

The Mighty 1071

Chapter 1071: Guiding Every time he trained with the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, Liszt could clearly feel that the force behind the threads of destiny was growing stronger.

“Destiny is indeed mysterious, but it is not elusive and can be captured; it also follows a trajectory that must be adhered to. While I may not yet understand what that trajectory is, by following this feeling and operating along the trajectory sensed by the Smoke Dragon, destiny becomes a sword in my hands!”

“Roar!”

Ornn let out a dissatisfied roar, reminding Liszt that when training with him, he should not be thinking of any other dragon.

Liszt did not argue, he just smiled slightly: “Understood, Ornn, let’s continue.”

He concentrated on training with Ornn. A day’s training brought him to an extremely proficient mastery of the world of the dragon’s spirit. Borrowing the power of destiny, he could guide the dragon’s spirit with ease and brand it much more quickly and effortlessly than any Dragon Knight.

As of today, there was no need for frequent training with Fire Dragon Leo and Formless Dragon Bard—after all, these two dragons had already “graduated” from the process of Mind Branding.

There was still not much progress with Mountain Copper Dragon Mata, Aluminum Dragon Connor, and Water Dragon Walter.

Therefore, he spent most of the time over an entire month with Ornn, while the rest was allocated to official duties. He presided over the Flame Kingdom’s transformation from a makeshift organization to a true kingdom, defining various laws and systems such as tax, judicial, and ceremonial law.

But this was only limited to Flame Island, where he was building a family-style fiefdom.

As one of the most powerful beings in the world, he did not have a great demand for central power. As a soul from Earth's modern civilization, he was well aware that no nation could prosper forever.

However, a family could last for thousands of years; therefore, it sufficed for the Flame Family to continue uninterrupted.

During his reign, whether it was centralized power or knightly feudalism didn't really matter—would his followers dare not obey his commands?

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This day was already in March.

Liszt went for a visit to Ach's Mage Tower, which had just been completed, located in the valley behind the Sun Moon Star Palace.

Ach could have conducted her experiments directly in the Sun Moon Star Palace, but after an explosion accident that damaged many rooms of the palace and killed several servants, Ach decided to move the laboratory out of the Sun Moon Star Palace and build it behind the mountain. There, an explosion at most could kill Magicians.

As for Ach herself, being the strongest Archmage in history, even a Dragon Knight couldn't kill her, let alone a mere explosion.

"Brother, the connection between the Tree of Golden Apples and Bloodline Fruits has been studied and concluded; by activating a Magic Array, we can release the power of the Tree of Golden Apples to infect the surrounding plants and condense Bloodline Fruits. If the power of this segment of the Tree of Golden Apples is fully stimulated, it could probably condense over a hundred Bloodline Fruits," explained Ach about her latest experimental results.

Initially, Liszt discovered a natural node on Phoenix Tree Island, with the natural node located in a large marsh, which he named Yunmeng Marsh. Six Bloodline Fruits grew from Yunmeng Marsh's land, eventually leading him to dig out a segment of the Tree of Golden Apples—Ach had only recently found the time to research this segment of the Tree of Golden Apples.

“Then hurry and hand it over to the Royal Arcane Academy, set up a development team, and start with cultivation,” Liszt instructed Chris, who was following behind him. “Also, contact the Inner Cabinet and quickly select suitable livestock and Magical Beasts, ready to feed and evolve them once the Bloodline Fruits mature.”

Meat from Magical Beasts, like Magic Potions, was always scarce.

Reliant on the little amount of Magical Beast Meat from hunting, it was impossible to sustain so many Knights. Almost all the Nobles would collect Bloodline Fruits to attempt evolving their livestock into Magical Beasts. Those low-level Magical Beasts evolved through Bloodline Fruits might be significantly lacking in strength, but their nutritional value could be greatly increased.

The key is that they are easy to raise.

Li Si Te also needs a large amount of Magical Beast Meat to provide nutrition for his knights, but he has something even better than Magical Beast Meat—the meat of Dragon Breed Beasts.

Black Blood Treasured Horse, Banpo Cattle, and Estuary Pig were the earliest three kinds of Dragon Breed Beasts.

Today’s Banpo Cattle are already being raised in large numbers on the grasslands of Flame Island, with their milk exclusively supplied to Nobles and talented young Knights.

Estuary Pig meat has even become an indispensable exclusive food for the Burning Legion.

In addition, with the annual “climax” of the Formless Dragon Bard, it has already provided Li Si Te with a total of seventeen Space Gems, along with six new kinds of Dragon Breed Beasts—the Dragon Head Fish, Long-necked Goose, Woolly Sheep, Antlered Deer, Big-eared Elephant, and Alpaca.

Dragon Head Fish, common grass carp that endured the infection of dragon bloodline and magic power to transform, have exceptionally strong reproductive abilities and highly

nutritious meat, with the largest individuals growing up to three meters, truly freshwater behemoths.

Long-necked Goose, ordinary geese that evolved after enduring bloodline infection and magic power, grew considerably in size to that of a small pony, with combat power comparable to ordinary Low-Level Magical Beasts. The entire body of a Long-necked Goose is nutritious, especially the eggs, which are large, numerous, and when pickled, are absolute delicacies.

Woolly Sheep, evolved from ordinary goats, have not yet expanded their population, but the wool is extremely dense and grows abundantly, making for extremely comfortable woolen fabric.

Antlered Deer, evolved from ordinary reindeer, have antlers like large trees and are considered highly nourishing substances.

Big-eared Elephant, evolved from ordinary elephants, have only evolved recently, with their population not yet expanded, only showing an increase in strength.

Alpaca, evolved from ordinary llama, have also only recently evolved, and their population has not yet expanded. Llamas are livestock for both meat and wool, so Alpacas should be able to realize even higher value for both purposes.

Just one dragon like Bard has brought Li Si Te a large number of Dragon Breed Beasts, and there will definitely be more in the future. Unfortunately, how the other dragons achieve a “climax” to release bloodline infection and magic power has not been figured out yet—even some dragons might never reach a “climax” in their lifetime.

“Your Majesty, please rest assured, Chris will complete the cultivation of the Bloodline Fruit as soon as possible.” Chris Truth, the First Archmage and the Dean of the Royal Magic Academy, nodded in response.

Li Si Te did not inquire further about this.

Instead, he turned to ask Ach, “What is your next research topic?”

“Didn’t big brother mention that he’s going to subdue new dragons? So Ach plans to study the Jade Dragon’s Hind Leg and try to explore the cultivation method of the Mind Fruit Tree, to stockpile more Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruit for big brother.”

“Uh, then I’ll be waiting for your good news.”

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Leaving the Mage Tower.

Li Si Te once again went to the Dragon Pit Great Mine, planning to train intensively with Ornn and striving to conquer his personal ninth dragon. However, just as he arrived at the Dragon Pit Great Mine riding the Formless Dragon Bard, he suddenly felt a mysterious fluctuation.

“It’s the Power of Destiny responding!”

He raised his eyebrows, having captured the source of this fluctuation: “It seems there’s a Greater Elf nearby waiting for me to harvest?” Just like the reminder of each Smoke Mission before, he can now clearly grasp exactly what kind of thing the Power of Destiny is guiding.

At this moment, it is a Greater Elf.

Chapter 1072: King Lotus Great Spirit Following the sense, Li Si Te rode directly on Grey Iron Dragon Ornn towards the origin of the stirrings of the Threads of Destiny. This sense was profound and mysterious, yet exceedingly clear.

“Since receiving the reward of destiny’s favor, this is the first time I’ve felt such a strong touch with the Threads of Destiny... could it be because the object of sensation is a Greater Elf, which is why it’s so distinct? In contrast, the other Threads of Destiny around me, whether they be trivial matters or related to dragons, do not stir as intensely.”

He was contemplating.

The Threads of Destiny related to dragons generally have less intensity due to the potential for too many unforeseen events.

As for the minor things, even though there's less randomness, because they are not of high concern to him, their stir is equally unremarkable.

Anyway, the Power of Destiny surely requires step-by-step exploration—how long the breeding of the Smoke Dragon will take is unknown, during this time he can only manipulate the Power of Destiny by himself.

Before realizing it, he and Ornn had flown from the Dragon Domain to the neighboring Amazon Territory by the seaside.

The Amazon Territory is located to the west of the Dragon Domain and north of the King's Domain, adjacent to the Salty Sea territory of Duke Mermaid Brupoxy. Here there is a typical tropical rainforest climate, dense vegetation, and numerous rivers. However, this also makes development difficult; only the territory and main city have been planned.

The Knight Order has incorporated the Moon Slayer Tribe here several times, but there are probably still many Moon Slayers hiding within, playing a game of hide and seek with the Knight Order.

Relying on the concealment of towering trees, it's difficult to completely eradicate the Moon Slayers.

Many knights have even fallen here, and to thoroughly incorporate the tribe, the jungle would have to be burnt down in a single blaze. But the humidity of this forest is high, and igniting a widespread fire is not easy.

At this moment, Li Si Te was hovering over this area, which he dubbed the "Amazon Rainforest."

The stirring of the Threads of Destiny was indeed intense, but they could not pinpoint the exact location of the Greater Elf; he had to search for it himself. It was also an opportunity to explore the use of the Power of Destiny through the quest for the Greater Elf—every action stirs the Threads of Destiny to varying degrees.

When the appropriate action is chosen to stir the Threads of Destiny, the desired outcome can be achieved.

“Pity that Ornn and I cannot operate the Eye of Magic together; only Fire Dragons, Water Dragons, and Formless Dragons can utilize the Eye of Magic to form a special, powerful field of vision.” After uniting with Ornn, Li Si Te only had the pure vision of a dragon, which is clearer but simple.

Unable to observe the light of magic feedback.

He must personally use the Eye of Magic, and then observe with his own eyes.

Fortunately, he now possessed Superior Magic Dragon Dou Qi, and the effect of the Eye of Magic was greatly enhanced, barely enough to glimpse the magic throughout the Amazon Rainforest.

“There are too many magic feedback lights, but obstructed by the trees, it’s not clear enough to see. I can generally distinguish that most are the glow of Magical Beasts... and observing the rainforest this way does not properly stir the Threads of Destiny, but rather shows signs of diverging from the ‘destiny’ of the Greater Elf.”

So he adjusted his approach, no longer focusing on observing the rainforest, but instead primarily surveyed from high altitude.

After several adjustments without feeling any closer to the “destiny” of the Greater Elf, everything changed when he cast his gaze over the dense network of rivers and lakes in the Amazon Rainforest. At that moment, he clearly felt himself getting closer to the “destiny” of the Greater Elf—or you could say, the Threads of Destiny related to the Greater Elf were stirring more intensely.

“So it seems, could this be an aquatic Greater Elf?”

His gaze fell upon a lake below, which was vast and connected to the main waterways of the rainforest. On its surface, a good portion was covered by green vegetation, especially the large circular leaves packed densely together.

“Ornn, let’s go to the lakeside.”

“Roar!”

A man and a dragon landed by the lake, with Liszt approaching the huge circular leaves close to the water, carefully observing this plant. In his perception, the Threads of Destiny were entwined with this plant: “Such large leaves, each about as big as a room, like lotuses...”

But soon he shook his head: “No, it’s not like a lotus, it should be more like a water lily, only the leaves of water lilies float on the surface of the water.”

Liszt had seen lotuses and water lilies before in the parks on Earth.

These two plants are very similar, and many people easily confuse them, but the leaves of water lilies float, whereas lotus leaves grow out of the water without resting on the surface.

“Actually, it’s not quite like a water lily either, the leaves of this plant are not only large, but they are not flat. The edges curl upwards, resembling a bathtub. A single plant may have about seventeen or eighteen leaves, the outer leaves having already fully expanded, while the inner ones are triangular and still small.”

A mature leaf is as big as a room, and all the leaves of the plant added together are equivalent to a giant.

Giant water lily-like plants, so dominant and imposing.

Liszt immediately named this new plant: “King Lotus, let’s call it King Lotus. The Greater Elf I am seeking could very well be a King Lotus Greater Spirit... It’s a pity that King Lotus does not show any magic feedback light; it’s not a Magic Potion, and it seems to have no economic value either.”

He lightly leapt onto a King Lotus leaf, standing firm upon it, though there were faint signs the leaf might be crushed under his weight.

Such leaves can’t be used as boats to glide on water.

Among the seventeen or eighteen leaves, a flower and several buds broke the surface, and right next to them lay a large, dull-looking thing, probably a fruit. Liszt walked over, plucked the fruit, about as large as a man's embrace, and then leapt to the shore.

Ornn turned his head to look for a moment, then became indifferent.

Liszt peeled the fruit, its sturdy skin easily cracking under his strong grip, revealing kernels inside that looked like corn but were as large as a child's fist.

His body was long immune to all poisons, with Dou Qi to neutralize everything; he directly chose to peel off a "kernel" and gently bit into it.

His eyes lit up immediately: "The flavor is rich, like tasting pineapple, leaving a lingering fragrance on the lips with a juicy fullness. The seeds of King Lotus can be eaten as fruit, and they are very delicious at that!"

This was good news.

However, such a large King Lotus yielding so little produce still isn't of much value.

"Regardless, let's find the King Lotus Great Spirit first." He put the seeds into his Space Ring, mounted the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, and started scouring the rivers and lakes for more King Lotus.

Finally.

In a broad section of the river, he saw the magic feedback light he had been looking for—it was a huge King Lotus floating on the water. With enormous and numerous leaves, just one King Lotus occupied half of the river, emitting chaotic-colored magic feedback light.

On one of the King Lotus leaves lay a tiny Great Elf, blissfully basking in the Sun, snoring away.

"Roar!"

Ornn, who was mentally connected with Liszt, let out a playful roar, and rapidly unleashed his fierce Dragon Might. The overwhelming Dragon Might and deafening roar scared the sleeping King Lotus Great Spirit, who jumped with a start and fell right through the gaps between the leaves into the river.

Chapter 1073: Archie Bar The King Lotus Greater Elf that fell into the river didn't manage to escape. Holding the Heart of the Mermaid contract, Li Si Te found it easy to enter the water and effortlessly capture it.

Then he jumped back onto a leaf of the King Lotus Cordyceps.

He carefully inspected the King Lotus Greater Elf he was holding in his hand. Although this Greater Elf lived on water, it wasn't an aquatic elf. Or rather, even though the King Lotus grows in lakes and rivers, it isn't a marine plant, hence the King Lotus Greater Elf is still a terrestrial elf.

It had no gills but possessed a pair of transparent wings on its back.

Two tiny King Lotus leaves drooped on either side of its head, looking like a split hairstyle, adorable yet slightly ridiculous. Its body was a translucent light white, which is the common color for most elves, nothing too special. Big black eyes and delicate features made it very beautiful.

But at this moment, the expression on the King Lotus Greater Elf was fierce and ferocious, as it emitted an angry cry: "Archi ba!" The meaning was unknown.

"Stop shouting, little one, we are fated," Liszt touched the leaves on the head of the King Lotus Greater Elf, not in a hurry, to contract.

He was feeling the power of destiny.

As a Fate Guardian merged with the Smoke Dragon, he had been constantly adapting and trying to control the power of destiny during this time. But the power of destiny was intangible and elusive, invisible and untouchable, only fleetingly felt; mastering it was immensely difficult.

After all, he wasn't really a Smoke Dragon; the Smoke Dragon was merely gestating in his mind.

“Starting near the Dragon Pit Great Mine, I began to feel the Threads of Destiny linking to the King Lotus Greater Elf, and then I searched all the way here. This whole process belongs to manipulating the Threads of Destiny, or controlling destiny. After I captured the King Lotus Greater Elf, this strand of destiny thread suddenly halted.”

The halt didn’t mean the thread snapped but rather that the thread disappeared, or the Power of Destiny that connected King Lotus Greater Elf and Liszt suddenly vanished.

“It’s a strange phenomenon, still incomprehensible...” Liszt felt for a long time, still unable to grasp the essence of the power of destiny.

The King Lotus Greater Elf in his hand kept crying “Archi ba” for a quarter of an hour, its voice going hoarse. Seeing that shouting was ineffective, it lazily hung in Liszt’s hand, squinting as if to continue sunbathing—if it couldn’t resist, it might as well enjoy.

“Such a cute Great Elf, come on, bite me.” Liszt snapped back from his contemplation of fate, stretched his index finger tightly, and stuffed it into the mouth of the King Lotus Greater Elf, not waiting for the King Lotus Greater Elf to react, he knocked the fingertip against the teeth.

Instantly, the skin broke and a drop of blood oozed out, mixing with the teeth of the King Lotus Greater Elf.

A miraculous connection was established in an instant, and he could communicate with the King Lotus Greater Elf on a spiritual level. The inner world of the King Lotus Greater Elf was very calm, it simply wanted to sunbathe lazily and take a nap—maybe after a nap, everything would return to how it was before.

Without that voice sounding like a loud lizard, and without the evil villain gripping its neck.

Suddenly with the heart contract with Liszt, it interrupted the pure heart of the King Lotus Greater Elf, causing it to open its eyes in confusion: “Archi ba?”

“What name should I give you?” Liszt looked at the King Lotus Greater Elf, seriously pondering, “You are an elf that lives in the river, actually, the name King of the River –

Tam would suit you best, but I had previously given the name Tam to a Giant Algae Minor Elf.”

Giant Algae Greater Elf is Pike, and the Giant Algae Minor Elves are Fizz, Tam, and Eddie.

Since Liszt had already given the name to the Giant Algae Minor Elf, he definitely couldn’t make the despicable move of taking the name back. However, he soon had a bright idea: “I remember that the full name of the River King is Tam Kench. Since Tam has already been given to the Giant Algae Minor Elf, I’ll give Kench to you!”

Thus.

When the King Lotus Great Spirit was in a daze, not understanding what was happening, it already had a new name—Kench.

Kench became Liszt’s thirtieth Greater Elf, and also one of the few that Liszt personally named—the batch of Greater Elves he originally got from the Grey Iron Family and the Earth Tyrant Family, he didn’t bother naming them, just using their previous names.

The Greater Elves personally named by Liszt numbered only twelve.

Giant Algae Greater Elf Pike, Pea Great Elf Ash, Thorn Greater Elf Jela, Mangrove Greater Elf Nami, Potato Great Spirit Kuchi, Banana Greater Elf Poppy, Millet Greater Elf Tick, Corn Greater Elf Mickey, Troll Taro Greater Elf Karl, Gourd Greater Elf Klay, Coffee Greater Elf Mundo, and King Lotus Greater Elf Kench.

The remaining eighteen, seven came from the Grey Iron Family—Oat, Barley, Apple, Tomato, Pea, White Crystal Chrysanthemum, Ice Grass Greater Elf.

Eleven came from the Earth Tyrant Family—Rockwood, Tobacco, Tea Tree, Barley, Millet, Iris, Sticky Rice, Ginger, Beet Greater Elf, and two Little Wheat Greater Elves.

“Ackie, huh?” Kench came to his senses from the confusion, expressing an emotion of inquiry. He felt both hostility and affection towards Liszt, which was very conflicting.

“Remember, Kench, you are now my Greater Elf,” Liszt didn’t rush to explain, instead he embraced Kench, flipped onto the back of the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn by the shore, “Now we’re going to inspect the growing area of the King Lotus, and also look to see if there are any Magic Potion species.”

King Lotus is a unique plant in the Amazon Rainforest, and following along rivers and lakes, one could spot traces of King Lotus. However, after half an hour, he had scanned a large area, still not spotting a King Lotus with Magic Radiance, nor discovering new Cordyceps or Elves.

“It seems there really are none... Ah, there’s a lake below, the surface has Magic Radiance!” Liszt was delighted, commanding Ornn to dive downward.

Upon reaching above the lake, he clearly saw a small patch of pale blue Magic Radiance on the King Lotus, among which there was also a King Lotus with chaos-colored Magic Radiance.

“Great!”

“A King Lotus Cordyceps, with several Magic Potion King Lotuses growing around it!”

It didn’t take long before he found King Lotus Elf Bugs hiding under the leaves, a plump pale green Elf Bug. Ordinary Elf Bugs no longer caught Liszt’s eye, but this one, carrying its own Magic Potion, excited Liszt immensely. There was no other reason; having Magic Potion species on the King Lotus, Kench’s value would immediately skyrocket.

“Ackie, huh?” Kench, feeling Liszt’s excitement, became even more puzzled, feeling it bizarre.

“Kench, it’s time for you to shine, from now on within the range of your influence, all will be planted with Magic Potion King Lotus... King Lotus has high environmental demands, it seems like it can only be grown here. My serfs can hardly cultivate here for now, but that’s alright, I still have Yu Chou.”

He quickly contacted Duke Bruce of the Salty Sea, asking him to dispatch Yu Chou to reside in the Amazon Territory, specifically to cultivate Magic Potion King Lotus.

At the same time, he dug out a Magic Potion King Lotus, sent it to the Mage Tower, handed it over to the Magic Medicine Arcanists to refine into Magic Potion, and analyzed the value of the King Lotus Magic Potion.

Throughout the journey, Kench, always carried by Liszt, remained in a dazed state: “Ackie, huh?”

Chapter 1074: Dragon Medicine The King Lotus is a super huge plant with water-attribute magic power. The concentration of its magic power is not low; a single one should be able to be refined into about a dozen magic potions.

This task, for an arcanist who specializes in refining magic potions, would only take half a day to complete. After completion, Magic Medicine Liszt personally tried it. Although he has fire attribute Dou Qi, it does not hinder him from evaluating the quality of other attribute magic potions. However, after drinking, the impact force of the magic potion is very minimal.

He immediately frowned: “Something’s not right, the impact force of the magic power is even weaker than that of Mixed Standard.”

Magic potions have been defined by the Royal Arcane Academy (Magic Guild) as six grades: Mixed Standard, Single Standard, Special Standard, Strong Medicine, Auxiliary Medicine, and Dragon Medicine. Mixed Standard is the most common type of magic potion with chaotic attributes. At worst, King Lotus magic potions should be Single Standard magic potions, but it turned out to be this low.

Dean Chris also tried a King Lotus magic potion — whenever Liszt visits the Arcane Academy, Chris is always the one to receive him.

“Your Majesty, the medicinal properties of the King Lotus magic potion are too weak. Among the Single Standard magic potions I’ve seen, this is probably the weakest one.”

“Test it a few more times to see if it has the potential to be an Auxiliary Medicine.”

“Yes.” Chris immediately arranged for a specialized knight to come and assist with the tests. Unfortunately, the results showed that the King Lotus magic potion did not have the properties of an Auxiliary Medicine. “Now, only one possibility remains. We need to see if the King Lotus magic potion has the prospect of being a Dragon Medicine and only Your Majesty can measure that.”

“Alright.” Liszt nodded, took two King Lotus magic potions, and directly called out to Formless Dragon Bard.

“Wuiyiya!”

“Let’s go, Bard, we’re heading to Mermaid City.”

Upon arriving at Mermaid City, Liszt called over Little Water Dragon Walter, then tossed a King Lotus magic potion to it: “Try this, see if it has any effect on you.”

“Yoohoo.” Walter directly crushed the potion bottle with his throat, swallowing the King Lotus magic potion. As soon as the magic power began to disperse, it suddenly widened its dragon eyes in excitement, let out a joyful cheer, and sent a message to Liszt via Dragon Heart Electrical Signal, “This stuff is potent, Liszt, I want more!”

Liszt, who had not been hopeful, was quite surprised.

He casually threw the second King Lotus magic potion to Walter, then climbed onto Walter’s Dragon Tooth Platform. As their minds merged into one, he instantly understood the amplification effects of the King Lotus magic potion on the Water Dragon’s magic power: “It’s not as good as the amplifying effect of Fire Dragon Elixir on Fire Dragons, but the difference isn’t big, it can be called Dragon Medicine!”

This was indeed a pleasant surprise.

He had only hoped that the King Lotus magic potion could become a high-quality Single Standard Magic Potion, to make up for the Flame Kingdom’s huge demand for magic potions.

He had never expected the King Lotus magic potion to reach the level of Dragon Medicine.

However, having experienced many major events, after a bit of excitement, he calmed down: “The magic potion refined from the Phoenix Perch Parasol Tree provides strong assistance to Fire Dragons, with general effects on other dragons, named Fire Dragon

Water... The magic potion refined from King Lotus provides strong assistance to Water Dragons, I wonder if it helps other dragons?"

If it does help, it can be given a name like "Blue Dragon Water"; if it doesn't, then it can only be called "Water Dragon Water."

"Yooahoo!" Walter was still clamoring for more of the potion.

"Patience, this is a newly discovered Magic Medicine King Lotus, not yet planted on a large scale. If you want it, you'll have to wait at least half a year." He had already ordered Bluposi to get Yu Chou to plant the King Lotus; even with the influence of the Cordyceps from the Greater Elf, King Lotus still needed time to grow.

"Yooahoo!" Walter expressed understanding but demanded that once the King Lotus matured, it should all be supplied to him, not allowing any other person or dragon to get their hands on it.

"Rest assured." Liszt casually reassured, and sent away Little Water Dragon, then quickly rode the Formless Dragon Bard to the Amazon Rainforest.

In just two days, Yu Chou had been continuously arriving at the Amazon Rainforest.

Bluposi personally followed the river and came to the Amazon Territory to plan the King Lotus cultivation garden — King Lotus must live in freshwater, so to plant as many as possible, it was necessary to plan a vast area of crisscrossing waterways within the Amazon Rainforest, tentatively set to a scale of ten thousand acres.

The range of influence of a Greater Elf's cordyceps generally falls between 4,800 to 7,200 acres, with the excess being reserved for cultivating new King Lotus elves.

Riding on the back of a Formless Dragon, one can see crowds of Yu Chou busily organizing river channels and digging lakes. These highly intelligent Yu Chou, with their fertility greatly improved by the Source of Vitality Potion, have seen a sharp population increase, and it is a common sight to see adult Yu Chous with little Yu Chous lying on their backs.

Yu Chous do not live in family units, but female Yu Chous do care for their young until they can live independently.

“Your Majesty, are you here to personally supervise the construction? This is just a minor project for a ten-thousand-acre Magic Potion field,” Bluposi towered in the river, the water level only reaching her waist.

Every mermaid is extremely beautiful, but alas, their size is far too massive, suitable only for distant admiration and not for play.

Liszt hopped onto Bluposi’s shoulder.

Pointing at the bustling Yu Chou, he laughed, “This is not just a ten-thousand-acre Magic Potion field. The Magic Potion refined from King Lotus has been confirmed to have the value of Dragon Medicine. These ten thousand acres of King Lotus will produce an endless supply of Dragon Medicine, to sustain my dragons... Of course, for now, I still need to uproot a Magic Medicine King Lotus and test its effects on the other dragons.”

Bluposi exclaimed in admiration: “Your brilliance is too dazzling for me to face directly. The value of Dragon Medicine is immense. The three great human kingdoms only have one type of Red Dragon Water, and yet you already have the second kind.”

“I’ve always been lucky.”

“Yes.”

“By the way, how is the progress of the Royal Arcane Academy’s research on the source of vitality for mermaids?” Liszt asked. After solving the fertility issues of Yu Chous, the arcanists have been researching the fertility issues of mermaids, which is more complex since mermaids reproduce asexually.

Bluposi sighed: “I have donated all my earnings to the Source of Vitality laboratory, but so far there have been no good news.”

“Don’t worry, you have a long life ahead. If not ten years, then twenty years. If not twenty, then a hundred. I believe that someday, mermaids will regain the ability to reproduce.”

“With the glory of Your Majesty upon us, I hope to see such a day.”

“It will come... Continue with your command, I’m very busy and must return now.” After giving a few instructions, he hastily uprooted a King Lotus and left the Amazon Rainforest.

The King Lotus Magic Potion was just an interlude for the time being. His most important task was to cultivate with Grey Iron Dragon Ornn and awaken the Threads of Destiny of that unknown new dragon as soon as possible. The new strain of Magic Medicine King Lotus was quickly refined into a Magic Potion, so he directly gave two vials of the potion to Bard and Ornn.

Bard tried the potion, feeling nothing.

Ornn tried the potion, equally without experiencing anything.

“What a pity, this Magic Potion only works on Water Dragons, alas, it’s merely Water Dragon Water, not Blue Dragon Water.” Liszt shook his head, actually not very disappointed—after all, just the Water Dragon Water alone was enough to excite him beyond his expectations, as it was an unexpected joy.

The King Lotus plantation was built vigorously, and Water Dragon Water was listed as a special Dragon Medicine for Little Water Dragon Walter.

Having completed this interlude, Liszt carefully sensed the surrounding Threads of Destiny. Finding none worthy of action, he settled down and continued his intense training with Ornn.

Time flew by.

It was already the end of April.

The knightly figure in Ornn’s inner world became clearer and clearer, and he was not far from successfully branding it with a Mind Brand.

At this moment, Liszt suddenly felt a movement in his heart, a mysterious and profound sensation came over him, the power of destiny. At the same time, a thread of destiny, which was originally dark and dull, was violently tugged, impossible for him to ignore.

Concentrating slightly.

He sensed the source of what was tugging this thread of destiny: “Hmm... has Marquis Great West Eternia returned?”

Chapter 1075: High Speech Marquis Eternia of the Great West is the eldest among the mermaids. Before the mermaids had completed their circumnavigation, she had already returned to the Flame Kingdom along with the ocean elves they discovered.

“Your Majesty, I apologize for the long delay and for holding up your plans for the development of the Flame Kingdom’s ocean.”

Upon meeting Liszt in Mermaid City, she expressed her apologies immediately, clearly aware that Liszt was dissatisfied with the mermaids being away for such a lengthy period.

One does not lash out at a smiling face, and besides, mermaids are not knights.

Liszt did not choose to strictly reprimand these mermaids for their lack of adherence to the knight system, thus becoming his loyal followers. Instead, he nodded and said, “You must have had a tough journey, Marquis Eternia. How are the other mermaids doing?”

“Thanks for your concern, Your Majesty. They are living well in the ocean which harbors countless treasures that attract them. However, they will soon finish mapping the coastlines of the Legendary Continent and then return to the Flame Kingdom to aid Your Majesty in developing the ocean... We have never forgotten our duty to purify the Devil’s Sea.”

“Purifying the Devil’s Sea is certainly imperative. Once the right moment arrives, I shall preside over it myself,” Liszt commented, equally curious about the Mafa Continent beyond the other end of the Devil’s Sea.

However, one must eat one’s meal one bite at a time.

He inquired, “Where are the ocean elves you brought back?”

“They are all here.”

Following Eternia’s call, a large group of elves arrived, mostly Elf Bugs, about a dozen Little Minor Elves, and two Greater Elves. These elves had already formed contracts with Eternia—indeed, Liszt himself does not intend to contract aquatic elves; leaving it to the mermaids is more convenient.

“What types of elves are these?”

“This is a Greater Sea Kelp Elf, I named it Shakalaka; this is a Greater Sea Urchin Elf, I named it Aristotel; this Little Minor Elf is...” Eternia introduced the aquatic elves one by one. The Greater Sea Kelp Elf and the Greater Sea Urchin Elf had names, the others did not.

From her tone during the introduction, it was discernible that she held no particular fondness for the elves, treating them merely as tools—after all, in the distant past, the Sea Kingdom used to capture Elf Bugs to trade with humans, regarding elves as mere marine products just like fish and shrimp.

Of course.

During the era when mermaids ruled the Sea Kingdom, there existed only Elf Bugs. Little Minor Elves, Greater Elves, and Dragon Elves hadn’t yet emerged.

Choice Bug Elves, indeed, differed little from fish and shrimp.

“Hmm, take good care of these elves, especially the Greater Sea Kelp Elf, as it can cultivate seaweed, a marine product of considerable value. Bluposi has been too busy lately; she has been developing the Salty Sea while also managing the Amazon Rainforest for me. With your return, you can take over the Amazon Rainforest.”

“As you wish,” Eternia easily agreed.

“Once you have accrued enough military achievements, I will appoint you as the Duke of the Great West and assign a section of the ocean as your fief,” Liszt said.

“Thank you for your generosity, Your Majesty. I will manage the Amazon Rainforest well.”

With official tasks handed over, Liszt began to inquire about Eternia’s circumnavigational journey and any special experiences encountered. Though they had been in contact through the Magic Platform, many details could not be thoroughly conveyed through it.

“The ocean is lonelier than it was during the era of the Moon Empire, Your Majesty. The era I lived in is roughly the tail end of the Moon Empire or perhaps even after the Moon Empire had long vanished. Back then, the Cursed Dragon’s pollution had already enveloped the ocean, yet it was still more bustling than the current ocean.”

Eternia continued to lament, “In our era, not only were there numerous intelligent maritime races such as mermaids, Naga, Yu Chou, and Sea Serpents, but there were countless Sea Monsters as well, including the enormous Leviathan which was not considered rare. However, in this voyage, what I saw was desolation.”

Without the intelligent maritime races, mermaids, Naga, and Yu Chou had completely disappeared, and hardly any remnants of the once great Sea Kingdom’s palaces were found.

Sea Monsters, once prevalent across the oceans, were also rarely seen.

The only magical creature we discovered was the Sub-dragon – Hydra: “We organized several collective hunting expeditions, but the Hydra always escaped... The Hydra was located approximately in this part of the sea,” she pointed at a Legendary Continent map that was slowly becoming clearer, her fingertip landing on the northern waters of the continent.

This maritime area is adjacent to the coastal region of the Kushan Imperial.

“I will join hands with Acherlroides when I get a chance to capture this Hydra. Given that Sub-dragons typically possess considerable intelligence, perhaps it could be tamed like Nimia the Giant Lion, turning the Hydra into a guardian beast.” Li Si Te greatly coveted this Hydra.

He coveted all magical things.

“Your Majesty, while in the waters of the Neverfall Empire, I encountered a Sea Serpent, who once lived on land. According to her, the language High Speech of the Neverfall Empire has a grammatical structure similar to Moon Language, much closer to it than Wind Language, Serpent Script, or Moon Language.”

“Even if it’s close, it’s not Moon Language. Only the Flame Kingdom continues the heritage of the Moon Empire and Sun Empire civilizations,” Li Si Te chuckled, “What else did you talk about with that Sea Serpent?”

“I asked her if she would like to come to the Flame Kingdom, and she said she would not.”

Although Sea Serpents were scarce in the great oceans, Acherloides wasn’t the only one; Li Si Te had previously encountered the elderly Sea Serpent Yisi. However, Yisi’s magical prowess was woefully poor, and historical records also have no mention of Sea Serpents possessing magical talents. From this point of view, Acherloides was truly unique.

However,

Sea Serpents truly were beautiful.

“Did you discuss any matters concerning the Neverfall Empire with the Sea Serpent?”

“Sorry, I’m not interested in the Neverfall Empire, so we didn’t touch upon that topic. Moreover, since our languages are ultimately different, our conversation was halting and not very pleasant. Compared to Lord Acherloides, that Sea Serpent seemed too ignorant, too naive.”

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The return of Eternia was undoubtedly a significant help for our oceanic endeavors, and the number of Yu Chous was increasing, who could no longer be solely managed by the mermaid Bluposi.

Thus, Li Si Te returned to his frenzied training with the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn.

Time thus galloped ceaselessly towards the future.

Meanwhile, on Flame Island, the Royal Arcane Academy and various laboratories associated with the academy continually unveiled magic-technological products. Most of them were inventions related to public welfare, and the Arcanist System was steadily moving towards the “scholar” route envisioned by Li Si Te.

Magicians, no longer prioritizing learning powerful magic spells, had renamed themselves and were now primarily focused on researching various magic-technological inventions.

Amid this broader backdrop, located in the Whirlpool Estuary Domain – Estuary City, the Royal Shipyard as well as the ship research laboratory jointly financed by the Royal Shipyard and the Royal Arcane Academy announced a pivotal shift. The Chief Arcanist Inuit Truth proclaimed that the era of sailing ships was drawing to a close.

The Magic Power Ship was officially unveiled!

Chapter 1076: The Sublimation of Rope Arts Li Si Te had just arrived in this world when the Sapphire Duchy was at the forefront of naval technology, just entering the Age of Transverse Sail.

Subsequently, Li Si Te introduced longitudinal sails, and hybrid power sailing ships became the main naval force of the Flame Kingdom. All internal maritime trade within the Flame Islands and every Pioneer Mandate war used hybrid power sailing ships. Even fishing boats out at sea used a combination of transverse and longitudinal sails.

But even the advanced hybrid power sailing ships couldn’t escape the limitations of sailboats, which must rely on wind power.

Therefore, he had been having the arcanists of the Royal Arcane Academy research steam engines that could be powered by boiling water. However, steam engines involved many mechanical components and couldn’t be completed overnight, especially since the arcanists here were not sensitive to purely mechanical creations.

Thus, steam engines were long in coming, and even the few models that were produced looked more like toys.

Even though Li Si Te told the arcanists that the power of boiling water had infinite potential, they still couldn't understand—could the power of boiling water be more formidable than Magic Power or a Dragon's power?

Inuit Truth, an arcanist once specifically appointed by the Smoke Mission, was initially the one who combined transverse and longitudinal sails to develop a new generation of hybrid power sailing ships. His attitude towards steam engines was no different from that of the average arcanist, still trusting more in Magic.

So, he did not pursue the development of steam ships but instead studied another type of ship—a Magic Power Ship—inspired by the ideas suggested by Li Si Te.

Previously, Gandalf Truth had invented the Magic Two-Wheeled Bicycle and was featured on the cover of “The Great Arcanist”.

Inspired, Inuit began integrating Magic with ships and, through continuous experiments in the ship laboratory, eventually combined the Magic Array with the “propeller” to complete the development of the first Magic Power Ship—a point worth mentioning is that the propeller structure was taught by Liszt.

“All my research achievements have been realized under the unparalleled and wise guidance of His Majesty the King. It was His Majesty the King who initially entrusted me to design ships, telling me that ships should move away from oars and sails and instead use propellers to move forward, which enabled me to design the Magic Power Ship...”

In his interview with “The Great Arcanist” as a cover figure, Inuit spent an entire page of content lauding Emperor Liszt's help in the development of the Magic Power Ship.

He also named the propeller “Flame Propeller,” a blatant attempt to flatter.

The so-called propeller is a common screw propeller powered by a Magic Array, relying on the propeller to move water to generate power. Additionally, there are some technologies to reduce the propeller's cavitation and reduce the ship's drag.

Thus, the Magic Power Ship was born.

“The standard speed of the Magic Power Ship can reach 70 knots, which is several times faster than the current fastest Iron Dragon Warship at 20 knots. Theoretically, Magic

Power Ships can indefinitely increase the speed of the propeller. 70 knots is just a speed that saves Magic Power consumption. If we don't care about the consumption of Magic Power and the ship is strong enough, we can even reach 700 knots!"

Inuit boasted exuberantly about the Magic Power Ship.

In the Age of Transverse Sail, the fastest Court Fast Sailing Ship of the Grand Duchy of Sapphire could only reach a speed of 10 knots, just over 18 kilometers per hour. In the hybrid power sailing ship era, the fastest Iron Dragon Warship of the Flame Kingdom reached 20 knots, which is just over 37 kilometers per hour.

Now, the Magic Power Ship has reached a speed of 70 knots, allowing for navigation across the sea at a speed of 130 kilometers per hour.

Moreover, this speed is not affected by the wind speed; even in strong headwind conditions, it can still travel over a hundred kilometers per hour.

In the concluding words of the interview with "The Great Arcanist".

They described Inuit and his invention of the Magic Power Ship as follows: "With Chief Arcanist Inuit Truth's invention of the Magic Power Ship, the curtain on the Great Age of Maritime Exploration slowly begins to rise. One can imagine that in the future, humans driving Magic Power Ships across the seas will be as comfortable as knights galloping across the continents on horses."

There is a suspicion of excessive exaggeration.

In fact, with the activation of the Magic Teleportation Array, the importance of the great sea voyages seems not so crucial, as the communication between the Flame Kingdom and the Legendary Continent can basically be achieved without going through the traditional routes.

However, the invention of the Magic Power Ship still holds significant importance as it denotes an advancement in the exploitation of the sea.

For this purpose, Li Si Te personally returned from the Dragon Pit Great Mine and met with Inuit and his team of Arcanists from the ship laboratory at the Sun Moon Star Palace.

He amicably conversed with them, “Inuit, the Magic Power Ship has broken free from the limitations of wind sails, perhaps it can be made bigger, a single ship might carry a whole Knight Order or even a Dragon. Your next research direction could focus on this area, as I need to transport knights and dragons across the sea.”

“As you wish, Your Majesty, I will seriously consider how to enhance the Magic Power Ship.”

“Very good.”

Li Si Te was pleased, of course, he did not particularly need to use the Magic Power Ship to conquer the Legendary Continent as the efficiency coming from such a method wasn’t high. Establishing Magic Teleportation Arrays to conquer the Legendary Continent quickly was the true way to victory. But what he had in mind was another continent—Mafa Continent.

It was hard to find a natural node in the Magic Teleportation Array leading directly to Mafa Continent.

Thus, if he wanted to explore the Mafa Continent, he still needed to cross the Devil’s Sea. If it were just him, he could swim alongside Ach and the Mermaid. But if he intended to lead a huge army, then he must build some “Dragon Carrier Warships” capable of transporting dragons.

After all, not knowing the situation in Mafa Continent, he would have to approach it with a considerable force—no dragon could cross the territory alone.

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The Magic Power Ship caused quite a stir within the Flame Kingdom, but it was just a few days of public enthusiasm. The Magic Teleportation Array between Jade City and Heroic Yellow City had long rendered the Flame Kingdom a land-based kingdom, and the great sea voyages were not a target for many nobles.

For the nobles of the Kingdom, why bother developing the sea when looting the Legendary Continent was the true path to domination!

After the heat died down, the Magic Power Ship was quickly forgotten.

To this, Li Si Te could only describe it with “Sparrows could never understand the aspirations of the phoenix.” Obviously, he didn’t need short-sighted nobles, knowing his own grand objectives.

He had already returned to the Dragon Pit Great Mine, continuing his training with Grey Iron Dragon Ornn.

However, soon, a flickering Thread of Destiny attracted his attention. Following this thread, he sensed the source that was stirring these Threads of Destiny—the Pea Great Elf Ash.

After a careful consideration, his eyes widened, and he couldn’t help but burst into laughter, “Haha, great joy, Ash has successfully evolved!”

Two years after subduing Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, Ash quickly became fond of this dragon.

For a Greater Elf to evolve into a Dragon Elf, it generally takes a long time, some Greater Elves might even cherish a dragon for more than a decade. Not every Greater Elf can evolve as quickly as the Phoenix Perch Parasol Tree Greater Elf. Thus, after waiting for more than two years, Ash finally completed her evolution.

He hurried back to the Sun Moon Star Palace.

Just as he entered the chamber of Ash, he saw a beautiful, majestic Dragon Elf, still unclothed, holding a piece of rope in her hands.

Seeing Li Si Te, the newly grown Pea Dragon Elf Ash showed a sweet smile, “Li Si Te, I’ve evolved, and I feel that my rope skills have also been elevated. Would you like to see?”

Chapter 1077: Urgently to be Picked Appreciating rope art is of course unnecessary.

But Liszt circled around the Pea Great Elf, or to be precise, the Pea Dragon Elf Ash, for two full rotations: “Very outstanding, Ash, you didn’t let me down. Now you have become

the fourth Dragon Elf of the Flame Family. The Pea Plantation can be fully cultivated now.”

“I thought you would be very fond of rope art,” Ash responded, off the topic.

“Cough cough, I do have an interest in the artistic side of rope art, but lack the time; however, I will arrange for the servants in the Royal Palace to cooperate with you so you can fully express your artistic talent.”

Ash shook her head, disappointedly saying, “It’s a pity, many of those servants are too crude and do not understand what my rope art wants to express. Liszt, I thought you would understand, only rope art can completely display the curves of beautiful things.”

“You can take your time and find some among the servants. I believe there will be those who understand your perfect pursuit of curves... and you can also promote it among the elves, maybe they will understand as well.”

“They won’t understand, the Little Minor Elves are just a bunch of idiots; even if they are born as Pea Great Elves, they won’t get it,” Ash said seriously. “Most elves are idiots, Carly, Yadi, Ani are idiots too, and the trait of stupidity is most apparent in Jela.”

Carly is the Man-Eating Tree Dragon Sprite, Yadi is the Buckwheat Dragon Sprite, and Ani is the Phoenix Perch Parasol Tree Dragon Elf. Clearly, Ash doesn’t think much of these three Dragon Sprites.

As for Jela.

Most elves seem to not hold Jela in high regard, luckily Jela is still pursuing dragons, trying to evolve. After announcing its failure to pursue the Aluminum Dragon Connor, it has been bitterly interacting with Bone Dragon Vinnie, trying to find their respective sparks in the hope of making itself fall in love with Mountain Bone Dragon Vinnie.

This has allowed the Sun Moon Star Palace to enjoy a period of tranquility.

“You know it in your heart, that’s enough. Some things don’t need to be said aloud.”

“Understood,” Ash sighed, “It’s a pity I can understand you all, but very few of you can understand me... Rope art is such a noble art. Liszt, as a king, the highest existence among nobles, you really should learn rope art to embellish yourself.”

Having evolved into a Dragon Elf, Ash clearly had a significant improvement in intelligence and eloquence, but its sense of aesthetics remained as quirky as ever.

“Hehe.”

Liszt decisively ended the conversation: “Now that you’ve become a Dragon Elf, should I prepare a few sets of clothes for you to change into?”

Ash thought for a moment and replied, “Exhibiting rope art in the nude is the essence of art, but after all, I still have to face the eyes of the mundane world, so have a few sets of clothes tailor-made for me.”

“No problem.”

Leaving Ash’s chamber and stepping into the corridor, Liszt couldn’t help wiping the nonexistent sweat from his forehead. The personalities of his elves were mostly quite unique, with the most peculiar ones being Jela and Ash, who was deeply indulged in rope art.

Ash was once an elf of Di Maria Yuhua Stone, the marquis of Pea Island.

“Di Maria must be a pervert in private. Ash’s enthusiasm for rope art must have been learned from him; it turns out that beneath nobility’s dignified appearance often lurks a perverse side!”

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“Your Majesty, will you be staying in the Royal Palace for dinner tonight?” the Inner Court Butler Carter inquired.

Liszt shook his head: “Mr. Carter, there’s no need to prepare dinner for me, I’ll be leaving the Royal Palace shortly.” The Threads of Destiny regarding the new dragon are becoming

clearer and he needed to persist without resting; taking a break might mean missing out on this rare opportunity.

For him, the Flame Kingdom was trivial; dragons were the real concern.

Carter hesitated for a moment.

Seeing this, Liszt said, “Mr. Carter, is there something the matter?”

“It’s like this, Your Majesty, you seldom stay at the Sun Moon Star Palace. Princess Emily seems listless each time she returns to the Royal Palace for meals... The Princess must really hope to dine with you,” Carter, old and wise, naturally understood some of the subtleties.

“Hmm, I will make time to arrange a meal with Emily,” Liszt replied candidly.

His feelings for Emily needed no concealment; after all, she was the Dragon Knight he had carefully nurtured from childhood. Emily, now sixteen, had come of age. She had transformed from a scrawny little girl into a strong woman with graceful curves, dazzling like a budding flower.

Riding the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn away from the Royal Palace, he couldn’t help but reflect inwardly, “Emily has grown up; it’s time for me to fulfill my promise.”

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May had just arrived.

However, the knight’s silhouette in the mind world of the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn didn’t move forward as it neared completion, and it didn’t take long for Liszt to understand why.

“Ornn, you have a knot in your heart.”

“Roar!” Ornn responded openly, acknowledging this knot, for once it was a dragon of the Grey Iron Duchy, seeing eye to eye with the First Duke of Iron Grey.

The Mind Branding of the First Duke of Iron Grey had faded away, but those memories were still preserved in Ornn's heart.

It was these very memories that became an obstacle preventing Liszt from completing the Mind Branding, and after some thought, he decided, "Let's travel to the ruins of the Grey Iron Duchy. We should reminisce about your memories of the First Duke of Iron Grey, clear our minds, and perhaps the knot will be untied soon."

"Roar!" Ornn nodded in agreement.

So the two of them, man and dragon, flew high into the sky, heading straight for the Jade Mountain Magic Gate, crossing the Male Jade Transmission Array to arrive at the Heroic Yellow Plains. This land was the territory of Yevich Water Peanut, but with Yevich busy cultivating the Snowstorm Mountain Duchy, his sister's husband's brother was managing Heroic Yellow City.

Liszt did not know Yevich's brother-in-law.

He wasn't interested in meeting him either; after passing through the Magic Gate he flew away without a greeting.

They flew northwest, weaving through the dense primeval forest, and when tired, landed on mountaintops to rest. With the Magic Platform keeping him in touch with the outside world, he could still manage the Flame Kingdom even when away, and there was no need to stay in the Royal Palace all the time.

"This expanse of primeval forest urgently needs development. The Eagle Kingdom has no plans for it, so it's natural for the Flame Kingdom to take over. It's a pity that population is a big issue; there aren't even enough hands to develop Flame Island, let alone here... By the time I consume the Eagle Kingdom, it will still be difficult to develop this area."

Development requires population.

Without the continuous increase of generations, the population will not rise.

But even if the population does grow, the Elf output can't keep up, and will still constrain development.

To break free from the restriction of the Elves, one must vigorously develop Magic farming, attempting to revive the era of the Ancient Moon Empire — at that time, humans were hostile to Elf Bugs, using them as raw materials for making Magic Dust, not for farming, which relied entirely on Magic.

Liszt is actively developing the Arcane System, also hoping that the Arcanists can improve agricultural conditions.

To allow agriculture to thrive independently of Elves.

And this task may fall on the research of Druid Magic — he has always restricted the Arcanists' research into Druid transformation magic, but has encouraged research into Druid cultivation magic. The Magic Plant Seeds collected from the Sky Ship were all handed over to the Arcanists for research.

So far, a small portion of the Magic Plants cultivated by the Arcanists have grown lush and verdant, but the issue of slow growth has yet to be solved.

Chapter 1078: Royal Blue Under the Royal Arcane Academy, there is a Magic Laboratory named "Nature's Source," which does not employ a system of chief arcanists but rather resembles a scientific research institute.

The Nature's Source Laboratory focuses on the development of Magic Plants, further divided into multiple research groups. Magic Beans, Magic Wheat, Magic Melons, Magic Eggplants, Magic Peppers, Magic Ginseng, Magic Lotus Root, Magic Tangerines, Magic Pears, Magic Sunflowers, Transforming Trees—each type of Magic Plant has a corresponding group dedicated to researching how to cultivate them.

Depending on the environmental needs of different Magic Plants, the Nature's Source Laboratory has branch laboratories in many cities of Flame Island and has planned specialized plantations.

Even on Black Horse Island in the Sapphire Duchy, there are branch laboratories of Nature's Source—housing several early-cultivated types of Magic Plants.

However, since the cultivation of Magic Plants began four to five years ago, not a single fruit has been harvested.

Magic Plants are cultivated from large trees through Natural Magic. Even Magic Beans, a leguminous Magic Plant, grow into trees similar to fruit trees. This process requires ten years to initially bear fruit; after another ten years, the yield of the Magic Bean tree gradually increases; it is not until forty years later that it enters a period of abundant fruiting.

Theoretically, during the period of abundant fruiting, a single Magic Bean tree can produce fifty thousand pounds of Magic Beans endowed with Magic Power annually, and a Magic Bean tree can live for over a hundred years.

It is unknown if the Moon Empire relied on such Magic Plants for food, but the Sun Empire of Mafa Continent certainly consumes Magic Plant food—the magicians of Mafa Continent have likely all evolved into Druids, which is a significant difference from those of Legendary Continent.

Unfortunately, theory is just theory. The cultivation of Magic Beans in the Flame Kingdom grows even slower than expected, seemingly poorly adapted to the local environment. The Magic Beans on Black Horse Island, cultivated for four to five years, have barely grown into crooked saplings, let alone large trees.

The same goes for other Magic Plants.

Originally, when Ach discovered the growth cycle of Magic Plants, Liszt felt disheartened—depending on Magic Plants for food, he would be over fifty or sixty years old.

However, when the Flame Kingdom started preparing for nation-building, aiming to create a foundation for eternity, coupled with the magicians' enthusiasm for Natural Magic, he began to vigorously support Magic Plant research again. The Nature's Source Laboratory was established under these conditions, initially integrated and separated from the Magic Guild and recently placed under the Royal Arcane Academy.

“Magic Plant cultivation cannot do without arcanists. Ordinary arcanists are inefficient in planting, and it is most appropriate for specialized Druids to farm... I wonder if after connecting with Mafa Continent, we could find some descendants of the Child of the Sun, and develop a specialized farming race.”

The existing clues seem to indicate that the descendants of the Child of the Sun on Mafa Continent might have become extinct.

Old Tanner Fi'el from Tanners' Shop, although forced by arcanists to reproduce, resulting in numerous Sun Descendants being added to the territory, still, the growth and branching out of these Sun Descendants will take a long time.

Leaning on the back of Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, Liszt remarks while looking around the dense forest, "A thousand years is too long; seize every minute and second!"

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The journey with Ornn is not in a rush.

According to the memories provided by Ornn, it was initially born on the western side of Eagle Kingdom, approximately at the border with Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom. Most memories from its youth are vague, not knowing where it came from. But before it came of age, it met the then Marquis, who was the First Duke of Iron Grey—Piok Er Qiao Mulan.

Er Qiao Mulan is a type of flower.

It is worth mentioning that after the downfall of Grey Iron Duchy, Duke Pierrot changed his surname to Grey Iron. His son, Pifort, led the family back to Eagle Kingdom, initially claiming to change the surname to "Fallen Iron," but King Adonis of the Eagle Kingdom disagreed, thinking that neither Pierrot's family nor Pifort's should have any more connections with the Grey Iron Dragon.

Therefore, Pifort restored the surname Er Qiao Mulan.

The First Duke of Iron Grey was far more charismatic than his descendants.

A young man who became a Completion Level Sky Knight, then encountering the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, which was stealthily hunting for food, experienced love at first sight

just like between individuals, as did Ornn and Piok, and not long after, amidst a tug of war, completed the Mind Battle.

The story did not have many hardships, no heroic dragon rescues, life-or-death separations, or sacrificing lives for justice kind of grand scenes.

But Piok and Ornn lived freely, traveling everywhere, fighting, until their later years when they finally established Grey Iron Duchy.

Shortly after Piok Er Qiao Mulan passed away, Ornn became the “Ash King”, guarding the Grey Iron Duchy.

“This dragon values companionship; a spontaneous journey proves more effective than any deliberate effort.” Sensing that the knot in Ornn’s heart was beginning to loosen, he couldn’t help but observe and summarize—he had never given up on creating the “Liszt’s Dragon Knight Training Complete Manual”.

Different dragons require different training methods.

If one is an ordinary Dragon Knight, only by finding the most perfect training method can one achieve completion. He generally relies on external forces to achieve perfection, being so willful under the care of the Power of Destiny. However, for the sake of his descendants to be able to ride dragons smoothly, it is still necessary to summarize the experience.

“Roar!” Ornn let out a coquettish roar, indicating it wanted to take some drugs.

“I don’t have any Red Dragon Water, only some ordinary Magic Potions; make do with these,” Liszt said, pulling out an ordinary Magic Potion and tossing it to Ornn.

Ornn swallowed the Magic Potion, uttering a joyful roar, and didn’t complain about it not being Red Dragon Water.

For him, the Magic Potions and such were secondary; the ability to travel the world with his own Knight was already enough—focusing on spiritual rather than material experiences.

So.

Heading west.

Upon reaching the former Grey Iron Duchy, which had been dissolved and reintegrated into the Eagle Kingdom, entering Ornn's familiar environment, Liszt's figure in its inner world had become fully clear, solidifying into tangible existence.

Which means.

The knot was untangled, the Mind Branding was successful, and at this moment Liszt officially became a Completion Level Grey Iron Dragon Knight.

At the same time, feeling the Threads of Destiny swirling about him, one of them suddenly sparkled. Concentrating on this Thread of Destiny, he quickly managed to sense its source, leading to a dragon, a dragon that awaited him.

"This is the Power of Destiny, going with the flow, one can enjoy the fruits of success."

He stopped paying attention to the powers of Destiny and reconnected spiritually with Ornn: "Let's go, Ornn, I feel that there is a dragon far away, waiting to join the Flame Kingdom."

"Roar!"

Ornn was a bit displeased; it didn't like Liszt thinking about other dragons at this moment.

However, the Mind Branding was already successful; no matter how unhappy it was, it couldn't resist Liszt's decision. Flapping its wings, it soared into the sky, heading to the southwest, towards the Wild Forest under Liszt's direction.

The terrain shifted from plains to mountains.

The terrain grew increasingly rugged, with raging rivers and towering peaks, as if flying into vast mountains. Various Magical Beasts of birds circled in midair, and the dense forest

emitted dense bursts of Magic Power feedback, illuminating this paradise of Magical Beasts, undisturbed by humans.

“Do you see it, Ornn!”

“Roar!”

“It’s right there, just behind that Snow Mountain; over that, and you’ll see it. I’m feeling it more and more clearly—it’s a beautiful Gemstone Dragon... robust magic power, strengthening its power, this sensation... yes, it’s the Royal Sapphire Dragon!”

Chapter 1079: The Aspect of Temperament The Royal Sapphire Dragon is a type of Gemstone Dragon.

This Gemstone Dragon produces gemstones whose color is known as royal blue. The color saturation of royal blue is very high, rich and bright, and under the illumination of the sun, it casts a shimmering halo. Upon closer observation, one can see the deep blue also carries subtle hints of gorgeous purple.

It is named “royal” because this type of Gemstone Dragon is a symbol of the Blue Dragon Empire. It is said that the First Emperor was a Royal Sapphire Dragon Knight.

After he founded the Blue Dragon Empire and declared himself Emperor, his mount was called the Royal Sapphire Dragon.

“The Royal Sapphire Dragon is not only noble in name, but the gemstones it produces are also worthy of such an aristocratic title...”

Li Si Te searched for the Royal Sapphire Dragon while recalling information about this type of dragon: “The sapphire possesses sturdy magic properties; it can greatly enhance magic and Dou Qi, amplifying the combat power of the user... It may offer less of a boost to Sky Knights, but outfitting Earth Knights, it could undoubtedly double the combat power of the Knight Order.”

If a comparison must be made, the Royal Sapphire Dragon is roughly equivalent to the Magic Metal Dragon among the Metal Dragons—its combat prowess might not compare, but its actual value is similar.

“Roar!”

Grey Iron Dragon Ornn did not sense the presence of the Royal Sapphire Dragon, but it expressed serious dissatisfaction with Li Si Te, who was currently obsessed with finding the Royal Sapphire Dragon.

However, since Mind Branding had been successful, he didn't care too much about Ornn's bit of discontent.

“Let's keep moving, Ornn. There will be more and more of such matters in the future; you need to get used to it early on. I am the King of the Flame Kingdom, the future Emperor of the Flame Imperial, destined to unite the Legendary Continent and Mafa Continent, building a civilization spanning the entire planet... All dragons are reserved by me!”

“Roar!”

Ornn was powerless to complain about such thick-skinned thoughts.

The mountains grew higher and the snow increased; they were nearly at the boundary between the Eagle Kingdom and the Yellowstone Kingdom. The geographic and climatic conditions were somewhat similar to the Earth's Sichuan-Tibet Line area, but below the snow line, there was still lush, dense vegetation.

“If we move forward, we'll be entering the highlands and crossing into the Yellowstone Kingdom.” He employed the Eye of Magic to carefully inspect the snow-capped mountains and dense forests below, “The Threads of Destiny are clearly leading to the Royal Sapphire Dragon, but they cannot give me an exact location.”

The Power of Destiny, represented by the Threads of Destiny, is not a precise tracker, but a mystical feeling.

He needed to rely on Ornn's draconic senses to pinpoint the location: “Let's wander around this snow mountain range. Pay careful attention and see if you can sense the location of the Royal Sapphire Dragon.”

“Roar!”

“Don’t rush the search. With our speed flying carpet-like across the area, we will eventually sense it.”

“Roar!”

“Do you mean to say if the Royal Sapphire Dragon is hiding in a cave, it would interfere with your sensing range... Let’s search first, in any case. We have plenty of time. For the Royal Sapphire Dragon, spending ten days to half a month is quite typical.” Li Si Te naturally would not be swayed in his commitment to a new dragon.

Even if it takes a year and a half here, as long as he can obtain the Royal Sapphire Dragon, it would be worth it!

This search lasted for five days.

He felt that the Royal Sapphire Dragon was nearby, but no matter how many trips they made, Ornn just could not trigger the mutual sensing between dragons.

“We can roughly lock it down; within an 800-kilometer radius with this place as the center, the Royal Sapphire Dragon must exist. But, for some reason, our carpet-style search yields no feedback, the Eye of Magic sees no response light, and Ornn cannot sense the other party.”

After a fruitless first search, Li Si Te decisively started the second round: “Let’s go again, Ornn. This time, let’s conduct the carpet search using fifty kilometers as the minimum sensing range. Even if the Royal Sapphire Dragon can hide its aura, it can’t possibly be less than fifty kilometers.”

Normally, the sensing range between dragons is around one to two hundred kilometers, and it rarely ever drops below a hundred kilometers.

At the moment, the only dragon Li Si Te knew of that could reduce its sensing range to fifteen kilometers by utilizing the boundaries of matter was the Formless Dragon Bard.

No matter how noble the name of the Royal Sapphire Dragon, it is still a Gemstone Dragon and cannot compare to a Sacred Dragon.

Two weeks later, the fifty-kilometer carpet search came to an end, still without locating the Royal Sapphire Dragon. Standing atop a snow mountain, Ornn lay languidly on the snow, yawning, then fell into a deep sleep—it never showed much enthusiasm for searching for the Sapphire Dragon.

Li Si Te jumped down from Dragon Tooth Platform, standing in knee-deep snow, gazed at the vast expanse of white snow-capped mountains and lush valleys, his brow deeply furrowed.

“The Threads of Destiny always point to this place, so why can’t I find the Royal Sapphire Dragon?”

“According to the rules of the Smoke Mission from before, I’ve completed the prerequisite task ‘Mind Branding of Grey Iron Dragon Ornn to perfection’; I should basically be at the stage of receiving rewards now, it shouldn’t be delayed this long... Could it be that the Royal Sapphire Dragon can really shield itself from dragon sensing?”

Thinking.

He pulled out an object resembling a mirror from his Space Ring, which was the Magical Weaving Compass brought by Lerald • Truth.

This piece of Magic Equipment could detect surrounding Advanced Magic Power.

However, the compass, once activated, only reflected the shimmering light from Li Si Te and Ornn—one man and one dragon: “No use, the Magical Weaving Compass hasn’t been helpful after two carpet searches; its sensing range is far weaker than the dragons’.”

Packing away the Magical Weaving Compass, he then took out a Shattered Crystal Blade, unleashed a flow of Dou Qi, and blew away the surrounding snow, preparing to set up camp and rest. The strangely shaped greatsword, embedded with densely packed crystals, glimmered brilliantly under the sunlight.

Against the backdrop of the Strange Greatsword, Li Si Te appeared full of heroic vigor.

He was wearing a set of Magical Beast Leather Armor made from the hide of the Advanced Magical Beast – Golden Leopard; its defense might not be particularly strong, but the shimmering golden patterns, embellished with Magic Metal, were definitely top-notch in appearance—by now, Li Si Te had long since stopped pursuing external power.

Any equipment's defense, even if made from Dragon Scales, could not match that of his Phoenix Incarnation.

Any weapon's sharpness, even if forged from the teeth or souls of a dragon, could not surpass the sharpness of Bone Dragon Vinnie's mimetic Bone Dragon Sword, or the Fire Dragon Lance of Fire Dragon Leo.

The Shattered Crystal Blade and Golden Leather Armor were merely eye-catching accessories, highlighting the majesty of a king.

Looking up at the brilliant Sun overhead, Li Si Te dropped his worries of not finding the Royal Sapphire Dragon, wanting to recite a poem towards the expansive snowy mountains: "The northern landscape, covered in ice, a thousand miles of freeze, ten thousand miles..."

Before he could finish his words.

On top of a distant snow mountain he was gazing at, suddenly an impressive deep blue color rose up, flying towards the sky in the sunlight. Even from a great distance, he could see clearly that it was a blue Dragon, dancing joyfully in the sky. It might have been an illusion, but as the Dragon danced, it seemed to leave behind a slowly dissipating trail of pale blue.

"Quick, wake up, Ornn!"

Li Si Te hastily put away the Shattered Crystal Blade and jumped onto Ornn's Dragon Tooth Platform: "The Royal Sapphire Dragon has appeared, let's chase after it!"

"Roar!"

Ornn flapped its wings, kicking off with its hind legs, shooting into the sky like a grey-white arrow.

The wind howled past his ears, Li Si Te's smile hung at the corner of his mouth, his gaze firmly fixed on the distant blue figure, continuing to choose to recite poetry: "Endless searching to no avail, yet it arrives without effort at all!"

Chapter 1080: Magic Power Attack The actions of the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn did not conceal its aura, thus it was quickly sensed by the Royal Sapphire Dragon, which was flying joyfully ahead.

"Roar!"

The dragon's roar from the Royal Sapphire Dragon had no special tune, but the tone made it very clear to Liszt that it was a warning to the Grey Iron Dragon to keep its distance.

Dragons do not have hostile relations with one another.

But there is also absolutely no friendly atmosphere among dragons, a situation somewhat similar to that among Elves; each dragon is an independent individual, seldom seen congregating. As the world's most noble creatures, dragons' proud nature does not allow them to live in groups.

Some wild Evil Dragons even attempt to hunt young dragons—the nutrition of a young dragon far surpasses that of any Magical Beast or Magic Potion.

Of course, wars among adult dragons are rare.

Even though an adult Fire Dragon, the strongest among the Elemental Dragons, Gemstone Dragons, and Metal Dragons, can easily defeat some smaller adult dragons, killing an adult dragon outright requires a huge cost, and the chances are high that even with a great expense, the dragon may not be killed.

It's a waste of Magic Power.

Therefore,

The Royal Sapphire Dragon merely issued a warning and then turned to fly far away.

“Ornn, tell it to stop; let’s use courtesy before force!” Liszt was not about to let the Royal Sapphire Dragon get away just like that.

No matter what, he was determined to claim this beautiful Gemstone Dragon.

“Roar!” Ornn let out a roar.

“Roar!” The Royal Sapphire Dragon turned back and warned again.

The warnings were futile.

Liszt, riding the Grey Iron Dragon, charged recklessly towards the Royal Sapphire Dragon, closing the distance between them quickly. The Royal Sapphire Dragon was not afraid of the Grey Iron Dragon, so it did not think of fleeing. When the Grey Iron Dragon approached, it quickly turned around, issuing a final warning to the Grey Iron Dragon.

“Roar!”

“Roar!”

The two dragons, separated by a distance of eight hundred meters, hovered mid-air and faced off against each other.

The sunlight poured down, casting a faint glow on the Grey Iron Dragon. On the Royal Sapphire Dragon, it sparked a magnificent blue-violet halo, as if it was clothed in a coat woven from rosy clouds—Liszt had to admit, in terms of appearance, this Royal Sapphire Dragon was at the pinnacle among Gemstone Dragons.

Second only to the Formless Dragon Bard.

“Body length approximately fifty-five meters, wingspan about sixty-five meters; the wingspan is longer than the body length, giving it a slender softness rather than bulk... The blue-purple dragon scales, delicate and crystal-clear with texture, with body curves and proportions perfect, and full of both strength and nobility.”

Liszt silently admired the Royal Sapphire Dragon with great detail.

Until the Royal Sapphire Dragon issued an intolerable provocative roar: “Roar!”

Only then did he signal the Grey Iron Dragon Ornn to turn its body, exposing himself to the vision of the Royal Sapphire Dragon, and he spoke out loud, “Royal Sapphire Dragon, I do not know if you understand the human language, and if you can understand what I am saying, please give me a response.”

“Roar!” The response was given.

But this did not mean that the Royal Sapphire Dragon understood human speech; instead, it was expressing one thing—if you do not leave, it would launch an attack.

Liszt smiled and said, “Don’t be so rude, Royal Sapphire Dragon. I’ve come with sincerity to meet you. It is fate that guided us to this encounter; you are a dragon, and I am a Dragon Knight. Our dragon-rider bond is inevitable.”

Unfortunately, this speech went unappreciated—the Royal Sapphire Dragon seemed to have never been in contact with humans and did not understand human language.

Seeing that Liszt and Ornn had not left, it became furiously enraged and beat its wings vigorously.

Then, Liszt saw one grey Wind Blade after another shooting out from between its wings, barraging towards himself and the dragon.

“Can it actually use magic?” Liszt was astonished, he had never seen a dragon release magic. For dragons, they did not need the power of magic; they themselves represented the pinnacle of power—physical strength and Dragon Breath were the most common forms of combat.

Ornn twisted his body and flipped upwards, dodging the bombardment of Wind Blades.

Li Si Te (Liszt) took the opportunity to pull out the five-meter-long Thunder Fury Dragon Lance, while using the Eye of Magic to carefully observe the magic released by the Royal Sapphire Dragon.

In the special field of vision, the Wind Blades that constantly attacked beside them shone with the unique luster of High Magic.

“It’s not magic, but High Magic that has condensed. It still falls within the realm of Dragon Magic Power,” he quickly determined that the Royal Sapphire Dragon did not possess the ability to cast magic.

Magic is formed from magic power composing runes and then forming a powerful attack sequence.

The magic power that condensed into Wind Blades before him was similar to the Fire Rain that appeared when Fire Dragon Leo made its entrance, lacking a sequence of rune combinations.

“Fortunately, it’s not magic, within an acceptable range!” Just as he was concentrating on his analysis.

The Royal Sapphire Dragon saw that the Grey Iron Dragon evaded its attacks but continued to fly around it, glaring with a pair of draconic eyes. Its rage surged once more as its crystal-like wings beat fiercely, creating a gust that lifted it higher before the wings twisted and once again expelled Dragon Magic Power.

At that moment.

The sky suddenly changed color, as if oppressive clouds loomed overhead, and ice hail formed out of the air. Like bullets firing, they barraged towards the Grey Iron Dragon. Each piece of hailstone, as it tore through the air, emitted a sharp, piercing Sonic Boom, filling the heavens with hail and Sonic Booms.

“This... It’s not magic but might as well be; it’s more terrifying than the High Magic-Super Magic released by Ach on her own, almost reaching the level of Superior Magic-Super Magic released when she rode a Unicorn!”

Li Si Te (Liszt) was astounded.

After the shock, he rapidly felt joy—The stronger the Royal Sapphire Dragon was, the happier he was because it was his dragon!

“Ornn, let’s break through,” he said as the two of them, man and dragon, charged at the Royal Sapphire Dragon amidst the frenzied Magic Hailstone, with formless Dragon Magic Power mixed with Dragon Dou Qi, enveloping themselves in a protective membrane to withstand the more violent hail of Magic Power Attacks than magic.

As a fully realized Grey Iron Dragon Knight.

Li Si Te (Liszt)’s current battle power was definitely among the top tier of Dragon Knights, with strength combined with skill; the combat power demonstrated by a Dragon Knight was not something a single dragon could achieve.

Boom!

The hail smashed against the protective membrane woven from Magic Power and Dou Qi, rapidly melting and vaporizing, with only a few pieces penetrating the membrane to hit the dragon scales.

But the penetrating hail had weakened significantly, essentially tickling rather than hurting.

Both man and dragon swiftly passed through the flashy but insubstantial hail of Magic Power Attacks.

As they were about to collide with the Royal Sapphire Dragon, the stunning deep Sapphire Dragon, its beautiful dragon eyes did not show any sign of panic.

It continued to flap its wings at a normal rhythm, then rolled up even more hail to launch an attack.

But the next moment.

Li Si Te (Liszt) suddenly realized that the hailstone, which should have been melted and vaporized by the protective membrane, seemed to solidify dozens of times more. Instead of dissolving, it tore through the protective membrane like real bullets, and carrying immense Impact Force, struck the Grey Iron Dragon.

Leaving deep indentations upon the dragon scales.

“Roar!”

Ornn felt pain.

Li Si Te (Liszt), connected in heart and mind, felt the pain as well.

But his mind was exceptionally clear, and within a quarter of a breath, he analyzed the sudden increase in attack strength, pinpointing the reason: “It’s the unique magic property of the Royal Sapphire Dragon. The gemstones it produces can enhance Magic Power, naturally, it could also enhance its own!”

The enhanced Magic Power Attack made the condensed hail as hard as Rocks, maybe even rivaling the hardness of steel.

When it struck the Grey Iron Dragon, it was like a machine gun baptism.

“It truly hurts... indeed very powerful, worthy of the reputation of the Gemstone Dragon as the Magic Metal Dragon. However, a dragon without a Knight, no matter how gorgeous the attack moves, is but a flashy shell of techniques with no substance!”

Enduring the continuous bombardment of painful hail, he loudly declared: “Royal Sapphire Dragon, become my dragon, only together can we unleash your true innate combat abilities!”