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Chapter 961 Mana Crystal

Nine lava vortexes appeared in the sky, forming a circle, and countless lava spells rained out of them.

The first Wyvern Rider to charge into the spell storm barely managed to last two seconds before he and his mount were torn apart.

Six Wyvern Riders had formed a line as they charged into the spell storms. It only took three to four seconds before four more of them disintegrated. The last one managed to grab the Crimson Firefox's head and wanted to fly away, but Lin Yun suddenly appeared above him.

A flaming radiance flashed as the nine lava vortexes surrounded him and instantly submerged him in a flood of lava spells. The boiling lava roiled in the air and burnt everything.

At that time, the remaining Raging Flame Beastmen urged their Wyverns. Large meteors fell towards Lin Yun, but they were all blocked. These Raging Flame Beastmen then circled for a few times in the sky before cursing in their own language and fleeing.

Lin Yun frowned as he watched these Raging Flame Beastmen escape.

The mages of the mage army were injured, and they were out of mana. Reina was also injured. With just him alone, he couldn't force all the Wyvern Riders to remain behind.

Moreover, everyone had injuries, and they could hardly defend themselves. Meanwhile, the weakest of that group of Raging Flame Beastmen was an 8th Rank Sword Saint. The losses from chasing down a group like that could be disastrous.

With four 8th Rank Sword Saints and two 9th Rank Sword Saints dying, the other side had actually suffered disastrous losses already.

After all, even the weakest Beastmen here were Beastmen Warlords controlling an important fort. Those two 9th Rank Sword Saints should have been influential figures in charge of a few forts. Yet they had died there.

Any other Archmage would have been unable to stop them from snatching the corpse of the Crimson Firefox.

"Damn, that group of scoundrels, they actually sneak attacked Lord Xiuban and tried to snatch the loot! They should all die!" Xiuban cursed as he kicked the corpse of a Raging Flame Beastman, sending it flying.

After using Eagle Sight and finding out that the Raging Flame Beastmen had indeed escaped, Lin Yun started collecting the Crimson Firefox's materials.

As a fire-attributed magic beast, the Crimson Firefox's fur was already more valuable than any other magic beast's fur when it was just level 10. Now that it had advanced to the Heaven Rank, that fur should be even more formidable.

Just now, it had been in the center of the battle, and even without the protection of mana, the Crimson Firefox's fur still wasn't really harmed. Lava couldn't burn the Crimson Firefox's fur.

He skinned off the usable fur. It would become a good material for robes after being processed. But it would only be suitable for mages who focused on fire magic. The best way to handle the material was to transform it into magic scrolls.

Materials that could be used to make magic scrolls were very rare, especially those that could be used for High Tier Spells. They were extremely hard to find.

Crimson Firefox fur was worth more than the materials from a magic beast of the same level because after being processed, it could be used to craft magic scrolls of the same grade!

Some good leather made from an ordinary level 15 magic beast could only make magic scrolls of 2nd Tier Spells, and even leather made from a Heaven Rank Magic Beast could make 8th Tier Spells at best. Furthermore, the spell released by the magic scroll would be inferior to the same one cast by a mage. It would barely reach the power of an 8th Tier Spell, but that would still be considered decent.

Most of the fur of that Crimson Firefox could be turned into 8th Tier Spells' magic scrolls. The belly was the best part and could even be made into 9th Tier Spells. It could even be used as the medium for Heaven Grade Arrays, being able to neatly record an array.

That thing was exceptionally precious, and Lin Yun would let no one else handle the Crimson Firefox's belly fur. He was afraid of that most valuable part being damaged.

Lin Yun rarely made magic scrolls. While those things had some use at lower ranks, it was thoroughly useless starting from the High Mage realm.

This was because the materials were too rare, and to make magic scrolls that could display the power of 5th or 6th Tier Spells, he would need a magic beast that was level 30 at the very least.

Magic scrolls weren't flexible, and their power was a bit lacking. Lin Yun would hardly do such thankless work.

But he now had the chance to successfully craft a 9th Tier Spell, and this would be very useful at his current stage. Even if the scroll didn't have Extraordinary Power, it would still be enough.

The Summon Meteorite spell from earlier needed too much mana and had a very long casting time. That kind of spell was suitable to be made into magic scrolls and used to attack fixed targets. Its power could compare to Extraordinary Spells.

After collecting the hide, he dug out the mana crystal and then let his subordinates gather the rest of the materials.

Although it was a Level 40 mana crystal, it was only an ordinary fire mana crystal and was considered the lowest among Heaven Rank mana crystals.

But fortunately, it contained Extraordinary Power within it and its mana content was very high. It could be used as a mana supply and would be enough to support a large-scale mana reactor and power up the Grey Beastman's fort.

Everyone gathered the usable materials and only left behind a few things that weren't worth much or had already been damaged.

Lin Yun looked at the remains and suddenly paid attention to the wound on the Crimson Firefox's neck and thought of a problem.

The Raging Flame Beastmen had bafflingly mounted a sneak attack to snatch the Crimson Firefox's corpse, but they had been fearless of death.

It was as if they didn't care about their own lives at all and were ready to sacrifice all their companions for the sake of that Crimson Firefox's corpse.

He thought back through the fight and remembered that none of these Raging Flame Beastmen's actions were leading to saving one of their own. Rather, they took the chance to try and plunder the Crimson Firefox's corpse every time Lin Yun thought they would try to save their companions.

These people weren't being controlled; Lin Yun was quite sure about that. These Raging Flame Beastmen were very clear-headed and knew what they were doing.

They didn't care about their companions' situations, and they didn't care about their own situation. They only cared about plundering that Crimson Firefox.

Seeing as it wasn't possible to snatch the entire Crimson Firefox, they used the lives of a few High Rank Sword Saints as a price to try snatching the Crimson Firefox's head.

This was all very abnormal...

He hadn't noticed it during the fight, but now that he'd thought about it, Lin Yun's frown intensified.

Although the Crimson Firefox was a Heaven Rank Magic Beast that had awakened Bewitching Foxfire, ordinary people had no means to exploit the Bewitching Foxfire. Apart from an Upper Rank Flame Spirit like Syudos, other races were simply unable to make use of it. Uncontrolled, Bewitching Foxfire would burn anything it came into contact with.

What else could be precious? The fur? That was a joke...

Since when could Raging Flame Beastmen make magic scrolls, and such powerful magic scrolls that would need such rare materials? Few people in Noscent had those kinds of skills, and it was even less possible for the Raging Flame Beastmen to have such a formidable alchemist.

The mana crystal was just a Level 40 mana crystal and was the least valuable kind of level 40 mana crystal. If not for the Extraordinary Power contained within, it wouldn't even be worth the effort spent fighting the Crimson Firefox.

'Would the Raging Flame Beastmen stake their lives for that?'

These Raging Flame Beastmen went absolutely crazy. According to the rumors, there were many things more valuable than a Heaven Rank Magic Beast's mana crystal, and there were many things worth more than the corpse of a Heaven Rank Magic Beast.

According to records, the value of a corpse of a Heaven Rank Magic Beast within the Raging Flame Battlefield could only be considered middling at best.

For such a thing, they spent three days in the Raging Flame Battlefield and lost several first-rate powerhouses. Was it really worth it?

The possibility that these Raging Flame Beastmen had gone totally crazy could be ignored. These were powerhouses that controlled a fort in the Raging Flame Plane. They wouldn't do such a brainless thing.

There was only one possibility: There was something special about that Crimson Firefox.

Lin Yun took out all the things he'd collected from the corpse of the Crimson Firefox and started experimenting, carefully searching to see if there was something else.

After putting the fire mana crystal on an alchemy table and rousing the mana within it, Lin Yun froze.

As that Heaven Rank fire mana crystal was roused, it not only emitted formidable fire-attributed mana, but it also emitted a weak spatial power.

As it was roused, a circle of orange flames revolved around the mana crystal, and a faint ripple was continuously fluctuating in its center.

That spatial power was very weak compared to the power emitted by the mana crystal, and moreover, it was hidden in the depths of the mana crystal. If he hadn't tested it, he wouldn't have found that this huge fire power was hiding some spatial power.

As it was roused, Lin Yun saw the spatial ripples surrounding the mana crystal starting to change shape and faintly lean in a certain direction.

After a few seconds, those spatial ripples appeared to resonate with that direction, and the mana crystal started shuddering.

Lin Yun switched off the experiment, and the shivering mana crystal slowly became calm again. That spatial power disappeared within the mana crystal before being followed by the roused orange flames.

Lin Yun looked at the mana crystal with a deep frown, pondering.

The spatial power contained within wasn't small... It was actually quite powerful, but during the previous battle, that Crimson Firefox hadn't used spatial magic.

If it could use spatial spells, even just one short-distance instantaneous movement ability would have been able to get rid of half of them, and then they wouldn't have been able to kill it.

It was very abnormal for a Crimson Firefox, a race that could reach level 15 at most, to be able to advance to the Heaven Rank. Now, he had discovered a very substantial spatial power within.

And those Raging Flame Beastmen were trying to snatch it with no regard for their lives.

Lin Yun knew that there might be a big secret hidden within. That mana crystal was connected to a huge secret and a huge reward.

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This could explain why those Raging Flame Beastmen were going all-out for the sake of that mana crystal.

Moreover, the spatial power within the mana crystal resonated with a certain area. With this, how could Lin Yun not understand?

After putting away the mana crystal, Lin Yun tried to follow the resonance and led his subordinates in that direction.

The next day, Lin Yun and the others once again encountered a Heaven Rank Magic Beast.

Lin Yun frowned as he saw that nearly seventy-meter-tall giant creature crouched in the distance.

This was a Frost Ape... No matter how he looked at it, all of its features were those of a Frost Ape.

It had completely white fur, deep blue eyes, pitch-black claws, and blue hair seemingly condensed from ice. When breathing, its nostrils would keep spouting out white air that would condense large numbers of ice fragments.

The Frost Ape's Heaven Rank aura was silently pressuring a very large area, which was covered in ice. There were no clouds in the sky, but snow kept sprinkling down.

What made Lin Yun frown was that Frost Apes were magic beasts with a lesser bloodline, just like the Crimson Firefox. An ordinary Frost Ape would only be Level 10 once it reached adulthood, and their leaders would reach Level 15 at most.

Frost Ape Rulers were characterized by their blue hair, just like the one before them.

The only way for these magic beasts to advance was to strengthen their own bloodline and replace their original bloodline with another, ultimately evolving into another magic beast. After their level increased, they would no longer be considered a Frost Ape.

To evolve to the Heaven Rank, one would need such a huge amount of luck that even a God would be envious, and it would no longer be considered a Frost Ape afterward. It could become a Three-Headed Frost Ape proficient in magic, or a huge, several-hundred-meter-tall Frozen Giant Ape.

Regardless of the outcome, it would no longer retain the characteristics of a Frost Ape. Strictly speaking, whether it was a Three-Headed Frost Ape or a Frozen Giant Ape, it would no longer belong to the same race as a Frost Ape. Those were completely different races, albeit a bit similar.

Lin Yun thought of the Crimson Firefox before looking at that Frost Ape and making some guesses. That big Frost Ape might be the same as the Crimson Fox, and its mana crystal might contain very powerful spatial power that it wasn't able to use.

Just as Lin Yun was thinking about it, the Frost Ape discovered them. It bared its fangs as it got up, casually grabbing a huge chunk of ice next to it and throwing it at Lin Yun's group.

The eight-meter-wide ball of ice was like a small rock in the hands of that enormous Frost Ape. It emitted a terrifying boom as it instantly broke through the sound barrier, crossing over a kilometer before reaching Lin Yun's group.

“Rumble!”

A loud sound echoed as the small hill they had been standing on exploded.

Seeing that it missed, the Frost Ape fiercely hammered its own chest, emitting thunderous thumping, before opening its mouth to shoot a deep blue destructive Energy Sphere.

That Energy Sphere rapidly expanded and grew to eight meters in size. Its dark blue energies were roaming within as it flew out and pressured even the air. It was as if the air and magic elements were taking the initiative to give way for the Energy Sphere.

The space shuddered before that destructive Energy Sphere exploded on a small hill, causing a dark blue mushroom cloud to rise from the ground as the earth wildly shook.

A blue shockwave swept out from there and froze everything it went through. The shattered trees, the flying rocks... Everything was frozen.

In less than a second, everything within three hundred meters was thoroughly frozen, and the frightening wave of cold continued to spread out, causing the temperature to drop precipitously. Snowflakes started floating down, and in less than a second, they completely covered the ground.

Lin Yun carried the patched puppet and Xiuban and dodged into the air, while the rest flew on their own to evade that Energy Sphere.

“Damn, these Heaven Rank Magic Beasts don’t have any skill at all, they are only causing destruction. How many good areas have been thoroughly destroyed because of these fools?” Enderfa scolded.

Those Energy Spheres required no skill, but they were effective... The destructive power was terrifying. A mage wouldn’t be able to do something like that, but a Heaven Mage spending the same amount of mana would cause even more destruction.

What made those Heaven Rank Magic Beasts terrifying was their outstanding mana reserves. These kinds of brute-force attacks could even kill a Heaven Rank powerhouse...

During a battle between Extraordinary Magic Beasts, the terrain would undergo a complete change. And that wasn’t unreasonable yet, because if it was a battle of Level 49 magic beasts, everything within a dozen kilometers would be altered and destroyed. The same spot would even be destroyed several times...

Lin Yun frowned and rushed out first. His body increased in size as he took three steps, turning into a Lava Giant.

The Book of Death suddenly appeared in his left hand, and the shackles filled with ancient aura automatically unbound themselves. The Book of Death’s pages kept flipping.

Numerous lava runes suddenly appeared on Lin Yun’s Lava Giant body and kept roaming within the cracks on its surface. The Lava Giant grew in size again, reaching seventeen meters in height.

The clearer wheel shadow appeared behind Lin Yun, and the Purple Dragon Incarnation also transformed into a shadow.

Lin Yun's aura frantically grew in an instant. Gales rose as the earth around the Lava Giant started cracking frantically. Lava kept spurting from the ground, quickly forming a lava pond around Lin Yun.

Waves of lava dragged Lin Yun along and rapidly approached the Frost Ape. That formidable aura was no worse than the Frost Ape's.

The Frost Ape let out an angry shout before making a grabbing motion. At that time, countless fragments of ice appeared in its palm before it swung its hand at the distant Lin Yun, creating a rain of over a hundred 8-meter-long ice spikes.

Lin Yun flashed three times, his speed not decreasing in the slightest as he was now three hundred meters away from the Frost Ape, and a bright red light started blossoming from his Draconic Staff. The light transformed into a Dragon's shadow that noiselessly roared.

Suddenly, the lava within the lava pond transformed into several dozen Lava Dragons that roared as they charged at the Frost Ape's body. The red-hot lava hitting the Frost Ape was like an ember falling into cold water, and it created a huge wave of steam.

The Frost Ape roared in anger, preparing to spout out another Energy Sphere, but it had barely opened its mouth when a huge hand fell from the sky, ruthlessly slamming its forehead and forcibly detonating the embryonic Energy Sphere.

The mage army had transformed into a fire cloud, and countless fire elements kept roaming within the cloud as golden-red flames formed a Fire God Hand that the mage army sent out.

The Energy Sphere had yet to take shape before it completely exploded, instantly turning causing blood to flow out of the Frost Ape's mouth. The blue blood leaked out and dripped into the lava, freezing an area of a dozen meters. That blood contained terrifying power.

The Frost Ape covered its mouth as it let out a miserable shriek. At that time, Enderfa and the patched puppet started casting together, sending a storm of fire spells towards the left leg of the Frost Ape. The burning power and the force of the impact made the Frost Ape unable to raise its left leg.

On the other side, Xiuban was crazily charging, every single of his steps crossing over ten meters and leaving a huge crater in the ground.

When he was ten meters away from the Frost Ape, Xiuban roared and jumped, the air visibly blasting away in his path. The pitch-black Carnage was sticking out of the air blast and ruthlessly hit the right knee of the Frost Ape.

The shock of air spread over the Frost Ape's knee as a deep Dragon Roar echoed, accompanied by the sharp sound of metal being smashed.

That was Xiuban's all-out leaping attack, which directly shattered the Frost Ape's leg.

As its legs suffered these blows, the Frost Ape fell backward under the gaze of a frowning Lin Yun.

Before, when he battled the Crimson Firefox, he had discovered some problems, but he hadn't been able to make sure at the time. But now that he could see this Frost Ape, he was more or less certain.

The Crimson Firefox was a fox-type magic beast, innately very smart. A Level 15 Crimson Firefox was more intelligent than many Level 35 magic beasts.

It would be even more intelligent when awakening wisdom at the Heaven Rank. That Heaven Rank Crimson Firefox had known how to lure its prey into a trap and sneak attack. And it also had the Bewitching Foxfire, making it a very troublesome foe. It had forced Lin Yun's group to pay a huge price to defeat it. Almost everyone had been wounded by the time the Crimson Firefox had been killed.

At that time, Lin Yun had vaguely felt that the Crimson Firefox had been weaker than expected, but he hadn't had time to think about it.

Now, Lin Yun felt somewhat stunned as he saw this Frost Ape getting knocked down by everyone's teamwork, even if it had yet to be critically injured.

Even if the spells from Lin Yun and the mage army were the most effective against that Frost Ape, a Heaven Rank Frost Ape shouldn't be so weak.

More importantly, that Frost Ape hadn't awakened wisdom at all!

Lin Yun had discovered that grave matter at the start of the fight. How could it not have awakened wisdom as a Heaven Rank Magic Beast? And as Lin Yun recalled the fight with the Crimson Firefox, he discovered something else.

Whether it was the Crimson Firefox or this Frost Ape, neither had established a Demiplane!

Every sentient race would be able to establish their own Demiplane upon reaching the Heaven Rank. And magic beasts would inevitably awaken wisdom upon reaching the Heaven Rank.

If they had some special bloodline, they could even awaken their ancestors' inheritance that was hidden within it.

After advancing to the Heaven Rank, establishing a Demiplane should have happened instinctively.

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Magic beasts that were able to advance to the Heaven Rank would establish their own Demiplane. Magic beasts didn't deeply research like humans, so they simply relied on the Demiplane to accumulate mana.

This was why some of the more powerful Heaven Rank Magic Beasts would even have a hundred times the mana of a mage on the same level.

This strange Frost Ape before them was level 40, but it hadn't awakened wisdom and wasn't able to display the power of the Heaven Rank.

It was just like an ordinary Frost Ape that was scaled up...

It could only be considered a fake Heaven Rank at most. Apart from the Heaven Rank Magic Beast's instinct of attacking with a destructive Energy Sphere, it didn't pose any threat.

Lin Yun went all-out, casting while frowning.

The Frost Ape was suppressed until it could no longer raise its head. It screamed, and fled while covered in a thick layer of ice armor...

Everyone was shocked as they saw this, and even Lin Yun looked baffled.

A Heaven Rank Magic Beast was sent fleeing by a group of Archmages?

What was this?

Seeing this situation, everyone chased after the Frost Ape, and a large number of spells flew over. The Frost Ape's fur turned black from the burns, and it kept getting slower as it got more injured.

Just as the Frost Ape was about to be killed, something happened.

Four orange flowing lights suddenly appeared in the sky and rapidly fell down, hitting four corners around the Frost Ape. A terrifying aura of mana that clearly belonged to a True Spirit Magic Tool erupted.

Those four spear-like objects were like orange crystals. The bottom part looked like spears, while the upper part had many magic beast sculptures carved on them, with the sculpture of a "clever beast" carved on top. That clever beast's eyes were emitting light as if it was alive.

Clever beast was like a nickname. The clever beast was called Simate and was a very special magic beast. That kind of magic beast innately awakened wisdom just like a human child, and as it grew, its intelligence would keep on increasing. It was a kind of magic beast that was proficient at learning.

Their race was very small in stature, and even after reaching adulthood, they would only be as big as a kitten. Their fighting power was also terrible. A Level 30 clever beast might not be the opponent of an ordinary Level 20 magic beast.

But no magic beast would crazily attack a clever beast. It was rumored that clever beasts were Gods' pets, very wise magic beasts. Although their personal strength was inferior, they had a very formidable ability.

Seals and barriers!

Places occupied by clever beasts had very powerful defensive barriers. Their seals were also formidable. If given enough opportunity, a Level 30 clever beast might be able to seal a Level 35 magic beast.

That kind of magic beast could almost never be seen, and there had been no record of one in a millennium.

These four crystal spikes with clever beasts carved on them pierced the ground. Seemingly having noticed something, the Frost Ape panicked and angrily roared.

Then, four Magic Tool Incarnations appeared atop the four crystal spears, all in the shape of clever beasts. With the appearance of those clever beasts, the four crystal spears burst out with power. A brilliant orange light burst out of them, transforming into a barrier of light covering all sides and locking the Frost Ape within.

The Frost Ape's attacks struck the barrier, but they were like drops of water falling on the surface of a lake, only creating some ripples. The Frost Ape simply couldn't struggle free from that barrier.

Just as the barrier appeared, a large ship also appeared in the direction that the Frost Ape had been running to. The ship was over twenty meters long and six meters tall. It had a large number of runes and patterns carved on it, and it was fitted with many defensive magic tools. Although they were inferior defensive magic tools, being integrated in the array greatly raised the defenses of the ship.

It had no weapon systems, but the defenses were quite amazing. After all, this era wasn't the future Noscent when any Archmage could get a hold of a low-grade magic battleship.

First of all, the energy supply system for magic battleships was a huge problem in this era. Being able to manufacture a ship without weapon systems was already a great achievement. A battleship armed to the teeth wasn't something that could be done in this era. Perhaps if some major force spared no costs, they might be able to craft one.

The battleship rapidly approached the barrier, and a group of people flew out of the ship before casting countless spells at the barrier.

The Frost Ape's attacks could only create ripples in the barrier, but the barrier didn't affect these spells coming from outside at all.

The Frost Ape, which had been on its last legs, was now trapped and could only face the endless flood of spells.

On the other side, Lin Yun and the others were chasing behind. The spells they had released only created fluctuations on the barrier and were unable to pass through.

By the time Lin Yun arrived, the Frost Ape in the barrier emitted a blood-curdling scream and tumbled down like a mountain.

As the Frost Ape was about to breathe its last breath, a side of the barrier dissipated, and only the side blocking Lin Yun and the others remained.

But something happened just as that side of the barrier dissipated. The nearly dead Frost Ape unexpectedly rose up and burst out with newfound power, wanting to escape.

Just as the Frost Ape jumped up, a black hole appeared under its feet. Everything in the surroundings was sucked in as if that bottomless abyss would devour everything.

The black hole instantly expanded to become ten meters wide, and the gravitational pull sharply increased, forcibly drawing the Frost Ape in.

The Frost Ape roared in fright. After falling, its limbs stuck to the ground as it tried to resist the black hole's gravitational pull. Meanwhile, there was a barrage of spells shooting down at it from a group of gorgeously dressed mages.

A pitch-black sphere smashed onto the head of the Frost Ape and loudly exploded. It was like a giant ruthlessly slammed the back of the Frost Ape's head, making it lie on its stomach.

Then, a large number of Dark Arrows rained down and stabbed into the Frost Ape's head. The Frost Ape's aura of life rapidly dissipated as it loudly screamed.

The entire sky was covered in smoke as a snakelike silver rope rapidly pierced into the wound on the back of the Frost Ape's head and took out a deep blue mana crystal before disappearing into the airship.

In the distance, Lin Yun was hovering in the air, his eyes shining.

Although the barrier was blocking them, it wasn't blocking their sight, and it didn't stop mana reactions. A large number of spells had struck the other side of the barrier. Smoke surged, and the spells were very chaotic. Anyone else wouldn't have noticed the mana crystal of the Frost Ape had already been plundered.

But Lin Yun had faintly seen a light and caught a bit of aura as the Frost Ape's mana crystal had appeared. He had managed to recognize that silvery light.

That was a very special True Spirit Magic Tool known as a Spirit Snake.

The essence of a Spirit Snake was a rope, but a kind of precious material known as Dust Mithril had been added within. That was a very rare material in Noscent that could only be found within the Endless Sea. It was even rumored that some ore veins of Dust Mithril could be found drifting within the endless void. Those found in Noscent all came from fallen meteorites.

With Dust Mithril, the Spirit Snake was able to awaken its Magic Tool Incarnation, but its Incarnation couldn't separate from the Magic Tool. This made the Spirit Snake become a genuine living creature, but without mana fluctuations, life aura, or body heat. Apart from seeing it directly with one's eyes, no detection spell would be able to discover that thing.

Even if the area was covered in mana, it would still remain undetectable.

During the peak of Noscent, that thing was the best Magic Tool for stealing or investigating. It was even more precious than a Mid-Rank True Spirit Magic Tool.

Lin Yun had a strange smile on his face but remained. He only acted as if he hadn't seen anything.

Owning a ship that could only be used for locomotion... No offensive power, but able to use True Spirit Magic Tools to form a barrier, as well as the Spirit Snake...

Seeing the other side wearing gorgeous robes while being armed to the teeth, Lin Yun didn't need to think much to know that this was the Henry Family of the Odin Kingdom.

He had heard people talk about them before, but had yet to see them himself. But now, he could feel the upstart aura they emitted. Their level of wealth truly wasn't ordinary.

They casually took out a few True Spirit Magic Tools, including one that had awakened wisdom. They definitely were wealthy.

Before, those Raging Flame Beastmen had spared no effort to try to snatch the Crimson Firefox's mana crystal, and now, the Henry Family came to snatch the Frost Ape's mana crystal.

But the people of the Henry Family had some skill. They had used a total of five True Spirit Magic Tools to stealthily snatch the Frost Ape's mana crystal.

'What is going on with these mana crystals?'

Lin Yun didn't say anything, but his subordinates exploded. They had painstakingly fought for a long time, and that Frost Ape had started fleeing. Now it was dead and someone was trying to snatch it? What the hell?

The instant the barrier dissipated, Xiuban raised Carnage and rushed over, charging towards the corpse the Frost Ape while roaring, "Damned scoundrels! Uncle Xiuban had been fighting for hours and was about to kill that big guy, yet a bunch of scoundrels like you can to snatch my prey! Do you want to fight? Come, come! Uncle Xiuban's Carnage is extremely hungry!"

Xiuban stomped the ground in rage with an extremely red complexion, while the rest had similarly ugly expressions.

The mage army transformed into a fire cloud and floated up. Kurumu raised his Dragonscale Staff, ready to battle. The ice elements around Reina were roused as she was ready to fight. She hadn't had a chance to do much during the battle against the Frost Ape, a pure ice-type magic beast.

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Because the Frost Ape was at a higher level and its defenses were outstanding, apart from her Frost Breath and some advanced Draconic Spells, Reina's ordinary ice spells had almost no effect against it. Although she had said nothing, during the chase, Reina's anger had reached a critical point. She was about to explode after it was snatched by someone.

"Scoundrel, you dare to take Uncle Enderfa's prey? Die, you'll all die! Merlin, let's get rid of them and grab all their True Spirit Magic Tools..."

Enderfa's three faces distorted. After chasing for a few hours, his prey was suddenly snatched away. He felt that he was going to explode and wanted to rip those people apart.

A fire was ignited within the group. At that time, a man in his thirties walked out from the other side. He was wearing a purple robe that was weaved from the highest quality materials, and some runes and patterns were formed during the weaving process. This added some enchantments and runes to turn the robe into a powerful defensive magic tool.

There were as many as five magic shields enchanted on the robe, as well as a few spells used to flee, all of which were 6th Tier Spells. There were also two Flight Spells enchanted onto it.

Thus, this magic robe would certainly be considered quite magnificent. Moreover, the three rings he wore were emitting formidable mana fluctuations, showing that they were at least Spiritual Magic Tools.

Lin Yun recognized this guy. He was one of the bosses of the Henry Family.

The Henry Family started out as a business, and in order to avoid having too much power in one hand, which might lead to some poor decisions, the family decided to never have a patriarch. Instead, they had at least three top bosses, and all stores had at least two managers. This time, entering the Raging Flame Battlefield was naturally considered a major event, so they sent out two bosses.

The one before them was called Morgan Henry.

Morgan's face had the bright smile of a businessman. He spoke loudly with a surprised expression and an exaggerated tone while keeping the grace of a nobleman, not at all resembling a nouveau riche that had risen to prominence within the past millennium.

"Eh? Isn't this Sir Mafa Merlin? Such a coincidence! How come you are here? Were you chasing that Frost Ape? Oh, damn, I was puzzled just now as to why that Frost Ape was covered in scars and was so easily killed, I'm truly sorry."

There was a trace of annoyance as well as a trace of regret on Morgan Henry's face. He really seemed sincere.

At this time, even the most bad-tempered Xiuban didn't know what to say and lowered Carnage. He still glared at Morgan Henry unhappily.

"Sir Morgan Henry, this is quite a coincidence! This Frost Ape was indeed chased by us. We have been fighting that guy for a very long time and chased him for several dozen kilometers," Lin Yun answered in a nonchalant manner.

Morgan put his hand on his forehead and offered a sincere apology. "I'm really sorry, Sir Mafa Merlin, we really didn't see you! We only saw an injured Frost Ape rushing over from the distance, and we couldn't let go of that kind of opportunity, so we acted before thinking.

"Please believe me, our Henry Family absolutely didn't plan on snatching your Frost Ape. This was just a misunderstanding. Since it's the prey you have been chasing for a very long time, it should naturally be given to you. We don't want that Frost Ape's corpse, so you can take it away.

"Finally, let me apologize for our recklessness on behalf of my Family. I hope that next time we see each other, we can have the opportunity to cooperate."

There was a warm smile on Morgan's face, and no one could detect any shortcomings. This was the Henry Family's rule: Treat any potential customer with enough courtesy, even if they are enemies. As long as they were meeting someone that could become a customer of the Henry Family, they should smile brightly.

Lin Yun had a strange smile at Morgan's sincere attitude and casually nodded.

Lin Yun's subordinates also calmed down. Xiuban fiercely raised Carnage and said with a proud expression, "You are tactful. No one dares to snatch Lord Xiuban's prey..."

Morgan casually chatted with Lin Yun for a few moments, his few sentences regarding buying the materials and promoting the Henry Family's magic items.

Seeing Lin Yun's subordinates already starting to process the body of the Frost Ape, Morgan could only regretfully say, "Sir Mafa Merlin, I hope you can carefully consider my proposals. Our Henry Family can get a hold of anything in Noscent. You can look for our Henry Family as long as there is a suitable price.

"We still have to continue exploring, so I won't disturb you any longer. See you at a later time!"

After saying so, Morgan flew towards the airship, a hint of pride flashing within his eyes as he turned around.

‘A bunch of fools... We’ll be nowhere to be seen by the time you figure out that the mana crystal of the Frost Ape is already gone. Will you still be able to catch up then? Would you dare to falsely frame us then?’

‘So lucky, I was unexpectedly able to obtain that kind of mana crystal so easily...’

Morgan had yet to reach the airship when a loud exclamation came from the ground.

“The mana crystal is nowhere to be found? There is no mana crystal!” a mage gathering materials loudly shouted. At that time, Morgan’s expression changed. He hadn’t expected Lin Yun’s subordinates to collect the mana crystal first.

Usually, when collecting materials from a magic beast, one would first collect the fur, skin, or hide before draining the blood of the magic beast. This was especially the case for a Heaven Rank Magic Beast because its blood contained formidable power. The blood of the Frost Ape was a top-grade material that could be used as special ink for arrays or for ice-attributed magic scrolls. Then, it would be the flesh and bones, before finishing with the mana crystal.

That was the best way to maximize the value of the Frost Ape’s corpse. Gathering the mana crystal first definitely wasn’t best, as it would make the value of the corpse decrease by a quarter. Based on the value of a Heaven Rank Magic Beast, a quarter would be a huge loss.

‘Damn, how could these country bumpkins act so recklessly? That processing method can’t produce the best value of that Frost Ape’s corpse. Such a huge loss... It wouldn’t meet the standard of the lowest gatherer of the Henry Family. Country bumpkins are indeed country bumpkins. The people of the Andlusa Kingdom are just a bunch of country bumpkins...’

Morgan inwardly scolded them, but he couldn’t just leave now. If he had stealthily stolen the Frost Ape’s mana crystal and left, he would have been able to deny it the next time they met. But since the missing mana crystal had been discovered already, if they left first, it would be the same as admitting that they stole it.

This wasn’t good for the sake of the Henry Family’s reputation. As a merchant force, their reputation was very important, and would directly affect their wealth.

After hesitating, Morgan didn’t immediately depart. Although that mana crystal was important, it wasn’t as important as the Henry Family’s reputation.

On the ground, the gathering mages immediately spread out and searched several times, but they couldn’t find the Frost Ape’s mana crystal. They then all looked at Morgan.

“No wonder you returned the Frost Ape so generously! Turns out you stole the Frost Ape’s mana crystal. Hand it over!” Xiuban glared as he roared at Morgan.

Morgan seemed to be at a loss, and he then spread out his hands.

“Mana crystal? What mana crystal? Eh, heavens, you don’t think I harvested the mana crystal of the Frost Ape, do you? This must be a huge misunderstanding. How could this be? You should carefully look for it.

“I was discussing with your leader whether we could purchase the Frost Ape’s mana crystal and the heart blood. Don’t tell me that the mana crystal disappeared? This is impossible, absolutely impossible.

“We would welcome it if you were willing to let us purchase it, but saying that we took the Frost Ape’s mana crystal would injure our friendship.”

Morgan looked quite helpless and puzzled. His acting looked quite convincing.

Lin Yun stood behind with a strange smile. This whole time, he hadn’t said a word. The last time they encountered the Crimson Firefox, they had figured that the mana crystal was the strangest part, so when meeting a similar magic beast, the first thing they tried to gather was naturally the mana crystal.

Xiuban swung Carnage twice, baring his fangs as he looked at Morgan.

“Damned scoundrel, I didn’t think you looked like a good person. Your smile is too fake! Turns out you were a thief! Hand over the mana crystal or I’ll make you taste the flavor of Uncle Xiuban’s Carnage. I’m very willing to shatter all your bones,” Xiuban loudly threatened.

Down below, Kurumu, who was in charge of collecting materials, looked perfectly calm.

“Sir Morgan, this kind of joke makes no sense. Besides us, you are the only one here. We just touched the body of the Frost Ape and there are no mana crystals. There is only one possibility, which is that someone already gathered it. Moreover, there are traces of tampering. It clearly had just been gathered.

“During that time, only your people had the opportunity to come into contact with the Frost Ape’s corpse. It’s only a mana crystal, so if you want it, you can discuss it with Sir Merlin, but a despicable action like stealing is really too disgraceful.

“Could it be that the honor of one of the Odin Kingdom’s six forces able to enter the Raging Flame Battlefield is only worth a Level 40 mana crystal?

“Sir Morgan, please hand over the mana crystal and we can act as if this never happened.”

Kurumu remained calm, neither servile nor overbearing as he said those words, but Morgan’s expression suddenly changed. That had a lot more effect than Xiuban’s threat.

As long as Kurumu said anything, it would spread that the Henry Family’s honor was only worth as much as a Level 40 mana crystal. They would definitely become a laughingstock. All those hostile Families would never let that joke disappear.

Xiuban waved Carnage while continuously roaring, “Hand over the mana crystal, I’ll give you ten seconds. Otherwise, Uncle Xiuban will be angry. I’m even afraid of myself when I’m angry. One, two, three, five, seven...”

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel as his three faces roared together, “Hand over the mana crystal or don’t blame us for being rude. Damned b*stard, no wonder you acted so magnanimous and tried to leave that fast! Turns out you wanted to run after stealthily stealing the mana crystal.”

They all knew that the mana crystal appeared to be hiding some secrets and that many people were fighting over it, so it should be even more valuable than the Frost Ape's corpse.

Under normal circumstances, the most valuable part of the Frost Ape should have been the blood from its heart. Ape-type magic beasts had very rare bloodlines that could be extracted by alchemists and fused with the bloodline power of swordsmen.

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Moreover, the chances of success for the fusion were relatively high. A highly suitable swordsman could directly become a Frost Swordsman, and his fighting strength would become far superior to that of ordinary Swordsmen.

That Frost Ape was a rarely seen Level 40 Frost Ape. Even if it was a fake Heaven Rank Magic Beast, it had a part of the power of the Heaven Rank, so the value of its heart's blood would be far superior to its Level 40 mana crystal.

Under such circumstances, Morgan still schemed to steal a mana crystal, so even a fool would know that it was more valuable.

"You say that we took the Frost Ape's mana crystal, but I can't give an explanation. When I say we didn't take it, it means that we didn't take it. Do you think our Henry Family would lack a Level 40 ice mana crystal?"

"Hmpf, any magic tool on my body wouldn't be worth less than a Level 40 mana crystal. Our Henry Family is reputable, and our words are true.

"The most valuable part of the Frost Ape is the heart blood. How could a mana crystal compare? If you want to frame me, you shouldn't be using such unreliable reasoning!"

Morgan had a cold expression. The front that he had been putting up had disappeared, replaced by a cold and unyielding expression, but all they could see was his shameless behavior.

Hearing this, Xiuban immediately flew into a rage. His body started emitting steam, his chest was heaving up and down, and his skin reddening. He was about to attack.

"Damn b*stard, you actually dare to act dumb, and you don't want to acknowledge it? Uncle Xiuban's Carnage will make you acknowledge it. You are even more shameless than Enderfa..."

Kurumu still had a calm expression as he used Fire Elemental Incarnation. The entire mage army paused their gathering tasks and took out their Dragonscales Staves before using Fire Elemental Incarnation as well.

"Sir Morgan, there is no need to fight for the sake of a Level 40 mana crystal. Hand over the mana crystal. This is the only option. This is the Raging Flame Battlefield, a very dangerous place. We may be unwilling to fight, but that doesn't mean we are afraid of battle. Stealing our loot can only end with shedding blood."

Morgan was still hovering in the air, sneering.

“What a joke! Our Henry Family being greedy for a Level 40 mana crystal? What a huge joke. The daily income of our Family is worth more than ten Level 40 mana crystals! What use would we have for that mana crystal?”

“All I see is a group of Andlusan country bumpkins seeing the wealth of our Henry Family and trying to extort us.

“I always said that the Andlusa Kingdom’s weren’t so petty. But it now looks like I overestimated you lot.

“Anyone who tried to extort our Henry Family would see that our Henry Family not only has wealth, but also formidable magic. Anyone eyeing the wealth of our Henry Family will be ruthlessly torn apart.

“You think you can rob us? Come, let’s see your power.”

After saying so, Morgan took out his magic staff, which was made from a branch of a Bloodsucking Magic Tree. It was like a pitch-black viper, and a sphere made from eight runic leaves of the Bloodsucking Magic Tree was affixed to the top of the staff.

That tree grew in the darkest parts of the Abyss and was one of the most suitable types for a darkness-attributed magic staff, which was very rare in Noscent.

When Morgan took out his staff, an aura spread out like a tide of darkness. Morgan’s surroundings became dark, and as the mana spread out, it made people’s hearts accelerate.

Meanwhile, Lin Yun was still watching from the back like a bystander without making a move.

At this time, a man in his thirties came down from the airship, similarly wearing a gorgeous robe and several magic ornaments. There was also a silver water sphere floating beside him, continuously changing shape and distorting the light into seven colors.

After that man came out, the faint sound of crashing water echoed as a drizzle fell. Steam also kept rising out around them.

Morgan’s oppressive aura was instantly cleansed away by that drizzle.

“Morgan, we are members of the Henry Family. We shouldn’t be using power to express our anger.”

That man wore a faint smile that didn’t feel excessively enthusiastic. His hair was also meticulous, and he had a gentle voice, gentle like the drizzle.

“Arnaud, I was impulsive.”

Morgan nodded and sneered as he looked at Lin Yun and the others before retreating.

Arnaud Henry had a faint smile while appearing very serious.

“Your words make sense. Fighting for the sake of a Level 40 mana crystal isn’t wise, but this is the Raging Flame Battlefield. There are high chances of encountering Heaven Rank Magic Beasts, and just like the Endless Sea, dangers are everywhere.

“Fighting here wouldn’t be good for any of us. If we encountered Raging Flame Beastmen or a Heaven Rank Magic Beast, both sides would suffer disastrous losses.

“I think that this is what those Raging Flame Beastmen want to see the most.”

Arnaud’s words slightly eased the atmosphere. Morgan also scattered his mana and stayed silent in the back, as did Kurumu’s group.

Arnaud was still smiling, appearing to be reasonable.

“Our Henry Family started as a business, so fighting for no benefits is meaningless to us. We absolutely wouldn’t do something like that. Regardless of what you say, we don’t want to fight you, because it’s meaningless.

“This kind of matter isn’t something we want either. The price paid would be far more important than a Level 40 mana crystal.

“Moreover, please recall what happened carefully. Our people have never gone close to the Frost Ape.

“From the start, we only saw the Frost Ape crazily running and didn’t notice you. Because of this, we dealt with that Frost Ape and killed it in the process. Our people didn’t even get within a hundred meters of it.

“A raging Heaven Rank Magic Beast is very terrifying, so we could only remain a bit further away to cast. After killing that Frost Ape, you appeared, and you should have seen that our people hadn’t approached the Frost Ape.

“Thus, the matter of gathering the Frost Ape’s mana crystal was simply impossible. I believe that with the strength of Sir Merlin, no one would be able to stealthily collect that Frost Ape’s mana crystal without being found out.”

Arnaud was very eloquent. His words left everyone speechless, as everyone seemed to remember that he was indeed right.

The previous fight had been extremely fast, and before the Frost Ape died, the spells had been very chaotic. In that place, it was impossible for anyone to stealthily rush in to gather the Frost Ape’s mana crystal.

The chaotic spells covered up their line of sight as well as detection spells, but every single Henry had remained visible from start to finish. They all came to the conclusion that none of them had appeared within a hundred meters of the Frost Ape.

If the two groups encountered each other just as the Frost Ape died and no one had collected anything, then what happened to that mana crystal?

The sounds of Xiuban grinding his teeth echoed. He was certain that they had taken it, but he couldn’t say how.

Arnaud’s words were eloquent, but he didn’t mention anything about handing over the mana crystal while cleansing any suspicions of the Henry Family.

Lin Yun still had the same strange smile on his face as he glanced at Arnaud.

Although others might not understand, Lin Yun knew how the Henry Family had taken the mana crystal.

Arnaud kept saying that none of the Henry Family's members had collected it with a face full of confidence because no one had gone close. It had been a Spirit Snake doing the work, a special True Spirit Magic Tool.

Moreover, these words were also faintly criticizing Lin Yun's group for taking it and then trying to extort the Henry Family.

It wasn't said outright, but Arnaud's words hid another meaning, which was even more loathsome than Morgan's.

Lin Yun's mages were very angry, and every one of them got ready to battle. But no one could say anything against Arnaud's words.

"Sir Merlin, let's get rid of those guys..."

Xiuban ground his teeth, but before obtaining Lin Yun's order, he wouldn't dare to attack.

Kurumu also turned to look at Lin Yun.

"Sir Merlin..."

The eyes of the always calm Kurumu were now burning with anger.

Lin Yun slowly floated down and raised his hand to calm down everyone's anger. He then looked at Arnaud and Morgan before faintly saying, "Since you say you didn't take it, I shall act as if you didn't take it. It's only a Level 40 mana crystal, but let me give you a word of advice... Sometimes, lying comes at a huge price."

Arnaud shrugged and said with a regretful expression, "It looks like Sir Merlin doesn't believe us, but we truly don't know anything about that matter. Our people really didn't collect the mana crystal without permission. Sir Merlin is misunderstanding..."

Morgan sneered, "Haha, just say it if you want to extort the Henry Family! If you lack a mana crystal, we will bestow you one..."

After saying those words, Morgan flew back to the airship and no longer paid attention to the people below.

Arnold slightly bowed and smiled.

"Sir Merlin, we still have our assignment, so we won't bother you any longer. We are very regretful about this misunderstanding. Next time we meet, I hope to be able to cooperate with Sir Merlin."

A pondering smile appeared on Lin Yun as he watched the members of the Henry Family getting on their airship and departing.

Xiuban's teeth were almost breaking from all the clenching, he stomped his feet like an angry bull before loudly shouting.

Chapter 966 Tracking

“Sir Merlin, why didn’t you get rid of those guys? Did you see that smile? I’d love to tear those mouths apart, especially that Morgan. He really is too loathsome after daring to snatch our things. They are tired of living! I really want to snap their necks...”

Although the mages of the mage army didn’t say anything, Kurumu came over as a representative.

“Sir Merlin, they obviously took it away but refuse to admit it. We have to make them pay the price for snatching what belongs to us...”

Enderfa also came over, his three faces filled with rage. He was loudly yelling, “Merlin, get rid of them, they dared to steal our mana crystal! We have to take all their magic tools. These guys carry a lot of good things. I felt as many as eight True Spirit Magic Tools just waiting to be snatched...”

Lin Yun waved his hand with an indifferent expression.

“If they want to collect mana crystals, then let them gather them. That’s only a level 40 ice mana crystal, and it is the mana crystal of a fake Heaven Rank Magic Beast. It’s the most inferior kind among level 40 mana crystals. There is no need to waste more time with them.”

Although everyone was annoyed, they stopped talking about killing the members of the Henry Family.

Lin Yun had a strange smile on his face as he looked in a certain direction. A kilometer away, that Spirit Snake True Spirit Magic Tool rapidly chased after the members of the Henry Family.

The Spirit Snake couldn’t be discovered with probing spells, Detect Mana, Detect Life, Detect Elements, or Detect Undead. Those spells were ineffective against the Spirit Snake, not giving the slightest bit of feedback.

But the Spirit Snake wasn’t completely devoid of existence. It had a physical body, so a person could use their eyes to see the Spirit Snake.

Lin Yun hadn’t said anything earlier. He only used his Magic Array to analyze the surroundings and derive the location of the Spirit Snake.

With the Magic Array, he could see where the grass had been pushed down and where the air wasn’t flowing, as if there was a transparent thing moving.

Although it couldn’t directly find the Spirit Snake, the Magic Array could capture any minute point in the Spirit Snake’s surroundings.

The Henry Family’s people had left, but the Spirit Snake hadn’t. It was spying from a distance until it was sure it could depart.

In the future, Spirit Snakes would be the best investigative True Spirit Magic Tools. They would focus on the fact that they could be seen, but not felt. Two groups continuously tried to outwit each other.

One group would keep refining Spirit Snakes, while the other would keep developing ways to discover them.

The Spirit Snake before their eyes couldn’t compare with the almost imperceptible Spirit Snakes of the future, so handling it was too simple.

Lin Yun opened the Book of Death and opened the Planar Path to the Bone Plane, sending Xiuban in to grab an ordinary skeleton warrior.

A strange incantation came out of Lin Yun's hand. That skeleton warrior's body kept shrinking, its bones rapidly turning into nothingness.

Ultimately, it was transformed into something that seemed incorporeal, akin to a mass of thin smoke. It had no limbs, only two illusory eyes.

That was a rarely used spell. It wasn't a spell of a particular element, and it had been developed by that group of researchers.

That thing was a Specter. By forcibly sacrificing one of the Undead, one could transform it into a Specter. It had no firepower, and it was only useful in sharing one's field of view. Aside from Light Magic and Undead Magic, no element was effective against a Specter. Physical attacks were also ineffective.

However, the weakest Light Missile could kill the Specter, and even some illumination spells could make the Specter dissipate.

But that thing was, in fact, the bane of Spirit Snake... because based on the detection pattern of the Spirit Snake, it simply couldn't discover the Specter. Even if the Specter was floating in front of it, the Spirit Snake wouldn't detect it.

Since the Henry Family's people had a Spirit Snake and they still left it here to investigate, it meant that they were very confident in its investigative abilities.

Perhaps the task of warning and investigating was all given to the Spirit Snake. If that was so, what would happen next would be interesting.

Lin Yun caught the location of the Spirit Snake and had the Specter chase after it to follow the Henry Family's tracks.

A few minutes later, the weightless and incorporeal Specter overtook the Spirit Snake.

Through the shared field of view, Lin Yun clearly saw that silver-colored snake twist its body silently as it rapidly slithered forward. It was very fast, and as it travelled back and forth in the forest, it was crossing several dozen meters every second.

Lin Yun smiled as he tracked the Spirit Snake.

"Merlin, what are you doing? Why did you send out something so weak? Are you trying to trail the Henry Family? Just what is so different about that mana crystal?"

Enderfa's three faces floated over. He originally thought that Lin Yun had compromised too easily, but seeing Lin Yun's movements made him ponder.

And it wasn't just Enderfa... Everyone was doubtful.

Lin Yun smiled and pointed at the Specter in the distance.

"That thing is a Specter. It is a fragile yet very potent thing. All physical attacks are ineffective against it, as are elemental spells. Naturally, Extraordinary Power is an exception.

“However, the weakest Light Missile, or even the most basic Light Treatment Spell, can extinguish it. A Death Impact can also scatter that Specter.

“I let that thing out to track the Henry Family’s people. To be more exact, it’s trailing a Spirit Snake.”

As Lin Yun mentioned the Spirit Snake, everyone was startled for a moment before reacting. They had actually been monitored.

“Their actions seemed quite practiced. After they appeared, they released a barrier and then used spells to kill the Frost Ape. The barrier they used stopped any probing spells. They then covered the area in dust and a chaotic swarm of spells before injuring the head of the Frost Ape, paving the way for the Spirit Snake. Just as the Frost Ape died, the Spirit Snake entered its body through the wound and took the mana crystal away.

“This shows that this isn’t the first time they’ve done that. Furthermore, after they took away the mana crystal, they immediately gave us the corpse of the Frost Ape in order to reduce our vigilance. This showed that their target was the mana crystal from the start. They didn’t need anything else.

“According to the normal procedure of gathering magic beasts’ corpses, the Frost Ape’s mana crystal should have been gathered last, and they would have already been far away by that time. We would have no evidence even if we discovered it, so we would be forced to leave it at that.

“Could we still chase them down for a mana crystal at that time? None of the forces that could enter the Raging Flame Battlefield would waste time on this.

“The Henry Family is a notoriously wealthy Family in the Odin Kingdom. It’s quite abnormal for them to spare no efforts and use this kind of method to steal a mana crystal while disdaining the corpse of the Frost Ape.

“This proves that the mana crystal is worth far more than the body of the Frost Ape. It is very important, at least to them.

“Before, I discovered that the Crimson Firefox’s mana crystal was hiding some very powerful spatial power, and unless there’s something particularly unexpected, the mana crystal of that Frost Ape should be the same.

“But that spatial power is hidden very deep inside. Even the magic beasts themselves were unable to make use of it, and it would be very difficult for us to make use of it too.

“There must be some very deep secrets hidden within, and the Henry Family’s people might understand some of them.”

Everyone understood as Lin Yun explained.

“No wonder Sir Merlin didn’t say anything from the start. Turns out Sir Merlin knew...”

Lin Yun shook his head but didn’t explain. He had merely discovered the trick of the Henry Family.

If the Henry Family came to purchase it with the attitude of an upstart Family, Lin Yun wouldn’t have thought it was strange. But a very wealthy Family using this kind of furtive action... This was indeed very strange.

Moreover, that mana crystal was also very strange. It obviously had considerable spatial power, yet the two magic beasts he encountered weren't able to use any spatial power.

Lin Yun was knowledgeable, but he couldn't understand the reason behind it. For the Henry Family to do something like this, they must have known something about it.

Since this was the case, he might as well let them take it away and shadow them in order to understand those secrets.

Enderfa quietly floated over, his three faces carrying a strange smile.

One of the faces mischievously smiled as he said, "Merin, aren't you fishing right now? In human words, you just put out a piece of bait and are waiting to catch a big fish."

Another face immediately retorted, "No, this is raising a pig for slaughter. He first let the Henry Family spend a lot of effort in killing the Frost Ape, giving them the sweet taste of benefit, waiting for them to fatten up. In the end, he'll get rid of them and loot their mana crystals."

"Right, they are holding our mana crystal, but we will make them spit out ten... No, how could ten be enough? They'll have to take out fifty!"

Lin Yun involuntarily laughed. Enderfa's faces were rapidly quarreling with themselves, but Lin Yun couldn't say that he really thought like that. Once the Henry Family spent a lot of effort to gather many mana crystals, they would be wiped out and everything would be taken.

The group of people kept moving forward. They didn't meet any powerful magic beasts the next day, and while collecting valuable materials, they kept moving towards the mana crystal.

On the 3rd day, the Specter's field of view suddenly changed.

The members of the Henry Family really had a lot of faith in the Spirit Snake. Aside from the people guarding the airship, all the investigative tasks were done by the Spirit Snake.

And this was convenient for the Specter. The Specter kept following the tracks, not noticed by the Henry Family's people.

After two days of tracking, Lin Yun was certain that they were moving in the same direction, and they were conscientiously hunting that same kind of fake Heaven Rank Magic Beast.

They were now hunting a Storm Wolf, which was also an inferior magic beast species. The strongest Storm Wolf wouldn't surpass Level 20.

This Storm Wolf was huge. Its limbs were over forty meters tall, and its body was over a hundred meters in length.

Although it was only a fake Heaven Rank Magic Beast, its fighting style wasn't too different from that of an ordinary Storm Wolf. It was just that its strength was outstanding, and the Wind Blades it spouted had become destructive Energy Spheres.

Chapter 967 Moonlight Deer

The people of the Henry Family seemed very experienced in fighting that kind of magic beast. After it appeared, a few mages lured the Storm Wolf into a prepared pitfall.

Once the Storm Wolf was in position, someone immediately activated a barrier, and they trapped the Storm Wolf inside.

Then, Morgan Henry and Arnaud Henry acted.

Morgan used darkness spells, the dark arrows he was most proficient in. He cast over a hundred Dark Arrows at once, every single one possessing intense corrosive power. The power of each arrow might have been small, but when added together, they would keep corroding the Storm Wolf's defensive fur.

Coupled with Dark Spheres, which had intense explosive power, the thrashed Storm Wolf rapidly became riddled with scars.

Through the Specter, Lin Yun could clearly see that Morgan was a 9th Rank Archmage. He was casting extremely quickly, but they were all Low Tier Spells and he was only relying on the property of the darkness spells for the offense. He would be casting much more slowly if he used High Tier Spells, too slow for such a battle.

Lin Yun was reminded of some of the magic ornaments that Morgan was wearing. They should have all been for increasing their casting speed.

Arnaud actually surprised Lin Yun. That guy turned out to be a mage focused on water spells. Under normal circumstances, between the four elements of earth, water, fire, and wind, the water element would be taken over by the ice element, because few people would actually master water spells.

Although the water element had many treatment spells, it had very few offensive spells, and those were the weakest ones overall.

But Arnaud filled the entire sky with rain as he cast, and in less than three minutes, that heavy rain started transforming into Water Dragons attacking the Storm Wolf.

Within five minutes, thick floods kept washing over the Storm Wolf. At that time, the Storm Wolf was unable to bear with the attack.

After seven minutes, it was like a hundred-meter-wide river fell down from the sky and forcibly pressured that Storm Wolf to the ground. Eventually, it was crushed to death by all the water.

Lin Yun was startled. It was true that some people would develop some very powerful water spells in the future. At the Heaven Rank, in some large-scale wars, water spells would display power comparable to fire spells.

After over ten millennia, there would be an outstanding and famous mage army that only used water spells. When fighting them, it was like being in a Water Elemental Plane. The range they covered far surpassed the fire-attributed mage armies.

Especially when conquering the Endless Sea, water mages were in even greater demand than ice mages. All the forces wanting to fight for the benefits of the Endless Sea would give preferential treatment to the water mages. That was the era when the status of water mages crazily rose.

However, it was rare to see that kind of water mage in the current era, especially one that wasn't specialized in healing.

As long as Arnaud was given time, or was fighting in a place with a large water source and with active water elements, his fighting strength would double. Furthermore, it would keep increasing over time, just like how that surging river eventually dropped from the sky and continuously crushed the fake Heaven Rank Magic Beast. An ordinary 9th Rank Archmage didn't have such power.

Lin Yun carefully observed through his Specter. The accessories Arnaud carried were all increasing his mana reserves. He even had something similar to a mana whirlpool, increasing his mana by 50%.

That kind of battle style consumed far more mana than the ordinary mage would, so that kind of setup was very rational.

Morgan's fighting style was to rapidly cast, using speed and quantity to suppress the target, buying time for Arnaud.

The other mages of the Henry Family also worked like this. They kept pressuring with spells, hardly caring about consumption, all in order to buy time for Arnaud. Even if Morgan and the other mages couldn't kill that Heaven Rank Magic Beast, the longer it took, the more advantageous it would be for everyone. The final victory would inevitably be theirs.

After the fight ended, Arnaud immediately sprayed large jets of water, and spheres of liquid wrapped everyone within. Within ten seconds, the lightly injured mages had already recovered. One of the mages that had suffered some bigger injuries recovered within a minute as he walked out of the water sphere.

The mana of those people was also rapidly restored. That Storm Wolf's mana crystal was gathered in less than three minutes. The rest of the corpse was frozen and collected by the mages of the Henry Family.

Those movements appeared to be extremely practiced as everyone took care of their own duty. Once the fight was over and the injured were treated, they didn't waste a single second as they started looking for the next magic beast.

They encountered a lot of resources on their way, but the Henry Family didn't extensively exploit them. They only took a few valuable things, stopping for just a short time to gather.

The more Lin Yun observed through his Specter, the more certain he was. The number and the density of fake Heaven Rank Magic Beasts were simply enormous when compared to Noscent. They might even encounter two within a few dozen kilometers.

Moreover, the magic beast's characteristics were very clear. They had huge builds, and they hadn't opened a Demiplane. Although they were Level 40, they didn't have the fighting strength of Extraordinary Magic Beasts, and the races they belonged to were races that couldn't level higher than Level 20.

Apart from the destructive Energy Spheres that they instinctively knew how to use, as well as the strength of the Heaven Rank, their fighting technique was no different from that of inferior magic beasts. They hadn't completely awakened wisdom, so they were like brainless idiots when compared to Heaven Rank Magic Beasts.

After confirming that the Henry Family's people were focusing on gathering these strange mana crystals, Lin Yun also started his gathering process. He followed the direction of the mana crystal and killed all the fake Heaven Rank Magic Beasts he encountered on the way.

Then, the facts confirmed Lin Yun's judgement. These mana crystals were exactly the same as the mana crystal of the Crimson Firefox they had encountered at the start. A powerful spatial power was hidden within.

As they kept pressing forward, the frequency at which they encountered fake Heaven Rank Magic Beasts kept increasing. They only met one within two days before, but after killing six, they started encountering one every day.

Ultimately, after a week, Lin Yun and the others quietly hid on the edge of a cliff, looking at the jungle spreading at the bottom of the precipice. The jungle covered at least ten kilometers, and there were three giant deer towering over 60 meters in height scattered within this jungle.

The giant deer were all moonlight white, and the surface of their skin even seemed to faintly glow. Numerous light runes formed some patterns on their bodies, looking like a bright moon from a distance.

Their antlers spread over thirty meters, and could practically be considered trees. Each of the forks emitted a gentle sphere of light, but the mana they emitted was terrifying.

Now, these three giant deer had their heads lowered, eating grass... Which was actually the treetops of some tall trees. Three trees growing there were very ancient, and whether it was their trunks or branches, they were solid like iron. Yet, these things were no different from grass in the mouth of the deer. Even several dozen kilometers away, they could hear the sound of iron being forcibly shattered.

"These are Moonlight Deer. Under normal circumstances, Level 20 would be their limit. Their fighting power isn't that great, but they are extremely fast. During the Nesser Dynasty, they were popular with the Pureblood Elves and would end up being their mounts. The laws of the Dynasty even prohibit killing a Moonlight Deer in the wild.

"Naturally, this was under normal circumstances. No one can say anything about the ones before us. A normal Moonlight Deer's antlers wouldn't hold so many energy spheres. Merlin, how about we get rid of them?"

Enderfa floated in the air, attentively watching the Moonlight Deer leisurely eating.

Lin Yun frowned. Moonlight Deer weren't that strong, but they were extremely fast. And that was the normal ones. The three before them weren't normal.

Those Moonlight Deer could devour a forty-meter-tall tree's highest leaves. The tree with its nibbled treetop wouldn't fall. Instead, under the light emitted by the Moonlight Deer's antlers, it rapidly resumed its growth. Leaves rapidly germinated on those bare branches and twigs, and the growing process had been accelerated several dozen times.

Moreover, the mana consumed by those moon-like light spheres atop the antlers kept on becoming more and more powerful as mana kept increasing.

“Sir Merlin, this is a good opportunity. We managed to come across three, and they aren’t very powerful magic beasts. We can completely get rid of them.” Xiuban’s eyes opened wide as he licked his lips.

Moonlight Deer almost went extinct in Noscent. It was because their meat was extremely delicious and had the effect of purifying one’s body. When a mage ate some, their physique would be purified. When a swordsman ate some, their strength would increase, and their Aura would become even purer.

There were a lot of benefits. Even someone without knowledge like Xiuban had heard of the Moonlight Deer. There were three of them here, and if they hunted them, there would be enough for them to eat for a very long time.

Enderfa and Xiuban were encouraging Lin Yun to hunt the Moonlight Deer, but the usually silent Reina was against it.

“Moonlight Deer are rare magic beasts that don’t need to hunt for food, but they are terribly weak. However, those three Moonlight Deer before us are all Level 40. They aren’t something we can handle. Moonlight Deer unite when they encounter danger and would never run alone. The chances of killing those three Moonlight Deer is very small, but it is likely that we would pay a heavy price...”

On the side, none of the mages of the mage army said anything. Kurumu was calmly looking at Lin Yun, clearly not planning to express any opinion of his own and just waiting for Lin Yun’s decision.

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Lin Yun was somewhat hesitating. They’d encountered three at the same time, and they were all magic beasts with low combat power. It was really a good opportunity.

But these Moonlight Deer were clearly different from the previous magic beasts.

They were enlarged versions of the inferior magic beasts, but these Moonlight Deer had countless runes on the surface of their bodies forming a crescent moon, and energy spheres were hanging down their antlers.

They didn’t look accommodating... The mana fluctuations emitted by those energy spheres could be felt from several kilometers away, and no one believed that they were just decorations.

His subordinates were elites that he had painfully nurtured. He would regret it for a very long time if he lost one of them.... especially the mage army. Individually, they were very weak, as the strongest was only a Peak 2nd Rank Archmage.

After advancing to the Archmage realm, their advancement speed slowed down, as they weren’t in any sort of special environment. But although their individual strength wasn’t that outstanding, the fifty mages were becoming more and more coordinated. When standing together, they were definitely comparable to a powerful 9th Rank Archmage, and they were even superior in some situations.

Now, twenty of them could jointly chant with the Joint Chant Array, and during battle, using their arrays became an instinct.

Moreover, these mages weren’t just good at fighting... All fields of expertise related to magic could be found within the group. Some were proficient with runes, some excelled at coordination, and some had extensive knowledge...

After being nurtured for such a long time, losing one would be a huge loss. This would far exceed the worth of a Moonlight Deer's mana crystal.

Bit giving up so easily would be too regrettable. Moonlight Deer were rare light magic beasts, and there were three Level 40 ones before them. Their hide could be processed into material for magic scrolls, their blood would be the best light ink, and their antlers were innate light magic staves.

After frowning for a long time, Lin Yun lowered his voice and said, "Get ready to fight. These three Moonlight Deer are just too rare. We might not find another chance to hunt for a Level 40 light-attributed magic beast for a very long time, as a true Level 40 light magic beast isn't something we can kill. If we can't defeat them, we also won't be able to chase them. Wasting this opportunity would be unfortunate.

"Moonlight Deer hide is too suitable as a magic scroll material. It could be used to make some backup High Tier healing scrolls, and the effects could be on par with Health Potions..."

After Lin Yun spoke his decision, everyone started making their preparations. The fifty mages all had the same instinctive reaction: When they heard the order to battle, they all used Fire Elemental Incarnation.

As Lin Yun strongly requested them to master Fire Elemental Incarnation, the fifty mages discovered one after another that every time they fought while using it, the power of the Fire Elemental Incarnation would keep increasing. Furthermore, their mastery over fire spells, their casting speed, and their power completely rose. It was even more clear when they used Flame Flash.

They could all feel that every time they used Flame Flash, their speed was far faster than before, and they could travel further with each use. The most practical life-saving spell had already become an instinct, and they didn't need to think when casting it.

The fifty mages transformed into a fire cloud and rushed down the cliff. Reina didn't say anything else as she jumped into the sky, instantly transforming into a graceful Frost Dragon.

Xiuban loudly roared as he leapt down the cliff, not caring about the sheer, three-hundred-meter precipice.

Lin Yun used Flight to fly towards the jungle, casting Lava Incarnation in midair, rapidly increasing the surrounding temperature. The surrounding Iron Trees started withering before he even touched the ground. In an instant, three hundred meters of the jungle had turned into a lava pond.

The sudden change immediately made the three eating Moonlight Deer become vigilant. The closest Moonlight Deer raised his head, neither looking at the approaching cloud of fire nor paying attention to Reina's magnificent figure. It was instead staring at Lin Yun.

A sharp neigh came out from Moonlight Deer's mouth, and in an instant, the two other Moonlight Deer rushed over.

These two Moonlight Deer jumped over a hundred meters into the air with each leap. They travelled more than a kilometer in barely two jumps. The three Moonlight Deer gathered together, and the surrounding light apparently distorted.

Lin Yun frowned. This was the worst possible situation. The three Moonlight Deer were together and would be harder to kill.

The lava under Lin Yun's feet rolled into a giant wave that rose into the sky, forming a Lava Dragon that dove towards the center of the three Moonlight Deer.

Facing that attack, the three Moonlight Deer raised their heads, and the countless runes forming the crescent moon on their bodies scattered and reassembled in a densely packed circle.

In an instant, following the convergence of light elements, the light surrounding the three Moonlight Deer distorted intensely, and ten-meter-long Moonlight Blades kept shooting out like spinning crescent moons.

The large Moonlight Blades slashed towards the Lava Dragon and cut it into pieces in less than a second, making the lava collapse and disperse.

Lin Yun's Magic Array caught the trajectory of those Moonlight Blades and he kept flashing within the flood of lava. His mana was rapidly being consumed like a broken dam.

Lin Yun personally controlled the lava, circumventing the three Moonlight Deer and encircling them.

Facing that flood of lava, the three Moonlight Deer dodged in different directions, jumping over a hundred meters in the air and throwing more Moonlight Blades at Lin Yun from three different directions while still airborne.

In an instant, several dozen Moonlight Blades flew over, making Lin Yun feel numb. He roused his calculation ability to its pinnacle, his Magic Array working at full-capacity as he calculated their trajectories and attack pattern.

These Moonlight Blades were even thinner than paper, like a transparent membrane, but they were sharper than any sharp sword.

The several dozen Moonlight Blades covered over a hundred meters of space, crisscrossing and slicing through almost the entire area. Nothing bigger than a head would remain intact within this hundred-meter range.

The Iron Trees flickering with a metallic radiance suffered no effects from the Moonlight Blades. It was as if these radiant Moonlight Blades were just some afterimages that casually passed through those trees.

Nothing seemed to happen until the first Moonlight Blade hit the ground and made the ground shake. At this point, the Iron Trees suddenly collapsed and split into several dozen pieces. The surface of each piece was as smooth as a mirror.

That was due to the Moonlight Blades' sharpness. They didn't cause any apparent effect when cutting through the Iron Trees, but the cuts ended up being revealed when the ground shook.

Even if it wasn't a huge shake, the cut Iron Trees couldn't maintain their complete shape and silently broke down.

The Moonlight Blades sliced through the lava, and the places that had been struck were like cut cheese, unable to merge together.

And in the lava pond, the ten-meter-tall Lava incarnation had already accomplished its goal. Lin Yun had scattered the power of the Lava Incarnation, making it shrink to be only two meters tall. Under the frantic work of the Magic Array, he kept flashing within the lava pond, continuously calculating the direction of the flashes and when the lava pond was getting sliced.

It was like Lin Yun was an ordinary person suddenly being assaulted by several dozen knife-wielding thugs and being forced to continuously dodge them. Each knife was grazing Lin Yun's body as he danced on the edge of the blades.

These condensed Moonlight Blades were terrifying. They didn't make any sounds as they sliced through the air, and besides the Moonlight Blades themselves, they didn't possess any impact power... but that made them all the more terrifying.

Lin Yun kept barely dodging as his Elemental Shield was easily sliced by a Moonlight Blade as if it met no obstruction.

Lin Yun's Runic Shield was his strongest shield, and the second most powerful defensive shield was his Elemental Shield. His Elemental Shield was enough to fight against a peak 9th Rank Archmage, yet it wasn't even able to resist a Moonlight Blade.

In less than three seconds, Lin Yun flashed thirty times in the lava pond. He dodged all the Moonlight Blades, but the lava pond had been cut several hundred times, no longer looking the same at all. The cuts left cracks, just like a yawning abyss. It would take four to five seconds for the lava to reform together each time.

As the lava pond was cut, Lin Yun couldn't flash to another side and could only stand there, within a two-meter-wide cube of lava.

If there were more Moonlight Blades, even Lin Yun, with his formidable computing abilities and the huge support from his Magic Array, he would only be able to block from that point on.

Seeing those cheese-like blocks of lava, cold sweat trickled down Lin Yun's forehead.

Chapter 969 Mass Flash

These Moonlight Deer were really different, they didn't fight like the ordinary members of their races, they actually threw a powerful wave of attacks.

A surge of mana spread over three hundred meters and instantly swept away the remnant power of the Moonlight Blades, allowing the lava to fuse together once again in the shape of the lava pond.

At this time, the three Moonlight Deer also landed in separate locations after their high jumps. Their huge bodies caused a loud rumble as they fell. The Iron Trees fell down like sand castles, bursting into pieces as they were stepped on by the Moonlight Deer.

Shockwaves spread out from the three Moonlight Deer and forcibly pulled out the surroundings Iron Trees from the ground while those within several dozen meters were torn to pieces.

At this time, Lin Yun's risky move ended up effective as his subordinates caught up to the Moonlight Deer.

The mage army and Reina were in charge of one, Enderfa, the patched puppet, and Xiuban were in charge of another, while the final one was left to Lin Yun.

The three Moonlight Deer were forcibly separated and couldn't converge together, reducing the threat to a minimum.

The mage army had transformed into a fire cloud and had set up an array. They were rapidly moving through the air to quickly dodge the Moonlight Blades while releasing fire spells to pressure the Moonlight Deer, stopping it from leaping away.

The fifty mages were converging the power of the array on one side, while a group of ten mages were using the Joint Chant Array.

Each powerful spell incantation was divided in ten, and the ten individuals were simultaneously chanting but their incantations were different, and the speed at which they were chanting was the same as an ordinary mage.

Moreover, everyone's incantation, everyone's sound didn't match with the others. It was like everyone was chanting a different word of the incantation, which would form the complete incantation when added together, making them spend less mana to release a formidable spell.

The incantation of the Joint Chant Array was different from ordinary incantations. This was an incantation Lin Yun had taught them, the way they split the incantations into parts and coordinated was a very complicated matter.

But now, there was seven to eight 10-meter-long golden red spears falling from the sky every second. Their casting speed could compare to a top-notch 9th Rank Archmage.

This kind of single-target spell with extreme piercing ability was the best kind of spell to handle a huge magic beast like the Moonlight Deer, and they could display some suppressing effects.

And more importantly, Reina hadn't chose to cast from the sky, she instead chose close-quarters combat!

In her Frost Dragon Shape, Reina's body was seventy to eight-meter-long. And with the evolution of her Life Essence, Reina's Dragon body had become slender and her four sharp claws had become even sharper. Some draconic lines had started appearing on her claws, and every time she attacked, it would have a freezing effect, as well as a very powerful lacerating effect towards shields.

Dragons weren't just proficient in magic, they also fought in close-quarters. Only a few lifeforms could surpass Dragons in that regard, but that clearly didn't include those Moonlight Deer with close to no close-quarters abilities.

Reina dove down, her huge draconic claws ruthlessly grabbing towards the Moonlight Deer's body, ripping through the air. This forced the Moonlight Deer to focus on Reina.

Reina's claws were about to tear through the Moonlight Deer's hide. The runes on the surface of the Moonlight Deer's body rapidly moved and a layer of moonlight spread over the Moonlight Deer's body, as if it was wearing a thin layer of light muslin.

As Reina grabbed onto that layer of faint light, it felt just like an ordinary knife trying to cut through a thick piece of leather. The light flickered, but wasn't torn apart.

The Moonlight Deer was immediately alarmed by the claw attack. It lifted its front hooves and stamped towards Reina, cracks appearing around its back hooves, instantly spreading over a hundred meters and making the earth shake.

Although Frost Dragons weren't among the Dragons most proficient in melee battle, their innate melee abilities were far superior to Moonlight Deer who had no close-quarters abilities.

But, Reina was still at a disadvantage, even if she added spells in the mix. There was a huge gap between level 39 and level 40, and even if those Moonlight Deer were fake Heaven Rank Magic Beasts, that gap wasn't easily breachable.

That made up for the close-quarter gap, but whether it was power or speed, the three Moonlight Deer were stronger than Reina in every aspect. That huge hoof kick landed on Reina, whose physique was a lot higher than most Frost Dragons, and sent her flying. A dozen Dragon Scales shattered from the kick...

As Reina's pressure was slightly reduced, the Moonlight Deer immediately sent a dozen huge Moonlight Blades towards the sky. Those silent and powerful Moonlight Blades cut through the fire cloud and instantly sliced the sea of fire, forcibly severing the connection between the mages.

If it took more than ten seconds, a mage from the mage army might end up sliced. But thankfully, Reina rejoined the fight after a few seconds and firmly pressured the Moonlight Deer.

Reina's Dragon Scales could only slightly obstruct those Moonlight Blades as they grazed her body, giving her a bit of breathing room. If not for that small amount of time, Reina might have been turned into a corpse by the Moonlight Deer, who were known for being harmless.

After several clashes, Reina and the mage army's eyes were red, as they had been pushed to their limits.

The mage army couldn't form their inseparable connection, making their fighting strength sharply fall. The sea of fire was maintained by the fire elements continuously converging over.

The bigger the sea of fire, the stronger the power of the mage army, the faster their casting speed, and the more powerful their spells, as well as the safer they were.

Now, a casual Moonlight Blade could cut off the elemental sea of fire and make them lose connection to each other, as well as disabling the effects of the arrays. This was a huge blow.

After several back and forth, Kurumu ground his teeth and transmitted a rare order, "Mass Flash!"

A rune spat out of Kurumu's mouth, and, while facing a dozen Moonlight Blades that showed signs of surrounding them, the fifty mages all had a solemn expression.

In a split second, the hundred-meter-big sea of fire sharply spread to two hundred meters, and the elemental flames kept spreading out before finally transforming into a huge flame net covering four to five hundred meters.

Kurumu raised his shining staff, and just as the light flickered, the Dragonscale Staves of the mage army resonated and shone together, transforming the fifty mages into a ball of fire, and with a flash, the fifty mages reappeared a hundred and fifty meters away, none of them missing.

The fifty mages couldn't help having an excited expression on their faces as the Mass Flash was successful. The Mass Flash could only be successful after the mage army's coordination reached its peak, if one person wasn't on the same wavelength, the fifty mages wouldn't be able to flicker away.

And if they were successful, they could flash instantly to any place the flames spread too, just like a personal Flash.

Moreover, the flashing distance was far higher than a personal Flash. This was the first time they used that spell in battle, they had yet to completely master it so they only flashed one hundred and fifty meters away. Once they got more practice, they could even double that distance, and that distance would keep increasing as they grew stronger.

In the future, the thousand mages of the famous Blazing Army were able to sweep through a Fire Elemental Plane without losing a single person because of that Mass Flash!

It's just that when compared to Kurumu and the others, every member of that Blazing Army had mastered Fire Elemental Incarnation to its pinnacle, and the thousand mages could flash several dozen kilometers away in an instant, they were extremely powerful.

Using the opportunity given by the Mass Flash, the mage army was able to form an array and maintain their fighting strength. If not for that, they would just be a group of Low Rank Archmages and would be no different from live targets in front of the Moonlight Deer.

Reina and the mage army displayed their most powerful abilities, but they could only manage to not lose.

Although it was difficult, they still forcibly stalled that Moonlight Deer and stopped it from leaving, but that deadlock wouldn't last long.

On another side, Xiuban, Enderfa, and the patched puppet were fighting another Moonlight Deer, and they weren't really doing better than the mage army and Reina.

Enderfa controlled the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel and followed behind the patched puppet.

The Moonlight Deer's Moonlight Blades contained some special light power that could cut through anything as long as it wasn't a power exceeding it or anything completely absorbing light.

In short, apart from pure darkness power, anything that could be seen could be cut, even air and water wouldn't be able to fuse back together for a short time after being cut. Magic Tool Incarnations were no exception, they would immediately lose the cut part if they were hit by the Moonlight Blades, and their memories and intelligence might be harmed.

Thus, Enderfa kept hiding behind the puppet, crazily casting spells through the Ten Thousand Spell Wheel.

The spellwaves of the four elements released by the patched puppet and Enderfa were fused through a simple and rough method, making the released spells completely collapse before transforming into a pure elemental storm containing destruction power.

Several-dozen-meter-thick huge rays of colorful lights shot out of the storm and kept attacking the Moonlight Deer.

The Moonlight Deer angrily neighed, the runes on the surface of its body moving about as several spinning Moonlight Blades flew out, cutting through the Elemental Storm and chasing after Enderfa and the patched puppet.

The Elemental Storm contained berserk destructive power, and, while the Moonlight Blades could pierce through the Elemental Storm, they couldn't prevent the Elemental Storm's power from sweeping over and tearing everything apart in its way, even the Iron Trees were turned into dust that dispersed in the sky.

Chapter 970 Your Cannon?

"You iron can! Damnit, what about your cannon? Hurry up and fire it, quickly! Your body's foundation might be good enough to not be cut, but I don't have a body!" Enderfa loudly roared, with one face cursing at the patched puppet while the two other faces firmly watched the Moonlight Deer and the Moonlight Blades.

Enderfa and the patched puppet were barely dodging. The patched puppet had been waiting to shoot its new weapon. Two pitch-black cannons rapidly appeared from its legs, and two glaring rays of light rapidly shot out of them.

Two glaring lasers followed the patched puppet's spells and instantly crossed several hundred meters, piercing through the Elemental Storm and hitting the center of the Moonlight Deer's body.

The layer of light on the surface of the Moonlight Deer rapidly flickered brightly before darkening under the impact of the lasers.

The Moonlight Deer let out an angry roar as one of the light spheres hanging down from its antlers suddenly dissipated. A layer of light ripples instantly flashed on the surface of its body, and a layer of crystal-like light barrier stuck close to it. Even the extreme piercing power of the lasers couldn't penetrate that layer of defenses.

"I knew an iron can like you would be a fool! Shoot its eyes! Shoot those energy spheres hanging at its antlers! Shoot its balls! Why are you shooting at its body?"

One of Enderfa's faces kept verbally abusing the patched puppet while gnashing its teeth and crazily casting. The Ten Thousand Spell Wheel was already rapidly spinning like a pinwheel. Its mana core was rapidly flickering as mana was frantically being consumed.

"Damned Xiuban, that fool, can he beat that Moonlight Deer just by relying on brute force? That's a level 40 magic beast, it is far more powerful than him..."

The left face scolded the patched puppet, the middle face was fumingly looking at the Moonlight Deer, while the right face was looking at Xiuban and scolding him.

Xiuban raised Carnage and charged at the Moonlight Deer, his body flying like a cannonball, but every time he jumped forward to pound at the Moonlight Deer, he would meet its huge hoof.

Carnage would smash against the bottom of the hoof, and its terrifying upward force could shake the Moonlight Deer, but that hoof wasn't harmed. On the contrary, Xiuban was always turned into a shadow as he was sent flying out.

All the Iron Trees he hit on the way snapped one after another. He crashed through a dozen Iron Trees before he managed to regain his footing.

After crawling up from the ground, Xiuban wiped the blood at the corner of his mouth, and steam started surging around him. His skin turned boiling red, and even cracks started appearing on his skin.

Xiuban looked at the Moonlight Deer with red eyes before once again rushing over. He glared at the hoof of the Moonlight Deer as he angrily mumbled, "Faster, faster and I won't be kicked away, power is also important, I can break that thing's leg and smash its hoof before smashing its bones..."

After being sent flying several times, Xiuban seemed possessed. After being kicked for the 4th time, the surface of Xiuban's outrageously powerful body was already covered in cracks, and blood was gushing out of his skin. He was completely covered in blood.

He rushed over once again, and seeing that hoof bigger than himself, Xiuban let out a stubborn roar. His skin flickered with light as his body unexpectedly slightly readjusted itself in midair, just enough for the hoof to miss.

A cool breeze curled up around his limbs and body, allowing him to suddenly dodge the impact.

After dodging the hoof, Xiuban cursed and angrily glared as he grasped Carnage with both hands, sharply striking the Moonlight Deer's leg.

A faint light flashed under Xiuban's blood-covered skin and a yellow halo covered the surface of Carnage.

Air blasts covering the surface of Carnage instantly exploded due to the extreme strength.

Ripples spread out from the center of the massive hammer, and the terrifying power even made the space slightly distort.

This was the result of increasing his strength by a new layer. The air didn't even have the opportunity to burst as it was instantly compressed by the slam to the point where no air pressure could be seen.

Carnage ruthlessly slammed onto the Moonlight Deer, letting out a loud explosion that echoed in everyone's ears. The terrifying recoil shook Xiuban and sent him flying yet again, while the radiance on the Moonlight Deer's leg exploded.

After crawling up from the ground once again, Xiuban's aura was slightly different. A wisp of magic aura emerged... The aura of a caster was now present on Xiuban's body.

The blood covering him scattered and his cracked skin recovered, but profound blood-colored magic patterns also appeared on his skin.

That was the innate talent of Draconic Beastmen, but after Xiuban bathed in God Blood, his body had become unimaginably powerful at the cost of his magic abilities. These innate magic patterns had completely disappeared, only to now somehow reappear once again.

With the power of wind strengthening his body's flexibility, Xiuban was no longer just charging in a straight line, and the amplified weight of Carnage could improve on the original few layers of Gravity, doubling Carnage's weight. The power displayed would naturally double.

"Truly a fool's luck! Xiuban's innate magic patterns unexpectedly reappeared. Damned Draconic Beastmen, damned Bloodthirst..."

Enderfa's right face was raging at Xiuban as it watched the Beastman's shocking changes.

He had used the wind's Nimbleness and the earth's Extreme Heaviness spells, and he had now unexpectedly used Bloodthirst.

These spells were instinctive to Draconic Beastmen. The moment his magic patterns reappeared, Xiuban appeared to be proficient with these spells, as if he understood them already.

A bloody light appeared on Xiuban's body as he suddenly swelled up. His eyes started to glow and he expelled white gas as he breathed out. His speed sharply increased by 50%.

Just by relying on physical strength, he was already so fast that his shadow couldn't be seen. He crossed several dozen meters with one step and the earth exploded under his feet.

He rushed towards the Moonlight Deer once again, hiding under its hoof like a flea before slamming the enhanced Carnage into its leg.

The white crystalline light shattered from the hit. The Moonlight Deer was startled, and both of its hooves crisscrossed towards Xiuban, it even sent some of the Moonlight Blades it had been using against Enderfa and the patched puppets to handle Xiuban.

The Moonlight Blades slashed over, but they couldn't slice Xiuban, who used the power of the wind to nimbly move in the air and change his position unpredictably.

As for the layer of light crystal covering the body of the Moonlight Deer, it was continuously shattering from the blows.

With Xiuban taking on some of the pressure, Enderfa and the patched puppet's difficulty was greatly alleviated, and the power of the Elemental Storm grew stronger and stronger.

The layer of light crystal covering the Moonlight Deer was also shattering more and more, and without the protection of the light crystal, the lasers started causing black burns on the body of the Moonlight Deer.

The Moonlight Deer neighed, and one more light sphere dissipated, causing another wave of light ripples to spread out. This instantly restored the layer of light crystal on the body of the Moonlight Deer, and even its injuries recovered.

In the distance, Enderfa, who had been casting, couldn't help watching with a stunned expression. He then looked at the dozen light spheres, as well as the small ones slowly recovering where the consumed ones had been, and he immediately started cursing, "Hell, this is f*cking cheating!!!"

Now, everyone knew what was different about these three Moonlight Deer and why, after fighting for so long, these three Moonlight Deer had never released destructive Energy Spheres.

It was because those white light energy spheres hanging down from the antlers weren't what the others had expected. They had treated them as large-scale Energy Spheres, but they were only pure magic supplements...

But just the magic supplements were extremely annoying...

Each sphere of energy could let the Moonlight Deer release a formidable defensive spell or a fierce recovery spell.

And after being consumed, it would continue to grow from the antler, slowly becoming bigger and bigger. At the speed that it was growing, the energy spheres would regrow within half an hour at most.

And the Moonlight Deer had a dozen of these spheres hanging from its antlers!

Unless they were completely used up, effectively injuring the Moonlight Deer would be out of the question. If the attack power of their opponents was inferior to their own recovery time, these three Moonlight Deer would basically be immortal.

This was the most annoying part about casters of the light element. Early on, the power of light spells was very bad, only slightly better than water spells. They usually served as priests, aides, or healers.

But at higher ranks, especially after advancing to the Heaven Rank and after having established their foundation upon a Light Law, regardless of the Law, they would all be very troublesome.

Unless they were completely overpowered by an opponent, they wouldn't die. Their copious healing spells, recovery spells, and support spells would make their opponents feel disgusted.

The Black Tower's Dubois and the Cloud Tower's Butler had been opponents for several dozen years. Before advancing to the Heaven Rank, Dubois had been completely suppressing Butler. But after advancing to the Heaven Rank, the roles reversed. Butler's attacks might not be as sharp as Dubois' and his burst was less impressive, but his defensive abilities and endurance through extended battle far outshined Dubois.

In a true fight, Butler definitely wouldn't lose.