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Chapter 1231 Truth Runes

There was no “standard answer” regarding the mysteries contained within the truth runes. The mysteries were more like a kind of alchemy rune, these things would have different interpretations based on different people, and the thing they understood could be completely different. The way everyone comprehended the research might be different, but in the end, the research in itself wouldn't be too different, it would only be a matter of what alchemy field the formula was applied to.

Everyone was in the middle of their research. Lin Yun also didn't plan on wasting time, his goal was those 108,000 truth runes.

In the future, the alchemists who studied the truth runes all jointly agreed with one thing. Fully comprehending those 108,000 truth runes would lead to the Saint realm.

But this was the only thing everyone was certain of, most alchemists believed that they didn't need to comprehend all those 108,000 truth runes to be able to advance.

Lin Yun found a free table and took out a bottle of ink and a quill before starting to study the truth rune on the Whisper Crystal. That rune looked like a child's scribble, it clearly didn't look like a rune.

But it gave out a harmonious feeling, as if it contained endless truths. With the help of the Magic Array's computing, the information contained on the surface layer of the truth was instantly cracked and Lin Yun could feel that seemingly ugly and awkward child's scribble change.

It now became like a rune containing formidable power. After a few seconds, he cracked the mysteries contained within the runes and an intense feeling rose in his mind.

A large amount of data and formulas appeared in his mind and a lot of things he couldn't comprehend suddenly became clear.

And after the mysteries of these runes were deciphered, the rune's shape suddenly changed, that ugly scribble took on the shape of a revolving three-dimensional law rune. It only slightly transformed, but the amount of mysteries contained within sharply increased a few dozen times, they were a few dozen times more cryptic.

This time, Lin Yun's research speed slowed down and it took five minutes for that law rune to be cracked. As the mysteries were exposed, the law rune didn't change shape, but the mysteries became even more complex, they looked like a most perfect law rune made of sixteen runes.

Lin Yun was a bit dumbfounded as he saw that shape and structure. A law rune formed out of sixteen runes was the most perfect shape a law rune could take.

This would be common sense in the future. There had been no record of who discovered it, or of any powerhouse that formed them, yet Lin Yun could suddenly see one here.

In Bill George's ruins, he had seen law runes made out of twelve runes. Sometimes, Lin Yun also wondered if that mysterious Bill George also came back from the future.

Law runes formed from sixteen runes was something that Heaven Mages needed to immediately start constructing upon advancing. And later, their laws would all be formed on that foundation.

Seeing this in this era startled Lin Yun. He couldn't help conjecturing that the sixteen runes law runes were the most perfect concept because of the Whisper Crystal...

Even if the current mages could see them, they had no way to comprehend. It was due to the fact that the ones that could comprehend the Whisper Crystal were almost all Heaven Rank powerhouses and they already had their law rune foundation, they definitely couldn't see through this even more perfect law rune structure.

In other words, they couldn't find the method to construct a sixteen runes law rune. After all, the ten runes law rune structure was the one currently circulating, it was also the simplest.

No mage would give up on a stable path to progress on the Heaven realm to research a new law rune construction method.

In any case, at later ranks, the merged law runes would grow stronger and would definitely be stronger than the law runes of that perfect foundation.

Naturally, the most important reason was that it had no impact on research, and it was even impossible to research.

Lin Yun knew the difference, before advancing to the Heaven Rank, the twelve runes law rune construct was already the limit. He needed Extraordinary Power to build an even more perfect law rune foundation.

After advancing to the Heaven Rank, Lin Yun had yet to complete his law runes construct. But he was now facing these truth runes. Lin Yun felt that he could take advantage of the research of truth runes to construct his law rune foundation.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Once the Heaven Rank foundation was built, it could no longer be altered.

It was like a computing method. Lin Yun's computing method was completely different from the current Heaven Rank powerhouses. Not only was it even more powerful, based on the grade of that computing method, he would have to destroy his foundation and start anew if he wanted to get a new computing method.

But that also meant that it would be impossible for him to fall from the Heaven Rank and then advance again.

Lin Yun was terrified, but he didn't stop his research. He started calculating as if he was possessed, continuously deciphering the mysteries contained within that law rune.

The most perfect law rune foundation also meant the most stable, and the most difficult to break through. It would be very hard to dismantle its mysteries.

After no less than five hours, the countless streams of data crazily flickering in Lin Yun's eyes suddenly calmed down.

After massaging his aching eyes, Lin Yun once again glanced at the Whisper Crystal and discovered that the truth rune he had been working on had long since disappeared, replaced by a new truth rune.

Lin Yun wasn't in a hurry to study that new truth rune and closed his eyes to start sorting out those mysteries. Countless runes and streams of data flowed and turned into a few formulas. And these new formulas gave rise to a breakthrough in alchemy. A lot of things were a lot more clear.

Lin Yun remembered one of the formulas extremely clearly, it was the Magellan Formula. Three millennia later, the Magellan Formula would be announced to the public, but some pieces would already be researched over two millennia earlier.

The Magellan Formula was praised as a core puppeteering formula, and once announced, all puppeteers would be using that formula as a foundation.

Especially when it came to puppets, the Magellan Formula's energy generation and exploitation would become a basic theory, just like Newton's three laws in Lin Yun's former world. A large number of research and theories would be using it as a foundation.

And this Magellan Formula was actually contained within that truth rune. People would be horrified if they knew about that part of the Magellan Formula.

More importantly, Lin Yun knew even more advanced formulas, but Lin Yun only knew the results of these formulas, just like how ordinary people knew the operation principle and the destructive effect of bombs, yet only an extremely small number of people could craft one.

The mysteries within the truth runes they were researching apparently had a special kind of power. While he was studying it, Lin Yun slowly felt as if he genuinely mastered that knowledge, as if his head was no longer clueless and unable to use the Ice-cold Formula.

Now, Lin Yun felt that he could apply the formulas he had just learnt to alchemy experiments and produce some results.

This kind of rapid increase in strength dazed Lin Yun. The truth runes had been recorded in a special book in Heiss City's decaying library, unfortunately, the mysteries of the truth runes couldn't be copied.

The decaying library originally had a copy magic book, an Extraordinary Magic Tool. But that Magic Tool ended up becoming an ordinary book during Noscent's destruction and all the secrets it contained were lost. It was said that the magic book was made by the genius of the Starry Sky College at his peak, and that it was the only other thing that could contain the 108,000 truth runes aside from the Whisper Crystal.

As for Lin Yun, he was currently unable to copy the truth runes completely.

He lowered his head to look at the few key pieces of data he had written down and slowly recovered from his shock. He had previously read about these but hadn't personally researched them. After having cracked one of the 108,000 truth runes, Lin Yun felt that he had to have them.

But if he researched them normally, it would take him over five hours to decipher the mysteries contained within. Even if it went smoothly for all of them, just how long would it take?

Moreover, it had been written down that the more one researched truth runes, the more mysteries would be deciphered, and the more difficult the research would be. Aside from that genius of the Starry Sky Tower that would appear a few millennia later, there had been no records of someone learning all 108,000 law runes.

With the base of five hours to study a truth rune, it would take Lin Yun seven to eight hundred years to study all 108,000 truth runes since the difficulty would keep on growing.

That speed was clearly not good, he had to figure out another method, the efficiency of that method was too low.

Lin Yun frowned and was lost in thought, but none of the Artisans here completed the research of a truth rune.

Many of them couldn't even get past the third step.

The first step of the research of a truth rune was very easy for Artisans, the 2nd step was somewhat troublesome, and if they couldn't comprehend the 2nd step within a dozen minutes, the truth rune on the Whisper Crystal would change into another one and they would lose their progress.

As long as the research of a truth rune reached the 3rd step within fifteen minutes of its appearance, the truth rune would keep on existing. Or at least, when the individual in question looked, they could see that truth rune while the others would see another truth rune.

This was why truth runes were strange, because no one could truly understand these things. The future genius of the Starry Sky College wouldn't have fallen when igniting his Godfire and wouldn't have turned crazy if he had fully comprehended the truth runes.

Lin Yun didn't continue his research, he instead thought a lot about the records regarding truth runes. He must have read something that would help him increase the speed and efficiency of the research.

After exploring the depths of his memories for half an hour, Lin Yun found a few notes recording methods that could help him increase the efficiency of the truth runes' research.

And it just happened that he could do all of these methods.

One of them was a kind of spell similar to Sharp Mind, but it was a supporting spell specially developed by the Starry Sky College in order to research truth runes. It was named Steel Heart.

After casting it, the spell would block all emotions. It was as if the user was an ice-cold puppet that could only research the countless streams of data and alchemy mysteries. With all emotions removed, the research efficiency doubled.

The addition of a Sharp Mind spell would further increase the research efficiency, and the caster could even use Berserk Transformation since Steel Heart would completely cancel Berserk Transformation's side effects.

Another method was similar to what the Mosh Family's Artisans were doing. Using some kind of Magic Tool to decompose the secrets of the truth rune before merging the power of law runes. Then, they only needed to crack the information contained within the law runes and reassemble them according to their original shape. They would still obtain the complete mysteries that way.

The last kind was linked to the Magic Array.

By using the formidable computing ability of the Magic Array, he could take the entire truth rune's mysteries and turn them into streams of data before researching these data streams, crack them, combine them, before reverse assembling them based on what he inferred in order to obtain all the mysteries contained within the truth runes.

That method seemed very complicated, but it made the puzzle many times simpler. A difficult problem that couldn't be calculated within a few hours turned into a few hundreds simple problems that could be solved within a few seconds.

And the only Magic Conducting Rune that met this condition was the Magic Array, the strongest Magic conducting Rune.

When he had read them, Lin Yun hadn't really cared about these methods. Not only had the notes been placed a corner, they were only treated as some supplementary records regarding truth runes. After all, these methods summed up the Starry Sky College's golden era.

But these methods were only useful when directly studying the truth runes of the Whisper Crystal. With the disappearance of the Whisper Crystal, these methods could only be written down.

Lin Yun hadn't cared about these methods when he read them, but now that he had advanced to the Heaven Rank and his soul grew stronger, he could remember many of the memories hidden deep within his mind.

He spat out a few law runes and uttered a few strange sounding syllables. A layer of fluctuations enveloped Lin Yun's head, and Lin Yun instantly felt his head becoming a lot more clear. His calculations were a lot more efficient as he discarded his emotions. Only ice-cold computing remained, it was like he had separated his consciousness and was observing himself from another point of view.

He could recover from that puppet-like ice-cold reasoning state with a simple thought. After entering the Steel Heart state, Lin Yun immediately added Sharp Mind and Berserk Transformation onto himself.

Sure enough, his thought speed rose substantially, a few times faster than usual. But the side effect of the Berserk Transformation magnifying all kinds of emotions couldn't be felt, because he had no emotion at all under Steel Heart.

Without pausing, he raised his head and started observing another truth rune. It took less than a second for the first layer of mysteries to be broken completely, and three seconds for the second layer of mysteries to be cracked.

The 3rd layer containing the truly powerful mysteries wasn't cracked as fast. As the Magic Array revolved, countless streams of data poured into the wheel shape, and then that data flood started converging on the surface of that big wheel into the shape of a law rune. It was a 16 runes law rune.

Ten seconds later, that law rune's transformation was complete and the flood of data the law rune transformed into was so enormous that even Lin Yun's Magic Array could barely cope with it.

Lin Yun instantly took out the Spell Wheel. After all, the Spell Wheel was a Magic Tool proficient in cracking while the Magic Array was more targeted towards constructing floods of data. Using the Spell Wheel to crack would increase the efficiency a few dozen times, maybe a few hundred times.

But Lin Yun suddenly stopped his movements. The Spell Wheel simply couldn't directly crack the truth rune.

Under the effect of Steel Heart, Lin Yun couldn't be surprised or amazed. He couldn't use the Spell Wheel, so he immediately started cracking with ordinary methods. Yet, his efficiency had risen a few dozen times compared to earlier and he cracked that truth rune in less than half an hour.

After he was done cracking that law rune, he immediately started cracking another law rune. But Lin Yun's actions made others think that he had just been staring at the Whisper Crystal while occasionally refreshing Sharp Mind and Berserk Transformation.

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In the distance, Layford just completed the cracking of a step of a truth rune and turned his head, only to notice Lin Yun buffing himself.

Layford instantly sneered.

'What a stupid guy. I'm afraid that guy doesn't know that the endless runes of this crystal can only be researched through real skill. It's really stupid to buff oneself with Berserk Transformation.'

'Berserk Transformation's side effects are terrible and unsuitable for the field of alchemy. How could an alchemist that cannot remain calm plan to conduct alchemy research? Does that idiot think that the faster the computing the better?'

'Truly an idiot from the countryside. These runes contain boundless secrets, efficiency and accuracy are key, no, accuracy is the most important part.'

'If there is just a little bit of deviation, the mysteries contained within these runes might be completely wrong and the original truth would be false.'

'That stupid guy looks like he never moved from there. He took down some notes at first, but it's already been a few hours since he didn't. He definitely reached a bottleneck in the research...'

Layford sneered and looked at Lin Yun with malice before continuing on with his own research. He had almost completed his research of his truth rune. And at that rate, he might be able to study the complete mystery of a truth rune on the first day.

This would be considered a pretty good achievement, and although the difficulty of comprehending truth runes would increase, and the time needed to be spent would keep on increasing, he would definitely be able to research a few dozen truth runes within half a year.

As the first day was about to end, Layford relaxed and let out a sigh. He then discarded his quill pen and cautiously collected his sheets of paper before looking at Lin Yun. He then discovered that Lin Yun was no longer researching, he had a somewhat pale face and was massaging his brows while frowning.

Lin Yun was massaging his forehead. He felt weary after Steel Heart fell off, it was a kind of mental exhaustion. He had used a dozen Berserk Transformation today, and even without the side effects, the pressure couldn't be avoided.

After a dozen hours of research, his mind was already exhausted and strained, his efficiency would rapidly decrease if he kept on researching. There was no point in forcing himself, he had to take a break to recover.

As Lin Yun was about to leave, Layford walked over with a mocking smile.

"Mafa Merlin, let me give you a suggestion, roll back to the Andlusa Kingdom immediately. Really, you have to rely on Berserk Transformation to research more efficiently?"

"And you have come up with so little after a long day of research? Are you really an Artisan? You must have used some despicable method to fool the Starry Sky College, didn't you?"

"I already researched a complete rune's secrets, that's the truth of the world. Do you even know what kind of feeling that is? Do you know what the truth about energy transmission and conversion is?"

Seeing Lin Yun frown and take out a Mind Recovery Potion with a pale complexion, Layford's mocking and prideful smile became even more visible.

'That foolish Mafa Merlin already can't hold on after one day and has to rely on Mind Recovery Potion to recover. That stupid guy must not have comprehended a single rune of a formula. What could he understand? What Artisan? He must have earned the title by refining a certain kind of potion.

'I really don't know how that guy managed to deceive the Starry Sky College. But it doesn't matter, I'll expose him now. The Starry Sky College won't let him off easy, they'll expel him at the very least.

'That damned guy will be screwed once the Starry Sky College expels him out of Neverwinter City. Those who offend our Jackson Family, who offend me, absolutely won't have a good ending. Those great benefits in the Raging Flame Plane actually fell into the hands of a country bumpkin of the Andlusa Kingdom. This is outrageous.

'Letting him come to our Odin Kingdom to research the runes containing alchemy truths is a waste, no, this is profaning alchemy.'

Layford smirked and took out a sheet of paper before proudly sneering and waving it in front of Lin Yun. A complicated formula was written on top of the sheet of paper.

"Mafa Merlin, take a look at this. Don't worry, I'm a very generous person. This is the formula I researched, I'll let you take a look at it, can you understand it?"

"Listen, you should leave this place, this place really doesn't suit someone like you. Don't waste your time here, this is a blaspheme towards alchemy!"

Layford's righteous mention of alchemy attracted the attention of a few Artisans that had finished their research for the day.

Seeing people looking over, Layford smirked and made his tone feel even more sincere.

“Mafa Merlin, look at you. In a day, you used a dozen Berserk Transformations to buff yourself. Even if you can resist the side effects, forcing yourself like that has no benefit. There is no point in continuing.

“After all, the first day is the easiest day. As an Artisan, you should have finished researching a rune. Take a look at everyone, they all finished researching a rune while you haven’t even researched half a rune.

“Your presence here brings nothing. Do you see this formula? This a core formula regarding energy transformation and usage, do you understand any of it...?”

Many Artisans that had finished their research glanced over. Sure enough, today was the first day and, since the first truth rune was the easiest to crack, one day was more than enough.

All of the Artisans already researched the mysteries contained within a truth rune. Sensing the gazes of the Artisans focusing on this area, Lin Yun’s closed eyes slowly opened. The Mind Recovery Potion already took effect and his exhausted mind felt a lot better, but he still needed some rest.

Lin Yun casually swept a glance at the complicated formula Layford was showing him and casually said, “During the energy conversion process, what is the core parameter and the ratio of energy consumed by energy produced required for the most optimal conversion?”

Hearing Lin Yun’s question, Layford instantly froze.

He was also an Artisan, how could he not know the standards of this question? If it was outside, he could have wriggled his way out of it, but right now, there were a few Artisans that had finished their work looking at this side.

Even if he didn’t understand this difficult problem, he knew that this wasn’t something he could just casually answer to. It was a question directly targeting a technique’s content. More importantly, that question was linked to a formula he had just researched.

After throwing that question, Lin Yun started walking towards his own resting area. Today he had gone a bit too far. He completely hadn’t expected that Steel Heart would suppress the side effects of Berserk Transformation so well, and that they would only burst out after he exited the Steel Heart’s state.

As for Layford, he was standing at his original spot, his complexion continuously fluctuating. He didn’t care about the fact that Lin Yun walked away and immediately looked for a crystal table to rapidly do some calculations.

After thinking hard for a dozen minutes, Layford put down his quill on the crystal table with an unsightly expression, because he was unable to get a result after a dozen minutes of calculations. These calculations already exceeded the scope of his abilities, even a year might not be enough to find an answer to this problem.

After putting down the quill pen, Layford quietly glanced at the Artisans in the surroundings and noticed that no one was paying attention to him. He took the chance to quietly walk towards his room with an unsightly expression.

‘How could that idiot Mafa Merlin bring up this kind of question? Damn, he must have peeked at others’ data while they were immersed in research.

'Could it be Gurrig? No, no one can understand Gurrig's deduction method aside from himself. Was it the two Artisans of the Mosh Family then? Or that lunatic Albert?

'It must have been the case, he must have peeked at the data of the rune the Mosh Family's Artisans and Albert studied.

'All of their attention had been placed on the Whisper Crystal, they definitely wouldn't notice him peeping.

'Damn, I was tricked by that damned Mafa Merlin. No wonder he ran after asking that question. Sh*t, he doesn't even know the answer to that problem.

'F*ck, everyone knows that he asked a difficult problem to baffle me. I won't be able to expose his trick if I can't find the answer to that problem. If I just try to expose him like that, others would say that I'm acting shamelessly because I don't know the answer to that problem, while he can also say that this was the secret of his research and refuse to share it.'

Layford's face was so dark that his sweat looked like black water. He fiercely glared towards Lin Yun's resting area and gritted his teeth, wanting to use a spell to explode it. Unfortunately, he could only dream of doing that.

After returning to his resting quarters, Lin Yun raised his defenses and used a hypnotic spell to make himself fall asleep to recover quicker.

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And on another side, a few Artisans of the Starry Sky College were gathered together.

This gathering wasn't for the Artisans that didn't belong to the Starry Sky College. The Starry Sky College's Artisans had stayed behind to take care of things, they didn't have the time limit of outsiders when studying. Relatively speaking, they had a lot more time than their guests.

In a seemingly ordinary building, a few Artisans were sitting around a round table. A crystal ball was sitting on the center of the round table, and the scene, and sound, reflected into it was Lin Yun and Layford's dialogue.

After all, the consequences would be unimaginable if Heaven Mages fought there. And even if there were layers of defenses in that space, how could the Starry Sky College's Artisans remain at ease by leaving these outsider Artisans be.

But when he heard Lin Yun's question, amazement flashed on Zeith's face.

"That energy conversion question isn't something an Artisan that just started studying crystal runes could come up with..."

Just as Zeith finished his sentence, another Artisan commented with a surprised expression, "Indeed, the energy production and consumption during the energy conversion process isn't something ordinary Artisans would think of. Moreover, I saw the few pieces of data that Mafa Merlin wrote down, he absolutely started researching the crystal runes today!"

Another Artisan on Zeith's right side was contemplating.

“According to the information from Sky City, this Mafa Merlin has a very high proficiency in the puppeteering and array fields, he even has a puppet army. His research of mana reactors must be very profound. He might have been able to ask this question due to his previous research...”

Zeith shook his head and attentively watched the crystal ball. He then adjusted the angle of the crystal ball's line of sight and even rewound time to focus on those key pieces of data Lin Yun had written down.

“No, while he might have researched those things before, take a look at those pieces of data. They are all key to the process of energy conversion. His research is extremely precise and succinct.

“If he hadn't researched here, he simply would have been unable to ask this difficult problem. The ratio of energy and the core parameter required for the highest energy conversion could only be figured out by those whose research was very deep. He wouldn't have known if he hadn't truly researched, the core parameter is fixed and won't change with the changes.”

After Zeith finished his sentences, the few Artisans of the Starry Sky College froze. The core parameter was similar to Pi, it was a fixed number and wouldn't change regardless of the situation, but few people knew that.

An Artisan was looking at Zeith with shock.

“Sir Zeith, this is impossible. To clearly understand that core parameter, one has to comprehend the 338th rune, the 408th rune, and the 506th rune. Only by comprehending these three crystal runes could one be able to deduce all that.

“Hold on... Sir Zeith, are you saying that this new Artisan from the Andlusa Kingdom already comprehended these three crystal runes?”

The other Artisans looked horrified.

“No way, he was able to comprehend three crystal runes on the first day? This must be a joke... We spent so many years, but our Starry Sky College only comprehended a bit over eight hundred crystal runes, yet he already comprehended three in one day?”

Crystal runes was the name the Starry Sky College gave to the truth runes, and this would be their name for a very long time. Naturally, the truth runes would have many names, truth rune being just one of them. There were even a few alchemists of the Starry Sky College that called these truth runes devil runes and refused to study them because of their “devilish” power.

Zeith attentively watched the crystal ball, his expression flickering as he sighed.

“It might even be more than that. It looked like a difficult problem, but it was actually a series of difficult problems. Even if he could have researched the energy conversion system, he couldn't have immediately mastered those crucial parts right after comprehending the runes. I feel that the number of runes he researched today might not be limited to three.

“We might have been looking down on that new Artisan from the Andlusa Kingdom. His alchemy mastery might be more formidable than ordinary Artisans.

“You might be unaware, but Gurud, that Artisan from Sky City who is a born alchemist completely clueless about social interactions, has a very good attitude towards Mafa Merlin. They would even discuss things unrelated to alchemy.

“Gurud isn’t good with that kind of thing, so there is only one possibility, he had already gained Gurud’s approval.”

After Zeith finished his words, horror flashed on the faces of those few Artisans before they turned serious.

They all knew that Gurud was a youth that had put all of his wisdom into alchemy. Among Artisans, Gurud’s strength could be considered above average, but he was only an Archmage. This was unfathomable.

But Gurud was clueless about social interactions. Unless it concerned alchemy, Gurud was no different from an idiot. For him to discuss other matters with someone meant that he approved of that person.

The few Artisans had yet to recover from their shock. After all, the Starry Sky College’s research of truth runes could be said to be the most advanced. But even now, they still didn’t know that the truth runes weren’t endless but that there was 108,000 of them.

They had recorded the speed and amount of research of every Artisan over the course of the years. An Artisan that could complete the research of a rune in a day would be considered a qualified Artisan.

Those that could receive an invitation of the Starry Sky College could complete the research of a rune in one day. The record was two runes on the first day, but it could in fact barely count as two as the Artisan had to finish the research of the second rune on the second day...

Researching three truth runes on the first day never happened since they obtained the Whisper Crystal. Even the current three deans Saint Alchemists didn’t break that record on their first day.

In fact, the record of two truth runes was held by one of the deans...

The group of Artisans looked at each other in dismay, speechless. At this time, one of the Artisans pointed to the crystal ball with bulging eyes.

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“Take a look, I just checked the video record of the entire day. That Mafa Merlin only recorded data during the first few hours. Afterwards, he remained in the same position and attentively watched the crystal without moving. Do you know what that means...”As soon as he finished speaking, an Artisan immediately grabbed the crystal ball and started rapidly watching what happened during the day. And sure enough, he corroborated the previous statement.

Everyone suddenly became speechless. Zeith attentively watched the crystal ball, his gaze somewhat heavy.

“At the start, it took him five hours to research the first rune. His research method wasn’t too different from an ordinary Artisan. But afterwards, he started using another method to research.

“In addition to buffing himself with Sharp Mind and Berserk Transformation, he also used a support spell I can’t recognize which allowed him to increase his speed several times. That new supporting spell ought to be preventing most of the side effects from Berserk Transformation and allow his mind to stay in a permanent roused state.

“But this isn’t enough... He didn’t record any key data, that shows that his research method is different from ordinary Artisans. What does he use to record and calculate that huge amount of data?

“The core mysteries and data can’t be taken out with a Magic Tool... Was it a Magic Conducting Rune? But I don’t recall a Magic Conducting Rune with such formidable computing power...”

Zeith frowned and sunk into contemplation. The other Artisans quickly followed suit, but no one could figure out the answer.

The intense discussion lasted for half an hour, but no one could figure it out.

Zeith ended up massaging his head before saying, “We don’t need to discuss it, this is a good thing for us in the end if Mafa Merlin researches even more runes. The data from these runes would have to be given to our Starry Sky College. This would be a huge help to our study of that mysterious crystal.

“After so many years, our research of that mysterious crystal had already reached a bottleneck and could hardly move forward. Sh*t, no one could figure out why those runes become harder and take longer to study as we make more progress.

“Pay careful attention to this Mafa Merlin and put aside one crystal ball to record the process of his research. Focus on him, but don’t spy on him outside of the crystal research. Whether we can make a breakthrough in our research may depend on Mafa Merlin this time...”

Lin Yun didn’t know that the Starry Sky College’s Artisans already speculated that he had already researched more than three truth runes based on the question he had asked. Lin Yun had now returned to his own room and was sleeping very soundly. He rarely went to bed lately.

As he grew stronger, his body always remained at its peak, and even when he was exhausted, he only needed to close his eyes for a few minutes to recover to his peak condition. But he had to sleep for no less than six hours this time.

This was inconceivable for a Heaven Mage. Heaven Rank powerhouses turned into another species after undergoing the Extraordinary Transformation. As long as they weren’t seriously injured, they wouldn’t need to sleep, they wouldn’t starve or end up exhausted under normal circumstances. They would forever remain at their peak.

Not to mention, Lin Yun had come out of the Gate of Rebirth. His body had been completely reconstructed and he had followed the most perfect path to complete the Extraordinary Transformation.

Even if that was the case, he still needed to sleep six hours. As he was sleeping, his soul started its fastest transformation and evolution since he advanced to the Heaven Rank. His mind power was also rapidly strengthened, both the quality and the quantity frantically rose.

This were the benefits of completing the Extraordinary Transformation by following a perfect path. No one knew how great and how numerous the benefits of going through the Gate of Rebirth were. The only thing that was certain was that there would be a huge increase in potential. But the rest was unknown. No one knew because there was no record of this.

And now, the hidden benefits started appearing. Extremely high endurance, recovery speed, rapid strengthening.

Any other 1st Rank Heaven Mage that dared to release a dozen Berserk Transformation in a row, and remain in that berserk state for a continuous ten hours, would have already suffered serious damage instead of just feeling tired.

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After waking up on the next day, Lin Yun felt that his mind had become a lot stronger, while his mind power was already a lot tougher. Even his mana and Extraordinary Power had slightly improved. His comprehension of laws also became a lot stronger and he could faintly feel the fluctuations of the surrounding space.

This was a completely sealed space after all, being able to feel the spatial fluctuations meant that this place's secrets might already not be that secure.

Lin Yun was somewhat surprised by this change.

'Were the truth runes' benefits that amazing? Only one day to get such a huge increase in power? Or was that caused by the use of Berserk Transformation and Steel Heart? It could even be because I used the Magic Array on the truth runes...'

A series of conjectures flashed in Lin Yun's mind but he instantly shelved these conjectures aside. He was short on time, he only had half a year to research the truth runes. After that, he might have to wait ten years to see the Whisper Crystal again.

After waking up, Lin Yun immediately started researching the truth runes. His research speed was a lot faster since he had developed a good technique. He ended up researching five runes.

Ten days rapidly passed. Lin Yun had returned to his resting place and the few Artisans of the Starry Sky College were gathered together, looking at the recorded scene in the crystal ball. They all looked like they had seen a ghost.

An Artisan pointed at the scene within the crystal ball, his eyelids twitching madly as if he had seen something unfathomable.

His voice sounded somewhat rash as he said, "This is already the 10th day, yet he looks just like before. He seems to be blankly staring into the mysterious crystal, but I counted, his gaze moved away from the crystal a total of five times. According to the study of the past few days, he would fully research a rune before pausing for a bit and writing down a symbol on the sheet of paper.

"In other words, he might have already researched five runes today. His speed is really absurdly fast..."

Zeith took out a few sheets of paper with some crucial pieces of data recorded on them.

“The data here is what Mafa Merlin has recorded for the past few days. Through calculations, I figured out that these pieces of data are pointing to some truth runes’ core data. It adds up to a total of 50!”

The few Artisans looked at those key pieces of data in horror.

So many years passed, and their research data on truth runes already piled up into a library. The mysteries contained within every truth rune might be different and when everyone researched them, the path they took would be different.

But one thing wouldn’t change, some of the core parameters of every truth rune wouldn’t change. No matter the development, that kind of core parameter had a fixed value.

And it was the key data to every truth rune. As long as this was comprehended, the mysteries within every truth rune would be a lot easier to comprehend.

Without fully comprehending those core parameters, the mysteries contained within a truth rune wouldn’t be of much help, even if it was already researched.

As for the Starry Sky College’s Artisans, they had already reached a bottleneck and couldn’t continue their research. It could also be said that their research speed was too slow and it would take them a few years or a decade to completely research a rune.

They started inviting outsider Artisans to join in the research to gather even more data without having to sink a huge amount of time researching the truth runes’ mysteries. This was a stable and profitable business, the Starry Sky College would earn more and more benefits that way.

Ever since they obtained the Whisper Crystal, many years had passed. And even after so many years, it was the first time they saw fifty runes being researched within ten days, this frightened Zeith and the others.

“Aside from Mafa Merlin, how is the research speed of the other Artisans? It could be that the runes appearing on the mysterious crystal were on the simpler side this time...”

This was an inquiry made by a calm Artisan, but everyone took it seriously. The runes were appearing before everyone, thus, if everyone was able to study the mysteries of the runes faster, it would normalize Lin Yun’s speed.

Another Artisan next to him had a strange expression as he took out a crystal plate. A large amount of data pertaining to the Artisans’ research was recorded on the crystal plate.

“Reed Mosh, 7 truth runes in 10 days. Kate Mosh, 8 truth runes, in 10 days.

“Gurriq, 10 truth runes in 10 days. Albert, 11 truth runes in 10 days. Ars, [...]

“In the end, the one who comprehended the most truth runes, aside from Mafa Merlin, is Albert...”

This new information terrified even Zeith. But as the one with the highest status, he could only appear calm.

“Mafa Merlin came in contact with the truth runes for the first time. His speed was a bit faster early on. It’s not the first time Albert came. Being able to research 11 truth runes in 11 days is considered quite good.

“Keep observing Mafa Merlin and use three crystal balls to record everything he does.

“No, don’t record him inside his resting place. It’s for the best if such a terrifying guy isn’t annoyed.

“Right, is Mafa Merlin really only in his thirties?”

After Zeith finished speaking, a few Artisans froze. The youngest among them was already over 500. Heaven Rank powerhouses had long lifespans, and at 500, even a 1st Rank Heaven Mage was still at his peak.

Everyone had only paid attention to alchemy matters and no one cared about his rank. After all, all those who came here were Artisans, and aside from a rare exception like Gurud, they were all Heaven Mages.

“Sir Zeith, you must be joking, right? That Mafa Merlin is in his thirties? I heard that he was a retired Patriarch...” An Artisan exclaimed.

Anyone would be in disbelief if they heard that.

They all had strange expressions while another Artisan looked over the intelligence they had.

“The profile says that Mafa Merlin is only 32 this year and is a Peak 9th Rank Archmage with outstanding fighting abilities. He can burst out with power comparable to a 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse.

“Moreover, he isn’t an ordinary Artisan, the Magic Staff and Magic Tool he wields have been crafted by none other than himself. This shows that he is proficient in refining. He also possesses a puppet army and has a Peak Level 39 puppet following him, showing that he is proficient in puppeteering.

“In the Raging Flame Plane, he displayed formidable achievements in the field of arrays, but it is written that the field he is most proficient in is actually potioneering...”

That Artisan remained silent after saying those words, his hands were shaking. This was too scary. Everyone had only paid attention to the truth runes and no one checked anything else. Their Artisan brains were all filled with truth runes.

They saw Artisans every day. This time, there were twenty guest Artisans, no one would pay special attention to an Artisan’s identity.

But now, the group was stunned.

Zeith was surprised, “What? The intelligence says that he is only a Peak 9th Rank Archmage? Is the intelligence wrong?”

“No, there is no mistake. This was checked when he came to Neverwinter City. Moreover, Mafa Merlin had a fight with Layford Jackson during that time. Although he was powerful, he hadn’t possessed Extraordinary Power as he lacked the Extraordinary Transformation step...”

Zeith's expression kept fluctuating and his hands were shivering. He took a short breath before saying, "Alright, I understand. Mafa Merlin had gone out for several days after coming to Neverwinter City. He must have completed his Extraordinary Transformation during that time. What a terrifying guy. He completed the Extraordinary Transformation in the Odin Kingdom and not far from Neverwinter City.

"Yet, our intelligence didn't hear a single bit of news. Such a terrifying guy. When I saw him, he was only a few meters away from me, yet I clearly felt a powerful and still Extraordinary Power on his body. It was far more powerful than ordinary Heaven Rank powerhouses'.

"But his control over his power is incredible. I could even feel spatial power on his body, stopping everyone from sensing him. Even I can't sense how powerful he is, I can only feel that he is terrifying.

"That Jackson idiot actually provoked this kind of person... Mafa Merlin could already force a tie before he could reach the Heaven Rank. But he has already advanced now, and if there is no surprise, getting rid of Layford is highly possible.

"Pay attention, you can't let the Jackson Family's idiot go too far. I don't want him to die here, nor do I want to see Heaven Rank powerhouses fight here."

Zeith gave a cautious command, and a crystal ball started focusing on Layford.

The few Artisans had strange expressions. Even if they were Artisans who would risk their lives for alchemy and didn't care much about mages' ranks, they were intimidated...

A Heaven Mage in his early thirties, and according to his profile, he had wasted several years in vain. In other words, he was a terrifying genius that used less than thirty years to advance to the Heaven Rank. He was also an all-rounded Artisan. This wasn't something a human could achieve...

Zeith sternly gave an order before turning and leaving the conference room, unable to hide the shock on his face. He couldn't close his mouth, and his hands kept shaking, he was terrified.

'Damn, a 30 years old Heaven Mage Artisan, is that guy the reincarnation of a God?

'30 years old, damn, at thirty I was still self-satisfied because I advanced to the Archmage realm. My entire family was celebrating back then and even Heaven Rank powerhouses personally appeared.

'Hell, that guy really reached the Heaven Rank at 30? How could such a monster appear in the Andlusa Kingdom. The Starry Sky College's best record was reaching the Heaven Rank in 188 years under normal circumstances. And the fastest record for becoming an Artisan in one specific field was 106 years.

'But the youngest person to become both a Heaven Mage and an Artisan did so in 380 years...

'Yet that scary Mafa Merlin did that in his thirties. Moreover, the speed at which he researches the truth runes is too terrifying.

'A monster, he is a pure monster. As long as he doesn't die, the Starry Sky College might end up having to look up to him in a few hundred years.'

As he thought of this, Zeith suppressed this train of thought to the bottom of his heart and turned to look at the other Artisans and specifically warned them to not leak any information, because in the information passed to the Starry Sky College, Lin Yun was still considered a 9th rank Archmage...

It might just be one step, but the gap was as huge as Noscent's continent itself

Zeith wanted to report this matter to his superiors, but as he thought about it, they were mainly relying on their Artisans identities this time. Matters unrelated to truth runes were temporarily shelved aside and would have to wait until the end of the gathering.

Chapter 1234 Merge

Lin Yun had become aware of the surveillance on the 7th day. He had been overdrafting his mind power by using Berserk Transformation for ten hours straight. But his soul became a lot purer after he woke up, his mind power also grew in strength and his perception naturally grew sharper.

But even though Lin Yun noticed the surveillance, he ignored it. Letting outsiders enter that sealed space was very dangerous in itself. There was nothing wrong with their host being cautious and monitoring them, so Lin Yun didn't mind. In any case, the important parts of his research couldn't be monitored.

What's more, the mysteries and data researched would ultimately be copied for the Starry Sky College, so it didn't really matter...

Lin Yun didn't care about that matter, but he started thinking about other things. In ten days he had comprehended over fifty truth runes.

And with his growth over the past ten days, Lin Yun now only needed two hours to recover his mind power now. His current mind power was almost enough to support Berserk Transformation all day long.

After resting, Lin Yun entered his Natural Demiplane.

Only three quarters of the pillar in the center of the Natural Demiplane was emitting light.

This meant that the merging Demiplane almost reached the core of the Natural Demiplane. Once the pillar was fully illuminated, there would be no distinction between the Natural Demiplane and the Demiplane.

As for that pillar, it would become the most special area of the Natural Demiplane. Lin Yun couldn't tell what kind of change would occur. After all, this was something that had never been recorded. Even the future owners of Natural Demiplanes weren't able to develop a Natural Demiplane to that degree.

If there was any special change, he would only be able to understand when the time came.

He watched the development of the Natural Demiplane attentively. Its growth was stable, the Mana Vines had already turned into a huge patch of vines drawing mana from the void.

Mana Vines could only develop to this degree in newborn Natural Demiplanes, because only there could the Mana Vines tear mana from the void after germinating.

With these Mana Vines, the Natural Demiplane's mana was taken care of.

The mana was gathered and liquefied into a mana lake, and a tenth of the mana lake's mana was absorbed by the pillar. This was key to the merge of the Demiplane and the Natural Demiplane.

As he saw everything going smoothly, Lin Yun suddenly got an idea, and once he had that thought, he could no longer suppress it.

He could carve the truth runes he researched onto the Demiplane's pillar!

Lin Yun floated above the pillar, and the more he thought about it, the less he could suppress that idea.

Although the Whisper Crystal was a very strange thing who contained unknown things, the truth runes were unadulterated mysteries, pure truth. Even after that future genius of the Starry Sky College went crazy and destroyed the Starry Sky College, the research of truth runes didn't stop.

Because the truth runes weren't evil, they were only a kind of mystery close to Laws. The research of truth runes was still ongoing when Noscent developed to its peak, but there has never been negative news regarding truth runes.

Since these were so powerful and contained mysteries close to the truth, it didn't seem harmful to carve them onto the developing Demiplane.

The more he thought about it, the harder it was for him to suppress this crazy idea. After thinking about it for half an hour, Lin Yun couldn't think of anything negative.

Even so, Lin Yun didn't immediately give it a go, he instead cautiously pondered and decided to first carve the runes he had already comprehended.

The pillar was the most special area, but it didn't completely merge with the Natural Demiplane. If the truth runes really had benefits, then it would be for the best. If it caused some negative changes, then the worst outcome was only the destruction of the pillar. That would only make his law power container disappear and he would fall back to being a Heaven Mage that had just advanced.

With the Natural Demiplane supporting him, and the fact that he walked out of the Gate of Rebirth, Lin Yun could be considered an innate Heaven Rank powerhouse. Even if something happened, he couldn't fall back to the Archmage realm.

If there was an obstacle, he had to experiment...

Lin Yun recalled the truth runes he had comprehended and decided that the first truth rune he would carve would be the energy conversion truth rune that he had comprehended early on.

The barrier covering his body dissipated and his terrifying Extraordinary Power burst out. Suddenly, that Extraordinary Power attracted the Laws of the Natural Demiplane and the Earth, Fire, Water, and Wind Laws fluctuated alongside Lin Yun's Extraordinary Power.

Mana, Extraordinary Power, Mind Power, everything converged together to condense a truth rune's comprehension.

In an instant, a mysterious and perfect law rune appeared before Lin Yun. The law rune started slowly taking shape, forming triangles. Shortly after, four triangles converged together in the same spot, forming a 3D rune. The most perfect structure for law runes.

As Lin Yun's mind power slowly poured into it, the mysterious aura exuded by the law rune became thicker and thicker.

Then, that law rune started revolving. As it revolved, it slowly turned into a flat rune, before turning into a strange and simple rune. It was like a character of a special language.

Lin Yun solemnly dragged this truth rune and slowly merged it on the upper part of the pillar.

As the rune came in contact with the pillar's radiance, it immediately merged with the pillar.

But nothing happened after the rune was merged. This made Lin Yun frown...

Even something bad happening would have been better than nothing. Nothing means that there is no good development and no risk of his rank being affected. It also implied that truth runes have no effect towards the Demiplane.

But this was the most unlikely situation. After all, truth runes contained power similar to law runes. Whether it was good or bad, there should always be a small reaction. This situation was completely out of Lin Yun's expectations.

Since there was no reaction after merging, Lin Yun kept going and condensed the 2nd truth rune.

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There was still no change after merging the fifty truth runes he had comprehended.

Lin Yun sighed and prepared to leave the Demiplane.

But suddenly, the pillar shuddered and a special fluctuation appeared. The pillar shuddered even more fiercely as if there was a light earthquake.

But aside from the shaking, there was no other change. Five minutes later, Lin Yun suddenly sensed something and he looked into the distance, only to see a stream of water emitting a dense mana aura flying over from a distance.

If a Great Mage approached that dense stream of water, they might directly explode.

Lin Yun could see that the ten-meter-thick stream of water was formed from the Mana Water of the mana lake. It was actually forcibly attracted by the pillar...

After all, although the pillar absorbed mana, it was absorbing mana from the Natural Demiplane. The absorption of the mana of the Natural Demiplane would form a vacuum which was passively replenished by Mana Water.

How could it be that ridiculous... After all, the mana lake was over a thousand kilometers away from the pillar!

Lin Yun flew up, but he couldn't stop this. That was a stream of Mana Water whose end couldn't be seen. Even if he controlled the Natural Demiplane to stop it, he would be unable to prevent this from happening.

Anything going in between the stream and the pillar would be thoroughly destroyed, this was a pure mana attack crossing over a thousand kilometers. That terrifying speed carried terrible momentum and even Heaven Rank powerhouses could die in an instant...

Lin Yun blankly stared as that stream of water charged into the pillar. He expected the mana water to blast the pillar and destroy it, but that didn't happen. The stream of water, carrying terrifying momentum, seemed to disappear instantly upon coming in contact with that pillar.

The mana rapidly disappeared inside the pillar and the entire Natural Demiplane shivered. All the lifeforms within the Natural Demiplane were in shock due to that kind of pressure, especially those simple insect lifeforms that had been nurtured by the Natural Demiplane. They were so scared that they couldn't let out a sound. They got under the earth and didn't have the courage to emerge.

Lin Yun silently calculated the amount of Mana Water and was scared witless. This was mana condensed into liquid form.

A single drop of Mana Water could completely replenish the mana of a newly advanced Archmage. Even Lin Yun, who far surpassed his peers in that regard, only needed a potion bottle of Mana Water.

But now, the Mana Water had transformed into a thick flood which travelled over a thousand kilometers to enter the pillar.

The water of the mana lake was rapidly dropping, and in merely a dozen seconds, the water level declined by half.

The light on the surface of the pillar rapidly spread to the lower half. It took less than ten seconds for the last quarter of the pillar to be covered in light, the pillar finally turned into a peak emitting colored radiance.

At that time, the force fiercely attracting the mana lake's Mana Water dissipated, but the Mana Water that was still on its way was still carried into the pillar by its momentum.

After the pillar finished absorbing the remaining Mana Water, Lin Yun suddenly felt something...

That was a feeling of perfection, the Natural Demiplane and the Demiplane he had established were no longer separated, they were one and the same. The source of the Natural Demiplane and the source of the established Demiplane ended up fusing together.

Now, only one plane could be sensed.

After completing this step, Lin Yun felt as if he suddenly became aware of an error he had had in his comprehension of the Laws, that was because a flaw had been fixed and his control over the Natural Demiplane had reached the highest level.

It was like the Natural Demiplane had been established by him!

Thoroughly controlling a Natural Demiplane was a feat no one had been able to accomplish before the end of Noscent, but the Natural Demiplane was no different from the Demiplane he had created!

This gap was already large to the point where it couldn't be explained, and there was too many benefits to keep track of them all at the moment.

Lin Yun was thoroughly dumbfounded. He hadn't foreseen that the truth runes would actually be that powerful. He only comprehended fifty of them, yet they allowed him to perfectly fuse his Natural Demiplane with his established Demiplane and merge their sources perfectly!

Everything had stabilized by the time that pillar thoroughly turned into a radiant peak and great changes happened to the Natural Demiplane.

The peak was like a control center which controlled the Mana Water within the mana lake, transforming it into a drizzle that sprinkled over the entire Demiplane.

Then, the earth faintly shook and the original two to three-thousand-kilometer-wide land expanded once again. It stopped after expanding by another hundred kilometers and the surrounding ocean widened.

But the true change wasn't the Demiplane becoming bigger, but something else.

A few small-scale volcanoes appeared in the south, while seawater started condensing into an ice field in the north. The earth started raising in the west while gales rose and thunder boomed over the eastern sea.

The earth, fire, water, and wind started showing signs of deviation. This was something that could only happen when the four laws were completely stable.

After these deviations appeared, the power of elements would appear, and it would no longer be under the form of pure mana. There was clearly more fire elements in the south, while water and ice elements clearly gathered in the north. The earth rising in the west meant that earth's power grew even stronger there, and as for the east's gales and thunder, it showed that the wind elements gathered over the eastern sea.

This wasn't a bad thing, it was actually showing that the Demiplane had undergone its evolution. More advanced lifeforms would be nurtured from now on, they wouldn't be like those brainless insects.

The clashes of different elements would make it easier for a variety of lifeforms to be nurtured. This was a wonderful start.

It was safe to say that mana would always be lacking during the growth of a Natural Demiplane, but the mana gathered by the Mana Vines already condensed a mana lake. This would be used by the Natural Demiplane when it reached a bottleneck.

But this was also normal. Natural Demiplanes couldn't keep evolving unimpeded. But in theory, as long as the Natural Demiplane kept growing, they would never have enough mana.

And now, Lin Yun was looking at the mana lake's original location. It already turned into a hundred-meter-deep hole. The Mana Water had already completely disappeared, but Lin Yun was smiling.

Because this was good. This was extremely good. He wasn't afraid that the mana would be consumed, he was afraid that the mana wouldn't be consumed.

The Natural Demiplane completed an evolution and the entire Demiplane's mana density sharply fell a few dozen times. The lack of mana roused the Mana Vines in the north.

The originally excessive abundance of mana had made the Mana Vines' expansion stagnate. After all, the sparser the mana, the more frantically the Mana Vines would grow and tear the void's chaotic energies to turn them into stable and gentle mana pouring over the Demiplane.

Now that the mana lake was empty, the Mana Vines became a lot more energetic. At the start, the Mana Vines were already over a hundred meters in thickness and wriggled out of the Demiplane's earth

to rush several kilometers up and disappear in the void. It was unknown how long the parts in the void were.

The thickest Mana Vine seemed to have sensed the lack in mana in the Demiplane and immediately burst out with its strongest energy. It swayed its terrifyingly huge body and rapidly split into two several-dozen-meter-thick huge vines to start tearing apart the energies from the void.

As they devoured that power, the two thick Mana Vines rapidly expanded and more and more mana came from the void.

Mana Vines of all sizes took this opportunity to start frantically dividing their bodies, while some of the smaller Mana Vines were maturing at a rapid pace.

The chaotic energies torn from the void were digested and transformed by the Mana Vines into pure and smooth mana which very slowly filled the mana lake.

The dense mana of the Natural Demiplane also started rapidly increasing. Based on that kind of speed, it would take half a day to recover the Demiplane's mana. As for the mana lake, it would be slowly filled.

Lin Yun was stunned as he watched the changes of the Demiplane.

Natural Demiplanes were a pain to develop, but it wasn't in regard to their size, because as long as they had enough mana, they could keep on expanding. With a Mana Vine, the size of a Natural Demiplane was bound to continuously increase.

But the evolution of the Demiplane's essence in itself was extremely troublesome. It was just as troublesome as calming down the four elements at the early stages. Every step was evolving the essence of the Demiplane, and this evolution of essence would become more and more troublesome. Every step was harder than the last and required more than just mana.

Chapter 1235 Bottleneck

With the huge changes to the Natural Demiplane, Lin Yun saw a way to rapidly evolve the Natural Demiplane.

After all Heaven Rank powerhouses' ranks weren't related to mana, mana was no longer shackling the progress of Heaven Rank powerhouses, what truly hindered them was their law comprehension.

And the Demiplane established by a Heaven Mage was a tool to contain and use laws. If they could perceive some laws but couldn't make these laws manifest in the Demiplane, then these laws could never become part of the Heaven Mage's fighting strength and could only be used for alchemy theories.

This was the most simple part of getting good alchemy results.

The development of a Demiplane became more important as they grew stronger. Too many Heaven Mages would be hindered by the development of their Demiplane. Many Heaven Mages with a lot of potential wouldn't make any progress for centuries to a millennium. That inevitably was due to their Demiplane's development hindering them.

And now, the fifty truth runes he had comprehended made the Demiplane complete its first essence evolution. If other truth runes were carved onto the Demiplane, if the 108,000 truth runes were carved into the Demiplane, just how powerful would it become?

Just thinking about it, Lin Yun started breathing heavily and he couldn't calm down.

A mage's Demiplane was closely related to the mage himself. The Demiplane could shackle a mage, and a mage could also shackle a Demiplane. If it was another mage's Demiplane, even if they comprehended 108,000 truth runes and carved them onto the Demiplane, the development of the Demiplane wouldn't be that exaggerated.

But the Natural Demiplane was different, as explained by the word Natural, a Natural Demiplane didn't shackle the mage. As long as Lin Yun had enough resources and opportunities, it might develop into a true world by the time Lin Yun reached the 4th or 5th Rank.

Naturally, this was only theoretical calculations, reaching that outcome ought to be impossible.

But if the Natural Demiplane kept progressing, this kind of outcome would naturally appear. It would in return make up for Lin Yun's flaws and increase his law comprehension. After all, the comprehension of the laws here would definitely be a lot more efficient than Noscent since this Natural Demiplane had completely fallen under Lin Yun's control.

As he thought of this, Lin Yun remained somewhat impatient. He thought of the truth rune he had yet to finish the comprehension of and wanted to carve that truth rune onto the peak. But he couldn't use the same method, because he hadn't comprehended the truth rune and hadn't reconstructed it through mana.

He tried to condense the secrets within the truth rune, but even if he condensed the part he hadn't researched, it didn't have that mysterious aura. That truth rune was useless.

Lin Yun sat on top of the peak while frowning. If he couldn't condense the truth rune, he couldn't carve it onto the pillar.

'Do I really need to fully comprehend them before I could carve them?

'I comprehended fifty truth runes in ten days... That speed is extremely fast, but the comprehension speed would slow down as I progress. Being able to comprehend five hundred truth runes within half a year would be considered very fast.'

Only comprehending five hundred truth runes after having tasted that sweetness... Lin Yun was unwilling to wait ten years before he could comprehend more, especially since these things could develop his Natural Demiplane. This opportunity might be his only opportunity for a very long time, it was also his best opportunity.

He tried several times in a row, and even condensed an incomplete truth rune onto the peak, but with no effect. Even that damaged truth rune didn't merge with the pillar, it only condensed into a strange and crude rune with some damaged parts.

But it had no effect. Lin Yun's heart suddenly twitched. When directly studying the truth runes on the Whisper Crystal, he could only use the Magic Array, and the Magic Array also temporarily decomposed

the truth runes into a huge amount of data, and through researching that data, the truth rune could be researched.

That kind of decomposition could be considered a temporary copy of the truth rune. Although the copy occupied a large part of the Magic Array's capacity, it was still considered a copy!

The truth runes couldn't be copied because they would lose their original mysteries during the copy, because copying a complete truth rune was impossible and the copy would end up being worthless.

Just by comprehending fifty truth runes, Lin Yun felt that his alchemy skills had greatly progressed. Did that future genius truly comprehend the 108,000 truth runes?

This was something uncertain, it was only recorded that the genius produced a magic book including all the truth runes. That was the only intact copy of the truth runes.

'What if that talented genius didn't comprehend all 108,000 truth runes? What if he used some other method when producing that magic book?'

As he thought about this, Lin Yun suddenly felt that this method was doable. He would use his Magic Array to temporarily copy, or it might be better to say, to turn the huge secrets contained within the truth rune into data before carving the data onto the Demiplane. That way, he might be able to inscribe the truth runes he hadn't fully comprehended onto the Demiplane.

After thinking about it, Lin Yun pressed one hand on the peak and the huge amount of data stored in the Magic Array turned into a flood of runes and data. Using mana as a medium, Lin Yun poured them into the peak under his feet.

The data looked disordered, and as Lin Yun opened his hand, the dense data spread over several hundred meters. By the time that data completely left the Magic Array, the Magic Array no longer possessed any data regarding that truth rune.

Lin Yun raised his hand and looked at the several-hundred-meter-wide flood of data. This was already the data's simplest form, it couldn't be simplified further while keeping the mysteries of the truth rune intact.

Suddenly, the data, using Lin Yun's mana as a medium, started converging towards the center before rapidly condensing into the carved inscription of a complete truth rune on the peak.

Lin Yun tried to research that truth rune, and the mystery contained within it was completely the same as the Whisper Crystal's truth rune. In other words, he had perfectly copied the truth rune onto the peak.

Unfortunately, there seemed to be a barrier between that truth rune and the peak, it couldn't completely merge with the peak. In other words, this truth rune was carved onto the Demiplane, but the Demiplane didn't get any benefit from it.

Lin Yun tried researching that truth rune thoroughly, when suddenly, the truth rune disappeared inside the peak.

Lin Yun instantly understood. The truth runes would only merge with the peak when he comprehended them. They wouldn't affect the Demiplane's development if he only copied them without comprehending them.

Although he was somewhat regretful, Lin Yun was already very satisfied, because as long as he could copy them, these truth runes would inevitably be fully comprehended one day. The only thing he lacked was time, and now, he bought enough time for himself.

It would be very easy to copy all 108,000 truth runes in half a year. After copying the runes, he would only need to comprehend the truth runes on the pillar.

Lin Yun was in a really good mood now that he could get a hold of all 108,000 truth runes. At midnight, he left his resting space to copy the Whisper Crystal's runes.

More than half of the Artisans were still researching the truth runes in the middle of the night. In fact, there would be Artisans that wouldn't leave their spot for half a year during these gatherings. All of their time would be used to research truth runes.

Those who returned to rest either studied a truth rune and exhausted too much of their mind power, or thought of some key application and returned to their room to slowly research it.

After all, the truth runes contained many secrets. But none of them were real alchemy results, they were only data. Moreover, none of the Artisans would accept having their alchemy results being copied.

Most of the Artisans had their own specialties, or some good things only they were able to make. This was their foundation, and aside from their own disciples, the Artisans absolutely wouldn't let others know. Some of them were willing to write down their inheritance for the future generations while others let their unique alchemy techniques be buried alongside them.

Lin Yun arrived at the Whisper Crystal location in the middle of the night and there was still a large number of Artisans focused on studying there. He took a crystal table and immediately started copying.

With the help of the Magic Array, it actually didn't take much time, the three layers of mysteries turned into a flood of data in seconds.

This was just turning a very difficult problem into a multitude of simpler problems, it's just that the answer hadn't been revealed.

After turning a truth rune into a flood of data temporarily stored into the Magic Array, Lin Yun directly opened a very small Planar Path within his body. That Planar Path was connected to the Demiplane.

The flood of data within the Magic Array followed that small passage and, unbeknownst to all, poured into that peak. Just like before, the flood of data was carried by Lin Yun's mana and rapidly spread on the surface of the peak before transforming into seven hundred meters of pure data.

By the time all the data was transmitted, the mana carrying the data was absorbed into the peak and the data started shrinking until it condensed into a truth rune carving on the surface of the peak.

It took less than a minute for a truth rune to be perfectly copied onto the surface of the peak.

Lin Yun sat in front of the crystal desk, motionless. He was firmly watching the Whisper Crystal. The shortcoming of truth runes changing frequently had now become an advantage.

It took fifteen minutes for the truth runes to change, this was just enough time for Lin Yun to copy the eighteen faces' truth runes. If he was researching, he would only be able to see one truth rune in fifteen minutes, but this met Lin Yun's requirement.

Lin Yun was only copying, not researching. Fifteen minutes later, the Whisper Crystal's truth runes all changed.

Lin Yun kept sitting there, motionless for ten days straight. He didn't research the truth runes since he only had half a year to copy them. Moreover, once they were completely copied onto the Demiplane, he could study them at any time.

Ten days later, Lin Yun stood up to exercise. His Magic Array revolved at full capacity for ten days straight, this was his limit. If he continued, the Magic Array would be unable to complete the copy of a truth rune's mysteries.

He decisively chose to rest for a day before continuing his copy work.

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Three months passed. For the past three months, Lin Yun sat next to the Whisper Crystal and blankly stared at it, not writing any data on his sheet of paper. This caught the Artisans of the Starry Sky College off guard.

Lin Yun would sit motionlessly for periods of ten days before punctually returning to his resting place. They couldn't guess how many truth runes Lin Yun had researched.

Many of the clues they had figured out earlier could no longer be used.

In fact, during the past three months, Lin Yun only comprehended these fifty truth runes. He spent most of his time copying the runes without fully comprehending them.

In that room, Zeith frowned as he looked at the scene recorded within the crystal ball.

"Can you see what's going on? How many truth runes did Mafa Merlin research during these three months?"

The Artisans looked at each other in dismay, no one said anything because they couldn't make sense of what they were looking at. Lin Yun was no longer using the same comprehension method, he was only sitting there and staring blankly, his expression unchanged. No one knew how much he comprehended during that period of time.

Many of the Artisans around the Whisper Crystal had noticed what had been going on with Lin Yun during the past three months. At the start, everyone saw that Lin Yun was doing his utmost to comprehend the truth runes, even using support spells while recording some important data.

But after the 10th day, Lin Yun no longer recorded any data, he also no longer used support spells. It looked like he was just lost in thought.

A few Artisans noticed Lin Yun recovering from his state once again and silently leaving. Especially Layford, he didn't even hide his sneer.

"Really, the Andlusan country bumpkin wanted to come here to research these runes, but I didn't expect that although he was relatively fast at the beginning, his potential would be exhausted after ten days. I'm afraid he hasn't even researched ten runes during the past eighty days..."

Layford was ridiculing Lin Yun, but the latter simply couldn't be bothered. He had to rest and slowly research in the Demiplane.

Many people watched Lin Yun silently leaving in a hurry. Doubt flashed in Raphael's eyes, he couldn't understand.

'Sir Mafa is even stronger than me in alchemy, how could he be unable to research the runes after ten days? Is he using another research method?'

Not far, Watby Hardward was smirking.

'How could that foolish Mafa Merlin be stronger than me in the field of alchemy? The research of truth runes is a true test of potential. Those with greater potential would meet a bottleneck later on. He has reached a bottleneck after ten days. His future accomplishments would only be so-so...'

As for the other Artisans, the Mosh Family's two Artisans threw a disdainful glance at Lin Yun's back, before throwing the same glance at Layford.

'Just inferior Artisans with no potential. There is no need to spare a second glance to know that these guys are a waste of time...'

Gurriq swept a glance before softly shaking his head and continuing his research.

'Another Artisan with no potential. He might have already reached his limit. That kind of Artisan can be respected in the Andlusa Kingdom, but in the Odin Kingdom he could at most become a teacher of the Starry Sky College and teach basic knowledge for the young alchemists.'

After that thought flashed in his head, Gurriq no longer paid attention, or it would be better to say that he didn't think it was worth his attention.

As for Albert, who was holding his crystal ball, he frowned when he heard Layford's mockery, annoyed at him for making noise here. As for Lin Yun, Albert simply didn't spare a glance, it was a huge waste of time.

The group of Artisans had their attention attracted by Layford's mockery and all of their expressions changed. Disdain could be seen in their eyes. Lin Yun's name and appearance alone was enough to rouse their disdain. Some of the prouder ones didn't bother to hide their disdain, feeling that Lin Yun's participation in the gathering was a mistake.

After all, they all knew about Lin Yun being in a daze for periods of ten days. His performance was completely different from the frantic research he had been undergoing at the very start. Everyone felt that he had reached a bottleneck.

In fact, those that reached a bottleneck during the study of truth runes were all like that.

Chapter 1236 Six Months Later

Lin Yun wasn't in the mood to care about other people and hastily returned to his resting place. He quickly activated the defensive array and entered the Natural Demiplane. The platform atop the peak in the center of the Natural Demiplane was covered in numerous truth runes. 108,000 truth runes were merged here, all the truth runes aside from the ones he had already comprehended were there.

He looked at the 108,000 truth runes. The mysterious aura they emitted formed an independent space atop the peak and the aura kept condensing data and formulas, some even evolved into special Magic Tools.

Like the continuously changing illusion at the top of that mountain. After stepping on the peak, Lin Yun felt as if he was wrapped by a boundless mysterious ocean. The Magic Array started working on its own, but it then crashed suddenly.

The tremendous amount of mysteries made the Magic Array stop working for a moment.

He hurriedly left the peak with a wry smile. He had kept copying the truth runes for the past three months and carved them onto the peak.

The power contained within such a large number of truth runes altered the topography of the peak.

It originally looked like an ordinary mountain peak, but now, it turned into a kilometer-wide smooth platform with a wisp of metallic luster. A bit under 108,000 truth runes were packed into the kilometer-wide platform and there was no space for Lin Yun to stand.

Floating in the air, Lin Yun took out the Spell Wheel with a wry smile. The Magic Array crashed and couldn't be used anymore, he could only use something else if he wanted to research, and the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was the best choice.

He picked a truth rune on the edge and immediately started using the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel to infer and decipher. Less than an hour later, that truth rune was completely deciphered and the secrets contained within were comprehended by Lin Yun.

Following Lin Yun's comprehension, that truth rune merged and disappeared into the mountain peak.

Lin Yun suddenly looked at the Spell Wheel with a bewildered expression.

The truth runes were surrounded in data, and while Magic Tools could be used to infer the mysteries, the true core mysteries could only be calculated by the mages' own abilities.

But Lin Yun had just used the Spell Wheel to research a truth rune!

Lin Yun clearly knew what that meant. If Magic Tools could be used to research truth runes, then his research speed would be several times faster than before!

Lin Yun used the Spell Wheel to study another truth rune before sighing in relief. He was sure of it now.

Artisans would reach a limit after studying truth runes, they wouldn't be able to continue researching unless they made progress in their alchemy path. They would be like a building without foundations, unable to stand straight.

They would be just like a Great Master Alchemist trying to research truth runes, if they had enough time, they might be able to research one truth rune, but they would need at least ten years. And the progress they could make on their own during that time would be a lot better than what they would get from one truth rune's mysteries.

Lin Yun suddenly remembered that in the future records regarding truth runes, there had never been a mention of someone being able to research the 108,000 truth runes. Ordinary Artisans could research a few hundred truth runes before reaching their limits and becoming unable to research new truth runes.

As for the Artisan that researched the most truth runes, he only researched over a thousand truth runes, and that was over the course of many years.

During Noscent's peak, there was a Saint Alchemist that also researched truth runes, but it was recorded that he only researched over ten thousand truth runes, before thoroughly disappearing. Ultimately, the Whisper Crystal disappeared and the research of truth runes reached rock bottom.

Thinking of the Whisper Crystal's evilness and linking it to the fact that the truth runes couldn't be copied completely, Lin Yun instantly understood.

The research of these Artisans weren't limited by their alchemy abilities, but by the Whisper Crystal itself!

It might just be calmly floating there, but that thing's evilness made Lin Yun cast aside any thought of getting close to it. Not only were Magic Tools useless, the research was even more difficult.

But the truth runes copied onto the Demiplane could be researched and deciphered by the Spell Wheel, the difficulty was even lower than outside. Everything pointed out that there was a problem, this was due to the Whisper Crystal's tricks.

The Starry Sky College had gotten the Whisper Crystal many years ago, but their understanding of truth runes wasn't very high. The truth runes they comprehended might amount to a few thousands runes at best.

After all, there might be duplicates during the research, but the "endless" runes only amounted to 108,000 truth runes.

At this rate, the Starry Sky College might only comprehend a bit over ten thousand truth runes two millennia later.

That was because the power of the Whisper Crystal itself was obstructing everything. It clearly enticed others, but didn't allow them to research many truth runes. It even restricted everyone's Magic Tools, mages could only rely on themselves to reach the core of the truth runes. The bottleneck cast aside any doubt he had left.

This showed that the truth runes were just bait. Only some benefits were exposed, but no one could get everything.

As he thought of the Whisper Crystal's evilness, Lin Yun was even more certain about his conjecture.

Lin Yun hid in the Demiplane and researched for over a day. In a day, he researched a dozen truth runes.

He thought about it for a bit and straightforwardly researched in the Demiplane. But there was an obvious flaw. After all, the matter of the 108,000 truth runes being copied couldn't be exposed.

If the Starry Sky College knew about that method, they would spare no cost to capture him and get a hold of the 108,000 truth runes.

Lin Yun left his room and casually moved to a crystal table in a corner before starting his new research. The Spell Wheel remained on the peak to analyze the truth runes while Lin Yun researched at the crystal table.

The Spell Wheel was inferring crucial data, but Lin Yun had to do the last step. However, the Spell Wheel helped with the most complicated parts, saving a lot of time for Lin Yun.

Lin Yun hid in the back and the other Artisans simply ignored him. Time was precious after all, no one cared how Lin Yun did his research. They would at most throw a disdainful glance at Lin Yun's corner every time they took a break.

Time flew by and another three months soon passed. The six months of research concluded, but Lin Yun had already stopped researching several days ago...

Because he had already reached his limit. He had completely researched 1,800 truth runes, and the limit he reached had nothing to do with the Whisper Crystal, it was his own.

During these three months, Lin Yun already made a conjecture. If he had continued to research the truth runes, he would have been able to research at most five hundred truth runes, but he would have been unable to completely research five hundred runes within six months.

The mysteries contained within 1,800 truth runes greatly increased Lin Yun's strength in the field of alchemy. At least when it came to theory, he was already at the peak of the Artisan realm.

It would take a long time before he could make full use of the mysteries contained within these truth runes. It was just like the Reedpush Plate, he knew how to craft it but was unable to craft it at the moment.

During the last three days, Lin Yun didn't continue his research and instead entered his Demiplane.

1,800 truth runes had already merged with the mountain peak and there was only a small spot devoid of runes on the platform. This was the only area Lin Yun could step onto.

As for the Demiplane, its changes were even more monstrous. The mountain peak had been influenced the most by the runes, the peak already reached up to five kilometers in height, and the mountain no longer looked like an ordinary mountain, it looked more like crystal or metal. There were even some simple veined patterns on the surface of the mountain.

The Demiplane grew by a few hundred kilometers. This wasn't a small growth, it was a huge transformation, an evolution of the Demiplane's essence.

The land was no longer just a flat piece of land, it turned into a slope with the west land at the highest point, and the east land at the lowest point. The ground was the densest in the west, and the western sea had become narrower while the eastern sea became even more vast.

Hurricanes and lightning kept wreaking havoc on the sea and countless changes started appearing on the sea. Only through changes could life evolve, and that process was now accelerated countless times. The mana lake in the northwest corner of the Demiplane had recently remained in a dry state.

The Mana Vines had already expanded four to five times during the past three months, but they still couldn't catch up to the mana consumption of the Demiplane during the past three months. There was a dark green wall spreading over twenty kilometers on the northwest side of the Demiplane. It was sticking out of the ground and into the sky before disappearing into the endless void.

The energies devoured by the Mana Vines transformed into mana flowing down like a waterfall before ultimately pouring into the mana lake. But as the mana reached the mana lake, it seemed to suddenly disappear as the Demiplane used it.

With the current scale of the Mana Vines, even if a small-scale void storm appeared in the endless void outside the Demiplane, it would end up absorbed by the Mana Vines and transformed into mana.

And with the existence of these Mana Vines, it would be extremely hard for an energy storm to form in a large area around the Natural Demiplane. The energy could never gather together since the Mana Vines were constantly absorbing and tearing them apart.

The volcanoes in the south kept increasing in size and number. The hot flames didn't destroy the environment and instead nurtured hundreds of new plants. There were even some elemental lifeforms that could use simple flames being born near the volcanoes.

As for the north, the sea had condensed and formed a vast ice field spreading over dozens of kilometers. Some fist-sized Snow Elemental appeared on the ice field, they were the easiest nurtured lifeforms by this kind of environment.

The greatest benefits weren't just the birth of some elemental lifeforms, these lifeforms were just the embryonic forms of the most advanced lifeforms.

The greatest benefit was that the land had become thicker. The western land was already three thousand times higher than the eastern land. The earth was stable and there would be no earthquake or other issues.

With the stable environment, convection would happen between the northern and southern poles. As the sea water evaporated, the cycle of water in the land took form. As the heat and coldness of the northern and southern poles periodically changed, four seasons would be felt in the center of the land.

This was a hard to estimate benefit to the diversification of species. The Natural Demiplane's important biological development was now progressing at a rapid pace.

And in the sky, the God Fire Ember serving as the Demiplane's sun had its trajectory altered.

The God Fire Ember would rise in the east and set in the west, revolving around the entire Demiplane.

It would be daytime when the sun rose, and the Demiplane would sink into darkness once it set in the west. At that time, the great mountain would scatter a faint colored light so that the Demiplane wouldn't thoroughly sink into darkness.

The most obvious advantage to having a day and night cycle was that the Light Law and the Darkness Law would start being nurtured into the Demiplane. And to Lin Yun, who was closely linked to the Demiplane, it would let him touch upon the two Laws ahead of time. Even if he couldn't comprehend them at the moment, by following the Demiplane's evolution process, he would be building a foundation.

The Eternal Dark Gold that had previously been buried in the Demiplane also fully integrated into the Demiplane. The Eternal Dark Gold's properties were also inherited by the Demiplane. The Demiplane's planar barrier was already powerful to an unfathomable degree.

Even if he told others the coordinates of the Demiplane, they wouldn't be able to open a Planar Path to enter.

Lin Yun's comprehension of the Space Law rapidly improved as the Demiplane grew.

Standing on the peak's platform, Lin Yun was surrounded in countless truth runes and formulas. These were flashing past him like phantoms.

Lin Yun closed his eyes and it looked like his breath merged with the entire Natural Demiplane.

Suddenly, silence swept this place and Lin Yun only opened his eyes three days later. Several hundred silver white law runes appeared before him. These silver white law runes were continuously alternating between a silver white color and a void color while Lin Yun's surroundings were distorted.

The next moment, over 80,000 law runes floated around Lin Yun before exploding together, transforming back into the most basic runes.

Over a million runes appeared like endless stars. They curled around Lin Yun's body until he chanted a strange word. Then, the million runes clashed with each other

One after another, law runes formed from sixteen basic runes appeared before him!

This was the most perfect and most stable law runic structure. All the runes disappeared in less than three minutes, replaced by 64,000 most perfect and most stable law runes.

The wheel shadow was floating behind Lin Yun, those law runes transformed into a flood which entered that ten-meter-tall huge wheel.

In an instant, Lin Yun's aura felt like a cool breeze, and just like that, he advanced...

2nd Rank Heaven Mage!

Feeling his own aura, Lin Yun smiled. When the conditions were right, success would naturally follow. There had been no difficulty, no obstructions. After comprehending the truth runes and strengthening his Demiplane for half a year, Lin Yun could be said to have perfected his law comprehension and his comprehension of the Demiplane. Advancing to the 2nd Rank of the Heaven realm was something very easy.

Since he completed his breakthrough and half a year had passed, Lin Yun instantly left his Demiplane.

While Lin Yun walked out of his residence, many of the Artisans were still taking advantage of the last moments to continue their research, hoping they could research just one more truth rune.

Zeith appeared once again, but his heart fiercely shook when he saw Lin Yun.

It shook from fear...

'Heavens, that monstrous Mafa Merlin had another breakthrough!

'It's only been half a year! Heavens, he still wasn't a Heaven Rank powerhouse half a year ago, but now, he has already reached the 2nd Rank...

'Can anyone tell me what the hell is going on? Is that monster really the reincarnation of a God?

'I spent over a hundred and thirty years between my breakthrough to the Heaven Rank and my breakthrough the 2nd Rank... And even then, I'm considered a genius in the Starry Sky College. Yet, that guy not only advanced to the Heaven Rank in his thirties, he also advanced again within half a year.

'My senses must be tricking me, right, definitely... I must have made a mistake...'

Zeith was in a daze and convinced himself that he had made a mistake.

After all, the gaps between the first three ranks weren't too far apart, but the gap between the 3rd Rank and the 4th Rank was a big threshold. There was an even bigger gap to the 5th Rank.

Even Extraordinary Power couldn't sense Lin Yun's rank, nor could it break through Lin Yun's shield without him knowing about it. But Zeith's Heaven powerhouse's instincts were enough to feel that the threat Lin Yun emitted greatly increased. From this, Heaven powerhouses could judge the strength of their opponent...

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At least, comparing this sensation to previous knowledge could give an estimation of Lin Yun's rank. And this estimation was based on the sensation emitted by Extraordinary Power, it absolutely couldn't be wrong. Zeith was in daze, convincing himself that the Extraordinary Power's sensation was wrong. Advancing to the 2nd Rank of the Heaven realm in half a year was simply unbelievable. This was too scary.

Recalling the outcome of the discussion with the Artisans of the Starry Sky College two days ago, Zeith felt dizzy.

Lin Yun's research of the truth runes had completely changed between the first three months and the last three months. Zeith and the others thought that Lin Yun had been looking for the most suitable research method.

They couldn't determine how many truth runes he had researched in the first three months, but in the last three months, the data recorded by Lin Yun could be used to guess how many truth runes he had researched.

And the outcome of the guess scared all of them. The conservative estimate was 900 truth runes. Some of them were mysteries that the Starry Sky College had already deciphered, but the greater part was a large amount of data that the Artisans of the Starry Sky College couldn't speculate.

Through these, they could only speculate and were unable to determine the approximate data because there were too little clues.

Zeith recalled the previous speculations and was completely stunned as he felt Lin Yun's rank. Not only had he researched at least 900 truth runes, he had also advanced again within half a year. This was a complete monster.

Zeith was stunned, but it was different for the others. Those Artisans, who had been focused on studying truth runes, didn't know how many truth runes Lin Yun had researched, and they also couldn't feel Lin Yun's advancement.

Like Layford, he hadn't noticed anything. He could sense that Lin Yun's strength was no different from six months ago, because he simply couldn't sense any Extraordinary Power on Lin Yun's body. His perception simply couldn't break through Lin Yun's shield.

Seeing Lin Yun, Layford sneered and slowly walked over.

"Mafa Merlin, I really didn't expect to see your face. It's been such a long time, have you even researched a hundred runes? Did you hide to whimper in your room?"

"Just say it if your research had too little results. Look at me, I'm such a kind person, I'll tell you about the mysteries I researched."

Layford had a proud expression on his face. This was the first time he came here. During the last gathering, the other Artisan of the Jackson Family had come over as he wasn't in Noscent.

More importantly, one's first study of the truth runes was the only time when one could get great results. As long as the family had more than one Artisan, they wouldn't let an Artisan come twice in a row.

After all, the first study brought the greatest benefits. It would be quite good if they ended up researching a few dozen truth runes the second time.

Layford held a crystal plate on top of which countless runes moved about. There was also a large amount of data flickering frantically.

Lin Yun indifferently glanced at Layford and really didn't feel like caring about him. In this space, the Starry Sky College definitely wouldn't just watch people fighting. He had yet to reach the Heaven Rank half a year ago and had been at a disadvantage against the dark curse mage back then.

But Lin Yun was already at the 2nd Rank of the Heaven realm, he was 100% certain that he could kill Layford. Since he couldn't attack now, he didn't feel like caring about him.

Seeing Lin Yun remain silent, Layford became even more excited.

“Mafa Merlin, why aren’t you speaking? Isn’t it said that you are extremely good in the field of alchemy? That you are not only a potioning expert, but that you are also quite proficient in the field of array, refining, and puppeteering?”

“Ah, you are really admirable. You must have researched at least five hundred truth runes this time, right?”

Layford’s words sounded like praise, but unconcealed disdain could be seen on his face.

As for the other Artisans, they had already stopped their research. It had already been half a year, and the Starry Sky College just notified them that the spatial transfer could soon be activated and that when the time came, they would have to leave this space.

No one discussed truth runes with others during this gathering. They might have just finished studying them, but it still wasn’t time for that. Once the gathering was thoroughly over, these Artisans might get together with their acquaintances to discuss truth runes.

Most of the Artisans watching what was happening on this side were just spectating, and almost all of the Odin Kingdom’s Artisans were sneering in disdain.

They all saw Lin Yun’s actions for the past six months, and none of them took him seriously. Even if they didn’t know how many truth runes others researched, they could more or less guess based on their performance.

They had all occasionally glanced at Lin Yun in the past six months and seen his terrible performance. None of them believed that Lin Yun researched many runes.

The two Artisans of the Mosh Family had disdainful gazes. Gurrig seemed to despise Layford and he looked at both Lin Yun and Layford with apathetic disdain.

Albert raised his head to glance at Lin Yun and sneered before looking back at his crystal ball.

Raphael frowned, hesitation visible on his face.

‘Sir Mafa shouldn’t have researched many truth runes, right? No, Sir Mafa is much better than me when it comes to alchemy and I already researched 108 truth runes...’

Zeith was calmly standing not far from there, not caring about this matter. His only duty was to make sure that no one attacked. He wouldn’t get involved in these Artisans’ matters even if they shouted like shrews. However, he was looking at Layford with a sympathetic expression, as if he was looking at an idiot.

‘The Jackson Family is getting more and more idiots... According to our speculations, Mafa Merlin researched at least 900 truth runes... How many could that guy have researched?’

‘Hell, I forgot to use the crystal ball to record him. But he must have researched a bit over a hundred at best, and more than half of the runes should have already been researched by our Starry Sky College.’

‘This kind of idiot thinks that Mafa Merlin researched less truth runes than him? He is even more stupid than the stupidest rodent. Stupid rodent wouldn’t even provoke lifeforms stronger than themselves...’

Lin Yun had just been wondering whether he should make a copy of all the truth runes he comprehended for the Starry Sky College when Layford came over. The latter firmly believed that Lin Yun had comprehended very little truth runes. The crystal plate in his hand flickered a few times before moving in front of Lin Yun.

“Mafa Merlin, with your abilities, you can definitely answer my question. It’s such a simple question, it definitely can’t baffle you. Didn’t you ask me to answer your question last time? I’ll give you the answer now, and you answer my question.”

Layford sneered as the crystal plate radiated with a bright light before projecting a ten-meter-big curtain of light on top of which were written a large amount of data and a large number of formulas. But the crucial part was blank.

This was an alchemy problem, and it was a problem he got from studying the truth runes.

Many of the surrounding Artisans were astonished as they looked at the curtain of light.

Surprise flashed in Gurrig’s eyes as he clearly discovered something. Albert raised his head and countless data rapidly flashed on his crystal ball.

“Eh, at least 250 truth runes need to be researched to ask this question...”

Albert’s words made Layford even more proud of himself. 250 truth runes was enough to put him at the forefront of this gathering. After all, most of the people of this gathering had already researched truth runes before, they couldn’t research more than Layford.

Researching 250 truth runes on their first gathering was considered a fairly good achievement.

Seeing the expressions of the surrounding Artisans, Layford’s mocking smile became even more exaggerated.

‘Foolish Mafa Merlin, I’ll ruin your reputation in front of everyone. You will die once you leave the Starry Sky College, but I have to ruin your reputation in front of the Artisans of the Odin Kingdom before I do so.

‘The Artisans present here represent many forces of the Odin Kingdom. Everyone will see how stupid a country bumpkin of the Andlusa Kingdom is.’

“Mafa Merlin, I’m asking you for guidance. Could it be that you don’t want to answer my question?”

Layford said that he was asking for guidance, but everyone could see that he wanted to use his comprehension of truth runes to shame Lin Yun.

Lin Yun indifferently glanced at Layford. He originally wanted to avoid showing off. In any case, the Starry Sky College definitely didn’t know how many truth runes he comprehended. He could always copy a few less to try and exchange for some stuff he wanted.

But now...

Lin Yun spat out a few law runes and formed a ten-meter-tall curtain of light. Data and formulas rapidly appeared on the curtain of light.

Then, more curtains of light appeared next to that one...

In less than ten seconds, a total of twenty three ten-meter-tall huge curtains of light floated in the air, all of them filled with data and formulas. The biggest character was no bigger than a child's fist and looking at those made everyone dizzy.

Layford was stunned and foolishly looked at these twenty three curtains of light. Every single curtain of light was the explanation of a difficult problem, how to calculate every problem, what formula to use, as well as the deduction process. The details couldn't be even more detailed.

Layford was caught unprepared because of the details.

Because aside from the final answer being correct, he simply couldn't understand the process.

In an instant, the expressions of all the Artisans changed. The other Artisans started looking at Lin Yun. Lin Yun answering these questions meant that the number of truth runes he had studied was at least comparable to Layford.

Researching two hundred or three hundred truth runes the first time he researched the Whisper Crystal was a pretty decent achievement.

But the two Artisans of the Mosh Family, as well as Gurrig and Albert, looked solemn.

It wasn't the first time they researched truth runes. They had researched truth runes many times, they had researched 500 to 600 truth runes and they were the Artisans that had researched the most truth runes.

They could understand some part of Lin Yun's answers and reasoning, and just from what they comprehended, they could feel how terrifying it was.

Because this proved one thing, Lin Yun researched more truth runes than them!

The four Artisans with the highest alchemy achievement suddenly looked at Lin Yun with solemn expressions.

And not far, Zeith's pupils shrunk to their limits as unconcealable shock could be seen in his eyes.

'Unification Formula... Extreme Formula...

'Feltis Effect's core parameters... Spatial Wave's calculation method...

'Sh*t, how could Mafa Merlin comprehend that much?! He definitely couldn't have just comprehended 900 truth runes. No, it's absolutely impossible. The mysteries contained within 900 truth runes definitely couldn't accomplish this. Not to mention, he took less than ten seconds and not only did he calculate the outcome, he even listed out detailed steps...

'Damn, we were wrong all along, he comprehended at least 1,600 truth runes. No, he might have even comprehended over 1,700 truth runes...

'So much details... I have been exposed to all our information regarding the truth runes, but there are still some parts that I can't understand. I've never seen some of those data and formulas.

'Heavens... This guy... this guy...'

Zeith almost suffocated from fright, 'He studied the Whisper Crystal for the first time, yet he was able to research at least 1,600 truth runes. This completely shattered the Starry Sky College's record.

'Not only did it break the record, it surpassed it by several times.'

Lin Yun turned and looked at Layford as if he was looking at an idiot.

"Layford, do you understand now? I've already listed every single step."

Layford's face turned red as he foolishly looked at the twenty three curtains of light, unable to utter a single word.

What could he say? That although he understood the result, he couldn't make sense of the process? Artisans were all around them, even if he wanted to act shamelessly, he couldn't...

Next to Lin Yun, Raphael barely threw a glance at the complicated data and a pleasantly surprised expression appeared on his face. He then burst into a loud laughter and looked at Layford.

"Sir Layford, I comprehended over 100 truth runes, but I can't make sense of what I'm seeing. You definitely comprehended a lot more than me, so you must have comprehended this with a single glance. Can you explain it to me?"

"Sir Mafa already listed such detailed steps. I hope that you wouldn't be stingy and that you would explain to me."

Layford stood there with a dark expression. He remained silent and ignored Rapahel.

Even the dull ones understood what was happening.

Layford had wanted to humiliate Lin Yun by using truth runes, but he hadn't expected that Lin Yun would actually humiliate him, and in such a ruthless way.

The other side had detailed every single step, but he, an Artisan, couldn't understand them. How could this not be a humiliation...

Even if most of the Artisans here couldn't understand anything, Layford was the only one humiliated. A few of them even had unfriendly expressions as they looked at Layford. Fortunately for them, they had remained silent. If they had joined Layford in humiliating Lin Yun, wouldn't they have ended up humiliated like Layford?

As the farce was over, Zeith looked at Lin Yun with a strange expression and led everyone to the teleportation location, before calmly waiting for the transfer.

Layford had been humiliated in front of so many Artisans and might end up being the joke of the Artisan circle after this gathering. There might not even be an Artisan willing to cooperate with him due to his low intelligence.

Layford lowered his head and didn't speak, his face almost as dark as ink. He stood at the end of the group and glared at Lin Yun's back with gritted teeth.

'That damned Mafa Merlin! How did he do it? Damnit... Could it be that the rumors are true? His alchemy proficiency is that outstanding?

'I actually can't understand a single of those detailed steps. That guy definitely did it on purpose, he pretended to not have researched many runes so that he could humiliate me.

'He definitely comprehended a lot more runes than I did. Maybe he already comprehended over a thousand runes? F*ck, this damned guy actually comprehended so many truth runes?

'The mysteries contained within these truth runes could form at least thirty unique things in my hands...

'Whether it is potions or magic tools, any one of them could support an alchemy shop.

'If I copied these mysteries and gave that copy to the Starry Sky College, what I could obtain would definitely be comparable to ten years of profits of our Jackson Family. No, I might even be able to trade for a plane. That would be a steady flow of income that would increase our Jackson family's properties by 20%.

'And I might be able to rely on that to enter the Elder Council and become one of the higher-ups of the Jackson Family...'

The more Layford thought about it, the greedier he became. He wanted to snatch what Lin Yun had comprehended. The steps he couldn't comprehend were like the corner of a golden mountain spreading before him.

This was clearly a problem more difficult than $1+1=2$, but Lin Yun used advanced mathematics to solve it. The solution was invariable, but the steps were terrifying...

Chapter 1238 Elemental Seal

Layford lowered his head and no longer looked at Lin Yun's back. Instead, he was pondering how to steal Lin Yun's achievements. Suddenly, Layford's eyes lit up.

'Right, Mafa Merlin will definitely make a copy of the mysteries for the Starry Sky College after leaving.

'It was said in advance that this was the price to come and study truth runes. Only by handing over the copy of the mysteries could we get the corresponding benefits from the Starry Sky College.

'Everyone has to do this and Mafa Merlin is no exception. The Starry Sky College must have already estimated how many truth runes he has studied, he has to copy all of them.

'After all, the more truth runes we have, the more benefits we would obtain. Once he copies these mysteries... Hehehe...'

Layford's head was lowered, but his mood was a lot better.

After a few minutes, the spatial transfer was ready and everyone used the alchemy device.

After leaving this place, everyone returned to their previously assigned laboratories and started copying the mysteries they had deciphered. Everyone had to do so, including Lin Yun.

As for Zeith, he hurriedly took a teleportation array in a Mage Tower after guiding the Artisans out.

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In another mage tower, Zeith was sitting at a round table with a mage whose eyes were filled with wisdom. That mage looked like a middle-aged man in his thirties. There were three crystal balls on the round table and the scenes recorded within those crystal balls were all related to Lin Yun.

“Dean Dalaran, these are records of Mafa Merlin’s research of truth runes. According to our speculations, Mafa Merlin might have researched over 1,600 truth runes...”

Zeith respectfully reported Lin Yun’s matter, but he could hardly hide the shock in his voice.

Dean Dalaran attentively watched the scenes flashing within the crystal balls. Three minutes later, he appeared to be terrified.

“No, it’s definitely not just 1,600, he must have researched about 1,800! This is a genius, he is truly gifted. Such a terrifying guy, he might have already reached the peak of the Artisan realm.”

The dean seemed so sure of the number that his tone left no room to be questioned, but he couldn’t conceal the fact that he couldn’t keep his calm.

Zeith was shocked, he was really terrified this time.

1,800 truth runes meant that many of these truth runes’ mysteries hadn’t been figured out by the Starry Sky College. If the copy of the secrets contained within so many truth runes was handed to the Starry Sky College, they would have to trade at least three fertile planes.

The Starry Sky College didn’t have many fertile planes, taking out three at once would be like cutting an arm.

But when compared to the mysteries contained within 1,800 truth runes, giving away three planes rich in natural resources wasn’t unacceptable, the truth runes were a lot more valuable. As long as their alchemy progressed, the Starry Sky College might suffer less pressure when conquering a plane, and they would have a higher chance of finding a plane with a lot of natural resources..

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Lin Yun didn’t know that he had already startled one of the three deans, he was busy copying the mysteries of the 1,800 truth runes he had researched.

Naturally, characters couldn’t perfectly express the mysteries contained with the truth runes. But who cared about it, these mysteries were already enough to support an alchemy force. The Starry Sky College would mind even less.

In that forest, every Artisan had their own building provided with a well-developed laboratory. And this place was even more calm, no one would bother him. Every Artisan was holed up, writing down their own alchemy experiments.

Lin Yun’s copying speed was very fast, he didn’t use a quill to copy, but directly took out some crystal plates and used the power of law runes to inscribe these crystal plates. That would undoubtedly save quite a bit of time.

Only law runes formed from sixteen runes had this kind of ability. Even if ordinary Heaven Mages copied onto crystal plates, they would have to do so little by little, they couldn't directly copy them.

Lin Yun had been doing it for seven days straight and today was the day he would finish copying. The crystal plates already formed a big pile next to him.

Just as Lin Yun was copying the mysteries of the last hundred truth runes, his laboratory's array suddenly started shaking and the warning crystal contained within started flickering. The mana fluctuations even pierced through the laboratory's defenses.

Seeing this crystal flicker, Lin Yun frowned. This wasn't a guest, someone was forcibly attacking the defensive array, and the defensive array would be breached within a very short time.

With a wave of his hand, a few dozen Mana Hands flew out and collected the pile of crystal plates, putting them into his Spatial Ring. Then, the wall of the laboratory caved inward as if it was made of clay, before exploding with a loud "bang". A berserk tide of mana transformed into a pitch-black blaze that rapidly engulfed the entire laboratory.

The equipment within the laboratory twisted into strange shapes before transforming into molten drops of metal.

A layer of transparent barrier surrounded Lin Yun and resisted all spell attacks. But the berserk mana seemed to have found an entry point and frantically poured in.

Lin Yun coldly watched as a gap was created by the explosion. He felt at least five Heaven Rank powerhouses waiting outside. As long as he rushed through that gap, he would have to face the assault of the five Heaven Rank powerhouses waiting outside.

Clearly, sensing that Lin Yun hadn't rushed out, the Heaven Rank powerhouses also didn't take the initiative to rush in, they instead increased their mana input. In less than three seconds, the berserk mana and surging flames reached the limits of what that small laboratory could handle.

Cracks opened in the surrounding walls and the whole building exploded open. Flames and fragments merged together as they flew up in the sky, before being blocked by a hundred-meter-tall barrier.

Lin Yun raised his Fusion Shield and expressionlessly walked out from the sea of flames. He raised his head and glanced at the sky, but he was only able to see a hundred meters up and five hundred meters to the sides. It looked like he was trapped with the five Heaven Rank powerhouses in a red cuboid.

And at the four corners of the cuboid, there were at least forty 9th Rank Archmages. They were also sealed in the corners, maintaining this illusory barrier. Unless they took the initiative to remove that barrier, it would be impossible to tear it apart, whether it was from the inside or the outside.

Not far from there, a group of Griffin Riders flew past, but they didn't seem to notice anything abnormal. This was the effect of an illusion barrier, nothing could be seen from the outside, the location was no different from before, and the mana fluctuations couldn't spread out.

"Sacrificing three True Spirit Magic Tools to create an illusion barrier is really costly... But have you taken into account the fall of five Heaven Rank powerhouses?"

Lin Yun indifferently looked at the five black-robed powerhouses. They were hiding their appearances. One of them was a 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse, while the other four were 1st Rank Heaven powerhouses. When added to the forty 9th Rank Archmages, it really was a very costly endeavor.

The four 1st Rank Heaven powerhouses were floating at the four corners, each of them holding onto a chain of a different color. The four chains emitted the auras of earth, fire, wind, and water. As for the four 1st Rank Heaven Mages, each one of them used a different element. That 2nd Rank Heaven Mage was shrouded in black smoke and gave a strong feeling of darkness mana.

Before Lin Yun appeared, the four 1st Rank Heaven Mages already swung their chains. The four chains frantically extended, before curling in Lin Yun's surroundings, seemingly forming an array's pattern. Within a second, a complex three-dimensional array was formed.

As for the mana emitted by Lin Yun and the violent flames around it seemed to have no effect on the four chains. The four chains formed a hundred-meter-wide boundary and a dozen-meter-tall huge three-dimensional array. The radiance of the four elements frequently flickered as those auras looked like Demiplanes.

This entire space was pressuring Lin Yun. The chains were surrounding the Fusion Shield, suppressing him and the Fusion Shield.

Lin Yun squinted as he looked at the array formed by the chains. Following the construction of the array, most of the chains had disappeared and only the parts surrounding him could be seen.

The red, blue, yellow, and green chains were made from materials that could only be found in the purest elemental planes. Their purity was so high that they were like pure elemental power, without flaw or characteristic.

But this kind of purity was actually their greatest characteristic. Chains forged from the pure power of the four elements had the strongest sealing effect against those under the Heaven Rank. The power of this elemental seal could keep increasing, and as long as they paid enough of a price, sealing a Heaven Rank powerhouse wouldn't be an issue.

At Noscent's peak, many terrifying criminals were either exiled into the void or imprisoned. And the prisons' arrays were elemental seals. By using the balance of the four elements, a huge sealing power could be created. It could seal all of the convicts' casting abilities and suppress them until they couldn't even move a finger.

A lot of extremely dangerous prisoners were locked alone in elemental seal spaces.

Looking at Lin Yun who seemed unable to move due to the suppression, that dark mage took out a finger bone emitting sinister power and started chanting in a low voice.

The whispers full of temptation, malice, and intimidation echoed within the space. It felt as if a Devil's eyes were staring at Lin Yun. The dark mage then let out some dangerous and deadly temptations.

Devils' whispers were pervasive and lingered around Lin Yun, continuously looking for an opportunity to enter his body.

That dark mage kept chanting for three minutes until he suddenly stopped. He looked at the expressionless Lin Yun standing there and removed his large hat, exposing a pale face devoid of blood. Tattoos of Infernal characters could be seen on his cheeks.

Looking at Lin Yun's figure, that dark mage exposed a cruel smile.

"Mafa Merlin, don't blame anyone, you can only blame yourself for being so weak. What qualifications does an Andlusan country bumpkin like you have to possess something so valuable. Whether it's the Raging Flame Plane's benefits or the truth runes' mysteries, they aren't something someone like you can possess.

"You ought to thank us for being kind, and not getting rid of you. This curse will only turn you into an idiot. Eh, telling you now shouldn't matter since you can't understand. Such a pitiful guy.

"Alright, I order you to hand over your copy of the truth runes' mysteries."

The dark mage floated in the air with a sinister smile. The Heaven Mages holding the four chains and controlling the elemental seal also took off their hats and displayed their victorious smiles.

"Sir is really cautious. That guy is only a 9th Rank Archmage. No matter how powerful an Archmage is, they don't have Extraordinary Power."

"No one said otherwise. But let alone him, even a 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse would be suppressed by the elemental seal. Dispatching us is showing him too much respect."

"Hey, get those things fast and let's leave. We won't pay a small price if the Starry Sky College discovers us. Those powerhouses aren't to be trifled with."

Even the forty Archmages supporting the seal had relaxed expressions. They clearly felt that this time's mission was too simple.

The dark mage calmly waited for Lin Yun to take out the copy himself, but Lin Yun had yet to react a few seconds later.

The dark mage frowned.

"Is the elemental seal's strength so high that this idiot can't even move under the pressure?"

The fire Heaven Mage immediately shook his head and answered, "That can't be the case, we are only suppressing him, that's all. His shield is still activated, how could he be unable to move a finger?"

"Isn't it your curse that turned him into an idiot?"

The few of them argued, until Lin Yun, who seemed to be in a daze, suddenly spoke, "Using chains as elemental seals to form an array at the fastest speed is a really creative idea. Four people can truly maximize the sealing power, but getting four chains crystallized from the purest elements isn't that easy..."

Lin Yun glanced at the four colored chains and a four-colored light shone on his body. Law Power of the four elements rose up simultaneously and instantly reversed the path of the four chains to reverse crack

that elemental seal. Without breaking the balance of the four elements, the violent surge of mana forcibly took over the chains.

These four mages had good coordination, but it definitely couldn't compare to Lin Yun who had established the four elemental laws as his foundation. Lin Yun's four elemental laws were in perfect equilibrium, they were seamless. These four mages couldn't resist when he forcibly took over the chains.

The elemental seal thoroughly dissipated in less than a second. Only four 1-kilometer-long colored chains kept floating in the air.

One end of the chains was in Lin Yun's hands, while the other end had just broken free from those Heaven Mages' hands.

With a flick of his wrist, the chains rapidly shrunk until the four crystal chains were over a meter in length. Lin Yun casually put the chains in his spatial ring before looking at those startled mages with an icy smile.

"Alright, I've already checked out what I was interested in. Let's get to the point, how do you want to die?"

The icy words were like a cold breeze. The four elemental mages took out their magic staves and started incanting.

As for the dark mage, he was in complete shock.

"Impossible! Impossible! I used the bone of a Devil's middle finger! How could you resist the power of the curse?"

Lin Yun took out his Draconic Staff and the concealing shield covering the surface of his body slowly dissipated. Extraordinary Power fluctuations and mana surged.

Feeling those powerful Extraordinary Power fluctuations, the dark mage suddenly understood. His curse couldn't break through that powerful Extraordinary Power as Lin Yun had already advanced to the Heaven Rank.

The dark mage instantly took out a black colored staff and sneered as he looked at Lin Yun.

"Mafa Merlin, I hadn't expected you to have already advanced to the Heaven Rank, but this doesn't change anything. This place is sealed, even an ordinary 3rd Rank Heaven powerhouse can't break through it. Don't even think of escaping.

"I'll give you a chance to live, hand over your copy of the truth runes' mysteries and I can make the decision to let you keep your life. Otherwise, we can only loot your corpse. Naturally, that's if you even leave a corpse behind..."

The dark mage raised his staff and dense darkness power surged forth, devil's whispers lingered on the magic staff. At the same time, the four elemental mages encircled Lin Yun and their staves blossomed with bright lights as they were ready to release powerful elemental spells at any time.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the Book of Ten Thousand Mantras were floating next to Lin Yun, and their Incarnations quietly condensed. One of Enderfa's three heads turned towards Lin Yun and said, "Merlin, get rid of these idiots without delay, Reina and Xiuban are about to advance to the Heaven Rank. You had best be there to check, who knows if there will be a problem..."

Syudos had successfully turned into a Windfire Elemental and was floating above the Book of Mantras, calmly watching the situation and waiting for Lin Yun to make the first move or give him an order.

Lin Yun's expression turned serious and he opened the Book of Death. He looked at the mages surrounding him and said with a solemn expression, "I'll give you an opportunity. Tell me who is behind this and I'll give you a chance to keep on living. If you don't talk, I'll get the information from your souls."

Chapter 1239 Elemental Spirit King

Reina and Xiuban were about to advance to the Heaven Rank, how could he have time to keep fighting these people? Reina's Draconic Crystal had fused with the empty Draconic Crystal of an Ancient Poison Dragon, her life essence has already evolved, who knows if that will cause an issue during the breakthrough. As for Xiuban, he was no longer a pure Draconic Beastman, he had fused with the blood of a Three-Headed Gold Dragon, an Ancient Poison Dragon, an Abyssal Blood Dragon, and had also bathed in Ancient God's blood. So many different bloodlines were merged in his own body. Fortunately, the strongest power of Draconic Beastmen were the power of their bloodline. But something might happen during his breakthrough.

After all, advancing to the Heaven Rank was a very dangerous matter in itself, for both humans and other races. It was even more so for Reina and Xiuban who had abnormal breakthroughs and transformations. There was a higher chance of something happening. Lin Yun would be heartbroken if any of them died during their breakthrough.

At any other time, Lin Yun would have gotten rid of these guys after finishing his study of the elemental seal, he wouldn't have even bothered to listen to their nonsense.

Unfortunately, the answer to Lin Yun's kindness was spells exploding onto his Fusion Shield.

Flames, ice, gales, and rocks fell from four different directions. The large number of spells stirred the element and formed a chaotic and violent zone where several dozen spells impacted on Lin Yun's Fusion Shield every second.

But the light of the Fusion Shield couldn't be shaken by these four 1st Rank Heaven Elemental Mages.

That dark mage raised his staff and quickly chanted an incantation. A vortex appeared above Lin Yun's head and a three-meter-thick, twenty-meter-long finger stretched out from it. The finger looked like a thick fingerbone wrapped in a layer of dark cyan skin inscribed with some strange patterns.

The finger fiercely pressed against Lin Yun's Fusion Shield. It looked like a giant finger about to crush a small ant.

Lin Yun frowned. His body swayed and instantly appeared ten meters away. As for that finger, it pressed onto the earth. There was no change on the ground within ten meters, but past that area, and up to a hundred meters, the earth suddenly exploded into fragments.

That power was already terrifying to the point where no effect appeared on the impact zone, but with a careful examination, they would be able to see that the earth had sunk three meters deep.

“Devil Finger, that damned guy made a deal with a Devil, that fool obtained the Devil’s fingerbone of a living Devil. The price of that deal is probably his soul after death.

“Be careful Merlin, don’t get in contact with it...” Enderfa exclaimed.

Lin Yun released the power of a 1st Rank Heaven Mage and his body suddenly grew to over seven meters. Four colors roamed on the upper part of his body as he used the Quad-Elemental Incarnation. Fierce mana transformed into a fountain under Lin Yun’s feet and kept squirting out law runes, the spells condensed were at least at the 8th Tier.

The fierce elemental spells turned into powerful spell floods that flew towards the five mages.

The four Elemental Heaven Mages instantly moved to block that powerful attack. Their Fusion Shields kept flickering, seemingly on the verge of exploding.

As for that dark mage, his Fusion Shield was a moving pitch-black mist that revolved around him, blocking all the spells cast by Lin Yun.

Feeling that enormous pressure, the dark mage’s expression suddenly changed. He hadn’t expected Lin Yun to actually be so powerful. He was still able to pressure them in a 1v5.

“Damnit, activate the power of the barrier! Hurry up, destroy the Magic Tools and use the power of the barrier to pressure him...” The dark mage loudly shouted.

The forty 9th Rank Archmages suddenly burst with all their power and three Magic Tools were destroyed, alongside their Magic Tool Incarnations. With the power of the Magic Tools and the Magic Tool Incarnations, the barrier turned scarlet and its power sharply rose until it was twice as powerful.

The terrifying pressure suppressed Lin Yun’s body and slowed Lin Yun’s casting speed quite a bit. His casting power was also somewhat weakened. The resentment power of the three destroyed Magic Tools and Incarnations was guided by the barrier to suppress Lin Yun.

The five Heaven Rank Mages could finally breathe. They didn’t dare to split up and instead converged together. The four 1st Rank Heaven Mages formed a circle with the dark mage in the center. The power of the four elements formed a stable equilibrium between the four mages while also increasing their power.

The four elements evolved and formed four Demiplanes’ shadows. The four Demiplanes then gathered together into something similar to the balance between the earth water wind and fire found in Natural Demiplanes.

Four Elemental Gods stood at the four corners of this merged Demiplane’s shadow and helped maintain the equilibrium while the darkness demiplane was like a layer of darkness shrouding this merged Demiplane’s shadow, adding the Law of Darkness on top.

At that moment, the power of the five Heaven Mages frantically rose. This kind of structure was illusory, but they were borrowing the law power of this illusory power.

The four elemental mages formed an elemental storm, and the center of that elemental storm was shrouded in a layer of darkness, showing that all destruction would eventually return to darkness.

The terrifying power pressured Lin Yun and made his expression slightly change. Before the 3rd Rank of the Heaven realm, he simply couldn't borrow the power of the Demiplane. Fighting wasn't the true role of the Elemental Gods born within Demiplanes, they were instead helping with Demiplanes' growth, as well as helping with the evolution of Demiplanes' law.

Whether an Elemental God was strong or weak was directly related to the strength of a Demiplane. Each of them used their law comprehension to let the projection of their Demiplane appear and temporarily fuse into another Demiplane.

Even if that Demiplane projection could collapse at any time and would affect their own Demiplane, it could increase their power by 50%.

Ordinary 2nd Rank Heaven Mages could only defend against this kind of power, and they would be pressured to death if they couldn't resist.

With the addition of the barrier's power, the five Heaven Mages suddenly broke away from the pressure and instead counterattacked.

Facing the elemental storm that contained darkness power, Lin Yun's expression suddenly turned cold. With one breath, the surrounding space started twisting and a powerful, almost tangible, aura spurted out. Mana transformed into pearls of water as a four-colored radiance enveloped his body.

A huge thirty-meter-tall wheel shadow appeared behind him. In the center of the wheel shadow, the law runes of the four elements formed a circle with that silver white, starry sky-like Law of Space continuously transforming in its center.

Countless law runes spurted out of that wheel shadow and Extraordinary Power fluctuations spread like a tide, fiercely impacting the barrier. The fluctuations alone made ripples appear on the barrier.

Syudos and Enderfa were about to take action, but they were stopped by Lin Yun. The seven-meter-tall elemental giant Lin Yun was floating in the air, Extraordinary Power roaming all over his body. Numerous elemental law runes were merged with Lin Yun's Elemental Incarnation.

Then, Lin Yun's body kept shrinking until he regained his original appearance, only the four-colored radiance covering his body remained, alongside a four-colored rune mark on his forehead.

Following Lin Yun's transformation, the terrifying aura his body emitted became increasingly stronger. Facing that attack that absolutely exceeded the power of a 2nd Rank Heaven Mage, Lin Yun only opened his mouth and spat out a four-colored law rune. At that moment, an order echoed in everyone's mind.

"Reverse."

As that icy-cold and emotionless order echoed, the elemental storm transformed back into pure elements. But while the pure elemental power withdrew, the pure darkness power still impacted Lin Yun's Fusion Shield.

As the elemental power flew back at them, the Demiplane's shadow formed by the five mages loudly exploded. The four Elemental Heaven Mages' Elemental Gods also exploded...

Even if they were still in the Demiplane, they were unable to resist the backlash and directly fell.

The four 1st Rank Heaven Mages suddenly paled. The elemental power surrounding them was scattered, and even their law power suffered unfathomable pressure.

The mysterious aura of Laws could no longer be felt on their bodies.

At that moment, Lin Yun disappeared and reappeared behind the five mages. The four elemental mages exclaimed loudly, the elemental power in the surroundings acted as if it had been summoned and frantically poured into their bodies.

Elemental power that completely exceeded the limit of a 1st Rank Heaven Mage came pouring into their bodies, but their Demiplanes were currently in a paralyzed state while the Elemental Gods had already exploded. With such a powerful force pouring in, it took less than three seconds for the four Heaven Rank Mages' bodies to start being taken over by the elements...

The dark mage became pale as Lin Yun reappeared, he was thoroughly terrified. The four Heaven Mages next to him fell to the ground like ordinary people, their bodies were obviously filled with power past their limits and they couldn't use any of it.

Flames were spurting out of the fire mage's eyes, mouth, nose, and ears as his entire body ignited and turned into ashes.

The ice mage turned into an ice sculpture with a frightened expression before shattering into shards of ice.

The wind mage's body seemed to have experienced dozen millenia of erosion and slowly dissipated into nothingness.

As for the earth mage, he slowly solidified into an earth statue before turning into dust.

In the air, Enderfa's three faces had their mouths wide open as he looked at Lin Yun with shock.

"Damn, Elemental Spirit King! This guy... This guy can actually borrow the power of the Elemental Spirit King. Damn, isn't that the Elemental Spirit King's law command?"

Enderfa couldn't close his mouths while Syudos directly revealed himself. He was floating in the air, kneeling on top of the Book of Mantras. Syudos had just evolved into a Flame Spirit King and a Wind Spirit King, he was still quite a few steps away from becoming an Elemental Spirit King.

Sensing the power of that law command, he immediately chose to bend the knee.

Lin Yun solemnly floated in the air, the four elemental powers in the surroundings started converging towards him without him needing to beckon them. The elements were active to a point a mage couldn't even begin to fathom.

This was the power of Elemental Incarnations!

In the future, mages had to master Elemental Incarnations to battle in the endless planes. After advancing to the Heaven Rank, the mastered Elemental Incarnations would be strengthened to their

limit. That kind of hidden limit combined with one's own Extraordinary Power and perfect law runes could temporarily give a Heaven Mage the power of an Elemental Spirit King.

If a fire mage comprehended the Fire Elemental Incarnation to its peak, then it could strengthen the power of fire spells by 50%. The spell consumption and the speed at which they gathered elements would far surpass an ordinary fire mage.

And when combined with perfect law runes and law comprehension, they could slightly display the power of an Upper Rank Flame Spirit.

The greatest benefit was complete immunity to that particular element.

As for Lin Yun, he had established the four Laws as his foundation and had been continuously researching Elemental Incarnation since the start of his mage path, it was already at the pinnacle.

Now, he could directly cast the Quad-Elemental Incarnation. Moreover, the truth runes he had previously researched pushed his Quad-Elemental Incarnation even further.

When combined with Extraordinary power, perfect law runes, and law comprehension, it became the Elemental Spirit King Incarnation that very few people mastered during Noscent's peak!

As an Elemental Spirit King, he had absolute control over the four elements, or it would be more appropriate to say that as long as an elemental mage's law comprehension didn't surpass Lin Yun, they shouldn't think of releasing a spell of any of the four elements in front of him.

Anyone daring to attack an Elemental Spirit King with a Low Tier elemental spell would automatically suffer the backlash of elements.

Unfortunately, Lin Yun wasn't that powerful yet. But using the law command to directly kill those four Heaven Elemental Mages with a backlash wasn't too complicated.

How could they compare to Lin Yun when it came to elemental law comprehension?

Lin Yun's burst of power instantly terrified that dark mage. He frantically cast a multitude of spells, but couldn't shake Lin Yun's Fusion Shield. The four elements had reached a balance, and that shield wasn't something he could break.

Lin Yun flew up and threw an icy glance at those pale Archmages. He slowly raised his Draconic Staff and the Purple Dragon's shadow appeared behind him while the Book of Death emitted a four-colored radiance.

The surrounding elements frantically gathered in front of Lin Yun and law runes condensed in front of him. In less than three seconds, a 1-meter-big Four Element Bomb had condensed.

But that Four Element Bomb was emitting Extraordinary Power. It was quite small, yet it absorbed all the surrounding elemental powers.

The powerful force already twisted the surrounding space. This kind of power could only be released in Lin Yun's current state. Aside from the power of an Elemental Spirit King, no mage could order the elements to converge in such a way.

Light was distorted, space was distorted. The surroundings of that Four Element Bomb had transformed into a vortex devoid of light and twisting the space.

As the Four Element Bomb flew towards the ground, the dark mage retreated in panic, until he reached the edge of the barrier and discovered that he couldn't leave the barrier. The fatal crisis was like a poison eroding his mind, he could only stare blankly.

Suddenly, the dark mage took out that Devil's middle finger bone and used blood to dye it red. He rapidly chanted an incantation and a Hell Gate appeared before him. A powerful pressure could be felt coming from the other side of the Hell Gate.

Countless whispers suddenly echoed in the air as a 1-meter-tall Devil's head stretched out of the Hell Gate.

The dignified and sinister voice of a Devil Overlord echoed, "Dolos, my stupid servant, for what matter have you disturbed your Lord? Where is the sacrifice?"

That Devil Overlord's Aura was at least at the 5th Rank of the Heaven realm and its pure black eyes attentively watched the alarmed Dolos... Until it suddenly started sniffing.

His dignified and impatient expression instantly disappeared, replaced by shock as he rapidly withdrew his head back into the Hell Gate, only leaving a frightened shriek behind, "Elemental Spirit King! Dolos! You f*cking idiot! Our deal is off!!!"

After sensing a wisp of Lin Yun's Elemental Spirit King aura, the Devil unexpectedly fled. It was because Elemental Spirit Kings were born as Extraordinary lifeforms, but living Elemental Spirit Kings that could be seen outside of the depths of an elemental plane were unconditionally at the peak of the Heaven realm. Killing a 5th Rank Devil Overlord would be extremely easy.

The Hell Gate blew up and turned into fragments. Clearly, that Devil Overlord was so terrified that he destroyed the gate on the other side in fear that his coordinates would be tracked.

Sensing that terrifying power falling towards the ground, Dolos let out a desperate shriek.

"Damned fools! Remove the barrier! Hurry up and remove the barrier..."

The barrier was a huge cage sealing the entire space. No one could enter, and no one could get out. All power would spread within the confine of the barrier.

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'Who cares if these idiots die, they are just here to strengthen the power of the barrier.'

Sensing the terrifying power approaching the ground, Dolos gritted his teeth and threw three True Spirit Magic Tools, even exploding his own magic staff to exert the strongest possible power.

He forcibly merged that Devil's finger bone into his body and a layer of pitch-black silky shield enveloped his body, making him blurry and illusory.

Then, a terrifying and pure aura of destruction exploded in the center of the barrier. The destructive power instantly filled the entire barrier. It looked like the elemental storm was confined inside the cuboid.

A second later, the top of the barrier loudly exploded. The chaotic elemental power turned into a light beam that flew up several kilometers high.

It was as if a colored light pillar suddenly rose from the ground, visible from several dozen kilometers away.

The barrier supposed to resist 3rd Rank Heaven Mages shattered like a mirror.

The forty 9th Rank Archmages didn't even have time to howl in pain as they instantly evaporated. After casting layers of defenses, Dolos reused the power of the Devil's fingerbone to turn into a hazy state, but he was still sent flying like a ragdoll. Over twenty of his bones were broken and the left half of his body almost completely disappeared. His internal organs were completely exposed.

After exploding four True Spirit Magic Tools and a Devil's fingerbone, Dolos was left at death's door. With his tattered body, he rapidly rushed away from Lin Yun's laboratory and started moving through the trees.

He was barely alive, but he didn't dare to stop. He used mana to envelop his wound and make sure that his internal organs wouldn't fall off. His body turned into a vague shadow that rapidly flew away.

As for the Extraordinary Four Element Bomb's fluctuations, it razed everything within a kilometer to the ground after shattering the barrier. The arrays set up by the Starry Sky College were torn apart like paper in front of these fluctuations.

Lin Yun slowly walked out of the pillar filled with destruction power. After walking a dozen meters, the rune flickering on his forehead disappeared and the fierce surrounding elements frantically attacked Lin Yun's shield.

Lin Yun frowned as he felt the emptiness within his body.

'Sure enough, it's too difficult, I can't last more than a dozen seconds. Without the support of a Demiplane, my mana would be exhausted within one second, and my vitality would be absorbed instead.

'The mana consumed within ten seconds is already thirty times higher than my mana reserves...

'I should try not to rely too much on the Elemental Spirit King Incarnation, it's too difficult to use right now. I might as well limit myself to the Flame Spirit King Incarnation for now.

'This was just an experiment, but it consumed half of the Demiplane's Mana Water. Without the existence of that mana lake, my vitality might have already been completely absorbed and my soul power would have been drained.

'No wonder the few powerhouses that could use the Elemental Spirit King Incarnation during Noscent's peak were all at the peak of the Heaven realm, or had already transcended the Heaven realm.'

After recovering a bit of mana, Lin Yun looked at the area the dark mage escaped towards and took a step forward. His body flickered with a silver light as he instantly disappeared.

Lin Yun followed that dark mage's trail up until he reached a three story building. There, he saw the dark mage holding a crest and opening the building's defenses. Just as the dark mage was about to enter, Lin Yun spat out a golden-colored law rune.

The earth instantly shook as a lifelike large hand stretched out of the ground and caught Dolos.

Lin Yun landed on the ground and calmly looked at the pale Dolos. With a wave of his hand, a dazed Shawn was summoned.

"Lord Shawn, there is work for you. As long as you can find some things for me, you can have as much fun as you want."

Shawn had been training the workers in the Demiplane when he was suddenly summoned. He had been about to bare his fangs and complain, but when he heard Lin Yun's words, he suddenly beamed with joy and took back what he wanted to say.

"Don't worry! Eh, it's actually a Heaven Rank powerhouse, and a dark mage too! Oh, wait, that's not it... It's an idiot that made a deal with a Devil... What? How did his contract disappear..."

Dolos screamed and twitched under Shawn's soul scrying.

That Devil Overlord had been so terrified that he had decisively tore up the contract...

Since the Devil's contract was no longer active, Shawn became even more unscrupulous. He turned into a ray of light and squeezed into Dolos' head. Making the fainted Dolos suddenly open his eyes as he let out an anguished wail.

Shawn had recently been stifled. He couldn't casually play with the souls of the workers in the Demiplane since he could mistakenly kill one, or turn one into an idiot. How could he act as their leader if he did so.

He would be very cautious when disciplining them and didn't dare to use too much power. At most, he would use a Mind Whip. How could it be like now, when he could casually open someone's mind. In any case, the soul of a Heaven Rank powerhouse wouldn't dissipate so easily.

Dolos' face was already devoid of color, his eyes had lost focus and he could only let out a mournful howl instinctively.

After a dozen seconds, Dolos' howls stopped and he lost control of his mana. Half of his internal organs fell and his life aura rapidly dissipated. At that time, Shawn drilled out of Dolos' skull and regretfully shook his head.

"Merlin, this guy belongs to the Jackson Family. The mastermind is a man named Layford and is in this building. Do you want to get rid of him? It would be for the best if you gave him to me alive, he could be hiding some precious resources after all..."

As Shawn said those words, a magic signal suddenly rose into the sky from the building in front of him.

Layford flew up and his pupils shrunk when he noticed Dolos' miserable condition. He then coldly glared at Lin Yun.

"Mafa Merlin, you wretched guy! You came to snatch the copy of my results? Don't even think about it!"

After those words, Layford directly released a spell on Dolos' corpse and turned it into ashes. He then cast a Flame Impact onto his own laboratory and blew up half of it.

After doing that, Layford loudly sneered.

"Mafa Merlin! Don't even think of stealing what I copied!"

With a roar, a powerful wave of mana fluctuations covered the surface of his body. Pitch-black darkness power surged as those words loudly echoed.

Shawn turned palm-sized and stood on Lin Yun's shoulder while grinning.

"Merlin, that guy isn't too stupid. He first attacked you, and then used it to frame you, not even giving you the opportunity to denounce him..."

Layford's loud roar spread over ten kilometers with the power of mana.

After a few seconds, Lin Yun could already sense Griffin Riders approaching. Instead of being angry by Layford's shameless actions, Lin Yun actually smiled.

He first destroyed the corpse before framing him and letting out a roar informing everyone within ten kilometers about his "indignation".

In this situation, Lin Yun couldn't directly get rid of Layford. If a battle happened here, then the Starry Sky College wouldn't be able to use Temporal Recall by the time they arrived.

Heaven Rank powerhouses used Extraordinary Power in battle. At the lower ranks, they would still be able to see a scene.

But if the fight was too intense, they might need a High Rank Heaven Mage's Temporal Recall to see what had happened.

Would they dispatch a 7th Rank Heaven Mage to deal with these matters? Definitely not...

Even if investigating what happened would be very easy, it might also end up working against him.

After all, those that attacked Lin Yun's laboratory all died and didn't even leave a fragment of bone behind. Their souls exploded and were torn apart.

Layford stood at the doorway of his laboratory with a pleased smile.

'Sh*t, how could these idiots lose? That was a 2nd Rank Heaven Mage leading four 1st Rank Heaven Mages and forty 9th Rank Archmages. They also had three True Spirit Magic Tools...

'Yet, they still lost. Ultimately, he was chased back here by Mafa Merlin. But it doesn't matter, everyone already turned to ashes, there is no proof. In fact, it's perfect, I can take advantage of this opportunity to snatch the outcome of his research.'

Layford proudly sneered and took out his magic staff. His mana started fiercely fluctuating as he was ready to fight at any time.

“Mafa Merlin, you can be considered lucky for not dying. But that’s as far as your luck will go. I can capture a shameful thief like you, curse your soul, and steal all your wealth...”

Layford’s magic staff shone with a bright black radiance, which slowly spread and filled the surroundings with a large amount of black fog. That fog had a powerful interference effect on mana and probing spells became ineffective there.

But Lin Yun suddenly laughed while Shawn couldn’t hide his mocking gaze.

“Merlin, that idiot thinks you don’t dare to get rid of him. He thinks he can effortlessly kill you. Are you still up for it? Get rid of him and give me his soul...”

As Shawn spoke, strange muffled whispers kept echoing in the surroundings, apparently continuously converging from all directions.

Shawn’s eyes instantly shone brightly.

“Devil’s whispers! Merlin, there must be many interesting things about that guy’s soul. Let’s get rid of him, I want to tear open his soul. He’ll definitely be useful to me. In exchange, I can help you three times... No, five... Ten times!” Shawn shouted.

He had to hold back quite a bit lately.

Ever since he had seen the mana lake formed in the Natural Demiplane, Shawn no longer cared about the power of mana crystals. The mana lake’s pure mana was the best tonic for Shawn and allowed him to rapidly regain his strength. Even now, his strength was constantly increasing.

Shawn’s power had already reached the peak of the Archmage realm, and with his identity as a Soul Walker, playing with souls became increasingly easier. If he wasn’t careful, he could kill Heaven Rank powerhouses by toying with them.

His strength had already exceeded the limits of his Magic Tool and he even seemed to show signs of breaking free from it. Maybe after separating from the Magic Tool, Shawn’s strength might rise to the Heaven Rank. No one would want to be his enemy since he could casually tear through people’s souls.

Lin Yun nodded and looked at the confident Layford before sneering.

‘What a foolish guy. I could fight him to a standstill before advancing to the Heaven Rank, and the main reason why he could suppress me was my lack of Extraordinary Power. I’m already a 2nd Rank Heaven Mage, yet he is still that confident?’

‘Has he not even considered what happened to the five Heaven Rank powerhouses? The elemental explosion that occurred at my laboratory turned into a beam of light that flew several kilometers high. How could that guy not notice it?’

Those few thoughts flashed in his mind as his body became covered in a layer of red flames.

This could be displayed after Fire Elemental Incarnation reached its peak. He could no longer maintain that Elemental Spirit King Incarnation, but he could turn into a several-dozen-meter-tall Elemental Giant.

As the flames covered Lin Yun's body, the black fog acted as if it was being blown by the wind, it rapidly scattered towards the surroundings and was over two hundred meters away after one second.

Those whispers became increasingly chaotic, as if more and more people were whispering. The Devil's whispers already transformed into ripples that kept attacking Lin Yun's Fusion Shield.

Unfortunately, Lin Yun's Fusion Shield was a lot more powerful than the Fusion Shield of an ordinary Heaven Mage. In addition to the Mana Shield supported by an almost endless supply of mana, there was also a Four Element Shield and a Law Runic Shield formed from perfect law runes.

After these three shields fused together with Lin Yun's Extraordinary Power, which far surpassed Heaven Mages of the same rank, these Devil's whispers simply couldn't pass through. Those Devil's whispers were like ordinary voices blocked outside a Silent Boundary, they were completely useless.

Countless runes flashed in Lin Yun's eyes as he tried to locate Layford's trail in the black fog. That guy was a bit smarter this time, he knew his weakness and strength and first hid his body.

A few seconds later, only those whispers, which could make an Archmage go crazy, remained. Lin Yun managed to catch Layford's trail, but it was elusive and it would take him a few seconds to catch him. But Shawn could no longer wait.

A slit appeared on his forehead and an evil eye carrying a strange aura could be seen. Shawn instantly left the Fusion Shield and disappeared into the black fog.

As for the ripples in the air, they autonomously slid away upon contact with Shawn. They seemed completely useless against Shawn.

Soon, an evil light beam pierced through the black fog and rapidly dissipated it, as if it had been illuminated by holy light. Layford could be seen at the end of that light beam.

Layford paled as he was hit by the evil eye's ray of light. The whispers disappeared instantly as the powerful curse spell was forcibly interrupted. Even his soul was affected by the Evil Eye, and the backlash of a curse was quite bad.

The backlash of elemental spells wasn't a thing for Heaven Mages since their mana wouldn't be shaken. But the backlash of a curse spell, and one released through Devil's whispers, wasn't that easy to deal with.

Shawn took advantage of Layford being interrupted to charge into his body. His fist-sized body was covered in a layer of strange aura and his small claws carrying a kind of power that could tear through souls.

Lin Yun suddenly frowned and shouted in an unquestionable tone, "Lord Shawn, return."

With a sentence, Shawn immediately flew back. He might usually be arrogant, but he could also tell good from bad.

Sure enough, Shawn barely returned that the surrounding dense fog looked as if it was brushed away by a powerful lifeform and completely disappeared as a powerhouse covered in a terrifying aura suddenly appeared.

The powerhouse's body was covered in a layer of Extraordinary Power and a three-meter-big red disk with a layer of orange flames could be seen under his feet. Numerous strange decorative designs could be seen on top of the red disk, emitting fierce fire power.

Lin Yun threw a quick glance and noticed that the disk wasn't a Magic Tool, it was pure flames that had been continuously compressed before being forcibly condensed through an array. As long as it was spread open, it could instantly be arranged into a powerful fire array.

Although the newcomer emitted the power of a 4th Rank Heaven powerhouse, he wasn't just an ordinary 4th Rank Archmage, he was also an Artisan proficient in arrays.

The newcomer arrived with a dignified expression. The magic imprint he wore on his black robe was exactly the same as the one on Zeith's robe. Clearly, this person was also an assistant dean.

The Starry Sky College was extremely huge and wasn't just limited to Neverwinter City's domain. Their influence spread all over the Odin Kingdom and the assistant deans were managing one corner.

When compared to the Merlin Family, their position was similar to a manager with high status. They were truly managing everything since the three deans didn't pay attention to this kind of matters.