

## **Magic Era 801**

### **Chapter 801: Irresistible Craving**

As Brown finished talking, Kempes, who had been indifferently and ruthlessly kicking Kans, suddenly stopped, and interest flashed in his eyes. He sat back at his desk as if minding his own business and resumed drinking his glass of wine.

“Poison Mist Valley?”

Brown promptly nodded.

“Yes, the Poison Mist Valley. In the past few days, that person has been going there frequently, and he even enters the poisoned area sometimes before quickly coming out. It would definitely be easy to kill that person in that environment if it’s Sir Kempes...”

Kempes fiercely tore a piece of meat and put it in his mouth, suspicions flashing in his eyes.

‘A mage of Okland is actually interested in that region? Didn’t they already give up the research many years ago?’

In terms of understanding of the Poison Mist Valley, no one could compare to the Gaugass Battlemages. When other forces had stopped studying the Poison Mist Valley, only the Gaugass Battlemages still explored it.

Other people would at most walk a kilometer before being unable to keep moving forward. Anyone below the Archmage realm wouldn’t be able to last more than five minutes without dying. Only Gaugass Battlemages could remain inside for a very long time, and although their speed was slow, they were still making progress.

Other mage forces might explore a kilometer deep at most, but they wouldn’t find anything within a kilometer... Only stones, and such, nothing valuable.

But now that someone seemed to have thoughts on the Poison Mist Valley, Kempes immediately showed some interest.

After contemplating, Kempes nodded.

“Okay, I’ll take care of this job offer. But the price will be the planar coordinates of your Charlotte Family’s Golden Pearl Plane.”

Brown suddenly froze as he heard that.

The Golden Pearl Plane was the Charlotte Family’s main source of metal. It could be said to be the heart of the Charlotte Family in terms of their weapon business and material business.

The Golden Pearl Plane was basically a desolate land with very little vegetation. But it was frighteningly rich in ore veins. Almost half of the ore veins were directly exposed to the surface, which made extracting them very simple.

The Golden Pearl Plane was rich in mineral resources, and over 30% of the ore veins were very prosperous, while the remaining ones were ordinary ore veins. But they also couldn't set aside all those veins, because even the ordinary ore veins would give birth to some rare magic ores.

A few days ago, a piece of Steel Core was found in an ordinary large-scale iron mine. This was a first-rate ore, and if used to forge a weapon, it would absolutely increase the rank of a Sword Saint by a rank. It was also a top-notch material that could be used to forge a True Spirit Magic Tool or increase the power of a True Spirit Magic Tool to an outrageous level. Even a direct attack from a Sword Saint wouldn't leave a mark on it.

The flourishing development of the Charlotte Family in the past years was inevitably linked to the Golden Pearl Plane, and its Planar Coordinates were a secret among the deepest secrets of the Charlotte Family. Those chosen to be sent to the Golden Pearl Plane were selected very carefully, and even an ordinary miner had to go through three inspections.

How could the Planar Coordinates of this kind of place be given to others? Wasn't this the same as cutting one's own arm? This would be a great blow to the Charlotte Family!

Brown's expression kept changing. He was wondering how to tactfully decline this demand when Kans wiped the blood at the corner of his mouth and fiercely answered, "Good, I agree! As long as you can kill Mafa Merlin, I shall give you the Planar Coordinates!"

Light flickered in Kans' eyes as he inwardly sneered.

'It's only the Planar Coordinates, anyways. As long as this Kempes kills Mafa Merlin, it'll all be fine. It won't matter if I tell him. The Family won't know that the Planar Coordinates were leaked by me, as there are a lot of people who know about the Planar Coordinates. I can just grab two scapegoats when the time comes.

'And it'll be no use even if that Kempes knows the Planar Coordinates. The Golden Pearl Plane is guarded by a massive military force, so even if Kempes went, he wouldn't be able to come back, so the Family wouldn't lose much.'

Kempes didn't care what Kans was thinking; he only sneered as he replied, "Alright, then we've reached an agreement. If you don't tell me the coordinates after I kill Mafa Merlin, I shall teach you why no one dares to double-cross a Gaugass Battlemage!"

Kans didn't care about it. He didn't plan on cheating Kempes, after all. The situation might become bigger if he tricked him, and it could get him dragged into a quagmire. In any case, no one would know who leaked the information.

"I'll dispatch someone to send you a portrait of Mafa Merlin..."

Kempes waved his hand and said, "No need, I'll kill anyone that entered the Poison Mist Valley recently. Aside from that Mafa Merlin, the rest will be free of charge for you..."

Having come to an agreement, Kans and Brown were escorted out of the camp by a group of Gaugass Battlemages. Brown's face was filled with worry, but Kans looked really happy. He didn't care at all about the fact that Kempes had beat him up.

That blow had easily shattered his Runic Shield. This kind of power wasn't something an ordinary mage could have. Only the fierce Gaugass Battlemages that were the bane of mages could do this. 'If they fought, that damn Mafa Merlin's shield would also be torn apart, and his neck would be snapped...'

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Lin Yun naturally didn't know that Kans had gone to seek out the Gaugass Battlemages. He borrowed an alchemy laboratory of the Black Tower and kept researching the medicinal ingredients from the Poison Mist valley.

After two days, he finally used those weed-like medicinal ingredients to compound a kind of Poison Resistance Potion. After taking that potion, he would be able to walk freely within the Poison Mist Valley and wouldn't be affected by the poisonmist.

He led Xiuban, Reina, Enderfa, and the puppet as they once again returned to the Poison Mist Valley. Before entering, Lin Yun made everyone take their potion, and he even smeared some of it on the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and the alchemy puppet. Enderfa even took a bath in the potion.

Last time they went in, Lin Yun discovered that the poisonmist had a very powerful corrosive effect. Not only could it corrode lifeforms, but it could also corrode Magic Tools and alchemy puppets. If he hadn't quickly rushed out, Enderfa and the puppet's mana source would have been contaminated.

After going in once again, everyone felt the poisonmist being blocked outside of their bodies, unable to affect them.

After walking through the desolate valley for a few kilometers, they finally met a living thing for the first time.

It was a ten-meter-long, pitch-black snake that was looking at Lin Yun's group. It was still a few dozen meters away when it opened its bloody maw and bared two thick fangs at them. Two streams of venom sprayed from the snake's fangs at them.

A loud sound echoed as the streams of venom fell short, landing on a large boulder and melting two pitch-dark holes within.

The holes were still bubbling, and within a second, a meter-wide hole appeared within the rock. A black and pungent greasy liquid flowed out of the rock and corroded everything in its path.

This scene made everyone feel a twinge of fear. Even though they had used the Poison Resistance potion, they wouldn't be able to resist this venom. The smell alone was hard to bear, and it caused their noses to itch...

"Everyone be careful, don't be hit by the venom," Lin Yun softly warned.

But he stood aside and didn't move, because the snake they were facing was only level 30. Apart from that terrifying venom, it was easy enough to defeat.

Xiuban raised Carnage and bared his fangs, dashing a dozen meters in one step. His speed was terrifying, and it felt like the ground was suffering from a huge impact with each step as he left huge holes in his wake.

Xiuban reached the black snake in two seconds. The snake opened its mouth again to spray venom, but Xiuban easily dodged it and slammed his hammer down.

“Damn fool, you actually dare to use venom against Lord Xiuban!? Lord Xiuban’s Carnage has been unable to endure the craving!”

Carnage had been reinforced by Lin Yun, and although he hadn’t added any special effects, the new materials made Carnage even more solid. It was heavier and now weighed close to five thousand kilograms. Just trying to hold it would be enough to make most Low Rank Sword Saints flinch, let alone using it as a weapon.

Moreover, there was an array increasing Carnage’s weight. When casually swinging it, its weight would reach ten thousand to twenty thousand kilos.

Xiuban had experienced cruel battles in that other world. Each time a battle was over, he would be covered in injuries, and he had to rely on his fierce body to rapidly recover. After coming back, Xiuban had been sleeping a lot while consuming a large amount of potion, and his strength had rapidly increased. When he competed with Thorne Merlin, he was able to easily suppress him with one hand. He was just like a Beastman-shaped monster.

As he slammed Carnage towards the snake’s head, a series of sonic booms echoed. It wasn’t particularly fast, but that terrifying and uncanny power caused air to explode away from the impact.

Carnage was wrapped in formidable power as it ruthlessly hit the side of the snake’s head. The snake’s head exploded like a watermelon, turning into a mist of blood that flew away due to the terrifying power and momentum behind the blow. Not even a single wisp of blood fell on Xiuban’s body.

## **Chapter 802: Poisonous Magic Beast**

In an instant, this level 30 venomous black snake became a headless corpse. Xiuban then ran to its side with a thieving smile and picked up the black snake’s mana crystal before mumbling with dissatisfaction, “What the hell, it’s so weak, it couldn’t even take on one swing of Lord Xiuban’s Carnage. Fortunately, Lord Xiuban was smart and held back, or else it wouldn’t have been worth it...”

He raised Carnage and returned.

Lin Yun immediately said, “Take it out.”

Xiuban looked back innocently.

“Sir Merlin, what are you talking about?”

Although that mana crystal was small, it was definitely rare and valuable, considering where they were.

Lin Yun expressionlessly looked at Xiuban and added, “That mana crystal is highly toxic.”

Xiuban’s expression instantly turned pale, and he hurriedly threw the mana crystal out of his pocket like it was a burning ember.

Lin Yun used a Mana Hand and grabbed the crystal. He carefully looked at it and slightly frowned.

“Let’s continue...”

After moving forward once again, they encountered even more magic beasts. Some weaker magic beasts avoided them from afar, and after walking a few kilometers, a group of pitch-black lizards with oozing tumors all over their backs barred their path.

The dozen ten-meter-long level 35 Poison Lizards unhesitantly charged.

The oozing tumors on their backs burst out, and a black rain of liquefied poison sprayed in every direction.

The alchemy puppet moved first. It raised both arms and instantly shot out several dozen fireballs at the poisonous lizards.

Crackling sounds kept echoing as the rain of poison seemed to be thinning, but just a drop of it could extinguish a head-sized fireball.

The wave of fire formed by the fireballs soon showed signs of being suppressed. The arrays on both arms of the puppet started shining, and the array on its torso also followed suit. In an instant, the wave of flames tripled in size.

The raging flames evaporated the rain of poison and continued on towards the group of poisonous lizards. The lizard at the head let out a loud scream as its body was forcibly ignited. Their poison sacks exploded one by one, but they still couldn’t extinguish the surrounding raging flames.

A few seconds later, the first poisonous lizard was burnt to ashes, and the flames formed a long river that washed over the poisonous lizards, forcibly stopping their charge.

All of their poison sacks exploded and corroded the surrounding ground into a poison swamp. The flames were extinguished, but the temperature kept rising. The originally red flames gradually became darker, and the ground looked as if it had been melted as red liquid slowly flowed. An area of several dozen meters had turned into a lava zone.

After a dozen seconds, the last shriek ended, and the puppet slowly put down its arms. The shining arrays also darkened.

The rocks and stones in a several-dozen-meter area had disappeared, only leaving behind a hole that looked like melted glass. After the liquid cooled down, it indeed turned into several meters of smooth glass. In the hole, they could see the remains of some poisonous lizards that hadn’t been turned to ashes.

“Xiuban, go and dig out these mana crystals.”

Xiuban looked rather unwilling as he reluctantly walked to the hole. He could see these remains releasing a very strong aura, but they shattered like glass, and Xiuban took out a few black mana crystals from within.

“Sir Merlin, leave this kind of thing to me. Look at that lump of iron, it’s too wasteful... Only a few spirit mana crystals remain, the rest have been destroyed.”

Lin Yun didn't mind. After returning, the puppet's components had also been changed, and all of them had come from Lin Yun's hard-earned stock. The strength of the puppet had increased by quite a bit.

And the test just now hadn't disappointed him. These poisonous lizards were more than a dozen meters long and were terrifyingly toxic, yet they were burnt alive in a dozen seconds by the puppet, only leaving some remains behind.

The floor had been turned to lava by the high temperature, and the surface was like crystal glass.

Moreover, more than half of the spirit mana crystals had been destroyed. Spirit mana crystals were very stable, and they were the first choice for embedding magic staves because they would make the mana output stable and powerful.

The fact that some spirit mana crystals were destroyed showed how powerful the alchemy puppet was. It was powerful enough that it could cause the mana within spirit mana crystal to go berserk.

While using Mana Hands to hold those level 35 spirit mana crystals, a trace of understanding flashed on Lin Yun's face.

"So that's what it was..."

While holding the first mana crystal, Lin Yun had discovered that it seemed to be extremely toxic, yet its poison didn't have a corrosive nature.

Lin Yun was able to confirm this after looking at the rest of the mana crystals.

Rather than corrosiveness, it was in fact a kind of merging effect.

This was even more terrifying, because corrosive effects could generally be resisted relatively easily, but the merging effect was troublesome.

This kind of poison could spread even more easily. Not only could the poison merge with bodies, but it was even more powerful when targeting mana.

After the poison came into contact with mana, it would follow the mana and fuse with it, continuously spreading. The only solution was to sever one's mana, or else one would be unable to stop it.

The poison of those toxic magic beasts didn't actually corrode the ground. Instead, the poison rapidly spread and merged with the surroundings, and because the earth couldn't bear the power of that poison, it looked as if it had corroded.

The reason that just a drop of the poison could extinguish a Bursting Fireball was its ability to rapidly merge with mana and make the mana itself collapse.

This also explained why Enderfa and the puppet could unexpectedly be corroded. This wasn't a corrosive poison, but a poison that followed Enderfa and the puppet's mana to merge with it.

After being poisoned, their source of mana would be contaminated, and even the Magic Tool might be crippled.

The novel Poison Resistance Potion that Lin Yun had made was resisting the merging effect of the poison. Without merging, the poison wouldn't be able to display its power. However, the toxins of the

magic beasts were different. Their toxins were ten times stronger than the poisonmist, and although the Poison Resistance Potion could reduce a large part of its effects, it couldn't make them completely immune.

After figuring that out, Lin Yun put away the few spirit mana crystals and told the others, "If you get into a battle, do not let the magic beasts' toxins touch you. If they come into contact with your mana, you must immediately sever contact with that portion of mana, because the toxins can infect through mana."

They didn't go far before the ground violently shook. The earth cracked in front of them like a spiderweb, and the ground within several hundred meters started crumbling.

Then, the ground started to bulge as a huge claw stretched out of the ground. The sharp claw casually swung, and several dozen meters of ground collapsed, causing a large number of rocks to shoot in all directions like arrows.

Then, a huge and round head came out of the ground. Thick fangs could be seen over its lips, and black saliva was dripping at the corner of its mouth.

Sizzling sounds echoed as drops of saliva fell on the ground, creating one hole after another.

As the earth shook, the giant creature's other claw also stretched out from the ground, and it quickly climbed out. It appeared to be a huge lizard with a head similar to a draconic beast's. It was over a hundred meters long and more than a dozen meters tall.

The monster let out a loud roar, and visible ripples spread out. All the pieces of rock that had been sent flying were turned into a pile of dust.

And as that monster opened its mouth wide, its saliva also started spreading towards the surroundings.

Sizzling sounds echoed as corroded holes appeared everywhere.

The giant creature's tail shook and whipped a huge boulder that was over a dozen meters tall, causing it to shatter and transform into a volley of crushed rocks that flew through the air. Rumbling sounds echoed on the side of a hill as the earth violently shook.

"Damn, why has a level 39 poisonous magic beast suddenly appeared?" Enderfa complained.

He immediately took control of the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and rushed out. A buzzing sound echoed as a golden circle of light shone on the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel. It seemed that the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel had suddenly increased in size by a few times.

Boundless runes kept moving on the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel, and in an instant, indistinct spells from the four elements transformed into a twenty-meter-thick spellwave that flew towards the poisonous magic beast.

The four types of spells kept colliding, and when they reached the halfway point, they had all collapsed and scattered. Mana already couldn't be maintained, and all the spells turned into pure elemental power. The four berserk and exploding elemental forces turned into a terrifying Four-Element Storm.

This was the purest and most destructive attack. No spell's destructive power could compare to a Four-Element Storm. Spells of the four elements would keep colliding against each other, and after the collapse, the elemental power would run wild, turning in the most berserk and uncontrollable destructive power. The magnitude of the force only depended on the quantity of elements.

### **Chapter 803: Wretched Scoundrel**

In the Void, the most frightening things were Spatial Storms and Elemental Storms. Even a first-rate Heaven Rank Powerhouse might not be able to come out of those awful Elemental Storms.

The Elemental Storm exploded on the poisonous magic beast's body, causing it to shriek painfully. Its body was covered by thick hide, which seemed to be getting eroded, becoming thinner and thinner.

The poisonous magic beast let out a loud roar, and a black, eight-meter ball of liquid flew towards them like a cannonball.

At this time, Reina made a move. She extended one hand, and ice crystals condensed in her palm. She breathed onto the ice crystal, and they turned into icy debris.

The icy debris came into contact with the black ball of liquid, but it surprisingly wasn't destroyed by the poison contained within. Instead, the ball of liquid instantly turned into a block of ice.

Reina had already advanced to level 39, and Lin Yun had given her plenty of precious spells from the Book of Mantras, causing her level of power to crazily increase.

That Instant Freeze was a 7th Tier Spell, and it was rumored that when mastered to its pinnacle, it could even freeze space itself.

Reina was a Frost Dragon, so it didn't take long for her to master that spell to the point where she didn't need the incantation to use it. Moreover, the effects were very powerful. It froze the ball so quickly that the toxins had no time to merge.

That huge ball of venom was frozen into a chunk of ice, and Xiuban immediately grasped Carnage and swung it forward, shattering it into fragments.

The alchemy puppet also started casting towards the magic beast using the same flood of spells, but its power was two to three times greater than before. It was like a river of spells that ruthlessly crashed towards the poisonous magic beast. Spells kept exploding, preventing it from advancing.

The same poisonous magic beast had just torn through the ground as if it was made of paper and casually shattered an enormous boulder with a casual whip of its tail. Its power was far more than just terrifying, but it was suppressed to the point where it couldn't move forward at all.

Reina flew up and waved both hands, sprinkling ice crystals. Just as these ice crystals appeared, the temperature in the sky rapidly lowered, and endless flurries of snowflakes floated down, carried by the wind.

As the snowflakes fell onto the poisonous magic beast's back, they instantly turned into ice that spread out and froze it.



Xiuban was tightly holding Carnage as he jumped to the magic beast's back and slammed his hammer down.

Explosions echoed like rumbling thunder from the impact location.

The frozen part of the poisonous magic beast's back instantly shattered into pieces, and a large amount of frozen flesh fragmented and exploded.

The limbs of the poisonous magic beast bent from the strain as Xiuban's obscene power made its body sink a bit.

Cracks appeared on the ground around the limbs of the poisonous magic beast.

The large piece of flesh missing from the back made the magic beast flail around crazily. Enderfa's Elemental Storm and the puppet's spellwave were somewhat unable to suppress it.

The poisonous magic beast's mouth opened wide as it got ready to shoot out more of the black liquid. At this time, Reina rapidly chanted an incantation, and a head-sized sphere of water shot into the magic beast's mouth.

The water sphere silently shattered, and ice fragments spread everywhere, instantly freezing the black venom within the poisonous magic beast's throat. Even its tongue was frozen solid.

Although Reina was a Frost Dragon, she hadn't had many ice spells before, especially High Tier Spells. She only had a few, and the most powerful one, her Frost Breath, was inherent to her. Moreover, after using a breath, she had to stop for a while to recover enough to breathe again. This gap could determine the outcome of a battle, so she could use at most one Frost Breath.

But now, her rank had increased, allowing her to use a large number of High Tier ice spells, and these spells reached the power of her previous Frost Breath.

The magic beast's mouth was frozen with its toxins stuck in its throat, causing it to become more violent.

The two huge claws lashed out wildly without any particular target. It only wanted to tear apart everything in front of it.

Xiuban, who was standing on the back of the poisonous magic beast, was suddenly sent flying by the beast's convulsion. Enderfa sharply grabbed this opportunity and used spells of the four elements to create a berserk Elemental Storm that attacked the underside of the poisonous magic beast, forcing it to raise its two front paws and stand up.

The puppet also took advantage of the opportunity to launch an all-out attack, taking advantage of the magic beast's situation to attack its back paws with a wave of fire spells.

In an instant, the poisonous magic beast lost its balance and fell to the side. It didn't seem to care that it had collapsed. Rather, it was crazily thrashing its neck.

That huge chunk of ice was blocking its throat, and not a single corner of its throat was left untouched by the ice. The sensation of choking made the poisonous magic beast go insane.

At this time, Xiuban, whose skin had turned very red, was crazily rushing over. His body was steaming and his muscles were throbbing as white smoke was filling the horizon.

A dozen meters away, Xiuban suddenly jumped and swung Carnage, ruthlessly slamming it towards the poisonous magic beast's chin.

Gales flew along Xiuban's body as he took off, and when he collided with the collapsed magic beast, Carnage's few thousand kilograms smashed its chin.

Suddenly, the hard hide on the poisonous magic beast's chin exploded into fragments, and the left side of the chin was shattered. Fragments of ice, blood, and bone flew everywhere.

A bit more and its entire chin would have been shattered by Xiuban.

As it was, more than half of the beast's chin was shattered. Xiuban's impact covered its neck in cuts, and the ice tore through its soft flesh, causing a large amount of blood to spray out.

Just as Xiuban jumped up to prepare to break the poisonous magic beast's skull, a black light rushed over at a frightening speed and instantly arrived in front of Xiuban.

Xiuban was alarmed, and he used Carnage to block.

He then noticed that the black gleam was just a strangely shaped spear stabbing towards his stomach. He raised Carnage to block, deflecting the spear, but because of the spear's power and flexibility, it swung around and struck Xiuban's back by rotating in a half-circle around him.

Xiuban was like a meteor falling from the sky and crashing into the ground.

A loud sound echoed as an eight-meter-wide hole was formed in the ground, with cracks spreading over a dozen meters further. Xiuban propped himself up and spat out some blood, glaring bloody marks on his back.

Lin Yun suddenly frowned, and a cold expression appeared on his face.

That black spear had shot at a terrifying speed. It was truly too fast for anyone to help Xiuban, but no one had thought that Xiuban wouldn't be able to block that black spear.

They all knew about Xiuban's monstrous power and formidable body, so no one had expected him to be flung down by the spear, with his own momentum used against him.

When the shaft of the spear swiped, it not only used its own powerful force, but it also borrowed Xiuban's momentum to attack him from the back.

Seeing Xiuban crawling up from the hole with a shocking wound on his back, Lin Yun knew that if it had been a few months ago, his spine would have been shattered and his organs would have been shaken, resulting in Xiuban's death.

But now, Xiuban was already a 5th Rank Sword Saint with an unimaginably fierce body. After being hit with such a severe blow, there was still only an awful wound on his back. He spat out blood, but that action didn't really affect him. He could still bare his fangs and keep cursing.

“Wretched scoundrel, whichever b\*stard ambushed Lord Xiuban, come out! Lord Xiuban wants to cut off your head and use it as a chamber pot!”

That ambush had interrupted Xiuban’s last blow. Meanwhile, the poisonous magic beast used this opportunity to regain its balance and no longer seemed to even care about its throat being frozen. It’s two claws crazily dug into the ground, and in an instant, its head was already under the ground.

Seeing that it was about to escape, Lin Yun coldly snorted and instantly used Fire Elemental Incarnation. A Fire Wall was raised from Lin Yun to the poisonous magic beast, and Lin Yun instantly disappeared.

When Lin Yun appeared above the magic beast, half of its body was already under the ground. A huge wheel shadow appeared behind Lin Yun and boundless runes flowed like fish as a flaming light blossomed at the tip of Lin Yun’s staff.

The runes fused with the flame and followed the cracks of the hole that the magic beast was digging in. The floor suddenly shook violently.

It was like a volcano suddenly erupted in the area, as the ground quickly bulged, and the body of the poisonous magic beast also started fiercely shaking.

#### **Chapter 804: Yet To Sober Up**

After a loud rumble, the poisonous magic beast’s body suddenly trembled, and its two hind legs stiffened.

Three seconds later, the magic beast’s tail powerlessly fell, and its life aura quickly faded.

Lin Yun landed on the ground and waved his Draconic Staff to create a huge Mana Hand. It grabbed the poisonous magic beast by its tail and pulled it out of the ground.

At this time, everyone could see that this poisonous magic beast that had been able to endure the Elemental Storm and the powerful spellwave without much injury had already become unrecognizable. Its chin had disappeared, and half of its steel-like head, the most resistant part, had disappeared.

The parts around the wound were covered in burnt marks, and the entire upper body had become badly mangled. As the magic beast was pulled out of the hole, a terrifying heatwave spread from the hole as a large amount of lava and flames erupted.

That magic beast had played with its own life. Its head was in the ground when it had partially dug the hole, and Lin Yun had naturally taken advantage of the opportunity to use runes to compound a spell, making elements drill underground and form a hundred Bursting Fireballs in the narrow paths.

Bursting Fireball was a 4th Rank Spell, and Lin Yun didn’t have a problem using it as an Ultimate Spell. Even a Golden Behemoth might end up dead in such circumstances.

If a Bursting Fireball exploded on the body of a Dragon, it would at most leave a black burnt mark without inflicting any major injury. But if it exploded in the mouth of a Dragon, the effect would be greatly intensified.

And that was not mentioning that a hundred Bursting Fireballs had focused into such a narrow space. It would be strange if the poisonous magic beast didn't die.

Lin Yun used a Mana Hand to excavate the mana crystal of the magic beast. At this time, he saw a person wearing heavy armor in the distance. That person was holding a black, lightning-like spear and walking towards them.

Lin Yun threw a Health Potion at Xiuban and frowned as he looked at the man coming over, feeling a bit puzzled.

'How come there are Gaugass Battlemages?'

As he thought of the black spear hitting Xiuban, Lin Yun suddenly understood. Earlier, he'd felt that he had some impression of the attack, but he just couldn't remember.

But he now remembered. That was a Gaugass Battlemage's long-distance attack that relied on rotational power. It was very powerful when used to ambush a Swordsman. The attack could only be dodged, because if one tried to block it, the spear's center of gravity would pivot around and swing in for another strike.

By relying on the opponent's momentum and blocking force, the spear could display as much as twice its initial power. In those days, countless Swordsmen died to that sneak attack.

But how come there were Gaugass Battlemages here ambushing them?

After the death of the Gaugass King, Jason Wagrein, the Gaugass Battlemages declined. Because of that, as well as the internal strife of the Kingdom, the Gaugass Battlemages were forced back to the Gaugass Highland.

The Gaugass Battlemages hated many of the mage forces of Okland, and they had warred with them for a long time. For example, they had an unforgettable grudge against the Black Tower, and as long as they saw one of them in their territory, they would unhesitantly kill them without even giving it a second thought.

The forces that didn't declare war on the Gaugass Battlemages still had no favorable opinion of those barbarians.

These years, the Gaugass Battlemages remained low-key and seemed to hardly leave the Gaugass Highland. They didn't seem to have any contact with other mage forces, even though the Gaugass Battlemages had come to the Raging Flame Plane.

The domain they occupied was also the most remote area of the Raging Flame Plane, and there was not a single force within several dozen kilometers of them.

Thus, how could Lin Yun not be amazed when seeing a Gaugass Battlemage there?

'Have they come to participate in the Raging Flame Plane's general attack?'

The Gaugass Battlemages were known to be mages' nemeses. They were very troublesome, but Lin Yun didn't care much about that. Apart from Jason Wagrein, who was praised as the greatest Gaugass

Battlemage King, no one especially outstanding appeared among them, and none of them reached the Heaven Rank...

The dual mastery of the martial and magic paths was very troublesome, but the higher the rank, the stronger the limitations. The first breakthrough was very hard, so advancing to the Heaven Rank seemed highly unlikely... This was the conclusion reached during Noscent's peak era.

Aside from the former Gaugass King, not a single Heaven Rank had appeared. Jason Wagrein was a heaven-defying genius. A second one wouldn't appear within a few dozen millennia, and even then, Jason Wagrein was able to become the Gaugass King because of the existence of the Equilibrium Law.

It didn't matter to Lin Yun who they were. He only wanted to know why these barbarians had ambushed them.

If it was a small problem, then he could just teach them a lesson. After all, he had obtained Jason Wagrein's inheritance, so whether or not he wanted to acknowledge it, he could be considered half a disciple of Jason Wagrein. Therefore, he was willing to make some concessions towards Jason Wagrein's people as a show of respect for the Gaugass King.

As the armored Battlemages holding lightning-like spears walked over with large strides, Lin Yun slightly frowned and asked, "Why have you ambushed one of my people?"

Kempes was in the lead and smiled disdainfully at Lin Yun.

"Hand over your detoxifying method, and I, Kempes, the future Gaugass King, can spare you."

A greedy and heated expression shone on Kempes' face. For so many years, the Gaugass Battlemages had been the only ones able to explore this Poison Mist Valley, so no one in the entire Raging Flame Plane knew more than them about this place, but their progress had been very slow.

Yet, this group didn't seem to be affected in the slightest by the poisonmist. 'They must have found some way to resist the poisonmist!' Kempes thought.

'Yes, if we can obtain that method, we can thoroughly explore this Poison Mist Valley. Letting these guys keep their lives is fine, as long as they cripple their power.

'It's okay if I let them leave as long as I kill them next time. With control of this Poison Mist Valley, we will be able to establish a fort here and firmly take root beside the Storm Fort. Would those idiots from the Black Tower dare to come and attack?

'If they ever slightly relax their vigilance, we'll be able to execute our bloody revenge. And if they attack, we will be able to hide in this valley and kill all the attackers.

'If that happens, the Storm Fort will be crippled. As long as we use this springboard in the Poison Mist Valley well, we will be able to get more and more benefits, and a big part of the harvest of the Raging Flame Plane will belong to us, the Gaugass Battmages.

'And by killing these people afterwards, we will obtain the coordinates of the Golden Pearl Plane. Haha, we can obtain benefits from two planes so easily!

'With such contributions, who would dare to say that I'm just a talented but meritless Battlemage?'

Kempes' eyes were a bit red as he thought of this. He had been researching for many years, but had yet to find a good method to resist the poisonmist.

They had only been relying on their fierce bodies and mana, as well as their characteristic heavy armor, to persevere longer than others.

But at the same time, they couldn't explore the entire Poison Mist Valley. The deeper they went, the more terrifying the corrosion was. If they stayed too long before turning back, they would be incapable of leaving the Poison Mist Valley.

Just by relying on their understanding of this place, they discovered from afar that these people were actually immune to the poisonmist!

How could he endure this? Even if they didn't kill the target, as long as they obtained the detoxifying method, they would greatly profit.

Comparing the Golden Pearl Plane that they had no foundation in with a place that they had studied for many years, clearly, they would get more benefits from the latter.

Kempes gave an order, and the Gaugass Battlemages he brought with him tightened their grips on their spears and organized themselves in a formation. It seemed that if Lin Yun refused, they would immediately attack.

Just a few people would be facing more than twenty Gaugass Battlemages, as well as a powerhouse comparable to the 38th level. This would absolutely be one-sided.

In the eyes of the Gaugass Battlemages, ordinary mages were just chickens raised for slaughter. They might kill or spare those weaklings on a whim.

"What? You need me to repeat myself? Hand over your detoxifying method and I'll let you leave, at the expense of your mana. Standing in front of you is Sir Kempes, the most talented Battlemage and, if things go as planned, the future Gaugass King. My words can represent the Gaugass Battlemages! You don't have to worry, I'm not a chicken like your people, I keep my word!"

An expression of amazement flashed on Lin Yun's face before he laughed. "Haha, have you yet to sober up?"

These words instantly infuriated Kempes. Ordinary mages almost never drank. Most mages would never touch a cup of alcohol because they felt that drinking would affect their meditation efficiency and make their mental power chaotic. Just telling a mage that they were drunk was an insult.

Gaugass Battlemages naturally didn't abstain from that kind of pleasure and would always eat large chunks of meat and huge sips of alcohol. With their fierce bodies, alcohol was like water, and thus, in the eyes of the ordinary mages, Gaugass Battlemages were a group of uncivilized barbarians.

Telling a Gaugass Battlemage that they had yet to sober up was a way of saying that they were a brainless barbarian.

"Get rid of them, kill them all, especially that thin white chicken, tear him to pieces!" Kempes angrily shouted.

Over twenty Gaugass Battlemites unhesitatingly rushed over.

Lin Yun didn't move... He only sneered.

### **Chapter 805: Lightning Spear**

The infuriated Xiuban was the first to rush up. That ambush earlier had made him lose the opportunity to kill a level 39 magic beast. This was unforgivable!

Xiuban swung Carnage at the Gaugass Battlemite at the forefront. The collision between Carnage and the spear sent sparks flying. The experienced Gaugass Battlemite didn't have an opportunity to use any technique as he felt a trace of Draconic Power surging forth.

The great force hit the body of the Gaugass Battlemite and sent him flying a few dozen meters. If not for his excellent fighting technique, diverting a large amount of the power, he would have been smashed to pieces.

Reina, Enderfa, and the puppet followed up on Xiuban's attack.

Ice spells, spells of the four elements, and a spellwave: The fusion of the three formed a chaotic flood of magic that pressured its way towards the Gaugass Battlemites.

These Gaugass Battlemites were more powerful than mages at the same level. In a one-on-one fight, they could simply torture a mage to death, but the strongest of these Battlemites was only a 4th Rank Arch-Battlemite, while the weakest was only at the 1st Rank.

Meanwhile, Xiuban was already a 5th Rank Sword Saint, but he was a fierce Draconic Beastman that had fused with a drop of Three-Headed Golden Dragon blood and had bathed in Ancient God Blood. His body already far exceeded the limits of his rank and race, and he was powerful enough that the several-thousand-kilogram Carnage felt too light.

In terms of pure power, he could pressure anyone below his rank, and the gap in power wasn't something that could be breached with skill. The pinnacle of skill couldn't make up for a hundred times the difference in power.

As for Reina, she was a Frost Dragon, and her father had been a Heaven Rank Frost Dragon. As a level 39 Frost Dragon, an 8th Rank Archmage couldn't compare to her even if she didn't turn into a Frost Dragon.

After Lin Yun replaced the parts of the puppet with valuable materials, the power that it displayed had raised once again, and it was now comparable to a level 39 magic beast. It was even stronger, it could be considered a mobile mana crystal cannon platform! And the puppet itself was at the Heaven Rank!

Lin Yun had replaced the source of mana and strengthened its mechanical system, but its components were still holding it back.

In Enderfa's case, the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel could already be considered a High Rank True Spirit Magic Tool. After Lin Yun advanced to the Archmage realm, it underwent heaven-defying changes. Its casting ability was even a bit better than the puppet's!

Under such circumstances, the few of them could deal with over twenty Gaugass Battleimages without having to rely on technique.

The pure spell pressure sent the armored Gaugass Battleimages flying on impact.

These Gaugass Battleimages had high magic resistance, patterns that granted even more magic resistance, bodies comparable to magic beasts, and armor weighing over fifty kilograms. If not for all these things that raised their magic resistance to an inconceivable level, they would have already become corpses.

In less than ten seconds, the last Gaugass Battleimage who still wanted to stand up and fight was hammered into the ground by Xiuban, effectively ending the battle.

Shock could be seen in Kempes' eyes. He had never expected Mafa Merlin's subordinates to be so powerful. There had been over twenty Gaugass Battleimages!

Yet they were unable to resist at all and were completely defeated.

'How could this be!? They are elites among elites! They are all Arch-Battleimages powerhouses!'

In fact, those twenty-something Gaugass Battleimages could thrust like a sharp sword into an army of five hundred mages and get rid of half of that army without suffering a single loss!

After all, a mage army of that size would typically consist of five 5th Rank or below Archmages, fifty High Mages, and Great Mages for all the rest.

This lineup would display power superior to a 7th Rank Archmage. When an army fought together, the number of mages would reach such a level that even the weaker mages would be able to display terrifying power.

But this kind of lineup was only comparable to twenty-some Battleimages.

This group of elite Battleimages had collided with a force of more than 700 mages a month ago.

And as a result, not a single one of those Arch-Battleimages fell. They only suffered some injuries of various degrees, while over three hundred mages had died, and the rest fled before the battle ended.

This was the reason he was leading these people this time. Although he was arrogant, Kempes wasn't foolish. As the most talented Gaugass Battleimage and the future Gaugass King, it was natural for him to be prideful. An 8th Rank Archmage was nothing more than a chicken in his hand and would be dispatched in at most three minutes.

This time, it involved a huge transaction, so he conveniently took along that team of elites, but he hadn't expected the situation to develop like this.

'Damn, how powerful are they? But the real battle hasn't started. I originally wanted to save some strength, but it looks like I have no choice but to make a move myself. I'll kill that Mafa Merlin first, and then I'll deal with the others.'

'As long as there is no one at the Heaven Rank, this group of chickens won't be my opponent...'



As he thought of this, Kempes let out an angry shout. His muscles started bulging, mana started surging from his body, and lightning flickered from his Lightning Spear.

Kempes faintly arched his body into a charging position. A series of sounds echoed from the earth under his feet as a large number of cracks spread out from it. The ground caved in half a meter as a terrifying pressure revolved around Kempes' body.

In an instant, the ground within a dozen meters of Kempes burst open as his body instantly disappeared.

The next moment, Kempes appeared in front of Lin Yun while stabbing at him with his Lightning Spear.

Lin Yun slightly frowned and manipulated burning flames to form a fire elemental mirage while turning his body into a luminous ball of flames. He disappeared the instant Kempes appeared.

As Lin Yun discreetly cast Flame Flash and vanished, a glaring lightning light condensed at the tip of the Lightning Spear in Kempes' hand, and a dozen spear shadows appeared in the air and stabbed that mirage.

The fire elemental mirage loudly exploded, and flames fluttered about. Kempes' body turned into a shadow once again and chased behind Lin Yun.

Lin Yun waved his Draconic Staff and let out several dozen Low Tier Spells. In an instant, a large number of fire and ice spells pounced towards Kempes like a flood.

But Kempes didn't seem to care about it. He tightly gripped his Lightning Spear, its tip flashing with lightning as he rushed into the several dozen spells.

The spells exploded on Kempes' body, and veined patterns suddenly appeared on that jet-black armor, emitting a faint light, while magic patterns also started shining on Kempes' body.

Kempes was unharmed by the spells. There were only some black burn marks on his armor.

That spear flickering with lightning tore through the flames and ice, continuously charging towards Lin Yun like lightning itself.

Lin Yun waved his hand and released a Lava Shield. His body was already transforming into flames, and he flashed twenty meters away in the sea of flames.

Seeing Kempes' spear easily tearing through the Lava Shield, a flash of understanding appeared on his face.

Gaugass Battlemages mainly used their bodies to fight while using magic to support themselves. The lightning flickering at the tip of that spear was made of magic elements condensed to their peak, and the spear was enchanted with Sharpness, Magic Penetration, and other such buffs.

With such suitable spells, it was very easy for Gaugass Battlemages to tear through a target's shield. That, coupled with their powerful magic resistance, was why Gaugass Battlemages were considered the bane of mages.

Moreover, this Kempes was indeed very talented. He was wearing armor that weighed at least a hundred kilograms and his Lightning Spear weighed at least another 25 to 30, yet he was able to move at such a speed. He was really a genius among the Gaugass Battleimages.

Along with the fighting style of the Gaugass Battleimages, this kind of speed could display a terrifyingly destructive power. It was no exaggeration to say that other mages of the same rank would just be pigs waiting to be slaughtered in front of him.

This kind of speed already exceeded the ability of most mages to react. If they couldn't dodge, their defensive spells would be unable to resist that Lightning Spear.

That spear was also unique to the Gaugass Battleimages. This kind of material was very rare and originated from the Gaugass Highland. The special Lightning Ore would appear at the peak of a mountain frequently hit by lightning. Once it was roused by mana, it would result in an intense tearing effect, and it was most proficient at tearing through mages' defensive shields.

But it wasn't very easy to extract this kind of material. The best quality ores could only be found at the top of the mountain, but there was the risk of being hit by thunderbolts there. The Gaugasses would pay a huge price every year because of this.

From that little experiment, Lin Yun knew that Kempes' Lightning Spear definitely had a lot of Lightning Ore and that tearing through Ice Shields would be just as easy for it. Ordinary defenses would be ineffective.

And for ordinary mages, their defenses being ineffective was no different from them being dead.

Kempes looked a little irritated after having missed Lin Yun twice in a row. He quickly chanted a spell, and light started surging from his body.

### **Chapter 806: Count Yourself Lucky**

Haste, Sharp Mind, Giant Strength, Rock Armor...

He cast a series of buffs to strengthen himself. Then, the Lightning Spear in his hand became illusory and slowly disappeared. In the end, it looked as if there was only lightning flickering in his hands.

An afterimage flashed, and Kempes disappeared once again.

Lin Yun frowned and once again used Flame Flash to disappear from his spot. The next moment, Kempes appeared there holding a bolt of lightning that seemed to have doubled or tripled in length and made a hole where Lin Yun had just been.

A loud explosion thundered out as a large hole that was ten meters in diameter appeared.

Kempes chased after Lin Yun five times in a row without stopping, but Lin Yun knew that with that guy's physical strength, nothing would change even if he fought for an hour.

This kind of speed was the reason that Gaugass Battlemages were so terrifying. The former Gaugass King, Jason Wagrein, was also such a speed-type Battlemage. Jason Wagrein could move several kilometers in an instant and impale the head of a Heaven Rank Mage.

He would waste no time tearing through the other side's defenses. Such a terrifying enemy was the nightmare of all mages.

"Damn b\*stard, don't tell me you only know how to jump around! Do you have no pride? Where is your pride as a mage? Fight me!" Kempes angrily shouted.

He was fast and strong, but none of his attacks could land on Lin Yun.

After dodging for a while, Lin Yun had determined that Kempes had learnt Jason Wagrein's fighting style and was continuously strengthening his speed to tear through his opponent's defenses. This was a very powerful style, but it wasn't unbeatable.

"As you wish..."

Lin Yun stopped, and a huge wheel shadow appeared behind him. Boundless runes flowed out from it while a glaring light shone at the tip of the Draconic Staff.

He formed a huge column of dark red flames, and Kempes' figure suddenly appeared within that fire. The tip of his Lightning Spear blossomed with glaring lightning as it tore a hole through the flames, his spear still firmly stabbing towards Lin Yun.

Lin Yun remained motionless as if he really didn't plan to dodge. This made Kempes feel overjoyed, and he instantly poured his mana into the Lightning Spear; all the mana defending his body was poured in.

In an instant, the lightning bolt in Kempes' hand suddenly grew to eight meters in length as it ruthlessly stabbed towards Lin Yun's defenses.

The Lava Shield in front of Lin Yun was instantly torn apart, but behind it was an incorporeal yet tangible Runic Shield on which countless runes were flowing. The boundless runes were crazily rotating and charging towards the center of the Runic Shield, where there was a mysterious rune blossoming with glaring light.

The lightning kept distorting while madly colliding with Lin Yun's Runic Shield. It was as if there were countless blacksmiths forging with their hammers at the same time.

A deafening sound echoed as the surrounding land kept shaking.

After more than a second, the strength of the lightning attack started rapidly declining and the lightning bolt also shrank.

Kempes was shocked as he shouted in alarm, "How is that possible!? How could my Piercing Lightning be blocked?"

Piercing Lightning was the most powerful ability of Gaugass Battlemages when fighting against mages. It was rumored that when Jason Wagrein used this ability, he could tear a long crack through space, and no one could defend against that power.

Lin Yun sneered, "You are really naive! You really thought that I can't block just because I'm dodging? Gaugass Battlemages might be powerful, but they aren't unequalled in power. Could it be that you don't know about Runic Shields?"

The defensive effect of Runic Shields had nothing to do with rank. All that mattered was how many runes the user had amassed.

Lin Yun already had several hundred thousand of them when he was at the Great Mage realm. This was dozens of times to a hundred times more than those at the same realm. After advancing to the Archmage realm, the number of runes he possessed was already counted in millions. Such a terrifying number, coupled with the huge increase in ability after breaking through, immediately made his Runic Shield's defensive ability reach terrifying heights.

In the Archmage realm, almost no one could tear through Lin Yun's Runic Shield. Aside from those Peak 9th Rank Archmages, Lin Yun didn't have to worry about his Runic Shield breaking from their attacks.

The method that Gaugass Battlemages used to tear through shields was to rely on the combination of their formidable strength and the instant burst of their mana to create an almost unequalled power.

If they couldn't instantly tear through the shields, then it could be said that the shield was basically unbreakable.

Kempes clenched his teeth. He didn't dare to believe the scene in front of his eyes. That Runic Shield wasn't an ordinary Runic Shield... It was entirely made up of runes!

With swaying steps, Kempes swung his Lightning Spear at Lin Yun.

The lightning bolt in his hand instantly rose and struck Lin Yun's shield. The moment it hit the Runic Shield, the lightning bolt coiled around Lin Yun and a black spear suddenly appeared behind him. It followed the movement of the lightning bolt and attacked Lin Yun from behind.

The power of the Runic Shield was already focused on the front, so when the spear attacked Lin Yun's back, it instantly crushed the Lava Shield that he had set up behind him, and then continued piercing towards his body.

But suddenly, Lin Yun's body distorted and transformed into a mirage that slowly dissipated.

Kempes was startled and unhesitantly wanted to escape. His Lightning Spear was linked to the lightning and returned to his hand.

"You want to leave?"

Kempes suddenly noticed Lin Yun's silhouette ten meters away, coldly looking at him. Kempes was already sweating, but there was no fear in his expression.

'When did that damned guy appear there? Why didn't I sense him? Sh\*t, don't tell me I've only been fighting a mirror image all along?

'This guy is a lot stronger than I imagined, and he is far quicker than I am. I might not be able to kill him today. He should count himself lucky. But since he has detoxifying poison, he'll definitely come back here.

'Damn b\*stard, just wait for me! I won't be so careless next time, and you'll definitely die. This has dragged out for too long... If it continues, the toxins will start to affect me...'

"B\*stard, count yourself lucky! You won't have such good luck next time..."

After saying that, Kempes stomped his foot, ready to make his escape.

But just as he put power into his legs, Kempes staggered. The ground beneath him had turned into a quagmire without him noticing, and his legs instantly sank into it.

The power he put into his legs only created a wave in the swamp, and the jump he had been expecting didn't come. There was even a huge suction force coming from below, as if it was the mouth of a huge magic beast trying to swallow him.

The surrounding earth seemed to be collapsing and continuously fusing with this swamp. Shock appeared on Kempes' face as he completely couldn't understand how he could be trapped in that swamp.

Lin Yun sneered. This wasn't an ordinary spell but rather a 7th Tier Spell written in the Book of Mantras, Engulfing Quagmire. Even a Dragon couldn't casually come out once trapped, let alone a Gaugass Battlemage.

That guy was extremely fast, but his speed was simply based on strength. This was completely different from Jason Wagrein, who had true speed, not strength-based speed.

This kind of strength-based speed was only suitable for charging. It wasn't flexible at all and had many more weaknesses.

Just like Lin Yun was taking advantage of it now. Although Kempes was powerful, he ended up sinking into the Engulfing Quagmire up to his thighs because he hadn't detected it, and he no longer had the option to escape.

If only his feet had sunk, he could have used his strength to pull himself out, but his initial burst of strength harmed him instead. He was accustomed to using both legs to step on the ground and accelerate.

This time, he hadn't stepped on the earth, but rather, an Engulfing Quagmire...

In order to effectively use that Engulfing Quagmire, Lin Yun had cast a mirror image and even used his Runic Shield.

The few seconds of negligence created by his distraction allowed Lin Yun to silently cast this Engulfing Quagmire.

Soon, half of Kempes' body already sank into that Engulfing Quagmire. As he struggled, waves rose within the quagmire, but no matter how much power he put into his legs, it was being evenly spread into the area around.

The wheel shadow behind Lin Yun slowly rotated, and a blue flame swiftly fell down from the sky and loudly exploded on Kempes' head.

“Boom, boom...”

Two loud explosions echoed as some more burnt marks appeared on Kempes' body, but it looked as if he didn't even get injured.

However, Lin Yun wasn't using the Bursting Flames to cause direct damage... Instead, he was using its explosion to make Kempes sink down a bit more.

What made Kempes despair even more was that there were still three Bursting Flames falling from the sky.

“Boom, boom...”

Another two explosions echoed, making Kempes sink up to his chest, and there were still two more Bursting Flames following right after. Moreover, he also saw that behind those two Bursting Flames were five new Bursting Flames...

Kempes was terrified. He completely hadn't imagined that he, an 8th Rank Arch-Battlemage, publicly acknowledged as the future Gaugass King, would actually die in a swamp.

### **Chapter 807: Crippling One's Mana**

No matter how many powerful spells there were, they couldn't injure him in the slightest. Even under the flood of spells, he could swing his Lightning Spear freely, but now, he couldn't do anything in that swamp.

The Bursting Flames that he could normally endure would at most create some burnt marks on his armor, which could be easily fixed. But now, they were nudging him towards his death.

With every Bursting Flames, his body would sink a bit deeper into the swamp...

And as his body sank deeper and deeper, the power that he could exert kept reducing.

At the start, his struggles could still create waves on the surface of the quagmire, but now, even if he used all his strength, he could only make the area slightly tremble.

“You can't kill me! You'll die if you kill me! And not just you, your entire Clan, relatives, and friends will face the retaliation of the Gaugass Battlemages!”

“Everyone knows that I came here, yes, they know that I went to the Poison Mist Valley in order to kill you. You are done for if you kill me!”

“I'm the most talented of the Gaugass Battlemages, and my teacher is the leader of the army. If you kill me, my teacher and the entire army will avenge me, and you'll be doomed!”

“You are powerful, but not every member of your clan is as powerful as you are. If you let me go, I'll tell you who hired me to kill you. I'll act as if today's matter didn't happen, and I definitely won't retaliate...”

Kempes raised his Lightning Spear to block the Bursting Flames while hurriedly begging for forgiveness. He could already feel his mana being absorbed, and the deeper he sank, the faster it was happening. The swamp felt like a bottomless abyss that slowly pulled him down.

That kind of despair was like poison continuously corroding his heart, and at the same time, he could even feel the poisonmist starting to corrode his body. If this continued, he would undoubtedly die...

Lin Yun sneered as he looked at Kempes. That Gaugass Battlemage was powerful, but he would die under the Engulfing Quagmire. Strength wasn't the key. Pure strength brought power, but it also brought disaster. If a brainless idiot had the power of a Heaven Rank, he still wouldn't be able to properly utilize it.

The Bursting Flames kept falling like iron hammers, pounding down on Kempes. After a few seconds, only his hands and head remained above the Engulfing Quagmire.

Kempes was pale, and his forehead was filled with cold sweat. Not a hint of pride or arrogance could be seen on his face... There was only endless fear.

He could clearly feel his mana being absorbed even faster, and as his mana was absorbed, the quagmire became bigger and bigger while pulling harder and harder. He was simply unable to display the power he was so proud of, and his stamina was quickly being exhausted.

When he sank completely into the quagmire, he would be no different from an ordinary person that suffocated to death after being buried alive. This was a most depressing death for a powerhouse.

Kempes shouted in horror and begged for forgiveness, but Lin Yun remained unmoved. He didn't know why the Gaugass Battlemages that ordinarily wouldn't come into contact with other forces had come here. It was even possible that they were participating in the general attack.

But Lin Yun didn't care. At first, he had thought that this guy came to provoke him because of the Gaugass Battlemages' hatred towards Okand. For the sake of the Gaugass King, he would forgive this Gaugass Battlemage and just teach him a lesson.

But who would have thought that this guy was so domineering that he wanted to take Lin Yun's things, and be willing to kill in order to get them?

After a few seconds, Kempes was thoroughly terrified. He was looking straight up, and only his mouth and nose were out of the quagmire, his head slowly sinking in.

Soon, the last Bursting Flames began to fall, and Kempes thoroughly despaired.

Suddenly, a lightning bolt shot over and struck the Bursting Flames, causing it to explode in the air.

Two shadows rapidly flew over, and a black gleam instantly appeared and shot towards Lin Yun's face.

Lin Yun frowned. He wasn't Xiuban, so this kind of trap was ineffective against him.

In an instant, Lin Yun's body turned into a ball of fire and appeared a dozen meters away and the black glow shot towards a hill several hundred meters away. A loud explosion echoed as it created a huge hole in the hill while kicking up a lot of dust and fragments.

Then, a heavy armored shadow appeared in front of Lin Yun with a dozen-meter-long spear flickering with lightning. This huge spear ruthlessly pierced towards Lin Yun.

Lin Yun used Flame Flash to go into the sky while casting Bursting Flames towards Kempes in the quagmire.

Sure enough, the huge spear swept halfway before suddenly stopping and flying towards the Engulfing Quagmire. The black lightning spear pierced towards the flames and blocked them.

At this time, the huge spear's figure dissipated, and a terrifying shockwave swept outwards for a hundred meters, pummeling every hill and rock into fragments.

The shadow grabbed Kempes's hand and let out a loud shout. The quagmire started fiercely roiling as Kempes was forcibly being pulled out of the Engulfing Quagmire by that Gaugass Battlemage. The entire Engulfing Quagmire couldn't resist that person's monstrous power.

A loud sound broke out as the crazily fluctuating Engulfing Quagmire collapsed and quickly solidified, transforming back into ordinary ground.

The shadow slowly floated in the air and casually slapped the panicked Kempes.

"Idiot! You, a Gaugass Battlemage, almost got buried to death in a swamp trap! You are shaming me! After we return, you'll f\*ck off to the Thunderbolt Mountain for three months, and you will only come out after extracting half a ton of Lightning Ore. Okay, f\*ck off to the side and watch how I kill that sh\*tty mage!"

Although Kempes had been slapped, he had a pleasant expression on his face. He then gritted his teeth and pointed at Lin Yun while loudly yelling, "Teacher Daryl! That person has a way to resist the poisonmist, he definitely can't be allowed to run away. We can keep excavating the Poison Mist Valley nonstop if we can obtain his method!"

Daryl was surprised by this and turned to look at Lin Yun, noticing that the latter wasn't suffering from the poisonmist's corrosion. It looked like it was sliding off Lin Yun's body and couldn't come into contact with him. There was no reaction.

"Hahahaha, great, our exploration of the Poison Mist Valley has remained stagnant for a long time. I didn't expect a method to suppress the poisonmist to exist. This time, we can explore the depths of the Poison Mist Valley..." Daryl heartily laughed and patted Kempes' shoulder. "That's my disciple, good work! Teacher blamed you wrongly, you obtained a great achievement this time."

Daryl turned to look at Lin Yun with a lofty expression.

"Mage, I'll give you an opportunity. I'll give you a way out as long as you hand over the method to resist this place's poisonmist. Cripple your mana and I'll allow you to leave this place without suffering repercussions for what you did to my disciple. I can also turn a blind eye to your offense towards the prestige of Gaugass Battlemages. How about it?"

Kempes promptly added, "Teacher is the leader of the Gaugass Battlemage Army, he is a true powerhouse and will definitely keep his words. If you hand over the method and cripple your own mana, we won't look into what happened earlier."



A laugh involuntarily escaped Lin Yun's mouth.

"You are really master and disciple! Your words are exactly the same. It looks like apart from Jason Wagrein, the Gaugass Battleimages are just trash, there isn't a single good one..."

Daryl angrily shouted, "B\*stard, you dare to utter the name of the Gaugass King! You are dead, no one can save you today!"

At this time, a battleimage whose face was covered with tattoos appeared behind the others. That man wasn't wearing heavy armor, and he looked very old. He was only wearing slick leather armor, and the Lightning Spear he was holding was no different from the ones used by ordinary Gaugass Battleimages.

But Lin Yun frowned. That old man seemed to already be on the verge of death, but he was actually a powerful 9th Rank Arch-Battleimage. He was emitting a profound yet calm aura that was a bit stronger than what an ordinary 9th Rank Archmage would have. Because of the fluctuations of his aura, most of the poisonmist couldn't get within one meter of his body.

Prophet...

A Gaugass Prophet, the inheritors of all Gaugasses' spells. They had a special position among Gaugass Battleimages. If it weren't for the fact that Gaugass Battleimages mainly focused on their physical side and only used magic as support, the status of their Prophets would be just as high as the Beastmen's Prophets.

Even in Okland, a Gaugass Prophet would be considered the only wise man among barbarians. The orthodox mages looking down on Gaugass Battleimages wouldn't look down on Gaugass Prophets.

One of the important reasons was that Gaugass Prophets were among the few people in the Gaugass Highland that disapproved of war. They felt that the matter of the Gaugass King was already something of the past, and that now was the best time to get in contact with Okland. It would be the best way to strengthen the Gaugass Battleimages, not incessant war.

After appearing, that Prophet silently stood in the distance, making Lin Yun frown. Two 9th Rank Archmages, one of whom was an unpredictable Gaugass Prophet... If the other side made a move, this matter would become a bit troublesome.

Lin Yun was still pondering when Daryl took the lead.

### **Chapter 808: Are You Criticizing Me?**

His fighting style was almost a perfect copy of Kempes'. He was also powerful and terribly fast.

Crackling power covered the head of his spear, continuously scattering forked lightning from its tip. The glaring white light at the center was the most powerful part, able to tear and rend with terrifying force.

A shadow flashed as Daryl already appeared in front of Lin Yun. Lin Yun used Fire Elemental Incarnation and left behind a mirror image while he dodged to the side.

Daryl's body charged through the mirror image like an arrow piercing a sheet of paper. At the same time, he twisted his body and swept the shaft of the lightning spear towards Lin Yun's side.

A dazzling lightning bolt flew out of the spear and turned into a dozen-meter-long lightning whip that immediately lashed out at Lin Yun. The crackling lightning flashed and filled the atmosphere with a burnt spell.

Lin Yun's body suddenly disappeared as the fierce lightning whip suddenly wreaked havoc in his vicinity, turning burnt black.

At the same time, Lin Yun shot out from the ground a few dozen meters away. He had swapped from Fire Elemental Incarnation to Earth Elemental Incarnation and was now covered in rocks.

With one glance at the distant Daryl, Lin Yun knew that he wouldn't be able to trick him the way he'd beaten Kempes. Although Daryl was also relying on his strength to fight, the power he controlled far surpassed Kempes', so the Engulfing Quagmire simply couldn't trap this guy.

Thus, he had to rely on strength to fight.

Cracks suddenly appeared on the surface of his Earth Elemental Incarnation, and flames started emerging from these cracks. In an instant, the rocky surface was covered in flames. These flames then immediately weakened, and the surface of the Earth Elemental Incarnation slowly turned into flowing lava.

The combination of the Fire Elemental Incarnation and Earth Elemental Incarnation... This wasn't just a double Incarnation, it was something even stronger, a compound Lava Elemental Incarnation.

The power of two was perfectly fused together, allowing their abilities to completely harmonize and become even more powerful.

This was the evolution of the Elemental Incarnations. Lin Yun only mastered this ability after his strength had been upgraded. Studying the Book of Mantras' endless incantations greatly sped up this research. If not for the Book of Mantras... although Lin Yun had confidence that he could have mastered it before reaching the Heaven Rank, this might not have been the case before he reached the 8th or 9th Rank of the Archmage realm.

In an instant, Lin Yun turned into a five-meter-tall Lava Giant overflowing with lava. The surrounding air started bursting into flames, and the black ground started emitting a red glow as it turned into lava.

This was also one of the abilities of the Lava Incarnation: It could make the environment even more advantageous for itself. If he used it in a volcano or a lava river, he would simply be unbeatable to foes at the same rank. His enemies would only be able to escape.

Lin Yun slightly frowned the first time he used Lava Elemental Incarnation because it was consuming too much mana. Even his mana, which could be said to be infinite when compared to that of ordinary mages, was still being crazily consumed. Just activating it consumed 1% of his mana.

He estimated that he would only be able to fight for half an hour, after which he would have to stop to recover his mana.

But this wasn't a huge flaw for Lin Yun because he had the Natural Demiplane behind him, which made it so that mana consumption wasn't an issue for him.

Daryl looked at Lin Yun with some amazement. 'A Druid?' he thought.

He couldn't understand that Lava Incarnation, but he once again turned into a shadow and disappeared.

A glaring lightning bolt appeared in front of Lin Yun, followed by the lightning spear. The wheel shadow behind Lin Yun slowly rotated, and three layers of Lava Shields appeared in front of him.

Daryl's lightning spear easily tore through the first Lava Shield, was slowed down when piercing the second, and was stopped by the third.

Earlier, Kempes was easily able to tear through a Lava Shield as if it was paper.

To Daryl, three Lava Shields should also be no different from paper, but there was some resistance now.

Lin Yun immediately understood. This was the result of Lava Incarnation reinforcing the Lava Shields.

The Lava Shields were upgraded by at least a rank!

Lin Yun's body dissipated into lava, and ten meters away, lava spurting out of the ground as he reappeared.

A light flashed on the Draconic Staff, and in an instant, several dozen spheres of lava fell on Daryl's back.

A large amount of lava sputtered over, and a burnt smell could be smelled coming from Daryl.

With a roar, Daryl swung his lightning spear and, like a spinning top, blocked all the lava spurting over.

After two seconds, Daryl had no choice but to fall back. Not only was the lava extremely hot, but it also had terrifying attack power, and it had also made his lightning spear burning hot to the touch.

After rapidly retreating, Daryl kept moving quickly, shaking the spear in his hands like a scorpion tail, continuously attacking at all kinds of crafty angles.

The moment it pierced through a Lava Shield, it would appear in another direction, rapidly stabbing again.

And Lin Yun kept Flame Flashing within the dozen meters of lava. Neither of them could be seen clearly. Daryl had transformed into a stabbing shadow, leaving over a hundred spear afterimages behind. Lin Yun's body was continuously falling apart, and as he kept Flame Flashing, his location in the pond of lava kept changing.

In less than thirty seconds, over a kilometer had been destroyed, leaving it a complete mess with traces of burns and scorching everywhere.

After Flame Flashing once again, Lin Yun took out the Book of Death. Lava Incarnation was very powerful and was the only spell that could injure Daryl, that especially powerful Gaugass Battlemage. But the lava pond under his feet was only a dozen meters wide, which was undoubtedly limiting.

If the lava pond spread over a few hundred meters or as far as a kilometer, Lin Yun wouldn't have needed more than a minute to kill Daryl.

The Gaugass Battlemites had formidable defenses. Not only did they have magic patterns that resisted magic, but they were also protected by heavy armor, and their bodies could compare to those of powerful magic beasts. But that didn't mean that these barbarians could fight in lava.

Lin Yun sighed. He had an opponent he could test Lava Incarnation on, and after trying it out, he found that it was very powerful, but there were just as many flaws. At the moment, the power of Lava Incarnation was halved due to restrictions.

'Okay, the test is over, I should finish this...'

Daryl, who had been jumping all around, looked as if he was able to tear through Lin Yun's defenses every time, but he was just lacking that little bit to land a decisive blow. He felt that he just needed a little more, that as long as he used a bit more power and a bit more speed, he would be able to skewer that damned mage.

But from the start, he didn't know that Lin Yun had only considered him someone who met the standard to be a training partner to test Lava Incarnation on.

The Book of Death automatically opened, flipped itself to the Element Chapter, and four-colored lights appeared, sharply increasing Lin Yun's casting speed and power.

The spheres of lava were originally less than fifty centimeters in diameter, but now, they grew far larger, and several dozen powerful spheres of lava instantly suppressed Daryl.

Moreover, there had only been around forty spheres originally, but there were suddenly more than seventy. This increase in pressure immediately made Daryl's attacks come to a halt.

His terrifying speed disappeared the moment he started having to block, and most of his power was used to defend.

Meanwhile, Lin Yun's speed wasn't hindered at all. In fact, because he no longer needed to defend, his speed almost doubled. Daryl's surroundings were flooded with flames, which Lin Yun used to keep Flame Flashing around.

Daryl bellowed, and a thunderous sound echoed from his body as his hair stood on end. The lightning spear in his hand was also completely covered in lightning, and his aura became berserk.

Seeing that the battle was about to reach the most chaotic part and that Daryl also started going berserk, the Gaugass Prophet, who had been watching from afar like an outsider, suddenly made a move.

A lightning bolt over suddenly fell from the sky and instantly tore through Lin Yun and Daryl's imposing defenses. The surrounding flames, lightning, and lava were completely torn apart.

Thunder echoed as lightning struck the ground between the two of them and created a huge hole, from which cracks spread in a cobweb pattern.

Lin Yun and Daryl tacitly agreed to stop fighting for the moment.

Lin Yun frowned and looked at the incoming Gaugass Prophet.

Daryl angrily shouted, "Sir Deloy, why are you stopping me!? Damnit, I knew your heart was with these damned Okland mages..."

Daryl had just gathered all his strength to fight back, but he hadn't expected to be interrupted like that, let alone by Prophet Deloy. Seeing that the lightning was slithering around the big hole like a snake, they both knew how powerful that attack had been.

Facing Daryl's angry roar, the dignified expression of the aged Prophet suddenly surfaced.

Deloy faintly glanced at Daryl with a wise and farsighted expression.

"Sir Daryl, are you... criticizing me?"

### **Chapter 809: I Didn't Mean That**

Darryl instantly paled as he thought, 'What have I done? I actually dared to speak to Prophet Deloy like this. If the King knew, then even if I didn't die, I would have to suffer quite a bit.'

'Prophet Deloy dedicated his life to Gaugass, and the current Gaugass King was taught by Prophet Deloy during his youth. Most of the peak powerhouses of the Gaugass Battlemages had a master-disciple relationship with him. Although he doesn't have much authority, his status wasn't low.

It looked like he didn't have much influence, but that was only because Prophet Deloy adhered to his own duty and had no craving for authority. In the Gaugass Highland, those who disapproved of Deloy's thoughts were very few in number, but everyone knew that everything Deloy did was for the sake of the Gaugass.

The Gaugass King wouldn't even need to speak. Anyone who accused Deloy of being on the side of Okland's mages would be drowned by the sputter of all his supporters.

Although Daryl was arrogant, he also knew that he had just done something stupid. Even Kempes was looking at him with a horrified expression.

"Sir Deloy, I... I didn't mean... I didn't mean that," Daryl stammered as he tried to explain himself.

He really couldn't understand what had happened.

Deloy waved his hand at Daryl, his expression still calm.

"You don't understand, Sir Daryl, step down."

Daryl didn't dare to respond, so he stood obediently to the side like a kid.

Lin Yun was a bit confused as to what Deloy wanted to do. He had appeared together with Daryl but had only observed from afar like an outsider, yet he suddenly made a move to break up the fight. If someone said that Deloy was partial towards him, Lin Yun wouldn't believe them.

Prophet Deloy had a very good reputation. He endorsed peace and getting along, but he was still a Gaugass... Everything was for the interest of the Gaugass. He had appeared silently and allowed Daryl to attack. He wasn't someone benevolent towards all mages.

'What the hell is he planning?'

While Lin Yun was thinking doubtfully, some excitement appeared on Deloy's calm expression.

"Excuse me... How come you possess the King's Chapter?"

Lin Yun was a bit startled when he heard that. He faintly felt that the other side was talking about his Magic Tool, but he'd never heard it called that before.

"King's Chapter? Are you talking about the Element Chapter?"

A page of the Book of Death in Lin Yun's hand shone with four colors, and seeing that, Deloy was unable to control himself.

"Yes, this one, the King's Chapter! How could you have the King's Chapter? Only the greatest Gaugass King, His Majesty Jason Wargrein's inheritor could obtain this... You... How could you have it? Are you His Majesty's inheritor?"

Hearing this, understanding flashed in Lin Yun's eyes.

'No wonder I also found the Element Chapter in Jason Wargrein's ruins! Turns out it was in his possession to begin with.'

The dispute between the Gaugass King and His Highness Zhantui had remained unclear. Even in the future era of grave digging, no one would find out what had happened.

Back then, that floating palace clearly had the style of the 3rd Dynasty, and it was clear that Emperor Zhantui spent a lot of effort and manpower on it, but it was the inheritance of the Gaugass King.

Some said they were best friends, while other rumors claimed that they fought to the death in the Tulan Mountain Range and the Gaugass King was defeated while Emperor Zhantui lived.

Lin Yun also felt that the Element Chapter had been hidden by Emperor Zhantui, but he hadn't expected it to belong to the Gaugass King or that it was called the King's Chapter in Gaugass.

A series of thoughts instantly flashed through Lin Yun's mind.

"This is something I obtained from some ruins..." Lin Yun answered.

Deloy's attentive expression and excitement didn't look like the ordinary calm and farsighted Gaugass Prophet.

"Can... Can you let me take a look at the King's Chapter? Please rest assured, I definitely don't have any other designs on it. I swear an oath under the name of His Majesty, Jason Wargrein. I only want to see it with my own two eyes and touch the King's Chapter with my own hand, this is something I've desired for so many years..."

Lin Yun hesitated. Deloy had a very trustworthy reputation. As a Gaugass Prophet, he certainly wouldn't rely on this kind of trick to seize the Element Chapter.

Furthermore, the Element Chapter had already fused with the Book of Death, so they couldn't be distinguished from one another. Regardless of where it was, as long as Lin Yun thought about it, he

could summon the Element Chapter back, unless the other person was powerful enough to thoroughly suppress the Book of Death.

‘There wouldn’t be an issue with just letting him look,’ Lin Yun thought.

Lin Yun made the Element Chapter manifest itself, and four lights slowly blossomed out of the Book of Death. He dragged the Element Chapter with mana and presented it to Deloy. Deloy kneeled and raised both hands above his head, tearfully crying like a pious believer as he welcomed the Element Chapter.

Deloy grasped the Element Chapter and bitterly wept tears of sadness as he reminisced. After a few seconds, Deloy could no longer bear the grief, and the noiseless sobbing turned into loud wails.

This respected Prophet of the Gaugass Clan wasn’t emanating the slightest bit of wisdom. He currently looked like someone who had been living far from home for a long time and finally met his relatives again. He was kneeling on the ground and very carefully holding the Element Chapter, weeping like a child.

Lin Yun stared awkwardly at this scene. He could see that these emotions were real and felt that there had to be a story behind this, so he could only remain silent and watch.

After a while, Deloy held up the Element Chapter with both hands and reluctantly returned it to Lin Yun.

Seeing the Element Chapter re-enter the Book of Death, Deloy lamented as he reminisced, “My ancestor once followed His Majesty Wagrein. Two distinct things have passed on throughout the generations. Aside from the lightning spear he used, there is only a painting left.

“In those days, my ancestor was still a young child and entered the territory of a level 35 magic beast after getting lost. He was terrified, but His Majesty Wagrein suddenly appeared, flashing through flames, and instantly killed that magic beast. Back then, my ancestor was only a young child with the strength of a Magic Apprentice. How could he survive a level 35 magic beast on his own?

“His Majesty Wagrein suddenly appeared with a crystal shining with four colors of light around him. This scene was later drawn by my ancestor and passed on from generation to generation.

“When I was young, apart from training, I spent most of my time with my grandfather, looking at that painting while hearing him tell me stories of His Majesty Wagrein. When I soiled the painting by mistake, my grandfather angrily broke my leg as a heavy punishment.

“Our wish, passed down from generation to generation, is to see the King’s Chapter with our own eyes and personally touch it, because we owe our lives to His Majesty Wagrein and the Magic Tool he used at that time, this Element Chapter.”

Deloy’s face was filled with nostalgia as he lamented. Those who hadn’t experienced it wouldn’t be able to understand. Since he started learning how to read, he would hear stories related to Jason Wagrein every day, and the glory passed on from generation to generation.

“You may laugh about it, but I really can’t help it. After the disappearance of His Majesty Wagrein, my ancestors’ wished for this for so many years, but they weren’t able to achieve this. Now it finally became reality. It could be said that I have completed my ancestor’s final wishes...”

Lin Yun nodded and remained silent. With the current situation, he definitely couldn't continue the battle. Daryl was foolishly standing on the side like a dejected kid not daring to move. Kempes was even lowering his head, not daring to look up.

Deloy had a respectful expression on his face as he half-bowed towards Lin Yun.

"Sir, could you tell me any other thing you saw when you obtained the King's Chapter? I know this is very presumptuous, but this is really important for me."

The corner of Lin Yun's mouth twitched. 'What I've seen? How could I tell you? Letting you see the Element Chapter was already being extremely benevolent, I can't tell you about the ruins I saw.'

Lin Yun didn't say anything, and Deloy understood Lin Yun's attitude.

Deloy didn't say anything else and didn't question him further. He naturally knew that the conflict had already made Lin Yun feel quite uncomfortable. Gaugass Battleimages had tried to rob him while also acting like they would kill him afterwards. Under such circumstances, overlooking this and not retaliating on the spot was already being very amiable.

Wanting to get this kind of secret from him at such a time was naturally impossible.

Deloy also knew this and thus didn't pursue the matter. He instantly turned towards Kempes and shouted, "Kempes, I'll punish you to stand at the biggest Thunderbolt Mountain and excavate Lightning ore for half a year. Do you have any objections?"

Kempes paled. 'The biggest Thunderbolt Mountain!? Half a year!?'

This was terrifying. The bigger a Thunderbolt Mountain was, the higher the quality of ore found, and the biggest Thunderbolt Mountain was the only one that could give birth to the highest grade of Lightning Ore. The peak of the mountain pierced into the clouds, and the peak was already sitting in a thundercloud.

That mountain peak was covered in a thundercloud all year round, and lightning continuously struck it. Even if he was an 8th Rank Arch-Battlemage, he wouldn't last three days in that place without being seriously injured by lightning.

## **Chapter 810: Idiot Beyond Redemption**

Especially at the peak of the mountain, where Arch-Battleimages below the 5th Rank wouldn't last a day before being torn apart by the lightning. A 4th Rank Arch-Battlemage could even die in ten minutes.

Even the rest of the mountain was terribly dangerous, as thick lightning bolts could strike anywhere. Many people would die every year extracting Lightning Ore.

'Half a year... This...'

Kempes' face was filled with despair as he looked at his teacher.

Daryl fiercely glared at Kempes. How could he disobey Prophet Deloy's command at such a time? If someone brought this matter to the King's attention, the penalty would be even heavier.



“Kempes, did you not hear the words of Prophet Deloy? Or are you thinking that the penalty is insufficient?”

Kempes scrunched his face bitterly and promptly lowered his head.

“I, Kempes, accept my punishment...”

Deloy nodded and continued to look at Daryl.

“Daryl, you return first and guard the camp. You aren’t allowed to move as you wish without orders, and furthermore, you shall take the men Kempes had with him to mine in the Thunderbolt Mountain. They all have to dig for a year, and they won’t be allowed to leave unless they’ve excavated five thousand kilograms of ore.” Deloy’s voice was imposing, and no one could retort.

Although this Gaugass Prophet didn’t usually manage anything and rarely gave orders, no one dared to go against his words, because they would have to endure the King’s wrath if they didn’t obey. If it came to that, it wouldn’t be just a little punishment... They might even be exiled.

Daryl led everyone to depart, and only Deloy remained behind.

He took out a box and gave it to the clearly injured Xiuban.

“This is a kind of lightning herb from the Gaugass Highland. It is a Bee Cry Herb that has undergone rebirth from lightning, and it contains a huge amount of vitality. There are three of them in the box. You only need to crush one and apply it over your wounds, and you’ll recover within three days without any lingering aftereffects.”

Xiuban took the box while smiling and held it in his embrace like a cherished treasure, making Enderfa sneer at him. Even Reina rolled her eyes.

Lin Yun remained silent. He hadn’t expected Deloy to do this kind of thing.

“Sir, I’m really sorry about today’s matters, please forgive us. I’ll visit you another day to make proper apologies.”

How could Lin Yun get angry with Deloy’s attitude and posture? He had seen him punish those people, and from Kempes’ look, he could understand how dangerous and painful that punishment had been, let alone the sentences given to the other Gaugass Battlemages.

Deloy gently bowed with a graceful posture and the air of a wise person, totally unlike those barbaric Gaugass Battlemages.

After Deloy left, Xiuban held his box and turned to Lin Yun while daftly asking, “Sir Merlin, what that old guy gave to me, you wouldn’t plan on taking it, right?”

Lin Yun ruthlessly glared at Xiuban and couldn’t help kicking him, but with Lin Yun’s physical power, this was no different from tickling him.

Seeing Xiuban not even sway from the kick, Lin Yun summoned Syudos and had him whip Xiuban before starting to walk while the screams rang out behind him.

“Sir Merlin, take it if you want, Xiuban doesn’t want it! It’s all for you...”

Hearing these words, Enderfa chuckled in amusement. "That fool hasn't changed..."

Lin Yun shouted, "Syudos, whip him for three hours! Not one second less!"

The faithful Syudos naturally carried out Lin Yun's order. He bound Xiuban's feet with flames and hung him up behind Lin Yun before using a flaming whip to lash at his body.

Lin Yun let out a long sigh and left the Poison Mist Valley. After the baffling event following the fight with the Gaugass Battlemites, Lin Yun was no longer angered. But the foolish Xiuban... Did even his brain turn into muscle after training his muscles for so long?

Lin Yun went back first, leaving Reina and Enderfa, who were watching Xiuban being thrashed in the air, behind.

Enderfa was smirking as he watched Xiuban and laughed at him. "That fool isn't completely stupid. There is not a single trace of Syudos' whips on his body, yet he is shouting so miserably. He definitely knows that if he dares to resist, he will definitely be beaten up miserably by Merlin himself..."

Syudos suddenly froze, and then his whipping speed almost doubled. It didn't take long before Xiuban's skin reddened.

Moreover, his miserable shouts became more and more mournful. Reina could no longer bear hearing it and left with her usual cold expression.

'With that idiot's strong body, it would at most hurt a bit. He won't suffer any injuries, so why is he shouting so desperately...'

Enderfa shot a glance at the box Xiuban was firmly holding in his embrace and mumbled something like "Idiot beyond redemption" before following Reina.

Soon, no one was left in the surroundings and Xiuban said with a grimacing face, "Sir Syudos, that old man said there were three lightning herbs inside... How about I give you one and you put me down? We could return in three hours and Sir Merlin wouldn't know anything..."

"Slam, slam, slam..."

What answered Xiuban's question was even fiercer whipping, making Xiuban scream, "Damn! Xiuban, Lord Xiuban will... Aaah! Kill you... Aaah! Wait until Lord Xiuban reaches the Heaven Rank! The first thing I'll do will be to challenge you to a duel... Aaah! No, I'll beat you to death... Aaah!"

The situation was still the same when Lin Yun returned to the Storm Fort. Those guys were still discussing without coming to a conclusion, and the general attack had yet to start. There were even some fools quarreling about the post-war loot distribution.

In the end, Lin Yun suddenly had a guest late in the night.

Seeing Deloy's deferential attitude, Lin Yun had a headache.

"Sir Mafa, these are the Gaugass Clan's apology gifts, I hope you won't refuse them. I brought everything to make amends for what happened.

“If not for the misunderstanding between Okland’s mages and our Gaugass Battlemages, I would definitely have come to visit during the day to apologize. Although we, Gaugass, will also participate in the general attack on the Raging Flame Plane, this is a very complicated situation, I hope you understand. In order to not cause you trouble, I could only come at such a time.”

Looking at the small pile of boxes, Lin Yun felt somewhat powerless.

Deloy had a deferential and respectful attitude, and he was very good at analyzing others. He had brought gifts for everyone here.

Hearing that he had gifts, Xiuban was like a starving beast in front of prey. He was the first to rush out and take several kinds of gifts before leaving with a smile.

Reina had several kinds of gifts that perfectly suited her. There was ice from a snowy peak that had endured sunlight for ten millennia without melting. When using it as a supporting material while casting, it could increase the spell power by thirty percent. There were also some small, mindful gifts that Reina put away after receiving them.

For the alchemy puppet, there was some liquid medicine that would increase its resistance to wear and an ice oil that would keep the parts at a low temperature even under fire. This was enough to double the puppet’s fighting power.

Enderfa was holding a tobacco pipe and smoked with a relaxed face. It was a special type of tobacco that could be used by a Magic Tool Incarnation to raise their density level and slightly increase their wisdom.

Anything that could affect Magic Tool Incarnations was certainly an extremely valuable treasure.

Lin Yun himself got most of the gifts. Deloy apparently had heard that Lin Yun was a formidable Artisan and gifted him all kinds of precious materials, rare ores, rare medicinal ingredients, and three first-rate head-sized pieces of Lightning Ore, which was something they never traded away.

“Sir Mafa, I really want to know what else you have seen in the ruins where you obtained the King’s Chapter. Where were those ruins? Please rest assured, every word you say will remain secret, and I definitely won’t tell others, Sir Wagrein is my witness!”

Lin Yun sighed. He originally was a bit hesitant and wouldn’t speak of the ruins, but after seeing Deloy’s respectful attitude and his diligence with the gifts, not saying anything at all would be unreasonable.

“Alright, it’s fine if I tell you some of it. It might be a place the Gaugass King had once stayed at. There were some inheritances left behind by the Gaugass King and some books, but those aren’t anything precious.

“There were also some magic beasts that the Gaugass King had experimented on, and you have seen the Element Chapter...”

Lin Yun told Deloy all the things he could say. He didn’t speak of the matter between the Gaugass King and His Highness Zhantiu... He couldn’t. He only added at the end, “In fact, I only got the Element Chapter and a Meditation Law Set from within. I can’t give you the Element Chapter, but regarding the Element Tide, giving it to you if you want it is fine...”

Deloy was excited, his aged face shining. After hearing Lin Yun’s words, he bowed deeply.

“Thank you, you have my deepest gratitude for telling me this. As for the things you obtained there... You were chosen by his Majesty Jason Wagrein, it has nothing to do with us. We absolutely wouldn't dare to demand anything from you.”

Lin Yun really didn't know what to say. That guy was truly too considerate, his words were flawless.

Seeing Deloy hesitating, apparently wanting to ask something, Lin Yun casually prompted, “Sir Deloy, is there something you want to say?”

Deloy looked embarrassed and dawdled for a few seconds before speaking.