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Chapter 346: Taboo Metal

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Marvin's words bewildered the Vampire.

Clearly, that guy didn't know about the [K series] metals.

Marvin didn't mind. Gwyn was currently under the pressure of the Pale Hand's assassination. The only thing the Vampire wanted was to get out of here as fast as possible and return to the Bright Side's headquarters to inform Grand Duke William.

This was perfect for Marvin; the less Gwyn cared about the resources, the better. After all, Saruha was only so big, so there might not be enough K metal.

Marvin thought about it and said, "You wait here, I need at most fifteen minutes. After fifteen minutes, I'll take you to the find the hidden way out."

Gwyn nodded in acquiescence.

Marvin used Stealth and entered the small warehouse.

Although the storehouse seemed to be in ruins, the constructs patrolling in the surroundings were still quite numerous.

But Marvin was different from before. With over 200 points in Stealth, even Legend Wizards' detection spells wouldn't find him, let alone these small constructs' probes.

He passed by the constructs undetected.

He kept looking around the small building, finding that both the main entrance and the side door were sealed. There was apparently no way to enter.

Marvin could only jump to the roof to find a roof window.

'Thankfully it's not locked. If I broke the window, it might have attracted a bunch of constructs and alarmed that crazy one that only knows how to kill!'

Marvin landed gracefully in the warehouse.

He could faintly hear some sounds.

Vivid cries of distress that seemed to be coming from ancient times entered Marvin's mind!

'The legends are true, K series metals had an astonishing ability to absorb sound.'

'These sounds are probably the howls of the Ancient Gnomes from when disaster struck.'

'What happened at the time?'

Marvin had a solemn face and couldn't help but let his imagination roam.

Even someone with as much knowledge of Feinan as him didn't know about everything that happened in history.

After all, the information spread officially was only this much, so he had to explore many things himself after the Great Calamity to learn more.

The Great Calamity caused widespread destruction, leaving little information pertaining to the ancient eras. Occasionally there would be a few Gnome vestiges unearthed by people which would reveal a minute amount of information. If he wanted to be clear about everything, then the best way might be to go to the City of Knowledge.

But before he transmigrated, he had never heard of any player able to enter the City of Knowledge to get the information he wanted. Even the players with the qualifications of an apprentice who swore to spend their lives as scholars couldn't get the information they wanted. Their rank was too low and they didn't have the right to hear about it.

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The destruction of the Ancient Gnomes was naturally very shocking.

However, Marvin's willpower was strong, even stronger now that he had the Spirit Armband. After a few seconds, those sounds disappeared.

He glanced around the warehouse.

Although this warehouse wasn't big, there were piles of boxes of raw materials!

Marvin knew this place was where the Gnomes piled their unique [K metal], because of the complete lack of any markings or signs outside this warehouse. And besides K metal, every warehouse had a sign explaining what kind of material was stored inside.

K metal wasn't just one type of metal, but was in fact a series.

It was said that during the Wild Era, the Night Monarch led Feinan's people to fight their way out and beat those wild monsters formed from primal chaos. The remaining people began to divide the territories and the puny Ancient Gnomes asked the Night Monarch for the Pambo Seashore, this desolate land.

The other races were shocked by the Ancient Gnomes' choice. At the time, the Gnome Race had a very important personage, a Great Prophet powerhouse. This was his idea, and the Gnome Race obediently complied.

They found countless resources in there, and the Great Prophet relied on his wisdom to fully display his race's talents. Soon, a unique country was established in the Pambo Seashore.

That was Feinan's 1st Era. The Post-Primal Chaos Era!

It could be seen how powerful the Gnome empire was from the ruins they left behind.

After many excavations of the Ancient Gnomes' vestiges, people gradually understood that the fall of the Gnomes started with a kind of metal.

The story was quite terrible, and after it was shared on the players' forums, it was considered one of the unresolved disasters of Feinan.

The story happened around the end of the Gnome empire. The Great Prophet was about to pass away, and at the time, they found a strange mineral resource in the seafloor of the Pambo Sea. At the time, the Gnome empire was already rich to a certain degree and even had some things similar to submarines.

They had established a mining platform in the seafloor of the coastal waters in order to dig deep below.

But this excavation didn't go smoothly. It was said that a lot of Gnomes died while building the mining platform, and although the Gnome empire kept throwing brilliant engineers at it, keeping the platform stable was very difficult.

Even though they managed to stabilize the platform later on, a lot of unfathomable accidents happened.

The Great Prophet was about to die and he didn't want to have to take care of this matter.

But with the deaths of so many brilliant engineers, he had no choice but to personally move his ill body and take a look at it himself.

When he saw the wondrous metal being extracted, his face changed.

He passed his order: stop this project, and don't allow any Gnome to extract this series of mysterious metals.

Even though this series of metals did have very magical abilities.

Even if the high ranked people of the Gnome empire were shocked, they still followed the Great Prophet's order and hastily closed down this engineering project.

But the greedy Gnomes would easily forget their ancestors' lessons. About fifty years after the Great Prophet's death, they re-opened the project and unbridledly started gathering the metal.

But they hadn't thought that this metal would cause a disaster for them.

That's right, this was the metal Marvin was after, the K metal.

This metal was rumored to be cursed. This curse did not only target an individual, but instead targeted the entire greedy Gnome empire.

In the Post-Primal Chaos Era, the communication between all the major races was still underdeveloped.

It wasn't until the High Elves firmly established their civilization and began to travel in all directions that they found out that the once-arrogant Gnome empire had already suffered destruction.

And only few people knew about the rumored K metal.

Marvin, as a transmigrator, was one of them.

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Marvin knew little about the details of the K series metals. But from doing a few secret quests linked to the Gnome empire's destruction, the players found out that the fall of the empire was really linked to the K metals. But it wasn't purely these metals being cursed. Rather, these metals would make a few lifeforms envious.

Naturally, these so-called curses wouldn't be able to suddenly collapse the Gnome empire. Marvin wasn't superstitious, so how could he be afraid of K metals after going through twelve curses?

He also knew that in the game, K series metals were split into three kinds. They were casually named K1, K2, and K3 by the players and were different from ordinary metals. They had extraordinary natural properties: [Magic Penetration], [Divine Restraint], and [Unbreakable].

When smelting weapons, only a bit of the K metals was needed to add these properties!

It was normally very hard to give these properties to weapons.

In all of Feinan, weapons with Magic Penetration were very rare, those with Divine Restraint were even rarer, and as for Unbreakable... those were almost nonexistent.

Only a genuine Master Enchanter could maybe manage to make a weapon with Magic Penetration or Divine Restraint during his lifetime.

Otherwise, Marvin wouldn't have been so excited when obtaining the pair of [Azure Leaf]s.

It was an incredible pair of daggers, to be able to have both Magic Penetration and Divine Restraint while still being light as a feather, all without the use of any K metal. Only an outstanding Master Enchanter could create this kind of weapon.

Most people would spend their lifetimes without ever seeing such exceptional weapons.

But this common sense was broken in the face of K metal, which even the Pearl Tower's Scholars called [Taboo Metal].

Marvin knew that if these K metals saw the light of day, they would bring about a storm.

This was a trump card!

After the Great Calamity, Chaos Magic Power would run rampant across Feinan. Many Wizards would fail the willpower test and turn into magical walking corpses.

And the Gods would also send their subordinates to Feinan.

Magic Spells and Divine Spells would become mainstream in the future world.

And K metal was the perfect nemesis.

This would be one of the most powerful cards to handle the chaos monsters and the Gods!

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Marvin was recalling all he knew about the strength of the K metals while plundering unabashedly.

In the entire warehouse, most of the boxes were in fact empty. Most of the K metals had apparently already been used.

Fortunately, Marvin found some in a corner.

In total, he obtained eight small boxes of K metals, among which there were three boxes of K1 and three boxes of K2, which could give Magic Penetration and Divine Restraint.

And there were only two boxes of K3 which had the [Unbreakable] property.

Each box only had a fist-sized piece of K metal, but Marvin was already satisfied.

These K metals had been refined, and their purity was very high. If they were used to smelt hidden weapons and used at critical time, it would definitely catch his future enemies off guard!

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After fifteen minutes, Marvin sneaked out of the warehouse.

Gwyn sighed in relief.

He wasn't curious about what was in the warehouse, and only urged Marvin to take him out of Saruha.

Marvin didn't hesitate and led the way, circumventing the Arsenal and avoiding a few constructs, before finally opening a sewer's manhole.

"This is the secret path you talked about?"

Gwyn frowned, displeasure apparent on his face.

Marvin couldn't help but roll his eyes. "Is it important to stay clean when running for your life?"

After saying this, he ignored Gwyn and went in first.

Chapter 347: Control Room

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The dark sewers weren't as nauseating as Gwyn had imagined.

The sewers had already been abandoned for so many years after all, so all the filth had already turned to dust under the passage of time.

The air there was actually pretty clean.

"Could your secret exit be hidden in the sewers?"

Gwyn rushed over to Marvin, realizing that the sewers were most likely the way to leave Saruha.

Marvin nodded and pointed in one direction while saying, "Follow this path. With your strength, even if you meet a monster, you should be able to take care of it. This is the way to the secret exit. The sewers' exit is well-hidden, so the Ancient Gnomes weren't worried that another lifeform would come in through them. Moreover, you can turn into a bat to leave."

Gwyn hesitated slightly. "You don't intend to leave with me?"

Marvin forced a smile. "There are still many good things waiting in Saruha, how could I leave now?"

Gwyn looked at Marvin speechlessly.

This guy was obviously White River Valley's Overlord. He was sitting on two gold mines and according to the rumors, he had conquered a sub-plane, obtaining endless resources and wealth. Now this guy was still greedy for Saruha's treasures... Was this guy the hero who destroyed an Evil Spirit Plane?

If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, Gwyn wouldn't have believed the rumors about [Great Hero Marvin] being such a miser!

He kindly reminded Marvin that the Dark Side's Vampires didn't take pity on Humans and even had somewhat of an antagonistic feeling toward them, and also warned him to be extremely careful.

Afterwards, the two parted ways. Gwyn went to the sewers' exit, and Marvin turned and went deeper into the sewers!

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In the maze-like sewers, Marvin quickly moved forward.

In this place, nothing could block his path.

In fact, he was much faster underground than above ground.

Even if Marvin didn't remember Saruha's map in detail, he more or less knew the directions.

Saruha was a roughly circular vestige. From the back entrance, one would have to go through the Crystal Hall and then the small treasury to reach the Gnome Residential District.

The steel gates northeast of the Gnome Residential District led to the Arsenal.

North of the Arsenal was the 3rd District, the [Control Room].

Northwest of the Control Room was the 4th District, the [Armory].

Southwest of the Armory was the [Desolate Ancient Altar].

The five big Districts formed a circle, surrounding a rocket silo. According to the legends, Saruha's Gnomes intended to set out for the skies, to explore the mysteries of the Astral Sea... That was before God Lance had descended and when the God Realms had yet to be set up in the Astral Sea!

But unfortunately, what happened afterwards stopped them from accomplishing this feat. That rocket silo was embedded deep in Saruha, waiting to be excavated by later generations.

From what Marvin knew a bit about the place, there wasn't much of anything useful in the Residential District. He had already obtained a lot of remnants from Gnome Engineer's in the small treasury and was quite satisfied. The Spirit Armband was an unexpected windfall, while the K metals gave him another hidden card.

But the treasures he truly cared about were still in the other two Districts.

The [Control Room] and the [Armory]!

There were many constructs and parts in the Control Room, along with Saruha's current leader, the Chaotic Memory Construct, [Slaughterer].

Slaughterer had a memory issue, and had two modes. One was a regular mode, during which it was possible to communicate with it. But his sentences would frequently cut off and he would be extremely jumpy, frequently referring to some very strange things and even bluntly using God Lance's name.

And the other one was a slaughter mode. As the name implied, when in that mode, Slaughterer would slaughter everything nonstop.

Slaughterer under slaughter mode was a nightmare for any intruders.

In reality, Marvin was exploring Saruha pretty casually this time.

Even if he already knew some things about the Gnome's vestige, he didn't make a move because the constructs left behind by the Ancient Gnomes were his nemeses!

To Rangers, these constructs wrapped in iron were extremely troublesome.

They couldn't be reasoned with and only followed orders.

Marvin would feel sorry for his weapons if he fought with them.

They had no lives, and were more like robots. And Marvin doubted he could receive experience after killing a construct.

Thus, despite coincidentally entering Saruha, he had no intention of facing that construct.

If there were Evil Spirits, he would kill them all, but as for constructs, he would simply enter Stealth.

'Most of the things in the Armory were taken away by the Ancient Gnomes during their disaster. Only that big one wasn't removed.'

'If I can get that one... Even if an Ancient Red Dragon invaded the territory, White River Valley wouldn't be worried!'

'But the key to control it should be in the Control Room.'

Marvin clenched his teeth and ultimately decided to go toward the Control Room, even though that place was the constructs' headquarters.

Marvin traveled back and forth in the sewers before finally finding an exit.

He gently pushed the lid and acted swiftly, transforming into a shadow and disappearing from where he was.

This place was a lot more oppressive than the Arsenal.

A large amount of X-model constructs were waiting in formation. Only their sensors were activated, continuously scanning the place.

Marvin's Stealth was high enough, but someone else would have definitely been discovered.

As the name implied, the Control Room controlled all of Saruha.

It was set up in a huge cave.

In the center of the cave there was a metal building divided into three floors, the highest of which was the control hub.

And Slaughterer was in the 2nd floor.

Marvin used Stealth and quietly reached the building.

The large entrance was tightly secured and the walls were smooth. Only someone with the Ancient Gnomes' command could enter.

If he tried rashly, it would lead to the constructs attacking.

The current Marvin was level 19 and had the Shapeshift Sorcerer skills, along with many other cards, so he wasn't worried about these constructs. He was just unwilling to fight them if he could avoid it, as it wouldn't be worth it.

Marvin went around the building three times, feeling extremely annoyed.

The Control Room was strictly guarded, he couldn't open the entrance, so how could he go in?

'It was said that the hidden keys to control the Titan is in the 3rd floor of the Control Room.'

'Without that set of keys, even if I got hold of those constructs, I wouldn't be able to control them.'

'Do I really have to kill my way up?!'

He stayed for a while around the Control Room and thought of all kinds of methods to go in, but this was Saruha's core. How could he find a hole in the defenses so easily?

Helpless, Marvin intended to leave.

But he hadn't expected that a group of people would suddenly appear in the cave, south of the Control Room!

Leading them was Pale Hand Sky!

Marvin entered Stealth, restraining his emotions and his surprise.

Chapter 348: Slaughterer

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When he thought about it, it wasn't that surprising for the Wolf Spider mercenaries to appear here so soon.

After all, Saruha was shaped like a circle. He had spent a lot of time in the Arsenal, and this was enough time for the Pale Hand to take the other way around.

After they got rid of the Evil Spirits in the Desolate Ancient Altar area, they probably didn't get much profit. The most important parts of Saruha were the weapons-related areas and the Control Room.

They came from the Armory, but the treasures in the Armory were protected by powerful armed constructs.

Without the correct password they couldn't get access to anything and could only be mercilessly slaughtered.

As he remained hidden, Marvin counted the number of people in the Wolf Spider mercenaries and felt cold.

'Two thirds are missing.'

'They were almost wiped out. Did they fight the big guy in the Armory?'

Marvin knew what must have happened. Even with Sky leading them, it would be very difficult for these ordinary people to prevail.

Maybe if it was another Legend, such as a Legend Monk, or a Legend Barbarian.

A rogue, even one like Sky who was extremely proficient in attacking, wouldn't have it easy fighting against pieces of metal.

It was just like using a dagger against a tortoise shell. However you tried to poke it, you wouldn't be able to break it.

They definitely arrived here after a fight.

Marvin could see that besides Sky, the others were wounded, some lightly and some more heavily.

It wasn't that Marvin was treacherous, but he hadn't been too sure about this Saruha exploration in the first place. Since those mercenaries chose to stand with Sky, he wouldn't bother telling them about any secrets. He was better off hiding himself and seeing whether he could get any benefits.

'They must know that they need the password to get the treasures in the Armory.'

'The password is in the Control Room... are they planning to attack it?'

Marvin was fine with letting them do so. This way he could have the chance to take advantage of their efforts.

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Just as Marvin expected, after observing the cave from above for a while, Sky imperiously gave them an order.

They didn't follow the path down, instead using a rope to descend from their vantage point and arrive at the Control Room.

This way they wouldn't meet as many constructs.

While remaining in Stealth, Marvin quickly moved behind a pillar near the Control Room's entrance.

He could tell that all the remaining adventurers were experts.

Although they didn't have rogue classes, all of them were pretty nimble and noiselessly climbed down the rope.

This naturally included the Wolf Spider leader, Rem. He still had influence among the adventurers and could speak to the Legend on behalf of the others.

"Sir Sky, are we really going to attack the Control Room from the front?"

Rem looked at the army of constructs ahead and couldn't help but feel fearful.

Even if these constructs were different from the combat-focused constructs that they met in the Armory, the amount was still too shocking.

The dozen people he brought were simply not enough.

Marvin understood their situation after listening from his hiding spot.

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Marvin had actually guessed incorrectly. How could the experienced mercenary team lose so many people like that?

They did meet a few constructs in the Armory, but with their team cooperation and Sky's strength, they still managed to deal with them.

Rem had arranged his manpower in three groups. The weakest would stay in the Desolate Ancient Altar, gathering some minor treasures left behind by the Ancient Gnomes.

The other group would stay in the Armory, as support.

Even though the Armory had a lot of fighting constructs, they generally wouldn't move unless someone approached to take away the treasure. Thus, this was a relatively safe area.

The last group followed Sky to attack the Control Room and consisted of elites.

They heard more about Saruha from the Evil Spirit Envoy.

And there were now discussing how to attack this seemingly calm building.

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'Damn, it was really the Wolf Spider's mercenaries who freed the Pale Hand.'

'Even with the Evil Spirit Envoys acting, wouldn't it be difficult to trap Sky?'

Marvin caught some clues from the discussion between both sides.

If not for the Wolf Spider mercenaries, Sky might still be waiting in the Desolate Ancient Altar.

'Even Tidomas made a move?'

'Sure enough, I have a [Kill on sight] aura for Evil Spirits,' Marvin thought sarcastically.

He wasn't generally worried about the Evil Spirit Planes' hostility toward him in Feinan, but he had to be careful in Evil Spirits' areas.

He hid behind the pillar, casually listening to everyone's whispers.

This building didn't look sturdy, but it was basically indestructible. It was rumored that the walls themselves were made of K metals and even the spells of Legend Wizards might not be able to break them.

You could only go in through the entrance.

Sky and the few Wolf Spider mercenaries discussed for a bit more before ultimately deciding to go through the main entrance.

They were prepared to trigger the alarm, and with a few 4th rank powerhouses taking the lead, they rushed from the front.

On another side, they deployed some people to resist the constructs that would be alerted.

They only needed to get through the main entrance, and then everyone could retreat inside. After entering, defending should be much easier.

'These adventurers are actually even greedier than me!'

'They actually want to control all the constructs and loot everything in Saruha.'

'I only want that one...'

Marvin sneered inwardly while listening to their plan.

In Rem and Sky's plan, the adventurers used to block the constructs were clearly discarded pawns.

With so many constructs on standby, when all of them came up, how could a few adventurers block them?

Only a Legend Wizard or Cleric could take care of such an army of constructs. Others would be in for a bad time!

Let alone a few ordinary mercenaries.

Rem promised these pitiful mercenaries that they would have priority on the loot once they returned, but they didn't know that they would be dying soon.

After all, those constructs over there were in a half-asleep mode.

But Marvin knew that if they triggered the alarm, all the constructs would awaken!

At that time, few people would be able to escape.

Of course, Sky would be able to get away.

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Marvin was waiting very patiently while they prepared. He continued to carefully hide his own aura.

Although his Stealth was already at 200 points and he could even hide from Heavenly Observers, Sky was a Legend after all, so he still had to be cautious not to make a mistake.

He was hiding to the side and soon, a mercenary from Rem's group moved forward, trying to open the building's entrance.

That mercenary was rather carefree. It seemed like he was usually treated well by his leader. It was a pity that in this place, his character would lead him to a disaster!

Marvin coldly watched him fumbling about, trying to open the door.

In the distance, Rem and Sky had pondering expressions on their faces.

They were clearly throwing away his life.

But to their surprise, after this mercenary fumbled around for a while and pressed the buttons, not only did he not trigger the mechanism, he actually successfully opened the entrance!

As everyone gazed on in shock, the metallic doors slowly parted and light suddenly appeared from the darkness!

"Hahahaha..."

"Boss Rem, I already told you that I had the potential to be a Thief. It's a pity that you made me pick up swordsmanship. What Gnome mechanisms, it's all so simple."

They all remained speechless.

And Marvin was even more shocked.

This guy's luck was simply inconceivable.

This building's entrance had a total of eight buttons, and one had to input the correct code to open the door, or else the alarm would be triggered and all kinds of constructs would come attack.

'Just like that?'

Marvin looked at this burly guy with a whole new level of respect. But who would have thought that the next second, a red light would shine from the depths of the building...

'No good!' Marvin, still hidden in the darkness, rolled to hide away from the building.

Unfortunately, that man didn't notice it and was still laughing his head off, loudly calling the others to quickly come over.

"Woosh!"

A network of red lasers silently shot out and wrapped around that man!

"Ahhh!" A mournful yell came from the pitiful mercenary.

Red lasers radiated around him, even sweeping by the location where Marvin was hiding earlier!

In the blink of an eye, the boasting mercenary was roasted into a burnt corpse!

All those who saw the scene felt a chill!

A place where treasures were buried? This was clearly a tomb!

"Spread out!"

Rem promptly reacted and made the others spread out.

And following that, the lasers quickly rushed over in succession.

These came from a frightening construct, slowly walking out from the depths of the 1st floor!

It stepped on that dead body and crushed it into fine powder.

Slaughterer!

Marvin's eyelids twitched.

This wasn't the 2nd floor! Why would it randomly be in the mood to take a stroll to the 1st floor?

"Kill it!" Sky roared as he directly escaped to the Shadow Plane, trying to look for a weak point in the construct.

The rest of the mercenaries also scattered, their gazes filled with fear. These lasers were really too frightening!

The power was comparable to a Legendary Disintegrate!

"Intruders... Eliminate!"

Slaughterer was huge, but wasn't slow. Six black gun barrels suddenly came out of its body!

'Exactly like a transforming robot.'

Marvin on the side also felt worried.

Slaughterer was in slaughter mode. Its transformation was incredible and its firepower was simply heaven-defying.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

Countless bullets shot out of the gun barrels and a mercenary who failed to dodge fell to the ground!

These weren't Sha firearms, they were Ancient Gnome firearms.

What made the mercenaries feel even more despair was that when Slaughterer appeared, those constructs at the bottom of the slope awakened.

At the crucial moment, Marvin used Night Boundary and passed Slaughterer's body to rush into the Control Room's hall!

Chapter 349: Go Big Or Go Home!

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Nobody noticed Marvin slipping in during this chaos.

Even Sky was completely focused on the frightening Slaughterer and didn't see Marvin sneakily flashing in.

The Wolf Spider group began to counterattack despite their difficult situation.

Sky was roaming between the Prime Material Plane and the Shadow Plane, trying to land a good hit.

But Slaughterer's defensive power was too shocking. He went all-out but could only leave a shallow wound on its metal body!

What was more frightening was that this kind of metal could even heal itself.

This made them feel incredibly bitter!

Some mercenaries intended to turn and flee.

How could Humans' bodies contend against them? Unless they had an army, or a Legend Wizard, they couldn't be able to make a move on the army of constructs without walking to their doom.

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Marvin took advantage of the intense battle outside the Control Room to sneak in.

Even though he had already gone past the constructs and only remembered Slaughterer being inside the building, there was no harm in being careful.

In this situation, the hidden characteristic [Stealth Master] from reaching 200 points of Stealth was most definitely put to good use.

Without this characteristic, his speed in Stealth would be reduced by half and it would be very hard for Marvin to get what he wanted before the battle outside ended.

The interior was completely covered in sensors. Marvin had to move carefully to avoid them.

His eyes were fixed on the open space center of the room.

The building had three layers which could all be seen from the center as it was open. The tallest layer was completely shrouded in glass with green and red dots flickering inside.

That was the real control hub of all of Saruha!

On the side there was a spiral staircase that he could take upward.

Marvin avoided the sensors and rushed to the 3rd floor!

'Finally got in!'

Marvin was pleased.

If not for the diversion of the Wolf Spider group, he wouldn't have had such a smooth opportunity.

Slaughterer was always defending this place, as the control hub's temporary master, giving outsiders no chance to approach.

But it was different now.

It might have been the Legend powerhouse's aura that made Slaughterer personally make a move, leaving the protection of the control room and taking the initiative to attack.

Marvin stood on the 3rd floor and looked outside.

From the glass window he could see a disturbingly frightening scene!

The constructs were like a tide of metal rushing up from the bottom of the depression.

It was a massive mountain of metal! With swords growing all over their bodies!

Marvin would rather face an army of Evil Spirits than be in front of that group of steel monsters!

Breaking their defenses was so difficult. How would they be able to hold against them?

He didn't dare to keep looking and focused his energy on the control hub's door.

This was the Control Room's final layer of defense.

To reach the control hub, he would have to input the correct password.

This layer of defense actually should have been the most difficult. Even in the ancient eras, very few Ancient Gnomes knew the password.

In ordinary circumstances, if he wanted to learn this secret password, he would have to defeat Slaughterer.

But Marvin had an alternative.

He entered the numbers and symbols into the control hub's door with a "Snap!"

Marvin smirked. 'The password for Saruha's control hub had been leaked on the forums by the players...'

He quickly entered the glass cover.

"Bang!" The entrance closed.

Marvin pushed the green button which meant [Standby], and began his own operation!

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At the moment that Marvin opened the control hub, outside the Control Room, Slaughterer stopped.

It ignored everyone around and rushed back into the hall!

All the people outside the Control Room were shocked.

The Pale Hand quickly followed.

Rem and the others looked at each other. The constructs from the bottom had already reached them, so if they didn't follow, wouldn't that mean certain death?

They all rushed in immediately.

Fortunately, Slaughterer was completely ignoring them now!

He was rushing to the center of the Control Room!

"Intruder!"

"Get the fuck out! That's my throne!"

The hoarse machine voice echoed menacingly.

The six pitch black gun barrels were aimed at the glass cover on the 3rd floor!

They all looked up and were shocked to find out that a figure was already on the 3rd floor.

From their expressions, it looked as if the Wolf Spider mercenaries had seen a ghost!

"Someone is inside!"

"How did he get in!"

"He looks a bit familiar, who is he?"

"He is moving so fast, who the hell is he? It wouldn't be a ghost, right?"

Meanwhile, a strange scene played out before them.

Slaughterer was utterly angry. "Get the fuck out!"

It tried shoot at the control hub, but this was a serious violation of its protocols!

The control hub was the most important part of Saruha, and Slaughterer was in charge of protecting this place, not destroying it!

This frightening construct kept sprinting toward the glass sphere.

At that time, an angry voice resounded beside the pillar, "Ghost? Bullshit! It's that man you invited!"

"What! It's Kerry... No, Sir Robin!"

"Dragon Slayer Robin! Wasn't he at that steel gate? How could he suddenly rush over to the Control Room?"

The mercenaries were puzzled.

Only Sky's face paled.

Although he didn't know how Marvin got a hold of the control hub's password, he more or less guessed the entire process.

He had noticed Gwyn and that Robin being very close to each other. This guy was in the control hub, so where was Gwyn?

"Sir, what should we do?" Rem cautiously inquired. "If I'm not wrong, the one in the control hub is the [Dragon Slayer] famous in the Pambo Seashore..."

"Dragon Slayer?" The Pale Hand sneered, "I feel that there is an issue with the rumors!"

"If he really was so powerful, why would he sneakily hide behind us and take the opportunity to enter the Control Room?"

"I don't sense the aura of a Legend from his body. This guy is only a 4th rank ant!"

Rem frowned.

The Dragon Slayer name was very awe-inspiring. Although he also didn't feel any Legend aura from Marvin's body, he didn't dare deny it so easily.

"I want to see how he plans on finishing this!" Sky said.

"Make your people hide, don't let the construct kill them."

"That pile of scrap is trying to take back the control hub, so we are safe for the time being."

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Just as Sky had pointed out, Slaughterer's main target was Marvin.

It extended its arm, trying to input the secret password to enter.

But the door had already been locked by Marvin.

The only way to enter now was the forced override procedure. It had temporary authority here after all, so it could use this kind of method to open the door.

But this method would take at least five minutes!

And five minutes would enough for Marvin to do a lot.

Marvin always did his own things.

This trip to Saruha was originally to try his luck, but he hadn't expected that he was really able to take advantage of the others' crisis to reach the control hub.

Marvin was quite daring. When he set foot in the control hub, he reviewed everything he knew about it in his mind.

'Hehe, in the game, the one who entered the control hub for the first time would obtain many benefits, while the later people could only get some constructs' parts or microchips.'

'It seems different this time.'

His eyes were spinning around the control hub. Soon, he found the thing he wanted!

It was a green iron box, calmly sitting atop a shelf in the control hub.

The iron box had a strange rune carved on it. Marvin only slightly recognized some parts of the rune representing the ancient eras' Sun God.

The iron box itself was also a treasure, but Marvin currently didn't know how to use it.

To him, the things inside the box were most important.

It held a green card and a thick handbook!

A rather unusual light flowed around the card, and as for the handbook, it was rather thick and filled with many details. It was fully written in Ancient Gnomish.

Marvin didn't know Ancient Gnomish, but he remembered this book's name!

Mechanical Titan's Control Handbook –!

And that card was the key to activate Saruha's ultimate killing device, the secret key to activate the Mechanical Titan!

Seeing this card, Marvin was ecstatic.

He already had half of that guy in the Armory now!

If he could really leave Saruha with a Mechanical Titan, he would profit immensely!

It had to be known that when it came to pure melee ability, the Mechanical Titan could match the Dragon Race.

"Du du du…" Marvin heard a hurried sound.

He frowned and immediately put away his things.

He knew that Slaughterer had begun to forcibly unlock the door.

He didn't have much time left.

He then kept looking and soon found the thing he wanted.

It was another iron box, with five slots in it. There were four chips in the box!

Construct Memory Chips!

If Marvin wasn't wrong, these chips were most likely related to Mark 47's quest.

Mark 47 had followed God Lance on this world, and God Lance apparently descended in the Post-Primal Chaos Era, so there was a bit of a time deviation, but he instinctively felt that they were probably related.

Getting the Memory Chips was one of Marvin's goals.

As for that empty slot, needless to say, the chip was in [Slaughterer]'s head. He wouldn't be able to take it without killing it.

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After taking care of everything, there were only three minutes left.

Marvin was sweating.

He stared at the console.

Although the console was now completely dull gray, Marvin still recognized the buttons!

This time he was prepared to go big or go home!

'Although I don't know why such a large rocket couldn't be launched back then, it's a pity to leave it there.'

'Glynos... You almost killed me once. This time, I have a gift for you.'

Chapter 350: Race Against Time

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Outside the control hub, Slaughterer was carrying out the override procedure.

Once it was unlocked, Marvin would be in an extremely dangerous situation.

He didn't have much time!

Sweat trickled down Marvin's forehead. He didn't know that much about Ancient Gnomish, and wasn't prepared to deal with the controls.

But he had heard that the first player who entered Saruha successfully shot this rocket with the help of the player interface system.

Marvin wanted to check whether his Essence Absorption System was completely like his previous system.

He pressed his palm on a small screen under the control hub. "Di di di." A red light flickered.

'Damn.<u>..'</u>

This meant he didn't pass the verification test.

Countless logs flashed in front of him.

Suddenly, one of them attracted Marvin's attention.

[Do you want to activate the System Assistance function – Simple Programs Operations]

The yes option cost 10000 exp.

For Marvin, 10000 wasn't a small amount, but this was an extremely rare opportunity!

Marvin's desire to retaliate was very strong. He and the Shadow Prince were mortal foes. Since he had the chance to send him a gift, he wouldn't pass up on this opportunity!

Battle exp could be farmed after all!

He chose to activate the System Assistance.

He placed his palm down once again, and the System Assistance automatically activated. It began to crack the launch procedures for the rocket.

Meanwhile, the screen brightened up and a line of data flashed in front of him. Although he couldn't read it, with the System Assistance, he understood that it was the process for the rocket's launch procedures!

'Sure enough, it's a rough model.'

'Back then, that group successfully launched the rocket and posted all the information about it to brag, including even the launch password! Hehe, this time I'll launch it alone!'

Marvin focused himself on the launch procedures, completely ignoring the sounds of Slaughterer still in the middle of unlocking the door.

"Ding!" A sound echoed, showing that Marvin had successfully broken through the Ancient Gnomes' lock.

A long password box appeared on the screen.

This was the password to launch the rocket.

Marvin took a deep breath. Fortunately, his memory was amazing. Moreover, he had also paid close attention to that event because of his curiosity, which made it more prominent in his memories.

It came in handy now.

The password was entered.

A countdown appeared on the screen!

Marvin grinned.

No one in Feinan knew what kind of things were in the rocket.

But he clearly knew.

That was a bomb! It was called [Judgement Day].

The Ancient Gnomes at the time seemed to have noticed some strange and powerful lifeforms in the Astral Sea, and this rocket was prepared for them!

But for some reason, the rocket wasn't fired, and the Ancient Gnome Race was completely destroyed.

In the end, it benefitted Marvin.

"Di di di!"

The countdown began.

Marvin hurriedly began to adjust the coordinates.

This rocket was originally aimed above their heads, to the Astral Sea. But it would have surely crossed countless God Realms on its way, alarming many gods.

This wasn't what Marvin had in mind.

He only had one target!

The Shadow Realm!

Marvin remembered many coordinates of many God Realms, and the Shadow Prince's place was definitely one of them.

After the countdown started, Marvin quickly changed the destination in less than thirty seconds with the help of the System Assistance.

Target: Shadow Realm!

Glynos wasn't aware that in Feinan, a frightening missile was aiming at his home!

And the Universe Magic Pool wouldn't obstruct something leaving Feinan.

Marvin was sure about this. Few people knew more than him about the Universe Magic Pool in this world!

"Di Di Di!"

There was less than a minute left before Slaughterer would break through the door.

Marvin was frantically adjusting the settings. He didn't really understand everything, but the System Assistance could help him carry out his intentions. He only needed to enter the desired result and the System Assistance would take care of it.

This was the advantage of the system. Everything was exactly like it was in the game!

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"Despicable Human! Stay your hand!" Slaughterer's ominous voice echoed from outside, "What are you doing?!"

It had temporary authority over the control hub and was able to find out what Marvin was doing, but couldn't prevent it.

Because it wasn't Saruha's true master!

Thirty seconds left.

Marvin sighed in relief. 'Done!' The countdown on the launch screen was at fifteen minutes! Marvin locked the procedure so that Slaughterer wouldn't be able to alter it, and then prepared to escape. At that moment, all of Saruha began to shake. There seemed to be an ancient monster waking up in the center of the circle-shaped Saruha. Rumbling sounds kept echoing, and stone kept falling in the cave! Marvin sneered and jumped up before suddenly disappearing! "What has he done?" "He disappeared!" "Hold on... Saruha is shaking... Damn, is this place going to collapse?" Rem and the others were convulsing with fear. They didn't know what the Dragon Slayer did in the control hub, but it actually shook the entirety of Saruha. And after he was done, he mysteriously disappeared from the control hub! This was quite confounding. The control hub building's materials were extremely special, to the point that even Sky, who was very proficient in travelling through the shadows, wasn't able to cross over! They were all frightened, and Slaughterer roared!

The control hub doors finally opened.

"Dong!"

Sky instantly flashed into the control hub, but what he saw shocked him!

Countless red lights were flashing, and a huge screen was flickering with the same color. A long trajectory map appeared in front of him.

'This is…'

With his superficial knowledge of the planes, he could tell that this trajectory led outside the Universe Magic Pool!

'What is that guy trying to do!' Sky was at a loss.

But at that time, a steel arm suddenly flew over!

If not for Sky dodging away quickly, he might have been pierced by this arm!

The mechanical part at the end of the long steel arm was apparently manipulating the control hub.

"Di di di" sounds kept echoing as Sky hid to the side.

Not long after, Slaughterer's angry voice echoed outside the door. "No!"

"How could this be! Wretched intruder! He locked the launch procedure!"

The loud roar echoed through the Control Room.

Everyone was dazed.

Launch procedure?

What was that?

That was completely outside their understanding!

Only the shaking of Saruha gave them a sense of crisis.

"Retreat!"

Rem was very firm. The Wolf Spider mercenaries standing tall and not falling for so long was due to them knowing when to give up!

With the intensity of these vibrations, Saruha might very well collapse!

The Wolf Spider group began to retreat.

And the crazy Slaughterer inside was unable to stop Marvin's locked launch procedure because he had entered the full launch code!

Once the rocket started the countdown, Slaughterer wouldn't be able to stop it.

It angrily retracted its mechanical arm and began utilizing its authority to search for traces of Marvin in Saruha.

But it didn't find anything.

Marvin seemed to have completely disappeared.

Sky was still looking around for him.

He used Stealth and cautiously looked for Marvin in the control hub.

As he looked overhead, a pitch-black ventilation shaft appeared in his sight!

'Damn, that kid is escaping!'

The Pale Hand suddenly reacted and chased after him!

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In the dirty ventilation system, Marvin strenuously crawled forward.

Launching a rocket was only a small gift for Glynos. The most important part was to quickly get the things he wanted!

That Titan construct in the Armory!

The place he was in right now, the ventilation system, was like the sewer system. It was a passage linking all five areas of Saruha and was a lot safer than the ordinary path.

Marvin's speed was very fast. He roughly guessed his desired location and cut an exit out of the ventilation system, landing on the ground.

'Armory at last!'

He scouted his surroundings, looking for the correct direction.

He had to find the Titan construct and leave this place before the rocket was fired.

Because all of Saruha might get buried after the rocket launched!

'Where is it?' His eyes shone all around, trying to find a landmark.

At that time, a black construct appeared in front of him.

'No good!'

Marvin had just been rushing at top speed and was discovered by the construct because he didn't have Stealth active.

In the Control Room, Slaughterer suddenly retracted the plugged part and coldly said, "Intruder found, in the Armory."

Its speed instantly increased past human limits as it rushed to the Armory.

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A race against time had just started in Saruha.

But a grim scene was also playing out in Rocky Mountain, 500 kilometers away from Saruha.

It was worse than when Black Dragon Clarke lead an Underdark Army to attack Hope City!

A purple-gowned woman was standing on a hill not far from there, watching the three sisters floating over Hope City.

She looked extremely refined and radiant.

But her expression was very grim.

Hope City's inhabitants were anxious.

Because there were no less than five Black Dragons behind that woman!

"Hand over that Robin guy."

"Otherwise Rocky Mountain will become ruins after today," the woman coldly declared.

Chapter 351: Shaking the South

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Rocky Mountain was completely silent.

Those who hoped to draw a clear line between themselves and this war had already hidden far away, watching from the sidelines.

Several days ago, this woman called Tlorin demanded that Rocky Mountain hand over Robin.

The reason was very simple: he held [Weeping Sky] and was thus the Dragons' natural enemy. The Dragon Race was unable to tolerate such a treasure being held by Humans.

This was a huge threat to them.

This woman was the new Apostle of the Black Dragon God. She had always kept a cautious attitude, so she initially didn't show herself, instead spreading some rumors.

It was said that five Black Dragons would come together from the northern Black Dragon lair to avenge Clarke.

This time, the Black Dragon God was truly furious. His son was killed by a Human, and moreover, a Dragon Slaying weapon had appeared. Thus, he immediately summoned his completely new Apostle and woke up five Black Dragons from the Black Dragon lair to start pressuring Rocky Mountain.

Tlorin was very crafty.

She didn't directly attack like Tess. She spread some rumors first, in order to sound out the reactions of the South Wizard Alliance and other nearby powers.

She was very pleased with the outcome. The South Wizard Alliance had no interest in this banished ground.

And most of Pambo Seashore's Legends had been beaten bloody by Jessica while trying to get a hold of a Source of Fire's Order. Their reputations had quickly spread to the East Coast, so why would they help?

The only thing that surprised her was that after the news spread, there actually was a Legend that rushed over.

The Aurora Sword Saint.

Last time, he was the one beaten most miserably by Jessica, and he was also a Lord of one of the city states of Pambo Seashore.

This time he didn't come for a Source of Fire's Order, but to help the three sisters defend their city.

The Aurora Sword Saint was straightforward and upright, and candidly admitted that coming here this time was only to pay back for what happened last time. This made Tlorin a bit depressed.

If she had known, she wouldn't have left people spreading rumors for so long and would have just attacked with the Black Dragons instead.

However, only one more Legend didn't influence the situation too much.

Jessica's strength was astonishing and her 6th layer Fate Power was shocking, but fighting against five Dragons would clearly be beyond her reach.

Especially since among these five Black Dragons, three of them had strength approaching the level of Ancient Black Dragons!

The rest were a bit weaker but were Adult Dragons who also received the Black Dragon God's blessings and baptism.

They needed to wash away Clarke's disgrace this time.

Rocky Mountain's power needed to be removed!

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On Hope City's wall, the three sisters were standing side by side with pale faces.

Originally, after successfully pushing back the invasion from the Underdark, the entire Rocky Mountain was more or less under their rule.

And after the conflict over the Sources of Fire's Order, Jessica's great display of strength made it so that Rocky Mountain could be considered a major power in the South.

Many forces that previously didn't have contact with Rocky Mountain began to start offering alliances or trade partnerships.

The most typical were some cities of Pambo Seashore.

A lot of chambers of commerce established their own footholds in Hope City.

Hope City was slowly becoming better and better. The three sisters and the inhabitants were all filled with a great sense of accomplishment.

But this major event was a serious threat to the survival of Rocky Mountain!

After Tlorin spread the information, many powers pulled out of Rocky Mountain!

They chose to watch from the sidelines.

No one could resist the joint attack of five Black Dragons, and the same was true for the Fate Sorcerers cared for by Providence.

Not to mention, there was also Tlorin, an Apostle with the Divine Power of the Black Dragon God.

Jessica alone might barely be able to block two Ancient Black Dragon, Kate defensive Fate Power could block another Ancient Black Dragon.

But what about the remaining two Black Dragons?

Even if the Aurora Sword Saint was fierce, he was merely an ordinary Legend powerhouse. He was powerful compared to most Humans, but when facing Dragons, what he could do was limited.

A lot of people fled Hope City.

They might have still had some hope last time when the Underdark army invaded them, but this time, the five Dragons were frightening enough to make them despair!

Black Dragons rarely came out of their nests.

Rocky Mountain lacked a powerful ally and had Black Dragons as their enemies, so who would want to be there?

The Rocky Mountain area was already quite lifeless. Five frightening Dragons were looming menacingly, while Tlorin was haughtily ordering them to hand over the "culprit" Robin, or else they would massacre everyone in the city.

This kind of situation made Jessica extremely angry.

After all, they didn't know where Marvin was at the moment. And even if they did, they wouldn't hand him over.

Facing Tlorin's threat, Jessica coldly replied, "We can't hand over Robin."

"If you are determined to destroy this territory and I'm unable to stop it, then remember this..."

"During my lifetime, I'll kill every single Black Dragon in Feinan!"

"Every single one of them!"

Jessica answered unyieldingly, angering the Black Dragons.

They raised their necks, flapping their wings, as they rushed over with Dragon Might's full power!

Ordinary people in the city couldn't help but kneel!

This was the natural restraint of Dragon Might. Those without enough willpower simply couldn't handle it.

"Fight to death!" someone in Hope City shouted.

Not everyone was afraid of death!

Facing the Black Dragons attacking their land, they were indignant and could only pledge to fight!

Jessica's expression gradually became colder and colder.

She slowly rose into the air as her six layers of Fate Power turned into a halo, revolving around her.

'Such a beautiful girl...'

Jealousy flashed through Tlorin's eyes.

She ordered the Black Dragons to go all-out.

But at that time, a rumbling sound came over from the plains to the north!

What followed didn't seem like an earthquake, but more like the earth was cracking open!

In fact, it wasn't just that... the entire southern region shook.

But Rocky Mountain was relatively close and could feel it more violently.

"What the hell happened?"

In Wizard Towers across the South, many Wizards tried to divine what had happened.

But the divination of ordinary Wizards had already lost its effectiveness.

Only Legend Wizards could still divine some clues. But they still didn't have time to share the divination with the masses. A sky illusion appeared once again over Feinan!.

They all saw in surprise that the earth seemed to keep sinking down!

In the center of the ground was a conical object, slowly extending out!

"What's going on?"

The entire South was alarmed.

And the God Realms also had some gods paying attention.

But a thick layer of fog appeared between them and Feinan, obstructing their line of sight.

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Everyone in Rocky Mountain was watching the scene in awe. Even the Black Dragons forgot to attack.

They had a vague feeling that something incredible was going to happen!

Chapter 352: Mechanical Titan

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While the Pambo Seashore attracted the attention of the entire South, a shadow was quickly moving through the underground Saruha vestige.

Facing that combat construct, Marvin didn't have much choice, and used his quickest speed to get rid of the other side's defenses and tear open its core and chip.

But this took him no less than three minutes!

Marvin deeply regretted the time he lost.

That construct finding him meant that Slaughterer would follow soon after.

And there was also the Pale Hand.

He definitely couldn't be careless.

He went back into Stealth and frantically rushed through the rocks.

All of Saruha had started crumbling. Rocks kept falling from the middle, and through a mysterious power, a huge cone was already pushing out through the earth.

'I have to quickly find the Mechanical Titan!'

'Otherwise, escaping might be an issue!'

Marvin shivered as he frantically sped through the Armory.

Two minutes later, he found the location!

It was a huge stone door with a strange mark on it. Marvin recognized it as the mark of the Ancient Titans.

The Mechanical Titan was a weapon of war, an imitation of the Titan Race's physical abilities and fighting style created by the Ancient Gnomes.

'It's here!'

Marvin rejoiced, and was about to go over when an arrogant-looking man suddenly appeared in front of the door!

Pale Hand Sky!

Marvin tensed up. He was in quite a pinch!

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Outside Saruha, the Wolf Spider group retreated in bad shape.

The earth-shattering event frightened them greatly.

With Rem's firm decision, most of them escaped.

That cone-shaped object coming out of the earth had deeply shocked them!

That glossy metal seemed to want to pierce the sky!

"Rumble!" With the earth caving in, nobody dared to stay any longer!

The pointed object kept rising up, while a platform supporting it was appearing from deep within the ground!

The surroundings were cracking and falling apart, while only these things were unaffected.

"What is that thing?!" asked a Wolf Spider mercenary while escaping.

Vice-Leader Lilia responded, "I remember seeing something about it in my ancient books about Saruha. This seems to be a very frightening weapon, but because of the fall of the Ancient Gnomes, the method to use it was lost."

"How could that Robin use it?" Apart from their shock, all the mercenaries still felt reverence.

Lilia shook her head, reminding everyone to keep retreating.

How could she know about this?

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On the other side of the fractured earth, a bat quickly flew out.

Not far away, a woman wearing a negligee approached.

The bat transformed into Gwyn.

"Stephanie!"

Gwyn's complexion was very ugly. "You also came to kill me?"

Stephanie was startled. "Who said I wanted to kill you? Hold on... What frightening thing did you do over there with those mercenaries?"

Gwyn forced a smile.

The relationship between the two of them was rather peculiar. Meeting each other like this, he didn't know what he should say.

"Rumble!"

Another landslide was rushing down, so the two Vampires transformed back into bats and went to a higher place, overlooking the sinking Saruha.

"Could this be his doing?" Gwyn muttered subconsciously in the face of this frightening and spectacular scene.

"He?" Stephanie seemed to notice something. She sniffed and suddenly frowned. "You have that man's smell!"

Gwyn glanced at her with a vigilant expression. "What did the Dark Side send you for? Is a Pale Hand not enough?"

"Pale Hand?" Stephanie was startled. She frowned a bit and asked, "You mean that nutcase Sky?"

Gwyn nodded. "He came to kill me."

Upon hearing that, killing intent flashed through Stephanie's eyes. "What?! They actually dare to try to assassinate you?! And they even sent a Legend Assassin?"

Gwyn heard that and relaxed. "You really didn't come to kill me?"

Stephanie laughed charmingly. "I like you so very much, how could I be willing to kill you? I came to kill another man, and it seems that you stayed with him for a while."

## Marvin?!

Gwyn was inwardly startled. He didn't know when Marvin provoked the Dark Side to that extent. This time the Dark Side actually sent two powerhouses to kill Marvin and himself, but they never would have thought that both of them were at the same place.

"He is related to our Holy Blood Carrier." Stephanie gave a mesmerizing smile. "I want to find that girl with the Holy Blood and eat her up. The greatest clue is with that man, so don't interfere. Even if I'm very fond of you, I won't yield to you."

Gwyn sneered.

Stephanie's character was very strange. She was one of the most powerful people who switched over to the Dark Side in the recent years.

Age-wise, she could be considered his grandmother, but she fell in love with Gwyn at first sight and wanted to force him into being her groom. In the end she was stopped by another expert of the Bright Side.

Angered by this, she actually turned against the Bright Side and joined the Dark Side. This was considered a shameful matter by the Bright Side.

Stephanie was very powerful at level 20 and already had a foot in the Legend Realm.

Moreover, she had a part of a Primogenitor bloodline awakened and her strength far exceeded that of ordinary Vampires.

Gwyn couldn't make out what exactly she was after now, but she really had no enmity toward himself.

The two were silent for half a minute before Stephanie suddenly asked, "Is that man still underneath?"

Gwyn glanced at the collapsing ground and frowned, not saying anything.

Since Stephanie came to kill Marvin, he naturally wouldn't reveal much.

In fact, if not for Marvin, he might have already been killed by the Pale Hand in Saruha.

He was a bit worried whether Marvin could escape before Saruha collapsed completely.

"It would be a pity if he died like that. Since he killed Pursuer Huntson, his head could be exchanged for many high-quality blood slaves."

After saying this, Stephanie couldn't help but lick her upper lip.

Gwyn sighed inwardly, turning back without a word.

He knew he couldn't change Stephanie's mind. It was just like when she betrayed the Bright Side. Even if he tried to stop her from killing Marvin, she wouldn't listen.

"You might not necessarily be his match."

Gwyn was quite confident about Marvin's chances.

That guy destroyed the Decaying Plateau and also tore a Black Dragon with his bare hands. He had done this world's most impossible things.

Stephanie might not be able to handle Marvin!

The former showed a surprised expression, before smiling. "Are you concerned about my safety?"

Gwyn turned cold, intending to transform into a bat and leave.

Suddenly, the rumbles intensified!

Only a small area of Saruha's outer regions was left.

"There is someone still inside?!"

Stephanie's Perception was very high, and at that time she thoroughly looked through that area.

It was just that in this situation, even she didn't dare to act recklessly and could only wait for the outcome.

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Saruha, in the area that had yet to cave in.

An earth-shattering battle was underway!

Sky and Slaughterer!

The fight between the two was blocking access to the stone door.

Marvin was hidden in a dark area, watching the fight, his heart beating faster while feeling bitter.

If it was only the Pale Hand, he could perhaps use the Shadow Doppelganger to draw his attention before quickly rushing to the stone door, activating the Mechanical Titan and escaping from this place.

But just as he was about to try that, Slaughterer had arrived.

Upon arriving, Slaughterer didn't care who was the true culprit anymore. As far as it was concerned, since he was found with Marvin now, Sky was definitely also a target to be eliminated.

Marvin took advantage of Slaughterer's arrival to make himself scarce, but the fight between them kept going in this narrow place regardless of the falling rocks.

With two there that wanted to kill him, the risk was a lot higher!

Marvin's had a headache.

He endured patiently, but to no effect!

He glanced at the launchpad, seeing that it was already set.

The System Assistance displayed the countdown, showing that there were five minutes left until the launch.

He hadn't experienced a rocket launch before, but he knew that when this thing lifted off, the temperature in the surroundings wouldn't be something he could endure.

'In any case, I have to risk it!'

Marvin ground his teeth and condensed a Shadow Doppelganger.

He had the Shadow Doppelganger use Stealth and deliberately made it get hit by a falling rock, exposing it.

"It's him!"

Sky's eyes darted over and he quickly noticed the staggering Marvin!

In the chaos, he failed to realize that it was a Doppelganger and directly flickered over!

It was the same for Slaughterer who followed closely!

Even if the Shadow Doppelganger only had half of Marvin's strength, its escaping abilities were still outstanding.

It instantly fled toward the outside, and although it couldn't escape the two, it was enough to create an opportunity!

Night Boundary!

In that split second, Marvin's silhouette suddenly flashed and appeared next to the stone door.

He inserted the green card into the slot outside the stone door.

Sky realized that he had been duped and rushed over with Slaughterer.

But they were too late.

The stone door turned transparent, and Marvin entered while holding the card!

Slaughterer fired indiscriminately toward the stone door and Sky!

But this was futile.

And seeing that Marvin had gotten away again, Sky finally decided to leave!

The place was collapsing, and fighting Slaughterer any longer would only help Marvin. Staying here had no further meaning.

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Inside, a tall figure appeared in front of Marvin, wrapped under layers of clothes.

Excitement flashed through Marvin's eyes. 'Mechanical Titan, I'm here!'

He then tore off the layers of clothes covering it!

Chapter 353: Activation

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Dust rose up from the clothes, making Marvin cough several times.

The beautiful metallic glow was very clear even in the night.

This was one of the highest accomplishments oxf the Ancient Gnome Race, the Mechanical Titan!

Practically all of Saruha had already collapsed from the earthquake. Slaughterer didn't have any kind of authority over the stone door, and thus could only escape in the end!

Holding the card, Marvin climbed on the Mechanical Titan's body, reaching the cockpit in a blink!

The green card brushed past, and the cockpit immediately opened.

Marvin frowned.

Even if he had been expecting it, the narrow cockpit made Marvin rather annoyed.

This Mechanical Titan was crafted by the Ancient Gnomes for Ancient Gnomes after all, so the cockpit had two positions which would be operated by two Gnomes.

But it was too narrow!

Although Marvin could be considered quite thin, forcing his way in the cockpit was still very challenging.

But with the current circumstances, he couldn't do much about it. If it was before, he could have used the Assassin's Bone Shrink technique.

Marvin eventually forced himself into the cockpit.

His movements were very twisted.

When he was fully inside, the glass cockpit automatically closed and Marvin inserted his card into a slot on the side. A beeping sound echoed beside his ears.

The Mechanical Titan truly activated!

Even though he normally couldn't understand anything about the Mechanical Titan's controls, the System Assistance could help him solve this issue and even help control the Mechanical Titan for him.

He placed his hands on the controls on both sides while his entire body was scrunched into a ball. It looked rather funny.

"Beep! Beep! Beep!"

The red light in front turned green.

With the help of the System Assistance, the Mechanical Titan's display automatically switched to Common with no traces of Ancient Gnomish left!

"Correct key detected, Titan is activating..."

A mechanical voice echoed near Marvin's ears.

"Hurry up!" Although he was already hiding in the Mechanical Titan, Marvin was still alarmed.

In less than two minutes, the rocket would be launched.

It wouldn't be fun if he died trapped in here!

Fortunately the Mechanical Titan booted very quickly. The sweet sounding mechanical voice once again echoed by Marvin's ears. "Activation procedures completed. Testing all major modules..."

"Remaining energy levels are low..."

"Warning! You don't have enough authority to start all modules!"

Two notifications resounded one after the other, creating waves in Marvin's heart.

He checked the logs and found to his annoyance that even if he held the key and had help from the System Assistance, he still needed the Ancient Gnome bloodline to completely activate all of the Mechanical Titan's modules!

He was a Numan descendant and was otherwise thoroughly Human. How could he have Ancient Gnome bloodline to activate the remaining modules?

"Beep Beep Beep!"

The beeping became increasingly alarming, and echoed not only in Saruha's underground cave, but even in the surrounding areas!

One minute left!

Sweat trickled down Marvin's forehead as he asked while clenching his teeth, "How much power is left?"

The mechanical voice answered, "29% remaining."

Marvin slightly relaxed. It wasn't completely out of energy. After all, the original energy reserves should have been filled originally.

"Which modules can be activated at the moment?" This was Marvin's most important concern!

"The Cooling System," the mechanical voice answered perfunctorily.

Marvin was speechless.

Through his logs, he could easily understand that the Cooling System controlled the temperature of the cockpit... It was air conditioning!!!

'Fuck! Could it be that you can only control the air conditioning with the key?' Marvin felt extremely gloomy.

But he didn't give up.

Because his logs showed that his System Assistance was still breaking through the Ancient Gnomes' simpler procedures!

He might have a chance to unravel the other modules before the rocket was launched!

Marvin carefully looked at the progress of the modules being unlocked and suddenly had a headache!

It would take at least twenty minutes to break through all the modules.

'No good, this is taking too long!'

"Alter the decoding priority, start by unlocking the [Movement Power System]... And the [Jump System]!"

Marvin gritted his teeth and controlled the System Assistance procedures with his will.

The time was immediately shortened, only needing 28 seconds!

There was still time.

Marvin relaxed a bit.

The rumbling could be heard getting louder and closer.

He could even see some sparks as well as lava emerging from the earth!

It wasn't natural, and was instead created from the rock melting under these high temperatures.

But as things reached this stage, Marvin was actually calm.

Since the air conditioning system had already been unlocked, he could hopefully rely on the Mechanical Titan's outer shell to handle the extremely high temperatures without worrying too much about his life.

But in order to avoid the Mechanical Titan suffering unneeded damage, Marvin still wanted to leave before the rocket was fired!

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The entire South was watching the scene in the sky.

What happened in Feinan these days made people restless and alarmed.

Such a strange scene appearing in the sky made some people recollect things.

"That's the sign of the Ancient Sun God!"

"Saruha! It's a vestige of the Ancient Gnomes."

"Who woke up the dormant Saruha? And what is that thing?"

Wizards in their Wizard Towers were observing the rocket as it became unearthed, while checking ancient books.

And in the Astral Sea, curses could be heard!

There was that dense fog once again!

It was clear that a major event was happening in Feinan, but they couldn't see the situation. It was hard to keep calm in these circumstances.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, there is no need to feel anxious."

"It's only a group of mortals, so in the end, what difference does it make?"

"A decision has already been made during our meeting. We will attack the Universe Magic Pool in a month."

"Everyone, please return to your own God Realm to cultivate."

An awe-inspiring voice echoed through the Astral Sea, and all the gods seemed to be afraid of this voice. They all silently scattered.

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In the Shadow Realm, the Shadow Prince was pleasantly enjoying the services of two blonde beauties.

These two beauties were chosen from a sub-plane he recently opened. Not only did they have the potential to be Apostles, but their physical bodies were also outstanding.

The Shadow Prince had ascended to godhood using a Fate Tablet fragment in the 3rd Era and naturally felt emotions and desires. It was just that the more he obtained, the

higher he would aim. Otherwise, something like stealing the Moon Goddess' lingerie wouldn't have happened.

'That Marvin should have already died from my curses, right?'

'Hmph, he made me lose an avatar and a sub-plane. It's a pity I didn't capture him alive.'

He was currently rather satisfied, but suddenly, he had an ominous feeling!

Chapter 354: Launch

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Glynos couldn't make sense of this strange feeling.

He frowned... this feeling came from his God Realm.

'Could it be that someone wants to harm me?'

Glynos' eyelids twitched.

He suddenly thought of the attack on the Universe Magic Pool!

It must be known that the Gods weren't all united.

Almost all of the Gods participating this time were 3rd Era New Gods, and most of the Ancient Gods had warned them!

The Universe Magic Pool was a barrier set up by God Lance to protect Feinan. Even if Lance wasn't there, if he returned and saw that the Universe Magic Pool was destroyed, he would definitely be furious.

Those three powerful Gods of the Gods' Assembly jointly entered the Primal Chaos Fringe and found proof that God Lance had already left this world, or perhaps had simply fallen... But he still felt worried.

Back when the Gods were sealed, he once saw that great God's face. Even though Lance looked calm, he gave out an unfathomable pressure.

Glynos always felt that it would be unlikely for this immeasurable existence to fall.

But in any case, the Gods' Assembly had already made the final decision.

A month later, they would attack the Universe Magic Pool and the Gods would march on Feinan.

Only in this way could they obtain higher quality Faith and be able to reach a higher level of existence.

Among them, some people suggested to let Glynos be the first to march on Feinan as the vanguard.

The reason was that he was the most familiar with Feinan.

Glynos naturally refused.

Although he was a God, the current Feinan wasn't as weak as it looked on the surface.

There were many powerhouses who chose not to ascend to Godhood during the 3rd Era and remained hidden.

Facing such formidable decision, they chose an even more challenging path. If they managed to temper themselves well, their strength might be comparable to that of the Gods who seized every opportunity to fight for Faith.

And in the open, Glynos surely didn't stand a chance against the Great Elven King of Thousand Leaves Forest.

Thus, this time he was very careful and stayed low-key. Even if he would reap fewer rewards, he wouldn't show off.

After all, his strength was far from reaching the level of these powerful Gods.

'So I should be very safe. Why do I feel like I'm in danger?'

Glynos was puzzled.

The two beauties looked at each other and reassured, "Deity, relax."

Glynos nodded and showed a lewd expression.

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At this very moment on Feinan, the rocket's propulsors were heating up, kicking a lot of dust into the air.

Marvin was nervously squeezed inside the Mechanical Titan.

Sixteen seconds left!

"Ding!"

"[Movement Power System] unlocked!"

"[Shift System] unlocked!!"

Marvin was overjoyed. He instantly took control of the Mechanical Titan's Shift System and issued a command, [Shift to fixed location]!

The Shift technology was a very advanced technology of the Mechanical Titans and was almost comparable to using a long distance Teleportation Gate.

But suddenly, a line flashed on the panel. "Authority insufficient, unable to shift to designated location. A Shift test has to be done before a first-time shift!"

Frigging test!

Marvin nearly scolded out loud!

But there were only eight seconds left! Saruha was about to completely sink!

He immediately denied the Shift test!

[Direct Shift!] he commanded.

[Random Shift starting...] Strange lights flashed on the Mechanical Titan's surface.

"Bzzz!"

The entire Mechanical Titan started shaking.

Six seconds left!

[Random Shift calibration failed! Switching to Random Launch!]

This line flashed in front of Marvin.

'Unreliable Gnome technology!' Marvin scolded in his mind.

He felt a frightening force pulling him, before a powerful rising feeling came over!

The terrifying Mechanical Titan rose up, launching toward the sky!

"Rumble!"

Saruha completely collapsed as a giant figure pierced through the rocks next to the rocket's head!

The sky was spinning! Marvin felt bitter! But in that split second, he saw Gwyn standing next to a woman. Both of them looking at him with wide eyes and their mouths wide open. "Woosh!" The Mechanical Titan's speed was very fast, reaching the sky in a blink and catapulting toward the South! Everyone in the South was in an uproar. That shadow appeared too suddenly and disappeared into the sky just as quickly. They didn't get to see what it was! Only a few powerful Wizards were able to see it clearly. That was a Mechanical Titan! And someone was controlling it. 'Did the Ancient Gnomes return?' 'It shouldn't be, I looked at the cockpit and the pilot wasn't a Gnome, he looked Human!' A Legend Wizard was using his crystal ball with his Divination skill to replay that scene. Stop! The scene stopped as the Mechanical Titan was soaring. 'It's him!' Leymann was startled. The Mechanical Titan flying into the sky turned out to be just an interlude. What truly shocked them happened after it vanished. Three seconds later, the rocket took off!

"Rumble!"

The earth shattered as the entire Pambo Seashore shook!

A long cylinder left the ground and accelerated to a shocking speed as the terrifying heatwave turned the ground to lava!

"Woosh!"

Its speed was unfathomable as it charged straight toward the Astral Sea!

The illusion in the sky disappeared as everyone looked at the rocket disappearing in the sky, unaware of its final destination!

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Back at Rocky Mountain, everyone's sight followed the rocket in the distance. They gradually recovered from the shock.

They didn't know what had happened, but the scene in the sky seemed unrelated with the fight here.

The Black Dragon God's Apostle Tlorin also recovered.

She stared at the three sisters once again, before looking at the Source of Fire's Order on the city wall, greed apparent in her eyes.

"This is your final chance."

"Hand over Robin."

Jessica clenched her fists, her long hair fluttering as she said categorically, "It definitely won't happen!"

Tlorin smiled cruelly. "You've dug your own grave."

She then lifted her black scepter.

"Attack!" she ordered.

But suddenly, one of the more powerful Black Dragons shouted, "Careful!"

Tlorin was startled and raised her head, instantly becoming frightened!

A huge piece of metal was falling from the sky and was about to smash into her!

Fortunately, the Black Dragon had given a warning. She avoided that hunk of metal with a Divine Spell!

"Rumble!"

The big piece of metal abruptly smashed into the ground, creating a very large hole!

A moment later, a voice came out. "Damn... It fuckin' hurts."

Chapter 355: Judgement Day

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It was silent outside Hope City.

At that time, this object from the sky had even stolen the limelight from the five Black Dragons.

Everyone was staring at this this piece of metal that had appeared so suddenly.

Dust was billowing in the air, filling the entire area.

Tlorin was startled and angry. She appeared on the head of a Black Dragon and was cautiously sizing up the colossus in the cloud of dust.

Meanwhile, the deep rumbling just reached them from the north. It was from Saruha's collapse and the rocket that soared into the sky!

"Mechanical Titan... Ancient Sun God's mark... Could it be Saruha?"

Tlorin couldn't help but shiver.

How could the Ancient Gnomes who disappeared so long ago suddenly reappear?

Tlorin instinctively felt a bit afraid.

But everyone was surprised to hear that the voice coming from the Mechanical Titan was a Human voice!

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On Hope City's wall, everyone was feeling doubtful.

With some big object appearing like that, who would know how to react?

Only Lorie's eyes brightened/ "It's him!"

Jessica and Kate stared at her blankly.

Lorie's eyes flickered with an air of wisdom, apparently seeing through the dust and recognizing the person in the cockpit.

"Is it really him?" Jessica asked in disbelief.

The three sisters had an exceptional understanding of each other and realized who she was referring to!

Kate also nodded, a happy expression on her face. "I also feel Ding's aura. Her condition is better than before."

"He didn't deceive me."

"But this entrance, it's a bit too much..."

Lorie smiled. "Isn't that worthy of a Great Hero?"

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In the dust, the Mechanical Titan struggled to adjust its position.

Marvin was dizzy and absentmindedly shouted out in frustration.

But he quickly recovered consciousness.

The Mechanical Titan had discovered very frightening lifeforms!

'Fuck! Five Black Dragons! Don't tell me I've been randomly thrown into a Black Dragon nest?!'

Marvin turned pale with fright.

Although the Mechanical Titan had protective cushions, they were shaped for Gnomes. Marvin's body was too big and became bruised all over when he hit the ground!

Fortunately, his body was much stronger than it had been in the past. Not only had his Constitution risen, but after advancing to 4th rank, many of his physical resistances had also been upgraded.

He composed himself and took advantage of everyone's surprise to check his surroundings.

He saw his acquaintances as a result.

Hope City and the three Fate Sisters!

'Rocky Mountain...'

He suddenly realized what had happened.

Five Black Dragons jointly attacking Rocky Mountain?

This was something that hadn't happened before!

Marvin's heart tightened. This timeline kept deviating further and further away from the past.

By his estimates, there should still be two months before the Gods attacked the Universe Magic Pool, but now it seemed that nothing was certain anymore.

'I need to raise my strength quickly!'

He had to advance to Legend during this trip to the Dead Area!

This was the target Marvin set for himself. But before that, he still had to deal with the current situation.

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"Clear up!"

A Divine radiance emerged from Tlorin. The dust around the Mechanical Titan was being swept clean.

Marvin sneered and immediately used the perception inhibitor function.

During the fall, he had continued unlocking the most basic modules of the Mechanical Titan. As the name suggested, the perception inhibitor would prevent those outside from being able to tell who was in the cockpit!

Tlorin frowned.

A black crow was perched on her shoulder. The crow's eyes glowed scarlet and were focused on the Mechanical Titan's cockpit.

It was using a very powerful perception spell.

But she still couldn't see anything!

By this time, everyone could see the majestic figure of the Mechanical Titan quite clearly.

The tall body was about one-third the size of one of the Dragons!

It was exuding a silvery metallic luster, and in the night right before daybreak, it shone under the moonlight and looked exceptionally radiant.

A cold aura came from inside the Mechanical Titan as it laid motionless!

Marvin was stalling for time!

He needed time to unlock more modules. His logs showed that more modules were gradually unlocking.

He was now prioritizing the most important combat modules, but it would take at least five minutes for those to finish!

He knew that the words he let earlier out definitely made the Dragons suspicious. What should he do if the other side approached?

As Marvin was considering his options, a figure appeared on the screen!

It was an extremely alluring purple-gowned woman with a crow standing on her shoulder.

'Another Apostle!'

'The Black Dragon God is truly relentless!'

Marvin froze for a short moment, apparently understanding something.

At that time, a very subtle voice echoed in Marvin's mind. "Sir Marvin, long time no see."

Marvin's expression changed as he turned toward Hope City's wall.

Lorie of the three sisters was looking at him with a smile.

"You can speak in my mind?"

Marvin felt a little shocked at first, but it was soon replaced with relief.

This little girl's mental abilities were heaven-defying! Even though she hadn't advanced to Legend yet, she had already mastered a telepathy skill.

She had always been the most overlooked of the three sisters, but her Fate Power of [Wisdom] was just as frightening!

"It's just a skill I recently mastered. I didn't expect it to be useful so quickly."

"Nevertheless, Sir Marvin, you came with such a huge killing machine. Was it in order to save us?"

Hearing Lorie's tone like that of a fangirl, Marvin was momentarily speechless.

He actually wanted to tell her that he still couldn't use this thing!

"What's going on here?" he asked.

He had to take advantage of Tlorin's cautiousness to better understand what was happening.

Lorie froze. "You don't know?"

"I don't know," he insisted.

"..." Lorie fell silent for a bit.

She quickly explained the ins and outs of the situation to Marvin.

Soon, Marvin fully understood. This crisis was actually because of him!

Previously, even though Jessica tore the Black Dragon apart with her bare hands and also angered the Black Dragon God, she hadn't drawn the whole Black Dragon nest out.

What attracted them here this time was [Weeping Sky] and [Dragon Slayer Robin]!

In short, Marvin's use of a taboo weapon had startled the Dragons, especially the sinister Black Dragons. They felt a sense of danger and joined forces in order to get rid of him!

Hearing this, Marvin couldn't help but feel a bit of relief.

At least he had used Disguise, or else White River Valley would be the place welcoming the Black Dragons!

"What are you going to do?" After hearing everything, Marvin also felt a sense of danger.

There were five Black Dragons here!

And with the addition of a God's Apostle, it was such a powerful lineup! Unless Marvin's Legend friends were there, Rocky Mountain would be in terrible danger!

And even if he did have more help, a battle between Dragons and Legends would see a lot of losses on both sides!

The current situation in Hope City was very dangerous!

"We are waiting for you," Lorie answered innocently.

Marvin smiled bitterly.

A Black Dragon.... He might be able to get rid of one with Weeping Sky.

But five...

Perhaps only when he was completely in control of the Mechanical Titan!

To be frank, the current situation was really bad. Unless the South Wizard Alliance helped out, Rocky Mountain's destruction was imminent!

Marvin almost wanted to just leave this place.

But this battle had started because of him, so he couldn't just leave and watch as Hope City was destroyed.

Especially since Jessica's unyielding attitude moved him.

"Give me some time!"

This was Marvin's answer to Lorie!

The next second, he began to focus on controlling the Mechanical Titan.

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Time slowly passed. Tlorin's patience had ran out.

While it was very strange for the Mechanical Titan of Saruha to appear like this, she eventually decided to just ignore it.

She might as well attack the town!

But just as she decided that, a frightening explosion echoed in the sky!

Next second, everyone felt panic welling up.

It felt as if the entire sky was being torn apart!

A red-hot flame like a sun appeared in the sky, but it seemed to be blocked by a layer of dense fog, making it look blurry!

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Half a minute earlier.

Glynos was still leisurely enjoying the services of his beauties.

But at that time, he suddenly saw something rushing toward his God Realm in the vast starry expanse!

'What's this?!'

'Is it just passing by? Even the Moon Goddess doesn't know my God Realm's coordinates, so how could someone find the exact location?'

Glynos was about to use a Divine Spell to check the contents of that thing.

But as [Judgement Day] approached his God Realm, it seemed to have a great attraction toward it and suddenly accelerated toward it!

At that moment, all the Gods in the Astral Sea felt a sense of danger!

Glynos paled.

His Divine Spell was actually ineffective!

If Marvin was there, he would have jeered at Glynos for trying.

[Judgement Day]'s outer shell was crafted with all three K metals, adding Magic Penetration, Divine Restraint, and Unbreakable!

Even a Divine Spell couldn't interfere with it.

"Deity, what is wrong?"

The blonde beauty looked at Glynos, who lost his self-control before her for the first time. She walked in the direction Glynos was looking.

"Don't go!" Glynos shouted in a stern voice.

But as he shouted, the empty space ahead of them tore open and a sharp cone-shaped thing rushed out from the void.

The beauty was instantly ripped apart!

"Boom!"

A loud sound echoed through the God Realms, and the entire Astral Sea shook!

It was Judgement Day!

356: God Realm Collapse!

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Even Marvin, who shot the rocket, didn't know about it. This showed how much of a secret the guided missile technology of the Ancient Gnomes was.

Originally, the group that cleared Saruha the first time fired the rocket using the default coordinates, and it destroyed a few Demi-Planes in some distant part of the universe.

The video went viral at the time, but people didn't think too much about the details. Marvin only wanted to give a "gift" to Glynos.

But he didn't know that it would automatically lock onto the God Realm for a perfect hit. How frightening!

A terrifying flame lit every corner of the Shadow Realm.

A disturbance appeared at the center of the explosion, where countless fragments and sparks formed a whirlwind as the Shadow Prince's true body seemed to distort!

It was being crushed.

Not only did his two beauties die violently, but the souls of all his pious followers who lived in the God Realm were also affected. This frightening explosion completely burst all the souls in the God Realm!

"No!"

Glynos died, but by relying on his God Source, he revived again!

Within his God Realm, he was immortal.

He used all the methods and Divine Skills he could think of to stop the explosion from spreading.

But he couldn't fix his losses. It had happened too suddenly. He was a God from the 3rd Era, but this terrifying weaponry was from the Post-Primal Chaos Era!

He simply had no idea about the kinds of destructive devices that the Ancient Gnomes had created!

The Shadow Realm was still collapsing!

Glynos kept dying and reviving, and lost far too much of his Divine Source and Faith power.

In a short three minutes, half of the Shadow Realm had collapsed.

All the Gods were in an uproar!

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The God Realms were located in a mysterious part of the universe, and the entrances to the God Realms were very well-hidden!

But this enormous explosion completely exposed the Shadow Realm.

Many Gods hurried toward the scene.

What they saw shocked them.

The explosion forcibly opened up the Shadow Realm and even though they stood outside, they were also threatened by the aftermath of the explosion!

Fortunately, the Gods blocked the shockwaves with their formidable Divine Power.

Despite this, the two neighboring God Realms were also shaken!

The terrifying power wreaked havoc at the center of the explosion, and as it subsided, the Shadow Realm became deathly silent!

"Glynos died?"

"What's that thing in the end? Why is there the mark of the Ancient Sun God? Hasn't he already fallen?"

"Wretched Ancient Gnomes, what exactly happened? That dense fog appeared once again, so I couldn't see who did this."

The New Gods kept discussing.

Ultimately, they looked at the Plague God.

This guy could be considered a 3rd Era Ancient God and was one of the few standing on the same side as the New Gods. He knew a lot of things.

The Plague God shook his head. "When I was born, the Ancient Sun God had already fallen."

"I'm also surprised that the Ancient Gnomes created something so frightening. It was enough to destroy a God Realm."

The Gods were worried.

They all tended to be rather full of themselves, only thinking of developing themselves to reach a higher level of existence.

In their eyes, Feinan's lifeforms were only like useful ants.

But they hadn't expected these ants to be able to threaten their lives.

Glynos could be considered one of the weak Gods, but this was the case for many of the New Gods!

At least a third of the New Gods wouldn't dare to say they were stronger than Glynos!

Seeing this scene of destruction, the New Gods were scared witless.

Especially the two Gods with their God Realms neighboring Glynos. They had gone all out to block the shockwaves coming from the Shadow Realm.

"Who attacked Glynos in the end? How could that person get the coordinates of the Shadow Realm?" one God asked doubtfully.

No one answered. This question couldn't be answered. Gods wouldn't easily give the coordinates of their God Realms to each other. If not for this explosion creating such a commotion, shocking that entire part of the Universe, they wouldn't have found this location!

"This explosion is almost comparable to that past one," muttered a God with relatively weak Divine Power.

The Gods remained silent. They knew what he was talking about: the explosion of the powerful [Berserk Lord] Angola after reading the Book of Nalu.

Even if this wasn't as big as last time, it had the same impact.

Something like this hadn't happened in the God Realms for a very long time.

This was a provocation from Feinan's people to the Gods!

They were shocked.

Who knew what kind of existence dared to make such a move on a God!

"What about Glynos?" someone asked in a low voice.

The Shadow Realm was still collapsing, and they couldn't clearly see what was happening to Glynos.

Could it be that another God would fall?

This thought lingered in their minds, scaring them.

If Glynos really fell... that meant that there was a weapon on Feinan able to threaten a God!

If that existed, how could they ever have peace of mind?

At that time, a beautiful woman stood at the entrance of the Shadow Realm.

She looked beautiful, but there was a faint layer of mist in front of her face, making people unable to see her clearly.

"Goddess Faniya!"

The Gods were surprised.

They didn't expect that the Moon Goddess Faniya, who didn't even appear at the Gods' Assembly, would be attracted by the explosion.

But they quickly remembered her grievances with Glynos!

"She wouldn't be here to destroy the Shadow Realm, right?" a God wondered quietly.

They hadn't expected that the Moon Goddess would say with a solemn voice, "Dream God, War Lord, and you three, could it be that you don't want to act?"

"If this keeps going, Glynos will run out of Divine Source and his God Realm will turn into a Black Hole, engulfing the surroundings!"

Many Gods paled in realization.

They hadn't thought that the consequences would be more frightening than the Berserk Lord's!

A small Judgement Day auto-guided missile was able to create such extreme consequences.

Even Marvin couldn't have expected this.

Soon, a few frightening figures gathered and the powerful Gods helped Glynos stabilize his God Realm!

The energy from the explosion was all dissipated.

But half of the Shadow Realm had been destroyed completely.

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At the same time, something happened in all the sub-planes belonging to Glynos!

A fear they couldn't describe appeared in the hearts of all the Clerics and pious believers.

"Father God!"

They bowed and prayed to an image of a gentle Glynos in their minds.

How could they have expected that what would appear in response was a sinister face, demanding, "Give me your strength!"

The next second, all the followers began to age rapidly.

The followers in those sub-planes cried out in pain and surprise, but they were unable to stop Glynos from absorbing their power of Order.

Even after the Moon Goddess and the other Gods acted to help stabilize his Shadow Realm, he still needed a large amount of Order power to withstand the explosion's aftermath.

Besides taking it from his followers, he didn't have any other way!

The sub-planes sank into dark times one after the other.

All the followers shriveled into dried corpses!

The more devout one was, the faster they would die.

Only a small number of non-followers witnessed what happened. This greatly frightened them.

The God was actually harvesting the lives of his followers. Who would believe it?! In the Astral Sea, the Shadow Realm was gradually stabilizing. Many Gods couldn't help but wipe their sweat. Glynos became incredibly weak, almost completely out of Divine Source. There were some Gods with greedy expressions. Now that Glynos was at its weakest, if they could get a hold of... But a few powerful Gods were there... They helped Glynos stabilize his God Realm and didn't swallow his Divine Source. They clearly wouldn't allow others to do so. Glynos had a sharp expression on his face 'Dead...' 'They all died…' Under his rule, only a burning half-dead Angel was left. She struggled up and approached Glynos. She called out in a low voice, "Deity..." Glynos expressionlessly opened his hand, and a light engulfed her. The burning Angel was pleasantly surprised. But that was her last expression in this world. The next second, she transformed in a strand of energy, blending into Glynos' body. 'Marvin...' Just as his Realm was about to be destroyed, he clearly saw the culprit. Even if he was using a Disguise, Glynos saw through it. 'He actually didn't die, and manage to get my God Realm's coordinates...' He was shocked.

He wanted to rush to Feinan and hack that bastard into pieces!

But he felt the Gods' gazes at that time.

Some were indifferent, some looked at him with pity, and some... had greedy expressions.

He immediately calmed down.

Remembering about the Gods, he gulped.

He blinked, and suddenly, his entire Shadow Realm continued collapsing!

The Gods were startled. Could it be that even with so many powerful Gods making a move, they still couldn't stop the collapse?

A strange expression flashed in Faniya's eyes. "He is sealing the source of his God Realm."

"Smart," a sarcastic voice remarked, "If he doesn't hide, wouldn't he just be waiting to be devoured?"

The Shadow Realm then shrunk and transformed into a strange speck rushing away!

Glynos chose to seal and exile his own Realm!

Only by saving enough power would he be able to awaken again!

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In Feinan, the sky split open and a strange scene appeared.

People saw the God Realm collapsing but didn't know it actually meant.

On Black Coral Island, a woman wearing a black dress blinked, seemingly understanding something.

"Marvin... I really underestimated you," she whispered.

She then looked at that woman sealed in ice, chuckling grimly.

Chapter 357: Divine Source

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Not many people in Feinan knew the cause of that scene in the sky.

In the end, the sun-like ball of fire flashing in the starry sky transformed into a shooting star that flew toward a distant corner of the universe.

And then everything was calm again.

On Black Coral Island, Dark Phoenix understood everything that happened.

She was coldly watching Hathaway and suddenly made a move.

In an instant, the entire Black Coral Island was covered in black clouds. Lightning bolts as thick as an arm coiled around like snakes!

Dark Phoenix opened her arms and chanted softly.

The next moment, all the lightning exploded against the ice crystals!

"Rumble!"

The sea began to boil. A boat unluckily passing too close was crushed by large waves!

Under the ice crystals, the electric current rushed up toward Hathaway.

The woman inside the ice seemed to have felt it and a large amount of ice crystal began to move to absorb that electricity.

Dark Phoenix sneered.

The lightning bolts fell down for no less than ten minutes.

The ice crystals held firm.

But Hathaway, who still had her eyes closed, actually had blood seeping out of the corner of her mouth.

A drop of that blood was drawn out by a mysterious power and slipped through a small crack in the ice.

Dark Phoenix watched that drop of blood attentively. She manipulated the blood to flow across the ice crystals and fall into her palm.

She smiled, pleased.

After a short time, she left the easternmost island, no longer caring about Hathaway.

She went back to a hidden temple in the main island and sat alone in the main hall.

Ancient God Language began to echo in the hall.

Dark Phoenix spread her hands, countless runes flashing in her eyes.

In her left hand there was a drop of Hathaway's blood, while in her right hand there was a bright light!

If Marvin was there, he would recognize this light as Divine Source!

Only Gods had Divine Source, something that could never be changed since time immemorial.

Dark Phoenix smiled. That drop of blood and that light flew up, fusing together.

Both entangled together, and under the effect of Divine Power, they transformed from a speck into a halo.

The halo kept expanding, gradually turning into the shape of a person.

Dark Phoenix waved her hand, and the radiance retreated, revealing the figure of a naked woman.

"Who are you?" Dark Phoenix smiled.

"Hathaway," the woman answered.

She looked exactly the same as Hathaway who was sealed in ice!

"Help me kill someone," Dark Phoenix said with a chuckle.

The woman nodded. "Okay."

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Marvin was naturally unaware of everything happening on Black Coral Island.

But the scene in the sky seriously surprised him.

And All of Rocky Mountain's people, including the five Black Dragons, were frightened by the scene.

The sky seemed to have been ripped apart by a mysterious power, and the collapse of the Shadow Realm was displayed in front of them.

They also saw the remainder disappearing in the sky like a shooting star.

What kind of power could force a God to have no choice but to escape?

Their gazes were all focused on that Mechanical Titan!

The key of today's matter definitely came from Saruha.

And the person in the Mechanical Titan was most likely the one who destroyed a God Realm!

Marvin was also incomparably shocked.

Under the effect of a mysterious power, he saw what took place more clearly than the average person.

He saw Glynos continuously perishing and reviving in his God Realm.

He saw the Shadow Realm continuously collapsing before ultimately turning into a strange speck and fleeing away.

'Slumbering and sending himself into self-exile...'

Marvin could feel his heart beating very fast.

He hadn't expected his gift to be fierce enough to almost eliminate the Shadow Prince!

Even though Glynos hadn't completely died yet, he wasn't far from it.

Marvin didn't know how many years it would take before the Shadow Prince could recover his strength and awaken from his very long slumber.

This would require a lot of luck, and he'd need a pious and powerful follower to awaken him in the future.

Of course, for that to happen, he must not come across an Astral Beast with sharp perception during his slumber and self-exile.

Otherwise, Glynos and his Shadow Realm would be swallowed whole by it!

In short, Glynos was unlikely to appear during the Great Calamity.

Marvin felt like it was a dream.

Such a big issue was settled like that?

The Ancient Gnomes were so frightening?

That [Judgement Day] name wasn't just to show off.

Tonight's matter was bound to spread through Feinan. But whether the main character behind it would be leaked or not, Marvin didn't know.

The Wolf Spider mercenaries and Pale Hand Sky, they knew the truth.

They could choose to stay silent... or would they identify "Robin"?

'Luckily it's just another identity...' Marvin rejoiced inwardly. Even if the matter spread about, it was the doing of [Robin], the Dragon Slayer.

It was just that he almost slew a God, inadvertently. Even Marvin himself was in disbelief.

Quite importantly, there were still some other remains like Saruha!

From what Marvin knew, there were at least two more.

Even if those two locations didn't have something as overpowered as Judgement Day, they also had items that represented the highest level of science and technology of the Ancient Gnomes.

Marvin couldn't help but contemplate this.

Time slowly passed.

Marvin was very willing to see everyone being so focused on what happened in the sky.

After all, the more time he gained, the more advantageous it would be.

The Mechanical Titan's modules were being unlocked continuously, and the Black Dragons seemed to have been shocked by the series of strange events, having yet to make a move.

The onlookers far around Rocky Mountain kept increasing. Many people were coming over from Pambo Seashore. They wanted to see how Hope City would resist the five Black Dragons' attack.

This was Hope City's biggest crisis since its establishment.

If they survived, Rocky Mountain's rise would be unstoppable.

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Tlorin felt the changes in the God Realms and wanted to receive more instructions from the Black Dragon God.

But this time, her prayers seemed to reach no one and went unanswered.

On the contrary, she felt the Divine Power granted to her by the Black Dragon God weaken!

'How could this be?' Tlorin was startled. Could something have happened to the Black Dragon God?

This never happened before.

In fact, the Black Dragon God really had a bit of an issue...

His God Realm happened to be near Glynos' Shadow Realm and suffered from the effects of Judgement Day!

Although there was no devastating damage, the Black Dragon God had to use a large amount of Divine Power to resist the shockwaves.

Tlorin's prayers couldn't be answered so she could only go ahead with her original plan.

Taking advantage of the Black Dragons to destroy Rocky Mountain in one go!

Displaying the Black Dragons' might!

She then looked ahead and pointed at Hope City. "Destroy it!"

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"Roar!"

The five Black Dragons looked up and roared. The sound emitted was very frightening.

If not for the Source of Fire's Order blocking a part of the Dragon Might's pressure, perhaps many soldiers would have peed their pants!

This was Dragon Might!

This was the horror of a lifeform at the top of the food chain.

Humans were too insignificant after all.

Even the people looking from the sidelines couldn't help but retreat further away.

It looked like Hope City was really done for this time!

At that time, a seven-colored radiance suddenly emerged from the city wall and flew in the sky!

Jessica.

She was still empty-handed, a calm expression on her face.

"If you aren't afraid of retaliation, come."

Her words were simple but mighty.

Tears appeared in the eyes of the soldiers behind her.

Jessica's attitude was clear. Even if the Black Dragon destroyed Hope City, she could still survive.

As long as the Fate Sorceress survived, whenever she met a Black Dragon, she would get vengeance!

This was Rocky Mountain's will!

This was the will to be free!

"Rumble."

A group of cold weapons appeared on the city wall.

These things had been hidden under a green cloth and no one had paid much attention to them.

But now that they appeared, the cold metallic luster startled the Dragons.

Twelve Dwarven Ballistas!

Every large city would be equipped with these large killing machines!

After the previous invasion of the Dark Races, the three sisters got in contact with northern Dwarves and spent a lot of money to buy twelve Dwarven Ballistas!

Oil was applied on the large black arrows and they flicked with a light. That was the effect of enchantments.

Five sturdy soldiers were in charge of controlling each Ballista. They were sweating, but stayed firm.

As long as the Black Dragons dared to come, these cruel killing weapons would be fired!

The Ballistas' bolts could break through the Black Dragons' defenses, there was no doubt about that.

Even if only one shot hit, it would harm the Dragon.

The five Black Dragons let out a low roar. In their eyes this was a great provocation!

They didn't fly, and one of them, at Tlorin's direction, slowly began to walk toward Hope City.

The other Black Dragons followed behind.

Looking at that scene, Hope City's soldiers felt their hearts tightening!

The Aurora Sword Saint sighed, "Such a crafty woman."

Black Dragons were usually unable to use spells, as they were close combat specialists. Clarke was an exception, since as a God's descendant, she was bestowed the Black Dragon God's Divine Spells!

However, the Black Dragon God's Apostle were able to cast spells.

Her spells might be unable to directly block the ballistas' bolts, but they should be able to alter their paths! And with the Black Dragons' powerful defenses, the Ballistas wouldn't be too effective anymore!

Jessica sighed gloomily, the seven colored radiance blocking in front of the Black Dragons.

She stood there alone. Compared to the five Dragons the size of a mountain, she seemed insignificant.

But from the aura she displayed, she looked like an army!

"You've already received too much care." A hint of jealousy flashed through Tlorin's eyes. "Destroy them!"

The Dragon under her suddenly increased its pace, its wings spreading!

But suddenly, a colossus jumped out of the hole to the side!

Chapter 358: Roll! Titan!

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When the colossus came out of the large hole, everyone shivered.

The Mechanical Titan was taller than the Black Dragons by a bit!

Despite its movements being very sluggish, it had a kind of deterrence just from standing there.

The five Black Dragons turned their heads, vigilantly watching the motionless Mechanical Titan!

Little did they know that Marvin was sweating nervously inside the Titan.

Although an unforeseen accident happened in the Astral Sea, buying him a lot of time, the Battle Module had yet to be completely unlocked.

With the Dragons attacking, he could only force the Mechanical Titan to jump out of the hole!

He needed a lot more access to be able to fight with all the Black Dragons.

But there was nothing Marvin could do to hack it in a short time.

Hope City was on the brink of crisis, so he had to risk it all.

'There isn't much energy left, and other ways of fighting would waste a lot of energy...'

'I can only do it this way.'

Marvin glanced at the unlocked part of the Battle Module and used a bold command!

Lines appeared on the screen:

[Target Locked. Starting Attack Procedure...]

[Attack Procedure Loaded. Transformation Started...]

[Roll Mode Activated!]

As everyone watched, the Mechanical Titan shockingly began to transform.

Its four limbs pulled back and the huge body turned into a triangular shape with curved edges.

Mechanical sounds came out of the Titan as it started rolling forward!

Its movement speed was frighteningly fast, and in a blink, it was approaching the first Black Dragon.

With a bulk the size of a small mountain, the Mechanical Titan rolled frantically. It looked like a huge iron wheel, kicking up dust in its path!

Tlorin was shocked by the Mechanical Titan's quick surprise attack.

"Dodge!"

Her command wasn't needed, as the Black Dragon in front was terrified of colliding with the Mechanical Titan. He suddenly pulled back and tried to dodge the Mechanical Titan's attack.

But this was futile.

Marvin had already completely locked onto him.

The Mechanical Titan tumbled madly as it corrected its course, veering towards the Black Dragon.

"Roar!" The Black Dragon bellowed.

He suddenly flapped his wings and his forelegs pounced over, trying to suppress the Titan.

The second both sides came in contact, everyone stopped breathing!

Marvin was sweating. He didn't know how strong the Mechanical Titan was after all, so he upped his speed to the maximum!

In an instant, the Mechanical Titan knocked against the Black Dragon's forelegs and abdomen.

The expected equal fight didn't happen. The Black Dragon, whose race was renowned for their melee abilities, was actually... crushed!

"Bang!"

The huge Black Dragon couldn't help but be thrown back while the Mechanical Titan kept rolling, crushing the Black Dragon's abdomen!

Despite its formidable Constitution, the Black Dragon could only puke blood from the Mechanical Titan's weight and force of impact.

As for his ribs, who knew how many broke!

Marvin even heard the sound of the Black Dragon's foreleg breaking.

It created a huge commotion!

That piece of metal was actually so powerful!

In the very first confrontation, the terrifying Black Dragon was spitting blood and had a leg snapping.

"Woosh!"

A purple figure appeared on another Dragon's head.

She looked at the cloud of dust in panic, as the rumbling sound gradually went further away... But it was soon coming back!

"Take off!"

Tlorin shouted in alarm.

The remaining Black Dragons shivered and frantically flapped their wings.

At that time, a great whirlwind filled with dust passed by Hope City. The crushed Black Dragon arduously turned and tried to spread his wings.

He was about to succeed!

But as everyone looked on, a shadow rolled over in the dust with a rumbling noise!

"No!" a Black Dragon roared.

But they couldn't change the result.

Marvin rolled on the Black Dragon's body once again!

This time, the Mechanical Titan had no obstruction to its rolling, and crushed the Black Dragon's neck with its momentum.

"Snap!"

The Dragon's neck snapped, leaving it inert on its stomach, looking like a crushed insect!

"Wuwuwu..."

The Black Dragon let out a pitiful sound. He had just become an Adult and already met such a terrifying enemy.

"Save him!" Tlorin ordered.

But the other four Black Dragons were unconcerned with helping.

They flew in the sky, scared witless as they closely watched that piece of metal circling back, making another pass at the Black Dragon's body.

Whether it was the people watching from the distance, Hope City's inhabitants, or the three sisters who knew a bit more than the others, they were all shocked by this scene.

They couldn't help but feel a chill when watching the scene of the Black Dragon strenuously trying to crawl out from the ground before being crushed again.

That was a frigging Black Dragon!

An existence at the top of the food chain! Their bodies had endurance comparable to a small mountain, and their tyrannical physical abilities were at the peak of the Dragon Race!

But this Dragon was now being crushed by a piece of metal.

All those who watched this scene felt like they were going crazy.

The Mechanical Titan kept rolling! It reminded them of a spinning-top, except the way it rotated was different.

Marvin made no fewer than nine passes with the Mechanical Titan!

Up until the Dragon breathed his last breath.

The cold Mechanical Titan then came to a stop.

That Adult Black Dragon had already died, and couldn't die again.

That must have been the most depressing death ever for a Dragon in Feinan.

Being squished to death like this... Regardless of their levels, no Dragon in this world would have imagined that a Black Dragon could get crushed to death like this!

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Rocky Mountain's surroundings were quiet.

Even in the sky, the only remaining sounds were those of the Black Dragons breathing heavily as they flapped their wings.

Tlorin was frightened and angry at the same time. She asked with a trembling voice, "You... Who the hell are you?!"

The Mechanical Titan halted and remained motionless.

After a long time, a sentence came from the cockpit in response.

"I am Robin."

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**Dragon Slayer Robin!** 

This name appeared once more in Rocky Mountain. No one had expected that he would be killing a Black Dragon yet again when he reappeared.

Did that guy had a grudge against Black Dragons?

Last time he tore a Black Dragon apart with his bare hands. It was even fiercer this time, as he crushed a Black Dragon into mincemeat!

It was really too ruthless. The Dragon's body was practically fused with the earth, and the blood splattered across the entire area.

Hope City group had originally been rather quiet, but soon burst into a noisy ruckus!

"It's Sir Robin!"

"He came back to save us!"

"Heavens! He can actually control this kind of weapon and crush a Black Dragon to death..."

They all exclaimed in admiration.

Even the three sisters were shocked by the Mechanical Titan's power.

The Black Dragon wasn't even the Mechanical Titan's match!

The Ancient Gnome technology really couldn't be underestimated.

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Tlorin was even more shocked.

The goal behind destroying Rocky Mountain this time was actually to get rid of Robin.

Who would have thought that the hateful Dragon Slayer not only had [Weeping Sky], but also had a Mechanical Titan dug out from a vestige of the Ancient Gnomes!

The remaining four Black Dragons were very scared.

Their morale was very low. If Robin had been alone, they might have already pounced on him to kill him... but he was piloting a Mechanical Titan.

That frightening Mechanical Titan returned to its original shape from the Roll mode.

It seemed like an expressionless machine, but it gave a frightening feeling to the Black Dragons.

It was the aura of a predator.

The Ancient Titans were originally the Dragons' only predator, and the Ancient Gnomes' Mechanical Titan imitated the characteristics of the Ancient Titans. They gathered their strong points in the design to reach the highest level of engineering!

Tlorin paled. The scepter in her hand emitted a red-hot radiance, ruthlessly flying toward the Mechanical Titan's cockpit!

All the onlookers held their breaths.

The Divine Spell of the Black Dragon God's Apostle surely wasn't something easy to handle.

But with the [Divine Restraint] property of the Mechanical Titan, it was useless.

The radiance smashed onto the cockpit and was absorbed by the K metal.

Marvin sarcastically mocked, "I heard you were interested in my head."

"Even though I'm late, I shouldn't be too late."

"Come, let's fight!"

Marvin's words made everyone speechless.

He just crushed a Black Dragon to death. Who would still come to fight him? Wasn't it too shameless to say this?

The four Black Dragons were furious, and crazily fired their Dragon Breath toward Marvin!

But the extreme temperature couldn't do any harm to the Mechanical Titan.

Marvin leisurely waited in the cockpit with the Cooling System activated.

Actually, even though he provoked the Black Dragons and Tlorin, he was also shocked by the Mechanical Titan's power himself.

Just the Roll Mode was enough to casually slay a Dragon.

What if all the other Modules were unlocked... Marvin didn't dare imagine.

With such a powerful Mechanical Titan, he simply didn't need to fight!

Only a genuine God might be able to do something. Even Legend Wizards might not be able to handle this Mechanical Titan!

The only issue was the power source!

With the continuous rolling, he went from 29% to 17% energy.

Once he reached 5%, the Mechanical Titan would automatically enter energy saving mode... Marvin wouldn't even have the authority to use the air conditioning then.

And the Mechanical Titan's power source was a type of extremely rare ore that was practically extinct in Feinan.

'I have to deal with everything step by step, dealing with these Black Dragons comes first!"

Marvin had a serious expression on his face, he activated the Roll Mode once again!

The four Black Dragons were frightened and reacted immediately, flying higher. This thing shouldn't be able to roll into the sky, right?

But reality was cruel.

Even if Marvin couldn't fly, there was someone who could!

A seven-colored radiance flashed and Jessica suddenly appeared on top of an Adult Black Dragon's head. Her Fate Power suddenly burst out!

She grabbed the Black Dragon's wings and forcibly threw him to the ground!

"Rumble!"

Marvin excitedly controlled the Mechanical Titan, and with a rumbling sound, rushed toward the falling Black Dragon!

"Roll! Titan!"

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[Author Notice]

(written by the author, just slightly edited by the TL to fit international schedule)

Summary of the previous month.

There was a strong start, but it slowly declined.

[...] (A bit of a hard time with the Chinese release schedule)

Coconut has had a bit of an unlucky month. A lot of things happened, and Coconut was a bit weary, Coconut's writing kept slipping.

Sorry everyone.

I believe that a writer should always stay professional, regardless of what can happen in real life and ensure quality and quantity every day.

Unfortunately, Coconut hasn't done a great job in the past month.

[...] (Updates late, and had to take two days off because of a few reasons.)

Thank you for still supporting me.

I don't want to talk too much about matters unrelated to the story, however, this month, the quantity and quality will be brought back up.

A lot of people commented saying Night Ranger was merely only a book to pass time.

However, for me, this represents a lot.

It is all I have.

Thank you.

Chapter 359: Black Dragon Nemesis

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The Black Dragon who had been thrown by Jessica was utterly terrified, but he couldn't resist the Fate Power.

He was just an Adult Black Dragon. His physical abilities were fierce, but he was far from being as powerful as an Ancient Dragon.

And 6th layer Fate Power was enough to tear a Dragon apart with bare hands. It's just that such an action would sap Jessica's power!

Marvin's appearance gave her a ray of light.

With the help of Lorie's telepathic communication ability, the two of them coordinated smoothly.

"Rumble!"

The Mechanical Titan used the same strategy as before, accelerating to its maximum speed!

As the Mechanical Titan was rolling, everyone could feel the earth shake.

The Black Dragon also shook!

"Boom!"

Jessica's Fate Power had wrapped around the Black Dragon smashed him against the ground.

Just the throw was enough to harm him.

But it was then followed by Marvin's ruthless smashing!

The Mechanical Titan had completely transformed into a crushing machine!

"Rumble!"

The Titan ruthlessly grinded down the Black Dragon as it let out mournful howls.

Those howls were filled with the Dragon Race's curse. Marvin's body was becoming richer in the aura of a slayer of Black Dragons.

But he didn't care!

Dragons weren't untouchable. And the Black Dragon Race had many enemies. Even within the Chromatic Dragons, they were the least liked.

These five Black Dragons should be the only ones remaining in Feinan.

As long as they were dealt with, the Black Dragon Race should be extinguished!

And the Black Dragon God would suffer a great blow. Although the foundations for his Faith weren't in Feinan, the Black Dragons were still his clansmen.

Thinking of this, Marvin had no scruples.

At maximum speed, the Mechanical Titan kept rolling, cheerfully crushing the ground below and flattening everything!

Such a scene was truly unprecedented.

The remaining three Black Dragons were watching indecisively because of their great fright.

Jessica's power made them very worried. Under the eruption of the Fate Power, even the Black Dragons wouldn't be able to keep flying.

And if they fell, they might be slaughtered by that frightening machine!

After a few times back and forth, that Black Dragon's fate ended up the same as his companion's, no longer even looking like a Dragon.

An Expert Master Alchemist would be lamenting.

It was such a waste.

Marvin's actions really were too much of a waste!

The Black Dragon's entire body was a treasure. How could he flatten it to the point of transforming it into dregs?

Did that guy not care about the Black Dragon's important parts?

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Seeing the Dragon's head turn into a pile of meat actually made Marvin feel some pity.

Although he got the battle exp, that Black Dragon's body also had many useful things.

It wasn't like he didn't want to use other ways to end the Black Dragon while preserving his corpse.

But the Battle Modules were unlocking too slowly. Only the Roll Mode was the most complete and also the most energy efficient so far.

Despite this, the energy also depleted by a large amount after killing the second Black Dragon.

Marvin knew that he couldn't use the Mechanical Titan to eliminate all the Black Dragons!

But at that time, a line flashed in his logs:

[You killed three Black Dragons (Feinan Native Species). You gained the title, Black Dragon Nemesis.]

He had killed all kinds of Dragons when he was a Ruler of the Night, but he hadn't massacred a specific Dragon species.

He actually did it this time. He killed three Black Dragons!

[Black Dragon Nemesis]: Immunity to Black Dragons' Dragon Might. Able to use Reverse Dragon Might.

Reverse Dragon Might was something easy to understand. Dragon Might was something the Dragons could release to deter other lifeforms.

This kind of deterrence would keep applying willpower checks on the enemies.

Most people would have issues passing the willpower tests, making them become frightened and confused.

After all, the impact of a Dragon was way too high.

Even Legends had to be very cautious.

Marvin had Weeping Sky in his hands so he actually wasn't worried about Dragon Might.

But Reverse Dragon Might was something very pleasing.

This title could be hidden. Only when Marvin chose to display it would the effects become active.

Reverse Dragon Might was a bloodline deterrence that Marvin could exert against Black Dragons after killing a lot of them!

It was the same kind of willpower test.

Although it wasn't as exaggerated as Dragon Might, it would be able to frighten Black Dragons and greatly influence their fighting strength.

Seeing this, Marvin couldn't help but glance at the remaining Dragons in the sky.

If Marvin wasn't wrong, killing them all would get him a similar [Race Exterminator] title.

The Black Dragons born in Feinan would be completely exterminated.

This was something no one had ever accomplished.

Marvin was a little eager to give it a try.

A pity that the Mechanical Titan's power source was severely lacking.

Thus, he told Lorie and Jessica to hold off.

The two sides stood in a nervous deadlock.

At that time, a sweet sounding [Ding] echoed in the cockpit.

"What Module has been unlocked?" Marvin quickly inquired.

The Mechanical Titan's voice settings had already been modified to Common by Marvin and he could communicate directly by now.

But the answer left him speechless. He didn't know whether to laugh or cry. "Music Module unlocked successfully, Pilot!"

Fuck...

First was the air conditioning, now it was music... these Ancient Gnomes.

Marvin couldn't help but inwardly curse them! Didn't he prioritize the Battle Modules?

The truly useful Battle Modules were still slowly being unlocked, and at this point, Marvin guessed that even if he unlocked them, they wouldn't have much use.

Because by now, the Mechanical Titan's energy was already below 10%!

The Roll Mode was relatively less taxing, but with that kind of burst power and speed, it all needed to be supported by a great amount of energy.

Crushing two Dragons to death was already a sufficiently shocking accomplishment.

Marvin returned to the Humanoid form that saved the most energy and coldly watched the frightened and indecisive Black Dragons in the sky.

"Does another Black Dragon want to give it a try?" he bluffed.

The onlookers were speechless.

Some people with nimble minds already understood that a powerful city... A powerful country had emerged!

**Rocky Mountain!** 

An abandoned land where people were banished.

No one had thought that these three girls who never gave up would manage to establish a rising country from scratch.

The three Fate Sisters had top-rate potential in the plane, so as long as they didn't meet any insurmountable issues, Rocky Mountain would develop enough to match the South Wizard Alliance.

They were Fate Sorceresses after all.

That was a class that could increase their strength without having to do anything.

And the enigmatic Robin had now appeared.

No one knew his real relation to Rocky Mountain, but he had appeared twice now when Rocky Mountain was in crisis.

Tearing a Black Dragon apart with his bare hands, turning two Black Dragons into mincemeat... Who knew what the Black Dragon Race did to provoke such a killing monster!

That was the Black Dragon Race!

If it was another enemy, just Jessica with her 6th layer Fate Power would be enough to make them reconsider.

Let alone now that there was a Mechanical Titan!

Anyone else would have already pissed their pants and retreated.

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A faint glow radiated on the three Black Dragons' bodies.

It came from Tlorin incanting expressionlessly.

This was a barrier of Divine Power, to prevent Jessica from sneak attacking.

Seeing her actions, everyone was startled!

Still not retreating?

Although the Black Dragon Race was powerful, they met their biggest enemy today, the Mechanical Titan!

With the Mechanical Titan standing there proudly, who would dare to fight it!?

...Besides Marvin, who knew that the Mechanical Titan looked strong but was in fact weak now.

Contrary to what he said, the Mechanical Titan couldn't go for another round for rolling.

'I hope we can scare them away.' Marvin frowned.

The outcome was undesirable. Tlorin was clearly unwilling to let go.

She was very afraid of the Mechanical Titan, but as long as they remained airborne and defended against Jessica's surprise attacks, she felt that even if she couldn't kill Robin, she should still be able to destroy Hope City!

She and the remaining three Dragons all hated Hope City to the bone.

"Go!"

"Go around it! Destroy that city!"

Tlorin ruthlessly gave the final command.

The three Dragons no longer hesitated. They spread their wings and split up, attacking from three different angles!

"Woosh!" Jessica flew to the biggest Ancient Dragon, blocking his path forward!

The Ancient Dragon was ready, and both sides were evenly matched.

The second Ancient Dragon was the fastest, and rushed toward Hope City's wall in a blink!

The people on the city wall cried out in alarm.

The Ballistas were shooting frantically, but the Ancient Black Dragon had the powerful distorting barrier!

These operators had yet to be accustomed with the Ballistas, so they weren't very accurate, and the bolts were further offset by the barrier.

"Woosh!"

A lot of bolts slid off the Black Dragon's scales.

"Roar!"

The surging Black Dragon spat out a Dragon Breath!

The Dragon looked at the people cowering in fear and felt proud.

The people watching the fight in the distance grew bitter.

Could this be the end of Hope City?

Jessica was entangled in a fight, and the Mechanical Titan apparently wasn't flexible enough. Once the Black Dragons scattered and attacked on multiple fronts, Rocky Mountain would be in danger.

The earth-shattering Dragon Breath was flying over, looking like it would melt everything in its way!

But at that time, another seven-colored radiance exploded on the city wall!

Even if it wasn't as bright as Jessica's, it was powerful enough.

Fate Sorceress, Protection activated!

Suddenly, three consecutive Barriers descended and covered the entire city!

Chapter 360: Energy Crisis

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There were three Fate Sisters!

Though Jessica was the most awe-inspiring due to the nature of her Fate Power, after Kate awakened her Protection, her power was just as useful.

4th layer Fate Power, Legend Sorceress!

This kind of strength was enough to enter the ranks of this era's strongest.

She wasn't worried about fighting a Black Dragon directly. But protecting a whole city from the attacks of a Black Dragon... This was something that would cause a lot of strain.

The frightening Dragon Breath collided with the layered Barriers.

A great amount of steam appeared as the Barriers seemed to distort!

Kate spread her hands as wind blew around her dress, beautifully showing her curves.

The Black Dragon was extremely angry and headbutted the barrier!

The seven-colored Barriers managed to block the Black Dragon, but even so, all of Hope City shook faintly.

The woman on the city wall spat some blood!

Her eyes reddened, bloodshot!

The impact was really a bit too much for her.

If not for her Protection Fate Power being so formidable, Kate might have already died!

"Sis!" Lorie bit her lip, anxiously looking at her.

She was feeling helpless.

The three sisters had different forms of Fate Power, but hers seemed to be the most useless...

Thinking of this, she couldn't help but mutter, "If only Ding had recovered."

Since they lost the Fortune Fairy, even though Hope City had developed somewhat, they always seemed to be at a disadvantage.

That prideful and noisy little one always had smart ideas.

Unfortunately, she had yet to awaken.

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"It's fine. I can handle him!"

A serious expression appeared on Kate's face.

She was no longer the same girl who had rushed into Thousand Leaves Forest without thinking.

The encounters she had while looking for the Source of Fire's Order, Ding's fall, and all the difficulties during Rocky Mountain's rise had changed her quite a bit.

Her gradually dimming Fate Power once again brightened.

A powerful force field pushed down out of nowhere, and the Black Dragon staggered, getting pushed to the ground!

"Aaah...!"

The Black Dragon felt like more than five thousand kilos were pressing down, preventing all attempts to push back.

It was as if lead kept falling onto its wings. The Dragon gradually went down and was pressed against the ground by Kate!

This was the strength of Fate Power!

The people cheered.

They looked at Kate's back and felt at peace.

But Lorie saw that blood was dripping out of Kate's eyes!

She was using her life force to suppress this Ancient Black Dragon!

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The people in the distance couldn't help but be in an uproar.

Rocky Mountain's Jessica was heaven-defying enough, but now it seemed that there was another of the three sisters who'd had a great increase in strength!

To be able to suppress an Ancient Dragon alone... Even among Legends, such strength belonged at the peak!

Fate Sorceresses really were incredibly abnormal!

Some people couldn't help but inwardly curse.

There was no lack of Legends hidden there who had lost to Jessica. How could ordinary Legends be a match for a Black Dragon, let alone an Ancient Black Dragon!

But the young Fate Sorceresses could. These favored people made others jealous.

Even so, Rocky Mountain's crisis had yet to be averted!

Jessica and Kate each took care of an Ancient Dragon, but there was still Tlorin and another Dragon.

Meanwhile, the Titan had apparently stopped moving, and was now standing motionlessly. Who knew what to think of it?

Tlorin's eyes shone. 'I understand! The Mechanical Titan's energy is already used up!'

As a God's Apostle, she had some knowledge of the matter.

Something as powerful as the Mechanical Titan should also require a huge amount of energy. Those moves earlier must have used up a lot. The Titan's lack of movement wasn't because Robin didn't want to move, but because he couldn't!

Thinking of this, Tlorin's heart heated up. "Fly higher!" she shouted. "Let's destroy that city!"

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Hearing that, the expression of the people in Hope City changed.

Kate was able to block a Dragon, but what if there was another Dragon and an Apostle?

On the city wall, Fiend Sorceress Daisy brought a group of strangely-dressed people.

There were men and women, old and young, but they all emitted an extraordinary aura.

That wasn't the aura of Humans.

Sorcerers weren't pure blooded Human descendants, and thus they were banished.

That said, Marvin, as a Numan descendant, was also a Sorcerer.

This group was the Demon's Hand Sorcerer squadron of Rocky Mountain!

They were prepared to have a fight to death with the Black Dragon.

They saw how the three sisters did everything they could for Hope City.

They were all a group of banished people who struggled to establish a free country!

Now was the time to contribute.

"Count me in."

A man with a solemn face appeared in the Demon's Hand squadron.

He held a sword of light in his hand. It was the Aurora Sword Saint!

After being beaten by Jessica, he unexpectedly fell in love with this incomparably powerful woman.

He was the only Legend from the Pambo Seashore standing with them as the Black Dragons attacked Rocky Mountain.

"Okay!" Daisy agreed. "I'll send you over in a moment."

"You better kill that Apostle."

The Aurora Sword Saint nodded.

He had lost to Jessica, but he was still very powerful.

Although he couldn't slay a Dragon on his own, he could still pose a threat to an Apostle like Tlorin.

Daisy ground her teeth. "Let's go!"

The next second, a Teleportation Door appeared in front of the two.

The Aurora Sword Saint and the Fiend Sorceress went in without hesitation!

But then, Tlorin sneered as an amethyst mirror appeared in her hands.

"Aurora Sword Saint? You are meddling in other people's business. Go back home!"

The Teleportation Door appeared on the Black Dragon's back. But before the Aurora Sword Saint and the Fiend Sorceress had come out of it, the powerful reflective energy of the mirror shot them toward an unknown location!

The two of them were nowhere to be seen!

'Teleportation Reflection Mirror?' Marvin was surprised.

Tlorin was rather well-off, having such a rare treasure.

Although it had no particular damaging effects, it could send threatening enemies away from the battlefield.

Who knew where the Aurora Sword Saint and the Fiend Sorceress were sent to?

What would be waiting for them by the time they got back might the ruins of Hope City.

All the members of Demon's Hand saw that scene.

They remained determined, glancing at each other for a moment before moving toward the front of the city wall.

All kinds of strange lifeforms were summoned behind them.

All of these summons had considerable magic power and ruthlessly launched a maelstrom of attacks toward the approaching Black Dragon!

Actually, there was no lack of powerful Sorcerers in the Demon's Hand.

But... Black Dragons had very high resistance to magic!

"Hahahaha!"

Tlorin laughed her head off. She had guessed correctly.

The Mechanical Titan had no energy, and even if Robin had Weeping Sky, what could he do?!

Hope City was bound to disappear.

Kate couldn't block two Black Dragons alone.

The spells of the Fiend Sorcerers were nothing more than mere tickles to the Dragon.

Even if those Ballistas could pose a threat, their effects were mitigated by Tlorin.

"Sister!"

Tears could be seen in Lorie's eyes.

If this Dragon also attacked the Barriers, it would harm Kate greatly.

Kate looked as if she hadn't heard her.

She stood there with one hand suppressing the Ancient Black Dragon and her other hand aiming at Tlorin, who was approaching while riding the last Black Dragon!

The aura on her body became increasingly more frightening.

Her Fate Power was completely ignited!

But the price was her life force!

Kate's vitality was quickly depleting.

Her eyes were firm, and there was no hesitation.

This was the place she had to protect.

Don't mention just two Black Dragons. Even if it was a God, she wouldn't let them past!

However, her sight fell on the Mechanical Titan not far below.

"Is there really no energy left?" she whispered.

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There really was no energy.

Squeezed in the narrow cockpit, Marvin felt the heat as if he was in a sauna. He was sweating all over!

Strictly speaking, the current Mechanical Titan was practically a pile of scrap!

After the last attack, the energy was approaching the limit, and he could only use one last move.

But there wasn't enough for Roll Mode and it clearly wasn't suitable for the situation!

He was waiting!

Waiting for another Battle Module to unlock!

"Faster!"

"Just a bit faster!"

Marvin almost roared in the cockpit.

He saw Jessica fighting the Ancient Dragon, and although she was currently winning, she was still tied up in the fight. He saw Kate using her Fate Power, puking blood because of the impact. He saw Daisy, who he fought alongside before, being banished to unknown place. He was burning with impatience.

But he was at an impasse.

He needed time to unlock Battle Modules!

Seeing the events playing out, Marvin made a decision!

[Interrupting previous Module unlocking. Unlocking Grapple Move!]

Ding!

Another simple move was unlocked.

This was hardly a Battle Module move.

But it was all Marvin could do.

'Only 8% energy left. After grabbing something there won't be enough power to do anything else.'

Marvin took a deep breath and resolutely sent the instruction.

Everyone noticed as the originally unmoving Mechanical Titan crouched down!

The machine jumped from the ground, leaving two huge footprints!

The earth shook all around!

The huge body seemed like a hungry tiger pouncing on its prey as it was leaping toward that Black Dragon!

Chapter 361: Another One

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Tlorin's heart was overwhelmed with shock, but she managed to use a Divine Spell to avoid the Mechanical Titan!

The Black Dragon wasn't as lucky and was caught!

"Snap! Snap!"

The Mechanical Titan's limbs locked around the Black Dragon in a firm embrace!

Both of them crashed to the ground!

The earth caved in where they landed, only a dozen meters away from Hope City.

All the onlookers couldn't help but gulp, impressed again by the Titan's speed, but also noticing how close they were to Hope City.

Tlorin panicked.

As the Black Dragon was still being bound tightly by the Mechanical Titan, the cockpit of the latter opened up!

A figure crawled out from inside!

Tlorin scrunched her brows as she noticed that long spear.

Weeping Sky!

"Wuwuwu..."

The bound Black Dragon felt the aura of the Dragon Slaying Weapon!

At that time, the spirits of the Dragons killed by the Dragon Slaying Weapon seemed to be floating around, reminding the Black Dragon of how fierce it was.

But besides panicking, the Black Dragon couldn't do anything else because of being firmly bound, muzzled, and pressed down by the Mechanical Titan.

The Mechanical Titan firmly bound his limbs and head, while his tail was firmly pressed against the ground, unable to move.

Marvin had slightly turned the cockpit to create enough space to crawl out.

Finally, he stood on top of the mass of metal while holding the Dragon Slaying Weapon.

Cheers burst out from Hope City.

"Sir Robin!"

"Dragon Slayer!"

"He hadn't given up on us!"

Meanwhile, the Black Dragon God's Apostle floating in the sky didn't have such a good expression.

She could feel that this guy hiding in the Mechanical Titan was close to being a Legend Powerhouse.

'If he is deliberately hiding his power... who knows if he is already a Legend Powerhouse.'

Marvin was already standing on the Black Dragon's head!

The Black Dragon struggled, going all-out trying to break away from the Mechanical Titan, but could only manage to shake a bit.

The Mechanical Titan should be able to keep it bound for at least a few minutes.

During that time, that Black Dragon would be a lamb waiting to be slaughtered, and Marvin definitely wouldn't show any mercy!

But before he started, he still paid attention to Tlorin's movements.

He wasn't hiding in the Mechanical Titan anymore, so he was wary of her Divine Spells.

Tlorin loudly yelled, "Stay your hand! Release the Dragon, we will leave."

Marvin smiled. "Is this a compromise?"

Tlorin started to say something, but the next second, Marvin jumped hard and the Dragon Slaying Spear in his hand shone frighteningly!

Like last time, Marvin didn't even need to use any force. The spear burst with a frightening aura and pierced through the Dragon's scales, viciously passing through the head!

The entire Dragon Slaying Spear pierced through, only leaving a part of the shaft out.

"No!"

Regardless if it was Tlorin or the other two Ancient Black Dragons, they were unwilling to see it happen.

Five Black Dragons came from their nest and attacked one city, but they suffered such a loss.

This was all because of that monster in front of them!

The Dragon under Marvin's foot whimpered a bit, just before Marvin ruthlessly stomped on the shaft!

The Black Dragon instantly died.

The surroundings went silent.

After a while, one of the onlookers couldn't help but mumble, "Another one slain..."

Nobody responded to him.

Yes, another Dragon was slain.

This wasn't a Goblin or a Gnoll.

This was a Black Dragon!

An existence at the peak of the food chain!

Many cities would be frightened at the mention of such a fierce life form.

But Robin had killed no less than four of them!

Of the four Black Dragons, the death of the last one could be considered rather decent. Rather than being torn apart with bare hands or being miserably crushed to death, it died quickly from the Dragon Slaying Spear!

But it was still very depressing, being bound by the Mechanical Titan without being able to resist at all.

From Marvin's relaxed appearance, it seemed as if he had only killed a small chicken and not a Black Dragon.

"Although he used an external force this time, Robin's strength is still very fierce."

"His boldness is also incredible. Is he someone from Rocky Mountain?"

"Apparently not. Someone saw him using Sha weapons. In short, his origins are very mysterious. I heard he was also seen in the Pambo Seashore not long ago."

"The Mechanical Titan was operated by him. It reminds me of that thing that flew up and seemed to rip apart the sky, too frightening."

"Yeah, Robin's recent fame is comparable to that Lord in the east."

"You are talking about that [Hero Marvin]? The one who destroyed the Decaying Plateau?"

Everyone couldn't help chatting about it.

Although Rocky Mountain's fight wasn't over, Robin's battle results so far were already enough to make any Legend ashamed.

He killed three Black Dragons so quickly. This was such a big move.

The two Ancient Black Dragons left on the battlefield might be the only two Black Dragons remaining in Feinan.

Those who had enough knowledge about Dragons could tell that these two Dragons just happened to be one male and one female...

If one of them died, Feinan's native Black Dragon species would become functionally extinct!

This was something unprecedented.

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In the crowd, two pair of eyes were watching the battlefield.

The two people attentively watched Marvin standing on the Dragon's head. One of them sighed, "I told you, you aren't necessarily his match."

The voice was very gentle and came from Gwyn, who seemed to be giving advice.

Standing next to him was Stephanie from the Dark Side.

The relation between the two was somewhat complex. Gwyn had no feelings for Stephanie, but Stephanie was deeply infatuated with him, to the extent that she even fell out with the Bright Side.

Stephanie was very protective of Gwyn.

Before the rocket ascended, the Pale Hand appeared and Stephanie protected Gwyn, letting him escape.

Afterwards, the two joined back up and were attracted by the Mechanical Titan, so they followed it.

In fact, this place was quite a distance from Saruha. But for them, Half-Legend Vampires, they could manage to come over in a reasonable amount of time if they used their secret skills.

Stephanie shook her head. "His strength is difficult to figure out, but he is the target of my mission. I have to kill him. You seem to understand a lot about him, so how about you tell me some of his weaknesses?"

Gwyn stared at Stephanie. "No way! He is my friend!"

Stephanie smiled gently, not taking offense. She whispered back, "Just a friend? You defend him so much, protecting a human... I'm a bit jealous."

"I want to kill him even more."

Although she said the last sentence with a smile, anyone hearing it could feel the coldness within.

She clearly wasn't joking.

Gwyn angrily retorted, "You want to kill him? Fine, but that is your business."

"I'll do my best to stop you."

An indescribable expression appeared in Stephanie's eyes, as she suddenly asked, "Did you fall in love with this Human?"

Gwyn almost choked in exasperation!

Soon after, she conceded, "Since he is your sweetheart, I won't kill him when you are here."

She had a very sincere expression.

Gwyn simply couldn't understand that lunatic's train of thought.

He could only nod in response.

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Marvin was standing proudly on the corpse of the Black Dragon.

The aura of [Black Dragon Nemesis] spread from his body, causing deep fear in the two Black Dragons, and even in Tlorin.

Altogether, four Black Dragons had been killed!

This was a disgrace to the Black Dragon Race!

The two Ancient Black Dragons glanced at each other and then roared, their shame and anger prevailing over their fear.

The two Ancient Black Dragons broke away from their opponents and pounced fiercely toward Marvin!

"Careful!"

Lorie cried out in surprise!

Jessica stumbled, not having been ready for the Ancient Black Dragon to break away with such speed. And it was the same for Kate, whose strength had been waning as she was blocking the Black Dragon. Now that it wanted to retreat from her, she simply was unable to stop it!

At the most important moment, Kate bit her lip and a bright radiance descended onto Marvin's body!

This was Protection. It would be able to shield Marvin to some degree!

But facing the Ancient Black Dragons' claws, this Protection might not be enough.

An angry Black Dragon was extremely frightening.

Especially for a Human being attacked by two Ancient Black Dragons.

Just the Dragon Might would be enough to kill an ordinary person!

But Marvin wasn't worried about it, since he was immune to Dragon Might.

He was already expecting the two Ancient Black Dragons to counterattack. The next moment, his figure disappeared from where he stood!

He didn't leave any trace!

Night Boundary!

Dawn was approaching, and Night Walkers' abilities would soon be restricted.

But for now, everything was still under the rule of the Night Devil Kings.

Marvin went through the edge of the distorting night and appeared behind Tlorin!

Everyone was in uproar. After Robin killed four Black Dragons, he had no plans to escape and chose to keep attacking instead!

He was so bold, this time aiming at the God's Apostle!

Tlorin had a lot of experience, and instantly sensed Marvin's intent.

"Want to kill me?" Tlorin sneered.

She stretched her hands down, in a strange position.

In an instant, her body burst with a dark halo.

This halo was filled with the aura of Divine Power. It was a Divine Power Sanctuary of the Black Dragon God!

It seemed Tlorin was a lot stronger than Tess.

But Marvin was still expressionless, slashing down callously with his daggers!

"This is a Divine Power Sanctuary! Your blades simply can't..."

Tlorin didn't finish her words as she was slapped in the face by the mournful reality!

The [Azure Leaf]s went through the Sanctuary, not even slowed by the Divine Power's protection!

50% Divine Restraint activation success!

Night Beheading!

Marvin beheaded her with one slash. He then kicked her corpse and landed stably on the ground.

"Sorry, your God can't save you," he said indifferently.

Chapter 362: Rebirth

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The body of the Black Dragon God's Apostle was lying on the ground while a light kept flickering around it.

This was a sign of the Divine Spell [Major Regeneration].

But without waiting for the Divine Spell to take effect, Marvin attacked once again, turning Tlorin's corpse into mincemeat!

Marvin found out that Reckless Dual Wielder's hidden property was very suitable for dismembering bodies...

The two Ancient Black Dragons froze.

They were intimidated by Marvin's tyrannical determination. And the death of the Black Dragon God's Apostle made them lose their motivation to fight.

They looked at each other, feeling the urge to flee.

Only the two Ancient Black Dragons remained out of the five Dragons.

If they suffered another loss, the Black Dragon Race would eventually become extinct in Feinan.

They glared at the man before them indignantly.

The other side had such a formidable escape skill. If he didn't have the Dragon Slaying Spear, he might not be able to slay a Dragon, but he could certainly still find a way to escape.

Moreover, Jessica had already rushed over and was standing alongside Marvin.

The Fate Sorceress's radiance illuminated Rocky Mountain.

She took a deep breath, prepared to go all-out.

The 6th Layer Fate Power aura kept rising up as she gathered it. Once it reached its peak, she would even be able to tear a Black Dragon apart with her bare hands!

Just as she did in Marvin's past.

Fear flashed in the Black Dragons' eyes.

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Marvin took advantage of this opportunity to take out the Fate Tablet fragment from his storage item!

Tlorin, like Tess, should also have the Black Dragon God's Divinity.

Marvin's False Divine Vessel was already full, so it couldn't store any more, and the Hellhound wasn't at his side.

Fate Tablet fragments had always been the key to reach Godhood, so he wanted to see if it could absorb the Divinity.

At that instant, the bit of Divinity that was about to fly to the Astral Sea was instead absorbed by the Fate Tablet fragment.

A majestic lifeforce burst out from the Fate Tablet fragment.

Everyone was attracted to this fantastic scene, including the two Ancient Black Dragons.

They had great knowledge, and were able to recognize that this was a Fate Tablet fragment that had lost its spirituality.

But the fragment's aura was recovering!

Greed flashed through their eyes.

If they could obtain that fragment, they could potentially ascend to Godhood!

The 3rd Era's batch of New Gods was formed in this way.

But the situation developed beyond their expectations.

After the Divinity entered the fragment, the part of the Twin Fates Flower representing Order withered completely!

Marvin had a flash of understanding.

The Divinity was only a medium that triggered the Fate Tablet to absorb the Power of Order much faster!

Kate cried out in surprise on the city wall as she noticed Ding's aura.

But she had to protect the city, so she couldn't leave and could only watch from a distance.

The fragment in Marvin's hand melted and then turned into a small halo.

It wasn't long before a cute lifeform flew out from it.

She yawned. "Wow, didn't expect to sleep so deeply."

Soon after, she saw the two Black Dragons and couldn't help but give Marvin a sideways glance before angrily blaming, "How useless can you be? I gave you five

points of Luck and you are still unable to get rid of that female Dragon? And what's up with the other Dragon at her side?"

Marvin was dumbfounded.

Ding was clearly unaware that the situation had changed. She thought he had yet to kill Clarke...

Jessica was very happy too.

She pulled Ding and grabbed her two fleshy cheeks. "You really revived?"

"Good, good, the feeling is right. These Black Dragons just invaded the territory, he already tore the previous one apart," she said, not giving it much emphasis.

Many people burned with jealousy when they saw the Fortune Fairy appear!

They'd heard that there was a mysterious Fortune Fairy in Hope City, but they had yet to see it.

Back when Robin tore the Dragon apart, he had done it with the help of the Fortune Fairy.

She had finally appeared.

The most frightened were the two Ancient Black Dragons!

They knew how scary the Fortune Fairy was. If Jessica had the help of the Fortune Fairy, it would be very life-threatening.

The two Ancient Black Dragons fell back.

They flew up, soaring high up in the sky.

But they were unwilling to retreat, apparently preparing something.

The people in the surroundings felt apprehensive one after the other and started looking for cover. What if the two Dragons let out their breaths at them?

Jessica watched the Black Dragons soaring in the sky, carefully studying their movements.

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During that short time, Ding also found out about her "death" and "rebirth" from Lorie.

She looked at Marvin in a bad mood. "I didn't expect that you would be the one to bring me back to life."

"I'm really not fond of you..."

"Forget it... Regardless, you saved my life, so I'll give you something good."

She waved slightly and a small light lit Marvin's finger!

Marvin's heart moved as he noticed that Ding's target was the Ring of Wishes.

"I added a luck skill. It can reduce the probability and severity of bad outcomes from [Pixie's Wish] by about three times," Ding explained.

Marvin felt very pleased. To be honest, ever since he unlocked the Pixie's Wish ability, he had only used it once and summoned a Djinn...

He didn't dare use the monthly Wish afterwards out of fear that he would summon a Demon he couldn't handle.

After all, Pixie's Wish was unreliable. It was too random and without a powerful expert near, he wouldn't dare try it out.

Ding's luck skill would solve this problem. He would feel much safer trying his luck on the next Pixie's Wish.

Hopefully he could get something good!

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The small thing waved her fist. "Hey, we are even now."

She then disappeared with a "Woosh!" and appeared on the city wall.

Kate and Lorie cried tears of joy.

Especially Kate, who had been greatly affected by her pet's death.

Now that Ding returned, Rocky Mountain's strength was bound to increase another level!

Everyone could see that a powerful country was going to be built!

This was destiny's will, this was the plane's will!

It couldn't be stopped!

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"Those two Black Dragons are still unwilling to let go."

Jessica raised her head and revealed a cruel smile. "I'll kill one!"

She was thinking of using her Fate Power, but who would have imagined that a huge silhouette would be flying over from the distance.

That gigantic body was comparable to the Ancient Black Dragons, and a pair of wings spread out through the clouds. Its speed was very frightening!

Everyone looked at that imposing figure in horror!

It was another Dragon!

The onlookers shook their heads. It was getting more and more complicated.

The number of Dragons they saw today was most likely going to be more than what they would see in the rest of their lives.

The people of Hope City had heavy expressions.

If this Dragon also came for the Dragon Slaying Weapon, it would be very troublesome, because if the two Ancient Dragons had another helper, the outcome of the battle would be difficult to anticipate.

Everyone held their breaths, watching that huge silhouette approach.

Only Marvin felt something odd, a familiar feeling.

Soon, the huge monster arrived.

But to everyone's surprise, the two Black Dragons flapped their wings and flew away!

That newly arriving Dragon slowed down, bringing a wisp of a cloud with him as he slowly descended to the ground.

"Desperate war..."

That huge monster muttered, "I smell filthy Black Dragons."

The cloud dissipated.

A huge Copper Dragon appeared in front of everyone.

They all understood.

It turned out to be a Metallic Dragon.

Metallic Dragons were the arch-enemies of Chromatic Dragons. This Copper Dragon's scales looked like they had reached perfection, probably due to him being very old.

"Professor!"

Marvin shouted his name!

He hadn't expected to encounter the Copper Dragon Professor again here!

This guy's strength was comparable to Ancient Red Dragon Ell's. Both of the Ancient Black Dragons together might not be Professor's match!

No wonder they chose to quickly escape.

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The Copper Dragon lowered his head, and his eyes blinked. The wise Professor clearly saw through Marvin's Disguise.

"It's you?" he asked with doubt and surprise.

Chapter 363: Duel!

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Everyone was still stunned as the Copper Dragon looked closely at Marvin.

They originally thought the Dragon appeared because of [Weeping Sky].

After all, it was a Divine Weapon that frightened the Dragon Race.

Robin, as the owner, would inevitably be attacked by Dragons.

However, it seemed that they didn't just guess wrong. They were far off the mark!

This Robin seemed to be friendly with the Copper Dragon.

"Who is that guy in the end! Why was there no word of him before?"

"Yeah, it feels like he came out of nowhere. He killed Clarke with his bare hands first, then got a Mechanical Titan from Saruha, and now it turns out he is even a friend of the Copper Dragon."

They were all admiring him.

Since the Black Dragons escaped, this war could be finally considered over.

In fact, after Marvin and the Copper Dragon said a few words, the latter transformed into a Human and accepted Marvin's invitation, entering Hope City as a guest!

Some who saw this scene felt even more terrified.

The onlookers gradually dispersed.

All of them had this feeling that Rocky Mountain would rise abruptly!

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Marvin was surprised by Copper Dragon Professor coming by and scaring off the two problematic Ancient Black Dragons.

But this was the best outcome.

If the fight kept going, Marvin's life might have been in danger.

After all, fighting off two Ancient Black Dragons would not be an easy task.

Professor had only been passing by, but when he caught the scent of Black Dragons, he flew over to take a look, which scared the Black Dragons away. Marvin could see some regret on his face.

As for the Dragon Slaying Spear's aura, he naturally felt it.

However, the Copper Dragon ignored it. Although this lethal weapon had slaughtered some Metallic Dragons, it had only killed a few.

Most of those killed by it were Chromatic Dragons or other Evil Dragons.

The reason behind it was very simple. Dragons tended to be lazy and isolated, especially the metallic Dragons. They stayed in their own territories and rarely wanted to be disturbed.

Only the Chromatic Dragons sometimes pillaged cities, thus becoming known and getting targeted by the holders of the Dragon Slaying Weapons.

Professor didn't mind Marvin using the Thousand Paper Crane to store away the spear and the Black Dragon's body.

What really interested him was the Mechanical Titan!

He slowly circled around the machine many times, gasping in surprise and muttering a few words of praise.

The Copper Dragon had always been interested in novelties, and became even more interested after hearing that this Mechanical Titan had effortlessly slaughtered two Black Dragons.

Unfortunately, the Titan's energy had been used up. Marvin tapped into the last bit of the reserves to move it outside Hope City.

In any case, until Marvin found a new power source or a way to recharge the energy, this Mechanical Titan could only stay there and become a protective symbol for Hope City like the Source of Fire's Order!

This made Professor rather regretful.

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After clearing everything up, they started discussing.

Professor had a good opinion of Marvin.

Back when Marvin passed through the mirror world, he was only a 1st rank Ranger!

After a short few months, he was already close to becoming a Legend.

Although the Copper Dragon didn't have access to lot of information, he still heard about the major events.

Especially the destruction of the Decaying Plateau, which greatly increased his favorable opinion of Marvin.

Marvin knew that the Copper Dragon hated Evil Spirits, considering them this world's filthiest things. Getting rid of Diggles caused the Copper Dragon to have a whole new level of respect for Marvin.

Marvin was happy to maintain a deep friendship with the Copper Dragon.

He was not only friendly and witty, but he would also be a powerful ally against the Gods and evil lifeforms after the Great Calamity.

At the same time, he was also a wise teacher, bringing up his own recommendations for Marvin's current situation. "Your bloodline strength... There are a lot of things mixed in, and although they can raise your strength in the short term... It'll also suppress your own potential."

"You became a Night Walker? This is a very powerful inheritance. I think you should have your own Legendary Advancement Manual, and intend to advance to Legend."

"Train your basic skills well. Your Blade Techniques shouldn't stay at Master level, and your body has room to grow."

"Oh, I see... You actually reached the Godly Domain. It is very difficult to break through this bottleneck without ascending to Godhood."

The discussion between the two was very casual, as if they were two old friends who hadn't seen each other for many years.

Marvin calmly and bluntly told Professor, "I won't become a God."

Professor nodded in praise. "I won't control your choice, but I'd say you are right."

"Look at those Gods. What is the difference between them and prisoners? They will forever be marked by this plane and universe. They will go crazy sooner or later," he said meaningfully.

Marvin was slightly surprised.

Professor was a lot wiser than he imagined.

He actually knew some mysteries about the Gods... He was worthy of being called an Ancient Dragon powerhouse.

There were some powerful existences in Feinan who had some understanding of the Gods.

After discussing various things with Marvin, Professor was ready to leave.

He was planning to leave for the southwestern wilderness, an area even more desolate than Rocky Mountain!

He didn't specify the reason, but once he found out that Marvin was about to leave for the Dead Area, Professor muttered irresolutely for a bit and then wrote a letter, handing it over to Marvin.

He had an old friend who had been living in the Dead Area for many years and he hoped Marvin could deliver the letter for him.

Of course, he wasn't expecting Marvin to run errands for free. His old friend would certainly give Marvin a generous reward.

Marvin looked at the address and shook.

It was actually Xunshan Monastery.

'Could Professor's old friend be that one?'

Marvin held the letter with a happy expression.

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After handing over the letter, the Copper Dragon left Hope City.

At Marvin's suggestion, he left in a very ostentatious way. Under the morning light, he turned back into a huge Dragon and spread his wings over Hope City before leaving.

Many saw this scene.

The gloom of war had finally been lifted from Hope City.

Some people would go clean up the battlefield. Those two crushed Black Dragons were relatively worthless and Marvin was now rich, so he didn't care about that pile of flesh.

He discussed with the three sisters, mainly about the matter of the girl with Holy Blood being pursued by the Dark Side.

The three sisters were righteous and were moved by the girl's fate. When Marvin asked if Hope City could temporarily host the girl to prevent the Dark Side from taking her away, the three unanimously agreed.

Rocky Mountain was a place where all kinds of races mixed in. There wouldn't be discrimination against a Vampire.

Marvin himself was leaving for the Dead Area and couldn't take care of the little girl and her foster mother for now, so entrusting her to the sisters was the safest way.

Jessica urgently went to recover Daisy, and this matter would be hers to take care of.

The Fiend Sorceress' Teleportation ability was very powerful and even if she was chased by a Dark Side Vampire, they would still be able to escape.

And with Kate Protection defending the city day and night, even if Dark Side Vampire sent Legends, they might not necessarily succeed.

Marvin wrote a letter as a token for Daisy so she could seek the Wood Elves in Ruins City.

As for himself, he found a safe corner to rest.

Night Walkers' nocturnal fighting habits had affected his sleep. He would sleep during the day and handle everything during the evenings and nights.

Lorie and Kate seemed to have something to tell Marvin, but he was way too tired after everything that had happened, so after hesitating a bit, they left.

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Late at night, a shadow slipped away from Hope City.

Marvin moved gracefully and crossed the city gate, heading southeast.

This time, he was going back to the City of Knowledge to complete his quest.

Mark 47 had given Marvin the quest to look for his memory chip. Marvin found something similar and didn't know if it was the thing Mark 47 wanted.

Taking advantage of the fact that he still had time before leaving for the Dead Area, he decided to give it a try.

If it was successful, he would get a generous exp reward!

Marvin needed a lot of experience right now!

Under the moonlight, Marvin entered the darkness as if he was fusing with the night.

He didn't move very fast, but he kept a strange rhythm, making him hard to detect.

But at that time, he felt a chill appearing from behind.

Marvin squinted.

Shadow Escape!

"Woosh!"

He vanished, but that chill didn't disappear and followed him closely instead!

Marvin snorted coldly, stopping on a sandy dune and turning while slashing!

The Azure Leaf let out a beautiful arc under the moonlight.

"Clang!"

Two blades met each other!

A power suppressed Marvin and he felt a sharp pain on his wrist. He couldn't help but take a step back!

The attacking shadow gradually transformed, revealing a surprised expression. "Your Perception is pretty high."

Marvin smiled coldly without responding.

The newcomer was the Pale Hand, Sky!

In fact, in the day after the fight with the Black Dragons, Lorie noticed a few powerful existences in the crowd who had enmity toward Marvin.

Marvin paid attention carefully at the time and discerned some traces of Pale Hand Sky.

That guy chased him all the way to Rocky Mountain and was unwilling to let go!

But since Marvin knew, he would of course be on guard.

In fact, he had asked the Copper Dragon to leave in such a noticeable manner in order to lure the Pale Hand out.

He also made arrangements before leaving Hope City.

A few Fiend Sorcerers cast some buffs to his Perception before he left!

His Perception had now temporarily reached 20 points, high enough to detect the Pale Hand's sneak attack.

"So what if your Perception is high?"

Sky looked disdainfully at Marvin. "You aren't a Legend and without the Mechanical Titan, you are nothing!"

"Tell me Gwyn's whereabouts immediately."

"Otherwise..."

"Otherwise what?" Marvin sneered.

Sky raised his long dagger and licked it. "You'll find out that coming here was your biggest misfortune."

He couldn't have expected that Marvin would suddenly laugh very loudly.

"What are you laughing at!" Sky was very angry.

Marvin smirked and shook his head. "I'm laughing because if I didn't want to duel you to hone my skills, you would already be dead."

So what if it was a Legend? Marvin wouldn't spare him!

Moreover, this was Rocky Mountain's domain.

Not far away, three faint silhouettes could be seen.

The three Fate Sisters... they appeared quietly, watching the scene from nearby.

Sky's face turned green.

He grew furious.

A guy who couldn't even be considered a Half-Legend actually dared to challenge him?

"You are too arrogant!"

"Even with the Fate Sorceresses, if I want to leave, they won't be able to stop me!"

"As for you, you don't deserve to duel me!"

Sky conceitedly declared, "I'll let you understand that ordinary people like you can't even look up to the Legend Realm!"

The Azure Leaf in Marvin's hand was pointed as Sky as he calmly asked, "How would you know without trying?"

Chapter 364: Legendary Showdown!

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Marvin's attitude completely infuriated the Pale Hand.

The Legend Realm was something that almost everyone had to look up to.

Even if Marvin had some weird tricks, he still wouldn't be a match for a Legend.

Because once someone advanced to Legend, they would obtain many incredibly powerful specialties.

These specialties were mostly passives, but they would play a very important role in battle.

For example, when Marvin and Sky previously crossed daggers, Marvin went all-out while Sky merely slashed probingly, but their attacks more or less had the same strength.

But Marvin still felt some pain in his wrist.

This was the strength of those who reached the Legend Realm.

It was something unalterable, practically part of the plane's laws.

In Feinan there were many known cases where the weak defeated the strong, like a 3rd rank beating a 4th rank. But mere "mortals" wouldn't challenge a Legend!

Sky was angry, not only because Marvin helped Gwyn escape, but also because Marvin stole the prize he wanted in Saruha... And now he was even provoking him!

And so what if the three Fate Sisters were there?!

Every single Legend was extremely proud. As an expert Vampire of the Dark Side, Sky felt that he could kill Marvin and then easily escape.

Even Fate Sorceresses shouldn't be able to stop him if he sincerely wanted to escape.

This was Sky's plan.

Marvin smirked, brandishing his daggers in a taunting manner.

Sky, with his confidence in his strength as a Legend, wouldn't even need Stealth, attacking skills and other methods. And Pale Hand was the fiercest melee Legendary advancement class for a Thief. Even if the enemy was a Ranger, he wasn't worried in the least!

In an instant, daggers flashed on the lonely dune!

The two were experts with their daggers and they immediately felt how strong the other side was!

'That guy certainly has certainly reached at least Master level in his Blade Techniques!'

Marvin was startled.

It seemed that Sky's confidence wasn't without reason. He had definitely worked hard on his Blade Techniques.

This actually corrected Marvin's misconception of the Dark Side. In his mind, the Dark Side was a group that would do anything for more power, always taking shortcuts and rarely training their skills.

But Sky clearly wasn't one of those.

His Blade Techniques were unusually fierce. It felt like he had broken away from all standard Blade Techniques and made his own.

Vampires originally had greater speed and physical capabilities than Humans. If not for Marvin having Godly Dexterity as a foundation, he likely would have already been slashed to death by Sky!

Despite this, he was still in a troublesome situation.

The Pale Hand's unpredictable skills were hard to defend against. After merely ten exchanges he was already at a sizeable disadvantage!

He was pressured by every single attack.

This wasn't due to the difference in attributes, but rather due to the overpowered advantages of the Legend Realm.

Marvin felt the power of the Legend class!

Fortunately, he knew what skills Pale Hands had and responded properly with his Night Walker skills to avoid Sky's lethal attacks.

But he was hovering on the border between life and death every time.

The other side didn't seem to have higher Dexterity or Strength, but Marvin was still suppressed by Sky in every way.

This made Marvin feel a bit dejected.

This was the suppression of the Legend Realm. The Pale Hand probably had several more battle specialties than him, so keeping up for this long was already admirable.

Marvin didn't use his Shapeshift Sorcerer or Battle Gunner abilities. First, these two subclasses wouldn't be enough against that Legend, but more importantly, he wanted to temper his Blade Techniques!

Marvin's usual plan would have been to seek the aid of the three sisters, lure the Pale hand over and then gang up on him...

He normally would never have chosen a duel!

He would always use external help when he could!

As long as he fulfilled his purpose, who cared about the process?

This line of thought wasn't wrong, but after his discussion with Professor, Marvin felt that his strength had been restricted by this tendency.

For example, after his Blade Techniques reached Master level, he didn't progress much further.

Although he had trained with straight daggers in his previous life, with his natural talent, he shouldn't stop at this level. He could feel that just as Professor said, his classes still had a lot of potential.

Whether it was as a Ranger or a Night Walker, he still had potential for growth.

Although Shapeshift Sorcerer and Battle Gunner could raise his strength in the short term, they wouldn't contribute much to his fighting strength's upper limit once he reached the Legend Realm.

He would ultimately be relying on the Ranger and Night Walker classes, and he would advance to the greatest rogue class, Ruler of the Night!

If he gave up on training his skills because of his sub-classes it might lead to his foundations being unstable.

Even if he had a system, this was a real world, and his tricks might not always work.

Thus he changed his plan this time.

He decided to ask the three sisters to support him and guarantee his safety while he dueled the Pale Hand!

Naturally, a non-Legend challenging a Legend directly was like courting death.

The buff given to him by the Demon's Hand Fiend Sorcerers would ensure that his Perception would temporarily break through 20 points to get the threshold effect.

That way, he could defend himself from the sneak attacks of the unpredictable Pale Hand, helping to make the fight fairer.

He was using Sky as his own whetstone.

He hoped that his Blade Techniques would break through after this fight.

The previous breakthrough was because of the confrontation with the Heavenly Sword Saint.

He needed a true expert to "help" him, even if the other side was unwilling.

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"Clang!"

Under the light of the full moon, a shadow quickly streaked across the sky over a sandy dune, splitting into six shadows.

Sky rushed at Marvin from six different directions, a sinister expression on his face. "Drop dead!"

For him, not being able to kill Marvin in ten exchanges was a disgrace.

At that time, he no longer held back and went all-out with his battle skills!

The six shadows were extremely fast. Even though Marvin used Shadow Escape and Night Boundary, they still chased after!

'Those are not just shadows!'

'They're real doppelgangers, and all of them have considerable strength!'

Marvin was in a pitiful state as he was chased down, covered in minor wounds with blood flowing continuously.

Fortunately, Rangers had a lot more Constitution than Thieves, and Marvin even had the [Endurance] specialty. That specialty made it so that his combat effectiveness wouldn't be inhibited by the pain.

He could still react at the fastest speed. With Godly Dexterity, Marvin could still resist!

One versus six!

But Marvin fought back! At an opportune moment, he used Shadow Step out of nowhere and swung behind him.

"Slash!"

His dagger slashed an empty spot, instantly splitting Sky's doppelganger in half!

At that time, Marvin seemed to have understood something.

Up until now, his fighting techniques purely consisted of killing techniques. He rarely used linked blade techniques. He almost always focused on honing his ability to get that one fatal blow.

But this was the Thief's path.

His experience as a player was a big help to Marvin, but this time he was a Ranger and a Night Walker.

His Blade Techniques seemed to be flawed. Besides killing skills, he didn't have anything to combo together. His basic movements, even the way he blocked, were all done in the posture of using straight daggers, which came from the game's basic training camp for the Thief class.

It could be said that he was a Master in Blade Techniques, but in another sense, it could be said that he wasn't using curved daggers properly.

'I understand!' Marvin realized.

He suddenly understood why Professor gave him the letter and made him deliver it to the Dead Area's [Xunshun Monastery]!

Because Professor had noticed these issues!

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Marvin had cut down a shadow, but this was a battle to death!

Sky's original fury went through the roof after one of his doppelgangers died, but how could he let go of the ensuing opportunity?

He noticed Marvin's distraction and almost cut his throat!

Fortunately, Marvin's battle instinct was outstanding. He used Night Boundary once again and escaped from the five doppelgangers!

However, this was his last use of Night Boundary tonight!

This specialty had a usage limit!

Sky encircled Marvin again, so that he was facing the joint attack of five skilled Pale Hands.

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Not far, the three sisters had worried expressions on their faces.

Although Marvin promised them it would be fine, that was still a Legend!

Despite Marvin' continuously creating miracles, it was very difficult to believe that he could kill a Legend in a direct fight!

Yes, Marvin lured Sky here simply to use him for training.

He wanted to personally eliminate that Dark Side Vampire Legend.

Otherwise, even if he left for the Dead Area, Jo wouldn't be safe in Hope City because of her Holy Blood.

"You should just help him." Ding came out from some corner, looking disdainfully at Marvin. "Men... Do they only care about their reputation?"

"He obviously isn't his match, but he still wants to show off."

Lorie blinked repeatedly and said with a serious face, "Ding, you are wrong. Marvin is definitely able to kill that Vampire."

Ding paled. "I must have slept for a long time. When did you stop calling him [Sir Marvin] and start calling him just [Marvin]?" She then pouted, "I already knew that Marvin guy wasn't any good…"

Lorie's face reddened. "Hey, can you focus on the important part?!"

Ding looked as if she hadn't heard her. "I shouldn't have given him that Luck..."

The three sisters felt speechless.

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On the sandy dune, the besieged Marvin took a deep breath.

'Legends are really powerful.'

He firmly held onto his daggers before letting out a smile. 'But this won't change the outcome!'

The next second, a strange aura burst forth from Marvin.

A faint halo spread out from his forehead, emitting gray rays of light.

Chapter 365: Beheaded!

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On the sandy dune in the cold night, the five doppelgangers had a change of expression when they were touched by the dull gray light.

"What is this ability..." Sky muttered in a heavy tone.

He originally thought he could handle a 4th rank class holder very easily.

But he sensed danger from the aura suddenly emitted by Marvin.

He discovered that all his Legend specialties were suppressed!

He sized up Marvin carefully, studying his body's changes.

Suddenly, he couldn't help but exclaim, "How could it be?"

"Half-Legend!?"

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Sky wasn't startled for no reason. When he first met Marvin, he had seen through his real strength.

Without a doubt, back when he snuck into the Wolf Spider mercenaries' group, Marvin was at Level 18.

In the Pale Hand's mind, Marvin should still be at that level.

But after cautiously using Inspect again, he was shocked to find that Marvin was already standing at the gateway to Legend rank!

Level 20 Half-Legend!

Marvin smirked.

Thanks to the fight with the Evil Spirits in Saruha he reached Level 19, and for killing the Theater Spirit he received another chunk of experience.

The three tragically dying Black Dragons gave him an additional 60000 battle exp.

All that together with a bit of general exp was enough for Marvin to level up his Night Walker class again!

Thus, before leaving Hope City, his Night Walker class reached level 8, giving him the following levels: Level 9 Ranger – Level 8 Night Walker – Level 6 Shapeshift Sorcerer!

His total level was 20. One more step and he would become a true Legend.

With Marvin improving so quickly, no wonder it startled the Pale Hand.

The natives of this world didn't know about his [Essence Absorption System], with Mark 47 being the only exception.

He was shocked by Marvin's progress, but what unnerved him even more was that halo Marvin used.

Level 8 Night Walker skill, [Dark Halo].

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Marvin took the time to carefully study the Night Walker skill list after reaching Level 7.

Level 7 Night Walkers didn't have any particularly strong skills to unlock, but at least he could still check his next level's skills and see if there was a good one waiting for him.

He found out that upon becoming a Level 8 Night Walker he would gain access to a very powerful skill, Dark Halo.

And since he still had 36 SP untouched from before, he directly spent 50SP on that skill once his Night Walker class reached level 8.

[Dark Halo (50)]

[Requirements: Night]

[Duration: 10 minutes. Usable once per day]

[Effect: Weaken enemies' passive battle specialties to a certain extent.]

[Hidden effect – Legend Weakening (50 SP): When facing a Legend, weakening effect increased by 10%]

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In a battle, weakening enemies was as useful as buffing oneself.

When Marvin saw this skill's description, he immediately decided to upgrade this halo ability.

This was an AoE (Area of Effect) skill that would weaken every enemy in the Dark Halo's range.

This was what Marvin had prepared to win despite being at a disadvantage, and it was one of his most important cards to beat a Legend as a Half-Legend!

One of the biggest issues when facing a Legend was overcoming their powerful passive specialties.

Now, in the Dark Halo, Sky's powerful specialties would be weakened to a certain extent, and the gap between the two was not that big anymore.

Moreover, when it came to attributes, Marvin was actually a cut above him.

He had the 30 points Godly Dexterity!

In the previous exchange, Marvin felt that Sky's Dexterity was around 28 and had yet to touch the bottleneck!

It was very difficult for a native to increase an attribute to the Godly Domain.

This was one of Marvin's biggest advantages.

With the Dark Halo active, Marvin's superiority could finally be displayed!

The next second, he rushed toward a Doppelganger, striking out!

Sky sneered, "You think that halo is enough to beat me?"

"Truly naive."

The Dark Halo could only decrease the gap between both sides and wouldn't let Marvin win. In Sky's eyes, this wouldn't change the outcome of the fight.

But the next exchange made the Pale Hand frown.

He previously had his overpowered specialties at full effect, so Marvin's moves and blade techniques didn't seem so fierce.

Now that his specialties were being suppressed, Marvin's strong points could finally stand out.

His speed was incomparable, and his daggers were like lightning.

Sky was careless and lost another Doppelganger to Marvin!

He was fighting one versus four and didn't seem to be in a difficult situation like before. Although he still seemed to be at a disadvantage, he had a lot more opportunities to counter attack instead of only being on the defensive.

This made Sky's heart sink.

That guy was a Half-Legend and was already able to contend with him...

If he advanced to Legend, Sky might not be able to handle him at all!

His felt cold, looking toward Marvin with an even more murderous gaze.

At that time, he decided that regardless of the relationship between Marvin and the three sisters, he definitely needed to get rid of that dangerous guy while he was still a Half-Legend.

"Woosh!"

The four shadows merged as Sky said with a gloomy face, "I won't play with you, kid."

"Drop dead!"

His right foot kicked the ground as he rushed forward, slashing toward Marvin!

That move was not only strangely fast, but its power was also extremely fierce!

Sky's true strength could be seen after merging with the doppelgangers that he created.

He didn't intend to give Marvin any chance. Marvin simply couldn't dodge that attack!

Even with the Dark Halo weakening the enemy!

Sky smiled cruelly.

He looked completely sure that Marvin would end up as a corpse on the sandy dune.

But Marvin was still incomparably calm.

Facing the Pale Hand's powerful attack, he chose to receive it, aiming his [Azure Leaf]s at Sky!

Burst!

He thrust his daggers forward like bullets.

He looked as if he was disregarding his own life!

Marvin didn't use any defensive moves at all, his daggers rushing toward Sky's vitals!

"Want me to die with you?!"

The Pale Hand was surprised.

Marvin's imposing manner almost made him choke, but he still sneered, believing that Marvin's plan had no chance of success!

Because the initiative was in his own hands.

He was certain to kill Marvin in one blow!

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In a flash, they reached each other.

The Pale Hand's blades were like thunder, and his speed was incredible.

He easily blocked Marvin's [Azure Leaf]s with his left dagger.

His right wrist shook and his long dagger slashed furiously toward Marvin's abdomen!

A sinister expression appeared on his face.

This was a skill that could definitely split Marvin in two!

'Wanting to take me down with him... Too funny...'

That thought flashed through his mind when suddenly, a crystal clear sound echoed out!

"Clang!"

His long dagger didn't leave a wound on Marvin's abdomen, seeming to have hit something incomparably solid.

A shining layer appeared on Marvin's skin.

Sky was shocked that such a powerful slash only left a mere scratch on Marvin's body!

This was impossible!

'This is… [Diamond Body]!'

"How could you have a Legend Monk's ability?"

Sky paled.

But only an ice cold dagger answered him.

Marvin had given up on defending, taking that attack in order to create his own opportunity!

[Azure Leaf] being blocked was just as he'd intended.

As Sky's attack struck, Marvin's weapons moved like snakes and abruptly went past Sky's defenses, taking advantage of his surprise.

Marvin was glittering all over. At that time he wholeheartedly focused on attacking!

Sky was frightened, and used all his strength to block!

But this was already too late.

Marvin had used his Shapeshift Sorcerer's Unbreakable Diamond Body, giving him eight seconds.

What could be done in eight seconds?

It was enough for the current Marvin to do at least thirty slashes.

His daggers' powerful attributes were prominently displayed along with the bonuses from Reckless Dual Wielder. Sky was caught off guard by Marvin's onslaught!

At the 11th slash, Sky's left dagger shook and was shattered!

After losing a dagger, he tried to get away with an escape skill.

He kept flickering and disappearing.

But Marvin had already seen through it for a while.

The temporary Perception buffs weren't there for nothing. He immediately chased after him!

It was still a melee battle, and they were still ruthlessly attacking each other.

At the 23rd slash, Marvin fiercely slashed down, wounding him and almost cutting him in two!

Sky had neither Marvin's unbreakable body nor his Fatal Injuries Immunity. That blow almost killed him!

Marvin's two daggers flew nonstop. He had to make the most of the eight seconds of his Diamond-shape!

"Clang!"

At the 31th slash, Sky's remaining long dagger flew out of his right hand.

Fear flashed through his eyes as he intended to turn into a bat and escape.

But Marvin didn't let him.

[Night Beheading (50)]!

"Woosh!"

The shadow streaked across the sky and fell on the Pale Hand's neck as he died full of grievance!

A Legend fell!

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On the sandy dune, Marvin let out a long breath. His body returned to normal before immediately sinking into a serious state of exhaustion and he couldn't help but fall to the ground.

When he advanced to Level 8 Night Walker, he used his remaining points to upgrade Night Beheading, letting this powerful attack skill reach 50 points.

50 points in Night Beheading gave it the strong hidden effect, [Decapitation], which greatly increased the success rate of Night Beheading.

With the suppression of the Dark Halo, Marvin finally took the chance and did a thunderous slash.

Strictly speaking, this was the first Legend he killed himself!

"Woosh! Woosh! Woosh!"

Three silhouettes flashed over. The three sisters arrived beside Marvin, looking at his situation.

But Marvin suddenly heard a mechanical sound from far in the distance.

Marvin looked and froze.

'Slaughterer!'

It had actually chased him over!

Chapter 366: Sunrise Island

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The Chaotic Memory Construct, Slaughterer.

Marvin thought that after he escaped from Saruha, Slaughterer would just roam around the ruins.

He hadn't expected it to chase him out of Saruha.

'Could it be following some mark left on me?'

Marvin's heart sank. Slaughterer's fighting strength was very high. It didn't feel good being tracked by that guy.

"Intruder..."

The rough mechanical voice sounded grim.

Slaughterer looked sharp and full of killing intent, and its hands had been changed into electric chainsaws!

"Zzzzz!"

The chainsaws kept revving as its eyes flickered with a dangerous red light. "Intruder... Die!"

The three sisters frowned.

Jessica looked at Marvin. "Friend?"

Marvin shook his head.

"Enemy?"

Marvin nodded firmly.

The Fate Sorceress burst out with a frightening seven-colored radiance, engulfing Slaughterer in an instant!

Marvin was stupefied. It only took Jessica seven seconds to... forcefully tear apart that invulnerable piece of metal!

Seeing the proud Slaughterer being torn into pieces, Marvin realized he had been worried for nothing.

Jessica was an existence as famous as the North's Valkyrie, and her 6th layer Fate Power was more than enough.

After Marvin thanked Jessica, he found the part he wanted from the pile of scraps.

That was the final Memory Chip which belonged to Slaughterer itself.

Thus, all five of the Memory Chips were gathered in the box.

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After everything was settled, Marvin bid the three sisters farewell and rested a bit.

After killing the Pale Hand, he didn't find anyone else hiding in the surroundings.

During his fight, he had felt that there were two people hiding in the dark.

One of them had a familiar aura.

Gwyn's face came to his mind and he had wondered why he hadn't immediately escaped when seeing the Pale Hand, but Marvin assumed he had his reasons.

In fact, after Marvin killed Sky, Gwyn and the other person left immediately.

Marvin guessed that the other one was also be a Vampire.

In any case, the issue was settled. After the three sisters left, he went on his way and quickly reached the City of Knowledge.

This time he didn't need to inform the Scholars of the City of Knowledge and instead used the pass Mark 47 had given him. He was immediately granted access by the construct who had nothing to do all year round and secretly rushed to the Pearl Tower.

Marvin didn't bother with greetings and went straight to the heart of the matter.

"You found my Memory Chip?" Mark 47 was overjoyed. His human-like features reached perfection and Marvin was surprised to feel his genuine happiness.

Sure enough, everything related to Lance was outstanding, even if it was a construct.

Marvin nodded as he took out the small box containing the Memory Chips.

Mark 47 scanned the five Memory Chips and took a dark yellow one.

"Only this one is mine... The others aren't."

It seemed that it was this Memory Chip that caused Slaughterer to have chaotic memories.

Mark 47 easily opened up a part of his body to insert the Memory Chip. In fact, with all his free time, he had already dismantled his own body before and was highly efficient in this regard. It only took an instant for him to set it up.

"How is it?" Marvin hopefully asked.

If this Chip was really what Mark 47 needed, he would not only gain 100000 general exp, but also a large amount of information!

He had too many questions regarding this world.

The most powerful and wise being in this world was certainly God Lance. The construct he left behind would surely know a lot of things that Marvin was interested in.

"Beep! Beep! Beep!"

Mark 47's body issued a sound like a strange warning before calming down.

The construct's face was a bit strange as he apparently recalled some memories, before ultimately releasing a deep sigh.

"This is my Memory Chip... But it isn't complete."

"From the information inside, it seems like my Memory Chip has been split up into four and this is merely one piece. Hmmm... There are three more, and they seem to be located in some particularly dangerous places."

"I also recalled some memories, but they are still quite fragmented and not very pleasing. I need you to quickly help me find the other parts!"

Mark 47 firmly added, "I can increase the guest reward."

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An hour later, Marvin left Pearl Tower in a complicated mood.

His quest had been updated, and now he needed to find the remaining three pieces of the Memory Chip.

And this time, Mark 47's reward for each piece was 50000 exp!

The previous quest had already been cancelled and Marvin received 50000 general experience for that piece of the Memory Chip.

Marvin was glad to get some experience.

But looking at the map in his hand, he couldn't help but smile bitterly.

It was as Mark 47 had said. The remaining pieces were in very dangerous areas.

One of them was on the opposite side of the Pambo Sea, in the Dead Area.

But it was in a forbidden region of the Dead Area. Marvin hadn't planned to go there this time.

'Well, let's see how it goes.'

Marvin inwardly sighed as he put away the map.

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His happiness from dealing with Sky had already disappeared.

He had received some shocking news from Mark 47!

Although it was only a part of his Memory Chip, Mark 47 still remembered some things.

As he deciphered the complex explanation, Marvin discovered a shocking secret!

According to the construct, while he was following Lance, Lance had met some issues!

The Great Wizard God had to take various measures in order to deal with them.

The disappearance of the Wizard God in the 4th Era wasn't accidental; it was a necessary move.

As for whether he was successful or not, Mark 47 didn't know.

But this matter was apparently connected to the Universe Magic Pool.

These scattered pieces of information made Marvin feel a chill.

He had always thought that the matter of the Gods attacking the Universe Magic Pool wasn't simple, but there weren't any clues so he couldn't make further guesses.

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50000 general experience from the quest, plus a bit over 10000 for killing Sky. With all that, Marvin seemed to have a lot of exp.

But to level up to Level 9 Night Walker, he needed 140000 exp, and he needed as much as 200000 to reach Level 10.

This was how much Marvin needed before being able to advance to Ruler of the Night.

Fortunately, he already had a solution.

The Ghosts of the Dead Area. This trip wouldn't only be about finding Ivan. He would also find a few spots he remembered like Saruha to farm huge piles of experience.

He returned to Rocky Mountain, but he didn't intend to stay there long. After confirming that Fiend Sorcerer Daisy had made arrangements for the girl with Holy Blood, he once again departed alone.

He returned to Ruins City, adjusting his appearance while using a very unobtrusive identity to get a hold of a ship's ticket.

Two days later, the [Parrot] set off for Sunrise Island.

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The trip from Ruins City to Sunrise Island would only take five days, but for Marvin it was a rare break.

This part of the sea wasn't tranquil. There were not only pirates, but also things from folktales like Sea Monsters, Ghosts, and others.

But Marvin's luck held out, and they didn't meet anything strange during their trip.

The shabby boat steadily headed toward Sunrise Island.

There was a huge network there manipulated by a secret force. Ships going to the Dead Area all had to be approved by that secret force.

But Marvin had no intention to board a boat to sail toward the Dead Area.

This would be a huge waste of time.

Near Sunrise Island, there was a secret undersea path that would lead to the Dead Area's shore.

Although that secret path was filled with danger, Marvin decided to take it in order to save time.

After all, he had to quickly find Ivan and think of a way to expose Dark Phoenix before the Great Calamity to save Hathaway. These were Marvin's main objectives.

There shouldn't be anyone aware that Dark Phoenix was actually a God of the 3rd Era!

The woman was extremely crafty and back when the Wizard God forcibly sent the 3rd Era Gods to the Astral Sea's God Realms, she had used a heaven-defying Artifact to hide.

She then cautiously hid among the mortals and didn't establish her own church or religion. If she wished to, she could ignite her God Fire and turn back into a real God.

Because her refined Fate Tablet fragment was rather important.

This mysterious and frightening woman was in fact on the same side as the Gods.

Hathaway probably didn't realize that.

But Marvin could see through this.

'I have to find a way to gather the Legend powerhouses in one place and expose Dark Phoenix... Moreover, it needs to be foolproof.'

'She has been running the South Wizard Alliance for a long time. The people of the South Wizard Alliance might already be her people, so even if her identity is revealed, they will probably think it's fake.'

'It seems I can only look for additional manpower.'

Marvin sat in the boat, thinking hard while waiting to reach Sunrise Island.

After a while he began to feel stuffy, so he left the hold and walked around on the deck.

There weren't many people on the deck. Most of them were just lazy sailors scattered around.

But there was a beautiful silhouette that attracted others' attention.

Marvin froze when he saw that silhouette. 'How could it be...'

'Hathaway?'

Chapter 367: Real or Fake

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Although this was only a view from the back, the first person that came to Marvin's mind was Hathaway.

He couldn't help but quickly walk over.

The girl noticed him and tilted her head, looking at him curiously.

In that instant, Marvin almost choked.

She looked exactly like Hathaway.

It was her appearance as an adolescent. Her beautiful eyes were sizing him up doubtfully.

"How..." Marvin's mouth felt dry.

Wasn't Hathaway taken away by Dark Phoenix? How could she appear here?

And for some reason she was vigilant towards him. "Who are you?"

"I don't know you."

Marvin froze. Could he have mistaken her?

Impossible! That appearance, that familiar aura, there was no difference from before!

Marvin was a bit confused.

At that time, the other party started moving past Marvin, looking at him with suspicion.

She looked as if she had met someone hitting on her.

This made Marvin very frustrated. "What's your name?" he asked.

She stopped and frowned for a moment. "...Hathaway."

Shortly after, she continued on her way, leaving the deck and returning to the hold.

Only Marvin remained, standing in daze.

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Marvin was quite befuddled by his encounter with Hathaway on this trip.

He couldn't understand why she couldn't recognize him.

'Could it be that Dark Phoenix did something to her?'

'How about I stealthily check?'

After entering the hold, Marvin hesitated a bit. He found her cabin and if he wanted to, he could sneak in.

But he didn't do so in the end.

He felt something wrong.

Her expression when looking at him didn't seem fake and he didn't find any special traces, but Marvin still felt some kind of danger.

He didn't have his outstanding buffed Perception anymore, so he could only rely on his eyes. He simply couldn't figure out what had happened to Hathaway.

'Her Magic Power? Why has it disappeared?'

Marvin didn't believe there was someone with the exact same name and appearance in this world.

There was definitely an issue.

'No good... I still want to take a look.'

Marvin decided to check, but suddenly, his heart started beating faster!

This was the same feeling he got when he realized Hathaway was sealed in ice.

A scene flashed in Marvin's mind: While lightning and thunder surged through the sky, a black-gowned woman was smirking as a drop of blood seeped out of the ice crystals...

Marvin's whole body felt cold!

Dark Phoenix!

It was that woman again...

It seemed that before he could go find her, she couldn't help herself any longer and took the initiative instead.

These disjointed bits of information were enough for Marvin to make a rough guess.

A drop of Hathaway's blood plus Dark Phoenix's Divine Source should be enough to create a fake "Hathaway" that looked real.

That God hiding in the human world still couldn't resist making a move against Marvin.

'She definitely saw that I was the one who launched Judgement Day...'

'There is a layer of fog between the God Realms and the Universe Magic Pool. While the rest of the Gods might not be able to see me, Glynos and Dark Phoenix should know'

'Did Judgement Day's might shock her? Or am I making her worried?'

Marvin calmed his heart, analyzing the situation carefully.

It seemed Hathaway wasn't really dormant in the ice, since she sent Marvin this invaluable piece of information.

This meant that her situation shouldn't be too bad right now. She was probably feigning dormancy as a trick to deceive Dark Phoenix.

Marvin felt a bit reassured.

Shortly after, his eyes turned vicious. "Want to use Hathaway to kill me?"

Dark Phoenix's goal was extremely clear.

This fake Hathaway was a trick to lure him.

If he really tried to sneak in, there would likely be a trap awaiting him!

But since he was aware of Dark Phoenix's trick, Marvin wouldn't worry too much.

Since Hathaway went to great lengths to hide her situation, he couldn't show any sign that he knew about it and decided to delay it instead.

Marvin thought for a bit and then returned to his cabin.

He hid in his cabin without moving for the next few days.

He felt someone hesitating in front of his door, but leaving in the end.

Marvin sneered, 'Still want to hide it?'

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Sunrise Island.

This was a large and very strange island. It was obviously located west of mainland Feinan, but was called Sunrise.

This island's history was very long, and the power controlling it was also ancient.

The Black Rider Monastery!

This was a mysterious organization established by Black Knight Sangore, and it had no lack of Legend experts. They controlled every harbor of Sunrise Island and had a very dedicated fleet.

Sangore himself very rarely appeared. Sunrise Island would follow his appointed overseer most of the time.

This place was noisy and flourishing, but the rules were exceptionally strict. If someone dared to use force on Sunrise Island, they would be chased to death by the subordinate organizations of the Black Rider Monastery!

No one dared to fight a mysterious organization that had multiple Legends.

Moreover, it was rumored that Black Knight Sangore had a page of a God's book that contained endless power.

It was part of an artifact, and it was precisely because of that shattered artifact that Sangore was able to rule the entire Sunrise Island and the neighboring seas.

Marvin knew that the so-called God's Book page was in fact the Book of Nalu's 2nd page!

The 2nd page was named [Prosperity].

This page had a strange ability. It could make a city thrive endlessly.

It was also because of this that Black Knight Sangore had been secretly looking for the other pages of the Book of Nalu. But he had been unsuccessful for all these past years.

If it wasn't for Sunrise Island being the only way to access the Dead Area, Marvin definitely wouldn't pass through here.

The two pages of the Book of Nalu could resonate and it would be troublesome if Sangore made a move.

Thus, when the ship reached the shore, Marvin quickly disembarked and silently blended into the crowd.

After a while, the fake Hathaway got off the boat with doubt hovering on her face.

She didn't understand what had gone wrong. Marvin already saw her, so why would he endure and not look for her?

Could there be a flaw in her disguise?

But in any case, the Master's order had to be carried out. Marvin had to die!

Killing intent flashed in her eyes as her gaze went through the crowd, locking onto the disguised Marvin. She quickly followed him.

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After Marvin arrived at Sunrise Island, he didn't stay in the initial area for long.

He went to the shore to find a fisherman that would take him by boat to a small island not far from there.

That small island had a very strange shape. There was a volcano on the island and it looked like an animal claw raised high up, making it easy to recognize.

The island was uninhabited all year round and had no specialties it was known for, but since Marvin paid well, the fisherman was willing to take him there. In any case, it wasn't far.

He knew that the fake Hathaway created by Dark Phoenix would definitely be following, but he didn't care.

The two arrived at the island one after the other.

For Marvin, this small island was the relay that would lead him to the Dead Area.

At the edge of this small island there was a cave that could be used to enter the Seafloor Tunnel.

No one knew when that undersea tunnel had been excavated. It seemed to be related to a sea race that had disappeared in the Pambo Sea. If he could activate the tunnel entrance and walk through the transportation tunnels under the surface, it would be a lot faster than sitting in a boat.

But before leaving for the Dead Area, he still had to deal with that big heartache.

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On the beach in the evening, Marvin meticulously reduced his speed.

The sun was setting. A somewhat strange shadow could be seen under a coconut tree.

'Clumsy Assassin...'

Marvin smiled coldly.

The lifeform Dark Phoenix created clearly had not yet integrated into this world after being alive for such a short period of time.

Despite having the abilities of a 4th rank Assassin, the traces left in Stealth were too glaring and Marvin could easily see through them.

He wasn't worried, moving forward neither quickly nor slowly.

This was a battle of patience.

In the end, when the sun sank completely, a soft voice echoed behind him. "Marvin!"

Marvin smirked.

He slowly turned, looking at the other side with feigned shock. "Didn't you not recognize me?"

The fake Hathaway reluctantly squeezed out a smile. "I seem to have forgotten many important things."

"But I feel that you are a bit familiar."

"You know me? Can you help me recall my memories?"

Using amnesia?

Marvin sneered inwardly, while appearing overjoyed on the surface.

He walked over quickly and assured, "Of course I'll help you."

As they approached each other, "Hathaway" gave a blushing smile. "How do you intend to help..."

But before she could finish, Marvin suddenly attacked!

Shadow Step!

His speed was incomparably quick and his timing was exquisite. She simply didn't have any chance to react.

Marvin moved right behind her and knocked her out!

Killing her directly wasn't suitable, because he would be sensed by Dark Phoenix if he did so.

But Marvin did have a better method.

He brought the unconscious enemy in the cave and took out the Book of Nalu's 6th page, [Rebirth]!

The fake Hathaway's body instantly weakened!

Marvin could feel the page's excitement and without Marvin's instructions, it began swallowing Dark Phoenix's Divine Source!

'I hope Sangore won't react.'

Marvin glanced worriedly at Sunrise Island.

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In Black Coral Islands, a scene suddenly appeared in front of Dark Phoenix:

Her Hathaway creation was chasing after Marvin, but Marvin was too crafty and escaped.

But Marvin was seriously injured and seemed like an arrow at the end of its flight.

'This should be fine.'

Dark Phoenix smiled, pleased with the result. She then immediately shifted her attention elsewhere. She still had a lot of important things to do.

Chapter 368: Time Breakpoint

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Marvin still felt that it was dangerous to use the Book of Nalu.

Even though the Rebirth page was relatively safe, that was when compared to the other pages. He nearly got fucked by the book of Nalu last time with Madeline, almost ending up becoming its slave.

Thus, he remained at a respectful distance from it. The God of Deception wasn't benevolent, and the way he fell was very strange. And Berserk Lord Angola exploding was good enough proof of the Book of Nalu's dangerous nature.

But he didn't have much choice this time.

The fake Hathaway made by Dark Phoenix was a physical body that evolved from her Divine Source. If he wanted to trick Dark Phoenix while taking care of that problem, he could only use the treasure left behind by the God of Deception.

Marvin was the master of that page of the Book of Nalu, and since he had that [Spirit Armband] raising his willpower, his control over the Book of Nalu had increased quite a lot.

By the time the page finished absorbing the Divine Source, the scene of him being pursued appeared in his mind.

These scenes were created perfectly by the Book of Nalu and the crafty book knew how to mislead Dark Phoenix's investigation.

Everything went smoothly.

Dark Phoenix was indeed deceived and from the Book of Nalu's reaction, she shouldn't be paying much attention to this fake Hathaway anymore.

After all, as a God, she had many things to take care of before the Great Calamity.

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In the cave, Marvin slightly relaxed.

After the Book of Nalu finished absorbing the Divine Source, the fake Hathaway's body disappeared.

A drop of scarlet blood floated in the air.

Marvin extended his hand, letting the drop of blood land on his palm.

But as it touched his skin, the blood turned appallingly black!

Marvin was a bit startled, but before he could react, the black drop of blood went through his pores and was absorbed into his body.

In an instant, Marvin felt his blood starting to boil!

Some kind of dormant power seemed to be awakening.

But this feeling only lasted for less than half a minute.

Marvin could feel that this drop of black blood had been instantly devoured by his bloodline.

A flickering flow of information went through Marvin's mind.

He opened his eyes after a while with an expression of shock. 'Curse of the Anzed Witch?'

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There was an additional curse on Marvin's status window.

This curse was called [Time Breakpoint].

Its effect was that for three days, Marvin's body would be stuck at that point in time and wouldn't age.

This was a very strange curse.

Even with Marvin's high Resistances, he would still be cursed for three days.

That was only one drop of Hathaway's blood!

Marvin understood a lot from that drop.

'Turns out this is the cause of the matter with Hathaway's age.'

'It's not her using three shapes. It's actually the Anzed Witch hereditary curse flaring up.'

'6 years old, 16 years old, 26 years old, three Breakpoints. It wasn't that she liked to change her appearance to those three shapes, but rather that she was trapped between these three Breakpoints.'

'There are still strange curses and special constitutions like that...'

Even the knowledgeable Marvin hadn't known about it and couldn't help but mock himself.

Hathaway's blood was cursed with the Breakpoint curse, making her cycle between different Breakpoints.

It sounded pretty good, like a clever way to reach immortality. But something like time was very mysterious.

Once broken, some unimaginable circumstances would appear.

Marvin could guess that Hathaway anxiously wanted to take care of her curse.

Because this curse not only restricted her power's growth, but would also create danger not far in the future.

Her mind might eventually split into three personalities because of the three Breakpoints.

The three personalities would try to separate from each other, leading to devastating injuries.

She originally thought that after advancing to Legend, the curse would be easily taken care of... but it wasn't.

She planned to use this time while sealed in ice to try to come up with ways to deal with the curse.

Originally, Marvin wasn't supposed to know about this.

Fortunately, his Shapeshift Sorcerer bloodline was powerful enough after breaking through thanks to the Golden Blood he had used. With its overbearing nature, it managed to absorb Hathaway's blood, allowing Marvin to get those pieces of information.

In all likelihood, Dark Phoenix didn't notice it, or else she would have made use of this information.

Marvin's feeling of crisis was now more intense.

From the start, Hathaway wasn't safe in Dark Phoenix's hand. He had to advance to Legend as fast as possible!

Thinking of this, he started checking around the small island to find a depression in the ground.

That was the entrance to the tunnel!

The depression led to a deep cave which was guarded by a few Sirens. With his current strength, Marvin had no issue negotiating with them... Using his daggers.

After a few minutes, he followed the cave and entered the seafloor.

A huge blue stone door flickering with a faint glow was now in front of Marvin.

There was a strange smiling face on the door. That face wasn't carved in... It was actually a Greed Stone Monster.

This undersea tunnel's origin was very old, but few people knew about it.

Marvin approached and the Greed Stone Monster blinked before stating, "500 gold. 450 will also work."

Marvin immediately paid 500 gold coins.

That monster was not only greedy, but also very mean. If you truly wanted to save a bit and decided to pay 450, then you'd definitely regret it.

Who knew where that guy would send you!

"Ding Ding!" The gold coins fell in the Greed Stone Monster's mouth. The blue entrance then opened wide.

Marvin went through the blue curtain of light that was behind the door, and it was as if he crossed through a long expanse of space.

This was the wonder of the Seafloor Tunnel. Each step was like a hundred steps. All kinds of runes were there, and based on the description during the game, this tunnel was something that existed before the Primal Chaos Era. That was around the era of the Night Monarch.

The first third of the tunnel had no dangers. Marvin unconsciously quickened his pace, rushing forward.

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Sunrise Island. While the central main street was bustling with activity, the sounds of horses' hooves suddenly echoed!

Everyone was shocked; the central main street prohibited horses! This was the Lord's inflexible rule. And today someone dared to violate that law?!

A total of six Black Knights overbearingly rushed through the crowd!

Everyone was in uproar.

The leader was Black Knight Sangore.

Sangore was looking at a small island in the distance, muttering, "God's Book..."

Chapter 369: Xunshan Monastery

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Breathing sounds in the distance were distinctly audible in the cold.

A handsome man was sitting alone in an ancient village, listening.

Nearby, a red crow was flapping its wings restlessly while watching everything.

The man suddenly moved, making a grasping motion in the air.

The red crow was instantly torn apart!

An angry voice came from outside the village. "Ivan! Don't think that no one dares to act against you just because you are the son of the Great Elven King!"

"We found the Secret Garden first! Do you think you can defeat all of us alone?"

Powerful silhouettes could be seen in the surroundings of the Ancient Village.

The words came from the Wizard who had been controlling the crow.

He was a Half-Legend Wizard, and his words simply had no worth in front of Ivan, the Elven War Saint.

Ivan simply ignored him.

He only continued sitting calmly in the middle of the village with a determined expression.

Except him, no one dared to enter the village.

Because every single person who had entered the village was killed!

The Wood Elves would rarely use such fierce means, but in the past few days, many corpses had piled up outside the village.

Despite it being this way, there were still many people gathering outside the Ancient Village.

They were waiting for the hidden place to open.

The Secret Garden of the Dead Area was rumored to have countless mystical medicines. Ivan had suffered a lot to look for medicine that could cure injuries caused by flames made from Divine Source, but he found nothing.

Now that he knew the Secret Garden was about to open, he definitely couldn't miss it!

'There are still seven days... The news has already been leaked.'

'At that time, who knows how many Legends will be there...'

Worry flashed in Ivan's eyes.

Even though this land was rather deserted, there were many experts here.

The Secret Garden's opening was bound to attract the attention of many Legend experts.

Ivan wasn't worried about ordinary Legends.

It was just that he had crossed swords with some powerful Legends in other regions of the Dead Area. They were descendants of Ancient Races, people with fierce innate constitutions. Even if he was an Elven War Saint, he couldn't overpower everything.

'If those powerhouses join hands, it would be troublesome,' Ivan thought calmly, keeping a determined expression on his face.

This time, whoever blocked his path would be torn into pieces!

Because every night when he closed his eyes, he recalled the scene of that burning black hole on that nearly perfect body!

'Father...'

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At the same time, a weak-looking shadow appeared at the edge of the Dead Area.

When Marvin stepped onto the Dead Area's rough soil, two and a half days had already passed.

The Dead Area had a fog that would never change all year long.

'Finally!'

Marvin felt a bit excited. He had spent two and a half days walking through the Seafloor Tunnel.

He would have been sitting for a whole month if he went by boat!

In the latter half of the Seafloor Tunnel, he met some powerful monsters, such as a Bebilith!

But Marvin wasn't a weak noble anymore, so he easily defeated these random monsters.

He had a pleasant journey and arrived safely at the Dead Area.

The tunnel exited from the west side of the Pambo Sea. The eastern coast of the Dead Area was a relatively safe region which had scattered Human villages.

Most of the people in these villages were wanderers or people who were sent to the Dead Area in exile, so the public security wasn't too good.

Marvin casually looked for a small village to resupply, and more importantly, to exchange some broken pieces of silver to buy a horse.

After getting a horse, he easily found the route to Xunshan Monastery.

The fierce horse rushed through the fog, and with Marvin's good eyesight, he could easily see the path ahead.

Xunshan Monastery was situated in the center of the Dead Area. From the coast, he would need a good half a day to reach there, as long as he didn't take a wrong path.

Although Marvin didn't have a complete map of the Dead Area in his mind, there wouldn't be any mistake about the path.

Below the monastery there was a flourishing town that was considered famous in the Dead Area.

Marvin wanted to find information about Ivan there. Otherwise, it would be very hard to locate him with how big the Dead Area was.

He believed that since Ivan had come to find medicine for the Great Elven King, he definitely would have gone to a few famous towns in the Dead Area to look for information.

Wood Elves would be quite conspicuous in this place filled with Ancient Races' descendants. There shouldn't be much trouble getting some information about him.

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On his way, Marvin met several groups of bandits. But when they saw that he was alone and gave off a feeling that was out of the ordinary, they just let him pass.

After Marvin arrived at Xunshan Town, he released a task to get information about the Wood Elf's whereabouts through an informant before continuing to Xunshan Monastery.

Xunshan Town and Xunshan Monastery were like two different worlds.

The former was lively and flourishing, while the latter was high in the mountains. To get there, one would need to traverse a rugged mountain road that was a bit broken down and required climbing at parts.

Inside the monastery, a group of Monks were training.

They carried the secret techniques from the past, training in them assiduously. Xunshan Monastery was most famous because of an expert that had come from there. It was said that his strength was enough to shake the Overlords of all the nearby sea areas. It must be known that the Pambo Sea's Overlords were all powerful Sea Monsters with extraordinary strength.

That super-expert was a Legend Monk who had advanced to Cloud Monk.

In terms of just stats, that class was more powerful than Inheim's Guardian Monk class!

Marvin followed the rough path and found a group of meditating Monks.

The person in charge of the teachings was an old man. His body was marked by the passage of time and was frighteningly withered, as if there was only a layer of skin on his bones.

"Excuse me, may I ask who you are looking for?" the old man inquired while glancing sideways at Marvin.

In a daze, Marvin had a strange feeling like he was returning to the ancient martial arts world.

A group of Monks practicing ancient techniques in a mountain monastery gave that sort of impression.

"I am here to deliver a letter."

Marvin smiled, taking out a letter and handing it over.

The old man took a look a handed it back. "The recipient isn't here."

"He lives behind the mountain. Walk past that bridge and you can find him in his cave."

"That's a strange person, you should be careful."

Marvin already knew that Professor's friend wasn't part of this group of Monks. He was a Blade Technique Master hiding in Xunshan Monastery!

He was called Kangen.

With the old man's permission, Marvin left and rushed to the back of the mountain.

At the same time, a group of Black Knights also stopped in Xunshan Town.

"It's nearby... Search attentively!" Sangore coldly ordered.

Chapter 370: Desperation

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Marvin arrived at the back of Xunshan Monastery's rear mountain after crossing the suspended stone bridge.

This place was even more ruined than the previous path. There were a few caves that led to some unknown places.

Marvin examined the area carefully and found that someone had frequently gone in and out of the central cave.

There was dust covering the ground of the other entrances, so it seemed that no one had been in those for a long time.

As far as he knew, only Blade Technique Master Kangen was living at the back of this mountain.

It should be right here.

He wasn't in the Feinan continent anymore. This was the Dead Area continent, this world's most desolate region.

With a trace of reverence, Marvin didn't rely on his Darksight to rush in, lighting a candle instead before slowly entering the cave.

Those who could talk on the same level as the Copper Dragon Professor were certainly not normal people.

Marvin had a vague understanding of Xunshan Monastery and had also heard some things about Blade Technique Master Kangen.

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The Dead Area was an expansion added in the later stage of the game and it attracted a large number of players on release.

Although the Dead Area was desolate, it had a variety of monsters and many valuable minerals, plants and ghosts that Feinan lacked.

Players had always been fearless. In the eyes of the players, the natives' banishing ground was a land worth being developed, a territory that had yet to be enjoyed.

At that time, the impact of the Great Calamity in Feinan was gradually diminishing, and with the help of the Golden Children, the cities gradually became prosperous again.

And the Gods also had their own domains in Feinan. Although they didn't gain a firm foothold, aside from a few fallen Gods, they had their own Apostles and followers. The strength of the players gave them a headache, so they united to open the entrance to the Dead Area, trying to shift the attention of these greedy Golden Children.

At the same time, there was a power they were afraid of in the Dead Area.

They wanted to send the tiger away to swallow the wolf, weakening their own enemies.

As a result, the players in the Dead Area encountered a lot of troubles. Many of the forces working to open up new territories in the Dead Area suffered great losses!

Because their main target was Xunshan Monastery!

They accepted the quest of the Winter God and treated Xunshan Monastery as an instance similar to the Scarlet Monastery.

The outcome... Well, as one could imagine...

After the fight started, the players found out that this seemingly unguarded mountain not only had a rough path that was difficult to traverse, but was also filled with runes and arrays.

Moreover, even though the basic Xunshan Monastery itself only had about 20 Monks, once the fighting started, many Monks from all over the Dead Area continent hurried back.

This place was very important for Monks from all over the Dead Area. It had many hidden talented individuals and also a long history.

In the first three days of the war, more than two hundred Monks hurried there, and the weakest were Half-Legends! And there were more than ten Legend Monks among them!

Nobody knew where these unknown Legend Monks had been hiding, but when the Monastery was under attack, they rushed back one after the other to help.

The players who received the quest complained endlessly.

Even if there were also some Legends among the players, they simply weren't able to overcome the powerful Xunshan Monastery!

The first wave of their meticulously prepared attack was defeated.

The angry players looked for the Winter God and accused him of giving the wrong quest information. The Winter God was only a God with medium Divine Power that didn't dare

to descend to Feinan with his body. He was blocked at his shrine by a group of reckless players that were endlessly complaining.

Under the pressure of all these players, the Winter God had no choice but to change his terms. He had to promise more rewards, and also had to send a Divine Power Avatar to the Dead Area to help the players prevail over the "sinister" Xunshan Monastery.

The scene at that time had a lot of influence, and countless related messages appeared on the forums.

After all, this was the first large-scale cooperation between the players and the 3rd Era Gods.

Most people weren't too optimistic about Xunshan Monastery's chances this time. It was just a group of Monks. Faced with the players' human wave tactics, how could it possibly survive?

But the second attack still ended up being defeated.

The reason was that the Blade Technique Master living at the back of the mountain acted!

Kangen only made one move and the Winter God's avatar was shattered.

The players were stunned. Their morale collapsed immediately!

At that time the players figured out that Xunshan Monastery wasn't the "evil" place the Gods had made it out to be. It also wasn't an instance, and was in fact a huge problem for the Gods.

Meanwhile, the conspiracy of the Winter God and the other Gods was revealed by the [Last Valkyrie]. The players were all furious, and they tore apart the shrine of the unlucky Winter God. Although the Great Calamity had already happened, it was a common occurrence for Humans and Gods to cooperate. But the players still generally disliked the Gods. The memory of the destruction of Rocky Mountain, which had happened a while back, was still in the minds of those players who couldn't participate in the Legends' battles at that time. With a group fanning the flames on the forums, soon, the 3rd "God Extermination Wave" arrived.

The players spontaneously gathered and planned to put an end to some weaker Gods. The Valkyrie's supporters went to look for trouble at each Deity Hall in the North.

The Gods were powerful, but facing such a huge number of players, especially those who were at the peak, would be way too much.

Marvin remembered that in the God Extermination Wave, at least four Gods lost their foundations, while the Winter God had even heavier losses and was almost forced to hibernate.

And the fuse to all this was the powerful but low-key force in the Dead Area, Xunshan Monastery.

At the time, Marvin didn't participate in all this because he was still playing hide and seek with Glynos while making his final preparations to ascend to Godhood.

But Xunshan Monastery's power left a strong impression on him.

Especially during the second attack on the Monastery. The Blade Technique Master Kangen made a move and it was enough to match the Great Elven King or the Cloud Monk, yet this was only part of his power. Marvin was very curious about how strong that powerhouse was, but no one knew what he was, or whether he was still in this world.

All kinds of legends spread about him.

From that day onwards, the Dead Area continent became an area forbidden to the Gods. The 3rd era Gods didn't dare to easily set foot in that ancient mysterious land any longer.

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In the dark cave, a candle flame swayed gently.

He stopped dwelling in his memories as a fragrant aura came pouring into Marvin's nose, clearing up his mind.

It was actually sandalwood.

He hadn't thought there would be sandalwood here, although it was commonly seen in Monks' monasteries.

Small, small rays of light shone over, revealing the scenery inside.

A shadow was sitting leisurely beside a pond.

Blade Technique Master Kangen.

His back was facing Marvin, and he didn't have any weapon in hand.

"Few can find this place," Kangen said casually. "How did you get past those Monks?"

"No one can avoid being spotted by the Monks." Marvin smiled. "I came to deliver a letter, Prince Kangen."

In an instant, the atmosphere in the entire cave turned cold.

The originally tranquil water in the pond suddenly started rippling and some of it splashed out and flew to Marvin's face!

Marvin didn't blink.

But the next moment, he felt something ice cold before feeling a burning pain.

Blood flowed down from the upper part of his face.

"Sorry... I didn't control my emotions."

After a long time, Kangen continued in a faint voice, "It's been many years since someone addressed me like that."

Marvin smirked a bit. "Although some things have passed, not everyone will forget."

Kangen nodded and gestured Marvin to approach. The latter handed over Professor's letter.

Marvin sighed in relief.

His risky action just now was in order to deepen the Blade Technique Master's interest in him.

After all, there weren't many who knew Kangen's identity. Only a few could be found in this world.

The prince of a destroyed nation, a genius of the martial path, a banished wanderer... and also a sinner who fell in love with his own stepmother.

These identities were like shackles making the first part of Kangen's wandering life very miserable and difficult, up until he immersed himself in Blade Techniques, finally feeling at ease.

Living in seclusion in Xunshan wasn't because he didn't want to do anything, but because he had nothing to do.

His former foes had already been killed, the woman he loved had already died, and his old country was no more. He no longer had any place to stay.

The Blade Technique Master of Marvin's memories was a pitiful person.

Perhaps only people like this could have an exceptional state of mind and be able to stand tall against the Gods as natives.

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The cave was silent.

Only the sound of water drops could be heard from time to time.

Kangen carefully perused the letter while Marvin stood to the side, looking at his expression.

The Blade Technique Master was rather handsome, and although he had a scar on his face, it didn't detract from his elegance.

In fact, after reaching his level, it would be very easy to remove that scar if he wanted to, but he didn't because that scar had a special meaning to him.

Thinking of this, Marvin couldn't help but inwardly sigh, 'Beauties do bring disasters.'

After reading the letter, Kangen pondered for a long time.

Marvin wasn't anxious and just waited.

After a while, Kangen recovered and muttered to himself, "What happened in the end, what made Professor feel danger?"

"This world is changing? Isn't the outside world changing every day?"

Marvin remained silent. Perhaps the man in the cave had no interest in the changes of the outside world.

But fortunately, after talking to himself for a bit, Kangen finally focused back on Marvin.

He examined Marvin and noted, "You don't understand Blade Techniques."

"Please advise, Master Kangen," Marvin requested respectfully.

"What can you do?" Kangen asked.

Marvin considered for a bit and bluntly answered, "Killing."

Kangen laughed. "Good. Quite frank. I have a Blade Technique Style which is actually very suitable for people like you."

"The name of this Blade Technique Style is [Desperation]."

"Follow me."

Chapter 371: Ice Monster Cave

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Marvin didn't know what Professor said in the letter.

But in any case, he still was very grateful to the Copper Dragon. The hermit Kangen would very rarely teach his Blade Techniques to others.

In the game, you needed to do a lot of complicated quests in order to be able to have the right to study a Blade Technique Style.

Advancing down the martial path was the same as mastering skills in the sense that it was also a path that required training. It was just that the requirements were even more demanding, so it wasn't widespread.

Marvin really needed an entire set of Blade Techniques to fuse with all his moves and skills.

The Copper Dragon was incomparably wise. He had lived for who knew how many years and had seen a lot of people like Marvin, so he knew that Kangen could find a way to settle Marvin's issues.

And this [Desperation] Blade Technique Style was chosen by Grandmaster Kangen for Marvin, who only knew how to kill.

Indeed, although he was called a Blade Technique Master, strictly speaking, Kangen had already stepped into the Grandmaster level in both Blades Mastery and Blade Techniques.

Compared to Marvin's Curved Dagger Mastery which was at Master level, it was two whole levels higher.

Above Master was Greatmaster, followed by Grandmaster.

Others might not be qualified to say that Marvin didn't understand blades, but Marvin would accept Kangen's remarks unconditionally.

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For Marvin, advancing to Legend rank was indeed the most important matter, but advancing and training his Blade Techniques were also ways to increase his strength.

If he was able to learn a powerful Blade Technique Style, it would have an amazing effect even in the Legend realm.

This could be seen from the fact that Kangen destroyed the Winter God's avatar in one move. Blade Techniques trained to a certain degree would become very frightening.

The next few days, Marvin trained under Kangen, residing in the mountain behind Xunshan Monastery and practicing this strange Blade Technique Style.

Desperation, as the name implied, was created by Blade Technique Master Kangen when he was in a desperate situation.

At that time, he was being attacked from all sides and was in a hopeless situation. He rarely had a chance to attack and could only defend.

Thus, each attack he made had to kill an enemy!

Marvin initially trained under Kangen for two days, but the latter didn't explain anything to him, only making Marvin practice all his killing techniques once.

Marvin didn't hide anything and calmly displayed all his previous killing techniques.

The Master was very satisfied with this.

The killing techniques Marvin knew were already very powerful. Many famous killers didn't have so many strange and crafty killing techniques.

Even Kangen himself, as a genius of the martial path, had no choice but to acknowledge Marvin's frightening skill in this field.

After watching everything, he sat alone for the night. The next morning, he imparted everything about the Desperation Style to Marvin.

After watching Kangen's demonstrations, Marvin was shocked.

This Desperation Style had actually fused all of Marvin's killing techniques, along with the Master's own understanding and a few other simple moves.

The goal was to integrate all of Marvin's techniques to form a coherent series of moves, rather than having a bunch of scattered killing techniques.

Marvin was indeed a PK specialist in his previous life, but PKing wasn't training in the martial path after all. He couldn't create Battle Techniques like a Greatmaster of the martial path.

Not to mention, he used to wield straight daggers in his previous life while walking the Assassin's path. Assassins would focus on the concept of one hit one kill.

He was a Ranger now, so his battle ability in a direct confrontation had been greatly increased. It would be a waste not to take advantage of it.

Marvin trained for no less than three days before his Desperation Style showed signs of forming.

This wasn't like the kind of Blade Technique that could be conveyed on scrolls. This was a complete style.

Even though the techniques used in the Blade Technique Style were all familiar to Marvin, it still took three days to fully grasp it while relying on his own abilities.

In spite of this, Marvin's training speed still shocked Kangen.

In barely three days, Marvin showed signs of already having the foundation of the Desperation Style. This made him sigh while thinking that Marvin was also a martial path genius.

But in reality, it wasn't like that.

After sufficiently practicing the Desperation Style, Marvin used experience to learn the basics completely.

20000 exp was rather costly, but in order to save time, he had no choice but to do so.

Under normal circumstances, Marvin wouldn't be able to learn the Desperation Style well enough for practical use unless he had about a year of training.

Yet now he had a new martial path technique style of his own:

[Blade Technique – Desperation] (Beginner)

There wasn't much of a description for this technique, and it seemed like it didn't give any bonuses.

But Marvin knew that if he perfectly mastered this style, his melee abilities would definitely grow a few levels stronger.

For melee experts, the additional effects of martial path skills would be comparable to Legend specialties at the later stages!

Marvin used three days to finish learning Desperation, and then he planned to take his leave. After all, you had to rely on your own efforts to become stronger. And he didn't come to the Dead Area to train in Xunshan but to find Ivan.

But at that time, Kangen blocked Marvin with a smile.

His reason was simple. "Now that you have learnt Desperation, you are considered as my half disciple."

"Before you have reached Master level in this Blade Technique Style, I won't allow you to leave Xunshan."

Marvin was startled and soon complained with a bitter smile.

How could he have the time to stay and train laboriously?

He was about to start explaining, but Kangen spoke first. "Rest assured, it shouldn't take too long."

"Xunshan isn't suitable for someone like you who trains in killing techniques."

"But there is one place you have to pass through. You need to spend some time and look at yourself.

After saying this, he took Marvin to a strange cave at the rear mountain.

This cave was the most remote one. When the two went inside, Marvin noticed the temperature constantly lowering.

At the same time, he was shocked to find that his own skills were starting to turn gray on his interface.

"Here, you are unable to rely on other things."

"Besides the martial path's techniques, you have nothing."

Kangen slightly smiled, throwing a pair of wooden short daggers to Marvin. "Use those."

Marvin put away his daggers and obediently grabbed the cold wooden daggers.

The two of them walked to the depths of the cave and past a certain point, Marvin found out that all his skills were sealed!

"This is an Ice Monster Cave. It was one of the roads to the bottom of the mountain but was later occupied by an Ice Monster Leader. I already killed him, but there are still many Ice Monsters inside.

"There are a lot of secrets hidden here, and thus you can't use your skills. You can only rely on your own Blade Techniques. If you want to leave this place, you have to kill your way out."

Kangen concluded seriously, "The real Desperation Style isn't something you can learn from rote practice."

"It is something you learn by killing."

Marvin faintly nodded, holding his wooden daggers in his hands and moving a few steps forward.

At that time, two human faces appeared on the walls.

A cold aura assaulted his senses.

Two Ice Monsters roared and fiercely pounced on him!

Marvin remained calm and used his wooden daggers to display the Desperation Style, slashing fiercely at the head of one of the Ice Monsters!

But the wooden daggers didn't strike with as much strength as Marvin expected. Instead of cutting the Ice Monster, the attack simply provoked it.

The two Ice Monsters rushed at him again.

In an instant, Marvin was under attack from two different sides.

But he seemed to have gained some understanding.

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Xunshan Town.

While Marvin was training his Blade Techniques on the mountain, he didn't know that Black Knight Sangore had led the rest of the Black Knights and completely overturned Xunshan Town.

That day when Marvin used the Book of Nalu to absorb Dark Phoenix's Divine Source and trick her, he had already attracted Sangore's attention.

The aura of the Book of Nalu was particularly strong there, and the Black Knight was determined to have it, clashing with many people.

But although Xunshan Town was lively, there weren't many people willing to contend against the Legend Black Knight.

Several days later, the Black Knight still hadn't found the Book of Nalu.

He finally lost his cool as he gazed at the mountain hidden between the clouds.

"Go up, grab everyone!"

The Black Knight pulled on his reins and rushed up the rough mountain path!

Many people were discussing this in the town with faces of worry.

A war was unavoidable.

Chapter 372: Cloud Monk

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The Black Knights were arrogantly and imposingly charging down the rough mountain path.

Their warhorses weren't ordinary, able to navigate the rough terrain and easily react to anything.

The terrible mountain path had been no small test for most of the adventurers, but Marvin was able to cross it as if it were even ground thanks to his Godly Dexterity.

The people at the bottom of the mountain started worrying for the Monks.

Especially the outsiders. They didn't know much about Xunshan Monastery and had only heard a few rumors.

The Monks in the monastery were usually cultivating painstakingly, not doing much else. Who knew whether that group of Black Knights would try to turn the monastery upside down.

After all, the Dead Area had no shortage of powerhouses.

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With Black Knight Sangore at the lead, they finally arrived at Xunshan Monastery.

He was usually a silent person who dealt with everything using his strength. The long chase this time had annoyed him greatly.

They almost lost Marvin's trail on the sea. Sangore couldn't understand how his opponent could move so quickly.

The only explanation should be that the other party was a powerful caster.

Whatever the case, Sangore relied on his God's Book to be able to chase Marvin here.

He chased Marvin from Sunrise Island all the way up here, following the aura of the God's Book, but he still hadn't found it yet.

He also had expert Trackers among his followers and they had never failed him before.

The aura trail left by the God's Book ended in Xunshan's surroundings. Since that day, Sangore and his subordinates had searched all around Xunshan's surroundings, yet they didn't find what they were looking for.

Thus, he was certain that the thing he wanted was in these mountains.

As for Xunshan Monastery, Sangore had heard about it, but as a Legend powerhouse, he didn't fear mere rumors.

What scared him a bit was some faintly discernible aura on the mountain.

That aura was extremely restrained, yet would occasionally burst out. It was enough to make him apprehensive.

There was at least one powerhouse on the same level as him on the mountain.

But the aura had disappeared today.

This was the reason Sangore decided to rush up the mountain.

He knew that this might be his only opportunity. If he didn't go up now, his quarry might find a way to flee.

As for the monastery, he simply didn't care about its reputation.

In Feinan Plane, there were many who chose the Monk's path. He had killed so many Monks that he didn't remember how many.

"Forward!"

The Black Knights cheered loudly as they pointed their spears forward, quickly rushing toward the monastery.

But at that time, a sturdy man blocked their path!

"What are you doing?"

This was a young Monk.

He had a bad temper and bellowed at the Black Knights, "This is Xunshan Monastery! Not a place filthy things like you can invade."

Sangore stared coldly the young Monk. "Filthy things..."

"Isn't that the case?" The young Monk swept his angry gaze across the Black Knights. "Half-Humans, Half-Devils...No, you are more repulsive than those pure Devils! You clearly were Humans, but you transformed yourselves into this!"

"Isn't it right to say that you are filthy?" insisted the young Monk with a nauseated expression.

His words were quite right. The Black Knight class partly drew their power from the Devils.

The strength of Sangore's group was artificial. They transformed themselves by using Hell's methods, making their bodies give off the aura of Hell, which repulsed the young Monk.

"You are right. Are you from this monastery?" Sangore asked in an ominous voice.

The young Monk nodded loftily.

"Baml"

A spear pierced the Monk's heart. The fierce momentum forced his body back 10 meters before the spear nailed into a rock!

"Crash!"

The terrible power behind the spear crushed the rock into pieces, raising dust and fragments in the air as the Monk died with his eyes still open.

"Kill them first, then look for the artifact," Sangore ordered indifferently.

After saying that, he tugged the reins and went to the young Monk's body. He pulled his spear out and rushed through the monastery doors.

"Thud thud thud!"

The sound of cold iron hooves disturbed the peace of the monastery.

Painful shouts began to echo throughout the mountain.

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Depths of the Ice Monster cave.

Marvin was out of breath. He had finally managed to kill the Ice Monsters with the two wooden daggers in his hands, but he was sore all over and extremely weary!

He was rarely this tired.

He couldn't use his skills, and his wooden daggers were blunt weapons that could only deal the minimum amount of damage. It was very troublesome for Marvin.

The Ice Monsters didn't appear one by one.

The first time two appeared, then four, and this wave had eight!

The levels were also higher each time. They were around level 10 at first, but gradually reached level 15.

Marvin almost exhausted all his stamina on the third wave.

In this battle, Marvin had made great use of his killing techniques.

Although he was exhausted, he inexorably felt that he had found a way to increase his strength.

This was the most effective method for natives.

He checked his interface and his Desperation Style had already reached Apprentice from Beginner.

Reaching this point after a few hours wasn't easy.

Of course, he was still quite the distance away from reaching Master as Kangen had told him to.

Marvin felt sore and couldn't help but ask, "Next wave wouldn't be sixteen, right?"

Kangen calmly stood there looking at Marvin who was drenched in sweat and couldn't help but laugh. "You guessed correctly."

Marvin inwardly shook his head.

The number of Ice Monsters that appeared doubled each time they went deeper into the cave.

It was true that his Blade Technique Style was sharp, but how could he inflict a lot of damage with these wooden daggers?

Thinking about fighting sixteen Ice Monsters of an even higher level than before gave Marvin a headache.

"You can rest."

Kangen gently reminded him, "Stamina is very important."

Marvin nodded and was about to sit down to rest, when suddenly, Kangen's expression hardened.

"What's going on?"

Marvin could tell that something was wrong from his face, as only a few things in this world could make this powerhouse have such a change in expression.

Kangen's complexion was a little ugly. "These guys dared to rush up and massacre the Monks in the monastery?"

Marvin felt bad, but didn't say anything.

Kangen flipped his palm and a cloudy mist appeared above it, forming a screen.

"This is..." Marvin was appalled by what was happening.

The point of view was from the sky above, overlooking everything happening in Xunshan Monastery.

Six frightening Black Knights were wantonly massacring the Monks!

"Black Knight Sangore!" Marvin's heart raced!

He hadn't expected that Sangore would actually pursue him there. If he hadn't be training Desperation, he might have already bumped into that group of Black Knights!

The Monks in that scene were the ones he saw a few days ago. Most of these people had just started cultivating and weren't high level, so how could they resist the onslaught of the Black Knights?

It was a completely one-sided massacre!

Xunshan was a mountain range and the basic monastery was on the front mountain, but the real core was still in that tall peak to the north of the rear mountain.

Beset with Sangore's surprise attack, these ordinary Monks simply didn't have the strength to retaliate!

Marvin felt guilty. He was the one who attracted that group of reckless Black Knights. These Monks were just innocent bystanders who suffered because of him!

"We should..."

Marvin didn't get to finish his sentence before Kangen shook his head, muttering, "Someone will take care of it."

He had a serious expression.

In the scene, an old Monk shivered in front of the Black Knights.

He looked at them with grief and anger but didn't say a word.

Sangore expressionlessly raised his spear as his war horse neighed!

"Attack!" The six Black Knights raised their spears at the same time.

But at that time, a figure flew down from the central peak like a celestial being!

He grabbed the old Monk and swiftly flew past the Black Knights' spears.

'[Cloud Wandering]!'

'Cloud Monk?'

Seeing this movement, Marvin's heart skipped a beat. He knew who it was that came to help!

Such a wonderful ability to wander the clouds... Only someone with 9 or more levels in the Cloud Monk class could master it.

Besides that person, no one else could!

Chapter 373: Legend!

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On the screen, that figure flew down from the mountain peak and instantly brought the old Monk away, not only making the spears of the Black Knights hit empty air, but also slightly pushing them back!

All the spears started shaking.

The next moment, these frightening lethal weapons seemed to lose their aura in front of that person as they shattered!

Despite Marvin's many adventures, it was the first time he saw a Cloud Monk's fierceness!

That class was one of the Monk Legend advancements and was practically the most powerful.

Because in addition to possessing formidable power, that class also had a property that the others didn't have: Longevity!

In Feinan, it was very difficult to reach immortality. Besides ascending to Godhood, very few class holders could become immortal.

Even the most powerful class holders would eventually lose their strength due to the passage of time.

Very few classes had the ability to attain immortality. Becoming a Lich was one way, and there were a few other classes that had a skill like Longevity.

And Cloud Monk was one of them.

As they cultivated and increased in level, not only would Cloud Monks be able to tread across mountains as if they were level land, but they would also gain the ability to travel through the clouds, walk on snow without leaving a trace, and increase their lifespan.

After reaching level 9, they were almost immortal. That's why Cloud Monk was considered a very powerful class. Who knew how many years this Cloud Monk had lived?

Most of the time, their strength and age were proportional.

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The old Monk was startled by that split-second clash. The newly arriving figure unhurriedly turned around and faced the six Black Knights alone.

Marvin could clearly see that the person on the screen of mist wasn't much different from a twelve year old youth!

He had fair skin and looked like a young master of a respectable house who was dressed in Monk clothes, perhaps paying respect to a monastery.

But in fact, his strength was unfathomable!

'A character on the same level as the Great Elven King... The Dead Area is truly filled with hidden dragons and crouching tigers. No wonder the impact of the Great Calamity on the Dead Area was minimal.'

Marvin sighed.

He didn't know the Cloud Monk's name because in the game, no one ever saw him fight.

The attacks on Xunshan Monastery had always been taken care of by Blade Technique Master Kangen when they could hold out no longer.

Today just happened to be a day when Kangen was away teaching Marvin Desperation, so he had to make a move himself.

His movements were extremely graceful, to the point that he looked like a celestial being, just as the rumors said.

'Handsome indeed. Cloud Monk truly deserves to be known as one of the most dashing classes in Feinan...'

Marvin looked at him with envy. The sight of him flying down from the clouds was unforgettable.

Although Wizards could do something similar with the help of a flying carpet, there was no way for them to look so graceful and relaxed as if they were doing it completely effortlessly.

And this Cloud Monk was only relying on his physical body and his ability to connect to heaven and earth to move like this.

But Marvin knew that the Cloud Monk class was very demanding on one's comprehension. Even in the game, he hadn't heard of any powerful Monks that successfully advanced to it. In the entire history of Feinan, there couldn't have been more than a few famous Cloud Monks. They were almost as rare as Fate Sorceresses. So there was no point in being envious.

Since that person took action, Xunshan Monastery would be taken care of.

Sure enough, after the appearance of the Cloud Monk, he glanced at a Black Knight and a young Monk's body, and then struck without saying anything.

He only used two moves to kill the other five Black Knights!

As for Sangore, even as a Legend, he wasn't able to last more than five moves against the Cloud Monk!

Marvin was astonished.

'Wasn't Sangore a Legend powerhouse? How could he suffer so badly?'

At that time, the mist screen in Blade Master Kangen's hands suddenly dissipated.

Marvin scratched his head, puzzled.

Kangen sighed, looking at Marvin with a strange expression. "He didn't come looking for trouble with Xunshan Monastery."

Marvin remained silent for a while, before finally nodding.

Kangen didn't say anything more about that and only shook his head. "He is still soft-hearted. If it were me, that Black Knight wouldn't have escaped."

Since Marvin wasn't able to see the later part of the fight, he could only ask Master Kangen.

Kangen didn't hide it from him.

Just as Marvin expected, the Cloud Monk had eradicated the Black Knights.

Sangore suffered heavy injuries but because he was sharp-witted, he didn't hesitate to use an item to escape from Xunshan Monastery.

According to Kangen, the Cloud Monk didn't chase him down, or else he could have easily killed Sangore.

But Marvin knew that Sangore definitely wouldn't give up.

Being repelled by the Cloud Monk this time didn't mean that he could resist the attraction of the Book of Nalu.

Despite establishing it, he wasn't the most powerful being in the Black Knight Monastery. He would definitely look for another powerful Legend after his recent failure.

From what Marvin knew, behind the Black Knight Monastery was the shadow of Hell.

Things weren't that simple.

Sooner or later, Sangore would look for him to settle this matter. Xunshan Monastery and the Cloud Monk blocked for him this time, but it wouldn't be like that next time.

'Power! Strength!'

Marvin took a deep breath.

In the end, it was still a matter of strength. If he were as powerful as the Cloud Monk, he could easily get rid of Sangore and get that 2nd page of the Book of Nalu.

With the 1st page hidden in the treasury of the Night Walkers, his own 6th page, and Hathaway's 3rd page in the Ashes Tower... Half of the pages were more or less in his possession.

He always felt that the Book of Nalu might play a critical part in the future confrontation with the Gods.

That was because it could swallow Divine Source.

Too many truths were hidden in that Artifact. The God of Deception wrote it using his Divine Power and his life, only to leave behind a disaster? That couldn't be it.

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In any case, Sangore retreated and Marvin was safe for the time being. Thinking too much about it wouldn't do him any good.

He still had to find a way to pass the test in the Ice Monster cave.

Although these Ice Monsters were repulsive, the experience they gave wasn't insignificant. On average, each Ice Monster so far gave Marvin several hundred exp.

If he weren't using wooden daggers, and if the number of Ice Monsters kept increasing, this would be a good place to farm experience.

Unfortunately, Kangen was very strict in order to properly temper Marvin's Blade Technique Style.

He had to use the wooden daggers.

Thus, after resting for a bit, Marvin's challenge continued.

This time, he advanced a few more steps and a considerable group of Ice Monsters appeared in front of him!

The corner of Marvin's mouth twitched.

This was indeed a wave of sixteen Ice Monsters!

Each time, the number of Ice Monsters doubled.

In an instant, the pressure on Marvin increased. He raised his daggers and once again rushed forward.

In the Ice Monster cave, a shadow carrying wooden daggers flickered and a chaotic battle started once again.

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In the end, Marvin took no less than three and a half days before walking out of the Ice Monster cave.

This time was rather shorter than he had expected.

As he left the icy cave and walked on a part of the mountain path, the sun shone through the never-scattering fog of the Dead Area, slightly blinding him.

The Blade Technique Master stood in the shadow of the cave, looking at Marvin with a smile.

It was clear that it was a bit outside his expectations for Marvin to successfully level Desperation Style to Master so quickly.

He was very pleased with Marvin's performance.

"Go." Kangen smiled. "You can leave."

Marvin looked at Kangen gratefully, wanting to say something but hesitating.

Kangen reassured, "Don't worry. I know what you want to ask. We will meet again. Maybe very soon."

Marvin nodded, and after thanking Master Kangen for his instruction, he left the Xunshan area.

He had wanted to ask about the contents of Professor's letter. Professor making a move away from Feinan this time was a bit strange.

From Kangen's reaction, Marvin faintly understood that if the Copper Dragon met with some trouble, he would need powerhouses on the level of Kangen to help.

Marvin naturally wanted to know what was happening.

But since Kangen wasn't willing to disclose it, he couldn't force the issue.

After leaving the area, Marvin changed his Disguise and returned to Xunshan Town.

His previously released quest had already been accepted by some people.

Although the Dead Area was vast, there were few places where people gathered and information networks were decently developed.

The Elven Prince was a prominent character. He had arrived at the Dead Area a while ago and crossed paths with many experts, so it wasn't as if there weren't any signs of his movements.

It turned out that there were many forces buying information about his whereabouts and Marvin wasn't the only one tracking him.

Soon, he obtained exact news about Ivan, and there was even a location!

After Marvin finished listening to the information, he was left with a strange expression. 'Seems like Ivan is really worried this time.'

'He actually came here in such a high-profile manner.'

'The Secret Garden is opening? Another instance opening early? What's going on?'

He thought for a while before quickly leaving Xunshan Town, going straight for the Secret Garden instance location on the map.

That was in the west of the Dead Area, a place filled with dangers.

The Secret Garden's opening was different from Saruha's. Only the Wolf Spider mercenary group had been aware of Saruha's entrance, but this time, the opening of the Secret Garden had gathered many powerhouses because of Ivan.

Marvin went as fast as possible, hoping he could get there in time.

The Dead Area was a very frightening place. Even the Elven War Saint could suffer a loss if he wasn't careful.

Marvin had promised the Great Elven King that he would get Ivan back, and had also promised to create an opportunity for the Sea Elven Queen.

Most importantly, Ivan was Marvin's important friend.

He needed to help Ivan get what he wanted.

Moreover, he was now powerful enough!

Thinking of this, Marvin glanced at the 150000 exp on his interface and unhesitantly chose to spend 144000 exp to level Night Walker!

Marvin's Night Walker class reached level 9!

In an instant, his total level reached 21, advancing to Legend!

Chapter 374: Secret Garden

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Before Marvin came to the Dead Area, he received 50000 exp from Mark 47.

With Sky and the monsters of the Seafloor Tunnel, he had close to 70000 exp before he set foot on the Dead Area Continent.

Of those, he used 20000 to learn Desperation Style and originally thought he would have to find a place to farm some battle exp before he could level up his Night Walker class.

After all, reaching level 9 Night Walker required 144000 exp!

But he hadn't expected that the challenge Kangen gave him, the Ice Monster Cave, would turn out to be a decent farming spot.

In the end, each Ice Monster gave about 800 on average and Marvin killed a total of 126 of them!

That was six waves of Ice Monsters. In the final wave, Marvin was encircled by a whopping 64 Ice Monsters and he had to desperately fight his way through.

During the extremely troublesome slaughter, not only did his Desperation Style reach Master level, but he also harvested more than 100000 battle exp.

It was this exp gain that allowed him to level up his Night Walker class.

Thus, after reaching the Legend threshold at the 21st level, an option appeared on his interface.

[Choose a Legend class: Ranger (lv9) – Night Walker (lv9)]

Right now, he could only choose between Ranger and Night Walker to be his Legend class, because Ruler of the Night's advancement required Ranger (lv8) – Night Walker (lv10).

Although Marvin had the Advancement manual, he didn't meet the requirements and thus couldn't advance to Ruler of the Night.

Marvin instantly declined to choose a Legend class.

The advantage of the game-like system could be seen here as he could choose his Legend Class at any time. He had to meet the requirements first.

Thus, Marvin's total level went back down to 20 from 21.

Indeed, without choosing a Legend class, he would remain a level 20 Half-Legend. Although he had enough levels to be a Legend, he didn't have a Legend class.

And when calculating his total level, regardless of what the levels of his classes were at, it would be stuck at level 20 without a Legend class.

Marvin didn't care much about this. He chose to upgrade his Night Walker level in order to get a step closer to Ruler of the Night, while also increasing his own strength.

Level 9 Night Walker gave Marvin an additional 36 skill points and 246 HP.

At the same time, Marvin gained two Night Walker specialties:

[Major Tenacity]: Serious injuries won't hinder your moves.

[Magic's Foe]: Substantial increase in Magic Resistance.

These two specialties were very powerful passives. In fact, the closer to the Legend Realm, the more often the specialties would be passives. But it was these passive specialties that were the most powerful.

The first specialty and Marvin's personal specialty [Endurance] covered both sides of the coin, making him more powerful in battle as he could ignore both pain and the hindering effects of injuries. This was very significant.

After all, there would be a deviation when injured. This slight change could make the difference between life and death.

And the [Magic's Foe] specialty would be useful when fighting a caster. This specialty would weaken the effect of the spells cast toward Marvin. Regardless of anything else, level 9 Night Walker had already demonstrated its strength. Rarely would a class gain such tyrannical passives before the Legend realm.

This was also the reason most of the people in the Night Walker organization chose Night Walker as their Legend class.

Both Constantine and O'Brien showed the power of the Night Walker class, even though they had different paths.

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After dealing with the level up, Marvin continued to rush toward the Secret Garden.

In fact, he hadn't thought he would be able to complete Kangen's test in three and a half days.

After all, the wooden daggers were hardly any better than bare hands against Ice Monsters. The only advantage was that he could block. But Desperation Style wasn't used for blocking.

The essence of this Blade Technique Style was in attacks, continuous attacks.

Marvin originally expected that based on his efficiency, he would need at least a week to defeat all the Ice Monsters.

But as his Blade Technique Style leveled up, his pace grew substantially faster, completely showing the power of his Desperation Style.

Marvin hadn't trained in the Martial Path in the game, so he didn't know what bonuses it gave!

When his Desperation Style reached [Intermediate], his first Martial Path property appeared!

[Weapon Sharpness +15].

The increase in weapon sharpness made it a lot easier for Marvin to kill the Ice Monsters, enhancing his offensive abilities even with the wooden daggers. He originally needed more than a dozen slashes to kill an Ice Monster and it suddenly decreased to just a few, greatly increasing the efficiency.

It also was from that point in time that Marvin began his farming.

When Marvin's Desperation Style reached [Expert], the second property appeared as planned: [Armor Break +20]

This was a property that belonged to weapons, but it appeared as a bonus from the Blade Technique Style. Although Ice Monsters didn't have armor, after Marvin obtained this property, he clearly felt that the wooden daggers had an easier time slashing their bodies.

He spent no less than a day and half fighting the last wave of Ice Monsters before Desperation Style reached the Master realm.

There, he obtained his third reward:

[Desperation Burst: When using Desperation Style, each attack has a chance of having its damage multiplied.]

It was still a passive, and the damage multiplication made it so that Marvin was able to occasionally one-shot a level 17 Ice Monster!

Even if the probability wasn't high, when handling multiple enemies or engaging in a battle of attrition, this would make a huge difference.

With those three bonuses, Marvin defeated the remaining Ice Monsters and finally killed his way out of the cave.

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The power of Desperation was greater than he had expected.

If he could train this Blade Technique Style to Greatmaster, or even Grandmaster... he didn't even dare imagine.

No wonder Kangen was able to cut down the Winter God's avatar.

It was just unfortunate that Desperation Style couldn't be leveled by experience anymore. The system also had its own limitations. Otherwise, with Marvin's farming efficiency, he could easily level his Curved Dagger Mastery and Blade Technique Style to the peak.

He thought of his harvest in the Ice Monster cave while urging his horse to hurry toward the Secret Garden.

After approximately a day, Marvin reached the western part of the Dead Area.

On the journey, he changed horses three times to stay at the maximum speed. He soon started to meet people on the road.

These people were also rushing forward in a hurry, apparently toward the Secret Garden.

'I hope the Secret Garden hasn't opened yet and Ivan didn't get into trouble,' Marvin worried.

The Secret Garden wasn't like Saruha. In the past, this place had another name: [Tomb of Legends]!

'Every time the Secret garden was opened, it was because someone deliberately threw some bait...'

Marvin narrowed his eyes, thinking over his memories from the game.

Chapter 375: Magic Medicine King

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Because the Dead Area was a map that was released in a later expansion, it hadn't been completely explored by the time Marvin transmigrated.

As for the Secret Garden, many player guilds explored it and gathered enough information, but because of the special nature of the instance, Marvin himself hadn't personally experienced it. He had obtained some secondhand information, but it was difficult to say whether it was all accurate.

From what he remembered, the origin of the Secret Garden was related to a Wizard's school of magic from an ancient era.

That school of magic was called the Mikenshi school. Mikenshi Wizards were focused on cultivating Magic Medicines, and in their golden age, their organization's branches covered every corner of the Dead Area. Of course, much had changed over time in the Dead Area.

At that time, the Mikenshi school's status in the Dead Area was comparable to the South Wizard Alliance's in Feinan Continent, occupying at least half of the territory.

They were expert Herbalists and focused on cultivating Magic Medicines, and thus, under the suggestion of a Mikenshi Wizard, they opened a unique space, a place very suitable for cultivating them.

Originally, it was a very ordinary medicine garden, but as the Mikenshi school constantly grew over the years, more and more Magic Medicines filled the garden.

These Magic Medicines grew crazily and wantonly, and although the Mikenshi Wizards set layers of barriers around the garden, their dense aura still attracted a powerful existence.

It was a frightening monster that had been lingering between Feinan and the Astral Sea. He drooled at the aura leaking out and took advantage of a Mikenshi caster that was experimenting with summoning to hijack the spatial tear.

That monster swallowed many Mikenshi Wizards. Although he was eventually sealed by a powerful Wizard, the Mikenshi school still suffered a huge blow and wasn't able to recover. Monsters began to appear on the Dead Area Continent from different spatial tears, which made the Mikenshi very unstable. They half-closed the Secret Garden, only leaving some Wizards behind to defend it.

For many years, the Mikenshi school continued being attacked by various enemies and gradually weakened.

That was a story that was far too old. Marvin's information suggested that at some point, the constantly weakening Mikenshi school had to keep retreating because it was unable to withstand a particularly formidable enemy. They eventually took a stand and fought a decisive battle outside the Secret Garden, ultimately suffering a crushing defeat.

The remaining Mikenshi Wizards released that first monster, intending to go for mutual destruction.

And they succeeded. The enemy and the monster both perished.

But they were also defeated, as all the Mikenshi Wizards had been wiped out in the battle. Only a Wizard Apprentice remained from these cultivators of Magic Medicines, left behind the barrier of the Secret Garden, completely at a loss.

That apprentice felt constant anxiety, afraid that another enemy would come. But in the end, none did, and he buried all the dead lifeforms in the Secret Garden.

In fact, many Magic Medicines had their own wisdom. Despite it being superficial, they were still lifeforms.

In the garden, a seemingly ordinary Magic Medicine kept trying to tempt the last Mikenshi Wizard.

It promised him great power.

The apprentice was bewitched and he approached that Magic Medicine. In the end, the latter swallowed the apprentice, even consuming his soul!

That Magic Medicine gained control over the Secret Garden after swallowing the apprentice's soul. It grew unsatisfied with the current situation and decided to study the knowledge left behind by the Mikenshi school. For humans, it was only knowledge of how to cultivate and control Magic Medicines, but for the Magic Medicine, it was a way to understand and improve itself.

The Magic Medicine kept growing stronger and stronger as it studied, and it swallowed most of the other Magic Medicines in the Secret Garden before ultimately becoming a Magic Medicine King.

It gave itself a name, Eric. It was that pitiful Wizard Apprentice's name.

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To this day, Magic Medicine King Eric remained in control of the garden. It had very frightening strength, and moreover, it was almost invincible in its home, the Secret Garden.

Most importantly, this guy was very crafty. Regardless of what happened, it would never rashly appear in person. Most of those who saw his appearance had already lost their souls. In fact, only the players who cleared the instance learnt that Magic Medicine King Eric was the one who had deliberately let out the alluring aura that attracted the monster from the Astral Sea.

Eric was very good at illusions and disguising itself. When the Secret Garden was opened, it often took the appearance of an ordinary tree or a small flower, coldly watching as the greedy humans and other lifeforms looked at the Secret Garden's rare Magic Medicines.

However, many of these Magic Medicines were illusions. Almost all the Magic Medicines in the Secret Garden ended up in Eric's belly. The remaining Magic Medicines either had indestructible seals set up by the Mikenshi Wizards or were frightening enough that Eric didn't dare to provoke them.

Thus, each time the Secret Garden was opened, it appeared to be a gift from the ancient Wizards to their descendants, while in fact, it was Eric's plot.

It opened the door, luring powerhouses in just to eat its fill.

Over the years, no one was able to see through Eric's plot because it understood how to act. It wouldn't provoke those who were really powerful, letting them freely depart. But it was very proficient at creating Illusions, with skill comparable to a Master Illusionist's, reaching the realm of the fake becoming real. Those people were confused, thinking they knew the truth about the Secret Garden, but they didn't.

That was only the "truth" that Eric wanted people to know.

Every time the Secret Garden opened, it was because it was Eric's mealtime. Of course, the Secret Garden really did have some powerful Magic Medicines waiting for people to pick them, but they were rare.

The Great Elven King's injury was caused by Divine Fire, and the strong effect was brought out through the fusion of three potent Divine Powers.

There was only one Magic Medicine that could counteract the effect of the Divine Fire, called [Underworld River Water]. And in the information left behind by the Mikenshi Wizards, there was a list of Magic Medicines that had been cultivated, which included the [Underworld River Water].

Marvin was sure that Ivan must have seen it before deciding to break into the Secret Garden.

He didn't know whether there would still be any Underworld River Water in the Secret Garden, but since that place was opening, he wouldn't mind taking a trip inside.

Although it would be good for Marvin to get his hands on the Underworld River Water, Magic Medicine King Eric was his real target.

But that guy was very crafty, so even though he knew a bit about the Secret Garden, he still had to be cautious.

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While moving through the Secret Garden, adventurers not only had to worry about Magic Medicine King Eric's traps, but also needed to guard against each other.

After all, the ancient Magic Medicines were very precious. With the draw of such benefits, even many powerhouses were unable to control themselves.

Furthermore, the Magic Medicine King took part in it with its great skill at playing with people's minds. It would often take control of people without them knowing by speaking to their hearts and then exploiting their weaknesses.

In short, the Secret Garden was a place filled with danger.

Many Legends were buried there. This was why it was known as the [Tomb of Legends] in the players' hearts.

This was not only related to the Magic Medicine King, but also the creators of the Secret Garden, the Mikenshi Wizards.

In order to protect these Magic Medicines, they set up a lot of runes, arrays, and restrictions in the Secret Garden.

Anyone wanting to enter the Secret Garden would have their capabilities reduced greatly. Whether it was skills, specialties, or various abilities, they would all be severely suppressed.

Only their attributes would not be suppressed. Even Legends would be weakened in the Secret Garden, reduced to about two-thirds of their original strength.

This was also the reason Marvin dared to compete with the other Legends.

Even if his skills and specialties were also suppressed, with his 30 Godly Dexterity, Marvin had a slight advantage and could overcome some of them.

Moreover, he now had another method, Desperation Style!

The effects gained from the Martial Path couldn't be suppressed by the Secret Garden. This was an area similar to the Ice Monster cave in that sense. Marvin had already gotten used to the Ice Monster cave in the past few days.

Thus, in the Secret Garden, the classes that more commonly trained in the Martial Path would be most dominant. The Monk class was the most typical example.

Unfortunately, Monks would rarely enter the Secret Garden, as most of them had little interest in material wealth and would rarely be influenced by others.

As for Wizards, their spells would also be severely restricted.

Legend Wizards in the Secret Garden would be roughly equivalent to Half-Legends! This was a very frightening drop in rank!

But with the appeal of Magic Medicine, very few Wizards would be able to restrain themselves.

Every time the Secret Garden opened, most of the people that came would be Wizards rushing from all over the Dead Area.

They would also be the ones suffering the most losses.

Although some people did manage to come out alive each time the Secret Garden opened, only a small portion could claim to have obtained any benefits from it. Moreover, many of those people were nobodies that would quickly disappear from sight.

But no one could ignore the Secret Garden's appeal.

This was the part of the draw of Eric's illusion.

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Marvin considered the information he had about the place.

As Marvin's influence grew, his "prophetic" ability in this world would slowly weaken.

He knew that he had to advance to Legend before the Great Calamity. Only with an increase in strength would he be able to challenge a powerhouse like Dark Phoenix.

Otherwise, even if he had the Sea Elven Queen's help, he wouldn't be able to rescue Hathaway from Dark Phoenix.

He decided to enter the Secret Garden not only to help Ivan and the Great Elven King, but also for himself.

If he could grab the crafty Magic Medicine King, in the hands of an Alchemist, this strange Magic Medicine could be used as materials and refined into a very fierce potion.

Marvin knew that the first player guild that cleared the Secret Garden had obtained a part of the Magic Medicine King and successfully refined it into a potion that could raise one's attributes.

This wasn't a short boost of attributes like Dragon Strength. It was a permanent increase! He had heard it wasn't just a small boost either.

Increasing one's attributes in the Legend realm was very difficult, yet this potion was able to do it. How could Marvin not desire it?

'Eric's characteristics are [Swallow] and [Absorb]. It became known as the Magic Medicine King was because it swallowed and absorbed a huge amount of Magic Medicine, with its body eventually gaining the effects of many formidable Magic Medicines.'

'This guy is like a weaker version of the Archdevil's head. The Numen at that time continuously collected the precious bloodline power from the Archdevil's head to the point that the Numen still have powerful descendants even today. If I can contain the Magic Medicine King, I should also be able to continuously make powerful magic potions.'

For many powerhouses, these magic potions were something they would be willing to risk their lives for.

In the upcoming Chaos Era, Marvin would need many allies and would also need to increase their strength. Eric was the best option.

Thinking of this, an excited expression flashed in Marvin's eyes. He began preparing a plan based on the information he knew.

But at that time, the horse crossed a shallow river, and the silhouette of an ancient village became faintly discernible in the distance.

'[Breton Village], finally!'

A faint light flickered in the distance through the fog. Marvin frowned, quickly approaching.

It was a barrier with black flames flickering on it.

Marvin checked and was surprised to find that the entire village was covered by this barrier.

'[Blackfire Lava]? That Wizard organization joined in?'

Marvin sneered in his mind, 'They want to keep it for themselves?'

Sure enough, before he reached the barrier, two black-gowned Wizard Apprentices appeared outside of it.

In the middle of their gowns there was a black flame, and below that was boiling lava.

"Please go back, sir." The apprentice on the left was a bit older and earnestly informed, "[Blackfire Lava] has already joined forces with other powers to control this place. People without enough strength don't have the qualifications to enter the Blackfire Barrier."

The one on the right side was quite rude. He glanced at Marvin and seeing his youth, he revealed a disdainful expression. "A little guy coming out of nowhere actually dares to come to the Secret Garden? Could it be that you don't know that with your strength, you would only be throwing away your life? Get the fuck out or we will take care of you!"

The apprentice on the left frowned but didn't say anything.

In the western part of the Dead Area, [Blackfire Lava] was considered the largest Wizard organization. For this opening of the Secret Garden, their leader personally led the entire organization to occupy this place, intending to join forces with other Legends to enter and explore the Secret Garden.

Because the number of spots was limited, they wanted to prevent others from snatching any and thus a scene like this happened.

The entire Breton Village was sealed off by a Barrier.

Each group keeping watch had at least one 3rd rank Wizard overseeing them. Along with the Legend powerhouses they joined hands with, an ordinary person simply couldn't enter.

Hearing this, Marvin dismounted and completely ignored the two Wizard Apprentices, using Shadow Escape to pass through the Blackfire Barrier!

"You are courting death!" The Wizard Apprentice on the right suddenly became angry and started to cast a spell at Marvin.

Chapter 376: Mana Wraith [1/10]

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But Marvin didn't let the Apprentice cast his spell. He struck first!

Back when he was at the 2nd rank, he dared to kill people from the Three Ring Towers. Today, with his strength soaring, and even being able to step into the Legend Realm if he wanted, how could he be afraid of a little group like [Blackfire Lava]?

At that time, the Wizard Apprentice had only chanted a third of his incantation before a figure appeared in front of him at the speed of lightning.

"Bang!"

Marvin unhesitantly punched him in the face!

"Crash!" How could a pitiful Wizard Apprentice take a hit from a Half-Legend? The punch broke his teeth and the Apprentice flew back through the air, cutting a sorry figure as he fell on the ground!

The slightly older Apprentice was greatly startled. Marvin's move was enough to show his strength.

This was the strength of 4th rank class holder at the very least!

It definitely wasn't someone they could provoke.

"Woosh!"

A shadow flew over from the sky. A black-gowned caster was sitting on a flying carpet, looking at Marvin coldly. "You want to cause trouble?"

This was a 3rd rank Wizard, apparently the Blackfire Lava specialist in charge of this group.

Marvin sneered, "The one causing trouble is Blackfire Lava. Do you really think the Secret Garden is yours?"

After saying this he used Night Boundary and disappeared!

The 3rd rank Wizard knew that things weren't good. He tried to ascend while intending to cover himself with magic armor.

But before he could do any of that, an icy dagger pressed against his neck.

"Sir..." The 3rd rank Wizard was frightened.

He hadn't used an inspection-type spell on Marvin. After seeing how young Marvin was, he had just assumed that he wasn't very powerful.

"You people of Blackfire Lava like to judge people's strength based on their appearance, don't you?" Marvin sneered, "I'm very curious as to how you survived in the Dead Area."

The two Apprentices on the ground looked at the scene, numb from fear.

Especially the one Marvin punched. He rolled his eyes, pretending to pass out.

He really regretted his earlier words.

"Sorry. I haven't seen such a young and powerful expert like you in the Dead Area Continent for a very long time…"

The 3rd rank Wizard's life was in Marvin's hands, and he was almost unable to keep the flying carpet aloft. He cautiously asked, "Dare I ask what Sir's name is?"

"Marvin."

"Oh, turns out it's Sir Marvin." The 3rd rank Wizard's previously indifferent expression turned to one of flattery. "We of Blackfire Lava weren't planning on monopolizing the Secret Garden. In fact, we welcome powerhouses like you to join us... What happened before was a misunderstanding."

"Misunderstanding?" Marvin glanced meaningfully at the Wizard Apprentice that was feigning unconsciousness on the ground and chuckled to himself, feeling disinclined to bother with him.

There would inevitably be all kinds of trash. Those that used their power to bully others, taking everything out on the weak while fearing the strong, were numerous.

"Take me to Breton Village. I don't feel like walking."

Marvin dully added, "By the way, tell me the latest news. If I find out that you are deceiving me..." The icy dagger seemed to press a bit into his skin.

The 3rd rank Wizard was startled. How could he object?

He activated the flying carpet and the two flew through the fog.

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On the way, Marvin saw some blurry figures. Most of them were Wizards proudly riding flying carpets.

All of them were Blackfire Lava's internal staff and most were at the 2nd rank.

Seeing this, Marvin couldn't help but sigh. The Wizard class was indeed enviable, being able to fly at 2nd rank, as long as one had enough Magic Power and money.

As for most other classes, especially the melee classes, even if they reached the Legend Realm, they would be unable to fly.

This was one of the reasons Wizards were able to rule this era. Flying gave a very formidable advantage. If they made proper use of it, even some Legend powerhouses would be at their wit's end.

This 3rd rank Wizard for example. If he had made sure he was flying high enough, Marvin wouldn't have been able to reach him.

Night Jump times two plus Shadow Escape might not necessarily be enough for him to reach the flying carpet.

This was the most annoying part for the other classes.

But it was a pity. The Wizard Era was about to end, something that group of proud Wizards wasn't aware of.

The Universe Magic Pool shattering would be terrible for the Wizards. An overwhelming majority of Wizards would disappear from this world.

Only the real powerhouses would be left behind.

Marvin didn't want to suffer from the Universe Magic Pool shattering, or else he might have thought about getting a Wizard subclass. That class was way too useful before the Calamity after all.

But in any case, he was a Sorcerer. In the later stages, they might not necessarily be worse than Wizards, depending on how he developed.

The two weren't moving very quickly.

Under Marvin's questioning, this Wizard Reggie had already told Marvin everything he knew.

As he listened, Marvin's expression sank.

The Secret Garden had already opened.

One day earlier, Ivan and four Legend powerhouses were among those who had gathered.

But because Ivan and the other four Legends fought at the entrance of the Secret Garden, most others didn't have a chance to get in.

These Legends included Blackfire Lava's leader, a Legend Wizard.

Therefore, the most powerful members of Blackfire Lava in Breton Village were in fact two Half-Legend Wizards. The people stopped at Breton Village were at about that level or weaker.

The Blackfire Lava Wizards' control over this area had been gradually diminishing. After all, without a Legend overseeing it, they could only scare away the weaker outsiders.

But not everyone was fine with that. Many powerhouses were like Marvin, forcibly breaking through the Blackfire Barrier.

The Blackfire Lava Wizards couldn't do much about this, as they simply couldn't handle so many people at the same time.

According to Reggie's explanations, there were at least thirty Half-Legends staying in the ancient Breton Village, because the opening of the Secret Garden wasn't always a one-time thing. Often, it would allow people in another once or twice after an initial opening!

The remaining people had another chance.

They were pacing back and forth in the village, waiting for the opportunity.

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"The village is ahead, Sir Marvin. You can go in," Reggie said respectfully. "As someone with the potential to become a Legend powerhouse, we have no reason to prevent you from entering the Secret Garden."

Marvin inwardly sneered, 'Isn't it because you can't block me?'

But he didn't want to completely become hostile with Blackfire Lava this time. Having bad blood with a group of Wizards could be very troublesome.

He jumped down the flying carpet and walked into Breton Village.

As he entered the village, countless eyes sized him up.

The small village was quite lively.

Some of these gazes held enmity, while others had shock, but many more were just indifferent.

Marvin ignored them and silently walked toward the center of the village.

No one stopped him. Those able to break through Blackfire Lava's Barrier and reach Breton Village were all powerhouses qualified to enter the Secret Garden. This was a common understanding among these people.

Marvin walked through the village paying attention to the number of people and found that there were more than Reggie had told him.

There were at least fifty Half-Legends in this ancient village!

Out of these, a bit less than half were Wizards. The other classes were pretty much evenly distributed. They were powerhouses who rushed from all over the Dead Area Continent, yearning for the Secret Garden. It was worth mentioning that Marvin did a full circle around the village and didn't see any Monks.

This made him very pleased. Without any Monks here, his fighting strength should be at the peak of the group.

Godly Dexterity with Desperation Style would definitely put him a cut above these people, at least in the Secret Garden.

He casually found a place to sit down and waited for the second opening of the Secret Garden.

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The greatest number of people gathered in the old village under a dead willow.

This was where the Secret Garden had just opened. At least two thirds of the people were gathered there waiting for the Secret Garden to open once again.

'One would assume that the Secret Garden would open again at the same spot.'

'But what happened this time would clearly be outside Eric's expectations. Because of Ivan, the news leaked far and wide. The Elven Prince rushed to the Dead Area alone and waited for the opening of the Secret Garden... This attracted even more people.'

'That gathering of powerhouses probably already exceeded what the Magic Medicine King had imagined.'

'It certainly wouldn't dare to eat all five Legends. And even if it did, it wouldn't be full. Thus, it will open the entrance once again, but won't let too many people in.'

Marvin calmly analyzed the situation.

Even if the Magic Medicine King Eric was very greedy, he was still very crafty. If these fifty or so Half-Legends all rushed in, its plot might be seen through, despite its skill with illusions. It couldn't let too many enter, so the second opening should be the last one.

It definitely wouldn't choose the same location as the first time, or else all those gathered would swarm in and its life might be in danger.

Thinking of this, Marvin closed his eyes and started feeling the aura of earth.

When he was learning under Kangen, during the breaks, the latter imparted a special skill to Marvin.

That skill, like Shadow Thief Owl's Origami, would be classified as a special ability.

This ability was called [Earth Perception]. Kangen also learnt it from Xunshan's powerful Monks.

Marvin guessed that it was taught by that Cloud Monk. Feeling heaven and earth was something the Cloud Monk would train in every day.

He closed his eyes and felt as if he could see all of Breton Village.

Time slowly passed.

The night gradually darkened and the crackling sound of the bonfire echoed, not letting people rest.

Most were still making preparations, but there were even more people under the willow tree.

Marvin was still motionless, calmly using Earth Perception.

Suddenly, a blue shadow appeared in his field of view.

'Found you!'

Marvin smirked. 'Mana Wraith – Eric!'

Chapter 377: Mutual Deception [2/10]

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Mana Wraith Eric was a very unique existence.

From what Marvin knew, he was the key to opening the Secret Garden's entrance.

Back when the Wizard Apprentice named Eric was swallowed by the Magic Medicine King, a part of his soul formed into resentment.

It had a willpower that couldn't be neglected. Even though it was swallowed by the Magic Medicine King, the latter wasn't willing to digest that resentment. Otherwise it might be assimilated by the resentment.

Thus, it simply expelled the resentment from its body before pouring its own magic power in it to turn it into an independent resentful ghost with a body made of magic power.

That Mana Wraith involuntarily became the Magic Medicine King's accomplice.

After all, the real Wizard Apprentice Eric had already died and the Mana Wraith was only left with some of Eric's anger and resentment.

Because it was restricted to the Secret Garden due to its nature, the Magic Medicine King was unable to free itself from the prison the Mikenshi Wizards had created.

Thus, it needed someone to help it open the Secret Garden and then close it at a suitable time.

That was the Mana Wraith.

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Marvin suddenly opened his eyes. Since he caught that guy's existence, if he didn't chase now, when would he go?

While using Earth Perception, Marvin grasped the Mana Wraith's location and used Night Tracking.

His movements were graceful like the wind, melding into the darkness of the night. Even if he hadn't meticulously used Stealth, few people would have been able to notice Marvin.

Ten seconds later, Marvin found him in a ruined courtyard.

This just happened to be convenient for Marvin.

The Mana Wraith grew alert, raising his head while angrily looking at Marvin, and let out a wretched laughter. "Fertilizer..."

"Fertilizer is coming..."

After saying this, he suddenly pounced at Marvin!

Pure Chaos Magic Power condensed into a pair of sharp claws, swiping fiercely at Marvin!

But before it reached him, Marvin took out an object and weighed it in his hand.

The Mana Wraith froze instantly.

The thing in Marvin's hand was a dazzling ball. He laughingly asked, "So anxious to make a move? Could it be that you don't want to chat with me?"

The Mana Wraith glanced at Marvin.

The power of the Sun Sphere gave him a feeling of danger. That thing had a restraining effect against ghosts, the undead, and beings of darkness.

Even the Hook Horror family that was able to move unhindered in the dangerous Underdark was burnt to death under the effect of these Sun Spheres.

Let alone a small Mana Wraith.

"There is nothing worth talking about with fertilizer..."

The Mana Wraith turned and fled!

The Magic Medicine King's order was to find a deserted place to open the Secret Garden and then attract a wave of people in.

If he was found, he couldn't carry out his plan.

His thoughts were already under the control the Magic Medicine King and he simply couldn't remember what had happened back then.

But Marvin could do something about it.

"Really?" A smile appeared at the corner of his mouth. "You sure you don't want to discuss with me, Eric?"

The Mana Wraith stopped.

"You... What did you say?" He turned around fiercely. "You dare to call out Master's name?"

Marvin looked at him with pity, "Poor Eric, could it be that you still don't remember who swallowed your soul and flesh, and even stole your name? Your so-called master is only a Magic Medicine bound to be eaten by people. You were his master once."

The Mana Wraith had an odd expression and angrily pointed at Marvin as he yelled with false bravado, "You are talking nonsense!"

But his expression was betraying him.

He stood there, motionless. Some memories finally started awakening thanks to Marvin.

Marvin was pleased.

He wasn't wrong.

The time when the Mana Wraith left the garden was when the Magic Medicine King's control over him was at its weakest. At that time, with some key words, it should be very easy to make the Mana Wraith remember what had happened.

This was very helpful to Marvin's plan.

The Mana Wraith seemed very unstable. He looked like he was at a loss, sometimes angry, sometimes peaceful, sometimes fierce.

After a while his expression became strange and his voice turned gloomy. "I... I am Eric."

Marvin inwardly sighed. 'Actually, you aren't Eric. You are only Eric's resentment, nothing more.'

But of course he wouldn't say that now, since he had a use for the Mana Wraith.

"Indeed, you are Eric," Marvin grimly said. "Not only did the Magic Medicine King swallow your body and soul, it stole your name and tricked you."

"Who are you? Why would you know so much?" The Mana Wraith still had a hard time believing him.

"I'm only a passerby who has read many books." Marvin shrugged. "I know your mission is to open the Secret Garden. You'll open the entrance sooner or later, right?"

He Mana Wraith was silent for a moment, not understanding. "Since you know about the Magic Medicine King's existence, why would you still want to go in to become fertilizer?"

Marvin calmly told him, "I have reasons. A friend of mine is inside, and I want to make sure he comes out unscathed. Moreover, how could you be certain whether I would become that Eric's food?"

He especially stressed the word Eric.

Sure enough, the Mana Wraith irritably retorted, "I am Eric! It is only a Magic Medicine! Damn!"

Marvin smiled faintly. "Yeah? But you appear to have no means to act against it. It calls itself Eric, while you are just a nameless Mana Wraith."

The Mana Wraith looked at Marvin somewhat fanatically. "I'll kill it!"

"You? Impossible," dismissed Marvin. "If you return to the Secret Garden, you'll once again return under its control. Aren't I right?"

The Mana Wraith was annoyed, but admitted, "You are very right."

"I don't have a way to fight that guy, it is too strong."

"You can't even imagine how powerful it is..."

"How powerful it is will be my matter. If you are willing to land me a hand, I'll have a chance to get rid of the 'Eric' that is a Magic Medicine," Marvin assured. "I also came here for the Magic Medicine King, but I need a bit of your help."

The Mana Wraith examined Marvin, but ultimately shook his head. "You are very strong, but not his match."

"Believe me, I'm much stronger than you can imagine," Marvin said grimly. "Since I know of the Magic Medicine King and still dare to come, I definitely have a way to handle him."

The Mana Wraith was silent for a moment before finally asking, "What do you need me to do?"

"First, open the Secret Garden's entrance and let me in," Marvin instructed. "As for the others, you can follow the Magic Medicine King's arrangements."

"Second, I need you to tell me where the Magic Medicine King's main body is located, as well as how to see through his disguise and illusions."

The Mana Wraith shook his head, "Opening the entrance is fine, but I don't know how to see through his disguise and his illusions are too powerful..."

He then changed his attitude a bit, muttering irresolutely, "As for his location, I can actually tell you."

"His main body is in a hidden area beyond the remains of the Astral Sea Monster, in the [First Garden of Eden]."

Marvin nodded.

This information wasn't much different from what he could remember. He wanted to verify whether the information from his previous life was reliable or not.

After all, it was second-hand information.

But when it came to this, Marvin suddenly asked, "What level is the Magic Medicine King's Illusion skill at? As strong as Hell Nightmares?"

The Mana Wraith hesitated for a moment before confirming, "More or less."

A strange expression flashed in Marvin's eyes.

Soon after, he pondered a bit and told the Mana Wraith, "Open the entrance. Let me experience how terrifying illusions that are comparable to those of Hell's Dream Demons are."

The Mana Wraith listened to him and opened a Teleportation Gate.

Marvin walked in.

At that time, a sneer appeared on the Mana Wraith's face. "You overestimate yourself..."

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After entering, Marvin arrived in a strange place.

A rich fragrance floated in the air, and coming here from the Dead Area felt like jumping from the cold of midwinter to the liveliness of spring.

Marvin stood on a wide open field, and could see a small flat hill in the distance.

There were many buildings there that had the style of the ancient Mikenshi school.

This was the Secret Garden's first area, the [Lost Villa].

Marvin was about to go uphill, when he suddenly felt his wrists burning!

Ancestor's Mystery had a reaction!