

The Mighty 1091

Chapter 1091: The Cost of Provocation “War is upon us!”

Li Si Te (Liszt) tossed aside the paper with the war mobilization order, his gaze moving from the outer corridor of the Sun Moon Star Palace, casting towards the bustling Flame King City in the distance.

His crimson cape floated in the wind, occasionally revealing the golden-striped leather armor underneath.

His expression was very relaxed. The invasion of the Sapphire Duchy by the Steel Ridge Kingdom in alliance with the Eagle Kingdom was all within his expectations; all the preparatory work had been arranged well in advance, so there was nothing to be surprised or anxious about.

“Is the Sapphire Family ready?”

“The Knight Order has already assembled, the interception fleet has set sail, and the Sapphire Dragon has also departed, ready to protect and ensure that the interception fleet prevents the Steel Ridge fleet from successfully reaching Blue Dragon Island.” Emily stood beside Liszt, “Duke Anthony’s relatives, as well as the relatives of the great Nobles of the Sapphire Duchy, have all been moved to Reed City.”

The Sapphire Duchy was under threat from two great Kingdoms and could become a battlefield ablaze with war at any moment.

To prevent the Knights of the Duchy from surrendering easily, Liszt had Anthony relocate all the Nobles’ relatives of the Duchy to the Flame Kingdom.

“Let Anthony know that if it is not feasible, then give up. The strength of the Sapphire Dragon is too weak, and he’s no Dragon Knight. He has no chance of winning a dragon-slaying battle. If he encounters a Dragon Knight of the Steel Ridge Kingdom while intercepting the fleet, retreat directly to Mind Island to reinforce.”

“I’ve already instructed him.” Emily said with a hint of disdain, “Actually, Duke Anthony doesn’t need a reminder. Seeing how nervous he is, once he detects a Dragon Knight, he’ll certainly disappear from the battlefield at the first chance... I really doubt whether he dares to reinforce Mind Island.”

“It doesn’t matter whether he comes or not, but his attitude will influence the future status of the Sapphire Duchy.” Liszt patted Emily’s shoulder.

Emily’s disdain for Anthony was understandable to him, but he was also clear that Anthony Sapphire was but a Completion Level Sky Knight who had been forcefully matured by drugs.

In both talent and bravery, he fell short of the previous Sapphire Duke.

Added to that, the Sapphire Dragon having been severely injured several times, its strength was far from its peak. To include Anthony and the Sapphire Dragon in a dragon-slaying battle was truly putting him in a difficult position. However, as a follower of Liszt, Anthony had to show the right attitude; he might not contribute much, but he had to maintain appearances.

Emily did not bring up Anthony again, but instead asked: “Will the Steel Ridge Kingdom really deploy Dragon Knights to attack Mind Island?”

“Blast Furnace Fortress is set on warring with the Fallen Leaf Kingdom, and with no worries of threats along the border between Steel Ridge and Eagle Kingdom, they can deploy a large number of Dragon Knights. Perhaps King Osborn Platinum wants to rely on massed dragon tactics to tightly press me on the ocean.” Liszt’s speculation was not unfounded.

Blood Servants from various places had already discovered that the Dragon Knights of the two Kingdoms had begun to move out.

The Eagle Kingdom had eight remaining dragons, with five Dragon Knights, and its four vassal states had another four dragons, with two Dragon Knights. The Steel Ridge Kingdom had eleven dragons, with seven Dragon Knights, and its six vassal states had another six dragons, with four Dragon Knights. If this lineup were truly assembled, it would be very powerful.

After all, that's thirty dragons and twenty-one Dragon Knights.

"If a dragon-slaying battle does indeed occur, how many Dragon Knights will they deploy?"

"I'm not sure either. First, let's prepare defenses on Mind Island and wait for further news from the Blood Servants."

As they were talking, a majestic unicorn suddenly flew across the sky, galloping through the void, and quickly arrived at the Sun Moon Star Palace.

It was Ach riding the Unicorn Charlie.

"Brother."

"Ach, have all the Space Magic Beacons been placed?" Liszt quickly held Ach's hand and helped her down from the unicorn's back.

Seeing the intimate gesture between the two, Emily's eyes darkened slightly before returning to normal—secured in Liszt's favor, she felt content to be his woman, never daring to hope she could replace Ach in Liszt's heart.

"All set up. Your dragons and the mermaids were all very cooperative," Ach said with a smile.

Her Elemental Incarnations were nearly complete. She had long mastered the Space Elemental Incarnation, capable of placing Space Magic Beacons. The Formless Dragon Bard could sense the existence of the Space Magic Beacons, thus determining their locations, allowing Liszt to command the dragons in battle with ease.

Otherwise, coordinating such intricate arrangements using just Dragon Heart Electrical Signals for communication would be difficult.

"With two Archmages personally setting up the Magic Arrays, the mermaids managing the operation of these arrays, plus my dragons, Emily and I, Mind Island will be as

impregnable as a fortress,” Liszt said, looking up at the sky at a forty-five-degree angle. “Bring it on, we’ll repel soldiers with generals and stem the water with earth!”

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To Liszt’s surprise, the dragon-slaying battle did not come quickly. Instead, the naval wars raged on the high seas. The Sapphire Duchy’s blockade fleet soon clashed with the Steel Ridge Kingdom’s navy.

And Anthony, protecting the fleet, soon found the Steel Ridge Kingdom had dispatched a Dragon Knight to guard their attacking ships.

He and the Sapphire Dragon turned tail and fled.

That Dragon Knight did not take the initiative to attack the Sapphire Duchy’s ships either but merely drove off the Sapphire Dragon from a distance, then watched from afar the skirmishes between the connecting ships.

“Your Majesty, that Dragon Knight is the White Heart Iron Dragon Knight—Auden Platinum, a member of the Steel Ridge Royal Family, a prince by title, and a distant paternal uncle of King Osborne,” said Anthony as he raced back to Mind Island. Upon seeing Liszt, who had taken up residence in the Fortress of the Mind, Anthony lamented with a sorrowful expression.

“Auden Platinum?”

Liszt knew of this Dragon Knight, a man around fifty years old with strong abilities.

His White Heart Iron Dragon was one of the more formidable of Metal Dragons, only slightly weaker than the White Maw Iron Dragon, the Grey Iron Dragon, and the Malleable Cast Iron Dragon, but stronger than the Black Heart Iron Dragon.

Therefore, Liszt comforted Anthony: “Don’t panic, Duke Anthony. If Auden dares to personally attack the blockade fleet, I will act and eliminate him!”

“But, Your Majesty the King... Auden did not attack the fleet, he merely patrolled the sky atop his dragon... My blockade fleet, many knights are intimidated by the Dragon Knight’s presence, afraid to engage; they are now powerless to resist Steel Ridge’s fleet and have begun to retreat.”

Liszt frowned slightly: “Just lurking in the sky and watching, these Dragon Knights are quick learners.” This strategy of Dragon Knights supporting Knight Orders in charging was his original invention. He had even personally participated in sieges as a Dragon Knight a time or two.

Under the knight system, that was an act against the principles of Dragon Knights.

Of course, at that time he was unconstrained since the Flame Kingdom had not been established. Now as a king, it was not appropriate for him to join in a knight’s charge—breaking the rules is fun for a time, but continual disregard is only fun if one possesses the overwhelming strength to defy the rules.

“The Steel Ridge Kingdom is coming on strong, dedicating national efforts to shipbuilding, with their fleet size already matching the Sapphire’s. Along with the support of the White Heart Iron Dragon Knight, it won’t be long before Sapphire Duchy may fall,” Anthony knelt on one knee, beseechingly said, “The Sapphire Family requests the noble Flame Family for protection and support!”

“Duke Anthony, please rise.”

Liszt helped Anthony up, his voice grave: “The Sapphire Family are my followers; a loyal knight in distress will not be ignored by a compassionate landlord. I will, in the name of the master of the seas, order the Steel Ridge fleet to retreat from the Sea of Azure Waves... As for Auden Platinum, he will pay the price for his provocation!”

Chapter 1092: No Longer Low-key The Dragon Knights of Steel Ridge Kingdom and Eagle Kingdom were restless, yet the plot Liszt anticipated about besieging Mind Island did not unfold.

Only White Heart Iron Dragon Knight – Auden Platinum, a single Dragon Knight, escorted the fleet attacking Sapphire Duchy.

“Perhaps this is a probe, or maybe it’s just a tactic to lure the snake out of the hole or to distract the tiger from the mountain. But no matter which it is, it won’t prevent me from

meeting Auden personally. If he has no fallback plan, I don't mind killing Auden and then forcibly capturing the White Heart Iron Dragon."

The only regret is that Ach, Jade Dragon's Hind Leg, has been studying for a long time, but a new Mind Fruit Tree hasn't been cultivated yet.

That is to say, Liszt has only one Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruit left.

Using it on the White Heart Iron Dragon, he will no longer have any Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruit. If the Jade Dragon's Hind Leg fails to cultivate a Mind Fruit Tree, it almost means he would lose the Immortal Dragon—of course, thinking in another way, the Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruit might not necessarily work on the Immortal Dragon; it might be better used to bewilder a Metal Dragon, Elemental Dragon, or Gemstone Dragon.

"Let's just use it. The White Heart Iron Dragon from Steel Ridge Kingdom is only two hundred years old and has strong combat power. It's worth making a move!"

Signaling Bone Dragon Vinnie, Fire Dragon Leo, and Water Dragon Walter to possess him, Liszt directly went through the natural node of Black Horse Island and arrived at Sapphire Duchy.

Rather than rushing to the battleground at sea, he rode the Formless Dragon Bard and slipped into the material boundary, leisurely flying over Black Horse Island, enjoying the scenery. It had been a long time since he returned to Black Horse Island. The island's population was not very large; most had moved to Flame Island.

Only some of the Royal Arcane Academy's laboratories were conducting research related to Magic Plants on Black Horse Island.

Thorn Castle, with its distinct architectural style, still stood by the sea, but there were no longer any fishing boats coming and going, and the tall lighthouse stood permanently lit, but passing ships were few.

He shook his head.

Liszt didn't express any sentiments, and Bard, in sync with his mind, accelerated instantly, quickly crossing the vast sea to reach Fresh Flower Town on Coral Island. Coral Island had

already been returned to Sapphire Duchy, and the northwest border's Fresh Flower Town was no longer his territory.

In contrast to the quietness of Black Horse Island, Fresh Flower Town was still bustling, with a music and dance show in full swing in the town center's square.

Nobles sat in the boxes, and commoners stood on the stone slabs, all passionately engrossed in the music and dance. There was no sense of the ongoing war here, just daily jubilation. With the foundation laid by Liszt back in the day, Fresh Flower Town had long since become a renowned city for food and entertainment—

And also the former residence of the greatest legend of the sea—Liszt.

Many young Knights traveled from afar to Fresh Flower Town to pay homage and experience the environment their idol once lived in, hoping to bask in his glory.

“The apple orchard in front of the small castle has been razed, leaving only a stone round table and stone benches... Initially, I planned to emulate King Arthur and establish a Knights of the Round Table... My achievements now far surpass the legendary King Arthur, and my Burning Legion is destined to sweep across the Legendary Continent.”

He wasn't sentimentally moved; this place was no longer his Fresh Flower Town, nothing worth lingering over.

“Let's go, Bard!”

“Woo yi ya!”

Together, the man and dragon raced swiftly along the material boundary, and in less than an hour, they had traversed the entire Sapphire Duchy, arriving at the location where a sea battle was underway.

The fleet of Sapphire Duchy was being pursued by the fleet of Steel Ridge Kingdom, with Sky Knights occasionally soaring high, flying towards the fleeing ships, and then single-handedly defeating the resisting Knights on board to capture them.

Liszt didn't concern himself with the battle at sea.

He had already sensed the position of the White Heart Iron Dragon, controlling the Formless Dragon to dive directly towards it, with three dragons on him and one beneath him; plus his own Phoenix Incarnation, he had no fear of ambush in this dragon-slaying battle.

When he closed in to a distance of fifteen kilometers from the White Heart Iron Dragon.

The presence of the Formless Dragon could no longer be hidden.

The White Heart Iron Dragon suddenly sensed it and its dragon scales bristled.

The next moment, Auden Platinum, who was riding on the Dragon Tooth Platform, used the dragon's amplification to shout, "It appears King Liszt has graced us with his presence. Auden is clad in armor and cannot offer you a proper salute, please forgive me." While speaking, he was already directing the White Heart Iron Dragon to flee like a shooting star into the distance.

There was no intention of fighting Liszt or making idle chatter.

A dragon in its prime wanting to escape is generally hard to pursue; even if one can match its speed, there's no guarantee of stopping it.

But for Liszt, nothing was impossible; his reliance was on his unparalleled ability to single-handedly defeat opponents. With resolve hardened, Bard instantly unleashed his full speed, pursuing the White Heart Iron Dragon from behind, firmly locking onto its presence.

Chase and escape.

The distance rapidly closed.

However, it soon dawned on Liszt what Auden's plan was—to lure him away, trying to tie Liszt down in this vast sea.

Emily had already sent new information using the Dragon Heart Electrical Signal.

There were six Dragon Knights who suddenly appeared above the sea around Mind Island, heading straight for it.

“Does this even make sense? The natural nodes are distributed around the Sea of Azure Waves and Shell Sea. I can tear through space anytime to provide support!” Liszt glanced at the White Heart Iron Dragon Knight who was still desperately fleeing, decisively tore through the material boundary, and entered the world beyond matter.

Locating the Mind Island Magic Gate, he passed through within a quarter of an hour, arriving atop Mind Island.

There, six Dragon Knights were besieging Mind Island, protected by a defensive magic array. They took turns unleashing Dragon Dou Qi attacks on the magic array, while dragons constantly spewed Dragon Breath. Though supported by two Archmages and six Mermaids, the magic array soon became critically unstable.

“How dare they!”

Liszt, piloting the Formless Dragon Bard, suddenly transformed into a silent Shadow Spike, rushing towards the Dragon Knight closest to the magic array—Rudolf Morning Glory of the Steel Ridge Kingdom, the Ruby Dragon Knight.

“Watch out, Rudolf!” Another Dragon Knight suddenly shouted out a warning.

Rudolf vigorously maneuvered his Ruby Dragon to twist its body, narrowly avoiding Liszt’s assassination thrust, and quickly moved away from the periphery of the magic array, shouting with lingering fear, “Liszt is still around me, I can sense the Formless Dragon’s presence, hurry and block him!”

“Don’t panic, if he shows up again, I’ll lock him down!”

Before the words fell.

Several more dragons rushed out from the magic array, one of which had a knight atop its Dragon Tooth Platform. It was the Light Green Gemstone Dragon Knight—Emily Flame, accompanied by Mountain Copper Dragon Mata, Royal Sapphire Dragon Ryze, Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, and Aluminum Dragon Connor, all rushing to aid.

With Liszt's assassination attempt, he also released Fire Dragon Leo and Water Dragon Walter in an instant, gathering all the dragons of the Flame Kingdom.

Except for the Bone Dragon Vinnie, which transformed into Bone Dragon Armor draped over Liszt, a total of eight dragons joined the battle, counterattacking the squadron of six Dragon Knights formed by Steel Ridge and Eagle Kingdom. Even though Water Dragon Walter was still very young, and both Aluminum Dragon Connor and Fire Dragon Leo were not yet adults.

But Mountain Copper Dragon Mata and Royal Sapphire Dragon Ryze were stronger than average Dragon Knights.

The battlefield situation reversed in an instant, now it was Liszt's turn to lead his dragons, chasing after the six Dragon Knights.

“Retreat!”

The leading Dragon Knight issued the retreat command, turning around first, preparing to leave the battlefield of Mind Island. The remaining five quickly gathered together, starting an orderly retreat without any delay.

With his cloak silently fluttering, an endless cold expression on his face, Liszt remained hidden at the material boundary, murmuring to himself like a soliloquy, “Since they’ve come, they must leave something behind before they go. As per usual, the life of a Dragon Knight and a dragon is barely acceptable.”

During the first Dragon Slaying Battle, he had slain the Light Green Gemstone Dragon Knight—Carrol Violet, seizing the Light Green Gemstone Dragon.

During the second Dragon Slaying Battle, he had slain Purple Copper Dragon Knight—Loyle Bronze, capturing Grey Iron Dragon.

This was the third Dragon Slaying Battle; he had to slay another Dragon Knight and seize another dragon.

“Mata, Leo, Ornn, the three of you charge directly and disrupt their formation; Ryze, you handle ranged kiting, breaking their coordination; Walter, Connor, you two maneuver around the perimeter, lock down their escape route, just obstruct them for a moment!”

Through the Dragon Heart Electrical Signal, aided by Bard’s sensing of space magic beacons, Liszt quickly completed his command to his dragons.

Lastly, he glanced at Emily, eager to try, still communicating through the Dragon Heart Electrical Signal, “Once their formation disperses, I will concentrate on assassinating one of the Dragon Knights, you’re to cover for me!”

“As you wish!” Emily promptly responded.

At this time, Ach, no longer needed to maintain the magic array, had already ridden Unicorn Charlie from the material boundary to Liszt’s side, “Brother, what should Ach do?”

Liszt smiled slightly, “You’ll be with me. Whichever Dragon Knight I lock onto, you use magic to restrict his movement... This time, we play big, no more holding back!”

Chapter 1093: Liszt Wants to Kill Me Golden Mountain Copper Dragons, gray-white Grey Iron Dragons, black-red Fire Dragons.

Three massive Dragons, under Liszt’s command, swiftly charged towards the six fleeing Dragon Knights, with the Mountain Copper Dragon, as an indestructible Magic Metal producer, adopting its usual simple and direct manner of combat – ramming forward with no fancy tricks.

Boom!

Dragons collided, Dragon Breath spewed, Dragon Dou Qi was swung; in just a single encounter, the six Dragon Knights of the Steel Ridge-Eagle Kingdom Alliance were forced to disperse.

Liszt's three Dragons also sustained minor injuries.

The Alliance leader, the Tin Dragon Knight Duraf Sapodilla, of the Steel Ridge Kingdom, immediately turned the head of his Dragon and called out: "Gentlemen, we battle and retreat. The six of us Dragon Knights are enough to envelop the entire sea!"

"You're right, no matter how powerful Liszt is, he cannot make up for the fact that he lacks the assistance of Dragon Knights!" responded Arkas Gold-Rimmed Agave, an Emerald Dragon Knight of the Steel Ridge Kingdom.

The remaining four Dragon Knights,

were the Steel Ridge's Ruby Dragon Knight Rudolf Morning Glory, and from the Eagle Kingdom, the Topaz Dragon Knight Tracy Bloody Pelican, the Lead Dragon Knight Warren Upside-Down Golden Bell, the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight Figo Iris, they each turned their Dragons' heads, answering Duraf's call.

Just as they were about to regroup and charge at the Mountain Copper Dragon, the Fire Dragon, and the Grey Iron Dragon, they suddenly saw a deep blue Dragon they had never seen in the reports, its wings flashing countless hailstones and lightning.

This was the dense Dragon Magic Power releasing Magic.

Although not yet refined, after Liszt's improvements, the Royal Sapphire Dragon Reiz had learned the basic principles of casting Magic. By rearranging Magic Particles to form Magic Runes, the power of its Magic Power Attacks had significantly increased, becoming more aggressive.

This indiscriminate assault took the Dragon Knights of the Steel-Valor Alliance completely by surprise, forcing the newly formed formation to disperse once more.

"Mata, Leo, Ornn, keep on charging, completely scatter their formation!"

"Roar!"

"Hoo-roar!"

“Oh-hoo!”

Three dominant Dragon roars answered, three immensely powerful Dragons, heedless of the light wounds from the earlier collision with Dragon Dou Qi, collided fiercely once again. This kind of attack hardly threatened the Dragon Knights but effectively disrupted their positioning, throwing off their combined Dragon Dou Qi Manual casting.

“Reiz, avoid Mata and the rest, start attacking the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight now!” Liszt, who was secretly searching for an assassination opportunity, gave commands continuously using the Dragon Heart Electrical Signal.

Soaring high above the battlefield, he had an overview of the entire combat process and issued precise commands.

Reiz had not trained with Liszt for long, but that did not impede it from executing Liszt’s orders strictly at this moment—as a creature with high intelligence, it clearly understood the current situation.

“Roar!”

Flapping its wings, amidst countless basic forms of Magic, Reiz opened its Dragon Mouth again, Laser Dragon Breath reappearing, like a lightsaber, it pierced straight at the Purple Sapphire Dragon.

The Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight hurriedly dodged, and Reiz followed his path, continuing to unleash Laser Dragon Breath and Magic Power Attacks.

It didn’t take long for Figo and his Dragon to break away from the tight connection range of the Steel-Valor Alliance, and at that moment Liszt suddenly caught a glimpse of an assassination opportunity.

“Water, Connor, occupy the Purple Sapphire Dragon!”

“Mata, Leo, Ornn, don’t spare your energy, even if it means taking a few hits, keep the other five Dragons held for me!”

“Emily, you also attack the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, be mindful of cutting off the battlefield, don’t let the Purple Sapphire Dragon shorten the distance to the other Dragons!”

“As you wish!” Emily took a deep breath, her chest gradually heaving, in her eyes seemingly a glint of splendid brilliance sparkled.

She watched the Purple Sapphire Dragon dodging the intense laser Dragon Breath and suddenly steered her Light Green Gemstone Dragon into a dive: “Ethan, this is your and my first battle, you and I have been waiting for a long time!”

“Roar!”

The Light Green Gemstone Dragon let out a deafening roar.

The battlefield almost instantly turned white-hot, with over a dozen dragons and eight Dragon Knights displaying their collision at the pinnacle of strength in the sky. Unfortunately, this area is far from Mind Island, so no spectators could peek into this peak dragon-slaying battle—such a splendid dragon-slaying war has almost never occurred before.

At least not in the northeastern corner of the Legendary Continent.

A dragon-slaying battle involving five or six dragons was already the limit, but this was the first time with over a dozen dragons.

“Damn it, has Liszt gone mad?” Duraf, the leader of the allied forces, steered his Tin Dragon to dodge as he frowned deeply, “What does he want to do, seek mutual destruction? He dares to risk the lives of six Dragon Knights!”

Completely different from the planned strategy of firing and retreating, with the expectation that Liszt would not dare to intercept, Duraf had no time to ponder why things had turned out this way. Three powerful dragons put a lot of pressure on them; after all, these were not ordinary dragons but top-tier dragons.

Fire Dragon Leo was not yet mature, but his size was already huge. As a Fire Dragon from the Evil Dragon sequence, his combat power always surpassed most dragons.

Mountain Copper Dragon Mata was a Magic Metal Dragon, producing Mountain Copper that was indestructible, which speaks to its formidable strength.

Grey Iron Dragon Ornn was also one of the stronger Metal Dragons.

Moreover, there was a dragon that was casting spells wildly—the Royal Sapphire Dragon was hailed as a Magic Metal Dragon among Gemstone Dragons and could almost be treated like an Archmage among dragons. Perhaps its direct combat ability was not outstanding, but its power to disrupt the battlefield was truly fearsome.

Dragons might not need to guard against those superficial magics, but the Dragon Knights on the Dragon Tooth Platform could not withstand it with their flesh and blood and could only dodge the magic by steering their dragons. This invisibly added a huge burden to the use of the Dragon Dou Qi Manual and significantly impacted the cooperation between the Dragon Knights.

Without the Dragon Heart Electrical Signal transcending different dragons, they could only coordinate through speech and gestures. However, at this moment, with hail, torrential rain, lightning, and rocks filling the sky, they could not hear or see each other, only sense each other's presence.

The key point was.

Liszt's dragons were also vigorously unleashing their Dragon Breath, chaotically interfering with the dragons' sensing each other.

“Regroup, regroup with me, we'll break out together!” Duraf shouted at the top of his lungs, trying to convey his orders through the immense noise.

But the continuous roaring of dragons and the massive tsunamis constantly triggered by Water Dragon Walter on the outskirts directly drowned out the sounds.

Even if the sounds weren't completely covered, it prevented the Dragon Knights from responding in time.

The Steel-Valor Alliance's formation for Dragon Knights had utterly fallen into chaos, particularly since the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, Figo Iris, directly challenged by Emily and further drawn away by spells from distant Ryze, was dodging left and right like a headless fly, forced to stray far from the Dragon Knight formation.

At this moment.

Liszt turned to Ach and said, "Ach, be ready to seal his movements at any time, you can see my position, pay attention to where I attack and where the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight might dodge."

"Don't worry, brother, just an ordinary Dragon Knight, Ach will use Superior Magic to completely seal him up," Ach replied with a confident smile. "The true essence of space magic is not only something that Bard can grasp, Ach and Charley can cut through space just like him."

Snort.

His mount, the Unicorn Charley, snorted loudly, echoing Ach's bold words.

"Then, let's do this!" Liszt's eyes were sharp as he steered the Formless Dragon Bard swiftly across the material boundary, stealthily approaching the surroundings of the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, who was being fiercely suppressed by Emily.

The five-meter long Thunder Fury Dragon Lance, with its tip flickering with a chill light, resembled a venomous snake flickering its tongue, searching for any flaws exposed by the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight.

"Roar!"

Feeling a chilling prickling sensation on his back, the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight Figo's heart suddenly clenched, his soul as if instantly frozen: "Not good, Liszt is going to kill me!"

Chapter 1094: Heaven and Earth Mourn for It Boom!

Rifts one after another extended in the void, encircling the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight.

Acherlroides Truth, wearing a Gemstone Crown, draped in a Magic Cloak, wielding the Eight Dragons God Sword, and riding the Unicorn Charlie, continually extracted Magic Power from the Magic Web, condensing it into hugely powerful spatial Magic, hurling them one after the other towards the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight.

Superior Magic of the spatial kind, enough to single-handedly take on a Dragon Knight, was merely used to block movements. Almost instantly, the Purple Sapphire Dragon was trapped within the spatial rifts, losing its ability to move forward or retreat.

Duke Figo Iris had a very accurate premonition when he was facing a crisis, his skin crawling. Suddenly, a point of cold light stabbed out from the void, followed by the flowing, transparent crystal-like figure, outlining a streamlined dragon with a wingspan of about fifteen or sixteen meters.

Atop the dragon, Liszt, clad in silver-white armor and a large red cape, seemed ablaze with flames.

The Dragon's Flame Dou Qi mixed with the spatial Dragon Magic Power within the Thunder Fury Dragon Lance, the space no longer able to block this formidable force.

“Ah!”

Figo only saw the spear tip emerge from the void, and in the next instant, the spear tip had already reached his forehead, giving him no time to react. The Purple Sapphire Dragon, linked with his mind, was also unable to respond in time.

Boom!

The tip of the Thunder Fury precisely pierced Figo's head, and the great head was shredded by the violent Magic Power in a fraction of a second, exploding into a puddle of powder.

Duke Figo Iris, the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, who had dominated the Eagle Kingdom for over a decade and was in his prime, became the third Dragon Knight to fall

at sea, to fall at the hands of Liszt, following Carlo Violet and Loyle Purple Copper. It was merely a single strike.

“Roar!”

With the death of the Dragon Knight, the Purple Sapphire Dragon went completely berserk, its Dragon’s Super Magic crazily overflowing, striking hard on the spatial rifts, causing its body to rip open. But it felt no pain, the overflowing Magic Power solidifying it into a giant purple gemstone.

This giant purple gemstone, with unstoppable momentum, fiercely charged towards Liszt and his Formless Dragon beneath him.

It sought revenge!

“Such deep emotions, alas, anger not only makes humans lose reason but also dragons.” Facing the suicidally charging Purple Sapphire Dragon, Liszt remained unflustered, riding the Formless Dragon to the outer perimeter, while calling out to Emily, “Entangle the Purple Sapphire Dragon, I want to subdue it!”

“As you wish, Your Majesty!” Emily Flame, riding the Light Green Gem Dragon, directly faced the Purple Sapphire Dragon.

“Acherloides, try if you can heavily damage it, then freeze it. We still have battles to continue, we cannot waste too much time on the Purple Sapphire Dragon.”

“Hmm, Acherloides is trying hard.” Acherloides held the Eight Dragons God Sword, following behind the Purple Sapphire Dragon, continuously casting spatial Magic – the strongest type of Magic she wielded in combat.

No matter how furious or berserk the Purple Sapphire Dragon was, the strength of a single dragon was limited. Soon, it was entangled by Acherloides and Emily, with Aluminum Dragon Connor and Water Dragon Walter distracting it from the side, unable to counterattack or escape, leading to a complete stalemate.

Liszt no longer focused his attention here; he and Bard suddenly flapped their wings, rushing towards another battlefield.

The five Dragon Knights of the Steel-Valor Alliance had started to adapt to the tough situation they faced, pulling together in the struggle, gradually regaining their familiar formation. At this moment, they saw the enraged Purple Sapphire Dragon and guessed that only with Figo killed would it have lost its reason and fallen into an indescribable frenzy.

“You... you actually killed Figo!” Tin Dragon Knight Duraf Sapodilla, his eyes cracking and voice trembling.

“I killed him with just one move, Duke Duraf.” Liszt and Bard roamed around the battleground, occasionally phasing into the material boundary and then back into the real world, disrupting the Dragon Knights’ formation and allowing their own dragons a moment to breathe—previously, the hard collisions with the formation had caused them quite some injuries.

Unable to lock onto Liszt, Duraf could only shout, “You actually killed Figo, this means you are openly declaring war against the Steel Ridge Kingdom, don’t you realize this will bring devastating terrible consequences for you and your Flame Kingdom!”

“Figo was a Dragon Knight of the Eagle Kingdom. I killed him, will King Osborn really turn against me for this?” Liszt stalled for time while looking for an opportunity to strike. “Mind Island is the territory of my Flame Kingdom, it should be me questioning you... Does the Steel Ridge Kingdom want to wage war against my Flame Kingdom!”

Liszt sneered, “What do you think?”

Duraf glanced at the other four Dragon Knights struggling to hold on around him, took a deep breath, and said gravely, “Don’t forget, Steel Ridge and Eagle Kingdom together have thirty dragons! If a full-scale war breaks out, even as a Holy Dragon Knight, you will only be crushed!”

“Crushed?”

With a questioning tone, the next moment Liszt had already charged like lightning on his Formless Dragon, thrusting with the Thunder Fury Dragon Lance in an instant.

At this moment, his Dragon Dou Qi Manual was no longer limited to fixed moves.

Having touched the barrier, his vision had already reached the peak of Dragon Knights, about to break free from the shackles of the barrier, every move in perfect harmony with the most pinnacle of strength: “Is this how you crush me?”

Boom!

The Thunder Fury pierced directly towards Duraf.

In a panic, Duraf thrust his dragon lance in defense, and his Tin Dragon beneath him also flipped its body trying to strike at the Formless Dragon. But the Formless Dragon merely shifted sideways slightly, dodging the Tin Dragon’s counterattack, and then Liszt suddenly withdrew his dragon lance, a swallow and a spit, returning the Thunder Fury spear straight back.

Pfft—the spear struck under the tender flesh beneath the Tin Dragon’s wing.

Blood spurted, creating a large hole.

“Roar!”

The Tin Dragon cried in pain, but before Duraf could counterattack, Liszt had already withdrawn his spear and slipped into the material boundary, reappearing from another direction in the next moment.

“Duke Duraf, if I accept a slight injury as the price, you will sleep in the sea today just like Duke Figo, do you understand?” Liszt looked at Duraf piercingly, the Formless Dragon hovering silently in the sky like a sculpture.

Not far away.

Watching closely was a Dragon Knight, the Lead Dragon Knight – Warren Upside-Down Golden Bell, who suddenly roared: “Duke Duraf, Duke Figo is dead, we must avenge him!”

Topaz Dragon Knight – Tracy Bloody Pelican also roared: “Duke Figo must not die in vain!”

Both of them, along with Figo, were Dragon Knights of the Eagle Kingdom. Although they often competed against each other, at this moment, saddened and filled with righteous indignation as one grieves for the fox when the rabbit dies.

Ruby Dragon Knight – Rudolf Morning Glory and Emerald Dragon Knight – Arkas Gold-Rimmed Agave did not speak out, only quickly moved closer to Duraf’s side to help shield him from Liszt’s possible next assassination attempt.

Glancing at Warren and Tracy, and then looking at the still robust Brass Dragon, Fire Dragon, Grey Iron Dragon, and the continuously magic-casting Royal Sapphire Dragon, Duraf hesitated, unable to make a decision.

According to the planned strategy, attacking the Sapphire Duchy was peripheral and the attack on Mind Island was just a feint, meant merely to tie Liszt and the Flame Kingdom’s dragons down. But now the problem arose, they were supposed to quickly retreat, yet Figo died under Liszt’s dragon lance.

Throwing all plans into disarray.

Should he retaliate or continue to flee?

As Duraf narrowed his eyes, just about to make a decision, suddenly, a sorrowful dragon roar resounding through the sky interrupted. The next moment, all people and dragons drew their attention, turning their heads towards the distance—there was a brilliant purple light, taking the shape of a dragon, spreading out.

When it spread across half the sky, the purple Light Dragon Shadow suddenly shattered.

In everyone’s and every dragon’s heart, it was as if a glass had shattered, instantly feeling the mourning sadness that even the heavens and the earth would lament.

Liszt was no exception; he stared dumbfounded at where the light shattered, as the Purple Sapphire Dragon he considered as sure to seize was spinning, slowly falling downwards.

The once intense Dragon's Superior Magic was now showing a slight dispersal: "This... The Purple Sapphire Dragon is actually dead?"

Chapter 1095: Irreconcilable Hatred The Purple Sapphire Dragon is dead, perishing under the eyes of many.

That gigantic purple silhouette is its Dragon Soul swelling, transforming, and ultimately shattering and disappearing. A creature representing the pinnacle of power, a dragon, thus becomes eternal death. The ocean's surges continue to roll, and the Magic Power in the sky remains abundant, yet everyone came to a halt.

They all gaze at the forty-meter-long Dragon corpse as it slowly falls toward the sea level.

"Whoosh whoosh..." the wind howls, as if representing the world mourning for the demise of the Purple Sapphire Dragon. Each dragon is a supreme creation of nature, a collection of beauty, strength, wisdom, loyalty, or perhaps pride, always displaying unparalleled charm.

Duraf, Arkas, Rudolf, Tracy, Warren, as well as Liszt, Ach, Emily, and many more Dragons, all cease their battle, watching the sinking shadow of the Purple Sapphire Dragon.

Half an hour ago, the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, Duke Figo Iris, fell in battle, and he did not receive such solemn attention. This is because the death of a Dragon Knight is not uncommon, but the death of a Dragon is the greatest marvel—a Dragon represents peak power, abundant resources, more valuable than a small kingdom.

"Your Majesty, it chose to collapse its own soul and die; we were unprepared for such a resolute act," Emily explained the death of the Purple Sapphire Dragon to Liszt through the Dragon Heart Electrical Signal.

"I understand." Liszt nodded lightly, having recovered from the shock of the Dragon's death. His heart was inevitably filled with regret, as the Dragon that should have been added to the Flame Kingdom's forces had died, but what's done is done, and the tasks that need to continue must go on, "Emily, you and Ethan retrieve the corpse of the Purple Sapphire Dragon and transport it back to Sun Moon Valley."

The blood shed by a Dragon in battle can evolve into gemstones, metal veins, and the like—how much more so for the entire corpse of a Dragon? Except for the Dragon Bones that

can remain undecayed for a long time, most other parts will eventually transform into Magic Power and then form an enormous vein of ore.

This Purple Sapphire Dragon, even in death, could still produce a massive amount of Purple Sapphires, as well as countless derivatives—Amethysts.

“Yes, Your Majesty!” Emily quickly maneuvers the Light Green Gemstone Dragon and rushes toward the falling corpse of the Purple Sapphire Dragon.

As Emily takes action, the other Dragon Knights also awaken from their shock, and Tracy directly roars: “Stop, the corpse of the Purple Sapphire Dragon belongs to my Eagle Kingdom!”

However, his warning is meaningless as Emily doesn’t hesitate for even a moment.

The leader of the alliance, Duraf, with a gloomy face, looks toward Liszt, who has now revealed himself: “King Liszt, the battle has ended. We admit defeat in this Dragon Slaying Battle, and I will issue a formal letter of apology and compensate for the losses suffered by the Flame Kingdom on Mind Island.”

He paused, then lifted his Dragon Lance and pointed towards the direction where the Purple Sapphire Dragon fell into the sea, pronouncing every word: “However, I need to take away the body of the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight.”

Liszt looks at Duraf and the others with a cold expression: “You can start a war, but whether the war ends is for me to decide.”

“King Liszt, the war has really ended.”

Duraf continued with a grim face: “Perhaps you have the upper hand in this battlefield, but there is news I must relay to you—the battle at the Sapphire Duchy and Mind Island was merely a diversion; the real battlefield is at Heroic Yellow City... The gateway for the Flame Kingdom to the Legendary Continent is likely being baptized by the Dragons of the Eagle Kingdom; you need to rush over there to support immediately.”

Liszt raised an eyebrow.

With no expression on his face, he had already understood the full tactics of this battle.

The naval battle against the Sapphire Duchy was a probe, the siege on Mind Island a diversion to draw Liszt and his Dragons' full attention here. Meanwhile, the rest of the Eagle Kingdom's Dragons launched an attack on Heroic Yellow City, severing the Flame Kingdom's reach toward the Legendary Continent.

From the start, Steel Ridge Kingdom and Eagle Kingdom planned to hit Heroic Yellow City, to contain the Flame Kingdom at sea.

Perhaps for these continental kingdoms, as dominant as Liszt might be, confined at sea, he could not threaten their rule.

"Let's make concessions, King Liszt, on behalf of the Eagle Kingdom, I express an apology," Warren, mounted on the Lead Dragon, his gaze much calmer than Tracy's, "We take away the body of the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, and Duke Figo's death cancels out the destruction of Heroic Yellow City. From now on, our two countries can still coexist peacefully."

Heroic Yellow City and the Magic Gate are likely completely destroyed.

After such a long Dragon-slaying war, they had ample time to attack. Without Dragon Knights defending, it was simply impossible to stop the Dragons of the Eagle Kingdom.

A city and a gate were traded for the life of a Dragon.

Strictly speaking, Liszt made a huge profit by accepting Warren's proposal, as it was an absolute bargain. But that was only on the surface. Liszt knew very well that peace could only be maintained through struggle, not through compromise. Pursue the defeated with relentless courage, but do not trade honor for temporary dominance.

The death of the Purple Sapphire Dragon was an unforgivable enmity. The Eagle Kingdom had long harbored deep-seated hatred for him, with no possibility of peace.

He spoke up quickly, “Alright, I can return the body of Duke Figo Iris to you and then let you leave this place.”

“I’m talking about the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight, both the Dragon and its rider handed back to us.”

“Only the Knight, strictly limited to Duke Figo, understand?”

“It seems that King Liszt has no intention of accepting my proposal,” Warren said, bypassing Duraf to speak directly to Liszt in the name of the Eagle Kingdom.

During the standoff.

Little Water Dragon Walter had already grabbed Figo’s body and, under Liszt’s command, tossed it to Warren in a parabolic trajectory: “Take the body and get lost, or more will forever sleep in this sea... just like Carlo Violet, Loyle Purple Copper, and Figo Iris.”

As if answering to Liszt’s will at that moment, the many Dragons behind him roared in unison.

“Oh oh!”

“Roar!”

“Hu roar!”

“Wu yi ya!”

“Roar!”

“Yo ho!”

“Roar!”

“Roar!”

Hmph!

Riding on Unicorn Charlie and sitting atop Fire Dragon Leo’s head, Ach also snorted. Then her mount, the reluctant Unicorn, followed suit with a pronounced snort.

Eight (nine) Dragons, two Dragon Knights, one Archmage, and another Archmage who continued to oversee the Magic Array on Mind Island and did not accompany them. Such a lavish lineup exerted enormous pressure on the five Dragon Knights of the Steel-Valor Alliance, especially with Liszt and Bard, who flickered in and out of visibility.

Like venomous snakes lurking in the dark, ready to strike fatally at any moment—they were unclear about how Figo died, but it didn’t take much to guess that it was likely Liszt who had stealthily landed the killing blow.

Other Dragon Knights might fight for days and nights to determine a winner, but Liszt always required only a few exchanges, or even just a single sneak attack.

Catching Figo’s body, Lead Dragon Knight Warren took a deep breath and exchanged a glance with Tin Dragon Knight Duraf.

Closing his eyes for a few seconds, then opening them fiercely: “So be it, the entire war lies within a single thought of King Liszt. I hope His Majesty the King will act wisely.”

Chapter 1096: Sima the Old Thief Whew!

The Lead Dragon turned its body around and flew off into the distance, followed by the Tin Dragon, Topaz Dragon, Ruby Dragon, and Emerald Dragon.

The tumult of the sea thus subsided.

Li Si Te did not make a move to keep them. With the past example of the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight’s corpse in the sea, a hasty attack would inevitably provoke a frenzied counterattack. Previously, in order to divide the battlefield, the Mountain Copper Dragon Ma, Fire Dragon Leo, and Grey Iron Dragon Ornn, who physically initiated group combat, all sustained injuries.

The Magic Power of the Royal Sapphire Dragon Reiz was also massively depleted, equating to all support positions being half-disabled. It was unwise to insist on retaining the full combat capability of the Steel-Valor Alliance.

Of course.

He let them leave not because he was concerned about the Heroic Yellow City—it was just a city, just a Magic Gate. The Flame Kingdom had two Archmages and many Arcanists stationed there, capable of rearranging the Magic Teleportation Array at any time. If the city was destroyed, it could be rebuilt; if the Magic Gate was lost, it could be reopened.

If the population was lost, it could be plundered anew, so there was nothing to fear.

Nor was it out of fear of their power. Even if not a single Dragon Knight could be captured, at least the enemy would suffer several severely wounded dragons as a cost.

The real reason he let them go was that he sensed a thick thread of destiny flickering in the surroundings. This thread of destiny, one end linked to himself and the Formless Dragon he rode, the other end connected to a distant time space, seemingly indistinctly that of a Bronze Dragon.

“Bronze Dragon...”

As a favored one of destiny, Li Si Te certainly could act relying on the Power of Destiny, but he considered more his own choices. For instance, he had previously received a precaution from the Power of Destiny, detecting that Heroic Yellow City, Mind Island, and Sapphire Duchy were all flashing with an indistinct fog.

The fog over Heroic Yellow City was the densest, indicating the true location of the impending crisis.

Consequently, he chose not to support Heroic Yellow City, but to defend Mind Island—the strategic value of Mind Island far surpassed Heroic Yellow City at that moment.

Indeed, it proved that breaking away from destiny's guidance could also yield great benefits—killing one Dragon Knight and a Purple Sapphire Dragon.

“Only by integrating destiny with oneself can the true power of destiny be wielded. And only by acting so, instead of being a puppet of destiny, will I be able in a future moment, alongside the Smoke Dragon, to break through the barriers of the power of destiny and transcend it!”

With Fire Dragon Leo, having reached the elemental barrier, Li Si Te's perspective had long transcended the level of Dragon Knights, standing on a higher and farther spot, contemplating the present.

Calmly choosing whether to step outside the framework of the power of destiny or to follow the path destiny's power outlines.

“Since it's a Bronze Dragon, then it must be the Eagle Kingdom's Bronze Dragon Knight—Alonso Xiankelai. Fate lets us meet again; it's a bond, and of course, I shouldn't disregard this kindness... Alonso, I let you escape in the past, but not this time.”

Feeling guided by the thread of destiny, Li Si Te quietly awaited the departure of the Steel-Valor Alliance.

Only when the five Dragon Knights completely left the range of dragon's perception, did he turn to Ach and say: “You and Lerald stay on Mind Island a bit longer, ensure that the enemy doesn't come back... I need to go to Heroic Yellow City immediately to check the casualties, though I've already arranged evacuation.”

“Don't worry, brother. Ach will definitely protect Mind Island,” Ach responded, then suddenly recalled something,” Oh yes, brother, don't forget to have Emily summon the Arcanists to temporarily seal and preserve the corpse of the Purple Sapphire Dragon to prevent too much loss of the Dragon Magic Power; Ach still needs it to cultivate the Mind Fruit Tree.”

Once a dragon dies, its Magic Power quickly dissipates to form new mineral deposits.

Therefore, Li Si Te had Emily swiftly salvage the dragon corpses, aiming to prevent any loss—every little bit counts, and the Flame Kingdom isn't wealthy enough to waste frivolously.

“I have already informed Emily, and Chris has led the Arcanists of the Royal Arcane Academy to set up the sealing Magic Array in advance.”

The term “seal” here is just a means of preserving materials, something that essentially every Magician knows how to do.

All is arranged.

Liszt signaled Fire Dragon Leo and Water Dragon Walter to assume their Totem Forms and attach themselves to him, along with Bone Dragon Vinnie, each carrying three dragons. Riding the Formless Dragon Bard, they rapidly tore through the material boundary, entering the world outside matter, searching through layers of crystalline displays for the natural node of Heroic Yellow City.

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Flying in the world beyond matter, the channels of the Great Whirlpool Magic Teleportation Matrix, Heart Reed Teleportation Formation, and Yellow Fire Teleportation Array were particularly bright.

Only the channel of the Male Jade Transmission Array was missing.

“Indeed, the Magic Gate of Heroic Yellow City has been destroyed, rebuilding it will cost a considerable fortune... If Eagle Kingdom dares to destroy my teleportation array, then we’ll have them pay with Bronze Dragons.”

Liszt thought it was very reasonable to compensate for mental loss with a Purple Sapphire Dragon and for material loss with a Bronze Dragon.

He found the location that had reverted to a natural node, passed through with the Formless Dragon, and the next moment Liszt’s visual scene had turned into gray ruins, with wisps of smoke from the burning swirling around.

In front of him, Heroic Yellow City was gone, only vast patches of scorched ruins remained, and one could faintly make out the pits and dimples left by attacks of Dragon Dou Qi Manuscripts.

Not far off, a team of knights was searching through the ruins.

After revealing himself, the knights immediately thronged around him, with the leading knight dismounting and kneeling on one knee, performing a solemn courtesy: “Greetings to the great His Majesty the King, Honored Knight Gaitan, on behalf of my lord Andrew Baron Gray Magpie, I offer you our loyal greetings.”

“So, you are followers of Baron Andrew, then Gaitan, when did you arrive here, and what happened before?”

Gaitan replied, “Your Majesty, half an hour ago my lord received orders from the Outer Cabinet, and we were commanded to investigate Heroic Yellow City. When we arrived, the city had already been destroyed, and we only saw the figures of three dragons flying northward.”

Liszt looked meaningful: “That means the dragons left just half an hour ago?”

He meticulously searched his memory, quickly sketching out all the natural nodes around Heroic Yellow Plains, and marked their positions on the map.

Originally, to select a suitable place to build a Magic Teleportation Array, he had searched for several natural nodes outside Heroic Yellow City, only to give them up as the locations were not appropriate. For instance, about eight hundred kilometers to the northeast, there was a natural node on the sea surface.

“With a dragon’s flying speed, half an hour would cover about one to two hundred kilometers; the Eagle Kingdom’s dragons must have flown straight north... If I instantly travel to the natural node in the sea and fly west from there, I could intercept them on their flight path!”

As he pondered, the Threads of Destiny flickered more intensely in the void, the end of one thread clearly outlining the figure of a Bronze Dragon and Alonso Xianke on its back.

That figure seemed to exude a reserved pride.

Joining forces with Steel Ridge Kingdom to blockade Flame Kingdom on the high seas, such strategic finesse might just be the handiwork of the Bronze Dragon Knight – Alonso Xianke.

Much like the grandeur of Zhuge Liang from the Three Kingdoms period strategizing an alliance with Wu to resist Cao.

“Unfortunately, you are no match for Shu Han and Eastern Wu, nor am I Cao Wei. This Three Kingdoms is destined to be unified by my Western Jin... Pah, to even compare Sima the Old Thief to me!”

Chapter 1097: Time to Start the War The salty sea breeze blew across the ocean surface, and suddenly a crack appeared in mid-air, only to return to tranquility immediately after. However, the Formless Dragon Knight Liszt had already stepped out from the natural node and was swiftly flying westward, continuously sensing for any traces of dragon aura in the surroundings.

“Eagle Kingdom really went all out—Silver Dragon, White Maw Iron Dragon, Brass Dragon, Purple Copper Dragon, and even the Bronze Dragon Knight Alonso Xiankelai. They brought five dragons just to destroy one of my Magic Gates... Perhaps they think the Magic Gate is too costly?”

Indeed, the cost of a Magic Gate or Magic Teleportation Array was steep, requiring materials that accounted for one-twentieth of Flame Kingdom’s annual income.

However, publicly it was declared that Liszt had spent all his family’s wealth to construct a single Magic Teleportation Array.

Perhaps for this reason, once Liszt completed a Magic Teleportation Array, the Steel-Valor Alliance would deploy dragons to strike once, hitting Liszt’s finances repeatedly, a deal both kingdoms’ kings found very cost-effective—since dragons and dragon knights staying idly at home was boring, it was better to have them out and active.

After the alliance between Steel Ridge Kingdom and Eagle Kingdom, the dragon knights stationed at the border no longer needed to be on constant vigil and could move freely.

However, they did not anticipate the battle to be so fierce that the Purple Sapphire Dragon Knight Figo Iris would die on the spot.

And now.

The team striking at the finances was unaware that Liszt had already intercepted them on their way home. Although it was still unclear which region these five dragons traversed, it did not hinder Liszt from riding the Formless Dragon back and forth, sensing any lingering dragon aura.

Most crucially, Liszt could feel the Threads of Destiny, subtly guiding his direction.

At dusk, the scenery was most beautiful.

The wilderness, under the glow of the setting sun, revealed an irresistibly charming allure. At that moment, atop a cloud in the sky, the figure of a dragon suddenly appeared. Around this dragon, the other four maintained a distance of ten kilometers, flying side by side.

As these five dragons flew past, another dragon's figure flashed by behind them—it was Liszt, silently trailing the five dragons: “Indeed, following the Threads of Destiny, finding these dragons was easy... I'll follow them first and make my move once they separate.”

Dragons are immensely enduring; during their leisurely flight, they nearly need no rest.

They only need to feed occasionally—given their massive size, the energy they consume is enormous; missing a meal could make them terribly hungry.

After tracking for about three hours, the five dragons landed in a remote territory where the local landlord slaughtered sheep and cattle to entertain Alonso and the five dragons.

Liszt did not reveal his presence, taking out from his Space Ring tender roast beefsteak and Magic Potions, rewarding the tirelessly flying Formless Dragon Bard. He also consumed batches of Fire Dragon Elixir, Water Dragon Water, and other such sustenance for the possessed Fire Dragon Leo, Water Dragon Walter, and Bone Dragon Vinnie.

“The Magic Potions are running low again; just a few days' stockpile, and one major operation consumes them all,” Liszt sighed silently, looking at his now empty Space Ring.

Alonso and his group, having spent the entire night making repairs in this remote territory, set off again when the sun rose the next day. They flew through another entire night, maintaining a reasonable distance between the five dragons, leaving no opportunity for Liszt to exploit. From the looks of it, Alonso seemed quite anxious.

“Did they discover me?”

“Impossible, Bard’s combat ability hasn’t matured yet, but his spatial concealment ability is absolutely the best in the world.” He outright dismissed this possibility.

Since it was impossible that he was detected, and yet the opponent remained highly vigilant, Liszt speculated that Alonso might already know about the battle situation on Mind Island: “To start a three-pronged strategy involving me and my dragons suggests they must have means of instant communication; otherwise, it would be too easy for me to exploit any time difference.”

With Heroic Yellow City and Mind Island separated by tens of thousands of kilometers, without instant communication means, coordinating actions would be challenging.

“Could it be that the Magic Platform was pirated?”

He considered another possibility, but the core magic runes of the Magic Platform were strictly controlled by the Royal Arcane Academy. Other countries’ magic advisors simply lacked the capability to master such technology.

He couldn’t figure it out.

But the threads of destiny, shrouded in mystery, still tethered him to Alonso, so he continued to track the five dragons. Just as they moved from the periphery of the Eagle Kingdom deep into its territory, just when Liszt was about to give up on this hunting plan.

The five dragons finally split up—the White Maw Iron Dragon, Silver Dragon, Brass Dragon, and Purple Copper Dragon still flew side by side, heading towards the King’s Castle of the Eagle Kingdom.

Alonso Xiankelai, however, rode the Bronze Dragon in another direction.

“This direction, according to the bearings calculated by the sextant, he is heading back to his own domain!” Liszt’s eyes lit up, feeling the threads of destiny violently trembling.

He continued to track for half an hour.

When Alonso relaxed completely between the rugged mountains, both he and Formless Dragon Bard had a sudden impulse. The next moment, the Formless Dragon rapidly traversed the material boundary, accelerating to its maximum speed and charging straight towards the Bronze Dragon.

When the distance between the two dragons closed to about fifteen kilometers, the Bronze Dragon’s body violently shook, then it flapped its wings vigorously, trying to accelerate.

Alonso had already sensed the presence of the Formless Dragon, trying to escape.

Unfortunately, all these efforts were destined to be futile. Back when Liszt, riding the young Fire Dragon Leo and assisted by the newly-promoted Archmage Ach, could severely injure Alonso, let alone now.

When the Formless Dragon emerged from the material boundary, it was no longer alone; fire and mist surged together, Fire Dragon Leo and Water Dragon Walter suddenly appeared, and together they charged at the Bronze Dragon Knight—Alonso Xiankelai. Three against one, aside from Walter who was just tagging along, Bard and Leo were both formidable dragons.

“Liszt!”

“Good to see you’re well, Alonso.”

Boom, boom, boom, the battle erupted quickly, and moments later, the Bronze Dragon was severely wounded, teetering on collapse. When Bard once again emerged from the material boundary, the Thunder Fury Dragon Lance accurately pierced Alonso’s heart, and the torrential Dragon Dou Qi instantly shredded his internal organs.

A Dragon Knight thus fell.

“Roar!” The Bronze Dragon roared in anguish for its fallen knight, but it could not change the course of the story. Leo knocked it dizzy with a smash, and then Liszt stabbed it several times, rendering it completely unconscious.

“Leo, grab it, we’re going back!” When the thread of destiny belonging to Alonso broke, Liszt, feeling completely satisfied, led the dragons away.

This Dragon Knight whom he had long wanted to kill was finally dead.

Thus, the Dragon Knights who died at Liszt’s hand had become four in total, all from the Eagle Kingdom—three Kingdom-affiliated Dragon Knights and one from its vassal states.

Taking a deep breath, Liszt gazed towards the distant mountains, his mood unusually calm: “I wonder how the Eagle Kingdom will respond now? The peaceful times have ended, and next, it might be time for full-scale war with Steel Ridge, Eagle, and even Blast Furnace Fortress!”

Chapter 1098: Four Fruits Alonso’s body was haphazardly discarded in the wilderness, and Liszt had already left the scene, dragging the severely wounded Bronze Dragon straight to the Brass Ore Magic Gate of the Fertile Lands.

Although the Male Jade Teleportation Array had been destroyed, the Yellow Fire Teleportation Array still stood tall on the southwestern frontier of the Eagle Kingdom.

After returning to Flame Island, Liszt immediately used the last Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruit and initiated a Mind Battle in the Bronze Dragon’s inner world. The brand of the original Bronze Dragon Knight stood no chance against Liszt, who was enhanced by the Power of Destiny; he erased it time and time again until it vanished like smoke and clouds.

Liszt then took over, becoming the sovereign of the Bronze Dragon’s inner world.

“Nozdormu is a great name, certainly too much for you to bear, but no matter, you shall be called Nome.” Liszt jumped off the Bronze Dragon and, with a smile, gave it a new name—a name as thunderous as the Bronze Dragon Chromie he knew from playing World of Warcraft.

Of course, this was just his whimsy, a name was merely a code.

“The Outer Cabinet should closely monitor the aftermath of this war and also keep an eye on the naval battles concerning the Sapphire Duchy. Should the Steel Heroic States show any intention of reigniting a dragon-slaying war, report to me immediately.” Liszt then presided over a meeting of the Flame Kingdom’s Outer Cabinet, “The restoration of the Male Jade Teleportation Array must also be expedited.”

“Your Majesty, is there still a possibility of restoring the Male Jade Teleportation Array? The Arcanists stationed in Heroic Yellow City by the Academy have examined the remnants of the Magic Gate and observed that the Dragon Magic Power at the scene is extremely chaotic, which may cause strong interference,” Dean Chris of the Royal Arcane Academy spoke.

“It doesn’t matter. I have consulted with Ach; it’s just a matter of organizing the magic power. You must now hurry to prepare the necessary Magic materials.”

“As you wish, Your Majesty.”

Prime Minister Li Weiliang of the Outer Cabinet said, “The Second Prince Scart Cornflower of the Snowstorm Mountain Duchy is currently isolated in the Heroic Yellow Plains, along with many Feudal Nobles. It seems the annual festival this year might not go smoothly.”

It is already the end of December, and the first year of the Flame Era is about to end.

“Have the Outer Cabinet confirm the list of honorees. I will hold a celebration on both sides to grant titles to meritorious Knights. As for Scart, grant him the title of Marquis of Snowstorm Mountain; allocate a plot of land near the Heroic Yellow Plains for him to cultivate, and ensure the Flame Kingdom protects his safety.”

“The disruption of the Male Jade Teleportation Array means that trade with the Snowstorm Mountain Duchy and the transit trade with Yellowstone Kingdom could suffer significantly. Coupled with several wars, our finances might run deficits,” said Paris, the First Finance Minister.

“Why would we run deficits? Have I not slain a Purple Sapphire Dragon? This fortune can support the Flame Kingdom for several years.”

“Your Majesty, my main concern is that the Steel Heroic States might cut off trade with our country.”

Up to now, the output from the self-cultivating land of the Flame Kingdom is not enough to be self-sufficient; it relies heavily on trade for food, Magic Potions, and other resources.

“Hold on for now. Once the Male Jade Teleportation Array is restored, we will increase trade with the Yellowstone Kingdom... As for the Steel Heroic States, smuggling will do. If there is profit to be made, I believe their Nobles will not give up. With such a long coastline, even Dragon Knights can’t patrol it all.”

With that, the Outer Cabinet meeting lasted an entire day, discussing various war-related issues.

Having given all necessary instructions, Liszt then went straight back to the Sun Moon Valley, where Ach was using the body of the Purple Sapphire Dragon to cultivate the Mind Fruit Tree.

“Brother, the power of the Jade Dragon is very domineering; Ach is unable to cultivate the Mind Fruit Tree normally. However, the hind leg of the Jade Dragon can directly extract the magic power of the Purple Sapphire Dragon to cultivate the Mind Fruit Tree,” said Ach, pointing at the small tree sapling growing parasitically on the body of the Purple Sapphire Dragon.

The sapling was not large, growing at a visible pace, with four buds forming on its branches.

“Arch, do you think the Purple Sapphire Dragon can provide enough nutrients for four Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruits?” Liszt inquired. In a previous incident, the Light Green Gemstone Dragon had also triggered the growth of a Mind Fruit Tree, forming four buds—yet to preserve the Light Green Gemstone Dragon’s life, only two fruits were nurtured.

Now that the Purple Sapphire Dragon was already dead, it could be used to cultivate the Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruits without any cost.

“Arch’s assessment is that there are sufficient nutrients to cultivate four Bewildering Dragon Mind Fruits. However, to be on the safe side, it might be better to only cultivate

three. If we utilize the magic power of your brother's other dragons, perhaps we could efficiently maintain all four," Arch analyzed.

Liszt narrowed his eyes.

Trying to sense the Threads of Destiny on this Mind Fruit Tree, he vaguely felt them—indeed there seemed to be four equal Threads of Destiny intertwined with his own. Although the perception was not clear, he could essentially discern that the best outcome could be smoothly reached.

"Then we'll cultivate all four. Whatever my dragons need to do, I'll arrange for them to carry it out earnestly."

"Mhm, your dragons need to use the Dragon's Super Magic and infuse it into the body of the Purple Sapphire Dragon. Arch will set up a Magic Array to convert the Dragon's Super Magic into the magic power of the Purple Sapphire Dragon efficiently, which will be provided to the Mind Fruit Tree."

"Dragon's Super Magic, huh... That's going to be another significant expense!"

Dragons are notoriously stingy with their Super Magic. Getting it requires offering them substantial benefits. And Liszt, who is so poor he can scarcely afford potions, now has nine dragons, no, ten dragons waiting for him to sustain them.

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Cultivating the Mind Fruit Tree will take about a month.

With the promise of a future abundant supply of Magic Potions, Liszt somehow managed to cajole his dragons into taking turns injecting the Dragon's Super Magic into the Purple Sapphire Dragon's corpse, maintaining enough magic power to nurture the Mind Fruit Tree.

At the same time.

At the end of the Flame Era First Year, on December 30th, right before the New Year's celebration, the Steel Ridge Kingdom and Eagle Kingdom officially severed all diplomatic relationships and trade with the Flame Kingdom.

"Is there no other movement?" Liszt stood on the corridor of the Sun Moon Star Palace, looking at the Flame King City already imbued with the atmosphere of the New Year, and asked Mary Dawnbreak, who was behind him.

"According to intelligence gathered from the Blood Servants, the princes of the Steel Heroic States have already set off for the Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom. It is likely they are seeking to form an alliance between three kingdoms and then focus all efforts against our Flame Kingdom."

"Do they not plan to contact the Yellowstone Kingdom or the distant Fallen Leaf Kingdom?"

"The Yellowstone Kingdom has never been in contact with the Eagle Kingdom, and the Fallen Leaf Kingdom and the Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom are age-old enemies; there is no foundation for an alliance. However, one thing worth noting is that the earlier alliance between the Steel Heroic States has the shadow of the Kushan Imperial behind it, and our Blood Servants have successfully infiltrated the Kushan Imperial."

Mary continued, "According to investigations by the Blood Servants, a Dragon Knight Prince from the Kushan Imperial has left the empire and may have already arrived at the Steel Ridge Kingdom."

"The Kushan Imperial, huh." Liszt remained noncommittal.

Encountering the empire so early was not what he wished for, but he would take it in stride if it came to that, and continue the dragon-slaying battles. Unless they were swarmed by a dozen or more dragons together, there would be nothing too serious. And even if genuinely faced with an invasion of a group of dragons, the Power of Destiny would help him avoid danger and make the right choices.

Chapter 1099: Catastrophe Volcano Cluster Apart from severing diplomatic relations, the Steel Ridge Kingdom and the Eagle Kingdom have not taken any more drastic actions, even after the Purple Sapphire Dragon – Phil Iris and the Bronze Dragon Knight – Alonso Xiankelai were killed, and the dragons were slain and looted, there was no official response.

It is clear that they are secretly plotting an alliance of the three nations, with the support of the Kushan Empire.

Li Si Te was pleased with this development, as he presided over the first annual festival of the Flame Kingdom and conferred titles on a batch of meritorious knights. The Mind Fruit Tree was being closely cultivated, and the Male Jade Transmission Array was also in the process of being restored. Meanwhile, following the guidance of the Power of Destiny, good news followed one after another.

The first piece of good news, Giant Algae Greater Elf Pike, finally completed his evolution into a Dragon Elf after half a year, becoming his fifth Dragon Elf.

“Pike, handsome!”

As a Dragon Elf, Pike expressed his joy proudly.

Still wingless, but his ability to control water greatly enhanced, standing on the sea naturally with currents lifting him up, similar to Ach’s water control ability.

Li Si Te praised with a thumbs up: “Pike, indeed handsome!”

“Yo, you are quite handsome too!”

“Ha ha, mutual indeed.”

With Pike’s evolution, the scale of the underwater Giant Algae Forest soared, and the daily production of Giant Algae Magic Potion also progressively increased, greatly alleviating the pressure on Li Si Te, who struggled to afford potions.

The second piece of good news, after the Bronze Dragon Nome was captured, Li Si Te spent three days together with the Greater Elves getting along with Nome. Then, the Coffee Greater Elf Mundo and an unnamed Barley Greater Elf fell in love with the Bronze Dragon, initiating their own evolutionary opportunities.

Including the Gourd Greater Elf Klay, who was still brewing his evolution, he had three Greater Elves on the verge of becoming Dragon Elves, and with the interference of the Power of Destiny, the probability of success was going to be very high.

The third piece of good news, Ach, during the dragon slaying battle, became increasingly proficient in the use of spatial magic and gained new insights. She felt that she was now able to manage spatial rifts, and she was currently using the collapsing Male Jade Transmission Array for experiments, aiming to complete its repair without relying on the help of the Formless Dragon.

“When Ach gathers enough experience with the Male Jade Transmission Array, she will be able to help sort out the spatial rifts outside the ruins, hehe.”

The Little Sea Monster’s knowledge was growing deeper and her abilities stronger.

“Very good, I have been waiting to open this Land of Ruins for a long time.” Li Si Te pat Ach’s head, slightly exhilarated.

This Land of Ruins was initially the reward for exploring the Holy Mountain, which rewarded the ruins entrance.

Generally, it’s a kind of alternate dimension or special “Gemstone Space.”

But because it was obstructed by dense spatial rifts, he could not enter, and so far, nothing was known about what lay within the ruins, only the ancestors of the Moon Slayers, those Archmages who fought against Moon Dragons.

At the same time, he vaguely felt the Threads of Destiny were linked to this Land of Ruins.

“Perhaps, by entering the Land of Ruins, we can uncover the reason behind the destruction of the Ancient Moon Empire, uncover the secret of the sleeping Dragon of the Magic Web, and the cataclysmic war that caused the deaths of the Smoke Dragon, Jade Dragon, and others.”

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In the time following the annual festival, there were few matters that required the king's presence.

Li Si Te had ample time to freely train with his own dragons.

Grey Iron Dragon Ornn's Mind Branding was successful, now he continues to return to the Dragon Nest, and along with Hippolyta, De Gaulle, and Nikola, three dragon knight candidates, to integrate and select suitable Dragon Knights.

Leo was continuously sent to newly discovered volcano craters to draw in volcanic Super Magic to accelerate growth.

In addition, the most frequent and longest training sessions were with the Royal Sapphire Dragon Reiz alongside Li Si Te, as it was the only dragon with the potential of an Archmage. Using its magic power, assorted powerful magics could be released, with tremendous potential in combat power.

"Prepare for battle!"

Time swiftly transitioned into March.

A piece of news, not necessarily bad but somewhat unsettling for Li Si Te, was brought back by a Blood Servant from the exploration of Steel Ridge Kingdom — Marilyn Rose of Red and White was officially married to a prince's son from Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom.

The Red and White Rose Family, during their alliance with Eagle Kingdom in Steel Ridge, already understood that the possibility of marrying Li Si Te was nil. Now, against the backdrop of a tri-nation alliance, the Red and White Rose Family has become a part of politics, used to maintain the alliance foundation between Steel Ridge and Blast Furnace Fortress.

Furthermore, with Eagle Kingdom already in matrimonial alliance with Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom, it can be said that the tri-nation alliance has become an established fact.

However, just as Li Si Te was pondering how to react to this news, a truly good piece of information came from the Kushan Imperial.

A Blood Servant positioned in the north of the Kushan Imperial learned of a desert area with dozens of active volcanoes constantly erupting.

“It’s even bigger and more spectacular than the Endless Volcano Cluster on Flame Island.”

Li Si Te lifted his head, gazing into the distance, and immediately made a decision: “This is a tremendous opportunity for Leo’s growth, I must seize it!”

He quickly returned to the Sun Moon Star Palace, and approached a massive sand table.

This sand table is a contour map of the Legendary Continent, crafted based on the merfolks’ traversal of the vast oceans and positioned by a sextant. The northeastern area of the Tri-Nation alliance has been filled with many details, while other areas remain blank — another task for the Blood Servants is to map other regions using sextant positioning.

“Based on the Blood Servant’s positioning, this volcanic area called ‘Catastrophe Volcano Cluster’ is roughly located here. If I start from the Brass Ore Magic Gate, the straight-line distance is about fifty-eight thousand kilometers.”

Using the speed of Formless Dragon Bard, traveling normally at four hundred kilometers per hour, ten hours of flying per day would cover four thousand kilometers.

Fifty-eight thousand kilometers would take about fifteen days.

A round trip would take about a month just for traveling. Of course, if a natural node could be found near the Catastrophe Volcano Cluster, and travel through a world beyond material could be conducted, the time would be significantly reduced. The world beyond material is very special, not in the same dimension as the material world.

It’s like a ball, with the surface being the material world, and the inside being the world beyond material.

The surface requires a long journey, whereas the inside has shortcuts.

“Taking Leo and Vinnie, Bard and I will set off for the Catastrophe Volcano Cluster... As for Flame Kingdom, leave it to Emily and Ach for protection. If the Tri-Nation Alliance invades, cut off the teleportation array to defend ourselves. If attacked, just ensure that the dragons and the people are safe.”

He prepared for the worst, communicated his instructions, and in mid-March, embarked quietly on the journey.

He crossed Eagle Kingdom, Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom, and Fallen Leaf Kingdom, finally reaching Kushan Imperial. However, he had no interest in the scenery along the way, only stopping briefly to rest aside from the urgent travel. Space Gems packed with sufficient food kept him, Bard, and Leo nourished.

Short on magic potions, but still enough to sustain the needs of his group.

Thus the stars shifted, and by early April, they reached the Catastrophe Volcano Cluster. The climate here was exceedingly harsh, no vegetation grew, hence it was devoid of habitation.

“Aho!”

Leo sensed the volcanic atmosphere, flew directly out of Li Si Te’s body, transformed into a seventy-meter wingspan black and red Evil Dragon, and dove towards a volcano crater.

Excitement.

Was its first reaction.

“Go, with so many volcanoes, those with lava certainly aren’t few. I hope after you absorb the Volcanic Super Magic here, you’ll grow into a true adult Fire Dragon. Then we can both touch the Bastion, advancing towards the Bastion Knights!” Li Si Te smiled faintly.

He watched Leo fly into a volcano crater.

After a long while, he and Bard, with a melded will, slipped into the world beyond material, searching for a nearby natural node.

Chapter 1100: Selling Gemstones The Catastrophe Volcano Cluster has three easily identifiable natural nodes, scattered among several volcano craters, but no more have been found.

In Liszt's understanding, the formation of every natural node has a direct or indirect connection with a Superior Magic eruption. Among the natural nodes that have been discovered, there are jade vein, brass ore, Jade Dragon's hind leg, and Remains of the Fire Dragon, etc., all of which are related to dragons.

Therefore, it is very likely that Fire Dragons existed in the Catastrophe Volcano Cluster during ancient times—apart from tectonic movements, probably only Fire Dragons can create volcanoes. Of course, there is also a possibility, the Phoenix, which also represents the power of flame, could have created volcanoes.

“Unfortunately, I cannot fully unleash the power of Phoenix Incarnation; creating a volcano is too difficult for me.”

After discovering the three natural nodes, Liszt took the opportunity to inspect the magma distribution in the Catastrophe Volcano Cluster. The amount of magma here, as well as the quantity of Volcanic Super Magic, far exceeds that of the Doomsday Volcano Group on Flame Island.

“There's enough Volcanic Super Magic. Based on Leo's absorption rate at full power, it will become an adult in another six months. At that time, fighting side by side with Leo, we will march towards the Bastion Knights... No, there's no need to break through their defenses. Just a slight advancement, and I will be invincible in the Legendary Continent!”

Standing on a pitch-black rock at the volcano crater, Liszt's gaze swept over the Catastrophe Volcano Cluster, towards the vast mountains beyond: “Once I unite the three kingdoms in the northeastern corner of the Legendary Continent, my next step will be to annihilate the Kushan Imperial!”

A vow of ambition was set.

Bidding farewell to Fire Dragon Leo, who was greedily absorbing the Volcanic Super Magic, Liszt returned to Flame Island directly through the world beyond physical matter.

With the natural nodes providing connection, he only needed to make the trip every three to five days, to bring food and drink to Leo.

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The Male Jade Transmission Array was repaired and completed by Ach in early May.

At this time, the Eagle Kingdom, Steel Ridge Kingdom, and Blast Furnace Fortress Kingdom have officially announced their alliance to jointly develop the sea, organize Dragon Knights to patrol the waters, and actively combat the Flame Kingdom's maritime smuggling routes.

At the same time, Dragon Knights also harassed the rebuilding Heroic Yellow City.

Suppressing Flame Kingdom's foreign trade, cutting off the nutrients for the growth of Flame Kingdom, was roughly the first policy after the formation of the alliance. This indeed proved effective, as it plunged the trade of Flame Kingdom into crisis, with the demand for Magic Potions especially suffering, leaving several dragons starving.

"Let the Mermaids be involved in the maritime trade, each transaction swift and decisive, reducing the chances of being targeted by the Tri-Nation Alliance as much as possible. At the same time, strengthen ties with Snowstorm Mountain Duchy and trade with Yellowstone Kingdom through them... It would be best to make contact with the Yellowstone Royal Family and tell them I plan to sell them Space Gems!"

Space Gems are important strategic materials, but strictly speaking, they are more like a luxury item.

Liszt uses Space Gems to transport essential supplies when he is away from home. As for military applications, they could potentially extend the endurance of Dragon Knights. But a single Space Gem is not enough to satisfy the long-term endurance needs of a Dragon Knight; it would take several together.

Thus, it does not qualify as aiding the enemy.

Therefore, selling Space Gems is entirely feasible, and he had plans to sell them a long time ago.

“Your Majesty, Duke of Snowstorm Mountain has re-established close contact with the Yellowstone Royal Family. The Duke holds Flame Kingdom in awe and believes he will be willing to act as a middleman for us to contact the Yellowstone Royal Family.”

“Spot is very wise; I appreciate him,” Liszt smiled. Although he was still harboring Scart, the Second Prince, it did not prevent him from continuing to do business with Duke Spot, “Tell him to inform the Yellowstone Royal Family that Space Gems are invaluable, but all I need are Magic Potions, plenty of Magic Potions!”

“Yes, Your Majesty, I will relay this to the Duke of Snowstorm Mountain,” Marquis of Heroic Yellow City—Yevich Water Peanut responded.

“Light Green Gem, Mountain Copper, Fine Gold, Mithril can all be sold; however large the Yellowstone Royal Family’s appetite, Flame Kingdom can satisfy them. Also tell Spot that if he facilitates the deal, I will give him a two percent commission and guarantee that Scart will no longer harbor any thoughts of restoration.”

Flame Kingdom has an ample supply of Light Green Gems.

As for Magic Metals, they are in no shortage at all; the Alchemy Magic Circle has been refining Magic Metals for sale. Otherwise, with Flame Kingdom’s resources, it would be impossible to support ten dragons.

“As you wish, Your Majesty. The Duke of Snowstorm Mountain is a smart man; he will surely make the right choices.”

“Smart people are the best; I like doing business with smart people.”

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Having secured the source of the Magic Potion.

Liszt immediately focused all his energy on the entrance to the Land of Ruins.

Ach rode Unicorn Charlie each day near the Ruins Entrance, tending to the spatial rifts, with Formless Dragon Bard assisting on the side. Relying on Bard's spatial power and Ach's powerful magic calculation abilities, they could basically repair a spatial rift within a week.

The dense web of spatial rifts seemed vast, but in actuality, clearing a path just wide enough for Bard to pass through was sufficient.

"From the current intertwining situation of the spatial rifts, approximately sixteen spatial rifts need to be fixed, which means about four months' time, brother," said Ach.

"Four months, eh? I can wait that long."

It had already been two to three years since the rewards from the Smoke Mission had been received; waiting for such a long time naturally didn't bother him to wait another four months.

And at the moment when the Flame Kingdom's foreign trade was suffering under the onslaught of the Tri-Nation Alliance, the Duke of Snowstorm Mountain, enticed by hefty profits, had managed to establish contact with the Yellowstone Royal Family and successfully fostered trade between the two great kingdoms.

"I am already quite familiar with Your Majesty Liszt's legendary tales. May our trade enable you to successfully navigate the blockade by the three major kingdoms."

The person sent by the Yellowstone Royal Family to oversee the trade was that Dragon Knight Prince, speaking in a broken Wind Language.

Liszt had not yet learned the language of the Yellowstone Kingdom, so he could only respond in Wind Language: "Prince Punjab, please convey my friendly greetings to His Majesty Parsak, and I hope that our trade can continue normally."

"Of course, His Majesty Parsak also instructed me to convey his hopes that our two nations can establish a friendship."

“That would be ideal.”

The atmosphere between the two was cordial, but the trade personnel underneath were engaged in a tongue-and-sword battle of negotiation, and after a week’s time, they finally hammered out the details of the trade.

Ten Space Gems were exchanged for one million Mixed Standard Magic Potions, one hundred thousand Single Standard Magic Potions, and five thousand Special Standard Magic Potions. Indeed, the value of a single Space Gem could truly exchange for a large city with a population of one hundred thousand. Unfortunately, the Yellowstone Kingdom did not sell Strong Magic Medicine, Auxiliary Magic Medicine, or Dragon’s Magic Medicine.

Eight hundred Light Green Gems were exchanged for two hundred thousand Mixed Standard Magic Potions, along with a large quantity of wheat, barley, corn, and other grains.

Magic Metals like Mithril, Fine Gold, and Mountain Copper, in turn, were exchanged for a large amount of magic materials.

A month later, the trade was successfully completed.

This greatly relieved Liszt; without the supply of Magic Potions, his dragons would have been in revolt. With this batch of trade goods, the Flame Kingdom could successfully sustain itself for an entire year. Bard, though, had it rough – not only did he have to repair the spatial rifts, but he also painstakingly produced six Space Gems.

To replenish Liszt’s Space Rings, continuing to maintain an everyday carry of over ten pieces for transporting supplies.

In the blink of an eye.

September slowly arrived, and Fire Dragon Leo had not yet returned. Ach had successfully repaired the sixteen spatial rifts, clearing a path to the Land of Ruins.

“Brother, we can now open the Land of Ruins.”

“Yes, we can open it now!” Liszt, riding on Formless Dragon Bard, exchanged smiles with Ach, who was riding Unicorn Charlie.

Then, with a thought, Bard transformed into a beam of light, rushing towards the natural node at the entrance to the Land of Ruins.