? He was focused on those Ancient Poison Dragon's parasites. They were even more frightening than his demonic subordinates had made them out to be. Even with such a complicated poison bursting out, they could cleanly absorb all of the poison within a few seconds.

And they were only larvae, how powerful would they be when they matured?

After all, that poison almost poisoned the inheritors of the Secret Monastery to death. These guys were all 9th Rank Sword Saints, and most of them are at the peak of the 9th Rank, their vitality is even more vigorous than most Heaven Rank Sword Saints.

Even they almost died from the poison. The average 9th Rank Sword Saint would have already turned into a pool of waste.

But this poison was only tasty food to a Poison Dragon's parasite. Having these meant that any poison they encountered in the future could be absorbed.

'It looks like if I want to nurture them, I have to go to the Raging Flame Plane and return to the valley the Ancient Poison Dragon's corpse is at. The poisonmist has yet to dissipate, maybe these guys would mature if they could absorb the poisonmist.'

'At that time, any mage under the Heaven Rank would be poisoned to death if bitten, and if a large group appeared together, it wouldn't be impossible for them to poison a Heaven Mage to death.'

The five young Sword Saints' injuries were quite heavy. They needed to wait for them to recover a bit before going forward. Lin Yun didn't feel like wasting time so he gave them five Health Potions. These potions were far more effective on these guys learning Deathless Aura than on mages.

It took less than an hour for the group of Sword Saint to recover, and although their fighting strength had slightly decreased, it wouldn't take more than a day before they fully recovered.

Laibo's confidence increased after successfully rescuing his five junior apprentice brothers and he immediately led the group in another direction.

Lin Yun frowned when they reached the area.

"Sir Mafa, my junior apprentice sister carelessly walked over there when an array suddenly activated.

"I'm worried that more changes would occur if I attacked the array again. It would be very troublesome if poison reappeared. Is this array easy to crack?"

Lin Yun took out the crystal ball and looked at it carefully but his face didn't look good.

"This isn't an ordinary array, this is a unidirectional alchemy portal. The area behind the portal is the ruins' trial ground.

"If you want to come out, you can only use another unidirectional alchemy portal. Cracking this array isn't possible, because I don't know what's inside.

"If I forcibly crack it, it would release everything contained within, regardless of what is inside."

Laibo couldn't help holding his breath when he heard Lin Yun's words. He looked at the ten-kilometer-wide area and a scene appeared in his mind.

Over twenty Heaven Puppets leading over a thousand level 39 puppets like a tide of metal. Facing this terrifying power, they all looked like floating trees in a flood, their only outcome was to be torn into pieces.

'The previous cracked array had two Heaven Puppets, but this place is the trial ground, just how many puppets are inside?'

'No one knows...'

"Sir Mafa, is my junior apprentice sister..."

Lin Yun shook his head and pointed at the alchemy portal.

“No, this alchemy portal is still operating, which shows that the trial hasn’t ended yet. This portal would have already disappeared if the challenge was over.

“If we want to save your junior apprentice sister, we have to go in and complete the trial before coming out from the other portal...”

Laibo urged, “What are we waiting for then? This has already been several days, my junior apprentice sister has yet to come out, she must be trapped inside...”

Lin Yun shook his head and reminded everyone, “I’ll say this ahead of time. You all have to listen to me after entering the portal. Sir Laibo and I have to go in, but leaving you outside is too dangerous. You’ll definitely die as long as a Heaven Puppet leads a group over.

“But the difficulty of the trial will increase after we enter. I’ll be continuously deciphering and altering the array to weaken the trial’s difficulty. Without my permission, you can’t do anything or we will be in danger and might die.”

Lin Yun’s tone was dull, but everyone felt a bone-chilling breeze in the back of their neck.

After saying those words, Lin Yun immediately led them to that alchemy portal, with Laibo guiding his five junior apprentice brothers into the alchemy portal.

Rays of light flickered as they appeared on a several-kilometer-wide square. The earth on the square had been enhanced an unknown amount of times with a large number of defensive runes.

There was also a light barrier enveloping the entire square. They were on a ten-meter-big platform on the edge of the square.

And as they appeared, a platform with two Heaven Puppets and five level 39 puppets appeared ahead of them. But the puppets were all in an inactive state.

After appearing, Lin Yun sighed in relief as this trial took into account their fighting strength and gave them opponents of similar strength. And since it didn’t start immediately, it gave them enough time to decipher the array.

Lin Yun took out his crystal pens and Star Ink and started rapidly writing a large number of cryptic runes on the surroundings of the platform. Soon, these runes completely surrounded the platform, and when the last rune was written down, the runes merged with the platform’s runes.

Three seconds later, the two Heaven Puppets completely disappeared and only a level 39 melee puppet remained.

Lin Yun stepped out of the platform and that inactive level 39 puppet suddenly opened its eyes. Its scarlet crystal eyes suddenly shone brightly.

“Let’s go, we can enter the next level.”

Lin Yun put away the crystal pens and the Star Ink and didn’t take that level 39 puppet seriously.

But when the five young Sword Saints saw that puppet rushing over, they couldn’t help raising their weapons.

Constantine instinctively raised his weapon, but noticed that Laibo had no plan to attack and instead berated the other four Sword Saints, "Did you already forget what Sir Mafa has said? Without Sir Mafa's command, no one can casually make a move!"

Constantine's face turned solemn, but he watched that puppet charging towards Lin Yun with eagerness.

'That arrogant guy... These puppets aren't ordinary puppets, every single one is terrifyingly powerful, and apart from the inheritors of the deathless aura of our Secret Monastery, ordinary Peak 9th Rank Sword Saints simply can't rival this kind of puppet.

'After all, those puppets' weapons are tailored to deal with mages. Tearing open a mage's shield was very easy.

'That arrogant guy said we can't do as we please and we have to listen to his commands... Then don't blame us when you suffer.

'Unfortunately, senior brother Laibo wouldn't let this repulsive guy suffer too much.'

Constantine looked as if he was watching a good play, but Lin Yun didn't really pay attention, he didn't even raise a shield.

The puppet was extremely fast, and as it rushed over, all the spells enchanted on its weapons and on its body activated. Aside from the fact that it lacked Aura, its speed and power were still better than the average 9th Rank Sword Saint.

With the special nature of these puppets, the coordination between the formidable mechanical system and battle system, and that puppet's special weapons, the destructive power it had towards mages would be slightly higher than 9th Rank Sword Saints.

Excitement could be seen in Constantine's eyes as he looked at the puppet 30 meters from Lin Yun. He almost cheered and secretly glanced at Laibo, before discovering that Laibo wasn't planning on reacting at this distance. This made Constantine overjoyed.

'Take this, arrogant mage. You'll suffer. 30 meters and you still haven't raised a shield. These puppets are extremely fast and they can release their abilities within thirty meters, you'll suffer a lot.

'Senior apprentice brother Laibo definitely wants to make that arrogant mage pay the price and then save him so that the favor is no longer owed, as well as letting him see the power of our Secret Monastery.

'Come, come!'

Constantine clenched his fist before finally seeing the puppet's speed suddenly increase. From 30 meters, it instantly stepped across and its two blades slashed towards Lin Yun.

And Lin Yun had yet to raise a shield. One slash and he would have been cut in two.

But suddenly, Constantine saw Lin Yun keep moving forward as if he hadn't paid attention to the puppet. He casually took one step, yet the puppet strangely missed its two slashes.

Then, Lin Yun's hands caressed the back of the puppet. It was followed by... Nothing.

The puppet stiffened and instantly burst open, transforming into a pile of components.

Those components had yet to fall to the ground before they were picked up by Lin Yun and put into his Spatial Ring.

The smile on Constantine's face completely froze.

Not just him, the other four Sword Saints also looked as if they had seen a ghost as they lifelessly looked at Lin Yun skillfully grabbing the falling components.

It was like the puppet had never existed, as if a pile of components rushed over on their own to be picked by Lin Yun.

Constantine looked horrified, he didn't understand what just happened.

'Damn, what just happened? This is too strange. Was that puppet already broken? Why didn't it attack that guy? Why did it casually explode into a pile of components upon touch?

'Sh*t, is that guy a Heaven Sword Saint? Can anyone tell me what just happened?!'

Constantine wasn't the only one shocked and puzzled, the other four Sword Saints were also horrified and shocked.

And on the side, the calm Laibo suddenly felt a lot more comfortable.

'Sure enough, Sir Mafa used that special ability to dismantle puppets with one hand. I knew that this level 39 puppet came to deliver components to Sir Mafa.

'It looks like it wasn't that I lacked knowledge, even Constantine and the others are terrified. They have read many books in the Secret Monastery's library and some of them even read more books than me. Some may have more knowledge of the outside world than me.

'Yet they are all looking at Sir Mafa as if he is a ghost. This is definitely not my knowledge being lacking, it's Sir Mafa being too frightening.

'Sure enough, I have to report on the development of the outside world to Sir Abbot. One of these five is known for being a bookworm that has read half of the books within the library.

'He is definitely startled, but can he explain the problem? The books of the monastery are out of date and simply can't keep up with the progress of the outside world. I have to make the Abbot accelerate the pace at which we come in contact with the outside world.

'The Secret Monastery was almost left in the dust of history...'

Laibo made up his mind when he saw the five young Sword Saints' expressions. He had to explain how terrifying the outside world currently was to the Abbot.

After passing the first checkpoint, they stepped on the second level. It was a platform just like the first level, but the puppets were a melee Heaven Puppet, a casting Heaven Puppet, three level 39 melee puppets and two level 39 casting puppets.

Lin Yun once again modified the trial as much as he could and tricked the detection equipment, making it detect only one 9th Rank Sword Saint, and thus, only one peak level 39 casting puppet remained.

That casting puppet also approached Lin Yun step by step until that slender hand was put up. At that instant, that level 39 puppet burst into a pile of components.

Laibo was already numb to it about it, he didn't think it was abnormal.

Heaven Puppets could be dismantled with one hand, so a level 39 puppet wasn't better. There was no point making a fuss about it.

Seeing the lifeless five still looking shocked, Laibo couldn't help feeling that his junior apprentice brothers really needed a good experience in the outside world.

'This is only a level 39 puppet, this is nothing. Yet you are looking at him as if he was a ghost. What expression are you going to make when you see him dismantle a Heaven Puppet?'

'Truly kids that have never seen the world. No matter how many books you read, it's pointless, they are weak-minded.'

Chapter 1214 Trial Ground 2

'The Abbot said that I'm reading too little and that my knowledge being limited is not good. See, even that bookworm is stunned, it doesn't matter how much one reads...' A proud expression could be seen on Laibo's face. The Secret Monastery rarely came in contact with the outside world, most of the things they knew came from the books. But Laibo liked battles, he kept fighting and his talent was pretty good, thus he has been making huge progress until he reached the Heaven Rank.

He didn't know what that technique of dismantling a puppet in one second represented, but these young Sword Saint weren't so inexperienced that they didn't know what that meant.

They passed through another level and reached the third level. But it was no longer as easy. There was no platform acting as a buffer and five puppets took the initiative to attack when they arrived. The five melee puppets flew over like rays of light.

There was still a ray of light sweeping down from the sky, as well as some runes that kept pulsating. Lin Yun confirmed with a single glance that it was a rune probing everyone's strength.

Laibo's power didn't burst out, all of his power had been restrained within. Moreover, the way deathless aura burst out was completely different from other auras. As a result, Laibo appeared weaker than his junior apprentice brothers and there was no need for another puppet.

As for Lin Yun, he was standing there, not a single wisp of mana fluctuation was emitted from his body. Even his lifeforce appeared very weak. The array's probe simply disregarded Lin Yun.

These five puppets came out after Constantine and his four apprentice brothers were detected.

Seeing these five puppets rushing over, Lin Yun swept a glance at Laibo, who was about to make a move.

"Sir Laibo, you'd best curb all of your power or we won't just be facing five level 39 melee puppets..."

Laibo immediately released his grip on his sword when he heard those words. Lin Yun took out the crystal pen and Mana Ink while pointing at Constantine and the other four.

“You can take action. Resisting against these few puppets is enough, I just need some time.”

After saying this, Lin Yun dipped the crystal pen into the Mana Ink and started writing in the air. Mana-condensed runes floated in the air and kept merging with those probing runes.

As for Constantine’s group, they swung their thin swords and used deathless aura to tangle with the puppets. Both sides were equally matched, but the swordsmen weren’t using their full strength, their attacks were very light.

Thirty seconds later, the probing runes had been paralyzed and tricked into thinking that there was only one Sword Saint by Lin Yun. Then, only one level 39 melee puppet was dispatched.

A few seconds later, this melee puppet was dismantled into a pile of components by Lin Yun.

As they crossed six checkpoints in a row, they were welcomed by five Sword Saint puppets almost immediately while the number of casting puppets appearing kept increasing.

On the 6th checkpoint, they faced five sword puppets and five casting puppets, making it a bit hard on the five swordsmen. After all, these five casting puppets were coordinating extremely well, raising their strength exponentially. The more varied and numerous the puppets, the more power they could display.

It took Lin Yun a minute to paralyze the detection runes and the ten puppets were instantly reduced to one casting puppet.

After reaching the end of this checkpoint, Laibo’s gaze fell on the side of the door and noticed a spot with some dim runes.

“Mariana is really alive! This is the mark she left behind!”

Laibo was excited. He had always been worried that his junior apprentice sister had fallen here. Lin Yun told him that this trial ground had only seven levels. With his junior apprentice sister being a 9th Rank Sword Saint, passing through should have been very challenging. The consecutive fights were a test of perseverance and strength.

Not having found her in the past six levels, the only hope left was that she was on the last level, and now that he saw the mark she left behind, Laibo was overjoyed.

Lin Yun looked at the darkened runes on the ground and couldn’t see what had been left there, he could only feel that the ground’s defensive runes had been weakened. It should have been from the corrosion of deathless aura.

Laibo’s deathless aura poured into that spot before slowly scattering into a mist. Then, the mark on the ground slowly split apart to form some text.

[Stupid senior apprentice brother, the formidable Mariana has already broken through to the last level. If you see this, it proves that you didn’t die in the previous checkpoints. Don’t die in the last one, the powerful Mariana will be waiting for you outside.]

Seeing these words, Laibo appeared somewhat embarrassed. Constantine and the others seemed to think of something and awkwardly chuckled.

“Let’s go. This is the last level. We can leave the trial ground if we go through it.”

Lin Yun said those words before entering the light door before his eyes.

After a single step, a voice echoed in his ears like a tsunami. A swordswoman could be seen wearing a mauve battledress. Her long hair was extending to her waist and was covered in deathless aura as she fought.

“Stupid iron cans! Accept your death! The powerful Mariana has killed a Pseudo Heaven Rank Magic Beast before! I am bound to become a Heaven Rank existence, just drop dead!”

The fair-skinned girl with bright eyes seemed to be only twenty years old. She kept shouting as if she had already won.

Unfortunately, the situation was completely different. Three dual-wielding sword puppets kept flickering at Mariana’s sides and cold rays of light flashed in her surroundings. Moreover, the casting puppet in the distance had raised its arms and its scarlet crystal eyes kept flashing. That was due to the huge amount of data flowing while it searched for the best opportunity to kill her.

The puppet’s left arm with eight small cannons was shooting out Firebolts while white light had gathered in the right arm’s cannon, ready to shoot at any time.

Mariana seemed to be in imminent danger as she could be torn apart by those puppets at any time. Many tears already appeared on her mauve battledress and nicks could already be seen on the thin sword she wielded.

With enough Aura, this would hardly appear on a weapon. This meant that her Aura was already running out and she had to use her weapon to clash with the dual-wielding puppets.

Lin Yun frowned and ignored Mariana. He instead rapidly turned towards that light door and spat out a few law runes.

The law runes slowed down the speed at which the light door revolved, while Laibo and Constantine already came out of the light door.

“I delayed the time it would take for the light door to close, this would delay the appearance of the puppets. I’ll first paralyze the probing runes here...”

After walking over, the few of them immediately saw Mariana in the middle of a fierce battle and saw how she was forced into a passive state. That casting puppet’s ray of light would shoot out at any time, and it would set off as long as Mariana exposed just the slightest weakness.

They saw Mariana’s precarious situation, but they couldn’t help. They were all anxious, but they knew that as long as they left the range of the door of light, their power would be immediately taken into account by the trial ground’s probing runes and the danger they would face definitely wouldn’t be just four puppets.

The newly appearing puppets might instantly submerge Mariana.

Constantine's eyes rapidly turned red and Laibo rapidly kept his power under control. As for Lin Yun, he was still holding his crystal pen and calmly wrote mana runes in midair.

This was the last level. They had crashed their way through every previous level to open the light door leading to the next level. It was the same for the last one, they only needed to paralyze the probing setup to make the alchemy portal appear and leave this trial ground.

As for that young girl, there was no need to worry. She had been chosen as a direct inheritor of the Secret Monastery and was one of the few 9th Rank Sword Saint taken out to get some experience. She could at least hold her ground when faced with four puppets and wouldn't lose until her Aura was completely depleted.

Even if she suffered a small injury, it wouldn't matter much to the inheritors of the Secret Monastery. Someone overflowing with vitality like Laibo wouldn't die unless their head was crushed in an instant or their heart was shattered.

Lin Yun calculated the array's plan schematic, he was paralyzing the probing runes while using the entire array to break open the closed door. That way they could leave without fighting.

Unfortunately, Lin Yun did plan well, but some people had different thoughts.

"Mariana! I'll help you!" Constantine couldn't help shouting.

At that instant, Laibo's expression suddenly changed. Distracting someone in the middle of a battle was a taboo, and that casting puppet was ready to shoot at any time. As long as Mariana showed a weakness, that casting puppet would immediately release that ray of light.

Mariana swung that thin sword and it looked like a dozen swords were slashing. The surrounding three dual-wielding puppets' attacks and those Firebolts were all blocked. She looked like a graceful butterfly that kept dodging the surrounding attacks.

Mariana's sword still swung at a perfect angle even after hearing Constantine's sudden shout, she also didn't turn her head as she roared, "Constantine! And idiot senior apprentice brother, don't come in. I can defeat these hateful iron cans by myself. Whoever dares to help me will have to face my revenge!"

Laibo bitterly smiled and stood there without moving. It wasn't that he didn't want to help, he simply couldn't help. A Heaven Puppet would instantly appear the moment he stepped out. At that time, if he failed to help, Mariana might die instantly.

Having previously fought with Heaven Puppets, Laibo had a clear understanding of them. The Heaven Puppets here had awakened wisdom and even obtained special abilities. Who knows what special abilities those puppets would have.

If another puppet with Lightning Speed appeared, as long as it wasn't an idiot, it would definitely target Mariana first.

Laibo was shocked as he looked at Lin Yun holding an ink bottle in one hand and a crystal pen in the other while not a single puppet paid attention to him.

'Truly a terrifying guy, he can actually completely control his mana so that not a single fluctuation appeared. He even decreased all signs of his lifeforce to such a faint degree. This is even weaker than an ordinary person.

'This kind of power is completely disregarded by the array's probing.

'Sir Mafa being so powerful must have a lot to do with his control. That kind of fierce void storm-like attack is something that even Heaven Rank powerhouses can't summon without that kind of control.

'Since Sir Mafa didn't speak, it means that there is no danger. Moreover, Mariana isn't weak. Although it's a little bit hard, it's a good way of tempering herself.

'If Mariana is in danger, I believed that Sir Mafa, the closest to her, wouldn't turn a blind eye to it...'

Laibo actually felt relieved, but Constantine's expression wasn't good. His expression flickered as he saw Lin Yun walking back and forth within the array, without being attacked by a puppet.

'This Mafa Merlin is terrifyingly powerful. A 9th Rank Archmage can actually tear apart a puppet with a single hand... This isn't something the average alchemist could do.

'Only Saint Alchemists could do something like that, and he is only an Archmage, how could he be a Saint Alchemist? The weakest Saint Alchemist is a Heaven Mage, and a 5th Rank Heaven Mage.

'And how could his mana control be so formidable as a mage? There isn't even a single mana fluctuation leaking out while his vitality has been reduced to such a pitiful degree.

'Moreover, these puppets aren't attacking him at all. This proves one thing: There is something wrong with this Mafa Merlin. He said he came from the Andlusa Kingdom? What a joke. The Andlusa Kingdom is apparently a rural country, how could it have this kind of powerhouse?

'His identity is fake, his mage identity is fake. He hasn't released a single spell so far... He is a puppet in disguise!

'That's it! Only a puppet could curb all of its mana fluctuations, only a puppet could have such a low vitality. That guy might be a special Heaven Puppet whose power is below the Heaven Rank, but with extremely high wisdom.

'Right, only a puppet could have such a deep understanding of puppets!

'This guy definitely schemed against us and led us here to kill us all. He is the guardian of these ruins!'

Chapter 1215 An Idiot Thinking Himself Clever

Constantine sneered as he looked at Lin Yun who was still writing runes methodically.

The probing runes floating in the sky were temporarily blocked by Lin Yun's screen. At the same time, these probing runes started opening the door at the end of the level.

Following Lin Yun's rune writing, mana fluctuation appeared on top of the door seemingly cast out of black iron. A thread of light enveloped the entrance and a door of light could be seen, but it still needed time to truly open, it was only displaying the entrance at the moment.

But Constantine's expression suddenly changed as he saw the door light up. He thought that the final passage had already opened, but Lin Yun was still writing magic runes in the air.

'It's definitely a trap... The entrance has already opened, yet he is still not letting us make a move. Mariana's Aura has almost been completely consumed. If this continues, she'll definitely be eliminated by these repulsive puppets.

'If this goes on, Mariana will die!

'The entrance has already opened, what is that Mafa Merlin doing? It's a trap, right, that guy is definitely the guardian of this place, he is a special puppet, this is his big plot.

'This can't go on, we must escape right away...'

The more Constantine thought, the more he felt that his conjecture was right. Ever since he had seen Lin Yun, the latter hasn't released a single spell. Aside from his ability in the field of alchemy, he hasn't released a single spell since he entered the trial ground. He didn't even release a shield.

'A mage daring to have physical contact with a dangerous puppet without preparing a shield? What a joke, no such mage exists!'

Constantine no longer paid attention to Lin Yun, he instead focused on Mariana and that door of light.

As Mariana was once again surrounded by the three dual-wielding puppets, Constantine burst out with deathless aura and rushed out with his thin sword unsheathed.

"Mariana, follow me quickly! The door of light has already opened! We can leave safely!"

Constantine was bursting out with deathless aura and swung his sword a few times, sending a dozen Aura Slashes towards the three dual-wielding puppets. He then took advantage of the situation to pull Mariana's hand and charge towards the light door.

Following Constantine's actions, the screen temporarily blocking the probing runes shattered and the magic runes floating in the air were shattered one after another.

In less than a second, the probing runes appeared once again in the air, but these few probing runes were enough to detect Constantine's bursting power.

In an instant, rays of light flickered and two dual-wielding sword puppets and two casting puppets appeared on the square.

The five dual-wielding puppets chased behind Constantine and Mariana while the three casting puppets started releasing Firebolts, their rays of light also blazing out.

"F*ck, Constantine, you as*hole! What are you doing?! I can settle my own battle! I can get rid of these stupid iron cans by myself!"

Marina struggled and shouted, but Constantine didn't relinquish his grip, he even burst out with full strength as he charged into that door of light.

He barely managed to dodge those few rays of light and arrived before the door of light in less than three seconds, his speed not decreasing in the slightest.

But at that instant, a loud bang echoed, followed by Constantine's painful scream.

That layer of light barrier was like the barrier at the edge of a plane. Constantine was lucky he hadn't killed himself on it, but one of his arms was broken and there was a big bump on his head, it looked terrifying.

Mariana, who had been struggling, wasn't injured at all.

But due to Constantine's actions, the light fluctuated and the runes Lin Yun had spent a few minutes shaping, broke into pieces. At the same time, the runes blocking the probing runes completely dissipated. Complicated patterns appeared on the door of light and even covered the entire square.

Laibo and the others were standing there, while the door of light, that had been delayed by Lin Yun, shut forcibly. Aside from Laibo, the others' auras were instantly caught by the array.

In an instant, sixteen level 39 puppets appeared.

As the patterns covered the entire light barrier, a blood-colored rune appeared on top of the light barrier and puppets kept appearing on the square.

The number of puppets suddenly doubled!

Constantine and Mariana were instantly separated from the group, stuck on the other side of the square by over forty puppets. One round of attacks and they would both die!

Everyone was stunned by the changes that happened within a few seconds. Laibo was startled and angry at the same time, but what could he do now? Did he have to watch as his junior apprentice sister died in front of him?

Before the newly-appearing puppets awakened, Laibo's Song of Sacrifice instantly turned white and a dozen-meter-long Aura Slash fiercely thrust into the group of puppets.

The power of the 2nd Rank, as well as deathless aura, wasn't something these level 39 puppets could handle. Even if it couldn't get rid of all of them, it could cut open a passage.

Laibo swung his Song of Sacrifice and his body turned into a grey arrow that rapidly broke through the sound barrier. He used three seconds to force his way to the other side of the square.

After those puppets were pushed away, Laibo didn't have enough time to speak and immediately carried the wounded Mariana and dragged Constantine, who was holding his face, back from the puppets' encirclement.

After returning from the entrance, Laibo's expression became somewhat pale. The Song of Sacrifice in his hand had regained its pure black color. Those few seconds of burst strength could only be achieved by consuming his vitality.

If not for that, he wouldn't have had the time to save Constantine and Mariana.

Constantine foolishly looked at the scene, his arm's bones already reconnected while his outstanding vitality was healing him.

"How could it be... It shouldn't be like this..."

Mariana's expression turned dark.

"Hmpf, I already told you that I didn't need anyone to get involved in my fight, that I could settle it on my own. Now look at what you have done, you fool. Who asked you to meddle in other people's business?"

"As for you, idiot senior apprentice brother, what are you doing saving us? I was fine, let that foolish Constantine drop dead!"

While harsh words were exchanged, two rays of light appeared in the air as two Heaven Puppets appeared on the square.

Following the appearance of these two Heaven Puppets, the 48 level 39 puppets were like soldiers commanded by an officer and instantly became orderly. All the dual-wielding sword puppets rushed to the front and charged towards them, while the casting puppets in the back raised their arms and released rays of spells.

Of the two Heaven Puppets, one was a level 41 casting puppet, while the other was a level 41 sword puppet. But this melee puppet had four arms and was holding two-meter-long swords in each arm.

These huge swords weren't ordinary weapons, the runes on top were gleaming with light and everything showed that they were crafted out of precious materials. Especially the aura that rose from the blades, it was clearly a destructive aura.

Except for Fusion Shields, any shield of a mage of the same rank would be no different from a sheet of paper. Moreover, the destructive power wasn't a kind of Magic Penetration ability, it only had a very powerful tearing effect towards magic.

The destruction power was a kind of pure destructive power and it also had a very powerful tearing power towards Sword Saints' Battle Aura Armor.

Seeing these two Heaven Puppets appear, Laibo turned pale. Having fought against Heaven Puppets before, Laibo was aware of their fighting strength.

The Heaven Puppets of these ruins were too powerful, every single one had awakened wisdom and obtained a special ability. Before understanding the other side's special ability, he couldn't use their level to judge their fighting strength.

And the more numerous they were, the more power these level 39 puppets could display. They simply couldn't be regarded as ordinary puppets.

"Sir Mafa, how did this happen?"

Laibo's tone had somewhat changed. He wasn't confident in their chances of survival against these two Heaven Puppets and 48 level 39 puppets.

He could only turn towards Lin Yun for help now...

Lin Yun's exquisite ability towards puppets was extremely useful when handling puppets. The number of puppets wasn't a great threat for Lin Yun.

But Lin Yun stood in a corner, slowly putting away his crystal pen and ink as he casually watched the scene with an indifferent expression.

The trial ground's rules weren't the same as outside. Outside, the puppets would attack on sight. But the puppets here were used for tempering, they would only attack those whose aura had been caught by the array.

As long as Lin Yun didn't make a move, no matter how the fight went, he wouldn't be attacked by the puppets.

He had originally been making proper progress in the array cracking as this array wasn't too different from the previous levels', the cracking method of the last door also wasn't too different.

It's just that he had to go about it in a different way.

He had first used a screen to block the probing runes, he didn't directly crack them because he wanted to use the array to crack the entrance and change the opening rules of the entrance. That way, once the cracking was complete, he would only need to effortlessly get rid of the four puppets attacking Mariana before leaving.

Unfortunately, everything was ruined by the idiotic Constantine...

The screen blocked the probing runes, but there had still been four puppets on the square!

Constantine's attack was instantly sensed by the puppets and the array activated, making the screen useless since the array activated from the puppets.

The originally silent cracking method could no longer work and the final outcome was the array functioning as normal once again. After discovering Constantine's power, four more puppets had appeared.

But it wouldn't have been a big deal. At worst, Lin Yun would have only needed to spend a few more minutes to crack it again.

Unfortunately, Constantine made a mess, thinking himself clever, he rushed towards the door of light that had just appeared and bumped into it. That power was directly captured by the array and it considered it as an fleeing attempt.

This caused the last reaction of the array, it directly raised the difficulty of the last level to the maximum and even locked the entire array.

Either they killed all of the puppets to escape, or they died there.

Moreover, the danger facing Constantine and Mariana forced Laibo to intervene. And Laibo making a move made the Heaven Puppets appear...

Lin Yun coldly watched from the sidelines as the situation took a turn for the worse. He wasn't planning on helping and only watched. In any case, the array couldn't detect him.

The door would naturally open once the Secret Monastery's people got rid of all the puppets, or upon their deaths.

Lin Yun only sneered in answer to Laibo's inquiry, "Someone tried to force their way through the door and activated the trial ground's highest difficulty. The door would naturally open if you get rid of all the puppets."

Laibo led the Secret Monastery's swordsmen into battle using hit and run tactics, but after ten seconds, they barely got rid of a single level 39 puppet.

There were too many puppets and their coordination was just too smooth. There was no gap, they were working together seamlessly and could attack from any angle.

Laibo bitterly smiled when he heard Lin Yun's answer, but there was nothing he could say.

Mariana had a cold expression as she arrogantly said, "Senior apprentice brother, what that idiot Constantine did is for our Secret Monastery to deal with. There is no need to ask an outsider, I'll definitely trash these despicable iron cans."

Constantine remained silent and struggled to fight. He simply didn't have the energy to speak. They might end up submerged if a weak point appeared in their coordination.

Thick rays of light flew over and were blocked by Laibo while that four-arms Heaven Puppet rushed over.

It was smoothly wielding two-meter-long swords in its four hands, the weapons didn't clash with one another and instead maintained their formidable momentum.

Laibo had a solemn expression. The Song of Sacrifice in his hand shone with white light and the sharp sword edge blossomed with a pure white radiance. His deathless aura instantly rose by at least 30%.

Grey Aura Slashes flew towards that four-arms puppet, but the puppet's speed didn't decrease, the four swords kept sliding forward one after another. Runes shone simultaneously on its four arms and the edges of those special swords suddenly became extremely sharp. A terrifying force that felt like it could easily tear through space coursed through the edge of the blades.

Laibo's deathless aura was slashed several times by the puppet's four swords and was instantly shredded. That deathless aura enveloped the puppet's four arms, but only managed to slow down its speed, it didn't have much effect on the weapons.

That sharp aura slightly shook and the deathless aura was torn apart.

The four sharp blades criss-crossed and slashed their way into the five meters range around Laibo, cutting through his aura like a hot knife through butter!

The Song of Sacrifice instantly burst with a pure white radiance and transformed into an afterimage as it clashed over thirty times with the puppet's four swords.

Amidst a series of metallic sounds, Laibo and the four-arms puppet unconsciously separated from the battlefield. His six junior apprentices had lost his protection.

While Lin Yun was calmly observing from a distance, Enderfa popped out and looked at the battlefield with interest, before suddenly exclaiming in alarm, "Eh... Damn! It's actually the Sunder Armor Rune. That puppet is actually quite lucky, it has four arms and possesses the Sunder Armor Rune. It would have

been able to easily tear through shields if it was a mage. No, that thing is most effective during sieges, it's most effective when dealing with Sword Saints as their Battle Aura Armors can hardly resist.

"This Laibo is in danger, his Battle Aura Armor won't be able to resist if he gets cut, he might even end up beheaded in an instant..."

Enderfa was happily laughing, entertained by the fight. As for Lin Yun, he frowned and looked at the Heaven Rank casting puppet in the distance.

Its model was the same as the previous casting puppets, it also had eight Firebolts enchanted on its left arm and a thick light ray cannon on its right arm.

Moreover, there was a clear flame rune on that puppet's arm. This showed that the power of the other side's Firebolts were a lot higher than ordinary ones.

Heaven Puppets could awaken wisdom. The Heaven Puppets of the Puppet Plane were an intelligent race. How could those future crazy mages not have designs on the Puppet Plane? It's just that the reception wasn't too friendly.

It was then that they learnt that the Puppet Plane's Heaven Puppets formed a race. The puppets that hadn't awakened wisdom were considered as something else by the Heaven Puppets.

Indeed, something without wisdom was only a pile of scrap metal. Even a level 39 puppet was nothing more than a tool in the eyes of a Heaven Puppet, their view on that matter was no different from humans.

And at that time, the mages of Noscent learnt of the name of the puppet race, Cybertan.

The Cybertan race were born from burning steel. Noscent's mages were actually more worried about facing these steel cans than the Undead Plane. Because handling a plane of living creatures wasn't too difficult. Even for the Undead Plane, they only needed to have a holy light mage with them to purify a few hundred thousand low level Undeads at once.

But they simply didn't have a way to restrain countless different puppets. They encountered quite a few problems when conquering the Puppet Plane.

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In the end, Noscent's mana started fading before the Puppet Plane could be conquered.

But many things had been learnt about the Puppet Plane, far more than what had been learnt in all of the previous eras combined.

There was even a detailed record of the Cybertan race's abilities.

Heaven Puppets would inevitably awaken wisdom, but not all of the puppets would awaken a special ability.

Only a few would awaken special abilities, and most of those who awakened a special ability awakened some relatively lower level ability rune.

Some would strengthen the power of a certain element from 5% to 20%, there were also those that increased the power of certain spells.

There was also relatively low level ability runes for melee puppets which increased a part of their power, or increased the defense of some part of their bodies. Some even reinforced the speed of certain parts.

These were all regarded as low level ability runes, but the Sunder Armor Rune this four-arms puppet possessed was a relatively powerful melee ability, which was rare for the puppets of the Puppet Plane.

As for the casting puppet, its ability rune increasing the power of fire magic was considered a mid level ability rune.

Of the two Heaven Puppets he had encountered before, one had the Lightning Speed Rune, while one had the spell power increase rune.

The Lightning Speed Rune was an upper level rune that was rarely seen in the Puppet Plane. A puppet with that rune would have a very high status in the Cybertan race, it was comparable to a Demon Overlord with a Golden Bloodline in the Abyss.

All of the Heaven Puppets he had seen in the ruins had ability runes.

This was clearly abnormal. One or two could be a coincidence, but three or four was a pattern!

These puppets were man-made and this kind of ability couldn't be compared with the Puppet Plane's puppets.

Even though artificially made puppets had great advantages in many aspects, such as the link between systems and components being even more perfect, they had an even greater weakness. This kind of optimization and heavy modifications would make it very difficult to advance to the Heaven Rank.

Moreover, even if they advanced to the Heaven Rank, the probability of obtaining a special ability after gaining wisdom was much lower compared to the Heaven Puppets of the Puppet Plane.

The Puppet Plane's Heaven Puppets had a very low probability of gaining an ability rune, yet, these man-made puppets all had an ability rune... This was too abnormal.

It could even be said to be impossible!

While Lin Yun was observing, a crisis appeared on the battlefield.

Laibo was dragged away by the four-arms puppet. The combination of the four-arms puppet's Sunder Armor Rune and the four sharp blades was a huge threat to that Heaven Sword Saint.

The Secret Monastery Sword Saint style was always about using their strength to burst and attack. Their defense was all parry while their Battle Aura Armor was made of layers of weaker Battle Aura Armors.

But against that Sunder Armor Rune, that kind of Battle Aura Armor, which relied on layers to weaken attacks, wouldn't be very effective. Every layer was like a piece of paper that would easily be torn apart by the Sunder Armor Rune. Even if there were more layers, the outcome would still be the same. In front of that ability, his defense wasn't any better than an ordinary Sword Saint's Battle Aura Armor.

Laibo was forcibly dragged away and the remaining six Sword Saints fell into a precarious situation. Their strength was decent, any one of them would be considered a first-rate Sword Saint when on the outside world. Their fighting techniques were somewhat stronger, and when combined with the deathless aura, the average Peak 9th Rank Sword Saint wouldn't be their match.

Some first-rate Sword Saints might give them a good fight, but they would eventually be defeated under the deathless aura.

Their cooperation seemed to have been trained, unfortunately, no matter how coordinated they were, they were only Sword Saints, not a swordsman army. Without that kind of tacit understanding tempered on bloody battlefields, some small flaws would appear in this kind of intense battle.

And these small flaws would be magnified by the puppets coordinated by their battle system.

Over forty puppets coordinated. It could be said that there were no dead spots, attacks would fall onto the six Sword Saints at any time, from any angle. The six Sword Saints could be said to be first-rate powerhouses, but they could only passively defend at this moment. The six of them formed a circle and barely resisted the attack.

Having lost Laibo's protection, their situation worsened. At this time, the Heaven Rank casting puppet started aiming at these youths.

Laibo urgently stomped on the ground, but he was firmly entangled in the fight with that four-arms puppet. Even if he was only several dozen meters away, he couldn't charge over there.

The four-arms puppet swung its arms and four sharp swords kept intertwining. It was like four Heaven Sword Saints were besieging him, and due to the Sunder Armor Rune's power, Laibo simply didn't have any energy to spare.

"Sir Mafa please help... We can discuss everything after we get rid of these guys." Laibo urgently shouted.

It was obvious, Lin Yun had been very dissatisfied by Constantine acting on his own initiative. If not for Constantine, they might have already left this place and wouldn't have to encounter such danger.

Lin Yun remained silent, but Mariana loudly shouted, "Senior apprentice brother! We are strong and don't need anyone's help. I can kill these damned iron cans!"

As for Constantine, he remained calm. He hadn't expected the situation to change like this. Hearing Laibo, he only disdainfully curled his lips.

'With just that Mafa Merlin? Even if he is truly not a puppet, he is only a 9th Rank Archmage, how could he still help us in these circumstances?

'Just look, he is terrified and is hiding his head in the sand like an ostrich. He doesn't dare to get closer. If he dared to leak a wisp of power, those crazy puppets would tear him apart within a few seconds.

'What a joke, what's wrong with senior apprentice brother... He is actually asking Mafa Merlin. He is only a bit gifted in alchemy, but that's not what we need now, we need true firepower.

'Even if he can dismantle puppets with one hand, it depends on the situation. Those puppets are like a spiky monster, if he dared to extend his hand, he would be instantly torn apart.'

Laibo was worried and pained. As he fought, he couldn't help showing a pleading expression as he looked at Lin Yun.

"Sir Mafa, they are only sheltered kids, they don't understand much. Please don't mind it too much, let's first get rid of these puppets and I'll give you a proper explanation!"

Laibo's tone became even more resolute as he said that, as if he had truly hardened his heart.

Due to being distracted, one of the swords managed to slash at his arm and the Sunder Armor Rune suddenly shone, instantly tearing through Laibo's Battle Aura Armor before slicing through his flesh and drawing blood.

At the same time, that Heaven Rank casting puppet released its Firebolts, along with the ray of light. The spells instantly hit Laibo's Song of Sacrifice.

Huge vitality and deathless aura burst out as runes even appeared on the surface of the Song of Sacrifice. White radiance and deathless aura formed a two-meter-tall layer of defense protecting Laibo within.

Explosions echoed as Laibo was hit by three bursts of power. His body was sent flying by the explosions and the four-arms puppets followed closely behind him.

But at this time, the eight cannons on the left arm of the Heaven Rank casting puppets rapidly started revolving and thick Firebolts shot towards the six Sword Saints.

In the distance, Laibo let out a despairing roar as his vitality started steeply falling. Even more runes started appearing on the Song of Sacrifice, but he wouldn't be able to free himself from the four-arms puppets and cross several hundred meters before the Firebolts hit Mariana and the others.

As for the six Sword Saints, they all became deathly pale. A moment ago, the Heaven Rank casting puppet's attacks fell onto Laibo, yet they could see how powerful those Firebolts had been.

That was pure flame power which was shot out in the form of rays after being compressed to the extreme. The principle was different from a spell, it was closer to a mana crystal cannon.

The power of that kind of spell was linked to the degree of compression and the intensity of the mana. Even Laibo needed to dodge those rays, his Battle Aura Armor would fluctuate when hit by these Firebolts.

This kind of power wasn't something they could block.

They couldn't dodge due to the few dozen puppets surrounding them, and if one of them messed up their formation, the six of them would die. If not from the Heaven Puppet's Firebolts, they would die from the surrounding puppets.

Mariana pursed her lips, she couldn't say that she didn't need help from others as she usually did, her eyes were filled with despair.

'It's over, it's over... The powerful Sword Saint Mariana, a future Heaven Sword Saint, is now going to die in the hands of these damned iron cans, and it would be a very unsightly death.

'I might be disfigured, turned into ashes, or even torn apart, I won't leave behind a complete body...'

In the distance, Laibo's eyes turned red, but he didn't have time to do anything, he could only stare blankly.

"Sir Mafa!" Laibo shrieked, his voice full of despair.

Several dozen sword puppets' blades, several dozen Firebolts, all fell on Mariana's group alongside that Heaven Rank casting puppet's eight thick Firebolts.

Suddenly, a bunch of law runes appeared next to these Sword Saints. Several dozen layers of elemental shields layered together to protect them.

Ancient gates of ice on which were carved various kinds of magic beasts burst out of the ground.

Loud noise echoed as seven Askrim Gates rushed out of the ground, emitting thick white mist. That Heaven Puppet's Firebolts easily tore through three Askrim Gates, but their power decreased upon crushing the 4th Askrim Gate. And by the time they hit the 6th Askrim Gate, they thoroughly disappeared.

The Six Sword Saints were thoroughly stunned as they saw the several dozen elemental shields and the seven 6-meter-tall Askrim Gates appearing around them.

Lin Yun slowly walked over, countless law runes floating around his body and rapidly condensing into a Law Runic Shield. The Draconic Staff appeared in his right hand, while the Book of Death condensed in his left hand, its shackles shattering and the pages automatically flipping.

On his right, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was slowly revolving, emitting waves of elemental power, while on his left, flames covered the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras as it emitted endless flaming waves of destruction.

Taking another step forward, Lin Yun's mana burst out and the surrounding air completely distorted. The terrifying aura attracted everyone's sight, including the puppets.

The Heaven Rank casting puppet's cannons immediately targeted Lin Yun, and that four-arms puppet's head also turned in that direction, data flowing within its red crystal eyes. It seemed to be on the verge of discarding Laibo to charge towards Lin Yun.

The four dozen puppets besieging Mariana and the others instantly ignored them to target Lin Yun.

Lin Yun took one more step and his body grew to ten meters, before instantly shrinking to three meters. The surface of his body was covered with a terrifying fluctuation of the four elements. Four kinds of lights shone as his body looked like a monstrous hybrid of the four elements. But it gave people the feeling of an elemental lifeform.

After the third step, the Purple Dragon's shadow flew out of the Draconic Staff and held the constantly revolving wheel shadow with dignity as it stood behind Lin Yun.

During this time, Lin Yun's aura rose from the level of an ordinary person to the point of being able to pressure the 9th Rank Sword Saints with his aura alone.

In the distance, Mariana and the other five were tongue-tied as they foolishly looked at Lin Yun's burst of power, as if he was a God. They had to use their deathless aura to resist when they were sensing his aura.

"So... So powerful... Is that guy really an Archmage? How could he be on the same level as me, yet be so much stronger..." Mariana stammered as she looked at Lin Yun.

While Mariana was a bit stunned, Constantine was terrified, 'How could this be the power of a 9th Rank Archmage, 1st Rank Heaven powerhouses might not necessarily be able to display such powerful aura.'

"I... I seem to recall senior apprentice brother Laibo saying that Sir Mafa Merlin was slightly stronger than him..." One of the terrified young Sword Saint stammered.

Everyone suddenly remained silent.

Lin Yun's successive burst of power seemed to have overloaded the array, it didn't know how to judge Lin Yun's strength and rank, it didn't know what kind of opponent to arrange for him.

The probing runes flickered a few times before two more Heaven Rank puppets appeared on the square.

In the distance, Laibo sighed in relief, but he was still somewhat worried.

"Sir Mafa, what should we do now? How do we leave this trial ground."

Lin Yun's expression was cold as he looked at the three Heaven Puppets and dozens of level 39 puppets in front of him.

"Destroy these guys and then leave."

The two new Heaven Rank casting puppets raised their arms. One of them had a Frost Rune on its arm, while the other had a bright Flame Rune.

The three Heaven Puppets simultaneously released their Firebolts and Frost Bolts, alongside their rays of light.

There was also twenty level 39 casting puppets and over twenty sword puppets attacking together.

Lin Yun frowned. These puppets could be blown up, he didn't necessarily need their components. As for the few Heaven Puppets, he only needed to research their corpses. The most important things to research were those ability runes, there was no need to disassemble them completely into parts.

Facing so many attacks, Lin Yun sneered. His body slowly floated up and the ancient copper-colored scales appeared under his feet. Enderfa floated to the right-side tray, while Syudos floated to the left-side tray.

In an instant, a several-dozen-meter-tall flaming door appeared behind Syudos and a flood of boundless flames emerged from the slowly opening gate of flames.

And on the right side, power surged from the void and poured into the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. A several-dozen-meter-big complicated wheel shadow appeared behind the Spell Wheel. It seemed covered in countless circles, and as these circles kept revolving, boundless elemental storms erupted from within.

Lin Yun raised the Draconic Staff and rays of light of the four elements converged together to form Four Element Bombs. The Four Element Bombs drew long arcs as they fell down on the three Heaven Puppets like a Meteor Shower.

All the melee puppets were swept by the flood of flames and elemental storms and looked like trees swept in a storm. They were sent flying back, unable to control their bodies.

The elemental storms fell upon them and the radiance covering the puppets' bodies rapidly declined. The Corrosive Fire corroded every corner of the puppets while the pure flames of the Hellfire burnt down key components.

After a few seconds, more than a dozen melee puppets were turned into scrap metal. The casting puppets were still a bit far, but they were drawn in the flood of flames and elemental flames.

The several dozen puppets that almost tore the six Sword Saints to pieces and had suppressed them to the point where they could only be in a passive situation... Ended up losing half of their numbers with one attack from Lin Yun. Moreover, the remaining half was on the verge of being eliminated.

This was the pressure of power. This was also why the overwhelming majority of mages only focused on ranks, because as long as you had absolute strength, no matter how good the other side is, no matter how accurate their tactics, no matter their numbers, everything would be useless. Powerful pressure was all that was needed.

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Loud explosions echoed as a dozen Four Element Bombs fell towards the three Heaven Rank casting puppets every second. The fierce destructive elemental power already covered a few hundred meters but Lin Yun kept releasing Four Element Bombs without stopping. The three casting puppets didn't stop releasing spells, as if they didn't care about their circumstances.

Suddenly, Lin Yun's frantic spell casting came to a stop and he started chanting rapidly. The law runes erupting from the wheel shadow didn't slow down, there was actually a ten times increase in their numbers.

The endless law runes condensed into a three-meter-big Law Runic Bomb in front of Lin Yun. After successfully condensing that law runic matrix, the Law Runic Bomb flew out.

In the air, the power of those law runes burst out and the matrix was like a devouring black hole, tearing and absorbing power from the void.

It looked like a multi-colored ray of light was trailing behind that Law Runic Bomb.

The three casting puppet's silhouettes could be seen on the other side. They moved closer to each other and some of their components connected together. A radiant shield then appeared around them.

Lin Yun's all-out Law Runic Bomb impacted their shield the next moment.

Sound instantly disappeared, because the medium disseminating sound, and even the Law of Sound, were distorted. Everything was torn apart, only leaving behind a terrifying sphere of chaotic energy slowly expanding.

By the time the energy sphere expanded to ten meters, it suddenly burst open. The terrifying shockwave spread to the entire square and the array's radiance kept flickering. Mariana and her five apprentice brothers were sent flying. Their faces were covered in dirt after the fall.

And during that time, the scales shadow under Lin Yun, the Purple Dragon's shadow, the wheel shadow, and even the spell wheel's shadow, all disappeared.

Lin Yun's mana fluctuation rapidly dissipated, and he returned to being an ordinary person within a few seconds.

The dust and fragments that were sent flying started falling down, alongside various scrap-like puppet fragments.

On the edge of the square, the six Sword Saints foolishly looked at the scene before their eyes and gulped.

The dust settled and fragments of puppets could be seen spread all over the square. Most of the components had been deformed as if they suffered some kind of acidic corrosion or had been left in the desert for a few millennia and suffered from erosion.

After the dust and fragments fell down, everyone could see that the ground, which had been reinforced countless times and had remained untouched after all of their attacks, had a several-dozen-meter-big hole. From the edges of the hole, they could see that the earth had been reinforced up to seven meters, but it was still destroyed.

Three twisted bodies could be seen in the hole. One of the Heaven Puppet had already been blown up in half and was continuously shaking, its scarlet crystal eyes were still flickering.

After a few seconds, the other two puppets' crystal eyes lost their radiance due to their mana reactors being shattered.

Only the puppet with a distorted body had yet to die.

Lin Yun calmly walked towards the hole. In the distance, Mariana and the others became increasingly paler. They weren't afraid of those puppets, but they were completely terrified by Lin Yun.

Mariana's mouth was trembling, and her hand holding her sword was shaking.

'Heavens... Is that guy really a 9th Rank Archmage? Thirty seconds... It took him less than thirty seconds to get rid of all level 39 puppets and three Heaven Puppets!

'I must be dreaming... It's impossible for someone of the same rank to be so much more powerful... This is what Sir Abbot said, I'm the strongest under the Heaven Rank...

'But this is too ridiculous. A 9th Rank Archmage, he is just a 9th Rank Archmage!

'Heavens, the outside world is too dangerous, there is actually someone stronger than me...'

And next to Mariana, a horrified and stunned young Sword Saint asked in disbelief, “Senior apprentice sister, what just happened? What’s going on?”

In the distance, Laibo took advantage of Lin Yun’s burst to behead that four-arms puppet. His Song of Sacrifice then pierced through the puppet’s mana reactor and ended the battle.

Laibo’s expression flickered. He was utterly shocked, but he kept a calm expression, showing that he already knew what the outcome would have been.

He walked up to his six junior apprentices brothers and sister and sighed in relief after seeing that they were uninjured. His expression then turned cold as he fiercely glared at Constantine.

‘That spoiled brat didn’t listen to Sir Mafa’s instructions. Good, he encountered this kind of danger as a result of his actions.

‘If not because Sir Mafa wanted to scare these kids, they would have already died. I might have also died here.

‘But Sir Mafa is really powerful. The powerhouses among mages are really stronger than Sword Saints. Especially in this kind of circumstances, a mage is simply unequalled.

Laibo watched Lin Yun moving towards the hole, seemingly planning on gathering something. Laibo stood silently, calmly waiting.

Lin Yun walked down the hole and watched the two dead puppets. The ability runes embedded in their arms already lost their luster. This showed that the puppet’s mana had already disappeared.

He didn’t find anything abnormal after dismantling, but the crystal eyes of the distorted puppet that had yet to die were frantically flashing as it wanted to counterattack. It just didn’t have the power.

The huge explosive force already destroyed its energy circuit and weapon system. Even its key components were completely distorted and it couldn’t move its body.

But after its outer shell was dismantled, Lin Yun discovered that its ability rune was still operating. Moreover, some special energy circuits that didn’t come from this puppet’s frame spread out of the ability rune and were linked to the puppet’s mana reactor.

Seeing this, Lin Yun was startled.

‘Heavens, this ability rune has been transplanted! It was transplanted from another puppet!

‘This circuit, this technique, and this special symbol. Damn, this is the helix circuit researched by Bill George, and the contactless energy transmission structure!’

Seeing this thing, Lin Yun immediately sealed this Heaven Puppet and preserved it.

This time, Lin Yun understood why the transplanting technique that had yet to be researched could be seen in this place.

It was because that technique had simply been lost. Why else would the formidable puppeteers of the peak of the Magic Era dedicate so much effort in researching Bill George’s ruins?

This ruins was not only connected to the puppet base found in the Raging Flame Plane, it had a very strong connection, because it was also a ruins left behind by Bill George!

The helix circuit structure would be researched in the future, and so would the contactless energy transmission structure.

Lin Yun knew five of these kinds of contactless energy transmission structures, they had all been researched during the peak of Noscent.

But the one before his eyes was completely different. It didn't appear in the future, it was a combination of that kind of structure and the helix circuit.

It could allow the transplant of ability runes!

This was the best specimen. If not because he had wanted to explode the puppets, he might have been unable to discover this, that kind of contactless energy structure wouldn't have been discovered in dismantled puppet.

It could only be seen when the puppet was completely torn apart. Another alchemist might not discover such a thing.

Lin Yun left the hole after putting away the puppet.

Seeing Lin Yun walking over, Laibo walked to Constantine with a dark expression and picked him up from the ground before carrying him in front of Lin Yun. He then fiercely threw him on the ground.

Constantine was about to speak when Laibo kicked his legs. With a snap, Constantine was forced into a kneeling position.

"Constantine, what is the 383th rule of our Secret Monastery? Recite it loudly."

Constantine struggled, trying to stand up, but he was pressured by Laibo's Aura. Hearing Laibo's words, his expression suddenly changed and he loudly recited, "When not understanding something, you have to humbly ask those with knowledge. You cannot recklessly interfere in something you don't understand."

"What is the 18th rule!"

"Putting one's companion in danger due to impulsiveness and stupidity is the most wretched behavior."

Laibo had an ashen complexion. Mariana lowered her head and remained silent.

The Secret Monastery's rules had the highest importance. Even the Abbot had to abide by these rules. Those that didn't complain would definitely be properly punished. Even the Abbot once punished himself because he broke a rule.

Laibo's complexion didn't change as he stared at Constantine.

"Constantine, what kind of punishment should you receive, speak for yourself."

Constantine's eyes were red, but when faced with the rules, he could only remain well-behaved and admit his wrongdoings.

“Seal my Aura and cut three thousand Iron Trees in the Secret Monastery. Every tree has to have the same dimension.

“Seal my Aura and enter the sleepless ground for three years to face three years of punishment...”

Mariana couldn't bear it when she heard the punishment and her face turned pale.

‘There can't be more than a fingertip-length difference between three thousand iron trees, failures aren't counted. It would take at least three years to accomplish that with his Aura sealed...

‘Staying in the damned sleepless ground for three months would be enough to make anyone go insane. The senior apprentice brother that once killed a disciple of the monastery was sentenced to remain in the sleepless ground for ten years, but he collapsed after a year and killed himself.

‘Three years... Constantine will die...’

After Constantine was done speaking, his face was thoroughly devoid of color, but he didn't dare to ask for leniency.

Then, Laibo's expression eased up a little and he looked at Lin Yun.

“Constantine, do you know what would have happened if not for Sir Mafa helping you in spite of your distasteful actions? Not only would you have died here, even I could have died here.

“You are all the most important disciples the Secret Monastery nurtured in this generation. If you all died alongside me, then if the monastery met a powerful enemy, the inheritance of our monastery might have thoroughly perished.

“And this would have all been because you thought yourself clever and made a move that harmed everyone.

“According to our Secret Monastery's rules, I made you kneel in front of Sir Mafa so that you could apologize, do you refuse to comply?

“Do you refuse to accept your own punishment upon return?”

Constantine lowered his head, gritted his teeth and kowtowed in front of Lin Yun before loudly shouting, “I accept. I'll willingly receive any punishment!”

Laibo's tense expression slightly relaxed. He turned towards Lin Yun and faintly bowed, “Sir Mafa, I really have to thank you for your help. This happened because our Secret Monastery didn't teach our disciples properly. I apologize and thank you for your selfless assistance in saving my junior apprentice brothers and junior apprentice sister.”

Lin Yun shook his head, not caring too much about this matter. He had just wanted to scare them. After all, he needed their help to crack the array. If they all died there, he would have wasted these past two days.

If not for this, he might have not discovered the secrets of the Heaven Puppets and might have missed that lost technique. This was enough.

Moreover, Lin Yun was looking forward to what was in the easternmost part of the ruins, because this was definitely a ruins left behind by Bill George.

And the Reedpush Plate being here was a lot more believable, because Bill George was a relatively mysterious existence, even in the future. Most of his ruins discovered in the future were small ruins, and most of the artifacts discovered were small things, there was nothing out of the ordinary.

The ruins where Bill George truly researched alchemy hadn't been found by the time Noscent perished. Many legendary techniques had become lost, only leaving names behind.

Lin Yun's mind was focused on how to crack the easternmost array. He naturally wasn't paying attention to Constantine's matters.

In any case, this matter has already been settled.

After the puppets were all eliminated, the door of light in the depths of the square emitted rays of light and the rays of light turned into a vortex, showing that the entrance was thoroughly opened.

Lin Yun and Laibo took the lead in crossing the light vortex and left this trial ground. Mariana and the others followed closely behind them.

Constantine lowered his head, his eyes red as he fiercely looked at the door of light and loudly ground his teeth.

'Mafa Merlin! It's all because of that damned guy. Senior apprentice brother Laibo wouldn't have scolded me if not for him, nor would he have used the rules against me!

'That damned guy is obviously powerful but he didn't want to make a move and insisted on escaping by cracking the array.

'Mariana had been in danger! If not for me, she might have already died, yet that guy was completely indifferent, he doesn't care about our lives.

'Why didn't he say that the door of light wasn't fully open? He did it on purpose to force us to act!

'That damned guy. I want to pierce his throat with my sword, but he is too powerful...

'It doesn't matter, he might be powerful but he is only a 9th Rank Archmage. I am the most talented disciple of our Secret Monastery in the past few centuries, I'll definitely advance to the Heaven Rank. He won't be my opponent once I advance.

'Sir Abbot said that my future accomplishments would be greater than senior apprentice brother Laibo. Senior apprentice brother Laibo might not be Mafa Merlin's opponent, but he'll definitely be my stepping stone.

'Since senior apprentice brother Laibo already spoke, I'll have to accept my punishment upon returning. Those damned Iron Trees are harder than steel and cutting them is a torture... But I have to cut over a thousand...

'I definitely don't want to go to that damned sleepless ground, it would make me go insane. I must advance to the Heaven Rank before I return. Only that way could I make the Abbot absolve me of my punishment.

'I must step on that damned Mafa Merlin!'

Constantine stomped on the ground before entering the vortex of light.

After he emerged, Laibo approached and told him, "Constantine, why did you take so long?"

Constantine's eyelids twitched and he promptly lied, "I was picking up a puppet's fragment so that I can put it on my table upon my return and engrave this lesson in my memory."

Laibo shook his head and sighed.

"Constantine, do you know why you were sent to get some experience in the outside world? It was to temper your attitude. Learning from experiences is a good thing.

"I believe that you can advance to the Heaven Rank after you return and accept your punishment, this will be a good lesson..."

Constantine lowered his head and remained silent. He couldn't help getting angry as he looked at Lin Yun, but the gap in strength was too vast and he was afraid that Lin Yun would sense his gaze.

'There is nothing I can do, I can only endure silently...'

After rescuing Mariana, all of Laibo's juniors had been saved. It was now time for Laibo to fulfill his side of the deal and help Lin Yun crack that array.

Since Lin Yun had learnt of the ability rune transplant secret in the trial ground, Lin Yun's interest was no longer limited to the easternmost array.

There was enough time, so he checked some of the relatively important locations on the map.

He didn't find important information, but he found the dilapidated notes of two of the workers.

Reading these notes, Lin Yun's doubts cleared up.

Chapter 1218 Heaven Grade Array

Bill George was eccentric, he only trusted puppets and was apparently very wary of humans. Especially in the ruins, during the future excavations of ruins of various sizes, they hadn't discovered traces of humans or other races' lifeforms, only traces of puppets had been found.

Since he came here, Lin Yun had found a lot of human traces. Thus, even if he knew that this ruins was similar to the puppet base of the Raging Flame Plane to some degree, he hadn't linked it to Bill George's ruins.

It was because Bill George's personality was too distinct, he never trusted humans. He was always accompanied by a large number of puppets. He always relied on puppets to deal with everything. If he had some conflict, he would lead a puppet army.

This was also the reason why Bill George was equivalent to an entire force by himself. No one knew exactly how many puppets Bill George possessed and how powerful they were, but every time there was a war, endless puppets would flood the other side, submerging them in a skill-less puppet waves tactic.

But it had to be said that this kind of tactic was sometimes very effective. The puppets were fearless of death like Undeads. They would also unhesitantly slash at their opponents' heads when they were pierced. Aside from undead armies, no other army could keep their morale at an all-time high.

This was the main reason why undeads were so frightening, they had endless numbers, were fearless and unafraid of death, and only knew how to keep going forward to slaughter. This would scare any living lifeform.

Now that he found two more damaged notes, Lin Yun could be certain that even if this ruins wasn't personally managed by Bill George, it was directly related to Bill George.

Because some of the scattered clues clearly stated that these people were all Bill George's descendants, and they were all descendants proficient in alchemy.

They were here to help complete a task that puppets couldn't complete and which was related to Heaven Puppets' ability runes.

Lin Yun instantly understood when he read that part.

After advancing to the Heaven Rank, the puppets that gained wisdom could awaken a special ability.

And that special ability was the ability rune. It could greatly increase a puppet's fighting strength or strengthen an ability.

But the mages had yet to find the method to transplant the ability rune by the time Noscent was destroyed. Either the effect of the transplant would be greatly reduced, or they were lucky and subdued a Heaven Puppet that was about to transplant its ability rune.

The ability rune could be transplanted in the Puppet Plane, but it only happened between puppets, there was some kind of law power involved helping them with the transplant.

But this was only limited to transplanting other puppets' ability runes on their bodies. Puppets that could help other puppets transplant an ability rune were rare. Only three had been recorded, and these three were terrifying powerhouses of the Puppet Plane, the pillars of the Cybertan race, very old existences that could be traced back to the Era of Gods.

Clearly, human powerhouses didn't conquer the Puppet Plane so there was no way to have these puppets act and help with the transplant of ability runes.

And the Heaven Puppets of this place clearly didn't gain their ability runes from defeating other puppets or had them transplanted via law power. The transplant had been done through alchemy.

This meant that Bill George mastered the way to transplant ability runes, and puppets clearly didn't participate in the research and tests. This could only be done with human help. He might have had no other choice and reluctantly picked some of his descendants to participate in the research.

But he divided that ruins into various-sized chunks, each of which was meticulously isolated. This kind of distrustful behavior was in line with Bill George's personality.

Lin Yun rapidly inferred the purpose of these ruins, but that made him even more puzzled. The name Bill represented a legend, even during the peak of the Magic Era. The period he lived at had remained a mystery, only indistinct information had remained.

There was no such thing as a start or an end. That guy was a complete mystery, but his mastery of puppeteering was terrifying and some of his techniques were ahead of his era.

Like the puppets here. Other techniques might not be worth mentioning, but the battle systems and mechanical systems were far beyond the current era.

Furthermore, the technique to transplant puppets' ability rune wouldn't appear even within a few dozen millennia.

Lin Yun frowned. He found some clues, but nothing of value. Bill George had been too careful, the people working here didn't leave behind any valuable technique, only some meaningless diaries.

The reason why the ruins was abandoned wasn't even recorded.

They moved on, moving toward the east this time. In that direction were arrays that exceeded the True Spirit Grade, but they weren't too powerful, they were just troublesome.

Lin Yun had always been researching the Intrepid's Heaven Grade array. Although that kind of three-dimensional ship-styled array was at the Heaven Grade, it was absolutely a first-rate Heaven Grade array. So far, Lin Yun had only deciphered a very small portion.

But that very small portion was enough for Lin Yun to advance by leaps and bounds in the field of array. Now, he could decipher a True Spirit Grade array with a single glance, and if he spent a bit of time, he had the confidence of deciphering Low Heaven Grade arrays.

By following the map's directions, they bypassed a large number of arrays and soon arrived at the easternmost part of the ruins. When they arrived before the array, it looked like they were at the end of the ruins, in front of a cliff. The dense fog spreading before them was like an endless void and it made people fearful with a single glance.

Lin Yun looked at this fog, and based on what he could see on the map, his Magic Array started revolving. But his Magic Array appeared powerless and couldn't completely infer the situation.

As he frowned, Lin Yun summoned the Spell Wheel and started using the power of the Spell Wheel to infer the situation.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was most proficient when used for inferring, while the Magic Array was most proficient in endless calculations and data analysis. But the Magic Array was only a Magic Conducting Rune, it couldn't compare to the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel which was crafted based on the Magic Array.

He would usually use the Magic Array to deal with any problem he encountered as it was just more convenient. And the strength of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel laid outside of battle. It's just that Lin Yun almost never used the Spell Wheel for its inferring ability.

But now, it looked like Lin Yun had looked down on this array.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel rapidly revolved and countless pieces of data and runes burst out, revolving around the Spell Wheel, while data flooded his eyes. After a dozen minutes, Lin Yun rubbed his eyes and the data that had been flowing in his eyes suddenly dissipated.

“Sir Mafa, how is it? Is it very troublesome?”

Laibo couldn't help himself and asked when he saw that Lin Yun had paused his inferring. Lin Yun had helped them so much before, but they only had to help him break an array. This made Laibo feel very apologetic. Seeing that it was very challenging and that he might not have a chance to help out worried him.

Lin Yun shook his head.

“It's fine, it's only slightly troublesome. This array was completely sealed when the previous owner left this place. We can't go in unless we forcibly open the array.

“Wait a bit, I need to go and probe.”

After saying that, Lin Yun stepped over the cliff, but it looked like he was walking on solid ground as he slowly disappeared into the fog.

Mariana was amazed and rushed to the side of the cliff. She took one step in the air, only to discover that she was standing on something solid, it wasn't air. She looked down and saw an endless abyss, and it felt as if there was something terrifying below waiting for people to fall. She couldn't help starting to be afraid as she kept looking.

“There is actually an illusion we can't sense. The feeling I get from my deathless aura is that there is no illusion before us...”

The group stood next to the cliff while Lin Yun entered the array. After entering the endless fog, Lin Yun suddenly blinked and a flow of countless runes was reflected in his eyes. As he looked at his surroundings, the layer of dense fog was lifted as if someone just pulled a curtain.

More than half of the dense fog dimmed and law runes roamed in the air. The paths of these law runes seemed predetermined, they were orbiting just like the stars of the starry sky.

Seeing these law runes, Lin Yun's pupils instantly shrunk. The construction method of these law runes was completely the same as his.

It wasn't the same as the widespread ten runes to form one law rune's method!

The method Lin Yun used to construct law runes was to fuse three runes in one, then fuse two of the resulting ones together, before fusing another pair to form a pyramid. This was the minimum amount needed.

And the most stable method was to use sixteen runes to construct a law rune. At least a few millennia later, this would be the norm for Heaven Mages.

It's just that this construction method was very troublesome, and unless Lin Yun advanced to the Heaven Rank, he could only build a law rune from twelve runes. But this was incomplete. However, the power contained within Lin Yun's law rune was stronger than most 1st Rank and 2nd Rank Heaven Mages' law runes.

The most powerful law runes were made out of sixteen runes.

And what he saw were law runes made from twelve runes!

That would undoubtedly stabilize the array and make it harder to crack. If it was another Heaven Mage, their law runic foundation wouldn't be able to compare and cracking would simply be impossible. Aside from using force to tear the array apart, there would be no other way.

And forcibly tearing this array apart would inevitably destroy the ruins.

Grade was important in the world of law runes. Only those with high grades could extend downward, while the low grade ones absolutely couldn't extend upward.

If it was another alchemist, even a first-rate Artisan knowing the cracking method, they shouldn't even think of cracking it, because their law runes didn't meet the requirements and couldn't use the cracking method.

Lin Yun's expression became strange. He felt that something was wrong. Bill George spent so much effort sealing this place, what was he sealing?

'What kind of thing would make him feel like destroying it would be a pity, yet letting it fall in the hands of others wasn't a desired outcome?

'Only one thing fits, the Reedpush Plate!'

Apart from that thing, Lin Yun couldn't imagine anything else. Only that thing could be treated as a peerless artwork that no one would dare to dismantle for research purposes during the peak of Noscent. It could only be treated as a component of the Shelter Tower and was worth Bill George's conflicting views on how to handle it.

Any alchemist seeing the Reedpush Plate would feel like they had encountered an unique treasure and would hate to dismantle it.

After making that deduction, Lin Yun immediately accelerated his probing and quickly walked around the entire array. He wrote down all the locations and layout of the seven nodes and even left behind a large number of law runes to surround the core nodes.

This array had already reached the Heaven Grade, but it was a kind of blooming array, it would be useless without cracking the seven nodes simultaneously.

Cracking one would immediately trigger the array's response, and the closer in, the more dangerous. It seemed that this array was set up to be cracked at a later date. This was the strangest part about it.

Lin Yun wouldn't be able to easily walk around other Heaven Grade arrays, even the weakest ones. Being able to see the weak points of the array so easily made Lin Yun feel as if there was a deeper meaning to it. After leaving the array, Lin Yun hesitated before taking out pieces of Eternal Dark Gold.

The Demons of the Abyss had been continuously sending that stuff through sacrifices. Although there seemed to be a lot, it was the kind of thing one could never have enough of. The bigger the Natural Demiplane, the more Eternal Dark Gold it needed for strengthening.

But the benefit was that during the development stage of the Natural Demiplane, there would be enough Eternal Dark Gold merging with the Natural Demiplane to protect it.

But the construction of the Shelter Tower needed a huge amount of Eternal Dark Gold, and Lin Yun felt it was a waste to use a bit to crack this array.

But apart from this, no other material could achieve simultaneous resonance within that array.

Lin Yun took out his crystal pen and Star Ink before carving core runes and patterns on the surface of seven Eternal Dark Gold chunks. He also kept spitting out law runes that merged with these Eternal Dark Gold chunks.

After half an hour, seven tiles used for cracking the array were manufactured. It matched the core nodes' law runes. Cracking them was really easy, this was the advantage of having more people.

If Lin Yun was alone, he simply couldn't have cracked the seven core nodes inside the Heaven Grade array and would have been forced to crack them one after another.

After cracking one, the remaining core nodes would have formed a new array and he would have to explore the array again. The process would have to be repeated every time he cracked the array. This would have used too much time and five days wouldn't have been enough.

He gave the metal tiles to Laibo and the others. Since they had seven people to take care of the seven nodes, Lin Yun didn't have to participate in the cracking and could oversee the general situation. This was the most perfect cracking method, and this array might be cracked within an hour.

"I'll lead you to the location of your node. I've already made preparations there, and when the time comes, the metal tiles in your hands will resonate. Wait until the runes and patterns on the metal tile shine completely before inputting it into the core node.

"But I must remind you to not try to do anything else. As long as nothing goes wrong, this array will be cracked. If you don't grasp the right timing, or induce some other change, my previous arrangement would lose its effect and you would be facing the full power of a Heaven Grade array."

Lin Yun didn't emphasize his words, but everyone felt a chill and a few of them tacitly looked at Constantine.

Constantine's face turned dark.

"Why are you looking at me, I know what I can do and what I can't do."

Lin Yun only reminded them once and didn't say anything else. If Constantine acted on his own, he would be the very first to die. If he did, only Laibo would be able to survive that wave of power. The other six would die within three seconds and no one would be able to save them.

Lin Yun led Laibo into the array, and after calculating the changes of the array, he found a safe path. These safe paths kept changing and were different every second. Only through the simultaneous

calculations of the Spell Wheel and the Magic Array could be keep up with the speed of the array changing.

Chapter 1219 Test

After bringing all seven people to their positions, Lin Yun charged into the central area of the array while a flood of law runes kept merging with the air. A faint fluctuation started spreading out and a huge wheel shadow appeared behind Lin Yun. The endless law runes were like a swarm, spreading in the surroundings according to specific trajectories.

As they spread out, the number of law runes kept on decreasing and all the runes disappeared, merging with the array.

This was how a real array cracking was done, forcibly depriving the array of its control before using the location of the seven core nodes to simultaneously crack it.

This had a very high requirement on the number and quality of law runes. But thankfully, Lin Yun's law runes and this array's law runes were constructed in the same way, saving up a lot of energy.

As the wheel shadow behind Lin Yun kept spraying runes, the array started changing. Some of the areas were deprived of their control around Lin Yun, and it spread like a plague.

And at the same time, the metal tiles in Laibo and his six junior apprentices' hands slowly started shining as Lin Yun's array cracking was in progress. From the center of the metal tile, those dark runes and patterns shone one after another and rays of light slowly spread outward.

Following Lin Yun's actions, even the law runes floating around the core nodes started slowly merging with the surroundings and weakened the effects of the core nodes, weakening the energy transmission of the core nodes in the process.

All arrays needed energy to keep operating. Cutting off the supply of energy was the most simple cracking method.

After half an hour, an energy storm slowly rose inside the calm array and fierce and tyrannical energy wreaked havoc within the array. The places not under Lin Yun's control were filled with brutal destruction power.

The dozen-meter-wide areas around the seven core nodes were calm, even the air seemed unable to flow. But outside those areas, the fierce energies were wreaking havoc. A large amount of energy was poured out, but the core nodes' runes were weakened and the energy could only leak into the array to form this kind of destructive power.

The torrent of data flowing in Lin Yun's eyes was already indistinguishable. It looked like his eyes were filled with light and the Magic Array was operating at maximum performance. The Spell Wheel was also frantically revolving and Lin Yun's mana consumption was a lot higher than during a fight.

Half an hour later, the energy storm within the array was on the brink of exploding.

Sensing the berserk power outside the core nodes, cold sweat trickled down Laibo's forehead. If he hadn't experienced Lin Yun's alchemy skill first-hand, he would have been unable to remain calm.

On another side, Mariana was also a bit scared and kept encouraging herself.

“It’s alright, these things can’t hurt the powerful Mariana, there is no need to worry, there is no need to worry. I can break this array...”

As for Constantine, he was pale from fear. His hands were shaking and his eyes were firmly stuck onto the metal tile he was tightly grasping, afraid of missing the timing when the metal tile was fully illuminated.

‘Sh*t, that damned Mafa Merlin! How is that very simple? How can this be called cracking an array?’

‘That fierce power is like an elemental storm. I’ll die as long as there is one mistake... Sh*t, is that that Mafa Merlin’s plot?’

‘No, if he wanted to kill me, he wouldn’t have bothered to save us before. I can’t fail or I’ll die...’

Cold sweat was drenching Constantine’s back, his legs also slightly went soft, but he was tightly grasping onto the metal tile as he feared that it would escape his hands from the shaking.

As everyone from the Secret Monastery was worrying about the array potentially exploding, the law runes in front of them finished merging with the core nodes. At that moment, the runes at the core nodes formed a notch.

The metal tile fit the notch and they only needed a single glance to know that they had to put the tile into it.

And at the same time, the last darkened runes of and patterns of the metal tiles shone.

The seven of them didn’t dare to be careless and immediately inserted the metal tiles into the notches.

The seven metal tiles resonated and the slight differences in timing became negligible under the effect of that resonance.

The light of the seven metal tiles spread out simultaneously and coordinated with the law runes Lin Yun had set up, as well as with Lin Yun in the center of the array, to sever the energy transmission of the seven core nodes.

Having lost the energy transmission of the seven core nodes, the huge amount of energy gathered in the array became the source of energy the array needed to consume to keep operating.

The chaotic and fierce energy storm slowly weakened before dissipating in less than ten minutes. Not a single wisp of energy was left inside the array.

Once all the energy dissipated, the flood of law runes Lin Yun released invaded the array with irresistible momentum.

After invading the array’s key spots, Lin Yun spat out a few more law runes. In an instant, the entire array was thoroughly paralyzed and could be called an empty shell that was no longer threatening.

But at that moment, a wisp of incomparable power burst out from underneath the array and the seven members of the Secret Monastery were instantly kicked out of the range of the array. Only Lin Yun who had been standing in the center remained.

The dense fog within the array dissipated and all the paralyzed spots truly lost their functions. But under the burst of power coming from underground, the empty shell formed a scarlet barrier enveloping everything within ten kilometers.

There was only a ten-story mage tower in the center of those ten kilometers, and atop that mage tower was an extremely complicated law rune. Wisps of power were linking this law rune to the entire barrier.

And outside that mage tower, the scarlet eyes of inactive puppets suddenly shone with light.

Of over a hundred level 39 puppets, seventy were melee puppets and thirty were casting puppets.

There was as many as eight Heaven Puppets! Three five-meter-tall huge puppets, three two-meter-tall four-arms puppets, as well as two casting puppets!

When they saw these puppets, the six members of the Secret Monastery all paled.

Laibo's face also turned green and his voice shook.

"Sir Mafa, what's going on..."

Lin Yun frowned as he looked at that mage tower. He then looked at those puppets and the barrier above his head before finally figuring out that strange feeling he had been having.

"This is a test. The thing I need might be in that mage tower. This array is a test left behind by the former owner of these ruins.

"That array was only testing alchemy knowledge, it was only an array but it required a large amount of knowledge related to puppeteering techniques.

"And after cracking the array comes the test of strength.

"This barrier should be powering the entire ruins, it's simply impossible to forcibly tear it open with our strength. The only way should be to enter the mage tower and cut off the source of energy.

Lin Yun slowly took out his Draconic Staff and the Book of Death. This was an overt plot, it looked more and more like a pure and cruel test.

The array was weird, and an isolating barrier would immediately appear after cracking it. This barrier wasn't something complex, its power was determined by the energy supply.

But it was too lacking in terms of technique, there was no margin to crack it. He had to either forcibly tear open the isolating barrier, or get rid of the puppets before him, enter the mage tower, and shut down the energy supply.

Now, Lin Yun was even more certain that the Reedpush Plate was in this mage tower. Only that kind of thing would get such a serious treatment from Bill George. Maybe Bill George was unwilling to dismantle it when he obtained it. But he also felt that this thing was too precious and destroying it would be a shame.

He set up so many things and then made those who would come here in the future go through heavy tests. No one knew what happened to Bill George, legends reported him missing. He might have been lost in the depths of the void, unable to come back.

As for the letter obtained by the Merlin Family, its true sender might have been Bill George. When Bill George was lost in the depths of the void, he might have sent this clue here in the hopes that someone qualified could find the Reedpush Plate after passing multiple trials.

His test was extremely bloody, there was only two outcomes, pass or die. This showed that Bill George didn't want unqualified people leaking out information about this place.

"Get rid of the puppets and we can leave!"

As he raised his Draconic Staff, Lin Yun's eyes shone with fighting intent. Eight Heaven Puppets, all of which possessed an ability rune. With their outstanding cooperation, they could tear Laibo apart within five minutes.

There was also a hundred level 39 puppets. Lin Yun felt that if he had been alone, there would have been a high probability of him dying here.

His fighting intent flared up. Lin Yun could already feel the gate in the depths of his soul burning up. The small cracks covering that gate were slowly enlarging as wisps of terrifying power could already be felt from the other side of the door.

Laibo's expression had turned somewhat green, but Lin Yun had already taken the initiative to rush out.

Four colored lights blossomed on the Book of Death and the Purple Dragon Incarnation's shadow shot out of the Draconic Staff. It held the several-dozen-meter-tall wheel shadow behind Lin Yun as Lin Yun burst with a terrifying aura.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the Book of Mantras were floating next to Lin Yun as the facade of an ordinary person was instantly replaced by a terrifying monster. His mana turned into a fountain squirting out as boundless mana gushed out from Lin Yun. The terrifying waves of mana spread out one after another.

Laibo gulped when he saw Lin Yun's actions. He then gritted his teeth and looked at those puppets before roaring to Mariana and the others.

"Stay by my side, don't act on your own. This is your last test. As long as we walk out of here, this trip to gain experience would be considered accomplished perfectly. There are no cowards in the Secret Monastery!"

Laibo's mind was in chaos after seeing Lin Yun charging towards the puppets without looking back.

What they encountered this time was different to what they encountered last time. They faced four Heaven Puppets last time, and they hadn't appeared simultaneously.

Last time's Heaven Puppets didn't have many high grade ability runes, and the most threatening ability rune of the casting puppets was only an elemental buff.

But this time, the elemental runes of the eight puppets clearly weren't low grade. Especially those two casting puppets. The radiance emitted by their ability runes already enveloped their entire bodies. This was the sign of an upper grade ability rune.

Without Extraordinary Power, even if Lin Yun could burst out with the power of a 2nd Rank Heaven Mage, he might not necessarily be able to kill these puppets.

Laibo gritted his teeth. There was no way out this time. Only by getting rid of these puppets could he leave this place alive.

Lifeforce burst out on the surface of Laibo's body, as if flaring up, but it instantly decreased as deathless aura's radiance rapidly spread over a hundred meters.

Song of Sacrifice instantly turned white and the fierce power kept spreading as deathless aura became thicker and thicker.

Four of those six Heaven Rank melee puppets instantly charged at Laibo.

Those five-meter-tall puppets were wielding two pillar-like greatswords and the runes on their chests shone brightly, instantly thickening the aura those puppets emitted.

The earth fiercely shook with every single step and cracks started spreading on the ground that was as solid as a planar barrier.

One of the puppets swung its greatsword towards Laibo. Laibo dodged the attack, but was forced to block the second greatsword.

Song of Sacrifice, which was exuding a radiant white deathless aura, clashed with one of the puppets' one-meter-wide greatsword and a transparent shockwave instantly spread out from the point of impact.

Chapter 1220 Fatal Crisis

Laibo groaned, his body slightly froze and shock could be seen in his eyes. 'So powerful... This is definitely not the power of a 1st Rank Heaven powerhouse. That power is comparable to a 2nd Rank Heaven Sword Saint's. Even that 2nd Rank Beastman Heaven Sword Saint I met three years ago wasn't that powerful...'

As Laibo froze, another giant puppet rushed over and slammed its greatsword down like a hammer.

Laibo paled from this second clash, he wasn't able to parry that terrifying power. It travelled through the Song of Sacrifice onto his body and tore two layers of his Battle Aura Armor.

Two Heaven Puppets already forced Laibo into a defensive state, the speed of the other two 2-meter-tall puppets was terrifying. They simultaneously appeared at Laibo's side as he was hit by the Heavy Strike ability rune's power. The swords in their hands turned into shadows that aimed at Laibo's vitals and Laibo had to defend every single spot they targeted.

Laibo didn't dare to retreat against the four Heaven Puppets' attacks since his junior apprentice brothers and sister were behind him. Mariana and the others would die instantly when faced with these attacks.

After letting out a deep roar, Laibo burst out with all his strength. Runes appeared on the surface of Song of Sacrifice and that deathly still aura became even fiercer, even affecting the power of the Heaven Puppets.

The two puppets with Lightning Speed ability runes had their speed decreased by half and they could finally be seen when on the move.

With a swing, the Song of Sacrifice in his right hand turned into a sword curtain that blocked all the incoming attacks.

The four Heaven Puppets were completely repelled, but half of Laibo's hair had turned white after a single hit, his life force was getting consumed too fiercely

But the next second, the two four-arms puppets with Lightning Speed Runes appeared once again at Laibo's sides, while the huge powerful puppet's Heavy Strike also fell down.

Laibo had a solemn expression, he then used his Song of Sacrifice to cut his own chest and let his heart's blood flow onto the blade. His throbbing heart could even be seen through that wound, but that wound was instantly restored by his powerful life force.

Half of Laibo's hair instantly turned silver white and his life force was decreased by half, but he was bursting with deathless aura. His power doubled in an instant.

The surface of his Song of Sacrifice was covered in runes and the blade turned gray. A thick deathly still aura spread open as the elements around the blades seemed to turn dead. Those elements didn't even recover after leaving the Song of Sacrifice.

By relying on this power, Laibo managed to resist the attacks of the four Heaven Puppets.

The Monster Strength puppet could display power comparable to 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouses, although the Heavy Strike puppet was somewhat weaker, its power had a transferable nature. Even if the blow was blocked, it could go through the defenses and shake Laibo's body.

The biggest threat was actually the two Lightning Speed four-arms puppets which coordinated perfectly. The swords in their hands were coordinating with the Lightning Speed Rune's power, and they would pierce through Laibo's body as long as there was an opportunity.

As for Constantine and the others, they were now completely unable to approach Laibo. His battlefield was too violent and Laibo didn't have time to take care of them. A few dozen level 39 puppets were surrounding Constantine's group and completely pressured them down. It would be a matter of time before they were eliminated.

On the other side, Lin Yun's battlefield had already extended to over a kilometer. Syudos was controlling the Book of Mantras and kept releasing floods of flames. These flames all had the power of the Heaven Rank and they would bring a lot of damage to these puppets on a large scale.

And the elemental storms released by Enderfa were also rapidly corroding the defenses of these level 39 puppets. As long as their defenses were torn apart, the flood of flames and elemental storms would tear these puppets apart within seconds.

To Lin Yun, the biggest threat was those Heaven Puppets.

The five-meter-tall giant puppet's ability rune was Steel Body. Once the rune shone, the puppet's body would turn silver white. It was holding a greatsword in one hand, a four-meter-tall tower shield in the

other and was resisting Lin Yun's dozens of Four Element Bombs without suffering a single injury. Its body was merely shaking and its charge was stopped.

One of the other puppets was two-meter-tall and a blood-red blade symbol could be seen on its body. It was hiding behind the Steel Body Puppet to resist the pressure and then took the opportunity to approach Lin Yun.

But Lin Yun's plan was targeting it, that ability rune was too well-known. It was the legendary Critical Hit Rune. And with its dilapidated appearance, Lin Yun knew that if he let that puppet approach, one hit would be enough to tear his strongest defense, the Law Runic Shield, apart!

By himself, Lin Yun held 80 level 39 puppets, two melee Heaven Puppets, and two casting Heaven Puppets in check.

Of the two casting puppets, one had a Omnipell Power Buff, while the other had an even rarer Weaken Rune

The two Heaven Puppets raised their right arms and Explosive Rays, as well as Frostbolts, shot out.

Every second, four to five Explosive Rays were shot out, and some of them were bound to hit Lin Yun's Law Runic Shield. Every hit roused six thousands to seven thousand law runes, and if he was hit twice within a short period of time, the roused law runes would surpass ten thousand.

Those Frostbolts could even pierce through Syudos' flood of flames to hit Lin Yun's Law Runic Shield, greatly weakening those law runes. He originally only needed eight thousand law runes to resist one of them, but he now needed over ten thousand!

Even with the attack of those Frostbolts, the activity of the surrounding elements kept on decreasing. Not only did the activity of the fire elements substantially decrease, even the ice elements became silent. This kind of power was the best choice for ice.

Lin Yun kept on releasing floods of spells and Mass Four Element Bombs. That way, he was blocking the attacks of the casting puppets and the Steel Body Puppet was warded off a hundred meters away. Only at that range could he barely be safe.

Because the Steel Body Puppet couldn't approach, and that Critical Hit Puppet also couldn't get close. Almost all of the energy of the Critical Hit Puppet was used to supply the battle system. When its energy burst out, it would burst with formidable power that completely exceeded its rank.

Defensive shields and spells only had two outcomes. One, they wouldn't break if they could handle the upper limit of the attack.

The second outcome was that the attack was too powerful, and whether it was a mage shield or a swordsman's Aura, the attack would affect the surroundings' defensive law runes.

But if the burst attack was too powerful, fast and strong to the point where the law runes didn't have time to react before being torn apart, then the defensive shield would also be torn apart.

That Critical Hit Puppet's attack would definitely accomplish it!

Lin Yun's Magic Array kept revolving, calculating the attacks' trajectories and focusing on taking out those level 39 puppets.

As time passed, the level 39 puppets decreased in numbers, and even the puppets besieging Constantine and the others slowly joined the battle against Lin Yun.

By the time half of the Level 39 puppets were eliminated, something unexpected happened.

Those two Heaven Rank casting puppets raised their left arms and suddenly attacked, even though they hadn't managed to find an opening.

An icy blue ray of light and a golden red ray of light crossed over several hundred meters almost instantly and bombarded Lin Yun's Law Runic Shield.

The icy blue ray of light immediately roused twenty thousand law runes on impact, while at the same time, a layer of blue radiance enveloped the Law Runic Shield's surface.

The activity of all the law runes seemed to have been corroded, as if they had been hit by Laibo's deathless aura. The atmosphere instantly became spiritless and the activity decreased by at least 50%.

And at this time, the golden ray of light spat out by the other puppet bombarded the surface of Lin Yun's Law Runic Shield and due to the law runes' activity being reduced, the Law Runic Shield's defenses were greatly reduced.

After blocking the second ray, the Law Runic Shield's runes reached up to fifty thousand runes.

Most of the power of the Law Runic Shield had been mobilized on the surface of the shield.

This sudden attack stunned Lin Yun, it was completely different from their previous fighting style, but the throbbing of the law runes interrupted his attacking rhythm.

The Critical Hit Puppet that had been hiding behind the Steel Body Puppet was grabbed by the Steel Body Puppet and fiercely thrown towards Lin Yun.

Even if the Steel Body Puppet was expert in defense and its defensive power had reached an unfathomable level, its strength wasn't weak. The Critical Hit Puppet's small body was extremely brittle and was no different from rock.

The tower shield the Steel Body Puppet was holding with one hand was at least a few dozen times heavier than the Critical Hit Puppet.

And this split second throw made the Critical Hit Puppet instantly cross over a hundred meters. As for the Critical Hit Puppet, it softly tapped on the ground as it approached Lin Yun, slightly altering its path.

The dagger it had been holding in a reverse grip suddenly appeared and its body was like an afterimage that appeared in front of the continuously fluctuating Law Runic Shield. Then, a layer of blood-red radiance shone on the puppet's hands as the Critical Hit Rune's power activated.

The dagger fiercely pierced the surface of the Law Runic Shield, and the Law Runic Shield, who had half of its runes throbbing, instantly burst like a popped bubble.

The endless law runes were like a swarm of bees that had lost their nest while the dagger thrust's remaining power was still piercing towards Lin Yun's body.

A deadly feeling of crisis appeared in Lin Yun's mind. At this moment, Lin Yun's mind power was roused and the thrusting dagger suddenly slowed down.

The exploding law runes seemed to be floating in the air and Lin Yun's pupils rapidly shrunk. The dagger's sharp aura was aiming at his heart. It was less than a meter away but it already pressured his heart to the point where it couldn't throb.

A fatal crisis. It had been such a long time since Lin Yun felt the danger of death. But Lin Yun instead became calm. Raging flames were ignited in his mind and soul, and in the depths of his soul, the flames that were only burning that gate started burning the entire space.

The Magic Array started calculating at full capacity, surpassing its limits in an instant and calculating everything in his surroundings.

On the side, Enderfa's three faces were startled and infuriated, the Spell Wheel was already revolving like a pinwheel, but he wouldn't have time to cast a spell to save Lin Yun.

On the Book of Mantras's side, Syudos' eyes flickered.

Laibo, who had been resisting with great difficulty, was shocked and gritted his teeth. He glanced at Lin Yun's side, but the four puppets who forced him to burn half of his lifeforce to lift the seal of Song of Sacrifice were keeping him tied.

After all, the power these puppets with upper grade ability runes could display surpassed the 1st Rank. Their teamwork was comparable to a 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse, and even ordinary 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouses might have died under such circumstances.

When going all-out, Laibo could compare to a peak 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse, and even with the deathly still power of the Song of Sacrifice, he could only fight to a standstill. How could he spare the energy to help Lin Yun? He was too far anyway, he wouldn't be able to make it.

The Critical Hit Puppet's dagger was already a meter away from Lin Yun. At this range and with the Law Runic Shield already shattered, Lin Yun would undoubtedly die.

Shock could be seen on Mariana's face, she had clearly not expected that situation.

Constantine was also stunned and gleeful...

In a split second, Lin Yun felt as if he had already died. His surroundings were moving in slow-motion and everyone's expression seemed frozen.

Many things that Lin Yun would have not paid attention to before were now on his mind. His body, his mana, he started recalling many things that weren't too valued and that he had already forgotten.

At this time, Lin Yun thought of everything that could block this dagger.

In an instant, almost instinctively, Lin Yun's mana burst out. It transformed into a fountain that spurted out of Lin Yun's mouth.

The pure mana impact directly hit the dagger's remnant power, but it didn't match the dagger's power, it only somewhat weakened its power and slowed it down.

That power and speed wasn't something a mage like Lin Yun could resist.

In his mind, the flames, covering that gate that seemed to have been there since ancient times, suddenly turned multi-colors before spreading out. The multi-colored flames started spreading into the pitch-black void.

Lin Yun looked at the dagger that was about to pierce his skin and he stomped on the ground to increase the distance. But how could that compare to the dagger's momentum.

But as the wisps of Lin Yun's aura scattered, the Critical Hit Puppet's became sluggish. Its speed was just a tiny bit faster than Lin Yun.

Lin Yun kept retreating four meters before the dagger finally touched his magic robe. But in addition to the robe's defense, he usually never used, Lin Yun roused a Mana Shield.

The dagger pressured down on the Mana Shield and Lin Yun lost his final defense.

It felt as if time stretched for more than ten minutes. The strongest attack of the Critical Hit Puppet had failed and it immediately planned to withdraw, but some of Lin Yun's law runes attached themselves to the Critical Hit Puppet. By the time it returned to the cover of the Steel Body Puppet, those few law runes gathered together and took the shape of two extreme powers clashing together.

A loud explosion echoed as the Critical Hit Puppet's left arm exploded into pieces. But this injury was negligible to an assassination puppet.

At this time, Lin Yun's body rapidly rose up and elemental power condensed on his body as he rapidly displayed the Four Element Incarnation.

And on the ground, numerous Firebolts, Exploding Rays, and Frostbolts swept over Lin Yun's original location. Lin Yun had just resisted the Critical Hit Puppet's most powerful attack, he would have definitely died if he hadn't dodged this. After all, his Law Runic Shield had been shattered.

As he was floating in the air, Lin Yun had an exhausted expression. In that split second, his mind, and even the Magic Array, had been in overload.

Lin Yun's entire mana had been consumed, in that split second of burst, all of his power had been drained.

But his eyes actually became increasingly brighter and his temperament was completely changing.