

Chapter 1613 The Lightning

Under Marlene's command, the lightning amassed in the sky sprang to life and descended in a torrential cascade.

It struck with the force of a cataclysmic storm.

The sky erupted, ablaze with lightning bolts that sliced through the cosmos.

On the ground, the mysterious creatures targeted by this heavenly assault struggled under a crushing weight, unable to stand.

The immense pressure filled the strange creatures with deep fear as they realized they had no escape.

Faced with such a situation, the creatures did not opt for a dignified end as Liam had expected.

Instead, they prostrated themselves, whimpering continuously, hoping for Marlene's mercy to spare them.

However, Marlene's heart had hardened after years of confinement by these creatures.

When she watched them plead for mercy, her expression remained cold, devoid of any compassion.

These creatures had committed unforgivable acts; how could she show them mercy?

She had been deceived by them once; she would not be fooled again.

Showing no mercy, she harnessed the fierce lightning and unleashed it mercilessly on the creatures.

In an instant, the ground lit up with electric arcs, creating a net that ensnared all the creatures.

Liam and Lindy could only hear the pained shrieks of the creatures echoing around them.

When the electric arcs faded, the ground was marked with craters of varying sizes.

The remains of the creatures had vanished without a trace.

It was clear these creatures had been obliterated by the heavenly lightning.

Then, under Marlene's command, tendrils of World Power returned to her.

Liam and Lindy felt the surge in Marlene's power.

Regarding the eradicated creatures, neither Liam nor Lindy felt any sympathy.

The wrongs these creatures had done were countless.

Liam even felt Marlene had been too lenient.

Had he been in her place, he would have used every means to ensure the creatures' painful end.

After wiping out the creatures here, Marlene used her World Power to extract the crystal cores of the creatures and presented them to Liam.

"Liam, were these creatures' crystal cores all you needed?" she asked.

Liam nodded, a broad smile on his face. "I hadn't expected you'd help us get the crystal cores. Thanks a bunch!"

With Marlene's help, Liam and Lindy were spared the trouble of collecting the crystal cores themselves.

From now on, they just needed to stay with Marlene and collect the cores as she killed more mysterious creatures.

This efficient method saved them much effort, and naturally, they were thrilled.

Following her prolonged imprisonment, Marlene had been reduced to a mere conduit for World Power, enduring considerable suffering.

After she managed to escape her captivity, she completely lost her tolerance for the creatures. Each encounter with a creature resulted in its swift and merciless execution at her hands.

Liam and Lindy tagged along with Marlene, quickly gathering a thousand crystal cores in just half an hour, finishing their task with ease.

Liam hadn't even needed to use the high-level Spirit Search Stones he had picked up from the Network of Human Sovereign's exchange store at the start of their quest.

Still, he wasn't upset about it. After all, the stones' use wasn't limited to just locating these creatures.

The stones would prove their worth in the future.

Regarding the extra crystal cores, Liam didn't bother collecting them. He had already secured the thousand he needed, and that was enough.

He decided to leave the remaining cores for other cultivators to collect. There wasn't enough time for him to pick them up and hand them out, after all.

If other people desired to complete the mission, they would need to put in the effort themselves.

After completing the mission, Liam saw no point in staying here any longer. It would be more prudent to promptly return to the mission hall and submit the completed mission.

Turning to Marlene with a smile, Liam said, "Marlene, I'm all done here. No need for me and Lindy to stick around. Let's part ways here."

Marlene looked at Liam intently, her eyes filled with gratitude. She owed her successful escape to him and hadn't yet had the chance to properly thank him.

With this in mind, Marlene raised her hand and transferred a fragment of her

World Power to Liam, saying, "Liam, your kindness to me is beyond repayment. This trace of the World Power's source is a small token of my gratitude. If you ever face difficulties, feel free to seek me out in the No. 1568 planetary system."

Liam sensed the additional World Power within him and felt a bit resigned.

Why did these World Lords always give away pieces of the World Power so freely?

He had already collected four World Powers.

Yet, understanding this was Marlene's way of showing gratitude, Liam graciously accepted her gift. He replied, "Marlene, I helped you because I got something from you at that time."

Marlene offered a slight smile, waved her hand, and responded, "You saved me, and for that, you deserve thanks."

After exchanging farewells with Marlene, Liam and Lindy used the teleportation array to return to the mission hall.

As Liam and Lindy disappeared, Marlene's smile lingered. But soon, a sharp pain shot through her mind, causing her face to stiffen.

Memories flooded her mind in waves.

Once the deluge of memories settled, Marlene's gaze became complex as she pondered Liam's identity.

She murmured, "So, it turns out you are his reincarnation. No wonder you've earned the acknowledgment of the sword of darkness."

Marlene looked off into the distance, her eyes deep with thought.

She remembered that even before she had become fully aware, it was that person's formidable presence that had nurtured her growth...

