

## **Magic Era 1251**

### **Chapter 1251 Siege and Spire**

The sparse air was filled with the smell of rust, only Heaven Rank powerhouses or puppets could survive in this place. After coming out of the Planar Path, the small wolf turned fist-sized and stood on Lin Yun's shoulder, completely ignoring the corrosive environment. It was thanks to a small device crafted by Lin Yun, it allowed the small wolf to not have to worry about this place. After all, a Three-Eyed Wolf around level 30 could definitely not survive here, even if he didn't encounter a puppet.

They walked out of the puppet cemetery and destroyed all the puppets they encountered along the way. Sadly, there was no powerhouse as powerful as Gandaph accompanying them. Gandaph had been able to make them completely undetectable, Heaven Puppets wouldn't have been able to notice them even if it stood before them..

Unfortunately, Gandaph wasn't here so the only way to be safe was to completely dismantle every puppet they encountered, just in case some of them were scouts of some Heaven Puppets.

All Heaven Puppets had various kinds of methods to monitor their own territories. It would be troublesome if they were discovered and were attacked by a powerful puppet. Being chased by a powerful puppet was no different from poking a wasp's nest.

Their speed wasn't fast, after a few hours, Lin Yun took out a dozen-meter-long flying ship. This was also made recently and not only was it very fast, it was tailor-made for the Puppet Plane, its concealment characteristics were raised as high as possible. When flying, all the mana fluctuations would be absorbed by the flying ship itself.

After flying for a while, Lin Yun made a conjecture regarding the location of a steel city based on his previous trip with Gandaph. Moreover, it shouldn't be a very big steel city.

After all, a steel city was ruled by a Heaven Puppet, and there was a higher probability of the ruler having an ability rune.

Most of the puppets of the Puppet Plane were born in a steel city, very few puppets were accidentally born outside, and they had no future. Some puppets might independently nurture themselves in some areas rich in materials, but they were very small and weak. Their growth potential was also very small.

They found the steel city a day later, but that steel city was nothing like the Steel City Lin Yun had named in the Raging Flame Plane. The steel city before their eyes wasn't big, only about eight kilometers, but it was completely black. Based on what they saw, the city was completely made out of steel.

Whether it was those several-hundred-meter-tall spires, the city walls, or the buildings, they were all made out of ice-cold steel. The black steel made the place look like an undead city, as there was no life aura.

Lin Yun floated in the air, observing for a long time before ascertaining that this steel city's master was at most a 2nd Rank Heaven Puppet. He made that judgement based on the city's size, and the anti-meteorite defensive spire being only four-hundred-meter-tall. It could only protect twenty to thirty kilometers, and it wouldn't be able to defend against meteorites that were too large.

After all, the Puppet Plane barely had an atmosphere, the entire world was exposed to the void, any random meteorite would directly fall to the ground. The amount of metal on the ground was extremely high, the entire world was a huge open metal mine which had a very powerful magnetic power towards meteorites with high metal content.

Meteorites falling here was a common occurrence. On the way, Lin Yun had seen various kinds of meteorites falling onto the Puppet Plane. The Puppet Plane's earth was as hard as iron, if it was any other plane, the earth would have already been shattered.

But to the Puppet Plane, a meteorite crashing was actually a good thing, after all, who knows what kind of precious metal it contained. That's why there would be fights over the ores.

Because of the frequent meteorite showers, it was very difficult to settle down. Without strength or enough resources, Heaven Puppets would just roam the wilderness or attach themselves to another powerful steel city. In order to construct a steel city, they had to build that defensive tower.

After estimating that the steel city before him wasn't too much of a threat, Lin Yun sent the small wolf to take another look.

The Three-Eyed Wolf's ability was quite formidable, it was known as the best lifeform to avoid danger. His 3rd eye could see through the river of time and find the information it wanted to find. After all, any lifeform, anything, would leave their own information on the river of time at all time.

Back then, Lin Yun spent so much effort that even a Three-Eyed Wolf with foresight ability ended up captured as a cub. Back then, Lin Yun was much more powerful than the cub and could have killed him eight times in a second if they ever fought directly.

But a Three-Eyed Wolf would have a strong reaction when encountering danger. He now checked that steel city's past.

After a dozen seconds, the small wolf nodded at Lin Yun and a claw touched Lin Yun's head, transmitting some information.

It more or less meant: Wild beasts, no backer, not strong, can kill...

With the small wolf's confirmation, Lin Yun was reassured and opened the path to his Demiplane to release the puppet army.

All the puppets were Level 30 or above. There were three thousand Level 31 puppets, three hundred Level 35, and thirty Level 39. They followed Pabiete's orders and set out for the steel city.

As soon as the puppet army led by Pabiete appeared a few kilometers away from the steel city, a tide of puppets immediately rushed out of the steel city.

Most of these puppets were beast-shaped or in the shape of large insects, and there were still some who were rather strange-looking. Human-shaped puppets were the least numerous.

There were at least several dozen thousand puppets rushing just like a tide, but their levels were horrible. Most of them were around level 10, there was a small number of level 20 puppets, and there was only a few hundred puppets at level 30 or above. There were even puppets below level 10...

This kind of cannon fodder, which Lin Yun didn't even consider as a puppet army, naturally couldn't match Lin Yun's puppet army. He only dispatched a legion of a thousand Level 31 sword puppets to charge at the cannon fodder and they got rid of a few thousand in the first clash.

After several consecutive charges, close to twenty thousand of these forty to fifty thousand puppets had been torn apart.

But a steady flow of cannon fodder puppets kept pouring out of that steel city...

After fifteen minutes, the thousand sword puppets were already five hundred meters away from the city. At that time, some casting puppets on the city walls started casting spells, but their numbers were pitiful, there was only a dozen of them at or above level 30.

Lin Yun couldn't bear to look at it and suddenly wondered if he had been too cautious.

The Puppet Plane was a xenophobic plane with numerous powerful puppets, there were even Puppet Kinds surpassing the Heaven Rank, but would he be unlucky enough to encounter one straight away?

He didn't think it was very likely. Even if a Puppet King learnt about them, it definitely wouldn't feel like dealing with them personally. If he truly wanted to get rid of them, with its power, a Puppet King could directly crush them from over a thousand kilometers.

What he truly needed to pay attention to were Heaven Puppets.

As Lin Yun thought about these problems, a centaur-looking puppet came out of the steel city. This was a Heaven Puppet, and one with an ability rune.

As that ability rune shone, the centaur puppet raised a three-meter-long spear and crossed three hundred meters in less than three seconds, that golden spear transforming into a rapidly flickering shadow.

The centaur puppet instantly crossed the puppet army and went straight for Pabiete. Behind it, forty sword puppets exploded.

Lin Yun looked from the sky, his eyes shining, 'No wonder this guy looks like a centaur, its ability rune increase its movement speed. It has the body type of an agility-type puppet, and with that ability rune, its speed would naturally increase.'

Formidable speed would create terrifying power, those Level 31 sword puppets naturally weren't its match.

Lin Yun wasn't really upset about losing a few dozen sword puppets. In fact, he had so many that the production could even be halted. Most of the produced puppets ended up slumbering in storage because they simply couldn't be used.

The puppet base was now researching the production of relatively stronger puppets. Puppets of that level were only cannon fodder for Lin Yun.

Lin Yun might have not cared, but Pabiete suddenly grew angry. The first army he led after reawakening his wisdom suffered forty casualties from a level 41 puppet, this was a disgrace.

The Lightning Speed ability rune on Pabiete's body shone as he turned into a silver flowing light before reappearing in front of the centaur.

The centaur puppet raised its spear and ruthlessly attacked Pabiete's head. That was the source of a Heaven Puppet's wisdom, even if the puppet didn't die after it was pierced, they would also fall from the Heaven Rank, especially if the puppet was a Low Rank Heaven Puppet.

Pabiete's right hand suddenly changed shape and a two-meter-long red laser sword appeared. In an instant, the red laser sword turned into a red curtain of light!

Pabiete's Lightning Speed ability rune wasn't something the centaur's movement ability rune could compare to. It was a comprehensive speed increase, whether it was for dodging, movement, weapon wielding, casting, recovery, it increased the speed of everything. It was also the best for unidirectional movement.

With a flicker, a crimson light could be seen moving as Pabiete's figure could be seen ten meters behind the centaur.

The centaur puppet's body stiffened, the light flickering in its crystal eyes dissipated in an instant. Then, the spear in its hands exploded, shattering in countless fragments. Its head also exploded and the components it contained were neatly cut into small cubes.

After a few more steps, the centaur puppet's body fell and Pabiete scattered his laser sword before waving at the puppet arm. All the puppets instantly moved and started a one-sided slaughter. Less than five minutes later, only components remained outside of the steel city and Pabiete led the puppet army inside the steel city.

In the air, Xiuban, who had been eager to join the battle, had an horrified expression.

"Damn, that iron can is quite powerful, I couldn't even see his movements. But he is only so-so when compared to the great Xiuban. If the great Xiuban fought, one hammer blow would have been enough to shatter that four-legged puppet into a pile of scraps. Really, just cutting off its head? Is that even skillful?"

Xiuban loudly complained, wanting to fight. He was saying that he was the number 3. Aside from Lin Yun and Reina, no one was his match.

Unfortunately, Lin Yun just ignored him...

Pabiete personally attacked the city, and its defenses were soon destroyed. Not to mention its terrible defenses, it didn't even have a large mana reactor. The defensive spire's core consisted of a dozen small mana reactors.

Lin Yun personally disassembled that spire. When it came to the Puppet Plane's steel cities, this kind of defensive spires were the most common defense. This was a widespread technology in the Puppet Plane and didn't require a lot of technique. Any Heaven Puppet could easily get a hold of it.

But this defensive spire technology was quite formidable in Noscent. If used for defense, the spire releasing lightning spheres could even get rid of Heaven Rank powerhouses.

Unfortunately, this kind of defense was only used to defend against meteorites falling from the sky, they couldn't defend against ground targets. Only targets big enough and fast enough could rouse the spire's defense mechanism.

After dismantling the defensive spire, Lin Yun rapidly discovered the technology he wanted from it. After altering it, he would be able to easily craft defensive spires even stronger than Noscent's defensive magic towers at a lower cost. Most importantly, the control system within that kind of defensive spire was completely different from Noscent's magic towers, it was a lot more advanced.

After all, the cheapest material used to build these several-hundred-meter-tall defensive spires was Dark Magic Iron.

The reserves of Dark Magic Iron on the Puppet Plane were enough to form a thick layer on Noscent's surface, while leaving some leftovers.

Even in Noscent, Dark Magic Iron was the cheapest magic material. There was so much of it that it was even used to build train tracks. A few of the major cities within the Odin Kingdom had train tracks built out of the best Dark Magic Iron.

After taking apart the spire's core, Lin Yun threw the other parts where they were. After getting a hold of the Dark Magic Iron smelting techniques, Lin Yun didn't feel like picking up something that took so much space and that could be easily built

After smoothly attacking a steel city and gaining an ability rune, Lin Yun sighed in relief.

After all, he had seen the records of the Puppet Planes in Heiss City's decaying library, the forces it contained could rival Noscent at its peak. Not to mention, the Cybertan race had many puppets surpassing the Heaven Rank.

Lin Yun wouldn't dare to provoke that kind of existence at the moment, even Gandaph had been very cautious when he was here, in fear of being discovered by those Puppet Kings. Lin Yun had even more knowledge, making him even more cautious. That's why he specially took the small wolf along with him this time. With the small wolf, he would be a lot safer.

If not because he needed a large number of ability runes to craft the Reedpush Plate, and more black substance to strengthen Pabiete's absorption system, Lin Yun definitely wouldn't have come to the Puppet Plane so soon.

Even if he provoked a powerhouse transcending the Heaven Rank in Noscent, they wouldn't lower themselves to personally deal with him. But puppets had no reputation to uphold.

It's not as if a Puppet King never killed a powerhouse that just advanced to the Heaven Rank after discovering them.

After taking over that steel city, Lin Yun confirmed that this place was on the edge of the Puppet Plane. This kind of pitiful steel city definitely couldn't appear in a stronger area.

They continued forward.

Pabiete led the army on the ground, while Lin Yun, Xiuban, Reina, and the small wolf rode the rapid ship concealed in the sky.

After more than a day of travel, they discovered another steel city. That steel city was clearly bigger, spanning over ten kilometers. The defensive spire was 800-meter-tall and covered about forty to fifty kilometers. Moreover, there were four 100-meter-tall towers at the four corners of the city used to defend against the enemies.

Pabiete led the puppet army, and just like before, the master of that steel city treated them as roamers coming to plunder the steel city. After all, there weren't that many Heaven Puppets who could build a city of steel, it was very common for a steel city to be stolen after it was established.

And just like before, a large number of cannon foddors came out. Pabiete waved his hand and had his puppet army tear them apart while he calmly waited in the rear. After half an hour, three Heaven Puppets walked out of the steel city.

### **Chapter 1252 Draconic Bloodlines and Life Essence**

One was an eight-arms monkey over seven meters in height with arms over six meters in length, one was a six-meter-long cheetah covered in a layer of metallic fur and with two loaded weapons on its shoulders, and the last one was an eight-meter-tall human-shaped puppet holding two 1-meter-wide, 6-meter-long longswords.

With the three Heaven Puppets appearing, Xiuban could no longer sit still and turned his head towards Lin Yun with shining eyes.

"Sir Merlin, there are three Heaven Puppets on the other side and they don't look like they pushovers. Sir Merlin has spent a lot of time on that silver iron can, although he advanced to the Heaven Rank, he only has two arms while that big guy has eight! And all of them are thicker than the silver iron can's waist, he might be slapped to death with one slap.

"With the three of them together, it might take no more than a few seconds for Sir Merlin's effort to be ruined..."

Enderfa's three faces looked at Xiuban with shock. Even Reina couldn't help but glance at him.

"Damn, when did the idiot Xiuban grow some brain?"

Xiuban acted as if he hadn't heard Enderfa's words and winked at Lin Yun.

"Sir Merlin, just say the word. Your most reliable subordinate, the great Xiuban, can't watch as your efforts are destroyed. Even if that iron can has a bad temper and a brain filled with iron, I'll reluctantly help him..."

Lin Yun looked at the battlefield and nodded.

Pabiete was powerful. He possessed three ability runes, a powerful mana reactor, and was armed to the teeth. It wasn't impossible for him to battle three Heaven Puppets, but even though these Heaven Puppets were at the Low Heaven Rank, they all had ability runes.

Seeing Lin Yun's nod, Xiuban rapidly flew towards the ground.

With Carnage weighing over ten thousand kilograms, Xiuban created a huge impact as he hit the ground. A ten-meter-big hole was formed where Xiuban's landed and cracks spread over a hundred meters. The cannon fodders within that area were forcibly torn apart by the impact.

Xiuban grinned as he left the hole, his eyes locked on that gorilla-like puppet with eight arms.

"Hey, Iron Can, the great Lord Xiuban is quite kindhearted. Leave that powerful puppet to me, and watch how the strong fight. I'll smash its body into pieces!"

Pabiete threw a glance at Xiuban and light flickered within his crystal eyes as he coldly answered, "Idiot."

Xiuban ignored him and grinned as he rushed towards that eight-arms puppet.

The appearance of a non-puppet lifeform like Xiuban immediately angered the three Level 41 Puppets, they no longer paid attention to Pabiete and attacked Xiuban instead.

Pabiete had no other choice but to act. Xiuban was powerful, but quickly getting rid of three Level 41 puppets wouldn't be easy. Pabiete blocked the path of that human-shaped puppet, while the cheetah-shaped puppet was blocked by an ice-wall as Reina quietly floated down.

As Reina roused her mana, her icy aura rapidly spread like the plague and the air temperature rapidly declined. Crystal-like snowflakes condensed in the sky, calmly floating around her.

Three versus three. Their terrifying auras started spreading. The fight was initiated by the impatient Xiuban as he was itching to display his power.

The wind elements curled around Xiuban's body, raising his speed and agility. The earth's power adhered to Carnage, covering it in a yellow radiance. At this time, Xiuban's aura became oppressive and the terrifying weight had reached the point of visibly affecting the environment.

A Three-Headed Gold Dragon's shadow came out of Xiuban's right arm and spread to Carnage. The bottom half of the draconic shadow coiled around Xiuban's right hand while the upper half and the three draconic heads merged with Carnage.

Spatial fluctuations would appear every time Carnage moved. That decently-sized warhammer weighed at least 200,000 kilograms now, and with the strength of the Three-Headed Gold Dragon, its power sharply increased once again.

After all, the Three-Headed Gold Dragon was known as the fiercest and most powerful lifeforms when it came to physical battle. The strongest Three-Headed Gold Dragon could even fight a God with their body. Whether it was in the sky, on earth, or even in the void, no other lifeform surpassed Three-Headed Gold Dragons. Some lifeforms like the Golden Behemoths could give them a fair fight, but ultimately, Three-Headed Gold Dragons were superior.

Xiuban's bloodline awakened, and with the Three-Headed Gold Dragon's bloodline power, Carnage's roused aura was a lot more powerful than Xiuban's.

Xiuban instantly disappeared and reappeared in front of the eight-arms monkey, taking the initiative to start the battle.

Carnage's sweep covered a huge distance, distorting space as it fiercely smashed towards the puppet while the eight-arms monkey puppet raised two arms to face Xiuban's attack.

A thunderclap-like loud explosion echoed and Xiuban's momentum was halted. His left-hand also started grasping Carnage and the Ancient Poison Dragon's shadow came out of his left arm, adding another buff.

Xiuban's momentum might have been slightly halted, but the puppet's arms seemed to have been completely overpowered. The damage went through the monkey puppet's fists, and several components inside the arms were unable to endure the power and stopped functioning.

Faced with Xiuban's strange physical attack, the eight-arms monkey puppet grew angrier and its other six arms were like doors flying towards Xiuban.

Xiuban stood there with a fierce expression. The Crystal Dragon's shadow appeared behind him and covered his body in a layer of crystal defense. The shadow even spread its wings to protect Xiuban.

The eight-arms puppets' six arms attacked one after another, smashing onto the wings of the Crystal Dragon's shadow. It was as if a Crystal Dragon was really there protecting Xiuban, countless fragments of crystals collapsed and transformed into sparkling fragments, but Xiuban's body remained completely unharmed.

Xiuban shook, his face became even fiercer as the malevolent Abyssal Blood Dragon's shadow appeared over his chest. A layer of blood covered Xiuban's body and his eyes instantly turned blood red.

It looked as if Xiuban had suddenly drank a Heaven Grade Berserk Potion. He swung Carnage with both hands and forcibly broke free from the eight-arms puppet's onslaught. He then fiercely slammed Carnage on the eight-arms puppet. Any spot that could be hit by Carnage was fiercely slammed.

The eight-arms monkey puppet's huge body seemed completely useless. It was unable to do anything against Xiuban even if it roused its powerful ability rune, it could only endure Xiuban's attacks.

Xiuban's eyes were crimson red, and it looked like the only thing he cared about was attacking.

Slamming sounds kept echoing as the eight-arms puppet's seven-meter-tall body kept being pushed back while Xiuban, who was about two-meter-tall, was continuously suppressing it.

In the air, runic data kept flashing in Lin Yun's eyes as he observed the fight. He had a complete grasp of Xiuban's characteristics, and this couldn't help but make Lin Yun somewhat surprised.

After awakening his bloodline, although the four draconic powers didn't seem to have been completely integrated, the unique powers of the four dragons coordinated flawlessly.

The Three-Headed Gold Dragon's main buff was tremendous strength, which doubled Xiuban's originally terrifying power. Moreover, it also strengthened his power and was a bloodline power that increased battle awareness.

Although the Ancient Poison Dragon's power lost that terrible poison, the Ancient Poison Dragon was synonymous with terror in the Era of Gods. It wasn't just because of their terrifying poison, they also had formidable bodies and outstanding power, it's just that they were hidden behind their terrifying poison.



But Xiuban hadn't inherited the Ancient Poison Dragon's poison, he inherited their terrifying piercing ability and power. The eight-arms puppets had clearly blocked that first hit, but the power still penetrated its two arms and destroyed the inside. Its fists weren't injured, but some of the components within were destroyed.

There was almost no record of the Crystal Dragon Clan, and aside from their dislike of war and their passion for hibernation, there were still a few legends regarding their defensive power.

Back then, the Berserk God took a fancy to a territory in which special crystals were growing and was about to occupy it, when he suddenly discovered a Crystal Dragon hibernating underground. As a God, he would only fear other Gods. Even if a Crystal Dragon had been hibernating there for an unknown amount of time, he would still take over that territory.

A war naturally erupted.

As a result, everyone learnt how formidable Crystal Dragons' defensive abilities were. The awakened Crystal Dragon simply ignored the Berserk God and used its innate Mana Crystal Rampart before continuing its slumber.

The Berserk God's true body came and attacked the crystal barrier for three days without leaving a single crack. The drooling Dragon ended up making the Berserk God into a laughingstock and he didn't show his face for a very long time.

After that, the Mana Crystal Rampart earned another name, Absolute Defense!

Although the bloodline power inherited by Xiuban was far from the Mana Crystal Rampart, he could already use Crystal Body and Soul Protection. With the defensive power of the Crystal Dragon, no one within the same rank would be able to tear through his defenses.

And there was also the Bloodthirst from the Abyssal Blood Dragon's bloodline. It was a kind of Berserk ability, but the Bloodthirst was at least twice as effective. It didn't affect one's mind and every time Xiuban attacked, he would become slightly more powerful, while the eight-arms puppet's vitality would also slowly weaken.

This showed that Xiuban had already inherited the most sinister ability of the Abyssal Blood Dragon, Life Absorption. Heaven Puppets that awakened wisdom naturally had been granted life, and they naturally had the power of Life.

Every time Xiuban attacked, the Abyssal Blood Dragon's power would absorb the puppet's lifeforce to restore Xiuban's own lifeforce, heal his injuries, restore his stamina, and even slowly increase his power.

The four draconic bloodline powers actually matched one another perfectly, the effect displayed far exceeded every single one.

Lin Yun couldn't help thinking of the reason why the future Draconic Beastman Race, this race with so few members, would become known as one of the most powerful Beastman races. Their fighting strength was terrifying, and the more powerful their bloodline, the more power they could display.

Xiuban's battle held no suspense, it was only a matter of time before that eight-arms monkey was beaten into a pile of scrap iron. Lin Yun turned his head to look at Reina's battle. Xiuban's strength had

increased so much after advancing to the Heaven Rank... Then, just how strong was Reina after finishing the fusion with the Ancient Poison Dragon's empty draconic crystal and having her Life Essence refined to a higher level?

Reina's opponent was that cheetah-like puppet. It was very fast and was a rarely seen melee puppet. Its fighting power increased with its terrifying speed.

Reina hovered a dozen meters above the ground, coldly looking at the cheetah puppet that kept revolving around her.

As the cheetah puppet moved extremely fast, the weapons on its two arms rapidly started casting. Wind Blade-like fierce gales burst out and forcibly formed a sphere.

The tearing gales were stopped by a Frost Shield appearing before Reina. As those meat grinder-like gales impacted the shield, it looked like they encountered an extremely hard barrier and sharp collision sounds kept echoing.

Reina calmly remained motionless, still floating in the air. Her body was continuously emitting cold air, while the metallic ground under her burst open from the ice. The moisture in the surroundings was also forcibly congealed into ice crystals.

The cheetah puppet kept revolving around Reina, but a few minutes later, it discovered that the spells were useless against Reina. The light within its crystal eyes flickered a few times and it immediately gave up on casting. The dark golden sharp claws hidden within its paws popped out, flickering with piercing aura.

The cheetah puppet flickered a few times before suddenly charging at Reina. It planned to fight in close range, but just as its sharp claws came in contact with Reina's Frost Shield and shattered it, three silver blue runes suddenly exploded.

Boundless cold air spread and froze that guy in a silver blue ice cube in an instant. As the ice cube fell to the ground, the cold air rapidly spread towards the surroundings. The earth was blown apart by that terrifying freezing power while the ice formed a rhombus-shaped black crystal sticking out of the ground. That terrifying cold even made the earth change shape.

In the ice cube, the cheetah puppet was still waving its paws within a limited area, hoping to tear through the ice with its claws. But Reina extended another finger, chanted a brief draconic incantation, and a deep blue rune entered the ice.

In an instant, the cheetah struggling within the ice was completely frozen, the ice also darkened as a kind of soul-freezing cold air slowly spread.

Reina landed in front of the ice and extended one finger. Countless light dots and runes, formed from draconic, appeared. All the light and runes converged at the tip of Reina's finger before she gently tapped the surface of that ten-meter-big icy blue surface.

At that moment, a shockwave spread out from Reina's fingertip and a blue halo spread out, freezing everything it came in contact with.

Numerous patterns appeared on the surface of that huge ice cube, instantly covering it in black patterns forming an irregular network of black lines.

Then, the scene changed drastically. The ice, as hard as iron essence, exploded into fragments along with everything it contained. It covered the sky in fragments of ice and metal.

That finger attack also exploded the cheetah puppet's body, turning it into fragments no bigger than a fingernail.

Only its innate ability rune remained intact, alongside a fist-sized lump of black substance.

Lin Yun immediately jumped down to collect that ability rune and the black substance.

Surprise couldn't help flashing in his eyes as he glanced at Reina. Frost Dragons were truly loved by ice elements. After Reina's Life Essence had been refined, her ice spells became an instinct and were extremely powerful.

Even her Freeze had become overpowered. Only Reina, this kind of existence who transcended the shackles of Frost Dragons, could ignore the shackles of the spell itself to continuously increase the power of the spell.

And that one finger ability was a draconic spell Frost Dragons had a very slim chance of learning after advancing to the Heaven rank, Sierna's Sigh.

It could only display its full effect when the enemy was completely frozen. With a single sigh, everything would turn into fragments.

That spell came from the first Frost Dragon, Sierna, who sealed the world in ice and shattered it with a sigh. That terrifying spell could only be mastered by 5th Rank Heaven Frost Dragon, but Reina had just advanced to the Heaven Rank and had already grasped that spell.

This could only mean that Reina's Life Essence far exceeded the Frost Dragon Clan.

Lin Yun used special methods to seal the ability rune. He then put the black substance into an obsidian box and kept watching the battles.

Xiuban was relying on his overpowered defense to oppress his opponent. As for Pabiete, his battle felt more like an artsy puppet battle.

### **Chapter 1253 Family Meeting and Apology**

Pabiete was completely overpowering his opponent thanks to his three ability runes, his melee abilities, his two casting weapons, and his recently regained battle awareness.

That huge puppet holding two swords couldn't even catch Pabiete's shadow.

Pabiete's body was like a phantom. The laser sword he held kept revolving around the dual-wielding sword puppet, slashing seven or eight times every time it whirled. And with its terrifying cutting power, the laser sword left deep cuts at the most important parts of the energy transmission pathways.

After a few minutes, the dual-wielding sword puppet became unable to move as its energy couldn't flow to its legs.

Pabiete once again attacked from the front but the two huge greatswords slashed together at him. He instantly halted his momentum and stopped right in front of the slashes and only started moving again after the swords crossed past.

His slender body flexibly stepped on the dual-wielding sword puppet before jumping up to reach its head.

The laser sword in his hands instantly dissipated, replaced by the casting weapons on his arms. Firebolts, Frostbolts, and Lightbolts simultaneously burst out. The Elemental Strengthening ability rune also shone.

The casting weapons on Pabiete's arms burst out and a terrifying power exploded under the effect of the Elemental Strengthening ability rune, and it happened faster than the time it took to blink.

It looked like a mana crystal cannon opened fire right in front of the puppet's face.

The explosion was extremely loud and glaring rays of light blossomed. Pabiete used the other side's chest as a stepping stone and instantly disappeared.

A second later, the light dissipated and more than half of the puppet's head was missing. This was caused by the instantaneous reaction between the ice and the flames, along with the light's fatal blow. This kind of fighting technique could be called an art.

After the fight was over, Lin Yun personally went and dissected that puppet. All of the components were dismantled and the ability rune was also sealed and put in storage. He also discovered a fist-sized lump of black substance in that puppet's chest.

Xiuban's fight was also over by the time Lin Yun finished his dismantling. It's just that the eight-arms monkey puppet no longer had its original appearance, it's body was like a pile of scraps components carelessly mashed together. All of its components had been smashed into scraps by Xiuban.

The only thing remaining was the eight-arms puppet's low level ability rune.

Dismantling was no longer necessary, because this had already been forcibly dismantled.

After putting away the small piece of black substance, Lin Yun unhappily glared at Xiuban.

Xiuban was proudly pointing at the pile of scraps.

"Sir Merlin, how is it? Isn't the great Xiuban very powerful? Aren't I invincible? Look at this guy, not a single usable component is left, everything has been smashed into scraps."

After saying that, the exulting Xiuban glanced at Pabiete. Pabiete turned his head away, his crystal eyes flashing with light while Reina was looking at Xiuban as if he was an idiot.

Reina's magic was bound to crush everything, while Pabiete only focused on getting as many intact components as possible. If he hadn't been meticulous, he would have also turned that puppet into scraps and wouldn't have taken that much time.

But Xiuban clearly destroyed everything, and with his intelligence, forcibly turning the puppet into a pile of scrap was a way to display his strength.

Lin Yun had given up on Xiuban's intelligence and didn't even feel like scolding him. He spat out a rune and hung Xiuban in the air before whipping him with a dozen Mind Lashes.

Words were useless for that kind of guy, whipping was the only language he understood.

Everything went smoothly after they conquered another steel city.

On the other side, the Gilded Rose's influence in the Odin Kingdom was rapidly growing. After the exhibition, most of the clients had been low rank mages, but now, even Heaven Rank Mages made their purchases at the Gilded Rose.

The Gilded Rose spread from the eighteen shops of Neverwinter City, using it as the core of its expansion towards the neighbouring cities. In less than a week, Faleau opened 38 branches within a few hundred kilometers of Neverwinter City.

He recruited three hundred ordinary Alchemists from the Starry Sky College, and this was a strictly controlled number. Over a thousand ordinary Alchemists would apply within a week.

He also recruited over thirty Great Alchemists, three Master Alchemists, and one Artisan. The only condition the Artisan had put forward was for Lin Yun to take an hour every week to teach him alchemy theories.

That Artisan was one of the roaming Artisans who studied truth runes during the gathering. He went crazy after accidentally learning that Lin Yun had researched 1,800 truth runes and signed a 1,000 years contract with the Gilded Rose, with only one condition: For the first decade, Lin Yun had to instruct him one hour per week, or teach him the mysteries behind three hundred truth runes.

Even the materials he needed for experiments didn't have to be prepared by the Gilded Rose, this was no different from selling himself into slavery.

If he knew that 108,000 truth runes were carved in Lin Yun's Demiplane, he might cry out and directly request a 10,000 years contract.

In fact, that 1,000 years slave contract was something that guy begged for and he wouldn't let Faleau refuse.

In addition to the preparations for opening new branches, some forces of the Odin Kingdom dropped by to seek cooperation. Some families selling materials even dropped by to sell supplies.

After all, 95% of the Gilded Rose's raw materials came from the Gilded Rose itself, and the transportation costs were quite important. They could save quite a bit of money if they had local sources of materials, and it would also be a lot safer.

After all, transporting materials from the Andlusa Kingdom to the Odin Kingdom was a huge risk. Aside from dumb bandits, there would be all kinds of environmental hazards, dangerous lifeforms, and various other dangers.

When they were planning to open a branch in the Odin Kingdom, they couldn't find a single supplier. No matter the size, no one was willing to supply materials to the Gilded Rose, even when Faleau raised the price.

But now, big and small suppliers of raw materials started taking the initiative to drop by. Even if they lowered their prices, whether they could sell the materials or not still depended on Faleau's mood.

With this rate of expansion, the Gilded Rose would be able to cover the entire northern part of the Odin Kingdom within a few years while slowly expanding towards the Odin Kingdom's capital. With the Gilded Rose's technology and strength, it might become the largest chain of stores in the Odin Kingdom.

Every aspect of the Gilded Rose was rapidly expanding, all employees and partners were happy, and this was translated in a large number of purple golds.

But there was one cooperating family that wasn't so happy...

The mood of the Jackson Patriarch was quite complex. As a partner of the expanding Gilded Rose, the Jackson Family was purchasing most of their things from the Gilded Rose at a price lower than market price.

Thanks to the Gilded Rose's potions, magic tools, puppets, and arrays, the Jackson Family had recently resumed the conquest of a plane that had been in a deadlock with very minimal losses. Their gains had also greatly increased.

Moreover, the superfluous alchemy items were discreetly sold to families they had a good relationship with, which was another source of income.

According to some rough calculations they did, the profits from cooperating with the Gilded Rose would soon amount to 60% of the Jackson Family's income for a year. But that number couldn't be confirmed, because of the hidden growth and hidden benefits they would receive from this cooperation.

It was reasonable to say that this was a good thing. But the Jackson Family was unhappy because they had recently wanted to increase the cooperation time of the contract only for the Gilded Rose to refuse.

Back then, they only agreed to sign a 1 year contract in order to test the waters, who would have thought that it would bring so much benefits, it was at least ten times what they had anticipated.

Based on their speculations, their Jackson Family may become dependent on the Gilded Rose, but according to that growth trend, the Jackson Family would have expanded to five times their current size within five years.

This was a number that was difficult to refuse. Let alone a cooperation where they depended on the other side, the members of the family might not be too much against directly serving the Gilded Rose.

Unfortunately, the other side didn't agree to prolong the cooperation contract. They kept it at one year only because the Gilded Rose didn't want their credibility to be affected by a breach of contract.

If not for the fact that they had just settled in the Odin Kingdom and that destroying their engagement would negatively affect the Gilded Rose, Faleau would have directly gone for a breach of contract even if Lin Yun didn't say anything about it.

Recently, the Gilded Rose's development was faster and faster, it was like a machine devouring gold coins, continuously devouring large amounts of wealth. The Jackson Patriarch could no longer sit still.

The Jackson Patriarch and all the powerhouses of the Jackson Family were in the meeting hall.

Fortmore and Layford arrived and were about to sit down, when an old man with grey hair and beard sitting next to the Patriarch intervened.

“Who allowed the two of you to sit down!”

Hearing that old man, Layford and Fortmore froze, but they didn't dare to resist and obediently stood there.

Once everyone arrived, the Jackson Patriarch threw a couple documents on the table.

“Take a look.”

This was the benefits of the cooperation between the Jackson Family and the Gilded Rose, as well as a long term assessment. Seeing these documents, everyone was startled. Although they knew that the benefits would be great, they hadn't expected them to be that great. A long-term cooperation might increase the strength of the Jackson Family several times within five years.

There was also an assessment of how big of a blow it would be to the Jackson Family if the Gilded Rose stopped their cooperation after a year. The Jackson Family's strength would drop, and the development speed would sharply plummet to less than a tenth of what it currently is.

In other words, the Jackson Family's actions depended on the Gilded Rose's mood.

“Patriarch, why have you only signed a 1 year contract? Why haven't you renewed the contract and signed for at least thirty years... No, fifty years!”

The patriarch slammed his hand on the table and fumingly pointed at Layford and Fortmore as he roared, “Why? Ask these two idiots! Ask what they did!”

“That idiotic Layford dared to act on his own inside the Starry Sky College and tried to snatch the research of a guest of the Starry Sky College! Not only did he fail and harmed the reputation of our family, we lost five Heaven Rank powerhouses, five!

“More importantly, that idiot's target was the true owner of the Gilded Rose!

“As for that other idiot, he recklessly mocked the owner of the Gilded Rose inside his own shop and tried to snatch the materials that had been gathered for him.

“Take a look at what they did, sh\*t, the Gilded Rose not going for a breach of contract was already very kind. Layford, Fortmore, how come you didn't just die?

“Especially you, Layford, if you had been killed, our Family wouldn't have offended Sir Mafa Merlin like that, nor would we have offended the Starry Sky College, our family wouldn't have been implicated.

“Morons! Idiots! Incurable fools!”

The roar of the patriarch terrified the pale Layford and Fortmore, they already knew how serious the problem was...

This no longer just affected the Jackson Family's business, but instead influenced the roots of the Jackson Family. The difference between cooperating with the Gilded Rose and not cooperating with the Gilded Rose was huge, they would be a few times weaker.

If this continued for a few years, the families they had enmity with might end up becoming dozen times stronger than them, and the territories, planes, and wealth held by the Jackson Family might end up snatched. To make the matter even worse, the Jackson Family might be reduced to a 3rd rate force within a decade.

At that time, no one would rise from the younger generation, and if more Heaven Rank powerhouses died in battle, the Jackson Family would completely decline.

Hearing the roar of the Jackson Family's patriarch, the expressions of every single Heaven Rank powerhouse in this meeting changed. The way they looked at Layford and Fortmore was quite bad, especially that old man sitting in the central position, it felt as if his eyes were spouting flames.

The Jackson Patriarch had stopped speaking and the old man took over.

"Layford, Fortmore, you are expelled from the Jackson Family from now on."

The old man's words made Layford and Fortmore thoroughly despair. That old man was the strongest person in the Jackson Family, he had lived for close to 2,000 years and developed the Jackson Family to reach its current state with his own hands. No one could object to his words.

And this time, it wasn't just for show, he was really expelling them.

After the old man finished his sentence, the Heaven Rank powerhouses with unpleasant expressions immediately joined in.

"I second that motion."

"I second that motion."

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Everyone agreed, that conclusion could no longer be altered. The Jackson Patriarch coldly looked at Layford and Fortmore before telling them, "You two idiots, listen carefully. I'll immediately announce this matter and you'll have nothing to do with the Jackson Family from now on.

"But you know what price you'll have to pay if you are unable to obtain the Gilded Rose and Sir Mafa Merlin's forgiveness, if the Jackson Family falls because of your stupidity.

"Every Heaven Rank powerhouse is very important to the family, but that doesn't mean that the family will be buried alongside you because of your stupidity.

"F\*ck off! Get the f\*ck out of here! Leave now!"

Layford and Fortmore raised their heads with desperate expressions, but their hearts turned cold after seeing that old man's dark expression.

They would really die if they couldn't seek forgiveness and couldn't allow the Jackson Family's cooperation to continue, the Jackson Family would definitely cut their heads off and offer them to the Gilder Rose to ask for forgiveness.

In the fiercely competitive Odin Kingdom, reputation and dignity couldn't let the family continue its development, or even just survive.



After leaving the Jackson Family, Layford and Fortmore were truly despairing, especially Fortmore. He was itching to choke Layford to death and glared at him with anger.

'That moron Lafyord is hopeless, how could he have not died yet?! He wouldn't have implicated me if he had died.'

"Layford, what's the plan now?"

Layford was dispirited and desperate, he didn't have the bearings of a Heaven Mage and was at a loss as he stiffly walked towards the Gilded Rose's street.

The two stood at the corner of the street for over an hour, not knowing what to do, when they suddenly saw an Archmage being driven out of the store by a group of puppets. They listened in and heard people saying that he had been causing trouble. This immediately made Layford's eyes shine.

After half an hour, Layford and Fortmore were sitting in a meeting room. They couldn't help feeling nervous as they looked at Faleau sitting on the other side.

"You want to apply to become our Gilded Rose's... Guards?"

Faleau had a strange expression as he looked at the two Heaven Rank powerhouses sitting before him, 'Guards... Are in charge of public security...'

Layford and Fortmore hastily nodded and Layford promptly explained, in fear that Faleau would reject them.

"We have already been expelled from our family due to our mistake, but I feel that what I did to Sir Merlin back then was really wrong. I don't feel like an apology is enough, thus I want to use my actions to apologize for what I did."

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Fortmore repeatedly nodded.

"Indeed, we just saw someone causing trouble. There are many people who don't know their place after all, and those puppets might not work if the one causing trouble is a Heaven Rank powerhouse.

"Although the two of us aren't very strong, we are capable of dealing with a 1st or 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse. In order to express our regrets, we decided to come and apply to be guards."

Layford conveniently took out two contracts already signed with their magic signatures. The contracts only missed the other side's signature to be official.

Faleau picked up the contracts and checked them. There was no problem with the medium itself, since the paper was produced by the Gilded Rose.

After taking a look at the content of the contracts, Faleau's expression became strange.

The contracts were effective for 500 years and the conditions were as follows: They had to protect the Gilded Rose, help the Gilded Rose deal with any troublesome powerhouse, they were forbidden from injuring any member of the Gilded Rose or steal anything from the Gilded Rose.

The dense forty clauses contracts were extremely harsh.

To put it simply they were offering themselves as two powerful security guards who only needed food and shelter, but no salary.

And there was no need to worry about betrayal, because the cost of violating the contract was very high. The lowest penalty for a breach of contract was their mana dissipating. If the breach of contract was even more serious, the penalty would be their souls falling into Hell and they wouldn't be able to die even if they wanted to.

After checking the contracts, Faleau looked at the anxious Layford and Fortmore with a stunned expression, he was at a loss.

'Damn, what the hell did Sir Merlin do? How did he scare these two guys to that extent? These conditions are so harsh, yet they actually took the initiative to come and request to sign those contracts? Such strict soul contracts...?'

'Do they have brain injuries?'

Faleau looked at the contracts again, before looking back at the two people, he really couldn't make sense of this. He ultimately picked up the contracts and looked for the Artisan they had previously recruited and other people to appraise them. He discovered that there was no problem, the medium, ink and even writing tools had been produced in the Gilded Rose.

There is only one conclusion, they had suffered a shock, and the injury wasn't light.

This was a good thing. No matter what these two guys wanted, Faleau had no reason to refuse, signing the contracts meant that they agreed to uphold them.

After the contracts were signed, Layford and Fortmore sighed in relief, as if they had gained great benefits.

On that day, the Gilded Rose's eighteen shops gained two 2nd Rank Heaven Mages as guards, one of which was a strange dark curse mage. And sure enough, there weren't many people willing to cause trouble.

As for the Jackson family, they also dispatched someone to apologize to Lin Yun and let him know that the Jackson Family had expelled Fortmore and Layford, that it was an order from the Jackson Family's ancestor and that they had nothing to do with the Jackson Family anymore. Whether they lived or died no longer mattered to the Jackson Family.

On the other hand, Lin Yun still didn't know about it and kept leading his troops in the Puppet Plane to keep conquering steel cities. They had already gotten rid of 19 Heaven Puppets and obtained eight ability runes. This was a very high ratio. There was also nine Heaven Puppets who held some black substance within their body.

The black substance he obtained was all used to strengthen Pabiete's absorption system. Along with the parts they obtained along the way, Pabiete's strength rapidly grew and reached level 43. He was only a bit weaker to Lin Yun when it came to fighting power, but was a lot stronger than Xiuban and Reina.

They found a new steel city. This one spread over twenty kilometers and had a kilometer-tall spire. This meant that the strongest puppet within that city was level 43 or 44, and there wouldn't be less than five Heaven Puppets.

They had attacked two such steel cities before so Lin Yun didn't really mind it and started the attack.

Half an hour later, the five puppets had already been dismantled and the ability runes and black substance had been collected.

At this time, the small wolf standing quietly on Lin Yun's shoulder anxiously howled.

Information was transmitted to Lin Yun's mind. From what the small wolf sensed, a huge danger was incoming and all living beings would die within a few minutes.

Lin Yun's hair stood on its end as he received that information. He unhesitatingly collected all the puppets and had Xiuban, Reina, and Pabiete ride the flying ship before fleeing.

When the flying ship was being made, the only things that had been considered were speed and concealment. It didn't spread a single bit of mana fluctuation and was invisible, the safety was really high.

After getting on the flying ship, Lin Yun immediately urged it to move towards the puppet cemetery. This was the weakest place of this area.

Less than a minute after they left, Lin Yun felt a terrifying mana fluctuation surging from behind. A kilometer-big ray of light in the shape of a bear's paw fell from the darkness and ruthlessly slapped that steel city.

Loud rumbling noises echoed and terrifying shockwaves swept across, razing everything to the ground within ten kilometers. That city spreading over twenty kilometers thoroughly disappeared, only some buildings on the outskirts survived the destruction.

As for the center of the steel city, it thoroughly caved in. Those sturdy black steel buildings were like piles of mud ruthlessly slapped by a bear.

All the buildings were squeezed into a ten-kilometer-wide black disk with a seven-kilometer-wide bear paw imprint in its very center.

Xiuban turned his head and his face turned green as he noticed the bear paw's imprint. Lin Yun's eyelids twitched, if not for the small wolf's warning, they might not have had the opportunity to escape.

The hand appeared and fell to the ground in less than two seconds. Not even their bones would have been left if they had made the decision to block.

This attack came from a level 49 puppet, they weren't worthy of a Puppet King making a move.

Lin Yun had benefited quite a bit. It would be better to back up and move in another direction. If nothing else, that Heaven Puppet should have discovered that something went wrong from the fact that the spire was torn apart.

After all, in a battle between puppets, even if the steel city ended up snatched, the defensive spire would definitely not fall.

Lin Yun inwardly sighed in relief.

‘Forget it, in any case, that dismantled spire is enough for my research. I won’t destroy the next steel city’s core buildings, I’ll only hunt Heaven Puppets.’

Once they reached their starting point, the puppet cemetery, Lin Yun was finally able to relax a little.

At least it was safe there.

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As Lin Yun was about to return to Noscent, something happened to the Gilded Rose.

A hundred-meter-long airship was slowly flying towards the frontier of the Odin Kingdom and the Andlusa Kingdom. A huge wheel symbol was engraved on the ship, with a golden rose in its center. This was the symbol of the Gilded Rose.

The airship was filled to the brim with the Gilded Rose’s materials. These were materials that had been refined once and would immediately be used after reaching the Odin Kingdom.

There would be an airship flying from the Andlusa Kingdom to the Odin Kingdom every couple days. Although that kind of airship wasn’t very fast, it had a far bigger storage capacity and could hold a lot of materials that needed special storing methods. Although it was a bit slow, the cost-efficiency ratio was terrifyingly high. The Gilded Rose’s transportation costs were a few times lower.

Some special materials, as well as some ordinary materials, had to be stored in special Spatial Rings after their first refinement in order to ensure their efficacy. Some other materials needed to be exposed to air or some other thing to slowly complete their following refinement.

And the Spatial Rings weren’t necessarily safe. If a Spatial Ring was destroyed, everything within would fall into the endless void and could no longer be recovered.

The transportation was going well, until a problem suddenly occurred. A several-dozen-meter-long battleship appeared in the sky and blocked the Gilded Rose’s transport airship’s path.

The Gilded Rose’s convoy was protected by a 9th Rank Archmage and a group of puppets. These days, the Gilded Rose had developed so quickly that no one in the Andlusa Kingdom dared to make a move on a convoy belonging to the Gilded Rose. The Odin Kingdom also showed some respect, and the clueless bandits were all wiped.

Unexpectedly, someone blocked their path. And not only did they block their path, they used a battleship to do so. This wasn’t something ordinary bandits could do, only some large families possessed this kind of thing.

“This is the Gilded Rose’s convoy. Could I know which friend is pranking us?”

The expression of the 9th Rank Archmage leading the convoy remained unchanged, he stood at the prow of the airship and shouted towards the other side.

The battleship slowly adjusted its angle, and on the deck, a mage wearing a long robe coldly waved his hand.

“Sink their airship, eliminate everything, whether it’s a puppet or a human.”

Countless spells and magic arrows flew out of the battleship and fell onto the airship. The airship was only a transport convoy, it was big and had no fighting abilities. The huge air sacs were torn to shreds within a few seconds. The airship’s array was unable to withstand the immense weight of the hull and hold by itself and the airship slowly fell towards the ground.

In less than a second, the airship hit the forest below and the hull collapsed. A large amount of items fell from the airship as it was slowly falling towards its doom.

The large number of spells and magic arrows were still falling down, covering several hundred meters.

On the battleship’s deck, that cold mage sneered.

“Gilded Rose? That trash from the rural Andlusa Kingdom dares to compete with our Rodney Family for benefits? Truly reckless. That stupid dung beetle thought he could touch a Dragon’s treasure? What an idiot.”

Looking at that torn airship, Toursse Rodney turned and gave an order to the person behind him.

“Look, give the order to go down. Shoot down any convoy belonging to the Gilded Rose. I don’t want to see anything belonging to the Gilded Rose getting into the Odin Kingdom.

“Moreover, warn those stupid material suppliers, whoever dares to supply the Gilded Rose will become the enemy of our Rodney Family!”

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Faleau immediately received the news of the Gilded Rose’s convoy being attacked. But the information specified that not a single living being had been found in the wreckage of the convoy.

The materials had also disappeared and the puppets were even torn to pieces. Some of the recording crystals were completely shattered so they didn’t know who attacked the Gilded Rose’s convoy.

But from the wreckage, it could be seen that it had been a one-sided slaughter. The other side must have dispatched a battleship to easily get rid of the Gilded Rose’s airship.

Faleau frowned and used the Gilded Rose’s relationships to investigate this matter as he felt that this might be a very complicated matter.

At that time, Layford sought Faleau.

“Sir Faleau, I obtained some information through some of my friends. It was the Rodney Family who attacked the Gilded Rose’s transport.

“Moreover, they warned every material supplier that whoever dared to trade with the Gilded Rose would become the Rodney Family’s enemy.”

Faleau’s expression sunk. How could he not know about the Rodney Family?

The Rodney Family was a very powerful force in the Odin Kingdom, they were a lot more powerful than the Jackson Family, the two simply weren't on the same level.

The Rodney Family had a very ancient inheritance that could be traced back to the early stages of the 3rd Dynasty, and they never declined. Even when the 3rd Dynasty collapsed, the Rodney Family didn't decline and maintained its position as a first-rate force of the Odin Kingdom.

But the most important part was that the Rodney Family's source of wealth was different from the other forces who relied on the planes they conquered, they instead relied on alchemy items.

Their family was mainly focused on potion, from the lowest potion to potions that could be used by Heaven Rank powerhouses.

They were collaborating with the Starry Sky College and it was rumored that the Rodney Family had a Saint Alchemist. That rumor hadn't been verified, but the Rodney Family was the preferred location the alchemists taught in the Starry Sky College wanted to work at. There was no doubt about that.

The northern part of the Odin Kingdom was where the Rodney Family operated.

When looking for trade partners, the Gilded Rose also contacted the Rodney Family, but there was no opportunity to cooperate.

The Rodney Family was very tyrannical, they had offered one condition, the Gilded Rose had to become a subsidiary of the Rodney Family.

How could Faleau agree to such a condition? He then looked for other forces to cooperate with, but they were all middle-ranked forces, like the Jackson Family.

They were able to cooperate with the Starry Sky College purely because of Lin Yun. The Gilded Rose was able to develop so fast only because of Dean Gandaph's approval.

The Rodney Family looking for trouble gave Faleau a headache.

If the Gilded Rose only had a few stores in Neverwinter City, the Rodney Family wouldn't care, they would just ignore it.

But the Gilded Rose rose to prominence too fast. Not only did they open an eighteen-store-big shop, they expanded in all directions and were about to open 38 more branches at once.

Moreover, the main products of the Gilded Rose were potions, and the quality was not only good, they were a bit cheaper. This immediately made the Rodney Family unhappy.

It was because the Gilded Rose was marching on their benefits and snatching a part of the Rodney Family's market. And with their growth, their share of the market would grow bigger and bigger.

Back when the Rodney Family developed their business, they had started in Neverwinter City, and through this biggest northern city, they expanded in all directions until it reached their current state. They could now be said to be occupying the largest share of the northern market.

The competition in the Odin Kingdom was fierce and the Rodney Family wasn't able to monopolize the market, but it was enough to rank the Rodney Family as a 1st-rate force of the Odin Kingdom.

The conquest of the Raging Flame Plane was done by the 2nd-rate forces of the Odin Kingdom, the 1st-rate forces simply didn't have enough manpower to dispatch, or they weren't interested in the Raging Flame Plane's benefits.

The Raging Flame Plane was indeed a large plane rich in resources, but there were too many forces involved, the price to pay to conquer a small plane would be the same as participating in the Raging Flame Plane's conquest, yet they would be getting even more benefits.

Faleau's head was hurting now that the Rodney Family came looking for trouble. He had already expected a conflict with the Rodney Family. After all, the Gilded Rose only dealt with alchemy items, they had no other business. To expand, they had to keep expanding the range of their business.

After contemplating, Faleau dispatched someone to contact the Rodney Family. The other side was deeply rooted in the Odin Kingdom after all, especially in the northern part of the Odin Kingdom. Their roots had already spread to half of the Odin Kingdom. If the Gilded Rose wanted to peacefully do business, they couldn't circumvent the Rodney Family.

If it was just for the sake of profit, then they could discuss or start collaborating. In any case, it was better to find a middle ground that satisfied both forces.

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But less than half a day later, the 9th Rank Archmage envoy was carried back. Looking at the mournful mage before him, Faleau couldn't help feeling angry. The envoy they dispatched had his legs and teeth broken. If not because he was an Archmage with vitality tremendously higher than an ordinary person, he would have already died from blood loss.

He helped his subordinate set his bones before pouring a Health Potion over his body. At this time, Faleau looked at the mage in his embrace and saw a piece of crystal on his chest.

He picked up the crystal and poured a wisp of mana into it. The image of a young man no older than 30 appeared in the air. That young man had a lofty expression, his head slightly raised as if he was looking down at a group of ants. His overbearing and unquestionable voice echoed, "I'll give you three days to think about it. Serve the Rodney Family or be destroyed!"

The image dissipated after that simple sentence. Faleau didn't dispatch someone again and instead started mobilizing their defensive forces. A group of hidden level 39 puppets started being assigned to defend important parts of the Gilded Rose in secret.

The transportation of raw materials also changed, they no longer used airships for transportation. Aside from special treasure materials, preliminary refining wasn't done. Raw ores or medicinal ingredients were delivered to the Odin Kingdom through spatial equipment.

Although it was more troublesome and increased the costs, it was the best method. On the other hand, Faleau sent a report to Lin Yun through the magic beacon. The Rodney Family's overbearing attitude was no different from coercion.

Normal negotiation methods were completely useless. If the other side really relied on power to plunder, then the Gilded Rose wouldn't be able to deal with it with their current strength. The Gilded

Rose had already formed a large-scale army below the Heaven Rank, but their Heaven Rank forces were almost non-existent.

Aside from the newly hired Layford and Fortmore guarding the Gilded Rose, there was only one level 40 spider puppet.

But this kind of force couldn't cope with the current situation, even Layford and Fortmore were helpless. The other side's attitude was tyrannical and they clearly showed that they were unreasonable. The Gilded Rose was the ally of the Odin Kingdom and had a good relationship with 2nd-rate forces.

Sky City and the Henry Family had a good relationship with the Gilded Rose, not only were they cooperating, they also had exchange of techniques and sharing of trade channels. As for the Jackson Family, they only had a supplying collaboration project.

In these circumstances, their collaborators couldn't do much. After all, the Rodney Family was a 1st-rate force and wouldn't care about those forces' reputation.

There was no need to consider the Starry Sky College, there were too many forces cooperating with the Starry Sky College. And their cooperation was only about providing nurtured alchemists, some exchange of techniques, or jointly researching some things. It was unlikely that they would be able to get the Starry Sky College to intervene in a conflict between two forces.

Two days rapidly passed. At that time, Lin Yun brought back his exploration group to Neverwinter City and immediately learnt the details of this affair upon returning.

Lin Yun had also heard of the Rodney Family, it was a force that has been accumulating a huge amount of wealth in the past millennium. The Rodney family's wealth was even bigger than the Henry Family.

The Henry Family wasn't able to become a 1st-rate force in the Odin Kingdom because the higher-ups weren't powerful enough and they didn't have enough people. Thus, they were using a lot of wealth to strengthen themselves. Every single member of the Henry Family was armed to the teeth.

But the Rodney Family's higher-ups were even stronger than the Henry Family, their Patriarch was a 4th Rank Heaven powerhouse, and they had a large number of Heaven Rank powerhouses.

Just as Lin Yun finished reading through all the information, someone led Layford over. After cautiously walking over, Layford couldn't help feeling fear when his eyes landed on Lin Yun. His face was filled with a worried expression. He was clearly afraid of Lin Yun driving him back before taking his anger on the Jackson Family. He would really be screwed then.

Seeing Layford, Faleau immediately whispered an explanation to Lin Yun and even handed over the contract.

As he read through the contract, Lin Yun's expression became somewhat strange. The paper used as a medium was unique to the Gilded Rose, and it could be said that no one could tamper with this kind of contract in this era. As for the content of the contract, it was no different than a slave contract.

He gave the contract back to Faleau. Since they had signed such harsh contracts, Lin Yun didn't have to worry about Layford and Fortmore pulling anything. As long as the Jackson family had some brain, they



would know that their family's economic lifeline, no, their entire lifeline had been in the hands of the Gilded Rose from the start.

It was even better now, the Gilded Rose had gained two Heaven Rank guards. He also no longer needed to be reminded by Shawn to go and get Layford's soul as a reward.

Shawn, sitting on Lin Yun's shoulder, looked at the scene with a regretful expression. He was looking at Layford as if he wanted to tear through his soul, making Layford drip with cold sweat.

After seeing that Lin Yun didn't seem to care, Layford sighed in relief.

'I'm really too smart, directly joining the Gilded Rose was the best way to avert the crisis. Mafa Merlin is becoming more and more frightening. In half a year, he matured to the point where he could crush me like an ant.

'I can't feel his existence, even though I'm standing right in front of him, it feels like a fierce beast is staring at me, as if I'm in danger of being torn apart at any time. I'm simply unable to retaliate if he wants to get rid of me.

'Moreover, that ghostly wolf on his shoulder is truly terrifying. It feels like he is staring at my soul... As if it was his prey...

'Damn, I originally didn't know how to please Mafa Merlin, but now I do.

'Those damn idiots of the Rodney Family, what a bunch of nouveau riches. A bunch of loathsome b\*stards like them want to snatch away Mafa Merlin's Gilded Rose?

'Hahaha...

'What a joke. Unless they use all of their assets and all of their forces to deal with Mafa Merlin and overthrow the Gilded Rose, they would definitely pay a disastrous price.

'I hadn't known that the owner of the Gilded Rose was Mafa Merlin before, I had only thought that the Gilded was a wealthy alchemy chamber of commerce. But it's completely different when Mafa Merlin is added to the mix.

'Mafa Merlin really has too many allies. His greatest backer is the Starry Sky College. Dean Gandaph, who rarely makes appearances, personally appeared and punished an assistant dean. This is something that hasn't happened in a millennium.

'Some idiots told me that Mafa Merlin had nothing to do with Sir Gandaph, haha, as if I would f\*cking believe it.

'Fortunately, the idiots of the Rodney Family are giving me an opportunity to ease this relationship. I believe that the information I have is enough to get Mafa Merlin's pardon and let me stay in the Gilded Rose.'

"Sir Layford, is there something you need?"

Seeing Layford's strange smiling and worrying expression, Faleau took the initiative to break this awkward silence.

Layford cautiously looked at Lin Yun before unhesitatingly saying what he knew.

“Sir Mafa, I just got an important piece of information through an older cousin of the Jackson Family.

“The idiotic Rodneys intend to attack our Gilded Rose’s exhibition tomorrow and disrupt the Gilded Rose’s arrangements. Moreover, there might be powerhouses of the Rodney Family participating in the attack, and their leader might be a 3rd Rank Heaven powerhouse.

“They also warned every force cooperating with the Gilded Rose to not interfere in their business or they would face trouble.

“I was also told that all the material suppliers working with us had been warned by the Rodney Family, and that whoever provides us with raw materials is an enemy of the Rodney Family.

“But Sir Mafa can rest assured. Whoever comes tomorrow, Sir Fortmore and I won’t let them have their way!”

Layford’s sincere display stunned Enderfa and Shawn, this was the perfect example of shamelessness.

Lin Yun couldn’t react at all. Last time he saw Layford, he was still acting arrogantly. He felt like he was looking at a completely different person.

“Sir Faleau, I’ll go back to guard in case those idiots of the Rodney Family attack today...”

After finishing his report, Layford forced a smile and left with a grin.

The Rodney Family launching an attack on the Gilded Rose’s exhibition was unexpected, but no one doubted the information.

The Rodney Family had spread the news that it only gave three days to the Gilded Rose. If they hadn’t agreed to serve the Rodney Family by then, they would end up destroyed.

With the Rodney Family’s unreasonable and tyrannical style, they might really do so.

Even the Jackson Family dared to pull something in the Starry Sky College, it wasn’t surprising for the Rodney Family to do something in Neverwinter City.

Due to its characteristics, the Starry Sky College was bound to be different from other forces. Apart from some key areas, it was common for people with powerful backers to fight in the Starry Sky College.

Fighting wasn’t allowed in Neverwinter City, but that rule wasn’t too strict. If one had background and strength, the Starry Sky College wouldn’t necessarily bother them if they fought.

The Rodney Family’s tyrannical style and methods immediately made the Gilded Rose a bit passive. It was already the night of the 3rd day. The Rodney Family’s people could come starting dawn. Regardless of the outcome, it would affect the Gilded Rose’s exhibition.

Due to the pressure of the Rodney family, many larger cooperation projects might end up being dropped and the forces with power similar to the Jackson Family might just stop working with the Gilded Rose. This would be a big blow to the Gilded Rose who just developed in the Odin Kingdom.

The Gilded Rose's expansion might also end there, the new branches depending on the Neverwinter's Gilded Rose might be unable to open.

After all, these branches had to cooperate with local forces to smoothly rise. And those small cities' forces might not even be as powerful as the Jackson Family, so how could they risk offending the Rodney Family to cooperate with the Gilded Rose.

But temporary responses wouldn't be very effective. The Rodney Family would invade the Gilded Rose's exhibition the following day. If the Gilded Rose couldn't show enough power, the forces watching the Gilded Rose would definitely pounce on the Gilded Rose like hyenas.

Faleau was really worried this time. The troubles he encountered before were mostly within the rules of the game. Although it was difficult, they could be solved. But they were now facing this kind of formidable force that didn't bother to play by the rules.

"Alright, Faleau, don't worry too much. Just follow what has been planned and continue with the exhibition. You don't need to worry about tomorrow's matters, I'll be there."

Faleau's worries weren't really alleviated with Lin Yun's guarantee. After all, Lin Yun couldn't always defend the Gilded Rose, and more trouble would follow once the Gilded Rose opened their branches.

Lin Yun wasn't so worried. After all, no matter how overbearing the Rodney Family was, they still had a reputation to uphold. Even if someone attacked the Gilded Rose's exhibition the next day, it wouldn't be the strongest member of the Rodney Family, that would completely damage their reputation.

As long as it wasn't the strongest member of the Rodney Family, Lin Yun had nothing to worry about. He was already a 2nd Rank Heaven Mage and his progress was stable. With a Natural Demiplane, comprehending laws was a lot easier than for other Heaven Mages. And with the 108,000 truth runes, his progress was very fast.

When going all-out, his power already exceeded the peak of the 3rd Rank, he was only slightly weaker than a 4th Rank Heaven Mage.

His comprehension of the Spatial Law was progressing smoothly, and as day and night were taking turns, the Light Law and Darkness Law already started evolving. Lin Yun could also be exposed to the Light Law and the Darkness Law ahead of time. Even if he couldn't comprehend them, being able to come in contact with them beforehand and observing the light and darkness evolving from the Demiplane would give out inexplicable benefits.

Pabiete had already advanced to Level 43, but unfortunately, the seal on his memory module still stood strong. But the concept was also proven effective, if Pabiete's level kept increasing, there would inevitably be a day when the seal on his memory module would be lifted.

After advancing to the Heaven Rank, Xiuban and Reina's strength quickly increased and stabilized at the 1st Rank of the Heaven realm after a few battles. And with their outstanding bloodlines and terrifying power, they had no problem facing a 2nd Rank Heaven powerhouse.

Lin Yun wasn't worried about what would happen the next day. Since the other side was coming, preparations had to be done and he wanted to make a stunning display of the Gilded Rose's strength.

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Time rapidly passed. The Gilded Rose was already crowded at dawn the next morning. The Gilded Rose could definitely be said to be the best business within Neverwinter City, whether it was ordinary mages, first-rate Archmages, or even Heaven Mages, they were all shopping at the Gilded Rose.

The Gilded Rose's potions were selling the best. Almost all of the potions were running out of stock. Every single person who used a potion would never badmouth one of the Gilded Rose's potions. At the same price, the Gilded Rose's potions were of higher quality and had greater effects, they were definitely the best. And this was more than enough.

After all, there was a common saying, mages are always running out of golds, yet mages always spend large sums. Mages made a lot of money and didn't really care if they paid a few more golds. What they truly cared about was the quality of the potions. A slightly better potion could be the difference between life and death at a critical juncture.

By nine o'clock, the Gilded Rose's staff were already extremely busy and the spatial expansion array was already operating at full capacity.

The twenty-meter-wide street going through the eighteen stores had also expanded to over a kilometer to make it feel like there were many people, yet it wasn't too crowded.

At this time, a group of mages suddenly stepped aside as a group of black-robed mages stepped on the street. After coming in, they hardly concealed their auras.

They were led by a mage whose appearance was that of a young man in his mid-twenties. He had a thin and long face, sunken eyes, and deep blue eyes flickering with light. He was so thin he looked like an undead wearing a layer of skin, he even had blue soul fires flickering within his eyes.

The dense aura of death spread out and it felt like a powerful Undead was marking his territory.

Seeing the symbol on these mages' robes, the expressions of the onlookers immediately changed and they all took some distance.

"That terrifying Toursse came? Could it be that the rumors are true? The Rodney Family took a fancy to the Gilded Rose?"

"Shhh, lower your voice, that Toursse is a terrifying Necromancer. All those who offended him were turned into horrible Undeads..."

Toursse smiled, apparently very satisfied by the onlookers' fear. Necromancers had been nightmarish existences for a long time. To this day, it was common belief that Necromancers were cruel, powerful, and mysterious.

### **Chapter 1256 Necromancer and Compensation**

In addition to those experiments on living beings, Necromancers who massacred a large number of lifeforms to obtain undeads would be hunted down by all forces. Although Necromancers were disliked, no one would attack one for no reason, after all, Necromancers were known for being weird. They might come back a few days after being beheaded. Especially Necromancers who transformed into Liches, people would be even more careful to not provoke them.

If they couldn't completely get rid of the other side, the only thing awaiting them would be the Lich digging their ancestral tomb, turning their ancestors into undeads to fight them.

Toursse was relatively famous amongst the Necromancers of the Odin Kingdom. Not because there was no Necromancer stronger than him, but rather because no one was as famous as he was.

Toursse's death aura spread unscrupulously, turning the surroundings four hundred meters into a restricted death area. Black and grey aura filled the area and kept condensing into twisted faces akin to horrifying wailing ghosts.

Seeing Toursse, the onlookers couldn't help trying to hide in the distance. Many people with decent strength hurriedly left the Gilded Rose's street, and even the more powerful ones hid in the distance.

"Faleau, get the f\*ck out! The three days are over, serve our Rodney Family or face destruction."

Toursse was sneering, due to mana amplification, his loud voice spread through the entire street. Even the people within the stores heard him clearly.

As for Lin Yun, who was sitting by the window of a tall building, he swept a glance at Toursse before nodding at Pabiete.

"Pabiete, go and act based on the Gilded Rose's rules."

He didn't just want to dispatch Toursse today, he also wanted to let everyone see the Gilded Rose's strength with their own two eyes. With their immense wealth, if the others didn't know about the sharp sword protecting the golds, then everyone might have designs on the Gilded Rose.

Layford and Fortmore already came out when Toursse arrived, but their faces turned ugly when they saw Toursse.

The two were somewhat pale and Layford's eyes were constantly darting towards the tall building on the side, hoping to see something.

'Sh\*t, it's actually that damned Toursse, f\*ck. That fierce guy was already famous in the Odin Kingdom when I was an infant, how could I beat him?'

'It is said that this guy is already at the peak of the 3rd Rank and is a cruel Necromancer. It is also said that he went to an undead plane on his own last year and subdued a few terrifying Undeads.'

'Most of the cruel deeds of the Rodney Family are done by Toursse. That guy is unreasonable, his opponents never leave intact bodies behind. Sometimes, his opponents' corpses even end up becoming enslaved undeads.'

'How could Fortmore and I block that kind of terrifying guy... The few hooded figures behind him should be the undead lifeforms he subdued. We will be torn apart if we go and try to stop him.'

But thinking of their own situation, Layford and Fortmore only felt bitterness and braced themselves to go over.

"Sir Toursse, please restrain your aura. The rules of the Gilded Rose don't allow this kind of behavior..."

Layford steeled himself and intervened, but he couldn't sound very confident.

Toursse sneered and glanced at Layford and Fortmore with disdain.

“Two idiots discarded by their own family... F\*ck off, get out of my sight before I turn you into undeads and get that Faleau to show up. I’ll give you three seconds. If the Gilded Rose hasn’t surrendered within three seconds, then it doesn’t need to exist anymore.”

After saying those words, Toursse swept a glance at his surroundings.

“Anyone unrelated can stay if they want to die.”

Hearing Toursse’s words, most of the onlookers hastily walked towards the entrance of the Gilded Rose.

“Sir Toursse, please...”

Layford braced himself to speak, but the only answer he received was three bone spears.

Fortmore sighed in relief after blocking the three bone spears, and quickly glanced at Layford.

“Sir Toursse, since you are violating the Gilded Rose’s rules, we can only get guards to drive you out.”

They just needed to stand up and show their stance. Even if a fight started, they couldn’t afford to back down.

Layford decisively took out a palm-sized disk and quickly activated it. This was notifying the Gilded Rose’s puppets that someone was causing trouble and confirming the order to drive them out.

Layford urgently activated the command plate when a flash of silver appeared before his eyes, a figure covered in a layer of quicksilver instantly appeared between them and Toursse

An icy machine-like voice echoed, “Based on Article 3 Paragraph 17 of the Gilded Rose’s rules, you have three seconds to leave, otherwise, based on Article 3 Paragraph 18, you’ll be forcibly driven out.”

Pabiete’s sudden appearance made the panicking onlookers pause, but no one dared to stay. They weren’t blind, they knew that a fight was about to start, and no one wanted to be affected.

Toursse sneered and one of the figures standing behind him slowly removed their hood, exposing a black skull. Eerie dark blue soul fires were burning within that black skull’s eye sockets. It was an Undead Skeleton.

At that moment, the Undead Skeleton’s body disappeared and a two-meter-long bone sword appeared in his hands as he rushed towards Pabiete.

There was no change in Pabiete’s tone as he commented, “Escalating a conflict, according to Article 1 Paragraph1, whoever attacks the Gilded Rose has to be killed.”

Terrifying mana fluctuations were emitted from Pabiete’s body. The Lightning Speed, Elemental Strengthening, and the Defense Strengthening ability runes were instantly activated and Pabiete’s body instantly disappeared.

When he reappeared, Pabiete was right in front of that Heaven Rank Undead Skeleton, his right hand changed shape and turned into a cannon emitting a white radiance. The cannon was placed right under the Undead Skeleton’s head and aimed towards the sky.

A glaring beam of white light blossomed in an instant from under that Undead Skeleton's chin, blasting its head before disappearing in the sky.

After that attack, Pabiete's right hand turned into a palm once again, with only a black hole visible in the center of his palm. That Undead Skeleton's remaining soul fire and mana suffered from an irresistible devouring power and were devoured in less than a second.

With a soft crashing sound, the Undead Skeleton's body collapsed and turned into a pile of decaying shattered bones.

Instant kill...

A Heaven Rank Undead had been killed in an instant.

This stunned everyone. None of the onlookers expected the Gilded Rose to be so formidable, to have such a strong puppet guard, and to follow the rules so strictly.

In the distance, Layford and Fortmore's faces were somewhat green. Pabiete's speed had already exceeded what their mana could sense. Moreover, his casting speed and power were simply unbelievable.

Undeads had low resistances against light magic, but a Heaven Rank Undead Skeleton's bones were so tough they could directly use their bones as weapons. However, that Heaven Rank Undead Skeleton's head was blown up from one cannon shot and his soul fires dissipated, it couldn't be more dead.

Toursse was somewhat surprised, and anger covered his face. He hadn't expected the Gilded Rose to not even send a representative. They were apparently looking down on him and not taking him seriously. Aside from the two watchdogs, they only dispatched a single guard puppet which instantly killed his 1st Rank Heaven Undead Skeleton.

He couldn't even say anything, what use would there be in threatening a puppet? What a joke...

The puppet had only been talking about the rules of the Gilded Rose. Even if a God stood in front of it, it might still act based on the rules of the Gilded Rose.

Toursse gnashed his teeth, his expression continuously fluctuating. He simply didn't know what to say. He could threaten and curse the other side as much as he wanted, but the other side was a puppet, regardless of what he said, others would take him as an idiot.

A strong aura of death spread over Toursse's body and the other undeads behind him removed their hoods. There was a jiangshi-type Zombie with pale and fair skin, a Vampire with crimson eyes, and an Undead Mage holding a staff. The three Undeads were all at the Heaven Rank!

The dense aura of death polluted the air.

At this time, orderly metallic sounds echoed as several dozen Level 39 Puppets appeared on both sides of this thousand-meter-wide street and started forming a circle around Toursse and the undeads. Then, the arms of every single puppet changed shape and formed a part of an array.

An eight-hundred-meter-wide purple barrier rose around Toursse and Pabiete in an instant.

In addition to the fifty puppets supporting the barrier, fifty more level 39 puppets appeared and guarded the surroundings.

And aside from the level 39 puppets, there was also several hundred level 35 puppets around the entire Gilded Rose, both inside and outside.

Seeing so many puppets, the expressions of the guests of the Gilded Rose slightly changed. Over a hundred level 39 puppets and several hundred level 35 puppets were guarding the Gilded Rose. There was also that puppet that instantly killed a Heaven Rank undead. The onlookers could only wonder how many puppets were defending the Gilded Rose.

No one had been aware, but according to the current situation, and the Gilded Rose's constant selling of puppet, it was obvious that the Gilded Rose could build a huge puppet army if they wished to. To deal with small forces, the Gilded Rose would only need to dispatch puppets to destroy them in a day.

"Liksi Isolation Barrier... It won't even budge under the attacks of Sir Toursse's Heaven Rank undeads. It can definitely block the battle fluctuations of a 3rd Rank Heaven powerhouse.

"And only fifty puppets below level 40 were enough to set up that isolation barrier. The Gilded Rose's puppet and array technology is truly frightening..." A Heaven Rank powerhouse sighed.

At this time, Faleau walked out of the Gilded Rose's main building and swept a glance around, before buffing his voice with mana, "The Gilded Rose is honored to have so many people attending our exhibition. This small incident is nothing much, I just discussed with our boss, and the Gilded Rose will take responsibility for the trouble.

"Therefore, everyone will have a 20% discount today, regardless of what you decide to buy. And starting tomorrow, everything will be 10% off for a period of three days.

"This is the Gilded Rose's apology.

"In a bit, everyone will get a bottle of Hope Potion as compensation for the small fright."

Faleau's words made the onlookers forget about breathing. Even those afraid of being affected by the battle were startled.

After all, they had a lot of customers, the profits they would lose from the 20% discount wasn't small. Especially those best potions, 20% could amount to a few dozen thousand golds per potion.

As for the Hope Potion, it was one of the main potions of the Gilded Rose, especially the perfect ones. A 1st Rank Magic Apprentice could instantly reach the peak of that realm with a perfect foundation upon drinking one. One bottle could save years of mana accumulation and avoid a potentially bad foundation.

And to people that didn't have much talent, that thing was giving them the opportunity to become Mages.

Not every mage family member had good talents. The descendants of very powerful mages could be very lacking. Only Heaven Mages's descendants would definitely be talented.

Those with poor talent would lag behind from the start. They would have a hard time advancing to the Mage realm, and their bodies would have already deteriorated by the time they advanced the Great



Mage realm. They wouldn't be able to move forward even with resources and could only wait for their death.

If they saved time, then there would be a higher chance of advancing higher. Even if the Hope Potion could only be used by Magic Apprentices, it was their best-seller. Even the most ordinary Hope Potion sold for 10,000 purple golds.

Faleau's statement was equivalent to giving away millions of purple golds.

Everyone was shocked by the Gilded Rose's magnanimous actions, but most of them had focused on another part of Faleau's statement.

'Sir Faleau isn't the Gilded Rose's owner?'

'The Gilded Rose's owner is someone else? Sir Faleau is only a manager?'

Following Faleau's words, no one planned on leaving anymore and they all calmly waited. Someone did say that the barrier would completely isolate the battle and they wouldn't be affected after all.

'The Gilded Rose is so impressive, they don't even care about the Rodney Family, Toursse is only a "small incident" to them and simply can't affect others.'

Everyone's impression of the Gilded Rose changed. They looked powerful and backed by a strong mysterious force. And most importantly, the Gilded Rose had a very good reputation, strict rules, and handled matters in an impressive way.

Unconsciously, the feeling of wanting to benefit at others' expenses disappeared from the onlookers' minds, they would feel at ease coming back to the Gilded Rose in the future as they didn't need to worry about quality, nor about the price being too expensive.

Within the barrier, Toursse's expression was completely deformed. Although he couldn't hear what Faleau was saying, he could see the onlookers' expressions changing. He had clearly been used as a tool by the Gilded Rose, a stepping stone to display their power.

"Tear apart that stupid puppet for me, then tear down the Gilded Rose!" Toursse loudly shouted.

The Zombie, Vampire, and Undead Mage attacked together.

The Zombie loudly shouted, his black robe tearing open and exposing fifty-centimeter-big sharp claws. It roared as it charged towards Pabiete.

The Vampire exposed its fangs, its body dissipating into the shadows.

As for the Undead Mage, it raised its bone staff and a dense aura of death spread out as thick dark grey halos appeared on the ground. A team of level 39 Death Knights riding on skeletal horses appeared.

The Zombie with reflective metallic skin was level 42 and rushed at the forefront. After advancing to the Heaven Rank, this kind of lesser undead awakened wisdom. Moreover, its Life Essence also underwent changes. Its body was as solid as steel and was now its strongest weapon. It could even tear a piece of steel apart.

Clearly, these guys mistook Pabiete for a casting puppet. In order to raise the mana output, most of the power generated by the mana reactor of casting puppets was used to power up the weapon systems, very little would be used defensively.

And with enough mana, the weapon system's power would increase without dispersing the defensive power.

Clearly, that fierce grey Zombie was planning on getting rid of Pabiete after getting closer.

The Vampire had turned into a phantom and revolved around Pabiete, seeking an opportunity to attack. The Death Knights launched an attack while the Undead Mage raised the staff in his hands.

Toursse raised his staff and rapidly chanted a compressed incantation, shrouding all of the undeads in death aura and forming bone armors. Moreover, death aura curled around them and reinforced them.

Pabiete's crystal eyes were flickering as he made a grabbing motion in front of him. His red laser sword appeared and a large amount of mana was poured into it, sharply increasing the density of the dark light. This was already the peak of what the laser sword could endure. Just a little bit more mana and the laser sword would become unusable.

### **Chapter 1257 Puppet Versus Necromancer**

Pabiete's Lightning Speed ability rune flickered as he instantly disappeared and reappeared behind the Zombie. Jiangshi-type Zombies had very strong perception, they didn't need eyes to lock onto their opponents.

Sensing Pabiete appearing behind it, the Zombie immediately turned around and swung its sharp claws. But it was unfortunately too slow.

Pabiete was already at level 43 and remodelling had reinforced his speed. When coupled with the extreme mana reactor exceeding Pabiete's own limits, even if it couldn't be used efficiently, Pabiete's speed reached a terrifying degree. He was at least ten times faster than ordinary puppets at the same level.

Within a second, a level 43 melee puppet could slash ten times while Pabiete could slash over a hundred times, and more than half of the attacks would be effective.

This was complete bullying...

A dazzling crimson light exploded in front of Pabiete as the laser sword already turned into a crimson curtain of light due to the speed at which it was swung. The mana imbued into it made the laser sword's power reach its pinnacle. A level 42 Zombie simply couldn't withstand that cutting power.

The arms of the Zombie charging towards Pabiete were cut down into several dozen pieces, followed by its head and its torso. In less than half a second, the Zombie's torso was cut forty times by the extremely sharp laser sword.

Zombies wouldn't die even if they were crushed underground or cut in half, yet this Zombie succumbed from Pabiete's attacks.

Pabiete's back was exposed to Toursse, the Undead Mage and the Death Knights after killing the Zombie. Even the pale Vampire attacked from the front.

Toursse reacted the fastest. He spat out a dark grey rune which transformed into a skull burning with black flames before charging towards Pabiete's back.

9th Tier single-target spell, Undead Roar. It could pollute the target's mana while also doubling as a terrifying soul attack. It was like being hit by over a hundred Fear Shrieks, even a puppet wouldn't feel great when hit.

One of Pabiete's arms twisted towards the back, as if his backside was his frontside, his palm faced Toursse's Undead Roar and a black hole appeared in the center of his palm.

His other hand aimed at the Vampire attacking from the front and his five fingertips transformed into five pitch-black cannons which shot crimson rays of light.

The rays of lights intertwined and formed a large crimson net enveloping the Vampire. Unfortunately, this had no use against the Vampire's speed. The Vampire kept flickering from side to side as it kept approaching Pabiete.

The Undead Roar hit Pabiete's palm and disappeared into the black hole in its center. Through the absorption system, the mana of the Undead Roar was torn apart and spread all over Pabiete's body before it converged into the black substance at the core of the absorption system.

The black substance wasn't picky about its food at all, so what if it was death mana? It didn't matter as long as it was mana.

A spell that had all its mana absorbed was nothing more than a joke...

It looked like Pabiete's body stiffened as he was hit by the Undead Roar, his Firebolts became chaotic and the Vampire took advantage of this opportunity to get closer. The Vampire spat out a mouthful of blood which transformed into a bloody mist shrouding Pabiete's body.

The mist had powerful corrosive and confusing powers. To an ordinary lifeform, one breath would feel like swallowing several kilograms of hallucinations-inducing drugs.

The Vampire smirked as he saw the mist shroud Pabiete and stopped being cautious. Heaven Puppets also awakened wisdom, and that bloody mist would be effective as long as the target had intelligence.

The Vampire rushed to the front of Pabiete's body and grabbed Pabiete's arm with one hand while the other hand pounced towards Pabiete's chest, intending to dig out Pabiete's mana reactor.

But something unexpected happened.

Pabiete's crystal eyes flashed with a mocking light as the quicksilver-like arm grabbed by the Vampire rapidly changed shape and grabbed the Vampire's arm. Pabiete then opened his mouth and a glaring white light shot towards the Vampire's head.

The beam of light pierced through the Vampire's head and hit the isolation barrier, making it fluctuate fiercely. This showed that this power almost exceeded the limits of the barrier.

After exploding the Vampire's head, the powerful light mana dissolved half of the Vampire's body like acid. Pabiete casually threw the remains of the Vampire's corpse to the ground and his arm squirmed, regaining his original appearance.

The Undead Mage's spells, as well as Toursse's spells only created ripples on Pabiete's body. The spells' mana scattered over his body and was guided to the absorption system, making the absorption system devour these spells.

Attacks on that level couldn't break through Pabiete's defenses.

All the spectators were stunned, that didn't look like a puppet, but a crafty swordsman armed to the teeth.

No, it was more than that, it was more like a cunning swordsman equipped with a mana crystal cannon that could shoot instantly.

Xiuban was thoroughly stunned. Pabiete's strength had reached an unfathomable realm. He first killed a Heaven Rank Undead in an instant, before cutting a Zombie into pieces in seconds while also calculating what the enemies would do in response and preparing a trap for the Vampire.

And the most fearsome part, was that Pabiete actually had a cannon in his mouth?!

Using one's battle experience against humanoids when facing Pabiete... No, using any kind of battle experience against Pabiete was no different from offering one's life

"Merlin, you are really too treacherous, Pabiete took after you..." Enderfa commented after seeing Pabiete deal with three Heaven Rank Undeads within a few seconds. He then looked at Toursse's twisted face with sympathy.

Now he understood why Pabiete's body was made with that kind of liquid metal defense. It wasn't just to fit the defensive ability rune, the most important feature had to be concealment.

Because no one could see through Pabiete's fighting style. He had a cannon in his mouth, but who knew if he had a canon in his chest or legs?

Now that this idea occupied Toursse's mind, he cast his Fusion Shield and activated a shield-like True Spirit Magic Tool to rotate around his body.

He only had one Heaven Rank Undead left and he didn't dare to stay too far away from it as he was afraid of Pabiete instantly killing it.

Subduing a Heaven Rank Undead required a lot of energy and was extremely risky.

Toursse gritted his teeth, his eyes spewing flames. A moment of carelessness resulted in three of his four Heaven Rank subordinates dying. It only took a few seconds, he hadn't had time to react, as well as didn't expect that his opponent would be completely unaffected by the Undead Roar.

After looking at Pabiete, he glanced at the onlookers and only saw shock on their faces. Seeing that they weren't frightened at all, Toursse felt rage rise in his lungs.

Dark grey death runes kept flying out and rapidly covered the entire barrier. As Pabiete landed on the ground, a few pale white bone hands extended out of the ground and grabbed his legs.

Taking advantage of Pabiete's pause, the Undead Mage and Toursse immediately started casting indiscriminately at Pabiete's location.

Wraith Convergence, Deathly Possession, Bone Cage, Ghost Corrosion...

A series of spells were thrown at Pabiete's location and boundless death spells and death aura curled in a several-dozen-meter-wide range, as if countless ghosts were wailing there, celebrating the fact that someone would have the same ending as them.

Toursse and the Undead Mage cast spells for over ten seconds and everything was corroded by the aura of death within those several dozen meters.

But suddenly, Toursse noticed the amazed expressions of the spectators. He turned his head only to discover Pabiete falling from the sky towards the head of the Undead Mage. His laser sword pierced through the Undead Mage's head while his right hand stabbed into it.

Toursse suddenly heard the Undead Mage let out a desperate wail as his soul fire was absorbed by a terrifying force.

Toursse's expression was a bit crooked as his last Heaven Rank Undead subordinate was eliminated. His death aura transformed into a dark grey flood that fiercely flowed towards Pabiete. The Undead Mage's body was torn into pieces but Pabiete was swept by the flood.

Pabiete's defensive ability rune activated and flickered with a glaring radiance. The death aura was forcibly devoured as it came in contact with Pabiete and simply couldn't injure him.

Pabiete fell to the ground a hundred meters away and bone claws instantly tried to grab his legs, but these bone claws instantly collapsed. The pitiful amount of mana they obtained wasn't enough for Pabiete's absorption system, it couldn't even be considered a snack.

Apart from a fingernail-sized piece for research purposes, Lin Yun had put all the black substance he had harvested in the Puppet Plane in Pabiete absorption system. Pabiete could even directly block a 9th Tier single-target spell, disperse it, and get the absorption system to absorb it, let alone these pitiful bone claws.

Toursse thoroughly became insane as his four Heaven Rank Undeads were eliminated. He cast numerous death spells, unfortunately for him, Pabiete was moving too fast for him, he couldn't hit him at all.

As for Pabiete, he was unable to approach Toursse with that crazy casting. Even the light cannon couldn't be used to breach his defenses.

After three minutes of deadlock, Toursse suddenly calmed down and sneered as he looked at Pabiete a few hundred meters away before taking out the black skull of an unknown lifeform and rapidly chanting an incantation.

At the same time, Pabiete also found the opportunity to close the gap and attack with his laser sword. Unfortunately, his laser sword couldn't break Toursse's several layers of defenses, it was like a Fusion

Shield pieced together by bone fragments with the True Spirit Magic Tool as its core. Its defensive abilities were terrifying.

After a ten second incantation, terrifying mana fluctuations spread out within the isolation barrier.

Lin Yun frowned and looked over, before his expression eased up.

“What a pity, it’s only the skull of an Undead Dragon. Undead Dragons have huge territories in the Undead Plane, hunting them is just too difficult...”

The Undead Plane was like an ocean of undead lifeforms. It wouldn’t surprise anyone if a Heaven Rank powerhouse fell to their numbers. A 3rd Rank Heaven Undead Dragon had over ten thousand Bone Dragons followers as well as countless flying undeads. When it came to numbers, it would be an embarrassment if they didn’t have five million subordinate undeads.

Toursse’s casting was over, and at this time, the skull he held in his hand flew out and rapidly grew in size before transforming into a ten-meter-big Undead Dragon’s skull. Then, the phantom of a hundred-meter-big Undead Dragon appeared. The Undead Dragon’s phantom opened its mouth and a terrifying amount of mana converged in its skull.

“The roar of the Undead Sky King, Abaddon’s Roar! Die! Vile iron can!” Toursse roared towards the sky.

That spell couldn’t be avoided, the undead had congealed into reality and possessed terrifying tracking ability, it even had a wisp of foresight power. It could accurately hit its target, as long as the target didn’t suddenly disappear from the range of the spell, and could only be blocked.

Within this 800-meter-wide isolation barrier, that spell would obviously hit.

‘Disgusting Gilded Rose, vile puppet, everything is wretched. Just you wait, once I’m done with this damned puppet, I’ll tear apart every single member of the Gilded Rose. Especially you, Faleau, I’ll definitely kill you, take your soul, and turn you into a weak undead lifeform. I’ll then use Holy Light every single day on you.’

Toursse’s expression had already distorted, a trace of pleasure could be seen on his face as he was about to get rid of Pabiete.

But Toursse’s smile suddenly froze.

Pabiete flew towards the Undead Dragon’s skull and easily pierced through its defense with his hands.

The terrifying power condensed by the Undead Dragon’s skull was rapidly absorbed and in less than two seconds, a third of the power had been consumed.

This meant that the spell already lost its original power. In less than six seconds, the mana contained within the Undead Dragon’s skull was completely consumed and the condensed phantom also dissipated.

Toursse foolishly looked at the sky, completely stunned.

Not to mention Toursse, even the onlookers were stunned.

Pabiete landed on the ground, thick death power condensed all over his body. But that death power rapidly dissipated within a few seconds, as if it had been devoured cleanly.

Toursse foolishly looked as the thick layer of death power covering Pabiete's body rapidly dissipated. His face distorted into an incredibly bitter expression.

As for the onlookers, not a single wisp of fear could be seen, they all looked like they were walking down the street and happened upon a brawl.

Especially the young mages. They looked pale before, but seeing that reality didn't live up to their expectations, they were all looking at Toursse as if he was a piece of trash.

Toursse clenched his teeth and loudly roared, "Gilded Rose! This isn't over!"

After saying those words, Toursse took out a 1-meter-long scroll and unhesitatingly tore it open. His body was wrapped into a silvery light before completely disappearing.

Toursse escaped. He should have understood that he couldn't break through Pabiete's tortoise defense, let alone getting rid of him. It would only be used to embarrass him further.

"Sir Merlin, the Rodney Family definitely won't let this go, they'll definitely use other methods..."

Faleau looked worried, encountering this kind of unreasonable opponent made him pessimistic.

Lin Yun looked outside the window and smirked.

"The Rodney Family? Haha..."

After Toursse escaped, the isolation barrier was removed and Pabiete also disappeared.

The spectators instantly rushed to the stores, most of them going towards the puppets' stores.

Pabiete's performance was just too eye-catching. A powerhouse known for his fierceness like Toursse suffered a lot under Pabiete's hands. None of the spectators was afraid of him anymore, even the young mages, Toursse's fierce reputation had been thoroughly destroyed.

The Gilded Rose's business not only wasn't affected, it prospered even more. Within a dozen minutes, the number of people pouring in the street doubled. The news of the 20% discount was already spreading.

Naturally, what happened with Toursse also spread out...

"Hey, it's a pity that you left, you missed something big. The Gilded Rose is just too powerful, they didn't dispatch anyone, only a guard puppet came out.

"One puppet alone faced that cruel Toursse. Eh, right, everyone said that Toursse is fierce and terrifying, but I didn't see that at all.

"I didn't really see what Toursse's four Heaven Rank Undeads looked like, they were instantly killed and torn apart by that puppet. It was a tragic sight.

"Toursse didn't have the power to retaliate. The fight lasted less than ten seconds before Toursse had to flee. If not for that Heaven Grade Scroll, he would have already died..."

## Chapter 1258 Meeting and Trial

“Toursse Rodney came looking for trouble. You missed everything, a guard puppet of the Gilded Rose came out, instantly killed his four Heaven Rank Undeads and seriously injured Toursse.

“Alright, let’s stop discussing that. Toursse’s attack is a blessing in disguise, everything in the Gilded Rose is 20% off for today. The Gilded Rose is even more impressive than the Rodney Family, I’m rushing over now, before everything is sold out...”

As Lin Yun walked down the stairs, he heard many people commenting on the fight that just happened. But it just got increasingly more outrageous. Within a few minutes, some people boasted that Toursse peed his pants upon seeing the puppet.

As he walked out of the Gilded Rose’s street, Lin Yun’s footsteps suddenly came to a halt as he noticed Gandaph standing in the distance with a warm smile. But it looked like the people around him didn’t even notice him.

“Sir Mafa, if you have some time today, I’ll take you to meet that esteemed person.”

Lin Yun nodded, he had just taken care of Toursse Rodney and felt that, unless the Rodney Family was brainless, they wouldn’t launch another attack on the Gilded Rose within a short period of time.

As for the person Gandaph was talking about, Lin Yun already had a conjecture, but he wasn’t confident. Powerhouses that could be described as esteemed by Gandaph, and talked about with such reverence, could only be counted on one hand.

Gandaph led him out of Neverwinter City and kept flying in the distance.

This puzzled Lin Yun, ‘Is he not within Neverwinter City? We will leave the boundary of the city at this rate...’

After all, Neverwinter City was huge and at least half of it belonged to the Starry Sky College.

He followed Gandaph for one hour before they arrived at an ordinary forest mountain range with very few tall peaks in the surroundings. That area was really too ordinary, none of the peaks surpassed a kilometer and mana wasn’t abundant. The lifeforms living in the surroundings were mostly low level magic beasts and wild beasts.

After landing, Lin Yun immediately started examining the surroundings. But he only felt that the surroundings were ordinary and that there was nothing unusual.

Gandaph watched Lin Yun’s actions and remained silent. He led the way for a few minutes, leading Lin Yun to the foot of a hill. There was a path leading to the hilltop but it was covered in weeds. It looked like people were passing by, but rarely took that path.

Gandaph pointed at the path.

“I can only lead you up to here, you have to go up on your own. The esteemed person is waiting for you at the hilltop. I can’t go up without being summoned.”



Gandaph flew away after saying those words. Lin Yun opened his mouth, but before he could say anything, Gandaph had already turned into a small black dot in the sky.

Abandoned would be a more fitting word to describe this overgrown path, it wasn't even as good as a hunter's path.

He looked up from the foot of the hill and could directly see the hilltop. The tallest tree was no bigger than ten meters, and the vegetation was sparse. This ordinary hill didn't look like the place inhabited by a person Gandaph revered.

'Did I guess wrong? Is that person not powerful and only has a special status? Or a special ability?

'This is very possible, after all, the Starry Sky College isn't a pure mage force, they actually rely a lot on alchemy. In the Starry Sky College, status isn't a matter of strength. They have some special mages with terrifying theoretical knowledge whose strength are hindering them from being able to display these theories.'

After thinking for a bit, Lin Yun couldn't figure out who that person was and shook his head with a wry smile.

'Forget it, might as well go and take a look since I can't guess...'

Lin Yun unhurriedly walked up the path, but suddenly stopped after ten minutes, he then turned around and frowned.

Although he didn't walk fast, ten minutes should have been enough to reach his destination. But the hilltop was still far in the distance, but as he looked back, he saw that the foot of the mountain was already very far. That distance already surpassed the height the hill should have!

Under normal circumstances, he should have already reached the hilltop, but it was still where it was when he left the foot of the mountain.

Lin Yun's eyes shone, he turned around and walked back using the same speed. The foot of the hill was getting closer and closer with every step and he reached it in less than ten seconds. It felt normal, as it should be.

But crossing over a kilometer at normal walking speed was very abnormal.

And not perceiving that abnormality was abnormal in itself.

Lin Yun raised his head and looked at the unmoving hilltop and smiled.

'Looks like this person is a very formidable alchemist, he should be a Saint Alchemist at the very least, this spatial obstruction is flawless, it almost tricked me.'

After setting foot on that path once again, countless runes started appearing in Lin Yun's eyes and formed small patterns which slowly spread towards the white of his eyes.

After a few seconds, Lin Yun's irises, pupils, and the white of his eyes could no longer be seen. There was only a circle of small runes forming a multi-colored halo densely covering Lin Yun's entire eyeballs.

This was a spell Lin Yun had developed after researching the truth runes, it was tailored for array observation. As long as there was an array, or something related to alchemy, Lin Yun would be able to see through the runic structure.

Even if he couldn't see through the arrays, he might be able to find a few nodes. As long as he found those nodes, cracking the path leading to the hilltop wouldn't be too difficult. Even if it was a Heaven Grade Array which he couldn't thoroughly break, Lin Yun still had the confidence to be able to find a path.

But Lin Yun was stunned after walking for ten more minutes.

He couldn't see a single rune, he couldn't sense a single wisp of mana, he couldn't find anything related to alchemy, he couldn't even find anything related to magic.

He scattered the halos covering his eyes and his expression hardened. This was too abnormal...

There was such a big change in space, and thus, he must be inside an array. He tried going out of the trail and climbing to the top from other directions, but all his attempts had the same results. The hilltop just remained in the distance.

Lin Yun stopped his attempts after half an hour, frowned, and started pondering.

He didn't find any trace of array, nor any trace of alchemy material, because it was impossible for an array affecting this space to exist without him being able to discover a trace of its existence.

Lin Yun still had self-confidence, because even the strongest array at the peak of Noscent couldn't accomplish such a feat. Thus, there was only one possibility.

He encountered an illusion!

An illusion could come from an array, from a Magic Tool, it could even come from some special magic beast or thing. Too many things could create an array.

Since there was no array, then there might be a Magic Tool or something else setting up the illusion. This illusion didn't affect the body, thus it couldn't be noticed.

The Mirage Dragon living in the darkest depths of the Endless Sea's seabed could create a huge city and even vivid and lifelike lifeforms that couldn't be told apart from real lifeforms.

When a powerful Starry Sky Fantasy Beast drifting in endless void hunts for food, it transforms into a lifelike world and anything entering that world would be devoured.

Lin Yun examined his surroundings for a few minutes, but didn't discover how to break that illusion. If it came from a Magic Tool, he wouldn't be able to break the illusion unless he found the Magic Tool's main body.

But as long as it was an illusion, there was a 100% efficient shortcut.

He only had to stimulate his soul until he felt a stab of pain. In that split second, he would become very sensitive to the surroundings as it was an instinct of the soul against danger.

That might just be a mere instant, but it was enough to find clues. And with clues, he could find the way to solve this.

Lin Yun transferred his own soul power into a few illusory thin needles and ruthlessly pricked his own soul. The pain he felt at that moment was indescribable, it came from the soul and brought up a terrifying aura of death.

In that instant, Lin Yun's sense and capture of his surroundings was at least 100 times better. Every wisp of air flowing around him, even wisp of mana fluctuation, he could sense everything clearly.

Even the world before his eyes turned in a magnificent flow of radiance that eyes couldn't bear to watch. His soul sustained a very high pressure.

This was soul sight, it enabled one to see the most fundamental source of the world, as well as the world's most basic features.

The information captured by his eyes instantly made Lin Yun's Magic Array operate at its peak. Even the Spell Wheel joined in deciphering the information. Only then was he able to barely manage this kind of huge information overload.

There was a kind of supernatural powerful soul beast which was most proficient at observing the world through soul sight due to their bodies being pure soul bodies. The world they saw was several hundred times more detailed than humans' sight.

With Lin Yun's current strength, if he used a soul beast's sight to look at the world, the huge amount of information would be enough to burst his soul.

A few seconds later, the pain coming from his soul completely disappeared. The thin needles that pierced his soul were made out of soul power, it was only returned somewhat roughly and wouldn't bring any injury to his soul.

After a minute, Lin Yun frowned and opened his eyes. He had deciphered the huge amount of information twice. He didn't neglect any part of the information both times, but the outcome was that this place was completely normal.

There was no array, no magic power influence, no illusion. This was just an ordinary hill.

Looking at the distant hilltop, Lin Yun spat out a rune. The rune transformed into a Wind Blade which condensed itself until it was finger-sized. Then, he marked the Wind Blade with a mana imprint and shot it towards the hilltop.

The Wind Blade instantly disappeared, and half a minute later, Lin Yun lost contact with that Wind Blade. In that half a minute, the speed of that Wind Blade surpassed the speed of sound and flew over twenty kilometers.

But it still didn't reach the hilltop, and it seemed to still be far from the hilltop.

In other words, the hilltop was so far away, but even after flying for years, he might still not reach the hilltop. The distance from the foot of the mountain to the top might be higher than the entire Noscent world.

But Lin Yun's frown slightly relaxed, because he more or less understood what the problem was.

This was a possibility Lin Yun had overlooked: The Laws of this place had been changed!

Heaven Rank powerhouses' comprehension of Laws was limited to using the laws. They could control the Laws, but they couldn't alter a single iota. The Laws could only remain as they were.

To change the Laws, surpassing the Heaven Rank was required. A powerhouse that ignited their Godfire had the power to change Laws to their own advantages and even connect their own Laws.

The trial before his eyes wasn't an array, it wasn't a Magic Tool, not an illusion, not a spell. Everything was normal. There was only one possibility that he hadn't considered from the start, the Laws here had been changed!

Only that method would make him unable to find abnormalities when examining the place.

Looking at that ordinary hill less than a kilometer in height and sparsely covered in vegetation, Lin Yun couldn't help being shocked.

'No wonder it's a person that Sir Gandaph reveres, it's a powerhouse that can already change Laws!'

That thousand-meter-wide distance was stretched to infinity, but there was no lethality. This showed that the area wasn't meticulously controlled by that powerhouse, but the Laws were just altered by the other side's presence to adapt to his presence, this was undoubtedly a terrifying state.

This was the terrifying characteristic of those that ignited their Godfire. As long as the other side altered Laws, if Heaven Rank powerhouses couldn't resist, they might die from a simple Fireball.

Comprehending Laws in this place was a mistake, grasping the truth in this place was also a mistake.

'No wonder this hill didn't need to be guarded, as long as that person is here, no one can approach. Even if the distance is one meter, it would turn into ten thousand kilometers...'

After finding the reason why he couldn't reach the hilltop, Lin Yun grinned.

This was just a test, nothing more. There wasn't a lot of power put into it and the Law alteration wasn't really controlled. It was as if the other side just breathed and involuntarily caused this.

Lin Yun knew that in Noscent's peak, there was a powerhouse specializing in a certain Spatial Law. That transcending powerhouse was an unequalled existence, he killed large numbers of people that offended him, but no one could get rid of him.

Even powerhouses at the same rank who could resist some Law alterations were completely unable to attack him. No matter who, it was like they were separated by a whole world and couldn't go through it. They couldn't even graze his clothes.

Although the situation before his eyes was different, it was similar.

Lin Yun stood motionless, deeply thinking how to throw off the Law alteration. Completely avoiding it was impossible. The other side was so powerful his strength couldn't be estimated. Even if over a thousand Heaven Rank powerhouses came over, they wouldn't be able to reach the top of the hill. Every method based on numbers was completely useless here.

After pondering for a few minutes and filtering his own power once, Lin Yun suddenly froze and made a conjecture as to who was at the top of the hill. He then immediately smiled.

A formidable aura was emitted from Lin Yun's body and his expression became serious.

Slowly, the shadow of the Demiplane appeared behind Lin Yun. The shadow was over ten kilometers in width and it looked like a miniature Natural Demiplane. Everything within was shrunk countless times. Only the central pillar could be seen clearly.

Great waves started appearing in the surrounding space as the huge Demiplane Shadow appeared. It was like the original "normal" world turned into an angry God using the surrounding Law to forcibly suppress the Natural Demiplane.

The dozen-kilometer-big Natural Demiplane was rapidly suppressed to four meters and its power was cloaking Lin Yun's body, resisting the spatial suppression.

The space within the Demiplane faintly shook, but the pillar instantly emitted light. Radiant truth runes drifted and the Mana Water contained within the mana lake rapidly dissipated. The Demiplane stopped shaking, but the Mana Water was rapidly dissipating.

The Demiplane spread around Lin Yun's body to resist the surrounding spatial suppression.

The Spatial Law of this place was different from the Natural Demiplane's. Even if it wasn't too different, it was a completely different Law. The clash of the Laws didn't have much to do with Lin Yun himself, rather, it was a fight over authority between the Demiplane's Law and the world's Law.

The core of the world didn't allow different versions of the Laws to appear within its range, that would mean that the world wasn't complete.

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A difference of a thousandth would already be the dividing factor between two species. A slight difference in the Laws would make two completely different worlds.

The clashing Laws reached a balance in less than three minutes and the two meters around him were based on the normal Laws of the world.

Two meters were more than enough...

Because the space was normal within these two meters and Lin Yun could keep climbing the hill normally.

After ten minutes, Lin Yun reached the top of the hill. The angry pressure of the world suddenly disappeared and the changes in the Laws also disappeared.

Lin Yun was a bit pale as he scattered the Demiplane's shadow. At this moment, he could only use the Natural Demiplane as a wireless mana storage and couldn't use the power of the Demiplane. He only used a cheap trick this time, nothing more.

But these ten minutes were enough for the mana within the mana lake to decrease by a third.

After a deep breath, he looked at his surroundings and discovered that it was a lot different from what he had imagined.

The hilltop was a flat uneven platform spreading over a kilometer. A fence could be seen around a small vegetable field in front of a wooden cabin, and the vegetables growing within could be treated as fruits.

Looking at this simple small courtyard, Lin Yun turned towards the difficult path he had just taken with a weird gaze.

“Since you are here, you might as well come in and taste the cherry tomatoes I planted. They are very tasty.”

An aged gentle voice came from within the wooden house. It didn't sound forceful at all, it sounded like an hospitable old man from a small mountain village.

Lin Yun walked to the small courtyard and felt no change in the Laws, that small wooden house had no spatial expansion, nor any sophisticated alchemy tools, it was truly an ordinary wooden house.

It had a wooden bed, a wooden table, and a simple ceramic teapot placed on a small stove. The teapot was already boiling and the sweet fragrance of tea permeated the wooden house.

The only interesting thing was the star chart hung on the wall. But it wasn't a Magic Tool, it was only an ordinary painting.

An old man wearing hemp clothes was sitting on the other side of the table. His hair had already turned silver, but he had the face of a young man. However, his gaze was filled with ancient wisdom.

Lin Yun was startled when he saw that old man, he didn't dare to underestimate him even if he looked like an old farmer.

He didn't feel any powerful aura or mana fluctuations, this only explained one thing, that old man wasn't ordinary at all.

Lin Yun didn't dare to offend him and sincerely bowed.

“Mafa Merlin pays respect to Sir.”

A smile could be seen on the old man's face as he nodded.

“Sit down. I personally plucked some Puluo Tea Leaves and they have just finished boiling. Make yourself comfortable.

“You must be curious about who I am and why I wanted to see you, right? My name is Agalon, I've been wanting to meet you for a long time.”

Lin Yun almost jumped off his chair when he heard that name.

The Great Astrologian Agalon, that name was still engraved in many people's memories during the peak of the magic era. It would even appear in the books of that era.

He learnt Agalon's name when he read about Natural Demiplanes, and it had left a very deep impression. It was because of the Great Astrologian Agalon that Natural Demiplanes became known in Noscent and that people learnt how terrifying their owners could become.

Even after a few millennia, there was no shortage of mages seeking Natural Demiplanes.

When Gandaph mentioned that an esteemed person wanted to see him, the Great Astrologian was one of the possible powerhouses he considered, but he couldn't be certain and even felt that the probability was very low.

According to written history, when Agalon was at the peak of the Heaven Rank, he fought with another Peak Heaven Rank powerhouse in a shocking battle, resulting in his Natural Demiplane being exposed to Noscent's eyes. After the battle, many people learnt how Agalon's infinite mana and terrifying power were obtained and the search for Natural Demiplanes became popular.

After many years, the next powerhouse to obtain a Natural Demiplane appeared and the secrets of Natural Demiplanes spread out.

But there had been no rumors of a battle between Agalon and another Heaven Rank powerhouse recently. A battle between two Peak Heaven Rank powerhouses couldn't happen without any information leaking. With Lin Yun's current strength and status, it was impossible to not hear about it.

And looking at Agalon, it was obvious that he was already at the peak of the Heaven Rank. He was about to ignite his Godfire, he already surpassed the Heaven Rank and was just lacking the last step to ignite his Godfire. If not for that, he wouldn't have been able to change the Laws.

Other Heaven Rank powerhouses might not be able to do it, but Agalon definitely could before igniting his Godfire.

'Was there a mistake in the records of history?'

Lin Yun was a bit confused. Agalon already reached the end of the Heaven realm, which only proved one thing, the battle that was supposed to happen didn't happen!

'Has history already been altered?'

'Is this the butterfly effect caused by my actions?'

Lin Yun's expression turned complex as he thought about a lot of things at once, 'Was it because I changed the future of the Raging Flame Plane? Or because I established the Gilded Rose in the Andlusa Kingdom? These matters couldn't be said to be very important to Noscent's history.

'But those small changes affected Agalon, stopping him from getting into a fight with another Peak Heaven Rank powerhouse which would influence Noscent for millennia.'

Ever since he transmigrated, this was the first time Lin Yun could truly breathe. The pressure of the apocalypse had been looming over his head all this time. He had always been seeking the truth about the end of Noscent, and a way to survive it.

And there was finally something that made Lin Yun feel that history started changing, this was undoubtedly a good news.

Agalon watched Lin Yun in silence, waiting for him to calm down before speaking again, almost startling Lin Yun once again.

“Sir Mafa Merlin, are you willing to lead the Starry Sky College?”

Lin Yun was shocked and promptly shook his head.

“Sir Agalon, you must be teasing me, how could I do that...”

Agalon smiled as if he wasn't surprised and then personally poured a cup of tea for Lin Yun.

“Don't be so quick to refuse. In fact, I've been paying attention to you for a while now. Extremely frantic battles, almost unlimited mana, and strength surpassing your own rank.

“Whether it's costly floods of spells, or the strongest spells, not one doesn't consume large amounts of mana. They far exceed the mana that you can provide with your own rank.

“That's how I knew that you obtained a Natural Demiplane, and it looks like your Natural Demiplane developed quite well, because only a well-developed Demiplane would have this almost infinite mana supply.

“No Magic Tool, no potion can achieve this. But it looks like your natural demiplane developed well recently, the mana consumed in every battle could compare to that of ten mages of the same rank.

“If I didn't guess wrongly, you must have stabilized the four elemental Laws, evolving your Natural Demiplane.

“I noticed you because I also control a Natural Demiplane. I wanted to meet you back then, but as I learnt more and more things about you, my reason to meet you was no longer limited to that.”

Understanding flashed in Lin Yun's eyes. Ever since he obtained the Natural Demiplane, and especially after stabilizing the four elemental Laws, Lin Yun no longer had mana issues, he never had to worry about lacking mana in battle.

Just like now, if Lin Yun continuously released 9th Tier Spells, his mana consumption would still be far inferior to the speed at which the Mana Vines gathered mana. It also meant that Lin Yun's mana would never be consumed.

Others might look past Lin Yun's lack of mana issues, thinking that he had plenty of methods to recover mana and increase his mana storage since he was an alchemist.

But Agalon didn't. He sharply discovered that Lin Yun had a Natural Demiplane. In this era, Lin Yun didn't need to worry about his Natural Demiplane being exposed, because no one knew of the benefits associated with a Natural Demiplane aside from Agalon.

After all, before Natural Demiplanes were completely controlled, there was a risk that they could be easily snatched by others. This was also the reason why the owners of Natural Demiplanes would only become famous after they completely controlled it.



Agalon discovered the benefits of Natural Demiplanes, and now found out that someone else had a Natural Demiplane. It was natural for him to be curious and want to see it, but saying that this wasn't the only reason he wanted to meet him puzzled Lin Yun.

But before Lin Yun could ask why, Agalon pointed at the teacup.

"You should drink while it's hot to taste its richest flavors. And please listen to this old man's story..."

Agalon had spoken, what could Lin Yun even say. He raised the teacup and calmly listened.

Agalon's ordinary but ancient voice slowly echoed. Lin Yun felt as if there was a peculiar kind of mana attracting him to this ordinary story.

"The 3rd Dynasty fell many years ago, but the bloodline of the royal family has been passed down..."

As Agalon talked, a complete story unfolded before Lin Yun.

Many years ago, the 3rd Dynasty fell and Noscent was divided into large and small countries. That was the start of this era and the most chaotic part of the era.

Neverending wars unfolded throughout the entire land and kingdoms fell one after another until the three biggest kingdoms remained.

Of those three, the Odin Kingdom, who occupied the former capital of the 3rd Dynasty, was the strongest. Not only did they inherit the 3rd Dynasty's inheritance, they also occupied the territory with the richest resources. Moreover, their eastern coastline was very long, allowing them to obtain many natural resources from the Endless Sea.

The war ended after the three kingdoms restrained each other. The war shrouding Noscent ended, but this was only on the surface, all kinds of skirmishes were still happening.

One of the most important battles concerned the royal descendants of the 3rd Dynasty.

All the kingdoms were doing their best to hunt down the descendants of the royal family. If a talented descendant of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family appeared in that era, it might set off the world war once again.

There were still many ancient forces that felt that the 3rd Dynasty was a good thing for them, because only the 3rd Dynasty's era could guarantee their benefits.

But after several hundred years of war, many weaker forces began to rise and naturally didn't wish for the 3rd Dynasty to recover. And thus, the deathly chase for the 3rd Dynasty's descendants didn't stop.

After many years, the descendants of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family were almost all hunted. The last ones were discovered by the Odin Kingdom, and were descendants of the direct line of the royal family.

Although the world appeared peaceful and organized on the surface, it was still in turmoil in the dark. Even the most powerful Odin Kingdom couldn't resolve these kinds of conflicts and contradictions that fast.

That's why they used the word "appropriate" to define their actions. The Odin Kingdom spread the news that they intended to accept the descendants of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family. Naturally, everyone

knew the goal behind this kind of unnecessary action, they wanted to consolidate their own rule with the help of the 3rd Dynasty's royal descendants' prestige. It was a key chess piece to harmonize the conflict between the old and new forces.

Unfortunately, the descendants of the 3rd Dynasty wasn't so gullible. After being chased for so many years, they no longer dared to believe in the three major kingdoms, they wouldn't even trust those mage forces.

But they were forced into a dead end and had no way to escape.

Thus, the chief imperial guard protecting the direct line of descent made a decision at the last juncture. He disguised his own son as the direct descendant of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family.

After a few months of fleeing, they were ultimately caught and the young son of the chief imperial guard was naturally arrested as a member of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family.

As for the Odin Kingdom, they did as they promised and didn't continue with the persecution. Instead, the fake royal descendant became a prince and was raised in a territory.

He was provided tasty food and drinks and everything to satisfy his needs, he was just forbidden from leaving that territory.

This naturally wasn't kindness from the Odin Kingdom's royal family, because at that stage, whether they were known as righteous or not wasn't that important. But the Odin Kingdom still did it.

Very few people knew the reason behind that. The 3rd Dynasty's bloodline was a very peculiar bloodline. They had a very small chance of awakening a special power, and the royal family descendant that awakened this kind of power would be known as an Astrologian.

The fake descendant lived a luxurious life and naturally wouldn't awaken that kind of bloodline. The Odin Kingdom's royal family didn't feel anything wrong about it, because this was a secret of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family. In this era, there were pitifully few people that could awaken the Astrologian bloodline.

Even during the peak of the 3rd Dynasty, there had never been more than three Astrologian. There was only one or two most of the time.

In the end, the true descendant of the 3rd Dynasty was treated as an ordinary person and no one cared about him. His magic abilities were very poor, but his alchemy talents were very good.

He was quickly sent to the Starry Sky College as a youth due to those alchemy talents. In the end, he didn't really research magic, but rather spent most of his time studying alchemy.

After twenty years, that descendant was already 39 but was still a 5th Rank Mage. His life was bound to be short and he was bound to not have great accomplishments.

His alchemy path would reach its end due to the rank limitation. Unless a miracle occurred, he would stay like this for the rest of his life. If he didn't get sick or encountered a calamity, he would live over a hundred years before his life slowly stopped burning.

Even if the Odin Kingdom's royal family had some suspicions, they dropped those a decade ago. Even if he was a true descendant of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family, that kind of talent was worthless. In contrast, the bird in the cage was more valuable and didn't need attention.

But that year, the descendant of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family accidentally discovered a new Planar Path during an experiment. In that era, a new Planar Path, even an unexplored one, could be sold for a really high price. This would be a sudden windfall for a 5th Rank Mage.

But he didn't sell that Planar Path and instead started exploring the plane on his own.

That plane was desolate and was only a small dry land. It was bare like a meteorite floating in the void. As long as the smallest storm came in contact with this plane, it would thoroughly be destroyed.

That was a Natural Demiplane. Ever since that descendant obtained that Natural Demiplane, his rank crazily increased and he reached the Heaven Rank before people could even react.

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He was only a 5th Rank Mage at 39, but ended up becoming a 9th Rank Great Mage at 40. He became a High Mage at 43, and an Archmage at 50. At 70, he officially became a Heaven Rank powerhouse. And after setting foot in the Heaven realm, no one could stop him from progressing. With a domineering attitude, he progressed until he finally reached the 9th Rank of the Heaven realm.

That descendant's name was Agalon.

Agalon's story stunned Lin Yun, he was completely dumbfounded. A thought suddenly flashed in his mind: 'all those historians are idiots.'

Agalon was actually a direct descendant of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family! The prince raised as a bird in a cage by the Odin Kingdom's royal family was actually a fake!

"Astrologians have the ability to see some images of the future. At the age of twelve, when I entered the Starry Sky College, I saw an image of me at 39, I saw the scene of my discovery of the Natural Demiplane's Planar Path.

"I was aware of my talents, without enough resources, it would have been very difficult for me to get a lot of achievements. Thus, I focused on alchemy, hoping to find that Planar Path earlier. I knew that the Planar Path would change my fate.

"But no matter how hard I tried, I was still unable to change fate's trajectory. At 39, I found that Planar Path due to an unexpected accident."

As Agalon explained his story, Lin Yun felt more and more annoyed at those historians, who knew how many "finishing touches" they added to history.

In the future textbooks, it was emphasized that Agalon refused to sell the plane because of his thirst for knowledge and his curiosity towards the unknown.

But he just heard the truth from Agalon, he had seen the moment that would change his fate at 12. He had studied alchemy in order to find it, he knew from the start.

“These past few years, I’ve been seeing very few images.

“I saw the Raging Flame Plane’s destruction, its complete disappearance.

“I also saw a desolate world, a decaying city in the desert with a very tall tower, I saw the sky covered in cracks and storms of destruction seeping through them.

“Then I saw the sky’s cracks widened and the entire world torn to pieces as calamity descended. As this numbing and scary image disappeared, I knew that this world was Noscent.”

Agalon’s tone was heavy and his eyes were glued to Lin Yun.

Lin Yun’s eyelids twitched and the scenery of Heiss City appeared in his mind, as well as the scene of Noscent’s destruction.

‘Agalon actually saw Noscent’s destruction, it was never written in his biography! Great Astrologian... Damn, this wasn’t just his mage title, it referred to his own identity!’

Agalon took note of Lin Yun’s silence and continued talking by himself.

“At first, I noticed you because of your Natural Demiplane. After so many years, I was the only one that found a Natural Demiplane and developed it without letting it perish to the void.

“Up until I found you. That endless mana reserve, frantic fighting style and the ability to fight people a few ranks above your own. This isn’t something spells, control, or incantations could accomplish. Only a Natural Demiplane with stable laws could do so.

“I was certain of it when you reached the 9th Rank of the Archmage realm, because no mage could master and control the power of the four elemental Law in such a short time. Only Natural Demiplanes’ owners could accomplish this.

“You are a genius, a true genius. Due to my curiosity, I dispatched people to collect information on you.

“That’s how I found something else.”

Agalon took a sip of tea while Lin Yun calmly listened. In fact, he wasn’t worried that Agalon would see through his transmigration, because this was something that never happened before.

“You were just a Magic Apprentice with very ordinary talent for most of your youth, you spent a lot of time and your family supplied a large amount of golds for you to reach the 9th Rank of the Magic Apprentice realm.

“But something happened to your family and you seemed to have become a different person. Your power rose at a rapid pace and you seemed to have comprehended a lot of magic knowledge far ahead of our time.

“From that point on, you started rising at a terrifying pace. You solved the formula the Cloud Tower spent dozens of years on and burst out with terrifying alchemy abilities and power. Most importantly, you seem to know everything.

“When you went to the Raging Flame Plane, a lot of things happened in succession. Others might not notice anything wrong and would only marvel at your talent and your strength, but I know that no one could solve everything, no one is able to solve every problem they encounter.

“That only explains one thing. You already knew the solution to those particular problems.

“I have seen the fate of the Raging Flame Plane, yet, the Raging Flame Plane is intact. It could even be said that the Raging Flame Plane is in its best development period right now.

“As for you, you are the greatest beneficiary of the Raging Flame Plane. It looks like you only obtained a small territory, but it’s actually the richest one, and it could be said to be the core area of the Raging Flame Plane. The other areas’ materials are steadily flowing into the Four Season Plain and sold to you.

“You already control the lifeline of the Raging Flame Plane, and most importantly, you obtained the Intrepid, recovered three races that had disappeared in the river of time, as well as many benefits that others wouldn’t notice.

“And it’s all because of your appearance, because you saved the Raging Flame Plane from its fate.”

After saying that, Agalon’s tone couldn’t remain calm.

“Mafa Merlin, since that accident happened to your father, you have awakened an ability. You are also able to see the future, and you can see far more than me!

“If you only knew about the Raging Flame Plane’s destruction, you wouldn’t have been able to alter its fate. I once tried to alter the fate of a scene I saw, only to find out that it was useless. But this time, the ending is completely different from what I saw. This is an outcome that shouldn’t have appeared in the Raging Flame Plane.

“The future... What have you seen? Don’t keep it hidden, I won’t hurt you, I just want to know.”

Excitement could be seen on Agalon’s face, he looked like an alchemist who had spent a long time before finally touching a corner of the truth and impatiently trying to learn what was behind that corner.

Lin Yun was silent, he hadn’t expected Agalon to make this kind of conjecture. He actually guessed that he knew a lot of things regarding the future, many things that shouldn’t be known, because he was also someone that could see through the future.

Peeking at the future was a taboo and an unreachable field, that was something a mage couldn’t come in contact with, it was related to fate.

In history, the number of people able to see images of the future could be counted on one’s finger. But these people were just like Agalon, there was a limit to how much they could see, because they themselves didn’t know what kind of scene they would see or when it would happen.

Moreover, they could only see some very key scenes, just like how Agalon saw the discovery of the Planar Path, the Raging Flame Plane’s end, and Noscent’s destruction.

It was an uncontrollable ability and the scenes shown were only the most crucial ones. It could also be said that Agalon could only see the end result, the crucial result.

Some powerful Heaven Mage, or some extremely powerful powerhouses of other races could see scenes of the future as they approached death. But no one would believe those, if they saw those scenes, it only meant that they were going to die soon.

Agalon relentlessly stared at Lin Yun, hoping to hear some details of the future from Lin Yun.

“Destruction, I saw the apocalypse.”

Hearing this, Agalon closed his eyes, somewhat unwilling. After a few minutes, Agalon continued, “I saw that barren world, that decaying city. But I knew that it was Noscent. That shocking tower’s radiance was supporting the entire world.

“Even if I only saw an image, I knew that the technology contained within that tower far exceeded our current era. I can guess that Noscent had developed to an unimaginable degree prior to the destruction, shocking even the heavens.

“An alchemy tower could support the entire world, the moment that tower’s radiance dissipates, the apocalypse would happen. I believe that this isn’t something one or two Saint Alchemists could accomplish, this might be done by someone stronger than a Saint Alchemist, by a God-like existence that had mastered the truth.

“But, Noscent still ended up destroyed.”

Lin Yun remained silent, somewhat depressed. Ever since he transmigrated, he had been deeply thinking on how to prevent that disaster from descending. He sought the truth and developed the Natural Demi-plane with all his strength. He even started preparations to construct the intact Shelter Tower.

Agalon was also looking for the truth and he might have already guessed that the destruction would be in a very distant future, at least a few dozen millennia later.

Agalon got up and turned towards a simple bookshelf behind him. He took out a thick leather handbook and slowly unfolded it on the table.

“After seeing Noscent’s destruction, I’ve been studying this matter and discovered some issues with Noscent’s history.

“During the first Golden Age, the Gods were the rulers of the land. In that era, humans were only inferior lifeforms, but even Extraordinary lifeforms could die at any time during that era, there were too many powerful lifeforms.

“Each of the 72 Gods could destroy the current Noscent, but during the peak of that era, wars happened between the Gods and all the Gods fell, or possibly disappeared forever.

Everything in that era was huge, whether it was plants or animals. According to the information left behind, I came to the conclusion that the Noscent of that era was far bigger than the current Noscent, far far bigger... That’s the only way for Noscent to be able to support the wars between Gods.”

Lin Yun didn’t speak and remained silent, but he agreed with Agalon’s point of view. In the future, those crazy mages dug through the entire Noscent world and excavated everything. They even excavated many ruins in the Endless Sea.

There was real evidence that during the Golden Age, Noscent's world was a hundred times bigger than the current Noscent and that the Gods' wars weren't able to destroy Noscent.

"The Gods Wars put an end to the Golden Age and the Silver Age began. The Chromatic Dragons and the Pureblood Elves founded the Nesser Dynasty and started ruling the world.

"They weren't as powerful as Gods, but during their peak, the most powerful existence was no inferior to a God. During the Golden Age, there was records that the most powerful Three-Headed Gold Dragon could fight a physical battle with a God.

"The legacy of that civilization is still being used by the mages, many documents are written in Nesser. It's different from the Divine Language that contains powerful secrets and power, and which can't be comprehended by ordinary mages. Many high-end documents of the Starry Sky College are written in Nesser.

"But the powerful Nesser Dynasty rapidly declined due to the Abyss' invasion. Even if they ended up repelling the Demons back into the Abyss, the fate of the Nesser Dynasty reached its end."

"The Nesser Dynasty was destroyed and the Chromatic Dragons and Pureblood Elves disappeared from Noscent.

"Then, the 3rd Dynasty was founded, it was Noscent's bronze age. Mankind started ruling Noscent.

"Countless powerful existence rose and the 3rd Dynasty's radiance enveloped the entire plane. It was the most glorious era for humans. Now, even the most powerful Odin Kingdom is still supported by the 3rd Dynasty's inheritance, and they had yet to fully digest it.

"The 3rd Dynasty developed to its peak and started declining rapidly. Chaos and disasters befell and the flourishing 3rd Dynasty was destroyed in the blink of an eye."

Lin Yun was fascinated as he listened to this. Many things that Agalon knew had disappeared in the long river of history, 'The Nesser Dynasty's fall was actually caused by the Abyssal Demons' invasion?'

'Isn't the legend saying that the 3rd Dynasty overthrew the Dragons' rule?'

'Even though I knew that the legends passed down aren't reliable, I truly didn't expect it to be that different. The main cause of the Nesser Dynasty's destruction was actually the demonic invasion...'

'The Era of Gods ended due to the Gods Wars, there was no doubt about that. But the reason for the fall of the 3rd Dynasty had always remained an unsolved mystery. Even in the future, those mages didn't have an accurate hypothesis.'

'There are four or five most credible stories regarding the fall of the 3rd Dynasty, each one of them impossible to fault and entirely possible, but what was the truth? Would a direct descendant of the 3rd Dynasty's royal family know?'

"Sir Agalon, how was the 3rd Dynasty destroyed?"

Agalon looked at Lin Yun and fell silent for a while. He didn't answer the question and instead continued his explanation.

"I concluded from history that the Era of Gods ended at its peak. The Nesser Dynasty was also destroyed when the radiance of the Chromatic Dragons and Pureblood Elves shone over the entire world.

"As for the 3rd Dynasty, it was also destroyed when they were at their strongest. Even the tower I saw in that image is enough to show that Noscent's magic civilization developed to its peak before being destroyed.

"There were three destructions with striking similarities. The destruction that would appear in the future appears to be shockingly similar.

"With every destruction, the power level of Noscent would drop once and the world would keep shrinking.

"Some of the powerful lifeforms that appeared in the first three eras are already extinct, and each of the three eras' destruction tore Noscent apart, but Noscent was still not destroyed.

"Up until the next destruction, Noscent could no longer support the destruction and would be completely torn apart."

Lin Yun nodded, he had already discovered this. Based on the last few eras' power level, Noscent would have already been destroyed. Like now, if Agalon fought with all his strength for three months in a row, he would be able to change Noscent's landscape.

A battle between powerhouses that ignited their Godfire would sink parts of this continent, and it wouldn't be too difficult for them to destroy Noscent if they wished to.

With Noscent current strength and power level, it simply couldn't support another disaster.

The three eras were all destroyed at their peak, no, the four eras were all destroyed at their peak. There must definitely be a connection among them.

Agalon didn't mention the cause behind the destruction of the 3rd Dynasty, but Lin Yun guessed that this might be directly related to the 3rd Dynasty's royal family, and it must not be something worth bragging about.

Agalon's expression became heavy and he discreetly altered the Laws of the hilltop. There was even the huge shadow of a Demiplane appearing behind him. All the Laws had changed... It could even be said that this was no longer Noscent!

Lin Yun frowned, but didn't say anything. Agalon must have his reason for being cautious.

"After discovering these similarities, I made a horrifying guess. The three destructions and the upcoming destruction must have been controlled by a mastermind..."

"This can't be a coincidence, this absolutely can't be a coincidence."