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Chapter 1021: Will of the World!

Cracks appeared all over the Candora Magic Mirror. Furthermore, they were spreading rapidly. Although the Candora Magic Mirror was constructed from very unique materials, how could it withstand Merlin's power?

Therefore, with Merlin's additional push, the entire Candora Magic Mirror shattered into smithereens.

"Crack."

The Candora Magic Mirror was finally broken. Merlin's eyes focused keenly. At the same time, a spine-tingling almighty beast's will surged into the air. Although this will consisted of just a single strand, Merlin could sense that the hundreds and thousands of almighty beasts' will it had merged before this stood no chance against it. This strand of will reigned supreme, far above any almighty beast's will!

"Leaving?"

Merlin was already prepared that the moment the mirror was smashed, this will would escape. Therefore, he quickly mobilized his Awareness and devoured this strand of will.

Nonetheless, simply devouring the will was still a distance away from merging it.

Suddenly, this strand of will appeared in Merlin's Awareness. The initially calm Awareness immediately tumbled into a chaotic frenzy. Even the hundreds and thousands of almighty beasts' will which Merlin had previously merged were trembling feebly as if they were fearful of this strand of will.

Merlin took a deep breath. He had already anticipated these changes. Merlin could sense, albeit faintly, the will of the Almighty Beast World's origin from this strand of will!

In the beginning, when Merlin had just arrived in the Almighty Beast World, he was hunted by the entire Almighty Beast World's will. Merlin still remembered that particular sensation. Therefore, Merlin was very familiar with the Almighty Beast World's will.

This was the Almighty Beast World's will!

No matter how powerful or how many almighty beasts' will there were, faced with the will of the Almighty Beast World's origin, they would certainly tremble in fear.

Merlin, on the other hand, was incredibly excited because this confirmed his speculation that the sacred beasts were inseparable from the Almighty Beast World's will. Furthermore, Merlin was ecstatic that the Almighty Beast World's will was completely disconnected. Thus, there was hope for him to swallow it.

The will of a world. If any living creature in this world tried to swallow and merge it, that would be a fool's errand. For those who were born in this world, the will would still possess the utmost supremacy regardless of how weak the will was.

Hence, regardless of how weak the will was, it could not be consumed by living creatures. Perhaps, the sacred beasts were specially bestowed the world's will or perhaps, this was a unique trait of this world.

Merlin was certainly not a living creature born in this world. Although his current body belonged to a creature of this world, his Awareness held the Illusory World.

The Illusory World was not a product of this world. On the contrary, the Illusory World was very dangerous because it had given birth to the natural order, which could destroy this world's will.

"Let's see, if I devour a Latitude Cosmos' will, what will happen to the Illusory World?"

A crazy and bold idea appeared in Merlin's mind. He was going to devour the will of the Almighty Beast World's origin. This was truly outrageous because a Latitude Cosmos' will was a unified body and could not be pulled apart. In the Void Zone where Merlin came from, its will was completely undetachable. A world's will possessed immense power, just like Merlin's Illusory World. Although the Void Zone could not destroy the Illusory World, it could expel Merlin from the Void Zone.

Back then, Merlin did not have the chance to devour the Void Zone's will. However, when he entered the Almighty Beast World, for some reason, the Almighty Beast World's will was scattered.

Especially, the ancient history of this world consisted of many sacred beasts. This meant that the Almighty Beast World's will had been divided into many parts. It was not surprising that despite how weak Merlin was, he was not killed by the Almighty Beast World's will as the will of its origin had been scattered.

Nevertheless, this presented Merlin with an opportunity!

Merlin would only find out the consequences of devouring a Latitude Cosmos' will after he had tried it. For this purpose, Merlin had waited far too long.

Subsequently, Merlin took a deep breath. The Illusory World in his Awareness suddenly expanded and transformed into bright halos that encircled the strand of will.

Upon sensing the abnormality of the Illusory World, this world's will released a huge surge of power that rocked the Awareness.

“Boom.”

Merlin's Awareness shook incessantly and his face turned slightly pale. Nonetheless, sensing the continuous struggle of this single strand of will brought a smile to Merlin's lips. This meant that the Illusory World posed a real threat to the world's will.

“Devour!”

Following Merlin's growl, the Illusory World turned into a black hole that devoured the world's will. However, this strand of will would not give up without a fight. After all, it was a world's will. A Latitude Cosmos' will could not be smothered so easily.

“Crack.”

As soon as this strand of will entered the Illusory World, the extremely sturdy barriers of the Illusory World seemed unable to withstand the onslaught. Cracks began to appear on the barrier as if it would crumble at any moment.

“Smother!”

Merlin took a deep breath. He knew that at this moment, he could not allow the world’s will to continue to wreak havoc. Therefore, he mobilized the Illusory World’s natural order.

This was a genuine world’s natural order. Although only a smidgen of natural order was left, its basic structure remained intact. Thus, it was much stronger than this strand of Almighty Beast World’s will. Thus, Merlin had to rely on his natural order to smother the Latitude Cosmos’ will.

“Boom.”

Suddenly, an inconceivable mountain appeared from within the Illusory World’s natural order and smashed violently onto that strand of Almighty Beast World’s will.

The Almighty Beast World’s will struggled with all its might but in the face of a powerful natural order, it could not put up any resistance and collapsed. Then, it transformed into a strange force that merged with Merlin’s Illusory World.

“Rumble.”

Without any warning, Merlin’s Illusory World began to expand rapidly. Compared to the time when he was slowly improving his physical condition, this expansion was a hundred times faster.

Besides that, the Illusory World’s barriers were also strengthening. Most importantly, the world’s natural order, which had been recovering at a snail’s pace, suddenly recovered at a faster pace.

At the same time, Merlin did not know if it was a delusion but he felt as though the Illusory World had a tangible presence. This was purely his intuition. As the keeper of the Illusory World, he was highly sensitive to even the tiniest change in the Illusory World. Hence, he had this prickling feeling.

“It’s becoming tangible? So, the Illusory World can be transformed from illusion to reality by devouring a Latitude Cosmos’ will?”

An idea popped into Merlin’s mind. This particular idea roused a wave of excitement in him.

“The Almighty Beast World’s will... Now, only the Almighty Beast World’s will can help me progress! Even if my intuition is wrong, this world’s will still have a tremendous effect on the recovery of the Illusory World. I must find more and bigger Almighty Beast World’s will”.

A clear path gradually took shape in Merlin’s heart. He did not care about becoming a sacred beast but the Almighty Beast World’s will which was contained in the sacred beasts could help speed up the recovery of the Illusory World. Therefore, he would have to launch a large-scale search for the sacred beasts’ will.

As for directly provoking the Almighty Beast World’s will, presently, Merlin still did not have sufficient strength. Although the Almighty Beast World’s will was scattered, it could easily quash Merlin, who was yet to recover one ten-thousandth of his power.

Thus, Merlin’s option was limited to searching for weak, scattered strands of the world’s will, which he could safely devour to restore the Illusory World. He would have to wait at least until the Illusory World was completely recovered or even stronger.

However, he needed to start searching for scattered sacred beasts’ will. Just the first step was remarkably difficult because besides the Candora Magic Mirror, Merlin had never heard of any place which kept a sacred beast’s will.

Chapter 1022: Ancestor Damon!

In the Candora Empire, especially the palace, the King was fuming in his heart. The Candora Magic Mirror had been snatched out of their hands yet they were completely helpless about it. They did not even dare to tell anyone about what had happened to it.

Now that they had lost the Candora Magic Mirror, the superiority held by the Candora Empire over the other empires and factions was greatly reduced.

Fortunately, other than the Candora Magic Mirror, the Candora Empire would not suffer any further damage. The Candora Empire was the true foundation of the royal family. As long as they maintained control over the empire, losing the Candora Magic Mirror was not a big deal.

“Swish.”

Merlin’s figure appeared once again in the empty palace. This time, he came silently and surreptitiously, so no one was alerted.

“Perhaps, by tracing the history of the Candora Magic Mirror, I can find some clues about other places which might contain the sacred beasts’ will!”

Merlin murmured. This was his plan. He wanted to find the sacred beasts’ will, so he would start with the Candora Magic Mirror.

Therefore, Merlin came directly to the palace. He did not alert anyone but walked toward the king’s location.

The King of the Candora Empire was currently discussing the loss of the Candora Magic Mirror and its effect on the empire with the Candora Trio-Lords. Although they knew that the practical utility of the Candora Magic Mirror was not very substantial, there was still the issue of the undeniable threat posed by Merlin on the empire.

Merlin appeared in the palace. He did not hide his aura so the Candora Trio-Lords and the king noticed him at once.

“Leon, we’ve already given you the Candora Magic Mirror. What more do you want?”

Seeing Merlin reappearing in the palace, the king was immediately on the edge as if facing a great enemy.

Merlin grinned and opened said, “The Candora Magic Mirror? Don’t try to bluff me because other than you, I’m sure others know about it. If I get different answers, the Candora Empire might remain standing but the royal family will certainly disappear.”

Amid his placid tone, there was a hint of cruelty that caused the king and the Candora Trio-Lords to flinch.

“You... You’d better not overstep your boundaries!”

The king glared at Merlin with loathing. The royal family had lost its dignity before Merlin.

Merlin did not say anything. He simply stared at the Candora Trio-Lords and the king. An invisible pressure caused the Candora Trio-Lords’ expression to pale.

“Your Majesty, it’s probably better to just tell him.”

After a moment, the Candora Trio-Lords finally spoke up. They dared not challenge Merlin's ability. At Merlin's current level, no force on the mainland could defy him.

The king's face was sullen but he knew that there was nothing the Candora Empire could do to Merlin. All they could do was fulfill Merlin's requests as best as they could, even though these requests were a humiliation to the royal family. The royal family had no dignity left.

"Very well, I can tell you the history of the Candora Magic Mirror. It was handed to us by the most ancient existence of the royal family. Only this ancestor knows about the origin of the Magic Mirror."

"Where's this ancestor?"

Merlin asked evenly.

The Candora Trio-Lords looked at the king and said in a low voice, "Your Majesty, why don't you allow the three of us to bring Leon to the ancestor?"

If even the Candora Trio-Lords referred to this ancient existence as an "ancestor", the person's age must be almost prehistoric. At least, the Candora Trio-Lords did not know how long the ancestor had lived.

The king nodded his consent and waved his hand. Thus, the Candora Trio-Lords led Merlin toward the deeper part of the palace. While the Candora Empire's history was not as established as the Holy Dragon Empire, its foundation was still impressive.

Merlin followed behind the Candora Trio-Lords languidly. He believed that the Candora Empire would not dare to act rashly against him. At Merlin's current achievements, other than the Almighty Beast World's will, almost nothing could pose a threat to him.

Soon, the Candora Trio-Lords had led Merlin to the deepest bowels of the palace. They turned into a small courtyard. The fact that such a small courtyard existed in the palace was quite peculiar.

The Candora Trio-Lords cast a look at Merlin and stated calmly, "Ancestor Damon is in there."

A strange expression flashed across Merlin's eyes. Even the Candora Trio-Lords seemed to treat this ancestor with great reverence. It did not seem like this ancestor was an ultimate contender. This was because while there were some disparities between ultimate contenders, the differences would not be too pronounced. There would not be a qualitative gap.

Therefore, all the ultimate contenders stood at the apex. The fact that the Candora Trio-Lords bestowed the ancestor with such reverence proved that he was not what he seemed to be.

Nonetheless, Merlin did not feel threatened. If this ancestor was a worthy foe to him, then the Candora Empire would not have handed over the Candora Magic Mirror so easily.

Upon entering the courtyard, Merlin immediately spotted a lounge chair underneath a few big trees. There was an old man currently lounging on the chair.

"Ancestor Damon!"

The Candora Trio-Lords greeted respectfully. “This is Leon. He wants to know the origins of the Candora Magic Mirror. We’re unacquainted, so we can only bring him to see you.”

“Leon? Is that the person who snatched away the Candora Magic Mirror?”

The snoozing Ancestor Damon opened his eyes. His narrowed eyes seemed capable of seeing through Merlin.

Merlin’s was slightly surprised. He almost felt that all his secrets were bared, including the Illusory World in his body was openly exposed. However, the feeling also seemed to be a delusion because when he peered at this Ancestor Damon closely, everything returned to normal.

“Was it a delusion?”

Merlin shook his head. At this juncture, who could pose a threat to him?

“Yes, the Candora Magic Mirror is very important to me. Ancestor Damon, can you tell me where you’ve obtained it?”

Merlin immediately stepped forward and stared at Ancestor Damon.

Ancestor Damon looked quite ordinary but judging from the aura on his body, he was probably around the level of an ultimate contender. However, to Merlin, there were no real differences between the ultimate contenders and ordinary full-shifter contenders anymore.

“I obtained the Candora Magic Mirror by coincidence. I got it from a merchant. As for where the merchant found the Magic Mirror, I don’t know.”

Ancestor Damon’s reply disappointed Merlin. A merchant from goodness-knew how long ago. A merchant was not an ultimate contender, so he would not have lived for such a long time.

The clues reached a dead-end. The origins of the Candora Magic Mirror appeared to be unknown.

Thereafter, Ancestor Damon shut his eyes again, seemingly unbothered about Merlin.

The Candora Trio-Lords smiled bitterly. “Leon, we’ve already brought you to see the ancestor but even he doesn’t know about the Candora Magic Mirror’s origins.”

Merlin nodded and was about to leave. Suddenly, his steps faltered and he turned around abruptly.

“Ancestor Damon, the reason I want to know about the Candora Magic Mirror’s origins isn’t because I need the mirror. My interest lies in the sacred beasts’ will in the mirror! I believe you probably know many other things that I’m interested in. Would you tell me about it?”

Merlin’s eyes were twinkling yet they became sterner as he stared at Ancestor Damon.

Ancestor Damon’s entire body shuddered. He slowly opened his eyes. Although his facial expression remained unflustered, there was a slight change in his gaze.

Chapter 1023: A Battle Between Sacred Beasts I

“Oh? I wonder what I have that could be of interest to the lofty foremost contender of the land?”

Ancestor Damon’s tone did not fluctuate as he spoke mildly.

Merlin enunciated each word coldly, “The world’s will!”

“Rumble.”

Ancestor Damon trembled and the entire courtyard seemed to quake as well. At the same time, the Candora Trio-Lords sensed an incomparable force coming off Ancestor Damon, causing them to shudder.

They were mighty ultimate contenders yet they trembled. Without having to fight, they knew they were no match for Ancestor Damon by far. Nonetheless, this was what most surprised them. Previously, though they had felt that Ancestor Damon was mysterious, he seemed to be an ordinary ultimate contender. Who knew that Ancestor Damon’s force would be so terrifying?

This was not the Ancestor Damon they knew. The Ancestor Damon they knew did not possess such fearsome force that caused them to tremble in dread.

As for the “world’s will” mentioned by Merlin, they had not even heard of it. Each of them felt that this matter had a deeper meaning to it.

“Hehe, it’s one thing for an outsider like you to stay quietly in this world but you’ve stirred up so much trouble. Haha, don’t you know that once your secret is exposed, the world’s will would immediately wipe you out? Do you think you’ll be able to contend against the entire world’s will?”

Ancestor Damon gradually stood up, his eyes as piercing as blades as they glared coldly at Merlin.

It turned out that the sensation of being exposed was not Merlin’s misperception. Ancestor Damon truly had seen him through. Even Merlin’s identity was exposed by him in a few words. Merlin was still rather astounded. This was the first time someone had discerned his identity. Merlin was ultimately not a man of this world.

Even so, Merlin did not panic and instead, took a deep breath. He laughed coldly. “Ancestor Damon, the world’s will can obliterate me indeed. However, you possess a strand of force from the world’s will. You’re unlike an ordinary ultimate contender. Could you be an avatar of the world’s will?”

Merlin’s expression turned increasingly icy. He had already vaguely sensed something unusual about Ancestor Damon, which was a strand of the world’s will. As Merlin had acutely detected this strand, he had stopped here.

“Swoosh.”

Ancestor Damon’s face shifted slightly but he did not speak, keeping his cold glare on Merlin.

“Let me guess. Only the legendary sacred beasts can possess the world’s will. Plus, you’re the one who gave the Candora Magic Mirror to the Candora royal family. That strand of sacred beast’s will in the Candora Magic Mirror must be your own. Have I guessed correctly?”

Merlin asked with a stiff smile. Conversely, a huge change washed over the Candora Trio-Lords beside him.

“Ancestor Damon is a sacred beast? How’s that possible?”

“A sacred beast – the sacred beast’s will in the Candora Magic Mirror is really Ancestor Damon’s?”

“Our Candora Empire has a sacred beast existence!”

The Candora Trio-Lords’ faces were filled with incredulity. Their ancestor was a sacred beast. Anyone who heard this would feel incredulous.

However, if he were a sacred beast, why had he hidden here all this while and never revealed himself?

“Haha, outsider, not bad, you’re not wrong. I’m a sacred beast and I made the Candora Magic Mirror with my own hands. As for the Candora Empire, I founded it from behind the scenes to create a peaceful environment. However, you’ve now destroyed my peaceful environment. To prevent my secret from leaking out and avoid the detection of the world’s will, you must die today!”

“Boom.”

Instantly, an endless, mighty force burst out of Ancestor Damon. Simultaneously, he started to shapeshift. A colossal almighty beast of unparalleled size emerged in the sky, its body covered in countless scales. The two wings on its back shielded nearly half of the city. It was inconceivable how large it was.

Compared to this almighty beast, any other almighty beast was not worth mentioning, seeming minuscule.

“Great... Great Dragon?”

“Ancestor Damon is a Sacred Dragon?”

“My goodness, isn’t that the legendary Great Dragon?”

Ancestor Damon had revealed his true self, which was the ancient and renowned Sacred Dragon, possessing terrifying strength to wreak the land. In ancient times, it had left behind an unknown number of bloodlines.

“A Sacred Dragon?”

Merlin was stunned deep down. Just this gigantic bulk already gave him an unprecedented pressure. At this point, he no longer held back and displayed his complete shifted form for the first time.

“Roar...”

Rows of spurs grew over Merlin’s body as he rapidly swelled up, getting unimaginably bigger. The terrifying aura of his body also grew, causing one to feel suffocated.

After Merlin had merged with over a thousand almighty beasts’ will, this was the first time he had unleashed his shifted form at full strength. Even he did not know how fearsome he would be after shapeshifting.

The Candora Trio-Lords stared at the shapeshifted Merlin with mouths agape. No one could expect that he had transformed into an incomparably immense body and had grown this powerful now. His body after shapeshifting was like an enormous peak and his momentous size was not inferior to Ancestor Damon’s sacred beast in the slightest.

It turned out that Merlin had reached this extent of power, which was far from what the Candora Trio-Lords could have imagined. It was not surprising that even when Merlin did not exhibit his shifted form, they were no match for him.

“This feeling of strength!”

Merlin felt that he was somewhat close to his power in the Void Zone for the first time. He was standing at the apex, having nearly unrivaled strength! After he had shapeshifted, he felt his body brimming with incomparable energy. The force of his body clashed against Ancestor Damon’s and was not inferior at all. Both were evenly matched.

Ancestor Damon’s face shifted slightly. He glared steadily at Merlin’s shifted body. What a peculiar form. He dared to assert that no sacred beast of the ancient past had possibly looked like this.

Even so, it seemed that only sacred beasts could possess such an enormous body. Other than that, he had never heard of an almighty beast growing to this point.

“It’s impossible, he can’t possibly be a sacred beast! Although the force of his body is formidable, he doesn’t have the world’s will!”

To become a sacred beast, one must possess the world’s will because originally, sacred beasts were a part of the world’s will. Still, Ancestor Damon did not detect any world’s will from Merlin.

“Kill.”

Ancestor Damon did not hesitate. Faced with a “monstrosity” like Merlin, he wished to test how strong Merlin was. Thus, Ancestor Damon’s massive body employed a primitive, direct movement, which was to barrel directly toward Merlin with its gigantic mass.

Merlin could feel his endless, boundless power throughout his body. As he stared at Ancestor Damon’s Great Dragon form hurtling toward him ruthlessly, he made no evasive maneuvers at all. After all, who could evade that gigantic body?

He could only meet force with force!

“Roar...”

Merlin roared thunderously. He was clashing with a true sacred beast – the Sacred Dragon. This was a peak power in this world. Two incomparable sacred beasts viciously collided amid their roars.

“Boom.”

In the capital city of the Candora Empire, everyone felt as if it was difficult to breathe as a crash rang out in their minds. The collision of two unmatched sacred beasts caused a terrifying shockwave that spread mightily in all directions. Everything in its path was reduced to dust.

All was dust. No one would resist this. This was a true battle between sacred beasts, enough to destroy the land itself. Even the fallout of the fight could easily annihilate a city.

The Candora Trio-Lords were endlessly appalled and hurriedly fled backward as far as they could. They certainly dared not stay here one second longer. Whether it was Merlin or Ancestor Damon, ultimate contenders like them could not compare by far.

After the forceful clash, Merlin and Ancestor Damon each merely retreated a short distance but neither were injured. Conversely, their aggression was more inflamed. It was their first clash but they were evenly matched. No one had the upper hand.

“A sacred beast’s body – so a Host can rely on their overpowering will to suppress tens of thousands of almighty beasts’ will and grow into a genuine sacred beast’s body!”

How incisive was Ancestor Damon’s observation? Naturally, in one glance, he could discern the reason Merlin had grown so formidable. In other words, sacred beasts were an avatar of the world’s will, so naturally, Merlin could not conceal his differences from Ancestor Damon.

Merlin had relied on being a Host and the superiority of his willpower to suppress and merge countless almighty beasts' will. At last, he had obtained a sacred beast's body.

Nonetheless, this was just a sacred beast's body. If one read between the lines of what Ancestor Damon had said, sacred beasts were not that straightforward.

“Again!”

This time, Merlin moved first. His gigantic bulk exploded at full might and the spurs over his body became even sharper as if they could tear through anything.

Chapter 1024: A Battle Between Sacred Beasts II

In the massive Candora Empire, many people had responded to the news and arrived on the outskirts of the capital city.

However, the current situation of the city had caused everyone to be rather dumbstruck. The capital city that had been incomparably flourishing with sturdy walls was now razed to the ground. Moreover, a gigantic pit had appeared in the middle as if some fearsome force had caused this.

In the distance, there were a few ultimate contenders of the Candora Empire. From the beginning, they had witnessed the battle in the capital city. It was this earth-shattering fight that had reduced the incomparably prosperous city to this state.

“Sacred beasts... This is the might of sacred beasts. Who could’ve thought that Ancestor Damon was a great sacred beast?”

“To think that a sacred beast had been hiding among us. However, Leon is the true terror. He wasn’t a hidden sacred beast and the trajectory of his growth can be traced. He was an ordinary person with no inheritance of an almighty beast bloodline but through a series of incidents, he became a Host. Things got out of hand after that. Now, he has become a grand existence that could rival a sacred beast. It’s difficult to tell who’s winning in his battle against Ancestor Damon. He’s not backing down at all.”

“In that case, to become a sacred beast, the Host’s path is the correct method?”

These ultimate contenders did not mourn the capital city that was razed to the ground. Conversely, they were very excited because they had seen Merlin creating a miracle as if he had opened a wide door for them. Through this door, they learned that in the journey to become a sacred beast, only Hosts could become a great existence on par with sacred beasts.

Of course, whether Merlin was a sacred beast was no longer important. What was crucial was he possessed a strength that could compare to a sacred beast, just like now where Ancestor Damon, a Sacred Dragon, could not handle Merlin.

“Hoo...”

A breeze passed by. In the gigantic pit, two almighty beasts of immense size were facing off. Currently, both of these horrifying almighty beasts had stopped, no longer continuing to fight.

Ancestor Damon’s eyes were fixed steadily upon Merlin. His heart was currently caught in turbulent waves. As a sacred beast, who even possessed the world’s will, naturally, he knew

many secrets. The entire continent was a Latitude Cosmos and beyond it was a wider space. The Almighty Beast World was merely a drop in the ocean.

Previously, he had not encountered any “outsiders” who came to the Almighty Beast World from another place. However, after noticing Merlin’s peculiar force, he knew about Merlin’s true identity. Merlin was an “outsider” who had entered the Almighty Beast World.

Nonetheless, even Ancestor Damon had not expected that this outsider, Merlin, had exploited the powers of the Almighty Beast World to grow to such a formidable extent. Even Ancestor Damon was helpless against Merlin.

After a long moment, Ancestor Damon drew in a deep breath and said coldly, “Outsider, you’d better leave quickly. You’ve already grown to this stage. The world is huge. You can go anywhere. Why obsess over the world’s will in me?”

Ancestor Damon’s words showed signs of giving in but Merlin seemed to infer something and shook his head. “I’m determined to obtain the world’s will!”

This concerned whether Merlin could reinstate the Illusory World. He could not give up.

Upon seeing Merlin’s resolute expression, Ancestor Damon’s gaze sharpened slightly as he laughed mirthlessly. “Outsider, you think you can compare to a sacred beast? What a joke. For a true sacred beast, their greatest strength isn’t their physical power but how strong the world’s will that they’d obtained. If I mobilized the world’s will, I’ll arouse the entire Almighty Beast World’s will and channel the power of the entire Almighty Beast World. Can you contend against the entire Almighty Beast World?”

This was the true strength of sacred beasts. They could mobilize the power of the world’s will and the world’s strength. No one could resist this.

Merlin frowned but soon, his face relaxed once more. Indeed, he was unable to contend against the Almighty Beast World's power currently. Moreover, he believed that his opponent could truly mobilize the Almighty Beast World's power because sacred beasts were equivalent to avatars of the Almighty Beast World's will.

Nonetheless, Ancestor Damon had hidden in the palace of the Candora Empire for so many years. Up until now, in the key point of the battle, Merlin had merely sensed the force of the world's will in his opponent's body but he did not notice Ancestor Damon using the world's will at all.

This was not how a sacred beast should act. In some old records, each movement from the ancient sacred beasts would come with earth-shattering force for it contained the power of the world's will.

However, at present, Ancestor Damon still had not used the world's will. Merlin had roughly surmised why.

“Ancestor Damon, as a Sacred Dragon, I'm afraid it wasn't easy for you to survive until now, right? Although I don't know what happened, you're fearful, hiding from something. In the entire Almighty Beast World, the only thing that can make you fearful and evasive is the world's will.

“Since you know I'm an outsider, then surely you know that a Latitude Cosmos' will is a unified whole. Nevertheless, the Almighty Beast World's will had been divided into many sacred beasts. This was far too strange. However, the sacred beasts gradually disappeared, probably dead. As sacred beasts, what power could be a threat to them?

“Only the world's will itself. It wanted to become a complete will, the strongest will. Therefore, after the end of an ancient era, when the sacred beasts lost their value, the world's

will took back the sacred beasts' will. With that, it slowly fulfilled its own will to its strongest state, to better maintain the entire Almighty Beast World.

“Ancestor Damon, you were unwilling to give up your own world's will. I don't know how you did it but you escaped the pursuit of the world's will and hid in the Candora Empire for so many years. If you mobilize the world's will, the first one who will be troubled by the world's will would be yourself! I wonder if I've guessed correctly?”

Many thoughts had emerged in Merlin's mind. This conjecture had been going on for more than one or two days. However, Merlin had been rather bold for he had no evidence since he had never seen a true sacred beast.

However, now he had encountered a true sacred beast from the legends and had learned about the relationship between the world's will and sacred beasts. Thus, his initial assumptions were confirmed and he became more certain of his conjecture.

After listening to Merlin's composed and unhurried reasoning, Ancestor Damon's expression turned increasingly hostile. It was not that he could not conceal his thoughts but that there was no need to. He knew that Merlin had guessed correctly – he dared not mobilized the world's will now.

Once Ancestor Damon had used the world's will and was noticed by the Almighty Beast World's will, it would no longer target Merlin but him instead. His world's will would be seized first.

A sacred beast without the world's will was just an ordinary almighty beast. In the past, many sacred beasts had had their world's will stripped away and thus, vanished without a trace. Almost all had died.

Only Ancestor Damon had used some special methods to evade that disaster. Unexpectedly, he had encountered an “outsider” like Merlin, leaving him with no way out.

“What do you want?”

Damon asked with a furrowed brow.

“The world’s will. I just want the world’s will!”

Merlin said in a steely voice. Other than the world’s will, other things were useless to him.

“Haha, the world’s will and I are now one. How can I give it to you without a good cause? Even if I do, I won’t be a sacred beast anymore. If you force my hand and even if I risk being discovered by the world’s will, I’ll mobilize the world’s will within me.”

Ancestor Damon’s voice was firm as well. He could not hand over the world’s will.

“Oh, I’m determined to get that world’s will!”

With that, Merlin dashed forward, heading directly toward Ancestor Damon.

“Must I take that step?”

Ancestor Damon knew that this time, he had no way out. Therefore, he took a deep breath. A force familiar to Merlin began to appear over his body – the force of the world’s will!

“Outsider, even if I’m stripped of my world’s will, before that happens, you’ll surely die!”

Ancestor Damon’s eyes were bulging wildly. He truly could not understand why Merlin must obtain the world’s will. A life and death struggle like this benefitted no one.

Even so, Merlin did not hold back at all, racing toward Ancestor Damon. Seeing that the situation could not be redeemed, Ancestor Damon could only sigh heavily then cried out, “Come, the world’s will!”

“Boom.”

A matchless shocking will seemed to bore down from the darkness. At once, Merlin felt a momentous threat. This was the true will of the world that being mobilized by Ancestor Damon.

“World Projection!”

Damon lowered his voice as he squeezed out each word. This was a power that all sacred beasts possessed. With their own world’s will as the foundation, they brought down the World Projection of the entire Almighty Beast World, crushing anyone other than sacred beasts.

Even sacred beasts were only unaffected by the World Projection because they possessed the world’s will. If one was an outsider like Merlin who did not have the world’s will and who was

not an avatar of the world's will, one must face a portion of the entire Almighty Beast World's power.

Although this was just a portion, it was already enough for Merlin to be caught in a difficult situation.

“Buzz buzz buzz.”

The entire sky turned into a sweep of shadow and swiftly plunged into the ground. This was the World Projection. Merlin was too familiar with it. Even the Illusory World in his body was about to be suppressed.

This was the true Almighty Beast World's will!

A sharp glint flashed in Merlin's eyes. He perceived that in the darkness, the world's will that had made him endlessly fearful was slowly descending. Its goal was to take back the only remaining will of the world in Ancestor Damon's body.

Once it succeeded, the Almighty Beast World's will would truly reach a state of perfection. If Merlin wished to devour the world's will, it would be impossible.

Therefore, what Merlin could do now was seize the moment to preemptively devour the world's will in Ancestor Damon's body.

Chapter 1025: Fate!

“Rumble.”

The projection of the world’s will immediately crashed down. Merlin felt a tremendous pressure that he was unable to resist at all. Even though his strength had improved significantly, faced with the entire projection of the world, he was still powerless.

This was the power of sacred beasts to mobilize the world’s will to shatter the earth!

“Merlin! Activate the Illusory World! Even if you don’t use the Illusory World, this World Projection would still pulverize you. At that point, the Illusory World would naturally be exposed. Now, your only chance is to devour the world’s will in Ancestor Damon’s body before the world’s will can do so. Perhaps the Illusory World can recover then and able to contend against the entire Almighty Beast World’s will.”

Titus’ voice cried out in Merlin’s ear. Merlin was now in a precarious situation. He was facing Ancestor Damon’s sacred beast form, who had mobilized the world’s will, causing the entire world to cast down its World Projection.

Although it was merely a projection, it was not something Merlin could block now. Only by using the Illusory World and with the speed of lightning, devouring the world’s will in Damon’s body, would he have a chance of restoring the Illusory World.

Even if the Illusory World was not fully recovered, based on its previous power, the Almighty Beast World’s will before him was not as formidable as the Void Zone’s will. Back then, Merlin’s Illusory World was a mighty existence that could contend against the world’s will of the Void Zone. Thus, even if it was not fully recovered, it should be able to somewhat withstand the world’s will, unlike when Merlin first entered the Almighty Beast World and was frantically pursued.

Ancestor Damon's gaze bore steadily into Merlin. After he had mobilized the world's will, he did not display much emotion as if he was above all else, with everything in his control.

"Return – sacred beasts are a part of the world's will in the first place. I've hidden for so many years. It's time for me to return..."

Damon had the intention of returning long ago, only he had lacked the courage. Now that he had encountered Merlin, he was not confident that he could dispose of Merlin. Therefore, he could only summon the courage to immediately activate the world's will.

Currently, the World Projection had been brought forward. After it killed Merlin, the remaining strand of the world's will would be thoroughly fused, resulting in a complete world's will that would guard this Latitude Cosmos.

However, faced with Merlin, this World Projection also seemed to turn unreal. Merlin was an outsider and would always have some unimaginable, powerful techniques.

"Illusory World, win or lose depends on this!"

Merlin soon made his decision and swiftly mobilized the Illusory World in his body. A dusky glimmer instantly blanketed the sky.

"Boom."

The entire world quaked as if a scary presence was awakening. Merlin's Illusory World was revealed once more – a complete and illusory universe that had its natural order. This was the greatest threat to a Latitude Cosmos.

At once, the Almighty Beast World's will arrived at its greatest speed.

“What... What's this?”

It was Ancestor Damon who was most shocked. He had mobilized the world's will and even brought down the projection of the world's will. This was his most powerful move as a sacred beast. In the world of sacred beasts, the world's will was an unrivaled existence. Therefore, Damon had thought that by unleashing the world's will and calling upon the World Projection, he could easily defeat Merlin. Nonetheless, now he realized that he had no way of sensing the outside world and was even cut off from the world's will.

A change like this was astonishing to Ancestor Damon. He was even at a loss of what to do. He had been in the Almighty Beast World for so many years but had never encountered a scene as strange as this. In particular, that dim glimmering layer seemed to contain a terrifying power, forming a threat to his world's will.

“Who are you?”

Damon yelled out sternly.

“You already know – I'm an outsider! Since I'm an outsider, of course, I have my ways to deal with you. Did you think that all outsiders are weak? All I want is the world's will in your body.”

Merlin's eyes flashed coldly and he did not delay any further. Mobilizing the Illusory World at full strength, he had isolated Ancestor Damon.

Simultaneously, he also activated the binding powers of the Illusory World, especially the natural order's power, which forcibly extracted a portion of the world's will from Ancestor Damon's body.

This portion of the world's will was far stronger than the will contained in the Candora Magic Mirror. The will in the Magic Mirror was merely one strand but the will of the world in Ancestor Damon's body was a whole portion, containing terrifying, ultimate might. Any living creature born in this world, upon seeing this portion of the world's will, would feel a tremble deep in their hearts.

Nevertheless, Merlin was not a being born in this world. He was a noble existence that could contend against a Latitude Cosmos. Therefore, a complete strand of the world's natural order emerged in his Illusory World at once.

Although Merlin's Illusory World was merely an intangible world and had not yet materialized, he had already condensed the world's natural order – a very complete one at that.

A world's natural order was the core strength of a world as well as its mightiest asset. It was responsible for the fundamental operations of a world. Thus, once the natural order appeared, it brought with it an unstoppable crushing force, firmly suppressing this portion of the world's will.

“Boom boom boom.”

In the sky, the entire Almighty Beast World seemed to go insane. The World Projection in the sky descended even faster. Merlin did not have much time left. The entire world's will might arrive at any moment now.

“Devour!”

The natural order of Merlin’s world successfully crushed this portion of the world’s will into smithereens and swiftly fused it with the Illusory World. At once, the Illusory World started to quickly and wildly expand. It grew by tens of thousands of miles, enlarging at an inconceivable rate.

At the same time, the initial, singular strand of the natural order, after being merged with this portion of the Almighty Beast World’s will, began to condense new strands of the natural order, one after another.

When Merlin had been in the Void Zone, the Illusory World had many natural order. However, after leaving the Void Zone, the Illusory World was smashed and scattered, leaving only a small wisp of the natural order that made it into the Almighty Beast World.

By now, under the stimulation of that portion of the world’s will, strands of brand new natural order were rapidly restored. With the emergence of the natural order, the Illusory World’s recovery was even faster.

“Ten percent recovered!”

“Twenty percent recovered!”

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Titus was constantly observing the restoration of the Illusory World. After fully devouring the portion of the Almighty Beast World's will, the Illusory World's rate of recovery was outrageously fast. In a very short time, it had recovered thirty percent of what it had been in full bloom.

Thirty percent of power was, of course, insufficient to contend against a Latitude Cosmos' will. Fortunately, Merlin's Illusory World was ceaselessly recovering, showing no signs of slowing down at all.

"The entire world's will has arrived. What's this outsider doing? Can he fight against the entire world's will?"

Ancestor Damon could only stare at the sky dumbly. Now he had lost his portion of the world's will and was no longer a sacred beast.

Even so, he was once a true sacred beast after all. Naturally, he could sense the entire world's will exploding at full strength, frantically heading here, gathering over Merlin in particular.

To be able to alarm the entire world's will was enough to show how scary Merlin was. This "outsider" was far more fearsome than Ancestor Damon had imagined.

"Could it be that he's going to devour the world's will?"

A wild guess flashed in Ancestor Damon's heart – Merlin was devouring the world's will, even ultimately transcending the world's will, controlling the entire Almighty Beast World.

This was the crazy plan that Ancestor Damon had thought of to avoid his world's will being taken back. However, he discovered that it was too challenging to do this. The world's will in his body was his greatest power but to use this to contend against the entire world's will was a joke. It was impossible.

As a result, Ancestor Damon had become discouraged, beginning to think of "returning" the world's will. However, he had never expected that this "outsider" could pull it off.

Of course, this was not necessarily a good thing for this world. With the maintenance of the world's will, the world could operate as usual. If Merlin devoured the world's will, would the entire world not collapse, falling into chaos?

"Rumble."

Ancestor Damon instantly retreated hundreds of miles. He could sense that the world's will was getting closer. The most terrifying thing was, the World Projection was fast arriving. This was a portion of the world's strength. Whether Merlin could block the World Projection's power was difficult to tell.

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"Fifty percent! Merlin, the Illusory World had recovered fifty percent of its power. Haha, this World Projection can't do anything against you."

Titus' laughter rang out beside Merlin's ear. The Illusory World was fifty percent recovered, so the recovery speed started to dwindle.

To deal with a mere projection, a half-recovered Illusory World would not have any problems.

As the dust and smoke dispersed, Merlin was left alone in the air. He stood silently in empty space, facing the terrifying World Projection in the sky, appearing very tiny.

“Break!”

Merlin glanced at the World Projection in the sky and pointed a finger. The Illusory World’s power was fully stimulated, turning into an enormous palm. Like a skyscraping giant, it viciously pushed the World Projection in the sky.

This was a true battle against the heavens, against the entire world. In a dizzying flash, Merlin felt like he was back in the Void Zone.

He knew very well that ever since he had refined the Mind Power system and walked the path of a Mind Power Master, especially having created the Illusory World, no matter which Latitude Cosmos he was in, he would ultimately walk the path of facing off the Latitude Cosmos’ will.

Chapter 1026: The Flawed Will of the World

This was Merlin’s path. From the moment he had condensed the Illusory World, it had been determined. He and the Latitude Cosmos’ will would ultimately end up in a life-and-death conflict.

“Boom.”

An earth-shattering crash rang out and the entire Almighty Beast World seemed to shudder. Waves of energy spread out in all directions like ripples on water.

“Pffft.”

After receiving a shove from the Illusory World that Merlin had condensed, the fearsome World Projection shattered instantly and swiftly started to dissipate. It turned into nothing and vanished into thin air.

Currently, Merlin's Illusory World had finally digested that portion of the world's will from Ancestor Damon's body. Its recovery progress was seventy percent of what it had been at its peak!

Seventy percent was a major restoration. Merlin's Illusory World was so frightening that it could go a few rounds against a Latitude Cosmos. Moreover, the current Illusory World was different now. Its barrier was no longer fragile but instead, had become more solid, not inferior to the barrier of an ordinary Latitude Cosmos at all.

Furthermore, the strands of the world's natural order that were condensed had integrated into the natural order of the Illusory World, the Void Zone, and the Almighty Beast World, thus producing this natural order.

One of the aspects that Merlin had incorporated was the sturdy space in the Almighty Beast World. Therefore, the newly recovered Illusory World's space was far more stable than before.

Merlin's every step was a preparation to materialize the Illusory World in the future.

The sky above the Candora Empire was changing and volatile. Following the defeat of world's will and World Projection, the threatening force did not lessen but instead, grew more intense.

In particular, the approaching will was even more fearsome, causing everyone to feel insignificant.

Ancestor Damon looked up toward the sky and mumbled, "It has arrived at last!"

Naturally, Ancestor Damon could sense that the Almighty Beast World's will had finally arrived. However, it was a shame that the portion of the will, which he had wanted to merge with the Almighty Beast World's will, had been devoured and fused by Merlin.

By now, Ancestor Damon was aware of the threat posed by an "outsider" like Merlin. This threat toward the entire Almighty Beast World was far greater than the splitting of the world's will into different portions.

“Merlin, the Almighty Beast World’s will has arrived. The Illusory World has recovered by seventy percent now. This world’s will isn’t complete and it’s much weaker than the Void Zone’s will. So, this is possibly very dangerous but it’s an opportunity. If you can devour the Almighty Beast World’s will, even just a small bit, it’ll bring unimaginable benefits to the Illusory World. I feel that the turning point of the Illusory World’s evolution is this world’s will...”

Titus’ voice reverberated in Merlin’s ear. As the first Mind Power Master to condense an Illusory World, Titus knew very well the features of the Illusory World.

In particular, he had always stayed in the Illusory World so his understanding of the Illusory World was only second to Merlin. He could detect that the world’s will would bring various benefits to the Illusory World.

The Illusory World that had undergone seventy percent recovery had a fighting chance against the incomplete Almighty Beast World’s will!

“Hum hum hum.”

The initially sunny sky darkened. At the same time, gigantic vortexes appeared in the sky, “glaring” at Merlin as if it possessed multiple eyes.

The world’s will had arrived, mobilizing the power of the entire world. Merlin had once experienced the might of the Almighty Beast World.

Merlin’s body floated silently in the air, surrounded by a layer of dim light. It seemed like any energy that entered this region would be distorted.

This was the Illusory World, stimulated to its limit. It was also the greatest strength that could protect Merlin. Any attack that entered the Illusory World would be broken down and ultimately overcome by the Illusory World.

Currently, only the Almighty Beast World’s will could pose a threat to Merlin.

As he stared at the world's will in the sky, Merlin knew that this was the final battle, just like the previous time with the Void Zone. This was an unavoidable path. This time, if he was unable to defeat the Almighty Beast World's will, he might have no way of keeping the Illusory World's natural order intact. Once the Illusory World was vanquished, Merlin would die.

The Illusory World had become one with Merlin long ago. They were indistinguishable.

Merlin drew in a deep breath and stared steadily at the Almighty Beast World's will, extending his consciousness forward. This was a Latitude Cosmos' instinctual will but Merlin could detect the "fury" contained within the instinct of this world's will.

This was the Almighty Beast World's will. Its instinct had sensed the danger, so it was furious toward Merlin.

"Rumble."

Massive bolts of lightning crashed down viciously from the sky, forming a colossal lightning net. It flickered frenziedly as it descended upon Merlin.

This was the true power of the heavens and earth, encompassing the energy of the entire Almighty Beast World.

Nonetheless, after the lightning landed upon the Illusory World, it was easily routed by the Illusory World's strength. Merlin was not fighting alone. He was supported by a world too. Although it was an illusory world, it possessed the power of its natural order and could contend against a Latitude Cosmos!

Other than lightning, there was an incredible gale that swept over the entire land, smashing everything to pieces. Even a sacred beast like Ancestor Damon could not withstand such a terrifying gale.

However, in the Illusory World, Merlin merely felt some ripples before they faded completely and calmness resumed. This did not affect Merlin at all.

"The Almighty Beast World's will is nothing more than this!"

Throughout this ordeal, Merlin did not move an inch. He was waiting for the Almighty Beast World's will to use its greatest strength. At the moment, it had utilized the power of the entire world but could do nothing against Merlin. Thus, there was only one way, which was to use the full will of the world to directly smash Merlin's consciousness.

This was the most direct measure an ordinary Latitude Cosmos would take against an external threat. It was also the most effective method.

Nonetheless, Merlin had been waiting for the Almighty Beast World's will to attack because only then would he have the chance to devour the Almighty Beast World's will and reinstate the Illusory World. This step forward was vital to complete the final evolution of the Illusory World!

Of course, this final step was the riskiest. Merlin had no guarantee at all. If he was unable to devour the Almighty Beast World's will, he would die.

"Come on!"

Merlin took a deep breath and assembled the full power of the Illusory World, especially its natural order. This was the foundation of the Illusory World. He knew that the world's will would arrive soon.

"Boom."

At last, a mighty, vast, intense will that seemed endless and unstoppable crashed into the Illusory World brazenly.

In the instant following the invasion of this will, the entire Illusory World trembled violently as if it would split apart and dissipate thoroughly at any time.

"The Almighty Beast World's will!"

Merlin's heart leaped and he immediately knew that this was the Almighty Beast World's will – the will of the entire world, a Latitude Cosmos' greatest power.

Since Merlin was an outsider, the Almighty Beast World's will only had the instinct to destroy and wipe out Merlin. It would not spare him at all. Thus, once the world's will entered the Illusory World, it instantly exploded.

"Merlin, the Illusory World is about to collapse!"

In the Illusory World, Titus noticed the Illusory World's turbulence as if it would crumble in the next instant. At this point, Merlin must act.

"Illusory World, devour!"

The Illusory World's natural order instantly erupted and even fused with Merlin's will. It exploded at once and the entire Illusory World seemed to gather its final strength to unleash its greatest strike.

The boundless will of the world caused Merlin to feel "at a loss". He seemed unable to find any cracks, unable to devour the Almighty Beast World's will.

The Almighty Beast World's will was a single entity and it was very formidable. Merlin did not know where to start and had no way of devouring even a strand of the world's will.

At that moment, countless thoughts flashed through Merlin's mind. He knew that this was a matter of life and death. He must not hesitate in the slightest and must think of a plan soon.

"The Almighty Beast World's will can't possibly be complete. Otherwise, where did the will from Ancestor Damon's body come from? As long as I can find that part where the portion of the world's will is missing, I'll have a chance of swallowing some of the world's will."

A bright insight flashed in Merlin's mind. He recalled that portion of the world's will in Ancestor Damon that he had consumed. In that case, the Almighty Beast World's will could not possibly be a complete whole. There must be a flaw.

With this in mind, Merlin patiently started his search, especially since he was still in the Illusory World. As long as the Illusory World had not collapsed, for now, he could look through all places.

The Almighty Beast World's will was no exception. In the Illusory World, especially with Merlin's focused search, he soon found a defect in the Almighty Beast World's will.

It was very well hidden by the Almighty Beast World's will but was now discovered by Merlin. This was Merlin's chance – his only chance.

“Illusory World, devour. Stop at nothing, just devour!”

Merlin would stop at nothing, mobilizing the Illusory World's final strength. The natural order's power exploded and for a moment, steadily resisted the destruction of the Almighty Beast World's will.

Furthermore, it had traced the flaw in the Almighty Beast World's will and started to wildly devour with nothing holding its back.

Initially, the Almighty Beast World's will had been a single, unified entity but it was incomplete after all. Finally, after Merlin had frenziedly devoured at all costs, it finally showed a sign of loosening.

Wisps of the world's will – although just a small amount, was truly the world's will. Merlin's Illusory World started to devour it bit by bit.

At that moment, the Illusory World that had suffered massive devastation began to rapidly stabilize and gradually recover. As for the Almighty Beast World's will, it slowly started to “weaken”.

“I did it?”

Merlin was delighted by this turn of events as he carefully observed the Almighty Beast World's will that was being devoured by the Illusory World.

Chapter 1027: The Death of the World

How immense was a Latitude Cosmos' will? How terrifying would it be? Nonetheless, it had a flaw. Merlin had seized the chance, stopping at nothing to slowly devour and merge.

“Rumble.”

The entire sky was filled with thunder and lightning. Space itself was shuddering and the wind howled as if it was crying.

This was the mournful wail of the world's will. The portion of the world's will in Ancestor Damon's body had been a missing piece. A small leak would sink a great ship. Even though it was just a portion of the world's will, it was ultimately incomplete. Thus, Merlin had found his chance and started to frantically devour.

A chance like this came once in a blue moon. Perhaps there were no other Latitude Cosmos that was like the Almighty Beast World, which had split its own will into a few parts. This was the chance Merlin had seized.

As time passed by, Merlin did not give up on devouring. Conversely, his pace of consumption increased. In a short while, the Illusory World was eighty percent recovered!

Moreover, it was continuing its recovery while the Almighty Beast World's will kept deteriorating without stopping. Struggling out of Merlin's devouring was no longer possible.

"Haha, just like that. Devour some more. It's not too much to hope that the Illusory World can be fully restored. Progress one step further!"

Titus' excited voice rang out. The Illusory World was ceaselessly recovering and he could sense it the clearest. It was eighty percent restored and was going strong. Based on this speed, reinstating it to its previous glory was not a problem. At that point, it might have only used up a portion of the world's will.

If Merlin devoured the entire world's will, the Illusory World could take that final step and evolve thoroughly. This was the objective that Merlin could not accomplish in the previous world.

"What have I done?"

Ancestor Damon stared at the sky, dumbstruck, at Merlin whose force was growing stronger. Conversely, the force from the world's will was getting weaker.

Maybe he had never dared to imagine that someone could contend against the world's will. In the present situation, the world's will was doing its utmost to stop Merlin's devouring.

One day, two days...

The changes of the Candora Empire naturally attracted the attention of ultimate contenders from neighboring countries. In the entire continent, the Candora Empire was considered to be one of the relatively mighty empires.

Now, the capital city was razed to the ground and the other changes had induced momentous transformations throughout the land.

Still, when these ultimate contenders came, they could only stare with mouths agape at Merlin, who was becoming stronger at an outrageous pace.

"Boom."

Finally, after an unknown amount of time, Merlin's Illusory World was fully restored. At this point, he no longer had to fear any Latitude Cosmos. Even if he returned to the Void Zone, he could contend against it by using the Illusory World.

Merlin was able to contend against any Latitude Cosmos!

Nevertheless, he could only contend and was far from matching up to Aruba. Back then, Aruba had traveled through countless Latitude Cosmos. If he wished to, he could easily destroy one Latitude Cosmos after another.

Moreover, although these Latitude Cosmos could do nothing against Merlin, these Latitude Cosmos' will could do the same thing the Void Zone's will had done – directly "throw" Merlin out.

In the past, Merlin was flung out of the Void Zone and narrowly escaped with his life, arriving to the Almighty Beast World. Therefore, Merlin was not strong enough unless he could materialize the Illusory World as reality.

Of course, the remnant will of the current Almighty Beast World was not able to “throw” Merlin out, so Merlin could relax and devour boldly.

After the recovery of the Illusory World, Merlin’s devouring speed was even faster. He could feel that his Illusory World was becoming stronger at every passing second as if it never had a limit.

“Where are the limits of this Illusory World?”

Merlin’s heart stirred. He might as well unleash the Illusory World, allowing it to expand to the best of its capabilities. At once, the Illusory World started to swell rapidly, swiftly covering the entire Candora Empire. Soon, it spread out in all directions as if blanketing the entire Almighty Beast World.

This was a vast and colossal world. After Merlin had covered it, he felt that this world seemed to have a pulse as if the world itself was a living being.

“A Latitude Cosmos is a living being?”

Merlin’s consciousness descended into a strange state. He did not notice this in the slightest. At this point, the Almighty Beast World’s will was being devoured at a greater speed while his Illusory World was growing exponentially.

One month, two months...

No one could approach the place where Merlin was. Even when the ultimate contenders had exerted all effort, they had no way of getting close. There was only a tiny bit of the Almighty Beast World’s will left, and it started to become incomparably derelict.

“Buzz.”

Suddenly, when the final strand of the Almighty Beast World’s will was completely devoured, the entire Almighty Beast World trembled slightly. Then, nothing special happened. The world did not collapse and there were no terrifying disasters.

It appeared as if the world’s will had never affected this world.

Nevertheless, Merlin knew that the Almighty Beast World was already dead. The world's will was the core of each Latitude Cosmos as it had a "life".

Having lost the world's will was equivalent to being dead. Perhaps one would see no changes for a while but as a century, a millennium or even ten millennia had passed by, this world would slowly wither, crumble, and finally fade away completely. No one could redeem it.

"Life..."

Merlin was still clinging on to the word "life". He was preoccupied with his Illusory World. To materialize it as reality, he must insert a "will" into the Illusory World, which was like giving it life.

"My will is the Illusory World's will!"

Merlin's voice reverberated throughout the Illusory World. His Illusory World had surpassed the Almighty Beast World to a large extent. Even so, he had still been unable to materialize it. It was due to this final, most crucial step, to insert a will into the Illusory World, giving it "life".

As the creator of the Illusory World, Merlin's will was the will of the entire Illusory World!

After thinking this through, the entire Illusory World began to churn. The layers of light from the world's barrier seemed about to "materialize".

"Merlin, quick, you must leave the Almighty Beast World. The Illusory World has finally reached the stage of being materialized as reality. Haha, this is the last step. Once you succeed, I'll truly be resurrected!"

Titus' excitement was matchless. From the Void Zone to the current Almighty Beast World, Merlin had gone through tribulations that ordinary people could not even imagine. Today, his Illusory World had finally reached the final stage.

If they remained in the Almighty Beast World, it would be very dangerous. Once Merlin's Illusory World was materialized as reality, the energy that would explode in an instant could

crush the Almighty Beast World to smithereens. After all, the current Almighty Beast World did not even have a world's will. It was most fragile.

Although the Almighty Beast World was fated to “die off” in the future not too far away, there was still Lisa and the Holy Dragon Empire, many people whom Merlin was familiar with. Therefore, Merlin would not annihilate the Almighty Beast World.

To prevent destroying the Almighty Beast World, he could only leave!

Merlin drew in a deep breath and cast another glance into the direction of the Holy Dragon Empire, a part of the world he was familiar with. Although he had not stayed for long, he had developed a deep affection for it.

Nonetheless, he must leave in the end.

“Swoosh.”

Merlin exited in one step. The Illusory World was instantly retracted into Merlin's body. Merlin had broken and casually traveled through the solid space.

The barrier of the Almighty Beast World was easily torn apart by Merlin. As he stared at this gigantic gap, Merlin had no hesitations and stepped out.

“Swoosh.”

The endless deep black space – Merlin had left a Latitude Cosmos once again. The last time, it was the Void Zone that had forcefully “expelled” him.

This time, it was Merlin who tore open the world's barrier, departing from the Almighty Beast World on his own will. He turned back and could still see the colossal outline of the Almighty Beast World. Even so, the current Almighty Beast World had lost all of its “vitality”, appearing dull and lifeless. After some time, which might be one millennium or ten, it would die and thus vanish completely.

Back then, when Merlin was entering the Almighty Beast World, he had discovered that surrounding it were Latitude Cosmos even more enormous than the Almighty Beast World. These Latitude Cosmos still had not changed even now.

To Merlin, more than a century might be considered a lengthy period. However, to a Latitude Cosmos, a long period like a thousand or ten thousand years was not even worth mentioning. Perhaps it was only the twinkle of an eye.

Most Latitude Cosmos used a hundred million years as a unit. Who knew how long they had been existing? Ordinary people would find it difficult to fathom this great mystery.

As Merlin looked at this pitch-black vacuum, he nodded in satisfaction. Now, no matter how great of a commotion he had caused, no matter how big his Illusory World was, there would be no obstacles.

Right now was the key moment. The Illusory World would be materialized as reality. This was a path that Merlin had concluded. Whether he succeeded could only be known by trying.

“Illusory World!”

Merlin immediately released the Illusory World. The intangible Illusory World hovered majestically in the silent, unfamiliar space. The Illusory World that was fully unleashed, in terms of its scale, was nearly one size larger than the Almighty Beast World. It was about the size of the Void Zone.

“Come on, insert the will! My will is the Illusory World’s will!”

Merlin stood quietly in the Illusory World. The final step was to insert a will. Without any reservations, he inserted all of his own will into the Illusory World.

“Boom.”

In an instant, the entire Illusory World started to quake violently.

Chapter 1028: Controllers and Free Beings

The Illusory World was expanding without limits. Merlin seemed to sense that the Illusory World had a unique connection to him. Initially, Merlin was controlling the Illusory World but now, there was a will that was resuscitated.

1Although this will was so familiar to Merlin, there was still a difference because this was a brand new will.

“The Illusory World’s will...”

After Merlin spoke, the entire Illusory World shuddered violently, following which the world’s barrier that had lain between reality and illusion was finally materialized all at once. It could be touched. This was a true world’s barrier.

Simultaneously, everything in the Illusory World had transformed into reality. Merlin seemed to be right in the middle of a genuine Latitude Cosmos. Still, although Merlin had not stayed in this Latitude Cosmos, he was able to control every part of it as if he was familiar with every corner.

This was because this world belonged solely to Merlin!

Materializing as reality – today, Merlin had finally done it!

“Haha, it’s truly materialized as reality. My predictions were right. The Mind Power system has reached a high point of accomplishment at last. Haha, I can finally come back to life!”

Titus’ voice resounded throughout the entire Illusory World. In the past, Merlin knew that Titus had only left behind a strand of Mind Power in the Illusory World, all for this moment.

Now, this moment had finally arrived.

Merlin’s heart leaped. As the ruler of the Illusory World, he had control over it. The current him was no different from Aruba back then. He could mobilize the immense power of a Latitude Cosmos.

“Titus, it’s now time for me to honor what I’ve promised you in the past. Resurrect!”

Merlin’s heart moved with this thought. Presently, he was dubbed as someone who controlled a Latitude Cosmos. Naturally, he knew very well that reviving Titus who had always existed in his world was a walk in the park.

“Buzz.”

In the Illusory World, a figure swiftly emerged. Moreover, his body started to form. Initially, Titus was merely a strand of Mind Power but Merlin had grasped the essence of materialization. Therefore, he helped materialize this strand of Mind Power, Titus, as reality. Reinstating Titus did not take up much effort at all.

“Swoosh.”

Soon, a body was already condensed in the Illusory World. It was based on Titus’ appearance when he was just a strand of Mind Power. It looked the same and was extremely realistic.

“I... I’m truly revived?”

Titus stretched out a hand, his eyes burning with incredulity. It had been so many years. If he had not met Merlin by chance in the Slothful Beast, he would never have experienced this day.

Merlin nodded, feeling pleased. The resurrected Titus was very frail and he must start from the beginning if he wanted to condense a new Illusory World. Nonetheless, in the Illusory World, with Merlin to bless him with advantageous conditions, soon, Titus would surely be able to condense a new Illusory World.

After all, it was Titus who had founded the Mind Power system. Merlin had merely refined it.

“Merlin, most Latitude Cosmos can no longer do anything against the current you. What are your plans?”

Titus gradually subdued his excitement momentarily and asked softly.

“Plans?”

Merlin stared at the silent, empty space. By now, he had become a noble existence like Aruba. No Latitude Cosmos could confine him. Perhaps he should, like Aruba, visit all Latitude Cosmos one by one, experiencing the differences of each Latitude Cosmos.

“Haha, at last, has someone struggled free of the Latitude Cosmos?”

Suddenly, in this dark, quiet vacuum, a carefree laugh reverberated beside Merlin’s ear, getting closer. At the same time, a figure abruptly appeared beside Merlin.

Merlin stood in empty space, feeling no trace of fear because he had detected the other person’s familiar aura.

“Aruba, we meet again.”

Merlin said with a hint of a smile. He had encountered Aruba again. This was a Latitude traveler who had single-handedly founded the Spell Caster civilization. Perhaps, creating the Spell Caster civilization back then was just an off-handed act on Aruba’s part and he had forgotten about it. Nonetheless, Merlin had begun his journey as a Spell Caster. From that point onward, Merlin already had a mysterious, inexorable link to Aruba.

“Huh? Do you know me?”

Aruba carefully peered at Merlin. He no longer recognized Merlin. After all, the Void Zone he had visited was merely an unremarkable world in his long life. Why would he take note of Merlin?

“Aruba, you no longer know me. Do you know the Void Zone?”

“The Void Zone?”

Aruba revisited his recollections. Soon, his memories about the Void Zone emerged in his mind. He slowly opened his mouth as if he dared not believe this.

“You... You’re that small fellow? Merlin?”

Aruba finally remembered. Back in the Void Zone, he had casually planted a seed which resulted into something. Someone had struggled free of the Latitude Cosmos.

“That’s right, I’m Merlin!”

“Haha, well done, very well done. I’ve traveled through countless worlds and the seeds I’ve sown casually has reached tens of thousands. Until now, no one was able to break free of their Latitude Cosmos. I never expected that you, whom I didn’t think very highly of, are able to reach the point where countless creatures and millions of geniuses could not reach. You’ve gotten free of your Latitude Cosmos, becoming a Free Being. Haha, you’ve broken loose from the Void Zone, right? I remember that the Void Zone is far away from this place. How come you’re here?”

Aruba glanced behind Merlin and his eyes suddenly popped wide open.

“This... There was no Latitude Cosmos here before. Why is there one suddenly? Moreover, the force of this Latitude Cosmos is almost identical to yours?”

Aruba seemed to have guessed something, his eyes bulging with astonishment.

Merlin gradually replied, “This world is called the Illusory World, a world I created and materialized as reality. Now, it has become a real world, controlled by me!”

After saying this, Merlin smiled slightly. The Illusory World could be endlessly large or endlessly tiny. Although it had been materialized, it was still transformed from Merlin’s Mind Power. Thus, with Merlin’s single thought, the incomparably colossal Illusory World would swiftly shrink, immediately withdrawn by Merlin into his body.

The Illusory World still existed but had entered Merlin’s body through some method. This was equivalent to Merlin carrying around a world at all times, able to utilize the power of the entire Illusory World at any time. His strength seemed matchless.

“A Controller, you’ve become a Controller!”

Aruba appeared to be very taken aback and his gaze toward Merlin even revealed a trace of bewilderment and respect!

It was true. Merlin had noticed a sense of “respect” in Aruba’s gaze. This Latitude traveler had possessed inconceivable power, visited an unknown number of Latitude Cosmos, and witnessed an unknown number of prodigies. He stood at the peak, the apex, and was practically unrivaled. However, he had given a respectful look toward Merlin, who had just materialized the Illusory World as reality. Naturally, Merlin was very curious.

“Controller, what’s a Controller? Aruba, didn’t you once say that in so many Latitude Cosmos, only you had broken your Latitude Cosmos and become a Latitude traveler? Are you also a Controller?”

Merlin asked, frowning. He had always felt that Aruba still had plenty of significant secrets he did not know.

“Me, a Controller? I’m just an ordinary Free Being. A Controller – only a myriad of Latitude Regions could produce one Controller. I never thought that I would indirectly ‘create’ a mighty Controller!”

Aruba let out a deep sigh to the sky, his eyes filled with an emotional glint.

“Controller? Free Being? Latitude Regions? Aruba, could it be that you haven’t reached the highest peak and that in the countless Latitude Cosmos, it’s not just us who had left our Latitude Cosmos?”

Merlin asked hurriedly.

“Haha, Merlin, don’t worry. Today, you’ve become a Controller. Naturally, I’ll let you know about something. You’re a noble Controller. Of course, you know how difficult it is to become a Controller. Controlling a Latitude Cosmos, no matter in what manner, is an impressive feat. As long as you have perfect control over a Latitude Cosmos, you’re known as a Controller.

“As for someone like me, who directly broke the Latitude Cosmos and left it – I’m called a Free Being. We’ve merely broken free of our Latitude Cosmos. Perhaps our strength is unrivaled and overpowering, and perhaps we might be even stronger than Controller in the beginning. However, in the later phases, as time passes, Controllers can rely on controlling world to constantly expand it and thus, swiftly increasing your strength. In the end, Controllers will typically rise above Free Beings. After all, it’s immensely difficult for Free Beings to increase their strength.

“As for Latitude Regions, it’s very simple. These Latitude Cosmos you see are generally clustered together. This is a region. It has more than ten thousand Latitude Cosmos. A large-scale region would have even more Latitude Cosmos. This region is, in fact, a Latitude Region.”

After a pause, Aruba’s eyes softened into an admiring look and he sighed deeply. “Usually, one Latitude Region can only give birth to one Free Being. As for Controllers, it generally takes more than ten thousand Latitude Regions to produce one. Back then, I was born in this Latitude Region and I was the only Free Being. I never expected that a Controller would be born here. It’s an impressive, momentous development, haha.”

As for Merlin, the depths of his heart were stirred up by a storm. He had thought that by materializing the Illusory World as reality and becoming a Latitude traveler, he would stand at the peak.

However, after listening to what Aruba had said, he learned that before him, there was an even wider universe. The vast, boundless Latitude Regions, the incomparably formidable Free Beings, and Controllers – all of these were so novel to Merlin.

Chapter 1029: Central Region Major Cosmos

For the first time, Merlin felt that he was insignificant. When he first met Aruba, Aruba had introduced the concept of the Latitude Cosmos to him. At that time, Merlin had felt that his world was too small and his vision was too narrow.

Now, after great difficulties, he had finally transformed the Illusory World into a real Latitude Cosmos. He had thought that by relying on this Latitude Cosmos, he had reached the peak and could travel to countless Latitude Cosmoses with Aruba, becoming a Latitude traveler.

However, it seemed that there was an even more vast world before him.

“Merlin, don’t sigh. It was not easy for me to break free of the Latitude Cosmos in the beginning. When I first learned about this, I felt the same way. However, you’ll soon like this feeling. Haha, even Free Beings like us are great existences in controlling hundreds of millions of creatures. Of course, you Controllers are even more powerful.”

Aruba’s gaze at Merlin was slightly strange. A Controller was usually only produced once every tens of thousands of Latitude Cosmuses. Even Aruba himself had not seen many Controllers. Many of them were Free Beings but unexpectedly, a Controller had now been born in his Latitude Cosmos.

“Merlin, let’s go. I’ll take you to the Central Region Major Cosmos. Its the center of numerous Latitude Regions and also the most prosperous place. It’ll help you understand the entire Latitude Region.”

Aruba brought Merlin and flew into the dark void. Both of them were extremely fast. Aruba relied entirely on his power but Merlin saved his energy and used a little power from the Illusory World in his body. The Illusory World would be able to recover this little power, so the amount consumed was negligible.

This was also a Controller’s strength.

Merlin had just become a Controller and did not know much about a Controller’s abilities. Now that he met Aruba, he would naturally ask for advice.

Therefore, along the way, Merlin asked advice from Aruba carefully. Aruba also answered everything he could, explaining in detail about some mysterious abilities of Controllers and Free Beings.

Free Beings and Controllers were two different types of great existences who walked in different directions. Free Beings paid attention to their own strength and relied on their strength to break up countless Latitude Cosmuses. Only when their strength was strong to a certain extent would the Latitude Cosmos be unable to contain them anymore and cause them to become Free Beings.

The benefit of being a Free Being was the great advantage they had when breaking free of a Latitude Cosmos. However, after becoming a Free Being, it would take a long time to improve their strength further.

A Controller was different. A Controller started out from the route of controlling an entire Latitude Cosmos. This Latitude Cosmos must be a complete Latitude Cosmos and have its will and needed to be replaced.

As a result, most Free Beings were killed by the Latitude Cosmos' will before they became Controllers. There were very few who could become Controllers.

Even if they gradually grew strong, it was almost impossible to completely replace a Latitude Cosmos with a complete will. It was the same in the Void Zone and the Almighty Beast World. It was too difficult to replace the world's will and control the Latitude Cosmos. Even Merlin could not do it now.

Merlin only encountered the Almighty Beast World that had an incomplete will by chance, which gave him the opportunity to devour the world's will. However, this was not replacing the Almighty Beast World's will and he could not control the Almighty Beast World. On the other hand, Merlin controlled the Illusory World which he had formed and could materialize illusions into reality.

To some extent, controlling a world like this was more dependable compared to taking pains to replace a world's will to control a Latitude Cosmos. Merlin's ability to become a Controller was a result of various opportunities and coincidences, which ultimately lead to a difficult success.

It would be impossible if he wanted to reproduce it.

Controllers could look for a world with a broken will or a very weak world and devour the world's will. Only this way could the Controller's world expand rapidly. Their strength would also multiply far faster than a Free Being's.

Of course, a regular Latitude Cosmos was like the surrounding Latitude Cosmuses. Even with Merlin's current strength, he could not devour any of them because their will was complete. If Merlin wanted to devour them, he had to be ten times or even a hundred times stronger. Hence, it was extremely tough.

Destroying a Latitude Cosmos was easy but it was almost impossible to forcibly devour the will of a complete Latitude Cosmos. Even so, a Controller would be able to improve his strength much faster than a Free Being.

Along the way, what Merlin learned was only the tip of the iceberg. Merlin could only slowly learn everything else when he had reached the Central Region Major Cosmos.

Although the two were extremely fast, the distance was too far away. It would take hundreds or even thousands of years to reach via flying. However, Merlin's lifespan was endless at this state. As long as he did not meet any accidents, he would continue to live.

Therefore, hundreds of years were not worth mentioning at all.

Finally, eight hundred years had passed before Merlin finally saw a mass like a nebula in front of him. This was a Latitude Cosmos but it was larger than any other Latitude Cosmos and even a Latitude Region could not compare to it.

"Merlin, we've arrived at the Central Region Major Cosmos!"

Aruba patted Merlin's shoulder and said with a smile.

Merlin was shocked looking at this vast world. Generally, a Latitude Region consisted of tens of thousands or more of Latitude Cosmuses and was boundlessly huge.

However, this vast Central Region Major Cosmos was only a single Latitude Cosmos but it seemed that even a Latitude Region could not match its size.

"Aruba, how large is the Central Region Major Cosmos?"

"How large?"

Aruba was taken aback and shook his head. "The Central Region Major Cosmos is at least as large as hundreds of Latitude Regions and is expanding every year. I'm afraid no one knows

how large the Central Region Major Cosmos is except the Central Region Major Cosmos' Absolute Being, Sir Tyron."

"Hm? It's larger than hundreds of Latitude Regions not Latitude Cosmoes?"

Merlin was very shocked. Tens of thousands of Latitude Cosmoes formed one Latitude Region but that was considered an extremely small Latitude Region. A powerful Latitude Region would consist of tens of thousands or more Latitude Cosmoes.

However, this Central Region Major Cosmos was only a Latitude Cosmos but it was larger than hundreds of Latitude Regions. It was beyond Merlin's imagination.

"Yes, it's hundreds of Latitude Regions. It's also the King of the Major Cosmoes. Merlin, you may not know but the gap between Controllers is very obvious. Generally, Controllers only control a very ordinary Latitude Cosmos. Most Controllers are at this point. However, after expanding the Latitude Cosmos to the size of around ten or a hundred Latitude Cosmoes, it can't be called a Minor Cosmos.

"Above Minor Cosmoes, there are Medium Cosmoes. A Medium Cosmos has at least thousands of Latitude Cosmoes. Above that is a Major Cosmos, which has at least ten thousand Latitude Cosmoes.

"Controllers of Major Cosmoes are extremely rare and stand at the peak. However, the ones at the apex are the five top Absolute Beings. Each of their worlds is as large as hundreds of Latitude Regions. They guard the five directions, namely the Eastern Region Major Cosmos, Western Region Major Cosmos, Southern Region Major Cosmos, Northern Region Major Cosmos, and the Central Region Major Cosmos."

Merlin's heart swelled with emotion. The five Major Cosmoes were the highest existences. The Illusory World he controlled now was not even considered a Minor Cosmos.

"This... What about Free Beings? What level can the strongest reach?"

Merlin asked in a low voice. He already knew that Controllers had the upper hand and stood at the peak of strength despite numbering much lesser than that of Free Beings.

Aruba's eyes brightened as he said, "The strongest Free Being is Sir Monta, who's comparable to an Absolute Being. However, he's still far from the five strongest Controllers"

The strongest Free Being could only rival an Absolute Being. This was considered very impressive for a Free Being but the gap between him and the five strongest Controllers was too obvious. The top five Controllers were the greatest existences among hundreds of Latitude Regions.

Only now did Merlin know that powerful Controllers were this terrifying.

Seeing the look on Merlin's face, Aruba said with a big smile, "Haha, Merlin, now you know how amazing Controllers are. Both you and I are still at the weakest stage but your potential far surpasses me.

"Let's go, I'll take you to some of my old friends. Haha, my Ruba Latitude Region produced a Controller. Let's see if those old coots can top this achievement."

Aruba looked excited and immediately took Merlin, flying into the Central Region Major Cosmos.

Chapter 1030: Introduction

Immediately after flying into the Central Region Major Cosmos, Merlin felt an extremely strong pressure as if he could be crushed at any moment.

Furthermore, Merlin could not resist this pressure at all.

"Do you feel it?"

Aruba seemed to have a vague smile as he asked.

"I do. The pressure of the Central Region Major Cosmos is immense."

Aruba nodded and said meaningfully, “No matter how big the Central Region Major Cosmos is, it’s still Sir Tyron’s Latitude Cosmos. Once you enter, you’ll be suppressed by the entire world. That’s why neither Free Beings nor Controllers should try to enter another Latitude Cosmos.”

Merlin nodded. If others entered his Illusory World, he would naturally have some advantages over them.

“However, you don’t have to worry about the Central Region Major Cosmos. Sir Tyron is already an existence standing at the peak, so who can stand up to him? The Central Region Major Cosmos is the safest place.”

Aruba introduced the situation in the Central Region Major Cosmos. It was in the center and surrounded by countless other Latitude Regions, so there were many people around.

However, although Merlin had imagined that they would encounter Free Beings and Controllers everywhere, they had hardly seen any even after flying for such a long time.

On the contrary, they were all ordinary people. Of course, these ordinary people had some peculiar powers. However, they were insignificant compared to Free Beings or Controllers.

“Are there ordinary people in the Central Region Major Cosmos?”

Merlin asked in surprise.

“Haha, of course, there is. Is there no life in your Illusory World? These ordinary people are locals of the Central Region Major Cosmos. However, they’re already used to us.”

Aruba explained.

“Isn’t the Central Region Major Cosmos the center of countless Latitude Regions? Why haven’t we met even a single Free Being or Controller?”

The situation here was quite different from Merlin’s imagination.

“Haha, one Latitude Region might only produce one Free Being and the Central Region Major Cosmos is equivalent to hundreds of Latitude Regions. How many Free Beings do you think can gather? Did you think it’ll be easy to encounter Free Beings? Even in the Central Region Major Cosmos, Free Beings and Controllers are supreme and great existences.”

Merlin nodded silently. He had not thought about that before but now that he did, it made sense. Free Beings and Controllers were extremely noble and were considered grand existences even in the Central Region Major Cosmos, so how would he encounter them easily?

“Right, we’re here. Hehe, Merlin, those old friends of mine are Free Beings. I’ll introduce you to them.”

Aruba finally arrived at a towering mountain that rose to the skies. It towered over everything and there were very few people around.

However, Merlin could feel a few powerful life forces at the top of the mountain.

“Swoosh swoosh.”

Merlin followed Aruba and flew to the top of the mountain. On top of the mountain was a magnificent palace. Immediately after entering the palace, Merlin heard an outspoken voice, “Haha, Aruba, we haven’t seen you in more than a hundred latitude years.”

Latitude years were a unique way for Free Beings and Controllers to number the years. A latitude year was the time it took for an ordinary Free Being to fly all over an ordinary Latitude Region.

If converted to the time in the Void Zone or the Almighty Beast World, one latitude year would be around one hundred and eighty million years. The lifespan of these Free Beings was endless, so time was just a number to them.

“That’s right. We haven’t met in one hundred and eight latitude years. Is it just the three of you here?”

Aruba's eyes swept the palace and found that there were only three Free Beings. They were all his old friends.

"They..."

After hearing Aruba's words, the three powerful Free Beings stiffened and grew downcast.

"What? What happened to them?"

Aruba's expression cooled. He already had a bad feeling.

"Aruba, Bajakah and Mocas are dead!"

"Boom."

Aruba's expression changed greatly. Two of his five old friends had died and only three were left. How could this be?

"They're powerful Free Beings. Who could have killed them? Who was it?"

Aruba's voice trembled. He was extremely emotional and his body exuded a strong killing intent. If a Free Being went on a rampage, he could destroy countless Latitude Cosmoses. For a grand existence who could destroy even a Latitude Cosmos, how would one be killed that easily?

"It was the Controller from the Naya Latitude Region, Naya!"

The three Free Beings said angrily. They had found a new Latitude Cosmos with a very weak will in a mysterious Latitude Region, so the five Free Beings had prepared to capture this Latitude Cosmos. Although they were Free Beings, they could not devour a world's will. However, this was still a newly born Latitude Cosmos, so capturing it and selling it off would also be very profitable.

However, at that time, they happened to meet Naya. He had a Minor Cosmos and had strength comparable to thirty Latitude Cosmoes. In a fight with five of them, he had killed Bajakah and Mocas. The remaining three had only managed to escape with great difficulty.

“We want revenge but Naya is a Controller and also possesses a Minor Cosmos, so he’s very difficult to deal with. Ordinary Free Beings aren’t his match at all. Even if we wanted to hire a Controller, they’re too expensive and we simply can’t afford them...”

They grew silent. Aruba’s expression was furious but his gaze was also vaguely helpless.

Something like this happened just as Merlin arrived. Originally, Free Beings and Controllers had an infinite lifespan and could live forever but now, it seemed that as long as there were people, there would always be fights. There would never be peace.

“Alright, Aruba, we’ll discuss this matter later. Who is this?”

Their gaze fell on Merlin.

Aruba glanced at Merlin and calmed himself down before introducing, “He’s Merlin. He was just born from my Latitude Region.”

“Haha, Aruba, who would’ve thought that your tiny little Latitude Region would produce a second Free Being? You’re quite lucky.”

“One Latitude Region producing two Free Beings is something that only a large Latitude Region can do. Merlin, congratulations. Once you become a Free Being, you’ll have an unlimited lifespan and will never be bound by a Latitude Cosmos again.”

Everyone was happy for Aruba as a new Free Being was born from the same Latitude Region as him. Those who were born at the same Latitude Region usually became close friends who shared life and death. From now on, Aruba had gained another close Free Being friend.

A strange look flashed in Aruba’s eyes as he said in an odd tone, “Wait, who said Merlin is a Free Being? Did I say that?”

“Huh? He’s not a Free Being?”

The three people's faces expressed doubt. Judging by Merlin's aura, it was clear that he was not an ordinary person.

"Haha, of course he's not a Free Being. I'll tell you now, Merlin is a bona fide Controller!"

Aruba burst out laughing with a hint of pride on his face.

"Boom."

The three Free Beings froze as waves crashed in their minds. A Controller. A Controller was only born from every ten of thousands of Latitude Regions. They were truly one-in-ten-thousand.

Each Controller had unlimited potential. Although they were also free of the Latitude Cosmos, a Controller was better than Free Beings.

Unexpectedly, Aruba had brought back a rare Controller!