

Magic Era 1271

Chapter 1271: Delind's Three-Hours Curse

“Why did you fall silent? A small Bojinsen Family dared to disobey the command of our Rodney Family and stopped supplying us? They are truly courting death.

“Get rid of them, make that family disappear from Noscent. Toursse, none of them shall remain by the next sunrise!”

Wilder roared angrily, but all the Elders remained silent. Even the infamous Necromancer Toursse lowered his head and remained silent, not following Wilder's command.

After a few seconds, the Great Elder bitterly smiled and started explaining, “Patriarch, we can't do anything to the Bojinsen Family. They control over 95% of the Platinum Rock supplies in the Odin Kingdom, and they are the only ones able to get such a large amount of Platinum Rock.

“What happened already annoyed the other forces. Five forces with power similar to our family already warned us in the past few days. Destroying the Bojisen family means destroying the businesses of over thirty families...”

The Great Elder stopped after saying those words. Wilder gritted his teeth before taking a deep breath. Half of his body had involuntarily turned to steel, and it took a few seconds to return to normal as Wilder calmed down.

The Rodney Family was domineering and offended quite a number of people over the years, but it was just competition. However, if they destroyed the long-term businesses of over thirty forces, these forces would definitely not hesitate to work together to erase the Rodney Family from the Odin Kingdom.

Wilder remained silent for a few minutes before slowly opening his mouth.

“Then how should we deal with the Gilded Rose now? Share your ideas. The Gilded Rose is expanding extremely fiercely, and the profits of our Rodney Family's medicine market have already shrunk by 10%. A lot of businesses have also reduced the amount of supplies they're buying.

“If this continues, we will no longer hold the largest share of the potion market in the northern part of the Odin Kingdom.”

The Elders immediately started giving their opinions and kept raising plans to attack the Gilded Rose. Unfortunately, not a single one satisfied Wilder.

Ten minutes later, the 2nd Elder suggested something.

“The Gilded Rose recently launched a new antidote, and it's now their most praised potion. Why don't we target it?”

“The Gilded Rose's reputation will plummet if we target that antidote. They aren't an old established force of the Odin Kingdom, so they won't be able to make a comeback if their reputation suffers once.

“And there are a lot of things that can be done about antidotes...”

The meeting room suddenly became quiet after the 2nd Elder's words, and everyone smiled.

The Great Elder laughed grimly. "If something goes wrong with an antidote, it could result in death. Let's see how the Gilded Rose deals with a dead person."

After three days, the entrance of the Gilded Rose suddenly became noisy. A Sword Saint with a swollen face covered in pustules stood angrily at the entrance of the Gilded Rose, pointing at the pitch-black corpse lying on the ground next to him.

"Look! This is the Gilded Rose's Golden Crown Potion that is supposedly able to cure over eight hundred kinds of potent poisons and all kinds of weak poisons!

"Because of that damned potion, my friend... The brother I grew up with... died!

"We were only poisoned by a level 30 Black Ring Snake, and taking an ordinary antidote should have been enough... But he unexpectedly died after taking the Gilded Rose's antidote!

"Look at me! I was fortunate enough to not die after taking the antidote, but look at my ghastly appearance! My strength also dropped by three ranks, and my Aura keeps decreasing.

"This isn't an antidote! It's a poison!"

After saying that, the Sword Saint threw the potion bottle he was holding onto the ground, splattering what was left of it.

At that time, the shopping customers came out of the store, not daring to buy any more potions... especially those who came to buy the Golden Crown Potion. They hesitated for a bit before putting the Golden Crown Potions back on their shelves. The Gilded Rose's reputation had been really good, but something bad just happened, and it happened to their newly released potion.

This was trouble. All potions went through countless years of testing on the market, but it wasn't strange for problems to appear in some potions every year.

Pabiete came out when that man appeared, but he couldn't deal with this matter since the other side claimed that there was a problem with one of the Gilded Rose's potions.

As soon as Faleau appeared after getting the news, eight mages wearing robes of inner mages of the Starry Sky College appeared.

"Sir Faleau, we are the Starry Sky College's medicine supervision team.

"We received a report that the Gilded Rose's newly released antidote sent a man to his death and have thus been investigating. The victim was indeed poisoned by a Black Ring Snake, but that venom isn't deadly to a 5th Rank Sword Saint.

"We have also confirmed that he had taken the new antidote from the Gilded Rose. Please cooperate with our investigation."

Faleau felt a headache surging when he saw that group of people suddenly appearing and saying that they had already investigated.

"This is a conspiracy targeting the Gilded Rose!

'Damn it, the Gilded Rose will be affected regardless of the outcome, all because of the appearance of the medicine supervision team.

'The Starry Sky College's supervision teams have absolute authority over their fields. No one would doubt their words. The Golden Crown Potion is poisonous? What a joke! Let alone a Level 30 Black Ring Snake's venom, even a Level 40 Black Ring Snake wouldn't be able to poison and kill a Sword Saint possessing a Golden Crown Potion.'

"Inform Sir Merlin."

Faleau knew that this wasn't a matter he could handle. From his point of view, that corpse did die because of that Black Ring Snake Venom; there was no doubt in his mind. But even if he had no special resistance against that venom, as a Sword Saint, he shouldn't have died, given his natural resistances and physique.

The members of the Starry Sky College's medicine supervision team had indifferent expressions as they looked at Faleau.

"Sir Faleau, we will secure all your Golden Crown Potions, please cooperate with us."

The members of the medicine supervision team were also humans. The Starry Sky College had greatly supported the Gilded Rose in their endeavor to open a shop in Neverwinter City. There had even been an indistinct rumor that Dean Gandaph personally showed an interest in the Gilded Rose's matters.

The authority of the medicine supervision team couldn't be said to be high, but it couldn't be considered low either. They could only impartially enforce the laws. A scandal would tarnish the prestige of the Starry Sky College, and the punishment that would await them wasn't something they were willing to face.

But the members of the medicine supervision team didn't dare to act too unbridled in front of the Gilded Rose. They would have never come if the outcome of the investigation hadn't matched the report.

Faleau nodded and let the members of the medicine supervision team enter the Gilded Rose to secure all the Golden Crown Potions.

Faleau watched as the members of the medicine supervision team were getting ready to leave with the Golden Crown Potions. At that time, the troublemaking Sword Saint took the corpse and was preparing to leave along with the medicine supervision team.

Faleau suddenly became worried when he saw this.

'Sh*t, that b*stard was crying and shouting a moment ago, yet he doesn't care about compensation and intends to leave with the medicine supervision team!?'

'It'll be too late if I let that b*stard leave today, they'll have too much time to refine that plot! Even if the medicine supervision team doesn't show any favoritism, the investigation will definitely result in the Golden Crown Potion being the problem.'

The swollen eyes of the pustule-covered man squeezed into slits, and he smiled as he noticed Faleau's worried expression.

'Fools, this is really too easy. No one can recognize me today, and no one will be able to find me after today. And if they do, all they will find is a corpse. I made sure to let everyone know that I had a grudge with the Gilded Rose before disappearing, so everyone should understand.

'My mission will be completed as long as I leave this place, and the resources the family will give me will be enough to reach the peak of the Sword Saint realm. There will even be a Heaven Sword Saint instructing me. Haha, how could I be so lucky?'

There weren't many people buying things inside the Gilded Rose, especially in the potion area, where not a single soul could be seen. There were even some people asking for refunds.

Even the Gilded Rose's magic tools, puppets, and arrays' displays were abandoned as everyone went to the entrance to watch what was happening.

As the medicine supervision team and the Sword Saint carrying the corpse were about to leave, Lin Yun appeared.

"Just investigate here and let everyone watch. I'm sure there are a lot of alchemists here, just show the facts in front of everyone."

As Lin Yun appeared, Faleau just stood behind him. The medicine supervision team hesitated, but Lin Yun continued before they could say anything.

"Now matter how high the level of a Black Ring Snake is, its poison won't make someone's face swell, let alone create pustules.

"The poison of a Black Ring Snake will freeze one's blood, and even if there were other side-effects, there wouldn't be swelling and pustules.

"I'm sure a lot of people here should be aware of that."

Lin Yun's words stopped the medicine supervision team members in their stride. They had been doubtful before, but the testing confirmed that it was the poison of a Black Ring Snake, and one of a Level 30 Black Ring Snake.

Anyone able to buy a Golden Crown Potion, or anyone with sufficient financial power to buy this kind of antidote was either a powerful, rich, or formidable alchemist.

The Gilded Rose's potions were of good quality with outstanding properties, yet their prices were on the lower side. Anyone with a brain would know that it meant that the Gilded Rose would spend a lot less money on quality control.

And thus, when the Gilded Rose released a new potion with such wonderful effects, these people couldn't afford to not buy some for research. After all, everyone had their own thoughts. As the Holy Land of alchemists, many members of the Starry Sky College had bought the Golden Crown Potions for research. It would be enough for them to profit as long as they researched it, even if their research wasn't perfect.

As members of the medicine supervision team, they naturally knew the results of the research of the Golden Crown Potion. Its effects were very good and it contained some new ingredients which had very good absorption ability.

Many of the onlookers nodded, approving of Lin Yun's point of view. Some people had felt that it was strange, but anyone with decent skills in the field of alchemy could see that someone was making trouble for the Gilded Rose.

As the medicine supervision team stopped their preparations to leave, that man with a swollen face and unrecognizable features started panicking.

"What is your Gilded Rose trying to pull? Do you want to kill me too? Sh*t, I knew that the Gilded Rose's reputation was just a pretense..."

Unfortunately, he wasn't able to finish his words as Lin Yun looked at him, making him lose control of his body due to the pressure. He couldn't even muster his Aura.

Sensing the terrifying pressure emitted from Lin Yun's body, the onlookers tacitly agreed to remain silent. The few Heaven Rank powerhouses even felt alarmed. Lin Yun's control over his pressure was so good that almost nothing leaked as he completely suppressed that Sword Saint. But to them, it felt as if an Ancient God suddenly opened his eyes, as if they were dead for a fleeting moment.

Once the surroundings became quiet, Lin Yun turned his head towards the medicine supervision team.

"Do the investigation here, in front of everyone. Every single one of our products has to go through three inspection processes before being sold. For every single bottle, we can account for the origin of the materials, the alchemist who refined it, the alchemists who tested it, and the clerk who sold it.

"Thus, I believe that there will be no issues with the quality."

Several members of the medicine supervision team remained silent. Lin Yun's domineering attitude and confidence made a few of them unwittingly agree with him. Even the onlookers with no alchemy knowledge started believing that the Gilded Rose was being framed.

Lin Yun pointed to the corpse.

"The surface of his body is dark and there are some faint ring-shaped stripes on his skin, as if he had died from the poison of a Black Ring Snake, but there is another potent poison that exhibits those symptoms upon the death of the poisoned. But it'll be different after three hours... I believe you should know of it."

The expressions of a few of the members of the medicine supervision team shook as they heard Lin Yun's words. They then looked at the corpse with shock.

"Delind's Three-Hours Curse!" one of them suddenly shouted.

Another one immediately cast a Wind Blade to cut the corpse's arm. Only a bit of light red blood dripped down the corpse, its color so faint that it could almost be mistaken for water.

The medicine supervision team members had ugly expressions upon seeing the watery blood. This meant that they had made a mistake and that they had been used as a weapon.

The few of them remained silent with dark expressions. There was no longer any need for an investigation... That person hadn't died from the poison of a Black Ring Snake but another kind of potent poison. Even a Heaven Rank powerhouse would die if they didn't take an antidote within three minutes

of being poisoned by it. And three hours was the difference between Delind's Three-Hours Curse and the Black Ring Snake Venom.

If they were poisoned by Delind's Three-Hours Curse, they would die after three hours and no potions could help. Once they missed the three-minute window to cleanse the poison, all potions would become no different from water.

The leader of the supervision team walked to Lin Yun and did a mage salute. "Sir Merlin, our medicine supervision team made a mistake, we will give you a satisfactory explanation. Anyone who dares to fool the medicine supervision team will have to pay a disastrous price."

He then planned on taking his people to leave this place. He came to trouble an alchemy store without concrete proof. This was a huge mistake for the supervision team, and they would all be punished.

Lin Yun shook his head, "This has nothing to do with you. Could one of you extract the Delind's Three-Hours Curse from the corpse?"

The leader nodded and immediately started extracting it. After being poisoned, the corpse's blood would remain coagulated for three hours, but three hours later, the poison would melt the blood and follow the diluted blood through the entire body, thoroughly melting it. The poison was in the blood.

One had to be at least a Master Alchemist to extract the poison from the blood, or they would run the risk of being poisoned themselves.

Within a dozen minutes, the leader of the monitoring team extracted half a bottle of poison from the corpse. At this time, Lin Yun released the pressure on that disfigured Sword Saint.

"Hell! The Gilded Rose poisoned someone to death! You aren't even letting others speak! You b*stard! Everyone can see through your facade!"

Unfortunately, Lin Yun forcibly controlled the Sword Saint's body with his terrifying pressure before he could speak again.

And that bottle of poison extracted from the corpse, which looked like clear water, was directly put into his mouth.

The Sword Saint's swollen face instantly distorted, and unconcealable fear could be seen in his eyes.

After pouring the poison in his mouth, Lin Yun released the pressure. The Sword Saint instantly knelt on the ground, his Aura surging as he kept vomiting in an attempt to spit out the poison.

"Delind's Three-Hours Curse is something that is absorbed instantly. It seeps into your entire body once it enters your mouth, you can't spit it out.

"You have three minutes to tell me who put you up to this. Tell me the truth... Oh, you have already wasted fifteen seconds. Now you only have 2 minutes and 33 seconds left, you'll die a miserable death after that."

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Chapter 1272: Starry Sky Auction

The Sword Saint went crazy after confirming that he couldn't spit the poison out. He rushed to the members of the supervision team, planning to snatch the Golden Crown Potions they were carrying, but unfortunately for him, he wasn't able to take more than a few steps before two large stone hands appeared from under his feet and restricted his legs.

"You have 2 minutes and 22 seconds left."

Lin Yun was looking at the Sword Saint with a calm expression as he kept counting down.

The Sword Saint's expression crumbled as he watched his skin darken.

"It wasn't my plan, I swear it's not my plan! The Great Elder sent me, I was promised a large amount of natural resources as long as I managed to frame the Gilded Rose..."

"Save me! Save me! I said everything! I don't want to die, I'm still young! I still have the opportunity to advance to the Heaven Rank! I don't want to die here... Give me a bottle of Golden Crown Potion, I'll pay for it, I'll pay double its price..."

The Sword Saint admitted that he had come to frame the Gilded Rose in front of everyone, and his confession caused an uproar. There were two Artisans, six Heaven Rank powerhouses, and seven Master Alchemists unaffiliated to the Gilded Rose watching this event, and everyone knew what truly happened.

"Forty more seconds."

Lin Yun kept counting down as the Sword Saint was going insane.

"The Hughes Family, I come from the Hughes Family, I'm Bushi! Delind's Three-Hours Curse was given to me by the Great Elder. That corpse of an Expert Swordsman was picked up randomly, I don't even know him.

"Right, there is also that guy, Wilhelm, that member of the supervision team. After poisoning that guy, he immediately gathered the medicine supervision team.

"Save me, save me, I don't want to die! I said everything, give me a bottle of Golden Crown Potion..."

Halfway through his sentence, the Sword Saint's expression greatly changed and he started puking blood as his vitality rapidly weakened.

One of the members of the medicine supervision team had a nervous expression, which was quickly replaced by resolve as he released a Wind Blade towards the Sword Saint. Unfortunately, the Wind Blade scattered before reaching the insane Sword Saint.

Lin Yun had spat out a rune and completely sealed his mana.

While the crowd was gaping at the series of events, blood was already pouring out of the Sword Saint's mouth like a small stream.

His skin had also thoroughly turned black. Some parts of his body were darker, and some were lighter, forming black circular patterns of some sort. He only had a dozen seconds left.

The supervision team members finally regained their wits and recalled that this was an important witness. If the witness died, they would be unable to explain the mistake of the medicine supervision team. More importantly, one of their own had participated in this event. This was a huge scandal.

One of them took out a Golden Crown Potion and frantically poured it over the crazy Sword Saint. The latter stopped spitting out blood less than five seconds later, and his pitch-black skin regained its natural color in ten seconds. He looked very weak, as if he was about to breathe his last.

After five more seconds, the crazy Sword Saint's weak body rapidly recovered. He looked no different from a normal person, and even the swollen pustules were fading away, exposing his original appearance.

Some people immediately recognized him.

"Eh!? Damn, it really is that thieving Bushi! That damned guy still owes me thirty purple golds. I didn't expect to see him here."

"That guy is an infamous scoundrel who doesn't hesitate to steal, rob, and blackmail, but I didn't expect him to dare pull something like this. He really has big b*lls! Those b*stards of the Hughes family have been insufferably arrogant these past few years, all because they are backed by the Rodney Family..."

Although Bushi had recovered, he was now lying on the ground with extreme fear visible in his eyes. To this kind of scoundrel, there was nothing more terrifying than feeling death slowly approaching.

Nothing else needed to be said; the facts were proven. The person that said that the Gilded Rose's potion was highly poisonous confessed in order to get a bottle of Golden Crown Potion once he was poisoned.

The onlookers weren't completely stupid. Once he was poisoned, the first thing he relied on was the "poisonous" Golden Crown Potion.

The medicine supervision team took Bushi away while the confiscated Golden Crown Potions were naturally returned to the Gilded Rose. They even used purple golds to pay for the Golden Crown Potion they'd used.

Lin Yun didn't really care about this matter, since the situation displayed how formidable the Gilded Rose's Golden Crown Potion was. The villain who framed the Golden Crown Potion ended up begging for it when poisoned because he knew that it would save his life.

Moreover, someone on his deathbed completely recovered in fifteen seconds and didn't seem to be in a weak state afterwards. Everyone saw it.

There was no need to question the potency of the Gilded Rose Potion. The sales of the potions increased by 30%, and the stock of Golden Crown Potions was emptied on that day. Moreover, the price of a Golden Crown Potion was 200,000 purple golds! These weren't the gold coins of the Andlusa Kingdom. Every single purple gold was worth at least nine golds!

Lin Yun didn't care too much about these matters, but three announcements and research results were made public by the Starry Sky College the next day.

One was released by the Starry Sky College's supervision team which included a detailed analysis and explanation of the Golden Crown Potion. Unfortunately, due to the scandal of the supervision team, many people doubted the veracity of that report.

The second one was published by Assistant Dean Zeith. He apologized to the Gilded Rose for what happened with the supervision team on behalf of the Starry Sky College. Moreover, the Hughes Family became permanently blacklisted by the Starry Sky College, and none of their members were welcomed in the territories or stores of the Starry Sky College.

With that strict announcement, the Hughes Family would have trouble doing business in the Odin Kingdom in the future, especially in the field of alchemy. The black market might be their only option.

The third report surprised everyone, yet everyone believed it because it was written by Gurrig House, the Artisan of the House Family whose field of research was plants and potions.

It described the effects of the Golden Crown Potion in a very impressive manner. All the tested lesser poisons were cleansed. Moreover, all the poison samples of the House Family were tested at least once and also ended up being cleansed.

Furthermore, the Golden Crown Potion could also increase the user's poison resistance. Hundreds of poisons would be completely ineffective against the user within a week of use, and after seven days, the user's resistance to poisons would still be significantly improved.

Of the three reports, everyone was convinced by Gurrig House's. It was because Gurrig was living in a world of alchemy. Everyone thought that he had a weird character, and whoever suggested that he had been bought would be spat on.

"Idiot! Do you think Gurrig can be bought? Do you have brain damage?"

The Great Elder of the Rodney Family spat at the man who came to report. He almost kicked his face when he mentioned that Gurrig House might have been bribed.

Even if they were enemies, the Great Elder wouldn't believe that Gurrig, someone who hadn't changed in close to a millennium, would be bribed. That could only mean one thing: The results of the report were true.

Wilder's face turned as black as charcoal when he heard the news.

"That moronic Hughes Family. Is this how they handle things after telling us to trust them? They actually admitted to framing the Gilded Rose in public! Are the Hughes a bunch of brainless maggots?"

"Abandon the Hughes Family, sever all connections. We can't let these idiots influence our family. Let's set aside dealing with the Gilded Rose for now, Neverwinter City's Starry Sky Auction is about to begin.

"This decennial auction is an opportunity to reveal our family's power. At the same time, it's also an opportunity to land a blow on the Gilded Rose. Is the item to be delivered to the auction ready?"

The Great Elder nodded and looked at Wilder with slight dread.

“It has been chosen. The part of that Destruction Black Dragon’s Magic Tool we previously obtained was delivered to the auction. That thing doesn’t have any usable value, but it’s definitely a valuable research subject. It’s the kind of thing alchemists are fond of.

“Our family has already thoroughly researched that thing. Unfortunately, it’s just a raw piece of material that has already been forged. Moreover, it’s only a portion of a magic tool, and an unimportant one, so all it’s good for is research...”

Wilder nodded.

“Get a hold of the list of auctioned items as fast as possible.” Wilder left after giving his command.

The Great Elder sighed as he watched Wilder’s back.

‘Wilder is getting more and more arrogant and tyrannical... I really don’t know if that’s a good thing. Will our Rodney Family really grow more powerful if he leads us? Strength isn’t what makes our family more influential...

‘I’m afraid that the outcome won’t be good if we continue to stand against the Gilded Rose. An Assistant Dean personally wrote a report... Even that eccentric of the House Family wrote one. The Gilded Rose might not be as easy to handle as we thought.

‘Their alchemy techniques, especially the potioneering ones, far surpass ours. For that damn Gurrig to actually write a report... This matter might be troublesome.

‘Of course, it’s not that complicated. From Gurrig’s research, the Golden Crown Potion is made with a never-before-seen plant. There is simply no clue as to where that new plant can be obtained, so he can only use this opportunity to sell a favor to the Gilded Rose...’

Lin Yun nurtured the Golden Crown Grass in his Demiplane, so this plant simply didn’t exist in Noscent. No matter how great Gurrig’s knowledge of plants was, he didn’t have the means to thoroughly analyze the potion.

After being framed, the Gilded Rose’s business flourished even more. The Rodney Family had worked hard, only to advertise the Gilded Rose.

The Gilded Rose developed smoothly. The first eight of the thirty-eight planned branches were already open for business and were doing pretty well. Lin Yun’s comprehension of the Laws was rapidly progressing, and his research of truth runes was still ongoing.

A few days later, the Starry Sky College sent an invitation letter.

After reading the letter, Lin Yun casually put it away.

The Starry Sky College and a few major forces jointly organized an auction every decade. Items that wouldn’t appear normally, items unknown to many, items with unknown effects, and other special items would appear at the Starry Sky Auction.

This invitation both served as a guest invitation, as well as a seller invitation.

When Lin Yun accepted the invitation letter, he casually took out a thing he had used to practice his newly researched truth runes. That item was novel enough and formidable enough. Moreover, no one other than Lin Yun could duplicate or dismantle that item to study it, and thus, he didn't care about selling it. Lin Yun didn't mention that he had crafted it himself and only said that he had obtained it by accident.

Neverwinter City soon became noisy. People from all over the Odin Kingdom came to participate in the Starry Sky Auction, some even came from other kingdoms.

On the eve of the auction, the Starry Sky College sent Lin Yun an illustrated handbook containing the list of auctioned items.

Lin Yun quickly found several things he needed among these, and two of the items even made him knit his brows, but he couldn't be certain just from looking at the illustrated handbook.

People from the Starry Sky College arrived on the day of the auction and guided the guests to a huge building. From outside, it appeared to be a round building over fifty meters in height with very tall floors. It was like a huge opera house with a large number of seats on the first floor. The second floor and the third floor were composed of private rooms arranged in a circular pattern and overlooking the ground floor.

The Rodney Family walked from the side as Lin Yun's group arrived at the entrance.

"Patriarch, that's Mafa Merlin, and next to him is the overseer of the Gilded Rose, Faleau," the Great Elder whispered in Wilder's ear.

Wilder's expression became unsightly and his gaze darkened instantly. His eyes turned blood-red, and half of his cheeks showed signs of metallic transformation.

Wilder took a few seconds to calm down before fiercely glaring at Lin Yun's back.

'B*stard Andlusan country bumpkin, just wait until I get the things I need, then you'll die an unsightly death. Not a single person who offended me is still alive! You are dead!

'Only the strong can compete. What qualifications does the Gilded Rose have to compete with our Rodney Family? You are just a bunch of ants meant to be stepped on.

'The ancestor already confirmed that this guy is just a lucky b*stard who got the occasional attention of the Great Astrologian due to the truth runes he researched. He isn't actually related to the Great Astrologian.

'Damned country bumpkin, cherish what little time you have left. The wealth of the Gilded Rose belongs to me, Wilder Rodney!'

Wilder revealed a cruel smile as he recalled the information he just received and calmly walked towards the auction hall.

After getting inside, Lin Yun discovered that the auction house was at least three kilometers wide. Aside from the private rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors, the seats on the 1st floor were arranged in a very loose manner. More importantly, there was a Heaven Rank Sealing Barrier arranged. Everyone would be

unable to use their power there. Even a Sword Saint would have his Aura suppressed and his strength decreased by 90%.

But this kind of sealing was very user-friendly. They couldn't release their power, but they would be able to momentarily burst with their full power if they were suddenly attacked. Moreover, there were special arrays used to distinguish guards, allowing these guards to keep their strength. Every single guard had to go through meticulous selection and was completely reliable.

After all, the Starry Sky College wasn't the only one in charge of this Starry Sky Auction. There were several large forces even more influential than the Rodney Family. They wouldn't allow any problems to appear, and no one would dare to cause trouble in the Starry Sky Auction.

After half an hour, all those who should have arrived had arrived, and those that had yet to arrive would be blocked at the entrance as the gates were shut.

The person presiding over the auction was a 3rd Rank Heaven Mage that Lin Yun wasn't acquainted with. More importantly, that person was also an Artisan known for his knowledge. There were very few things he couldn't recognize.

"I believe many people here know me... I'm Howard. I'm very happy to once again host the Starry Sky Auction. Let's cut to the chase; the first auctioned lot is a piece of Elemental Amber. It has an outer diameter of 33 centimeters and an inner diameter of 29 centimeters. It has a regular shape and is of the highest quality. It can stock a 9th Rank Extraordinary Spell, and its power would reach the limit of a 1st Rank Heaven Mage. The starting price is 30,000 purple golds..."

Lin Yun was surprised by the fact that the opening lot was a piece of Elemental Amber. After all, the value of auctioned items would keep increasing until the finale. The later lots would be better than the previous ones. Although this starting lot couldn't be said to be particularly good, it wasn't bad either.

Elemental Amber didn't have a great value to Heaven Rank powerhouses, but a big piece of such high purity was something that could only be seen once in a few centuries. It was very suitable as an opening lot.

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Chapter 1273: Starry Sky Auction (2)

Starry Sky Auction (2)

This kind of thing didn't rouse Lin Yun's interest. Some of the Magic Tools sold by the Gilded Rose required Elemental Amber, but all they needed were ordinary, cheap ones. Moreover, the Gilded Rose's alchemy team was already studying a way to artificially synthesize Elemental Amber.

A piece of Elemental Amber needed for a Magic Tool would be worth a few dozen purple golds at most, while the starting price of the chunk up for auction was at least 30,000 purple golds. There was no need to pay attention to it.

Lin Yun watched quietly as the Elemental Amber's price almost tripled, reaching 80,000 purple golds in less than two minutes. This was ridiculous for the first lot.

Another earth elemental gem was quickly auctioned for 60,000 purple golds before the 3rd lot was presented. Only then did Lin Yun become interested.

“It is said that this gem comes from the distant Nesser Dynasty, condensed from the moonwells of the Darknight Elves. Ever since the Darknight Elves disappeared from Noscent, their moonwells, which could condense the power of moonlight, were all abandoned.

“That condensed piece of crystal comes from a moonwell that survived the passage of millennia. It was formed after the power of moonlight condensed for a few dozen millennia, reaching an outer diameter of 130 centimeters and an inner diameter of 88 centimeters.

“It also contains a large amount of pure moonlight essence, and it’s at least eight times better than the best Moon Rock you can find.”

Following the host’s words, the light within the auction hall gradually dimmed, and the Moonlight Essence Crystal started letting out a gentle moonlight. It wasn’t dazzling, but it could illuminate the entire auction hall.

The light scattered by the Moonlight Essence Crystal faded as the room brightened once again, only leaving behind a layer of moonlight seemingly draped over its surface.

“Alright, I believe everyone has gotten a good look at it. This crystal can be used as a material; I believe I don’t need to say anything else. If this crystal is put on a high place, it will illuminate everything within ten kilometers and break through all invisibility.

“The starting price is 120,000 purple golds, you can start bidding now!”

A hint of shock could be seen in Lin Yun’s eyes as he looked at that huge crystal.

‘Moonlight Essence Crystal? Which idiot appraised it? No wonder it felt strange when I saw the illustration. Such a big Moonlight Essence Crystal would have to be condensed in the biggest moonwell of the Darknight Elves for over 38,000 years. Moreover, not a single drop of Moon Water could be extracted during that time.

‘What a joke... The first thing the Darknight Elves were robbed of after their disappearance was the moonwells. It was because the Moon Water from them had the purest mana and would instantly replenish mana, allowing any mage to immediately use more spells. How could something like this run quietly for several dozen millennia?

‘An ordinary moonwell would need to be active for a hundred millennia to condense such a big crystal.

‘Damn, there is definitely a Moonlight Gem within that crystal, and it should be as big as a man’s head! Only a Moonlight Gem of that size could condense this kind of big Moonlight Essence Crystal over it!

‘The Moonlight Crystal Essence can’t normally be used directly, but any lifeform could use the Moon Water, even plants.

‘It would have definitely been absorbed!’

Lin Yun remained calmly seated after recognizing that item through sight and sensing its aura. He waited for the others to bid.

Moonlight Gems weren't something that people of this era understood, because all the remaining Moonlight Gems were used to make magic tools. They weren't used anywhere else since records mentioned that Moonlight Gems were made by Darknight Elves. And thus, no one ever thought that this was a Moonlight Gem.

It was only in the future era of mass grave-digging that those crazy mages learnt how Moonlight Gems came into existence after digging through the entirety of Noscent. They weren't made by Darknight Elves... They were natural treasures nurtured by Ancient Life Trees.

Since the Darknight Elves had thoroughly disappeared from Noscent, Moonlight Gems naturally couldn't appear, so the newly appearing ones were thought to have been nurtured during the time of the Darknight Elves.

Lin Yun waited for the others to bid, and sure enough, most of the bids came from the people in the hall below. Only a few guests from the upper floor placed bids, and every bid was very low. Within three minutes, the price reached 160,000 purple golds and some people started withdrawing from the competition.

Lin Yun felt that it was time to start bidding, but he didn't increase the price too much.

"165,000."

He increased the bid by 5,000 purple golds to show his interest, while also showing that he didn't lack money. This was to let people know that while he only had a small interest, he didn't lack purple golds.

Sure enough, more than half of the people gave up on bidding after hearing Lin Yun's voice. Size didn't have that much importance when it came to Moonlight Crystal Essence. If it wasn't for collection, such a big piece would have been cut open afterwards. There was no need to bid high for something used as a warm-up lot like that.

But after hearing Lin Yun's bid, a shout came out of the Rodney Family's room.

"200,000."

Wilder sneered as he looked towards Lin Yun's location.

'Andlusan insect, I'll let you experience our Rodney Family's wealth today! It's not something a small Gilded Rose could compare to.'

But when Wilder looked over, he discovered that Lin Yun had a calm expression and didn't seem surprised.

"250,000."

The other bidders gave up when Wilder and Lin Yun joined the bidding. Even if it was a bit bigger and had been nurtured naturally, a Moonlight Crystal Essence wasn't worth so much. It wasn't worth it even for collection purposes. Moreover, everyone could see that this was the Rodney Family competing with Lin Yun.

Wilder smirked before quickly increasing the price.

“500,000. Mafa Merlin, I can lend you money if you run out. I’ll lend you 500,000 with no interest as long as you kneel down and call me grandfather.”

Lin Yun’s expression didn’t change, not paying Wilder the slightest bit of attention.

“1,000,000.”

A clamor suddenly rose up in the auction hall. Based on the normal price of Moonlight Essence Crystals, such a big piece would have been worth 100,000 purple golds at most, not such a high price. Even if it was bound to reach a higher price due to its collection value, it definitely wasn’t worth that much. After purchase, all you could do with it was to crush it.

Wilder wanted to double the bid and increase the price to two million, but the Great Elder next to him quickly interrupted him.

“Patriarch, don’t be fooled! That guy is definitely inflating the price on purpose, he is planning on letting our Rodney Family win the bid and become a joke.

“He’ll be the fool if we don’t increase the price, he’ll be forced to pay a million for a Moonlight Essence Crystal. He’ll be a fool in everyone’s eyes and we’ll have the last laugh!”

Wilder was startled when he heard this. He didn’t care much about money, as one or two million made no difference to him. But his reputation would suffer if he was tricked in front of everyone, and that would be a huge problem.

Wilder glanced at Lin Yun and noticed that the latter was smirking.

‘Damn, that guy was really trying to trick us. If I bid two million, he would have bid four million... And I would have definitely bid eight million in turn. He would have given up then and I would have been turned into a joke for spending eight million purple golds for something worth a few hundred thousand purple golds.

‘And now it looks like he won’t go for it no matter how much I bid. Hmpf, idiot! You are truly naive if you think you can fool me with that trick.’

Wilder was convinced by the Great Elder’s words.

The auctioneer had already started the countdown during that time.

“1,000,000 once, 1,000,000 twice, 1,000,000 thrice... Sold to this generous guest!”

As for Wilder, he loudly laughed at Lin Yun.

“Mafa Merlin! Congratulations! You bought a big Moonlight Crystal Essence for a million! Hahaha!”

Many people followed Wilder in his laughter. Buying something worth a few hundred thousand purple golds for a million was a little stupid.

Less than two minutes later, someone delivered the item to Lin Yun’s booth. That crystal was his after paying.

Lin Yun couldn't help smiling as he paid and received his item, because he found out that there really was a Moonlight Gem inside.

It was at least thirty centimeters in diameter. Such a big Moonlight Gem would only appear once within the next ten millennia, and its price would reach 800,000,000 purple golds. Furthermore, purple golds would be worth several times their current value at that time.

It left such a deep impression because the person who bought it at such a sky-high price was a Heaven Rank powerhouse who possessed a Natural Demiplane. Such a big Moonlight Gem could be used as a moon in the sky of a Demiplane after its day and night cycle started evolving.

Lin Yun's Natural Demiplane currently had a Godfire Ember serving as the sun. As the day and night cycle started evolving, the light during the day was quite strong, but the Demiplane sank into darkness during the night, as if black clouds were smothering the sky. This put a bottleneck over the Demiplane's evolution.

The Natural Demiplane couldn't continue evolving if the Light and Darkness Laws couldn't evolve. Nothing would happen at that rate, as the night also needed light. Whether it was starlight or moonlight, something was required to complete the night.

Lin Yun had originally planned to buy several thousand star gems to hang in the Demiplane's sky as a light source for the night, but he hadn't expected to find a Moonlight Gem emitting such pure moonlight. It was almost no different from Noscent's moonlight.

The benefits it would bring to the Natural Demiplane might be a lot better than the Godfire Ember serving as the sun. The more natural it was, the faster the laws would evolve and the more comprehensive they would be.

And he only spent a million for this Moonlight Gem, which was no different from getting it for free...

Lin Yun kept smiling after putting his Moonlight Gem away.

On the other side, Wilder was sneering at him with disdain.

'Such an idiot, he bought a Moonlight Crystal Essence for a million and even forces himself to smile. I really underestimated that guy's boldness. He is truly a pathetic clown...'

In another booth, Zeith had a doubtful expression. But he suddenly realized something when he saw the smile on Lin Yun's face.

'Poor Wilder, that fool has been played by Sir Mafa. That item is definitely not just a Moonlight Crystal Essence, there must be something else inside.

'The morons who examined it definitely didn't do a thorough inspection because they wanted to keep its size intact. It must have been neglected since the insides were similar to Moonlight Crystal Essences.

'Sir Mafa isn't a petty person. He bid double their bid in order to trick those idiotic Rodneys, and sure enough, they definitely thought that Sir Mafa had set a trap for them and no longer dared to increase the price...

‘How could a genius who comprehended 1,800 truth runes in one sitting make a mistake like that? I might have believed it if it were someone else, but Sir Mafa smiles like this when something good happens. I’ve seen it multiple times when he was studying truth runes.’

Zeith looked at the smug Wilder with sympathy, pitying that guy’s intelligence...

Items kept being auctioned one after another, most of which weren’t very valuable. Only thirty minutes of a three-day-long auction had gone by, after all, so the items so far were naturally not that expensive. The only expensive item was snatched by Lin Yun.

But the next item suddenly drew Lin Yun’s interest.

“This is an Evil Dragon Eye. It can directly be used as the core material of a True Spirit Magic Tool. Although its lethality wouldn’t be high after being crafted, its effect would be far more valuable than ordinary magic tools.

“The starting price is 300,000 purple golds.”

Lin Yun had been somewhat surprised when he had gone through the illustrated handbook. If he wasn’t wrong, that Evil Dragon Eye should have been the Mercury Tower’s. It should be the other half of the Eyes of Calamity Shawn had fused with. Lin Yun had been waiting for an opportunity to get it from the Mercury Tower.

His strength and influence were low back then, and the Mercury Tower had yet to take it out. A lot of things happened afterward, and this matter had been put aside.

He truly hadn’t expected it to appear in this auction. This also meant that the Mercury Tower was participating in this auction.

Lin Yun confirmed his guess after sensing the Evil Dragon Eye’s aura.

Despite the uses of the item, not many people were interested. The main reason was that, although it could be made into a semi-finished True Spirit Magic Tool, it still wasn’t an actual True Spirit Magic Tool.

They would have to pour a lot of resources into it if they wanted to display the true power of the Evil Dragon Eye. They would also need an Artisan at the apex of the engineering field to forge it with more than a 50% chance of success.

The Evil Dragon Eye could be destroyed if the crafting failed, and all the resources and energy spent on it would have been for naught. It would be better to have a True Spirit Magic Tool tailor-made.

After a minute, the price also went up to 360,000 purple golds.

“500,000 purple golds.”

Immediately after joining the bidding, Lin Yun looked towards the Rodney Family.

Wilder had been about to bid, but he immediately stopped when he saw Lin Yun’s actions and sneered at the latter.

‘What an idiot, I wasn’t fooled by his trick the first time, so does he really think I would be fooled the second time? This idiot is definitely waiting for me to shout a million.’

'Haha...

'He is so naive.'

No one bid after Lin Yun. It would take a lot of energy and materials, and it might not necessarily turn into a True Spirit Magic Tool. It's very likely that it would never be able to display its full power, so very few people would be interested.

Lin Yun squinted and displayed a regretful smile as he looked at Wilder's disdainful "I saw through you" expression.

Faleau had a solemn expression as he hid away his smile. He couldn't help looking at Wilder with pity.

'That guy is really easy to trick... Sir Merlin really wants this Evil Dragon Eye, what an idiot. This is clearly for Lord Shawn. No matter how much it is, Sir Merlin would get it.

'Those foolish Rodneys actually thought Sir Merlin was tricking them? They didn't even participate in the bidding? Pathetic fools. Even rats are smarter than them...'

Lin Yun was in a very good mood after spending 500,000 purple golds to get the other half of the Eyes of Calamity. He casually threw it into his Demiplane and it fell right on top of Shawn, who was busy teaching the laborers.

Shawn, who was about to shout in anger, lowered his head to see what hit him. When he discovered that eye looking back at him, his mouth widened into a smile going from ear to ear as he burst into a loud peal of laughter. He picked up the Evil Dragon Eye and left with large strides.

The auction continued. Most of the items were things Lin Yun didn't need, and those he could use weren't essential. These items ended up being a competition between him and Wilder.

Wilder would bid as long as Lin Yun did, but Wilder would no longer bid if the bid reached a certain price, and thus, both sides obtained some stuff.

But most of the low-priced items were taken by Wilder, while the high-priced items ended in Lin Yun's possession.

As long as the bid exceeded the standard price, Wilder would wait for Lin Yun to outbid him once more and would then give up on the item if Lin Yun's bid was at least 50% higher than the usual auction price.

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Chapter 1274: Starry Sky Auction (3)

Starry Sky Auction (3)

Throughout the first day of the auction, Wilder 'tricked' Lin Yun eight times, and his mood greatly improved. He was now looking at Lin Yun with the pride of a winner.

'Andlusan idiot, I've long seen through your tricks. You want to trick me? I only needed a couple times to see through all your tricks.

'Haha, I've gotten you four times in a row. You must be thinking of a way to get back at me, right? It doesn't matter, the game has just started, I can give you a chance.

'That country bumpkin has a really thick skin, I tricked him so many times, yet he didn't lose hope and kept on smiling. That fool might already be used to that kind of thing.'

Wilder was holding a wine cup, a satisfied smile on his face as if the goddess of victory was already standing behind him while Lin Yun was completely vulnerable.

Lin Yun kept a smile on his face, not caring about it.

Faleau, who was sitting next to him, remained silent, clearly aware of what was going on.

'Sir Merlin has the situation under control. Those idiotic Rodneys are just dancing in the palm of his hand...

'Sir Merlin lost at most 500,000 to 600,000 purple golds, which isn't a big loss for what he wanted. The show has yet to start...'

As an item's auction finished, a new one was put on display. It was a seemingly black component. It looked like it was a component of a bigger magic tool, a component that didn't seem too significant. There was a dark aura lingering on top of it, not too powerful, but very pure.

"This thing is rumored to have come from the Nesser Dynasty. It is a part of a magic tool made from a powerful Evil Dragon. The material is very hard and is supplemented by very pure darkness power.

"It is a very valuable research material to those who research Magic Tools, the history of the Nesser Dynasty, or Chromatic Dragons. Moreover, this component's pure darkness power is worth studying.

"The starting price is 800,000 purple golds."

Lin Yun squinted as he looked at the displayed item. It was fifty centimeters long and looked like a strange steel circle twisted into a bizarre shape and burnt black from flames.

The Origin Chapter!

One of the augments of the Book of Death!

Lin Yun had recognized it when he saw it in the illustrated handbook. The Origin Chapter was the only thing with such a bizarre shape, and it gave a strange feeling of perfection in one's memories.

In the oldest legends, the world originated from darkness. From the endless darkness, planes were born one after another until light was born and tore a corner of the darkness. Then, countless lives were born and the world kept evolving until now, giving birth to the endless planes.

The Origin Chapter didn't have power by itself. It would be useless no matter how much one researched it, as it needed to be fused with the Book of Death before it could start to function.

Lin Yun felt the Book of Death shiver when the Origin Chapter was taken out, as if it couldn't wait to fuse with it.

The reaction was a lot more intense than when it sensed the Element Chapter. This showed that the Origin Chapter was a lot more important than the previous Augments.

But Lin Yun remained calm and didn't bid even though he wanted to fuse it with the Book of Death immediately.

Something that only had research value would only interest those crazy about research or some dark mages. Aside from these, no one would bid.

After all, there were two reasons for something like that to be auctioned: Either the item had already been thoroughly studied, or it had no value and would be auctioned at a high price for fun.

Very few people were interested since there were plenty of similar items at every Starry Sky Auction.

Within three minutes, the price slowly rose to 960,000 purple golds.

Wilder was a bit dissatisfied with the price. Although the starting bid had been somewhat high, it hadn't greatly increased and would at best reach 1,300,000 purple golds.

'Damn, this won't do, this is the item with the highest starting price that our family auctioned, how could it only be worth 960,000 purple golds?

'I have to increase its price, but what if no one bids after me?'

Wilder looked at the seemingly uninterested Lin Yun, rolled his eyes, and smiled.

"1,500,000!"

After shouting, Wilder immediately taunted Lin Yun.

And sure enough, Lin Yun immediately started bidding as if he had been invited to battle.

"1,600,000!"

Wilder was overjoyed and kept shouting.

"1,800,000."

"1,900,000!"

"2,000,000!"

In less than five seconds, the price soared from 1,500,000 purple golds to 2,000,000. After yelling two million, Wilder was getting ready to increase the price once again, when he suddenly realized that Lin Yun stopped bidding.

Cold sweat suddenly trickled down Wilder's face.

No one would keep bidding for a broken item that only had some research value. Only Lin Yun would be willing to keep bidding.

If Lin Yun wasn't willing to bid again, then it would be the equivalent of Wilder spending a lot of money to buy back the item he auctioned.

The Starry Sky College didn't really care about these matters since they took a 10% commission. It didn't matter who bought a lot. After all, even if someone auctioned an item and bought it back, they would still have to pay the 10% commission.

Moreover, people bid on their own items to increase their value every year, and it wasn't rare for some to fail.

No one knew who the seller was at the time of the auction, but it would be a different matter after the auction. Someone would dig out information every year, and some people would become laughingstocks for a decade.

Naturally, some would be successful and sell their items at a high price. They would be praised and no one would find it unreasonable. In the Odin Kingdom, being able to sell something at ten times its price was a skill.

"2,000,000 once..."

Wilder's expression became unsightly as the auctioneer started the countdown. It seemed that after the auction, they would become the biggest joke of this auction and their name would even be mentioned as a joke outside the Odin Kingdom.

"2,000,000 twice..."

At that time, Lin Yun bid, "2,010,000."

He smiled at Wilder, and seeing his unsightly expression, he suddenly understood that the Origin Chapter had been auctioned by the Rodney Family. They would have been embarrassed if Wilder bought it back.

He only bid 10,000 more, but this also indicated that he wanted that thing and wasn't just trying to anger Wilder.

Wilder also understood, but he didn't dare to bid a single extra purple gold. He wasn't sure whether Lin Yun really wanted it or wanted to push him back down after he managed to climb out of a precipice.

What if this was another trap?

If by any chance...

If he really tricked him again, his reputation would be thoroughly trampled and everyone would make fun of his intelligence.

Wilder had a dark and unsightly expression. He was fumingly glaring at Lin Yun, yet he didn't dare to bid an extra purple gold.

And below, the auctioneer's countdown also reached its end. Lin Yun ultimately bought the Origin Chapter.

'2,010,000, it's a gift! If not for the Rodney Family taking it out for me, I might have not found it even after a millennium. Turns out it was in the Rodney Family's treasury.

'The Rodney Family auctioned it and I would have definitely bought it for 200,000,000 purple golds. Unfortunately for them, it ended up being worth 2,010,000 purple golds.'

Lin Yun was satisfied with the Origin Chapter in his hands and waved at Wilder.

"Thanks."

Seeing Lin Yun's movements, Wilder's face instantly darkened and rage was visible in his eyes. He would really be an idiot if he hadn't figured it out.

'Damn, that guy must know something about that item, he must know its worth. It's definitely not just a broken thing, it must have some great effects.'

'2,010,000 purple golds, only 2,010,000 purple golds... From his expression, it must have been a bargain, we gifted a treasure to Mafa Merlin.'

As he thought of this, Wilder turned towards the Great Elder.

"Explain, why was that thing described as worthless after being researched? Did you thoroughly study it? Tell me, what is that thing?"

"Don't tell me it's worthless, don't you see that damned Mafa Merlin? A bit more and he would dance naked. He is humiliating me, humiliating our Rodney Family!"

Cold sweat dripped down the Great Elder's forehead as he looked at the enraged Wilder before explaining, "Patriarch, don't be angry. This is a ruse, it's definitely a trick of that Mafa Merlin."

"If I'm not wrong, he must have known that this was auctioned by our family. That's why he bid, those last 10,000 were only to make our family buy back our own thing and be humiliated even more."

"But Patriarch didn't fall for Mafa Merlin's act, and thus, he could only swallow this bone and smile at us in order to make us think that it is something very valuable... that we were played by him."

"In reality, we made a lot of money and weren't fooled. Making us think otherwise is his plan!"

Wilder doubtfully looked at the Great Elder, looked back at Lin Yun's expression, and suddenly sneered.

"You are right, that damn guy lost so many times to me. He wanted to trick me again but hadn't expected to be fooled so he pretended to have profited. Hmpf, truly a stupid guy. It doesn't matter, the purple golds will go in the pockets of our Rodney Family anyway."

Lin Yun didn't care what Wilder or the others thought. The Origin Chapter was the only thing that absolutely had to be obtained in this auction, and the rest wasn't necessary.

However, getting it for 2,010,000 purple golds was truly unexpected. After all, the Origin Chapter would have appeared during Bane's rise, and many people could see how extraordinary it was then.

In that auction, the Origin Chapter ended up selling for 180,000,000 purple golds and three planes rich in resources. Bane ended up getting it, but he also ended up owing three favors.

And these three favors ended up not being used, but because Bane still owed three favors, no one dared to provoke those three people's families during Bane's era. Who knew if they would use that favor

against them? At the time, Bane was already at his pinnacle, and all of Noscent was shrouded in his shadow.

These 2,010,000 purple golds weren't as valuable as 2,000,000 purple golds in the future.

If not for the auction, Lin Yun would have already fused the Origin Chapter.

There was nothing worth looking at after that. Lin Yun no longer bid and let Faleau decide what was worth bidding on.

All kinds of strange things were auctioned, even including a living Forest Fairy, a lifeform that should have disappeared a few dozen millennia ago.

From time to time, Lin Yun would glance at these things on display. They were almost no different from the handbook's introduction, but some of them would have some small differences... such as that Forest Fairy. It was actually a hybrid between a Forest Fairy and Prairie Fairy, but the average person wouldn't notice.

There was also an ore that was a bit different from the introduction, but the value of the introduced metal and the one being auctioned weren't too different and they more or less had the same use.

Lin Yun didn't show any interest until a mana reactor seemingly made of several hundred components was taken out.

That thing was the result of Lin Yun's experimentations with truth runes, an early prototype that was still more powerful than all the mana reactors currently on the market.

It was due to the fact that it could be used as a mana reactor for Heaven Rank Puppets or large-scale refining machinery. According to the calculations, it could supply energy for a 300-meter large-scale alchemical machinery.

Lin Yun wasn't interested because it was something that he had auctioned, but because Wilder was very interested in that mana reactor.

"That mana reactor comes from a powerful Artisan. It is said that this Artisan is just a step away from becoming a Saint Alchemist. This mana reactor was a masterpiece created in a flash of inspiration. Not only does it have powerful mana output, but its bursts of mana can also be used by 3rd Rank Heaven Puppets.

"Most importantly, the fuel needed for the mana reactor can be continuously adjusted, and mana crystals can be used as fuel. Only two level 40 mana crystals are needed for a 3rd Rank Heaven Puppet to continuously burst with power for over three months!

"It is a formidable masterpiece, but naturally, this isn't the most outstanding part of that mana reactor. This mana reactor can be installed anywhere on a puppet, and it can even be used as a special Magic Tool!

"A genius idea, this is definitely a brand new breakthrough in the field of mana reactors!

"The starting price is 2,800,000 purple golds! Every bid must be at least 100,000 higher! Start bidding!"

The auctioneer's simple explanation made many people lose their minds. The mana reactor was the core of a puppet and some large-scale alchemical facilities. These things would rarely appear outside.

Even if they did, they would be matched with puppets or some large alchemy equipment. They wouldn't be sold on their own and would always reach a sky-high price.

If that mana reactor was paired with a Heaven Puppet, many people would fight over it even if the bid reached 300,000,000 purple golds.

If it was paired with some large-scale alchemy equipment, the price would be even higher because some equipment couldn't be manufactured due to mana reactor limitations.

But now, a mana reactor on its own was actually even more precious. The last time a mana reactor appeared in the Starry Sky Auction was over eight hundred years ago.

Moreover, the technology contained within that mana reactor far exceeded the puppets currently on the market. They could buy it to study it. As long as they could learn the technology and copy the mana reactor, they could outfit an army of level 39 puppets. After all, the main limitation to the progress of the puppeteering field was the mana reactor.

Furthermore, this mana reactor could be installed on any part of a puppet and could even be carried as an extra mana reactor. If added on top of a weapon system, it could supply the weapon system with an independent source of energy, greatly raising the strength of the puppet.

All those with puppeteering knowledge were going crazy, red lights filling their eyes. This wasn't just a mana reactor, this was a gold mine!

Seeing the crowd's reaction, Lin Yun squinted his eyes and smiled. That mana reactor was indeed too powerful, but currently, even Lin Yun had no plans to mass-produce it. The manufacturing costs were really too high. This was just a prototype, nothing else.

There were two crucial materials. One was Enchanted Molten Tin, which wasn't produced in Noscent but only in the Abyss, and only in the layers below the 50th layer.

As for the other material, Eternal Dark Gold, Noscent had such a low output that it could be disregarded. Even the best potion of the Gilded Rose could only be traded for a fingernail of Eternal Dark Gold.

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Chapter 1275: End of the Auction

The output of the large mine that Lin Yun possessed in the Abyss was comparable to the output of Noscent in an entire year.

Even if someone was capable of figuring out the technology behind that mana reactor, they could only watch helplessly. Deciphering the technology? What a joke. When dismantled, the mana reactor's structure would be completely destroyed.

Lin Yun knew it, but the others didn't. The mana reactor looked like a naked beauty swaying before their eyes, it was impossible for them to not have indecent thoughts.

Most of the people wanted to buy it in order to research it, but there were still a few people who wanted it in order to use it.

Just like the red-eyed, excited Wilder...

“Great Elder, how many purple coins do we have left? That thing will definitely sell at a high price. It’s fortunate that the Starry Sky Auction didn’t introduce it with the final items or we wouldn’t have had enough purple golds to bid on that mana reactor.

“We must get it, no matter the price. That thing is a special magic tool that can be installed anywhere on a puppet.

“That means that this mana reactor can be affixed to my body. With that mana reactor and my steel body, I could equip a few powerful weapons and double my strength!”

Wilder’s eyes were glittering with red lights and half of his body had already transformed into steel. His left hand rolled up his right arm’s sleeve, exposing a puppet-like steel body. Following his movements, the steel started changing shape and rapidly formed an armlet in which he could place the mana reactor once he had a hold of it.

Someone raised the price to 4,000,000 the moment bidding started in order to make others give up, but someone else raised the price to 4,300,000 purple golds in less than a second.

The price of the mana reactor rose up to 5,000,000 within five seconds.

Lin Yun calmly watched, but his attention was on Wilder’s body. He understood what the latter wanted when he saw his half-transformed body.

That mana reactor was truly suited to Wilder’s body. If the mana reactor was affixed to his steel body, he could become as much three times stronger if it was a good match.

This meant that he was determined to get that mana reactor.

From all the bids, Lin Yun determined that close to three hundred people were bidding.

“10,000,000.”

Lin Yun increased the price to 10,000,000 purple golds in an instant. Ten million was enough to make a part of the bidders give up, but there were still close to two hundred people who were expecting a higher price.

Wilder couldn’t sit still after Lin Yun’s bid and fiercely glared at him with red eyes. He then looked at the other bidders with unfriendly eyes.

‘Hell, do these idiots not understand that this mana reactor’s creator auctioned it because he was absolutely certain that the technology behind it couldn’t be decrypted. That Artisan is selling a mana reactor, not a way to research his technology.

‘Even so, these idiots are actually hoping to be lucky. Even that damned Mafa Merlin is trying to buy it to research it. That guy is an idiot... He is an Artisan, how could he not know that Artisans are securing their techniques? There would be nothing to study even if it was dismantled.

'That damned guy will definitely fight me till the end. And with the other idiots, the mana reactor's price will definitely end up being extremely high...'

Wilder gritted his teeth as he looked around and glared at others. He knew that only a few people were planning on using it, and they would compete until the end.

After letting out a long sigh, Wilder gritted his teeth and shouted his bid.

"30,000,000!"

,000,000 purple golds was already too much for most people, only a dozen people were still bidding, but they would only increase the bid by 200,000 or 300,000 purple golds.

Lin Yun expressionlessly looked at the determined Wilder and sneered when he saw the latter's murderous gaze.

"40,000,000."

Wilder's pitch-black right eye let out scarlet lights as he unhesitatingly bid.

"50,000,000."

Lin Yun appeared to be hesitating while Falleau looked worried. This scene made Wilder smile.

"Mafa Merlin, this is the Odin Kingdom. If you don't have purple golds, f*ck off back to your remote Andlusa Kingdom and retire."

Lin Yun stopped bidding and Falleau got closer to him, seemingly whispering something, to which Lin Yun kept shaking his head. A victorious smile could be seen on Wilder's face when he saw that scene, he didn't even pay attention to the three people still bidding over the mana reactor.

The mana reactor was far more important to Wilder than to anyone else here. His steel transformation could not only make use of the Rodney Family's steel spells, it could also use some puppets' abilities, such as their weapons.

Wilder hadn't been making use of those so far because his spells were more efficient than the weapon systems.

After half a minute, the price had risen up to 55,800,000. The bid had been made by two families coming to an agreement and cooperating. As for Wilder, he straightforwardly bid 60,000,000, forcing all his competitors to give up.

Bidding 60,000,000 for a mana reactor wasn't something a sane person would do.

The auctioneer started closing the bid, but Lin Yun stood up once the auctioneer said "60,000,000 twice!"

"89,500,000!"

Lin Yun raised his hand, looking as if he was betting everything he had while Falleau looked at Lin Yun with worry.

Wilder was startled, but he quickly smiled.

'That idiot, does he think that increasing the price by 30,000,000 at once would scare me? That's probably all his funds, it must be, judged from the way Faleau is looking at him.'

"Mafa Merlin, are you lacking purple golds? So miserly that you made such an ugly bid..."

"90,000,000!"

Lin Yun slowly sat down as Wilder bid once again, and closed his eyes as he was perfectly satisfied.

A mana reactor he built during practice actually sold for 90,000,000 purple golds, which was 30 times higher than its auction price. It was definitely the most outrageous item in the auction.

Lin Yun stopped bidding after tricking Wilder and the latter naturally ended up winning the bid.

The worried Faleau also sighed in relief, but he couldn't help looking at Wilder with sympathy.

'What a pitiful guy, it's merely Sir Merlin's prototype yet he bought it for 90,000,000 purple golds. Is that idiot planning on using it?'

'There will be a good show to watch if that idiot ends up using the mana reactor built by Sir Merlin to deal with Sir Merlin in the future, he would be inevitably doomed.'

'He'll definitely be blown up by the mana reactor...'

Faleau sat behind Lin Yun and lowered his head as he tried his best to remain silent, afraid that he wouldn't be able to hold back his laughter.

Using an alchemist's creation to deal with its creator wasn't unseen, such an event happened in the past.

An Artisan died from his own creation, which created a reform in the field of alchemy. It happened even though alchemists would have usually been discredited if a backdoor was found in one of their creations.

Now, all alchemists would add a special command in their creations or puppets which would completely stop them from being used against their creator.

If it hurt their creator, the magic tool or puppet would be completely taken over by their creator, this was a well-known fact.

A Master Alchemist was recently attacked, and it just happened that the magic tool used had been one of his creations. As for what happened next, there was no need to mention it...

The auction continued, but Lin Yun didn't bid much. The last lots were mostly True Spirit Magic Tools and such things. The Gilded Rose didn't need that kind of finished product, and all the magic tools Lin Yun used were tailor-made.

He only bid on some of the best materials or strange things, but would give up if the price was too high.

The auction soon ended and everyone left one after another. Wilder was in high-spirits as he directly bound the mana reactor to his right arm. When paired with his steel body, his might doubled.

Wilder didn't even hide his half transformed steel body when he left the auction hall and even showed off his mana reactor, which amazed a lot of people. Others had only planned to research it, combine it to large-scale equipment, or affix it to a puppet.

No one thought of using it to directly increase their own strength, like Wilder did.

Although he spent 90,000,000 purple golds, no one felt that he had wasted his money.

Not to mention the amazed gazes, some people who had good relationships with the Rodney Family even went over to praise Wilder.

"Patriarch Wilder truly has foresight, this mana reactor should have boosted your strength quite a bit, that's something priceless.

"How could we compare, I only bid in order to research it, I hadn't expected Sir Wilder to see so far ahead of us, truly amazing..."

Many people on good terms or attached to the Rodney Family came to flatter Wilder, making him unable to drop his smile.

While Wilder was surrounded by people flattering him, Lin Yun was slowly coming out of the auction hall.

He didn't even have time to take a second step before Zeith caught up to him.

"Sir Mafa, please wait a moment."

"Oh, Sir Zeith, is there something you need?"

Zeith had an embarrassed expression and hesitated for a moment, before slowly saying, "Sir Mafa, let me first congratulate you for your mana reactor selling for 90,000,000.

"I've always been thinking about that kind of structure, and it could be said that I have a theory regarding the external energy supply system, but it would have taken a few hundred years to get results.

"Yet, Sir Mafa unexpectedly built a prototype so fast, this is really amazing..."

"This... Logically speaking I shouldn't be asking this question, you already gave a copy of the truth runes' mysteries to our Starry Sky College after all, but I'm really too curious. I've already started pondering after seeing that mana reactor, but I couldn't find a suitable method.

"This..."

Zeith was embarrassed and couldn't ask directly. This was already considered inquiring about the secrets of others' research, a taboo among alchemists.

It would be his own abilities if he emulated the research himself and deciphered the techniques behind it, but asking was a bit shameless...

"Sir Mafa, please don't misunderstand, I'm not asking about your techniques... Can I tell you my thoughts and you tell me if I'm on the right track?"

Lin Yun laughed before Zeith could finish his words.

“What’s the matter? That mana reactor is an experimental product I built during practice, it simply can’t be mass-produced.

“Strictly speaking, it can be considered a failed product because it uses Enchanted Molten Tin and Eternal Dark Gold, and in large amounts. The mana reactor can’t be built without these two materials.

“I used all of my Enchanted Molten Tin on that prototype and more than half of my Eternal Dark Gold’s stock...”

Zeith not only wasn’t disappointed when he heard that, he was instead pleasantly surprised.

“What a genius idea! Combining the stability of Eternal Dark Gold with the conductivity of Enchanted Molten Tin would decrease the previous manufacturing issues by more than half.

“Although the costs are high, this would be a huge achievement once the theory can be verified...”

As an Artisan, Zeith was also a research madman. He didn’t care whether it could be turned into profit or not, he only cared whether the theory could be proven or not, this was the most important part to him.

After chatting with Zeith for a bit, Lin Yun led Faleau back to the Gilded Rose. The Moonlight Gem and the Origin Chapter he had gotten had to be dealt with, this was his top priority.

A lot of information started leaking out after the auction, such as the fact that the Origin Chapter Lin Yun bought had been auctioned by the Rodney Family, while the mana reactor bought by the Rodney Family had been auctioned by the Gilded Rose.

Some people even said that the mana reactor was only a prototype built in order to prove a theory and that its creator was the owner of the Gilded Rose, Mafa Merlin.

While the information was rapidly spreading, Lin Yun had already returned to the Gilded Rose and entered his Demiplane.

Using alchemy equipment, the huge Moonlight Essence Crystal was slowly cut open. The most important part of the Moonlight Essence Crystal was Moonlight Gem in its center, which was taken out by Lin Yun.

After taking it out, Lin Yun instantly appeared in the sky of the Demiplane and mobilized the Demiplane’s power to slowly incorporate this Moonlight Gem.

As if the Demiplane’s power had reached an agreement with the Moonlight Gem, the Moonlight Gem rose to the sky on its own and spread its radiance, ultimately becoming a huge white moon hanging in the sky.

It just so happened that it was the Demiplane’s night cycle. The gentle moonlight gently sprinkled over the entire Demiplane, illuminating the dark Demiplane with a faint light.

At that moment, Lin Yun felt a sudden increase in the evolution speed of the Laws of Light and Darkness.

The Darkness Law, which was originally like idle fragments, greatly increased, and it wouldn’t be long before the Darkness Law would undergo an evolution.

Moon during the night, sun during the day, this was how a complete world should be.

Lin Yun smiled. Just as he had guessed, such a big Moonlight Gem could truly be used as a base to make a moon appear in the Demiplane.

With the passage of time, the Demiplane's moon would definitely evolve first. And it would evolve into a true moon, not like the sun, which had been replaced by a Godfire Ember.

Once the moon evolved, the rest would follow the natural evolution of the Demiplane.

Lin Yun took out the Origin Chapter and that pure and unfathomable darkness power permeated its surface.

He then took out the Book of Death and the Book of Death started resonating with the Origin Chapter. There was no need for Lin Yun to control them as the Origin Chapter started fusing with the Book of Death on its own.

The Origin Chapter couldn't display its power without the Book of Death. As for the Book of Death, it couldn't use darkness power without the Origin Chapter.

Following the fusion, the Book of Death automatically opened. In addition to the Sage Chapter, the Truth Chapter, the Element Chapter, and the All-Encompassing Chapter, a new chapter could be seen, the Origin Chapter.

The Origin Chapter was pure darkness. It seemed to contain endless possibilities, but it was only darkness, darkness at its purest level. It was as if there was no darkness power, everything was just nothingness, complete nothingness where nothing existed.

Lin Yun sensed the Origin Chapter's power and roused the Book of Death. In an instant, everything in the surroundings was covered in darkness, nothing could be seen, nothing could be heard, nothing could be sensed, there was only pure darkness.

His heartbeats became thunder, blood flowing within his veins was akin to a flood, and each breath was like an apocalyptic storm.

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Chapter 1276: Duel Invitation

After rousing the Origin Chapter, Lin Yun could feel everything in his surroundings through the darkness.

The darkness covered less than two kilometers, shrouding Xiuban within its grasp. The latter ran wild after a few seconds and started recklessly swinging Carnage.

Xiuban was stunned when the power of the Origin Chapter scattered, he looked pale, as if he had encountered something terrifying.

"Sir... Sir Merlin, what happened? Why couldn't I feel anything around me, I couldn't even enjoy a nap, my heartbeats were too loud, it felt like my heart was about to explode..."

Lin Yun threw a few Health Potions at Xiuban and sent him on his way before pensively looking at the Origin Chapter.

That ability was similar to a Curtain of Darkness, and not only did it provide perfect cover, it also had the power to instill fear.

Aside from this, Lin Yun also discovered that the Origin Chapter increased the power of darkness spells and assisted in the comprehension of the Law of Darkness.

That darkness was the most perfect place to comprehend the Law of Darkness, even the Demiplane couldn't compare. With both the Origin Chapter and the Demiplane, Lin Yun's comprehension of the Law of Darkness would be easier than a darkness mage, many times easier.

While Lin Yun studied the Origin Chapter within the Demiplane, the outside world was going crazy.

The Rodney Family had turned into a laughingstock. After taking over the position of Patriarch, Wilder tried to deal with the Gilded Rose, but he not only kept suffering defeat after defeat, he was even humiliated during the Starry Sky Auction. He used 90,000,000 purple golds to buy a mana reactor... Which had been made by the Gilded Rose, it was a prototype created by Mafa Merlin.

Even if it could be researched, they couldn't use the techniques, not to mention directly using it. Everyone knew that the mana reactor had been created by Mafa Merlin, and they also knew who Wilder had been planning on using it against.

It could be said that Wilder spent 90,000,000 purple golds to buy a piece of scrap iron from his enemy.

The Rodney Family instantly became a laughing stock.

"Idiots, morons, who managed the information? F*ck, that damned mana reactor was actually made by that Mafa Merlin... Why do I only know that now? Who can tell me why!?"

Wilder ruthlessly threw the mana reactor on the ground, his eyes burning with flames and his appearance somewhat distorted.

Wilder's humiliation had spread through Neverwinter City. Once it reached the Rodney Family, they checked multiple times before confirming that this mana reactor indeed came from the Gilded Rose. And only Mafa Merlin could make something like that.

Wilder threw the mana reactor worth 90,000,000 on the ground, leaving a crack in it. He didn't even feel regret when he looked at the crack, he instead flew into a rage before fiercely dismantling the mana reactor. He discovered Lin Yun's unique magic signature within its core, this was something all alchemists would leave in their own works, so that no one could impersonate them.

Wilder lost reason when he saw that magic signature. His mana burst out and his right side turned to steel. The large amount of mana surged forth and formed countless thick steel spikes which destroyed the building.

A few people couldn't dodge and were sent flying by Wilder.

Wilder punched his way out of the ruins, the layer of steel covering his right side slowly fading away.

He stood above the ruins with a blazing gaze, his mana burning up like flames.

“In my name, send an invitation to fight to that damned Mafa Merlin. Use the title of Count of the Odin Kingdom to challenge Mafa Merlin, and make it a life or death duel.

“If he doesn’t accept, we will start an all-out war against Mafa Merlin, regardless of what the other forces think. I’ll get rid of that damned guy, I want him dead!” Wilder roared angrily, having lost all rationality.

The Great Elder looked shocked and wanted to say something, but ended up remaining silent. Looking at the furious Wilder, the Great Elder actually felt that this was actually a correct decision.

It was said that this Mafa Merlin was only a 2nd Rank Heaven Mage. Although he was stronger than the average Heaven Mage, he definitely couldn’t compare to Wilder.

‘Yes, that’s it, Mafa Merlin wouldn’t dare to refuse a duel initiated through the kingdom’s most ancient duel law.

‘Even though it’s a very old law, it’s only used by the younger generation to settle disputes since they usually have similar strength. It’s the best way to do it since there wouldn’t be too much damage to the forces regardless of who won.

‘Even if Mafa Merlin and his Gilded Rose come from the Andlusa Kingdom, Wilder plans to use the kingdom’s most ancient tradition which all families and forces of the Odin Kingdom have to follow.

‘No duel between leaders of forces has happened in over a thousand years since all forces are related in some way or another. Such a situation would have a large impact on the Odin Kingdom.

‘But the Gilded Rose is from the Andlusa Kingdom. To assimilate in the Odin Kingdom without a long time and a lot of effort is impossible. The other forces would definitely watch that duel and no one would stand on the side of the Gilded Rose, nor would they care what Wilder does...

‘Everything else will be easy as long as Sir Wilder gets rid of Mafa Merlin in that duel. Even if we can’t annex the Gilded Rose, we can drive the Gilded Rose out of the Odin Kingdom...

‘Moreover, the winner would inevitably profit greatly...’

As his thoughts reached this point, the Great Elder stopped thinking of persuading the irrational Wilder.

The next day, the Great Elder personally carried the Rodney Family’s duel invitation to the Gilded Rose. They even invited a Heaven Rank powerhouse with the title of Marquis as a witness.

After giving the duel invitation to Faleau, the Great Elder and his entourage left.

The decisive battle was scheduled three days later, this was part of the ancient law. Only the two people concerned could show up and no one could help them. Regardless of the methods used, the one coming out alive was the victor. Whoever violated the law was bound to be disdained by everyone. Not to mention, most of the Odin Kingdom’s major forces stemmed from titles of nobility.

Even now, there were still nobles among the most powerful forces. In fact, 90% of the major forces had titles of nobility. In the case of the Rodney Family, they had developed late, but they still became a Count Family due to their power.

It was already the 3rd day when Lin Yun came out of the Demiplane. He frowned upon reading the duel invitation, but after hearing the information Faleau gathered on the ancient tradition, he accepted the duel. He opened a Spatial Door and appeared at the location of the duel.

During the past few days, he had been sorting out the insights he gained and the spells of the Book of Mantras. Some of the powerful spells he remembered could now be used to their full potential and he was now ready to see Agalon for more training.

But he hadn't expected Wilder to use that ancient law to ask for a duel, he even wondered if the latter had brain damage.

However, Lin Yun was also happy to directly settle the matter of the duel. The Rodney Family would stop looking for problems once he took care of Wilder.

As Lin Yun walked out of the Spatial Door, he noticed a half-transformed Wilder floating in the air several kilometers away, coldly looking at his location.

Lin Yun glanced at the desolate area they were in. It was devoid of people, only some wild beasts could be seen within twenty to thirty kilometers, but these beasts were fleeing in panic.

"Mafa Merlin, the humiliation you inflicted upon me will be washed clean with your blood. I can't wait to see your head skewered on my steel. I'll tear your soul into pieces!" Wilder angrily roared.

A terrifying amount of mana surged from his body and countless silver metal balls floated at his sides.

Following Lin Yun's arrival, the silver metal balls started changing shape and turned into thick steel spikes. Several hundred steel spikes instantly disappeared, rippling the space in their path and forming a huge shockwave fiercely rushing towards Lin Yun.

Lin Yun swiftly cast a spell and two hand-like large shields appeared on both sides, covering him. Dense flames were flowing atop the hands, this was a branch of the Law of Fire.

Fire spells could only be tangible when the majority of the Fire Law's foundation was comprehended.

The sound emitted by those fiercely flying steel spikes was still lagging behind when they hit Lin Yun's Fire Protection. The two flaming large hands looked like an incorporeal fire spell protecting Lin Yun, continuously revolving around him as they blocked all the steel spikes.

The steel spikes were forcibly melted when they came in contact with the Fire Protection and the molten steel went through it, dripping on the surface of Lin Yun's Fusion Shield.

The drops of molten steel slowly trickled down the Fusion Shield and fell to the ground. The temperature of that shiny liquid molten steel was so hot that it would burn everything within ten meters of ground to a blazing red state upon falling down.

Trees were set ablaze one after another as the molten steel dripped onto the forest below.

After igniting the trees, the molten steel would transform back into small silver balls and fly back to Wilder.

Countless steel spikes kept appearing in the air, flying towards Lin Yun at a speed exceeding the speed of sound. It felt like several thousand Divine Archers were continuously shooting magic piercing arrows at Lin Yun.

Lin Yun frowned and raised the big Draconic Staff in his right hand while opening the Book of Death in his left hand. The shadow of a huge wheel appeared behind him as countless perfect law runes appeared on the wheel.

The countless law runes of the four elements surged and condensed into Four-Element Bombs. Those Four-Element Bombs left white trails as they flew towards Wilder.

The torrent of steel spikes assaulting Lin Yun suddenly lost half its power as countless steel spikes coalesced around Wilder's body to form a huge steel hedgehog.

Then, all those steel spikes burst out, flying at different angles, and forcibly intercepted Lin Yun's Four-Element Bombs.

Explosions kept echoing in the sky as Four-Element Bombs exploded one after another, the shockwaves transforming into huge spheres of destruction.

Although the shockwaves weren't weak, they couldn't do much to Wilder. He was hiding inside a huge metal sphere.

As the shockwaves reached his steel sphere, steel fragments were shaved off layer by layer, but more and more silver metal balls flew over to replenish his defenses, effectively keeping the steel sphere in good condition.

As the shockwaves were still raging, a gap appeared inside the steel sphere, from which Wilder sneered, "Mafa Merlin, you are an idiot. Is this the extent of your strength? What a disappointment. Have you not figured out the difference between your power and the power of a 4th Rank Heaven Mage yet?"

"The 4th Rank isn't like the first three ranks, it's a brand new beginning. Idiot, I shall teach you why the steel magic of the Rodney Family is feared in the Odin Kingdom!"

A silvery sandstorm instantly appeared around Lin Yun. The dust particles then transformed into steel spikes which completely encircled him, turning Lin Yun's Fire Protection into a hedgehog.

After reaching the Fire Protection, the steel spikes turned into a torrent of molten steel which passed through the Fire Protection.

The molten steel was like a river washing over Lin Yun's Fusion Shield, its terrifying heat greatly increasing the mana consumption of the Fusion Shield. But mana consumption wasn't a problem, the problem was that the molten steel was rapidly solidifying.

It took an instant for the molten steel to form a steel sphere around Lin Yun's Fusion Shield. The steel sphere, filled with Wilder's power, was completely isolating Lin Yun from the outside.

Having lost Lin Yun's control, the Fire Protection was still independently blocking the steel spikes, pouring even more molten steel onto the four-meter-tall sphere.

Some of the steel that fell to the ground rapidly flew up to merge with the sphere surrounding Lin Yun.

After a few seconds, the four-meter-tall sphere reached over eight meters in diameter, and the thickness kept increasing.

Wilder raised the steel magic staff in his right hand and kept watching the thickening steel sphere with a smile.

“Mafa Merlin, my steel magic has close to no opponent within the same rank. Letting you die in that sea of steel is a show of respect.”

After saying those words, Wilder quickly started casting a spell and law runes quickly fell onto the 10-meter-tall steel sphere. The steel sphere started revolving and teeth-grinding sounds akin to metal being squeezed started echoing as a spiral pattern appeared on the surface of the sphere.

The steel followed these patterns as it kept squeezing inward. This spell was based upon the Burial spell of the earth element which consisted of swallowing the opponent within a swamp before burying them in the depths of the earth to be crushed to death once the spell dissipated.

With steel as its base, that spell lost a lot of restrictions, and the pressure of steel was far stronger than the earth.

Under Wilder’s control, the ten-meter-big sphere emitted far stronger pressure than the earth several hundred meters below the surface.

The steel sphere was still slowly shrinking when Wilder suddenly frowned. He felt like he was losing control over the steel’s power. The originally inactive metal elements in the deepest part of the steel sphere were suddenly roused and couldn’t be controlled.

The surface of the steel sphere turned red within a few seconds. Alarmed, Wilder roused more steel to fuse with the sphere and kept strengthening the pressure of the steel sphere, but it was becoming harder and harder to control and the surface of the steel sphere was already starting to melt.

An explosion echoed.

Following that explosion, countless blazing red fragments of steel flew out as Lin Yun emerged with a layer of red light and a fire rune imprint on his forehead.

The burst of flames turned everything within several hundred meters into a sea of flames centered around Lin Yun. With the Fire Elemental Spirit Incarnation, this kind of ordinary flames could be layered and controlled infinitely, and no matter how high the temperature reached, it still wouldn’t be able to harm Lin Yun.

Unfortunately for Wilder, his steel couldn’t bear such a high temperature.

Most of it was turned into molten steel, but a lot of it was directly vaporized.

Floating in the air, Lin Yun looked at Wilder’s unsightly expression and said, “Is this your family’s renowned steel magic? It’s truly disappointing, it’s only ordinary steel and magic iron. It’s indeed a bit harder and has greater piercing power than earth magic, but that’s all...”

“Unfortunately, the steel you control will be burnt into molten steel or vaporized as long as the temperature is high enough, reducing the activity of metal elements by a few hundred times and crippling your steel magic.”

Wilder had an unsightly expression. This was the flaw of the Rodney Family’s magic, steel would become hard to control if the temperature was too high. The higher the temperature, the more difficult controlling it would be. They would completely lose control when it reached a certain extent, as vaporized steel simply couldn’t be controlled.

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Chapter 1277: Duel

The molten steel became uncontrollable, Wilder had to wait until it fell to the ground and cooled down to a certain degree before he could manipulate it again.

Wilder hadn’t used a steel spell after wrapping the molten steel around Lin Yun’s Fusion Shield, he had used a steel hardening technique to temporarily cover Lin Yun’s Fusion Shield before controlling the rest of the steel to attach to it. Once the temperature had decreased, he would have kept condensing the steel.

But due to the Fire Protection, the steel just kept melting. It was the first time someone saw through the spell developed by the Rodney Family.

Wilder had an unsightly expression as he glared at Lin Yun in silence. He kept throwing steel spikes and steel balls towards Lin Yun, covering the entire sky. As for Lin Yun, he just floated there with his Fire Protection active and raised his Draconic Staff. The shadow of a huge purple dragon embracing a wheel appeared behind him.

Glaring light shone at the tip of his magic staff and thunder boomed as lightning surged. Clouds and mist suddenly covered everything within several kilometers before condensing into a thick black cloud.

A deep rumble echoed...

He used the Mist Spell to draw in a large amount of moisture before forcibly compressing it into a black cloud. During that time, the strand of lightning at the tip of Lin Yun’s staff had turned into a glaring mass of lightning.

Lin Yun spat out a law rune and hurriedly chanted an incantation. Booming thunder kept echoing as thick snake-like pillars of lightning fell down.

Wilder grew increasingly more worried as he watched Lin Yun’s actions. His steel magic was really powerful, the Fire Protection Lin Yun had released was a 9th Tier Fire Spell. It could be said to be among the best defensive fire spells in terms of temperature and defense, but it was still pierced by Wilder’s steel.

A large amount of law runes kept appearing when Lin Yun’s Fusion Shield was pierced by the steel spikes, it looked like it would be torn shreds at any moment.

But there was no use, he couldn’t get rid of Lin Yun’s defenses even when he used his strongest abilities. And while Lin Yun’s actions didn’t seem to be too impressive, Wilder still felt uneasy.

He watched Lin Yun's cast with a somber expression, took out a silver piece of metal covered in strange patterns and casually threw it over. The piece of metal transformed into a sharp spike, and disappeared as Wilder cast a spell.

At the same time, countless lightning bolts surged out of that several-kilometer-wide black cloud, falling on the ground like rain. The steel balls and spikes flying in the air were naturally attracting the lightning bolts. As for Wilder's transformed body, it was no different from a lightning rod as countless lightning bolts fell onto him.

The forest below them had already been set ablaze.

Four Lightning Shields started revolving around Lin Yun's body.

The metal spike that Wilder just threw slowly started deviating from its course, ultimately missing Lin Yun by eight meters.

That steel spike flew into an arc and aimed at Lin Yun once again, only to miss again.

Wilder's expression took a turn for the worse after missing for the third time. It wasn't due to the lightning bolts falling on his body, as they barely injured him. It was because he suddenly discovered that he lost control of the silver-marked metal passed down from his ancestor. He could no longer call it back. He had sent it flying towards Lin Yun three times, but he completely lost control of it after that and it started revolving around Lin Yun.

Wilder once again manipulated the large amount of steel into steel spikes and threw them at Lin Yun, but the same thing happened. They would deviate from their trajectory whenever they got within a hundred meters of Lin Yun and would no longer pose any threat to Lin Yun once they were fifty meters away.

Wilder was completely stunned, he couldn't understand what was happening.

He knew that his family's steel magic could be restrained by the terrifying temperature of Extraordinary Spells, but this was something new to him.

'Why do I lose control over steel when it gets close to Mafa Merlin? It simply can't get close to him, damnit! What the hell is going on!?'

Lin Yun sneered. The four elemental laws in his Demiplane had formed four extremes recently, and after the four core laws evolved, branching laws started evolving.

Heat and lightning magic were laws that had evolved during this time. Lin Yun's comprehension of the four elemental laws was the deepest, but he still comprehended the other laws of the Demiplane.

'That idiot Wilder definitely doesn't know that the target of the Lightning Rain wasn't him, but the steel. After hosting the power of thunder, it would carry a force that might not necessarily be properly understood in Noscent, magnetism.'

Lightning and magnetism could very easily be swapped, let alone in a place filled with steel, magic metal, and silver-marked metal. Temporarily magnetizing them was really too easy. The Lightning Shields formed a repulsive force that easily altered the metals' trajectory, rendering all of Wilder's attacks unable to hit his shields.

Clearly, Wilder couldn't understand why this was happening.

A strange smile appeared on Lin Yun's mouth when he saw Wilder's lost expression.

"Wilder, have you ever heard of railguns?"

Wilder had a confused expression as he looked at Lin Yun, he then gritted his teeth and kept casting steel spells. However, the closest they got to Lin Yun was five meters, not a single one reached Lin Yun's shield.

Countless law runes spurted out of the wheel shadow behind Lin Yun, most of them being lightning runes flickering with electricity.

These runes rapidly gathered in front of Lin Yun, before rapidly condensing into a ten-meter-long cannon flickering with electricity.

At the same time, Lin Yun casually collected the silver-marked metal revolving around him. This was a very precious type of metal which could only be found in small quantities in large natural metal veins. Extracting a small amount was very troublesome, over a hundred tons of metal might have to be extracted to find a few grams of silver-marked metal.

After condensing that cannon, Lin Yun took out a twenty-centimeter-big artillery shell made of magnetic materials, and some hard metals. Those magnetic materials were considered inferior among alchemists and no one would bother gathering them, it actually took him some time finding them.

Lin Yun had already crafted it when he sensed that the Demi-plane's four elemental laws evolved and was only waiting to test it.

Although he didn't feel any danger, Wilder still protected himself with a Steel Shield and a Fusion Shield when the cannon aimed at him. He was also ready to dodge if he sensed anything wrong.

He didn't feel any danger when the artillery shell entered the muzzle of the cannon, but he suddenly felt mortal danger when it started spinning at an increasingly high speed, a deep sense of dread suddenly erupted.

He condensed steel into multiple shields in front of him, but his third shield exploded as he condensed it. He didn't even have time to react before his Fusion Shield was torn apart.

Wilder barely had time to dodge... Only to feel something tear through his right shoulder.

His right shoulder, right arm, and even the right side of his chest were torn to shreds.

The explosive force even sent his body flying. As for the artillery shell, it flew in the distance, no longer visible.

Wilder felt miserable as he fell to the ground. Half of his chest, his right shoulder and arm had disappeared. Scars could be seen on his head and blood covered his face. If not for the fact that he had already transformed his right side into steel, his body might have been torn apart from the impact.

Lin Yun was also stunned.

Firstly, because there was an idiot who tried to face a railgun head-on.

And secondly, because that spell's power far surpassed his expectations. The speed of the projectile was so fast that Lin Yun could barely sense it, it travelled over ten kilometers in a mere three seconds.

He completely lost track of that artillery shell after a few seconds.

The railgun developed by magic was incomparably powerful, with a range of at least 100 kilometers. It's just that the manufacturing cost of the artillery shell was quite high.

If he had to buy the materials for it, it would cost at least 100,000 purple golds, and some of the materials couldn't even be bought.

After dissipating the railgun, Lin Yun flew towards Wilder. The latter had fallen to the ground, constantly puking blood. Although the destruction of his steel body wasn't a threat to his life, the left side of his body was still made of flesh and had suffered from a severe impact. He could be considered lucky that his heart hadn't exploded.

Railgun was a spell developed based on Lin Yun's layman knowledge. It was the limits of what he could create at the moment and it was even more powerful than a single-target Extraordinary Spell of a 4th Rank Heaven Mage.

The custom-made artillery shell flew at over three kilometers per second and could go over a hundred kilometers, but its power would be greatly reduced after a hundred kilometers.

Lin Yun didn't have to spend too much energy on that artillery shell, he didn't have to add a wind, magic penetration, or haste rune. Railgun only had hardening and the ability to use electromagnetism.

But there was no denying the power of that spell, Railgun was using Extraordinary Power, but the artillery shell didn't have Extraordinary Power, yet it could still display that power. This truly surprised Lin Yun.

But that spell was only a prototype with a very obvious weak point: the artillery shell would fly in a straight line and would miss if the target managed to dodge by a couple meters. It wouldn't even shake a Heaven Mage's Fusion Shield.

But Lin Yun actually didn't care about that. He had the same issue when he developed the Four-Element Bomb, it could only fly in a straight line and couldn't explode when it missed.

But the Four-Element Bomb had gone through a lot of research and development before becoming the complete Runic Bomb spell. Moreover, he could use it continuously to create a storm of Four-Element Bombs whose power could surpass a spell flood. The power of the Runic Bombs even surpassed 9th Tier Extraordinary Spells. Most importantly, this was a spell Lin Yun had developed.

Railgun's power was even greater than expected, and its power would increase even more if there was some improvement to the artillery shells, if he added some supporting runes, used some precious materials, or even added Extraordinary Power.

Following the evolution of the four elemental laws' branch laws, Railgun would turn into a complete spell and its power would increase. Lin Yun didn't know how powerful it would become.

Lin Yun started thinking about this matter. Last time he saw Agalon, Agalon told him that the stronger a Heaven Mage was, the less they would use spell floods, since not using Extraordinary Power was a fatal flaw.

Extraordinary Power was vital in these kinds of fights, the duel with Wilder was a perfect example.

If his opponent had been an ordinary 3rd Rank Heaven Mage, a flood of Four-Element Bombs would have been enough to suppress them, maybe even kill them, but it would have no effect against Wilder.

He originally thought that he would have no problem fighting against a 4th Rank Heaven Mage with his recent increase in strength and didn't plan on using the Book of Mantras and the Spell Wheel. He didn't want to use Syodos and Enderfa's help either, he wanted to test his own strength.

But he hadn't expected Wilder to be so troublesome, his steel magic was dreadful. Lin Yun would have suffered a lot more if Wilder had enough resources and all the magic metal he used had been silver-marked metal, or materials of higher rarity.

Wilder had been seriously injured after being blasted by the railgun and was now lying down on the ground, blood dripping down his eyes, ears, mouth, and nostrils. That blow had shaken him and covered his body in cracks, even his heart had a dozen cracks. He would have already died if he hadn't advanced to the Heaven Rank. The extraordinary transformation of a Heaven Rank powerhouse tremendously increased their vitality.

Resentment flashed in Wilder's eyes as he saw Lin Yun pondering about something while floating in the air.

'That damned b*stard was actually that powerful?! And his spells just happen to counter our family's steel magic. Sh*t, how could this be!

'He doesn't dare to kill me! Hmpf, that's right, he seriously injured me, riddled my body with holes, and destroyed half of my body. Any 8th Tier Spell would be enough to kill me, but he doesn't dare to land the last blow!

'Killing me would anger my ancestor, right, he is afraid of our Rodney Family's ancestor! That idiot is an Andlusan country bumpkin after all, how could he dare to kill me?'

Wilder endured the pain of his body breaking down and let his mana surge. At that time, a liquid similar to mercury flowed out of the right side of his body before transforming into a dozen thin needles that flew towards Lin Yun's heart and head.

Sensing the danger, the four Lightning Shields surrounding Lin Yun instantly came together to form a cube of lightning which forcibly absorbed the dozen needles.

After throwing a cold glance at Wilder, Lin Yun instantly condensed a Runic Bomb and sent it flying towards him.

The runic Four-Element Bomb containing the pure destructive elements of the four laws rapidly flew towards Wilder.

Wilder sank into despair as he looked at the Four-Element Bomb coming towards him, his eyes filled with unwillingness and disbelief.

'That guy really dares to kill me, he really dares to kill me... He truly wants to kill me...

'I can't die, I don't want to die... The ancestor just took me out of that desolate place! I don't want to die here! I'm a Heaven Rank powerhouse, the most gifted mage to have appeared in our family!'

"Ancestor... Save me!" The despairing Wilder shouted.

He sounded like a young child being bullied, the fear of death and his despair were clearly audible in his voice.

At the same time, the Rodney Family's ancestor raised his head inside the rust-smelling forbidden area of the Rodney Family. A cold glint flashed in his eyes as Extraordinary Power surged and distorted his surroundings.

The melted steel in Wilder's surroundings instantly wrapped around him to form a huge steel ball.

The Runic Bomb exploded on the surface of the steel ball and caused a terrifying shockwave. The trees still standing within a kilometer were instantly turned into fragments, but the shockwave didn't stop there and kept spreading for a few more kilometers.

A mushroom cloud soared, reaching close to a kilometer in height. The center of the explosion was still filled with destructive power.

Lin Yun's expression suddenly changed as a huge pressure was emitted from the center of the explosion. The pressure alone was enough to make him unable to breathe. He instinctively felt a life-threatening dread as thunderous booms echoed within his soul, warning him that this terrifying power could instantly kill him.

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Chapter 1278: An Eye for an Eye

Lin Yun unhesitantly flew backward, his body covered in a faint layer of light. Bizarre patterns started spreading over his body as a rune flashing with a multitude of colors appeared between his brows.

Both the Book of Mantras and the Spell Wheel suddenly appeared. The purple dragon shadow was holding the wheel shadow behind Lin Yun while an ancient bronze-colored scale appeared beneath his feet, holding the Book of Mantras and the Spell Wheel on each plate.

A huge Windfire Gate and a huge Spell Wheel emitting countless sparks appeared on Lin Yun's sides.

The Elemental Chapter and the All-Encompassing Chapter were both enhancing the Book of Death while the two 7th Tier Spell Slots of the Sage Chapter were suddenly emptied.

th Tier Spell Lava Shelter, 7th Tier Spell Greater Angel Blessings. Under the effect of the Sage Chapter, both spells had turned into Ultimate Spells and their might could compare to 9th Tier Spells. Even the spells' effects reached their full potential, ordinary 9th Tier Spells couldn't even compare.

Lava Shelter was a revolving layer of lava, a fusion of fire and earth magic, and the strongest 7th Tier Spell when it came to pure defensive power. Not only was its defensive power even stronger after becoming an Ultimate Spell, its temperature was also greatly increased.

As for Greater Angel Blessings, it was a rarely seen protective spell which decreased the might of a spell. A similarly tiered spell could only display 10% of its might after clashing with Greater Angel Blessings. Stronger spells would destroy Greater Angel Blessings, but their power would still be decreased by 50% if they were no more than a tier above Greater Angel Blessings.

That property was displayed to its utmost limits as an Ultimate Spell. Spells of the same tier couldn't destroy it and their destructive power would be completely negated.

This was the reason why Lin Yun placed two defensive spells in his two 7th Tier slots in the Sage Chapter.

Even if there was a 3rd 7th Tier slot in the Sage Chapter, Lin Yun would still slot in a defensive spell.

Law Runic Bombs kept blasting towards the center of the cloud, echoing with fierce explosions. The Spell Wheel and the Book of Mantras also burst towards the center of the cloud with their fiercest power.

The countless buffs increased Lin Yun's casting speed to its peak. The violent explosive power could kill a powerhouse of the same rank within minutes, but Lin Yun could see that the smoke cloud didn't seem pressured and was instead surging outward, as if a terrifying power was emerging from within.

Lin Yun soon saw the source of that dreadful feeling, a metallic silver hand spanning over a kilometer was surging out of the smoke. The terrifying might it contained far exceeded Wilder's aura and was aiming at Lin Yun, pressuring him.

Lin Yun's expression turned gloomy upon seeing this lifelike metallic hand.

He didn't need to think to know this came from the secluded Rodney family's ancestor. Only a Heaven powerhouse whose power surpassed the 5th Rank could display such formidable power over such a large distance.

Lin Yun gritted his teeth and cast all the spells he could alongside Syudos and Enderfa. The surrounding space was already suppressed by that formidable power, not to mention using spatial magic to escape, even retreating and dodging was incomparably difficult.

It felt similar to when he was suppressed by Extraordinary Power before he reached the Heaven Rank... No, it felt even more dreadful!

It looked like the other side only used 10% of their power, yet that power was completely suppressing him, forcing him to watch the palm about to crush him.

Lin Yun ground his teeth, shock visible in his eyes.

'As a 3rd Rank Heaven Mage, I'm as powerful as a 4th Rank Heaven Mage. Wilder's quick defeat can be attributed to new spells. Had it been a normal battle, it would have taken me at least an hour to defeat him.

'But it is said that the Rodney Family's ancestor has been a 5th Rank Heaven Mage for the past four centuries. Even if he broke through, he would at most be a 6th Rank Heaven Mage...

'I'm definitely stronger than most 4th Rank Heaven Mages, only two ranks away from the Rodney Family's ancestor... Are two ranks that much of a gap?

'He must be over a thousand kilometers away, yet the power he released feels life threatening. I'll definitely die if I block this attack...'

Sensing that lifelike metallic hand approaching, Lin Yun roused the Origin Chapter and shrouded the two kilometers surrounding him into pure darkness.

While the darkness surrounded him, Lin Yun kept casting spells while retreating. It looked as if he was carrying a mountain on his back.

The world of pure darkness was hiding everything within. The torrent of spells was still flying out from within, but no one could sense Lin Yun's location.

But two kilometers was nothing for the kilometer-big hand, it would pressure several kilometers around the darkness as long as it crushed it.

The huge metallic hand blocked countless spells and attacks, and although they kept weakening its power, it wasn't to a great extent. It looked like the spell of a Magic Apprentice, its speed was very slow, yet it kept moving forward with unstoppable power. That kind of slow torment was even more dreadful than being crushed to death.

As seconds slowly passed, the projection of Lin Yun's Demiplane appeared above his head and Law Power frantically surged out. The water of the Mana Lake turned into a thick stream which flowed out of the Demiplane to restore Lin Yun's mana.

The power of Lin Yun's spell was greatly increased with the appearance of the Demiplane's laws, he managed to slow the metallic hand enough for it to take eight seconds to travel the last kilometer.

And these eight seconds were enough for Lin Yun to emerge from the edge of the darkness.

At that time, he could no longer hold the metallic hand back...

The huge metallic hand fiercely crushed the center of the darkness, popping the darkness created by the Origin Chapter as if it was a weak bubble. The Book of Death trembled as the Origin Chapter shook and its radiance dimmed. It would take a few days before he could use it again.

Seeing the metallic hand falling down over four hundred meters away, Lin Yun immediately stopped his obstructing barrage. Within these few seconds, the metallic hand had been somewhat weakened.

Protective spells appeared one after another. The earth rose up as rocks formed a wall in front of Lin Yun, alongside Askrim Gates.

The elemental storm released by Enderfa also came to an end as he started casting a flood of defensive spells. The Windfire pouring out of Syudos' gate also converged into a solid wall at the forefront.

Time seemed to have stopped. No sound could be heard. That terrifying power kept on advancing, tearing apart everything in its path. Enderfa's shields were torn to pieces, Syudos' Windfire wall was shattered...

The large number of defensive spells Lin Yun had cast were destroyed in an instant while his surroundings distorted, as if a huge ripple was flowing towards him.

The Greater Angel Blessings instantly dissipated as the shadow of a huge angel embracing its own chest appeared in front of Lin Yun, before shattering into countless specks of light. The spell's power managed to reduce the power of the incoming attack by half.

The remaining power clashed against the blazing Lava Shelter. The flames of the Lava Shelter were forcibly extinguished, and the lava froze before being torn apart.

Ultimately, the remnant of the power fell upon Lin Yun's Fusion Shield. The law runes roaming across the surface of the Fusion Shield instantly surged and Lin Yun's mana consumption suddenly became a few dozen times more important. His mana consumption was far greater than his mana regeneration.

His Fusion Shield didn't last long either, it burst into countless law runes which soon dissipated.

What little power remained fiercely impacted Lin Yun's body. Countless runes shone on Lin Yun's robe, withstanding the attack for a mere instant before being torn to shreds. As the runes collapsed, the robe and its defensive halo were turned into rags.

It looked as if Lin Yun had been fiercely punched by a Sword Saint without even being able to defend. He was sent flying.

After several dozen meters, Lin Yun managed to regain control of his body and stopped in the air.

He had a pale complexion, his robe was in tatters, a rib was sticking out of his chest, he had three broken bones and his organs were injured.

He used mana to force his bone back inside before drinking three Health Potions. The dense overflow of life aura coursed through his body, helping him regain some colors.

After coughing some blood, Lin Yun bitterly smiled. If not for the fact that he had upgraded his robe after his previous comprehension of truth runes, allowing him to cut down a part of the remaining power, half of his bones would have been shattered and his heart would have exploded.

He ended up receiving a serious injury, but he should be able to heal within a day with some nursing and the help of Health Potions. It's just that he would be unable to display half of his power for several days due to the blow. If not for the fact that he had a flawless and unshakable foundation, his Magic Array would have exploded.

Lin Yun stood straight as he looked at his surroundings. The area had already been completely transformed, a kilometer-big, dozen-meter-deep palm imprint could be seen several hundred meters ahead of him.

The earth around the palm imprint was completely devoid of cracks. Due to its immense power, the palm entered the earth like a hot knife through butter, it didn't greatly impact the surroundings.

Everything within several kilometers had been flattened, the ground was over a dozen meters lower than it had been, as if the earth had been forcibly scraped!

There was no trace of Wilder either, he should have already been rescued.

The ancestor of the Rodney Family didn't kill Lin Yun with his attack, but since he forsook his reputation and made a move, he would definitely not let Lin Yun go back alive. Moreover, the other side definitely knew that they failed to kill Lin Yun, so why was there no follow-up?

As doubts started appearing in Lin Yun's mind, he suddenly noticed something happening in the distance, a large hole appeared within the azure sky, exposing the endless void for a brief moment.

That hole appeared in the direction of the Rodney Family's location, and it appeared to be right above them.

Lin Yun remained silent for a moment before coming to an understanding.

'Agalon must have made a move...'

Within the Rodney Family...

Wilder had just been rescued, but he barely had time to say a word when he noticed a huge hole appearing in the sky. Starlight fell down before quickly dissipating.

Inside the forbidden area of the Rodney Family, on top of a rich ore vein, the Rodney ancestor was looking at the sky with a frightened expression.

The starlight converged into a kilometer-big hand. It was so lifelike that even the lines of the palms and fine hair could be seen. That huge hand didn't seem to carry any power, yet the Rodney ancestor appeared to be incomparably pale. It looked as if his body was crushed by a mountain, as if he couldn't straighten his waist.

That huge hand looked exactly like the one he used to deal with Lin Yun, but the power it contained was incomparable.

The hand he released was imposing and appeared to be very powerful, yet this hand made of starlight didn't leak a single bit of aura, all its power was pressuring him. He wouldn't even be able to react if he hadn't noticed it.

And this was the reason why the ancestor was so frightened. He cast a large number of steel spells which formed a huge steel dome around him. And as that steel dome grew thicker and thicker, it formed a hundred-meter-big silver ball.

The starlight hand softly pressed against that silvery ball, shattering it in an instant. Only the Rodney ancestor was left within, lying on his stomach after being gently crushed by the starlight hand.

The ground didn't shake at all, but a dozen-meter-deep palm imprint spanning over a kilometer was left behind. The Rodney ancestor was crushed in the center, his body had turned metallic, but it was covered in cracks.

After the starlight hand dissipated, the ancestor slowly struggled out of the man-shaped hole. Fear could be seen on his incomparably pale face. His steel body almost shattered, both the surface of his body and his insides were covered in cracks. His organs seemed like they were about to shatter in countless pieces.

After coughing some silver-colored blood, the ancestor promptly drank a few healing potions.

“Focus on comprehending the Laws here for the next century.” A cold voice echoed next to the Rodney ancestor’s ear.

His hand shook and the potion he was about to drink fell down. He stopped taking care of his injury and promptly struggled to stand up to bow in a certain direction.

“I’ll follow your instructions, Sir Great Astrologian.”

No answer came, but that didn’t bother the ancestor. Even as a 6th Rank Heaven Mage, he felt cold sweat trickling down his back and remained in that position for three minutes before slowly raising his head, yet he was still frightened.

‘Too scary, the Great Astrologian is actually that powerful?! His control over his power has reached the pinnacle... Even when I did my best to resist, I ended up seriously injured, but not enough to lose my life.

‘He wants me to remain here for a hundred years and not interfere with what’s happening outside. I can only listen and obey, he is too powerful... It is said that the Great Astrologian already reached the peak of the Heaven Rank, it must be true... No, he might have even stepped into a new realm...’

The ancestor managed to calm himself after drinking several valuable Heaven Grade potions. He then summoned Wilder, who was now missing his right shoulder and right arm.

Wilder shook when he saw the deep palm imprint. His expression changed as he thought of something, but before he could say something, his ancestor fiercely slapped him.

“Fool! I let you lead the Rodney Family to give you some experience and learn how to handle the family’s affairs, not to court a calamity!

“Yet you only learnt how to act like these useless nobles and started a duel... Will you only be satisfied if I die and our Rodney Family ends up buried?!” The ancestor lashed out as he slapped him a few times.

Wilder originally felt wronged, but he could only feel fearful now and couldn’t say a single word. His first mission after becoming the Patriarch had been decided by the ancestor... And it was to get rid of the Gilded Rose...

Wilder could only feel dread as he saw his ancestor covered in cracks like a shattered porcelain put back together. Who else but the almighty Great Astrologian could put him in that state and leave a huge palm imprint inside their forbidden area?

After slapping and cursing Wilder a few more times, an exhausted expression appeared on the ancestor’s face, “Wilder, it’s for your own good. I didn’t survive because the Great Astrologian was lenient, but because Mafa Merlin survived. The Great Astrologian made a move because I made a move.

“I can’t leave this area for the next century, I won’t be able to save you if you meet a crisis. You have to understand that some people can’t be provoked, they can’t be touched. That Mafa Merlin must be the disciple of the Great Astrologian...

“Take care of your body. Your destroyed arm can slowly recover. But remember, you’ll only have yourself to blame if you provoke Mafa Merlin and die!”

Wilder absent-mindedly walked out of the forbidden area, completely terrified. He was in a daze, the only words he remembered was "Don't provoke Mafa Merlin"...

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Chapter 1279: Heaven Rank and Demiplane

Lin Yun no longer cared about the Rodney Family's matters, neither did he go look for a place to heal. Instead, he sent a message to Faleau before going to Agalon's mountain.

He would have died if Agalon hadn't made a move. Powerhouses above the 5th Rank of the Heaven realm were too frightening, he simply couldn't resist.

His injuries weren't too bad, but his strength would be reduced for a couple days.

He arrived at that ordinary mountain once again. The space was the same as before, the kilometer from the bottom of the mountain to the top was still stretching infinitely.

Lin Yun summoned the projection of his Demiplane, which started automatically resisting the changes in the surrounding laws. The projected laws covered a few meters around Lin Yun and forcibly restored the laws to their original state. A few minutes later, Lin Yun effortlessly reached the top of the mountain.

Agalon was sitting on a deck chair, gazing at the sky. There was no cloud above him, in fact, the sky wasn't even blue, it looked like a starry night sky.

Lin Yun wasn't surprised by this strange scene. With a slight alteration of the space, the summit's space and the sky's space were folded together to completely reduce the atmosphere's interference against starlight, it was as if they were looking at the starry sky from the void.

Lin Yun quickly walked the few meters separating him from Agalon before respectfully bowing.

"Thank you for your help, Sir Agalon."

These were his genuine feelings. Agalon was a lot more different from what had been recorded in history books, he was a lot more worthy of respect than what the book made him seem.

He spent years researching the truth about Noscent's future destruction. He wouldn't have died so early on if not for the huge amount of time and energy spent in that endeavor. Surpassing the Heaven Rank and igniting Godfire was an inevitable matter. Maybe the disaster that befell Agalon and the Starry Sky College was linked to the things Agalon was researching.

'He unhesitantly backed me up because he had the feeling that I might know some things about the future. He even wants to entrust the Starry Sky College to me, helped me grow stronger and helped me with comprehending the laws. He gave me tips on the development and comprehension of a Natural Demiplane, everything he does is for the sake of preventing that future disaster...'

'This time, he didn't even hesitate to make a move. He is definitely worthy of respect...'

Lin Yun had a heavy heart. There were many things he couldn't say, because speaking about these matters might change the future and he simply didn't know if these changes would be for better or for worse.

Agalon only sensed that he was destined to fall in a disaster ten years later, that it was his fate. But Lin Yun knew that Agalon would set foot on the starry sky battlefield's path after that disaster occurred, only to never return.

Lin Yun could see from Agalon's peaceful appearance that the latter didn't feel that his future death was unacceptable, in fact, he wasn't trying to prevent it.

Lin Yun inwardly sighed and remained silent about these matters, he didn't try to warn Agalon not to step on the starry sky battlefield. This would be useless and might even backfire and convince him that the most important clues were in the starry sky battlefield. After the disaster occurred, he would inevitably rush there without looking back.

'It's a matter of strength. I'll be able to change this tragic conclusion as long as I'm powerful enough, we will see then...'

After hesitating for a bit, Lin Yun made up his mind. He would do his best to increase his strength and develop his Natural Demi-plane. He would prevent Agalon's fall ten years later, and he might even be able to prevent that disaster.

Agalon saw Lin Yun's complicated expression and softly sighed. He couldn't know what Lin Yun was actually worried about, in fact, he thought that Lin Yun had suffered a blow after experiencing the power of a 6th Rank Heaven Mage.

"Mafa, now you should know the difference in power between you and a Heaven Mage that surpasses the 5th Rank?"

Lin Yun nodded with a casual expression, "It's a difference in quality, it's not something that could be emulated with mana or spells."

Agalon nodded, "There are records of the battles between deities of the distant Mythological Era, the most important one is the battle between the Sea God and the Volcanic God.

"The Sea God's mana was boundless, his mana pool was as big as the Endless Sea. When it came to mana, no other god could compare. Even the ruler of the gods, the Godking, couldn't compare in that regard.

"As for the Volcanic God, his territory had been located in the volcanic region in the southern part of the continent, bordering the Sea God's territory. They were constantly at odds and never stopped fighting. A war between the Sea God and the Volcanic God ended up happening during the era of wars, but the outcome was unexpected.

"The Volcanic God was one of the lesser deities ranked below the 60th rank while the Sea God was ranked above 20th rank.

"Moreover, the Volcanic God's territory was a few dozen times smaller than the Sea God's.

"But their first actual war ended with the Sea God's heart beating for the last time. The Volcanic God's power pierced through the terrifying plane-destroying magic power and ended the Sea God's life."

Lin Yun was faintly startled and recalled reading something like this in the records of the gods, but it was just a story which no one paid attention to. Could there be something hidden in the story?

“This was a battle which changed the path of Noscent’s development. From that point on, all of Noscent’s lifeforms stopped focusing on pure magic power and started focusing on the gap in quality.

“The era of huge bodies and tsunami-like attacks ended. That concept became common sense since the start of the Nesser Dynasty and no one questioned it.

“And the origin of this change was the fall of a powerful God. In our current era, the gap between each rank is a qualitative gap. In a battle between an Expert Swordsman and a Sword Saint, the Sword Saint would only need to use a tenth of their power to easily slice their opponent.

“This is the essence of rank suppression. It is the same for the Heaven Rank. The first three ranks of the Heaven Realm are just a foundation for law comprehension and usage of law power. The Extraordinary Power they can release is several dozen times stronger than what an Archmage can release. This is a qualitative pressure and has nothing to do with quantity.

“At the 4th Rank, one would start making use of their Demiplane. Demiplanes would stabilize upon the weight of the laws, they would become even more perfect and start influencing the surroundings.”

Lin Yun suddenly understood. His Demiplane could help him resist the transformed spatial law on the way to the summit by altering laws themselves. By projecting the laws, he was able to remain unaffected.

“At the 5th Rank, Heaven Mages can start using the power of their Demiplanes. It’s also when the strength of Heaven Rank powerhouses quickly rise. The power of a Demiplane far exceeds the power of a mage.

“We possess Natural Demiplanes, and thus, we are bound to be far stronger than other mages. This is because the laws of Natural Demiplanes aren’t limited to the laws a mage comprehended, nor to the extent of their comprehension.

“The laws of Natural Demiplanes evolve alongside the Natural Demiplanes. This is a fact, the law power of Natural Demiplanes are more comprehensive and powerful, whether it is in regard to quality or quantity, they far exceed Heaven Mages’ Demiplanes.

“This is what you should focus on, you’ll easily be hundred times more powerful than a mage of the same rank by using your Natural Demiplane. By comprehending all kinds of laws, you’ll be even more powerful when battling.

“Right now, you can only use the Natural Demiplane for defensive purposes. If you could make perfect use of a developed Natural Demiplane, you wouldn’t have been injured when facing the ancestor of the Rodney Family.

“But the fact that you survived as a 3rd Rank Heaven Mage is already pretty good.

“I’ll now train you in the use of Natural Demiplanes.”

Agalon spent an entire day imparting knowledge to Lin Yun. That knowledge was Agalon’s own experiences, every step of his stumbling path, his successes, his mistakes, his reflections. This allowed him to find a correct path.

As for Lin Yun, he didn't have a great understanding of these matters. He knew what an ordinary Heaven Rank powerhouse needed to pay attention to, but he had been fumbling his way forward when it came to what was best for someone with a Natural Demiplane.

This was due to the fact that the powerhouses who obtained a Natural Demiplane could be counted on one's hands. Not only were they all different, there was no clear records regarding Natural Demiplanes. After all, one had to have a Natural Demiplane to study Natural Demiplanes.

Lin Yun benefited a lot from that day. He had a very intuitive understanding of his Natural Demiplane and now had a direction to work on. Moreover, his decision to focus on developing his Natural Demiplane had actually been a very sensible choice. He had focused on the growth of his Natural Demiplane all along and it was even more perfect than Agalon's had been at the same rank, it was also far more developed.

The next day, Lin Yun's injuries recovered thanks to his healing potions and he was close to making a full recovery.

At that time, Agalon suddenly said, "I'll take you to a place."

He didn't wait for Lin Yun's answer and gently reached out in front of him. A faint ripple appeared and a stable Planar Path was formed.

The fluctuations coming from the Planar Path were very weak. Even if Lin Yun stood next to it, he couldn't sense any powerful spatial fluctuations. It was even more stable than a Planar Path opened by a large-scale array.

Lin Yun was about to say something, but ended up remaining silent and followed Agalon into the Planar Path.

They walked through the Planar Path before quickly reaching its exit. They appeared in a desolate world with no sky above their heads, as if the void was directly exposed. From time to time, meteorites could be seen falling down from the sky.

The smell of various poisons and rust could be sensed within the rarefied air.

Understanding flashed in Lin Yun's eyes, it was the Puppet Plane!

Agalon cast a five-meter-big protective spell, which also protected Lin Yun. After pausing in the air, Agalon immediately chose a direction and the both of them turned into a ray of light flashing in the distance, their auras and figures hidden from sight.

After a few minutes, the gorgeous multi-colored lights covering their surroundings dissipated and they reappeared in the sky, not far from a steel city.

That steel city was many times bigger than the last one Lin Yun had seen. There were three kilometer-tall four-sided towers in the center of the steel city. The energy moving between the three towers was clearly visible and formed a several-dozen-meter-big energy sphere.

These three towers covered at least a hundred kilometers. If there was any sign of a falling meteorite, the devices within the three towers would calculate the trajectory of the meteorite before sending the energy sphere to intercept it.

Agalon looked at the steel city in the distance and gently pointed a finger, sending a rune flying into the steel city's wall. Soon, a huge bat-like puppet with dozen-meter-long wings flew out of the steel city.

The puppet appeared to be infuriated as it flew over, seemingly shouting in anger. The shout created ripples which spread towards the surroundings and swept away the dust present in the air turning it into invisible splinters.

At that time, Lin Yun felt an irresistible gentle force pushing him out of Agalon's protective spell.

"Mafa, this is a Level 45 Puppet, its talent rune is Infrasound, it can use limited law power, and it doesn't possess a Demiplane. This should make a good opponent for you, get rid of that guy."

Lin Yun's face turned green. A Level 45 Puppet could compare to a 5th Rank Heaven Mage. Even if its talent rune wasn't outstanding, and it wasn't as good as a 5th Rank Heaven Mage in battle, it wasn't a huge difference.

Lin Yun clearly understood that he could get killed while fighting that puppet. Each rank was an exponential increase in power. It wasn't that bad for the first three ranks since it was only a matter of increasing a mage's strength and utilizing the laws. The 5th Rank was when mages started controlling the laws and their fighting strength doubled.

Lin Yun didn't have time to think about this. That puppet immediately discovered him when he appeared in the air. He didn't know what Agalon did, but that puppet acted like a beast whose den had been destroyed and pack killed. Only rage could be seen in its pair of crystal eyes.

The Book of Death appeared in his left hand while the Draconic Staff appeared in his right hand. The Book of Mantras and the Spell Wheel appeared at his sides while the Purple Dragon Incarnation transformed into a hundred-meter-tall purple dragon shadow holding a huge wheel shadow containing countless roaming law runes.

The shadow of a bronze scale appeared under his feet, holding the Spell Wheel and the Book of Mantras on both plates. In an instant, a several-dozen-meter-big Windfire gate and a huge wheel shadow of the same dimensions appeared at his sides.

Windfire's fierce power and the Spell Wheel's elemental storm converged into a terrifying flood of destruction which charged towards the bat-like puppet.

Lin Yun raised his Draconic Staff and a large amount of runes surged out of the wheel shadow behind him. Following Lin Yun's rapid cast, a Law Runic Bomb condensed and flew towards the bat-like puppet.

The large bat puppet flapped its wings in response, the talent rune underneath its throat suddenly brightened as a silent shout came out of the bat's mouth. That was a sound humans couldn't hear, Lin Yun couldn't hear the sound produced by the rune even as a Heaven Mage powerhouse.

Ripples came out of the mouth of the large bat puppet and swiftly expanded outward. These ripples went through the Windfire gate and the elemental storm without suffering any obstruction. Small vibrations appeared before the pure Windfire power shattered into wind power and fire power, before being broken down into minute elemental power.

The elemental storm filled with pure destruction also faced the same conclusion, it instantly collapsed after being hit by the infrasound and was dismantled into basic spells of the four elements...

Even the original impact power disappeared upon contact with the infrasound. After travelling half the distance, the attacks of the Spell Wheel and Book of Mantras were only able to raise the density of elemental power in the surroundings, they had no other effects.

The Law Runic Bomb he cast only flew 300 meters before exploding in the air. Its destructive power expanded over several dozen meters, before it collapsed into the most basic elemental forces.

Lin Yun's heart missed a beat when he saw this scene. He used everything he had, yet the other side only had to roar to dismantle his power into the most basic elements, how could this be?

After one attack, the bat puppet flapped its wings and instantly disappeared, leaving an after-image at its original position over a kilometer away. It took less than a second for it to arrive before Lin Yun and swipe at his Fusion Shield with three ice-cold claws.

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He consumed over a hundred times more mana than usual in mere seconds. This single exchange consumed 30% of Lin Yun's mana, and 30% of the law runes on his Fusion Shield were pulsating.

A single move from his opponent consumed 30% of the Fusion Shield's power. Lin Yun's Fusion Shield would have been destroyed in one hit, regardless of its vitality, if the puppet had used twice as much power alongside its speed.

The large bat puppet slashed eight times at Lin Yun's Fusion Shield in an instant, making over 70% of the law runes pulsate.

If this kept going at this rate, his Fusion Shield wouldn't last more than ten seconds.

This was a critical situation, cold sweat was already trickling down Lin Yun's forehead. But Lin Yun suddenly calmed down, he recalled Agalon's teachings and his Demiplane's shadow appeared above his head.

The shadow spread over ten kilometers, before suddenly condensing to reach three meters in size. This place's chaotic law power immediately roused the Natural Demiplane's instinctive reaction, its Laws were projected, shrouding Lin Yun's within.

The large bat puppet shouldn't be that fast under normal circumstances, there wasn't even a single sound. It inevitably drew support from the power of Laws, and this kind of power posed a threat to Lin Yun. The Natural Demiplane's projection could force all abnormal law powers to regain their original shape based on the laws of the Natural Demiplane.

Just as the laws were projected, Lin Yun sensed some traces he was unable to sense earlier. Those weren't traces of the bat puppets, but vestiges of the law power used by the bat.

Even if he couldn't see it with his eyes or magic power, he could now track the bat puppet's silhouette.

He wouldn't have to passively take a beating now that he could track his opponent.

Fire Shields, Water Elemental Shields, and Spatial Barriers suddenly appeared around Lin Yun. They were layered in a pattern, one Water Elemental Shield at the forefront, one Fire Shield in the middle, and one Spatial Barrier at the back. The shields formed a total of fifteen layers tightly wrapped around Lin Yun.

The large bat puppet's claws instantly landed on the first shield. The Water Elemental Shield didn't have strong defensive power but it was very powerful in terms of weakening ability, the Fire Shield would let out a repulsive power upon breaking, and the Spatial Barrier with the strongest defensive power was used as a hard wall.

These three defensive spells were combined into five groups of three and managed to halve the power of the puppet's attack. When the puppet's claw landed on the Fusion Shield, only 20% of the law runes ended up throbbing.

Even after three seconds, the amount of throbbing law runes on the surface of the Fusion Shield remained at 20%. It wasn't possible for the bat puppet to rely on speed and power to destroy the Fusion Shield.

The bat puppet no longer appeared to be in an irrational rage, it floated away after that ten-second-long stalemate and remained at a few hundred meters. Its crystal eyes emitted ice cold light, apparently still holding some disdain towards Lin Yun.

Lin Yun stopped casting and solemnly pondered how to take care of it. His usual fighting style could no longer deal with this kind of circumstances. His current strength had already reached the limit of the regular Heaven Mages' path. He could still barely deal with 4th Rank Heaven Rank powerhouses, but it was very difficult for him to deal with powerhouses or lifeforms at the 5th Rank of the Heaven realm.

This was a pressure in terms of essence, it wasn't something mana or magic power could influence. He had to rely on his Natural Demiplane to handle this bat puppet.

Lin Yun's mind shook as his mind power was rapidly consumed. He was mentally processing all kinds of thoughts, making plans, and giving up on them before making new plans.

While Lin Yun was still thinking, the bat puppet's talent rune shone once again and it silently shouted at him. Those spatial ripple-like infrasound waves spread over a kilometer in less than a second.

The infrasound waves instantly blew up Lin Yun's defensive shields, dissipating them all in an instant. They shattered into countless fragments upon impact, crumbling into basic elemental power.

% of the law runes of the Fusion Shield throbbed when the infrasound attack landed. Lin Yun's entire mana pool was consumed every second, forcing him to transfer mana from his Demiplane directly into his Fusion Shield.

Cold sweat trickled down Lin Yun's forehead as he faced the flood of infrasound waves. Countless runes flickered in his eyes, his Magic Array was operating at full power, helping him weave plans to solve the current crisis. But Lin Yun was still too slow, his Fusion Shield would thoroughly crumble within two seconds. This Fusion Shield, which was at least seven to eight times stronger than defenses of mages of the same rank, simply couldn't resist that frightening attack.

That kind of infrasound wave attack was using law power which already exceeded Lin Yun's comprehension. Even if the puppet's usage of law power was very rudimentary, it was enough to get rid of Lin Yun.

Since the Magic Array wasn't enough, the Spell Wheel joined in the calculations. A second later, Lin Yun let out a relieved sigh. The Book of Death flipped itself to the Origin Chapter and darkness spread out from it, enveloping everything within two kilometers.

The infrasound waves' power was greatly reduced upon entering the darkness. Half of the darkness immediately started crumbling, but it also dissipated half of the flood of infrasounds.

After witnessing this scene, Lin Yun's Magic Array and Spell Wheel gathered a large amount of data and continued making calculations as understanding flashed within Lin Yun's eyes.

Soundwaves needed a medium to spread, and the most basic medium was air. All sound magic used air as the most basic medium to spread, and the law used was based on the wind law.

With that foundation, no matter how much it was developed, it was still developing a branch of the wind law.

The Puppet Plane's air was sparse, it was so thin that an ordinary person's body would start swelling due to the low atmospheric pressure. It also made it hard for sound to spread, the dissemination efficiency was very low.

Although the large bat puppet's infrasound was very powerful, it still needed a medium to spread. There was both magic power and space, but all the magic power released had been crushed, leaving space as the only possibility. These infrasounds used space itself as a medium!

To resist, he needed to grasp the medium used...

Lin Yun deduced the key points in an instant with the help of the Spell Wheel and the Magic Array. The darkness only managed to delay for a couple seconds, but it was more than enough.

The Book of Death flipped itself to the Sage Chapter and Lin Yun spat out a dozen spatial law runes. These runes rapidly combined and formed a seemingly careless spell matrix. The spell formed using spatial law runes was only a 7th Tier Spell.

Lin Yun then slotted that spell into a slot of the Sage Chapter before immediately activating it.

The spatial fluctuations in Lin Yun's surroundings instantly dissipated and the space looked as if it had been frozen. Everything within had become stiff, even the air was frozen.

Spatial Anchoring was originally an 8th Tier Spell which could stabilize space when it was required. This spell would be used if the conditions weren't good enough for Teleportation, Spatial Door, or a Planar Path.

But Lin Yun didn't care about the other properties of Spatial Anchoring, he only needed the space to be stiffened, allowing to form this spell as a 7th Tier Spell. After reinforcing this spell with the Sage Chapter, it allowed the stiffening effect to be displayed to its pinnacle.

Everything within thirty meters appeared frozen. Upon contact with that space, the infrasounds looked like fishes swimming in a dense sticky swamp, their speed greatly reduced. It took less than three seconds for all the infrasounds currently within thirty meters of Lin Yun to thoroughly dissipate. As for the infrasound waves coming in afterwards, they kept weakening until their power was reduced to that of a lower tier spell easily blocked by the Fusion Shield.

Seeing the effect, Lin Yun sighed in relief and felt somewhat enlightened. He somewhat understood why Agalon emphasized the growth of his Natural Demiplane to its utmost limit, why he always looked a bit envious when mentioning Lin Yun's perfect Demiplane.

The perfect evolution of a Natural Demiplane meant that all the laws would keep evolving on their own. Branches of the four elemental laws would keep evolving from the stable main laws. According to the current state, the four elemental laws were like four big trees slowly growing from their roots to their trunks, and then to their branches and leaves.

This kind of benefit not only allowed Lin Yun to comprehend the branches, his comprehension of all laws could be used as power.

Just like the current fight with the bat puppet. The biggest threat from the other side was its use of law power, but that bat puppet wasn't very powerful after removing the law power.

He only had to focus on dealing with his opponent's law power to stop the puppet from being a threat.

And this was something achieved by the Natural Demiplane!

Lin Yun suddenly came to an understanding. He had only registered Agalon's previous explanations before, but he finally felt like he understood them now.

Lin Yun couldn't completely control the Natural Demiplane's projection, but that didn't matter. He only needed to control some parts of the laws, using a bit was more than enough.

Following Lin Yun's attempt, the Demiplane rapidly expanded to a kilometer. The comprehensive laws projection also dissipated, replaced by projections of the spatial law and wind law.

A wisp of spatial law projection was used to stabilize the area, and although it couldn't compare to the 9th Tier Spell, it did show some effects. At the same time, a wisp of a wind law branch's projection spread out soundwaves.

Using the stable space and making use of the law in an opposite manner to the bat puppet clearly showed some effects.

The bat puppet's speed dropped by 30% when it flapped its wings to soar. Moreover, it could no longer remain noiseless, it couldn't use law power to eliminate the sound out of the shockwaves, and couldn't use its power to speed up.

Its sharp claws fiercely slashed the Fusion Shield's surface, yet it only made 10% of the law runes throb. Continuous attacks made 30% of the law runes throb at most.

The sudden changes stunned the bat puppet. It retreated a kilometer away and its flickering crystal eyes appeared somewhat bewildered.

The flying Agalon smiled from his hiding spot and calmly looked at Lin Yun's fight.

The large bat puppet kept flapping its wings, hovering in the air with some hesitation. After two seconds, that talent rune on its throat shone once again and its wings started flapping frantically, creating even more frantic ripples. The space slightly shuddered when the ripples crossed, as if the air was shattering.

But the infrasounds kept weakening when they entered that area, their spreading speed slowed by 30%.

It took three seconds for these infrasound waves to cross the kilometer separating them from Lin Yun's Fusion Shield, but only 30% of their power remained, and it wasn't enough to threaten Lin Yun's Fusion Shield.

It was like a stainless steel sword suddenly turning into a wooden sword, this was a qualitative weakening.

The bat puppet turned violent when it saw its attack being ineffective. It once again flapped its wings and charged into Lin Yun. Its body flickered, leaving behind eight clones which attacked Lin Yun from all directions.

Lin Yun calmly hovered and simply maintained his Fusion Shield. The bat puppet's power could no longer threaten his Fusion Shield anyway.

Glancing at the Spell Wheel and the Book of Mantras floating next to him gave Lin Yun a wisp of enlightenment. The true power the Natural Demiplane needed to develop was the power of laws, Lin Yun couldn't just treat it as an unlimited source of mana.

The Natural Demiplane already proved that. Using law projections, the layers of passive defenses could weaken the large bat puppet's usage of law power.

The Spell Wheel and Book of Mantras should also work like that.

The Draconic Staff originally functioned as a magic staff increasing magic power, reducing casting time, and reducing mana consumption. But its strongest ability was the increase to spells' might.

The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was originally a prototype based on the Magic Array and its strong point was its ability to make calculations and analyses. Whether it was when comprehending truth runes, analyzing spells, or even during battle, the original effect of the Spell Wheel was put into action.

The Book of Ten Thousand Mantras was known to record all incantations in the world. Even Lin Yun's original spells were fully recorded inside. The core property of the Book of Mantras was its spells.

Lin Yun felt like a layer of fog that had been covering his soul dissipated. It was as if he had just awakened, as if he had always been muddle-headed in the past.

He opened the Book of Death with his left hand and used the buffs of both the Element Chapter and All-Encompassing Chapter. The Draconic Staff's purple dragon incarnation appeared and started buffing him with magic power. The Book of Mantras next to Lin Yun flipped itself to the page of a 9th Tier Spell. As for the Spell Wheel, it started analyzing the battlefield under Lin Yun's control.

A large amount of data appeared in Lin Yun's mind. The chaotic path of the flying bat puppet now appeared in the form of chaotic lines in Lin Yun's eyes.

The Draconic Staff softly landed on the Book of Mantras and a full incantation left the Book of Mantras before condensing into a Law Runic Bomb.

As it formed, the Law Runic Bomb disappeared before instantly exploding in the sky five hundred meters away. As for the bat puppet, which had transformed into several clones, it reappeared three meters away from the explosion.

Even if it hadn't been hit directly by the explosion, it wasn't much different, it was like it had crashed into the Law Runic Bomb.

The large bat puppet used its wings to block the front, yet it was still sent flying several hundred meters away by the explosion. When it resurfaced, its wings were covered with black burnt marks. They were left by the corrosive destructive power, but that kind of injury was nothing more than a scratch to a puppet, it would be fine once it exchanged its layer of skin and it didn't affect its fighting strength at all.

But this made the large bat puppet fly into an incomparable rage. As it thought of what just happened, the puppet shouted in anger, letting out a large-scale infrasonic attack once again. Its body disappeared as the shattering howls covered the entire sky.

Lin Yun smiled after almost hitting the puppet with his first move.

He used the Spell Wheel to deduce the bat puppet's path so that he could know its location in advance and calculate where he could hit it.

He then used the Magic Array to integrate all the information before using the Book of Mantras as a medium to directly cast a complete spell. Even if he could only release one spell this time, it was sufficient.

Because a spell cast with a complete incantation was far stronger than a spell he would have rapidly cast with law runes or by making use of the Magic Array.