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Chapter 1051: Limits!

Following Azulon's submission and after witnessing the battle, most people had a general understanding of Merlin's abilities. Thus, many people were eager to join Merlin's squad.

Nevertheless, it was not easy to join Merlin's squad. All of them had to offer their bodies and must not resist to enter Merlin's world. Due to Merlin's special abilities as a Controller, he could communicate with everyone and amass their powers to detonate an unparalleled attack.

If not for this life-or-death juncture as well as the repeated assurance from a few Major Cosmos Absolute Beings, no one would trust another person to enter their world. This was because once they had entered it, they would have to endure a massive suppression and entrust their lives to the Controller.

Some Controllers even killed the weaker Controllers to plunder the worlds in their bodies. However, such offender would be put to death by the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings such as Tyron. It was with their assurance that the Free Beings and Controllers could form a squad with confidence.

Currently, Merlin was only a Medium Cosmos Absolute Being. Once he had opened the Illusory World, numerous Free Beings and Controllers entered his world. There were also a few familiar faces such as Aruba and Mino, the newly-accomplished Controller. Both of them had supported Merlin at first instance.

"Hum hum hum."

In the beginning, when just tens and hundreds of people entered, Merlin did not feel anything. As the number gradually grew to hundreds and even thousands, Merlin began to sense an infinite reservoir of power stirring in the Illusory World. His power was enhanced countless times, available at the tip of his fingers.

Moreover, the number of people was still growing. One thousand was not the limit. Soon, almost two thousand contenders had entered Merlin's Illusory World. The power of Merlin's world grew to a truly marvelous level.

"Haha, teacher, come and test my powers."

Merlin laughed. Although he was merely a Medium Cosmos Absolute Being, the combined power of two thousand over contenders made him feel like an equal match to the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings.

"Boom."

Tyron also smiled. He released a small burst of power from the Central Region Major Cosmos. The power of an ordinary Major Cosmos Absolute Being collided strongly against Merlin's Illusory World.

Although Tyron had simply wielded the power of an ordinary Major Cosmos Absolute Being, his power was still formidable beyond what most people could ever achieve in hundreds and thousands of latitude years.

However, Merlin's Illusory World was staggeringly able to withstand the impact. That signified that Merlin's Illusory World was now able to exert the combined power of two thousand over contenders.

"Good, good, Merlin, your world is truly stable. However, with two thousand over contenders, is it burdensome on your world?"

Tyron asked, a little concerned. After all, even the most powerful Medium Cosmos Absolute Being, who was just a notch away from becoming a Major Cosmos Absolute Being, still had a certain capacity limit. No one could carry more than three thousand Free Beings or Controllers.

On the other hand, Merlin was just barely past the Medium Cosmos Absolute Being threshold, so he was not considered very powerful. The fact that he was able to accommodate over two thousand people had already exceeded Tyron's expectations. Thus, Tyron was worried that Merlin would not be able to accommodate such a large number of people and instead become burdened.

"Teacher, I'm fine. Now, I feel that two thousand people are still not my limit. Teacher Tyron should be familiar that the natural order of my world is exceptionally stable. Even if there were another one thousand people, most likely, we still won't reach the limit."

There was a flicker of excitement in Merlin's eyes. If he could feel this powerful with two thousand people to the point of being on par with the weaker Major Cosmos Absolute Beings, would he not become even more powerful with another one thousand people?

Furthermore, the more contenders he could accommodate, the power enhancement was even more tremendous. This would also benefit Merlin as it would allow him to experience the differences between the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings in advance. Surely, it would be beneficial for him to achieve a Major Cosmos Absolute Being in the future.

After all, in terms of substance, there was no real difference between a Major Cosmos Absolute Being and a Medium or Minor Cosmos Absolute Being. The only difference was in terms of power.

A Major Cosmos Absolute Being required having at least one Latitude Region and one Latitude Region usually comprised of tens of thousands of Latitude Cosmoses. There was a stark difference between this and a few hundred or thousand Latitude Cosmoses.

"Oh? Merlin, you haven't reached the limit?"

Tyron felt curious. Although he knew that Merlin's Illusory World's natural order was very unique and very stable, he did not know the true extent of its stability. So, Tyron also wanted to find out Merlin's limit.

Hence, Tyron shouted into the surrounding area, "Everyone, my disciple Merlin's world hasn't reached its limit after accommodating over two thousand contenders. If there are still any interested contenders, you can enter Merlin's Illusory World!"

As Tyron's words spread, many contenders were perplexed yet tempted. They understood the significance of two thousand contenders. Only a powerful Medium Cosmos Absolute Being could accommodate such a large number of contenders. In addition, Merlin had not reached his limit.

If Merlin became more powerful, those who entered his world would also be safer. This was common knowledge. With Tyron's assurance, some of the slightly doubtful individuals grew resolute in their convictions.

"Swish swish swish."

One after another, the contenders entered Merlin's Illusory World.

Two thousand and one hundred, two thousand and two hundred, two thousand and three hundred...

The numbers climbed to two thousand and nine hundred but Merlin still did not sense any limit. Mobilizing the power of almost three thousand people in the Illusory World felt easy. It seemed like his limit was a lot more than three thousand.

Thinking of this, even Merlin found it baffling. It was only now that he truly realized how effective it was to use the theories of the universe in his previous life to construct the natural order of the Illusory World.

Three thousand one hundred and eighty!

Finally, Merlin sensed a slight sluggishness from the Illusory World. It had reached its limit. Three thousand one hundred and eighty was the limit. If there were any more, the Illusory World would be affected and impede Merlin's wielding abilities.

Thus, this was the limit of the Illusory World!

"What a tremendous power!"

Merlin savored the power of the Illusory World quietly. This was his first time sensing such a huge amount of power. This was a tremendous power that most people could only dream of in their wildest dreams. He was comparable to the Major Cosmos contenders, perhaps not as powerful as the five top contenders but just one level below them.

Now, this tremendous power could be wielded by a mere Medium Cosmos Absolute Being like Merlin. Most probably, in terms of wielding power, Merlin could not match the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings but in terms of absolute strength, he was not inferior to the top five Absolute Beings.

"How is it, Merlin?"

Tyron was still watching Merlin with a tinge of concern. He could sense that Merlin's Illusory World had reached its limit but Tyron was uncertain how many people were inside.

Merlin replied with a smile, "Teacher, my world has reached its limit. It currently accommodates three thousand one hundred and eighty people!"

"What?"

At this moment, a look of disbelief appeared on Tyron's face and his mind tumbled into a raging storm. He could not believe that as a mere Medium Cosmos Absolute Being, Merlin was able to accommodate more than three thousand people.

If Merlin's world continued to expand in the future and he was able to accommodate more people, how much more powerful would he be? Would there be a qualitative transformation that would enable him to surpass the five top ultimate contenders and reach the realm they sought to achieve?

Tyron did not know the answer but he was sure of one thing. Merlin's potential was endless, perhaps even greater than the five top contenders!

"Good, wonderful. Now, we have another force equivalent to a powerful Major Cosmos Absolute Being. The barrier will be even stronger!"

Tyron was gratified. Regardless of how far Merlin would grow in the future, Merlin was still his disciple. Tyron would take pride in him!

Chapter 1052: Glimmer of Hope

In the blink of an eye, Merlin had led his squad in the Void Sea for twenty years.

To Twenty years to an ordinary life form, was very long. It was long enough to see a young boy became a husband and father. It was also long enough for a father to grow old, and for a beautiful face to turn wrinkly.

However, to the Free Beings and Controllers around the Void Sea, this was nothing more than an instant. Some of the powerful Controllers spent tens of thousands of years just to mull on a single decision, so what was a mere twenty years?

In the past twenty years, Merlin led his squad and only patrolled the barrier of the Void Sea. During this period, Merlin did not encounter any Void Beasts.

These Void Beasts were not very fast. In addition, the barrier was huge, so there was a chance that Merlin would not encounter it. Perhaps, Merlin would not encounter it even after a few hundred years.

For the past twenty years, Merlin's Illusory World had been expanding slowly. The natural order of the Illusory World had long-since recovered and became more stable and sturdier. There was no chaos in the Illusory World due to a well-maintained order. Hence, it could only expand very slowly. At Merlin's current level of abilities, this rate of expansion was almost negligible.

However, the peace over the past twenty years was not reassuring. Recently, they heard that a squad encountered a Void Beast and had suffered a massive loss. Out of over two thousand people, only over one thousand was left. Almost half the squad was killed or injured. Moreover, the Latitude Cosmos of the Medium Cosmos Absolute Being who was at the helm, was on the brink of collapse. Fortunately, Tyron arrived in time or else, the consequences would have been disastrous.

This was the true reason why Tyron and the other Major Cosmos Absolute Beings stood guard behind the barrier. As soon as a Void Beast was discovered, he would immediately provide support to stop the Void Beast.

However, sometimes, the distance was too far. Even Tyron needed a long time to arrive. During this period, it was up to the squad. If they could not withstand the Void Beast, the entire squad would be wiped out.

Under the stern orders of the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings, anyone who dared to escape and give up on the barrier would be jointly pursued and killed by these Major Cosmos Absolute Beings without exception.

Therefore, despite knowing they could not win against the Void Beast, no one dared to retreat. The battle which involved countless Free Beings and Controllers could only be described as brutal.

Affected by this incident, the morale of Merlin's squad was slightly depressed.

"Controller Merlin, we'll be going back soon. In the past twenty years, we had been quite lucky to not encounter any Void Beast."

Azulon said with a smile. He was now Merlin's right and left hand. In addition to his massive strength, he was able to help Merlin manage some issues in the squad. Merlin was quite pleased with him.

Of course, Merlin knew that everyone was under pressure. If they encountered a Void Beast, no one knew whether they would be able to survive it.

"Boom."

Suddenly, the entire void was shaking. Although this place was very near the Void Sea, none of them had stepped foot into the Void Zone, so they could still feel the energy fluctuations. It was no longer an endless stretch of void.

If it was from the Void Sea, regardless of how strong an energy fluctuation was, it could not vibrate outward. Therefore, upon sensing this massive surge of energy fluctuation, Merlin and Azulon exchanged a look and saw the gravity sunk in each other's eyes.

Alas, it came!

Both of them knew that such a large-scale energy fluctuation meant that a Void Beast was striking the barrier and that a squad was currently fighting hard to stop it.

"Can you determine the direction? Provide backup at once!"

Merlin immediately made a call. No one was willing to provide backup but this was a rule laid down by the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings. If anyone sensed the Void Beast's attacks but did not provide backup, they would similarly be subjected to severe punishment. Due to the precariousness of the situation, the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings would not spare anyone who dared to slack.

Hence, any squad who sensed the energy fluctuation had no choice but to provide backup.

In the Illusory World, everyone became anxious. Fortunately, all of them were either Free Beings or Controllers, so they had gone through many hardships to become a Free Being or Controller. Despite the heaviness in their hearts, at this critical juncture, they were determined to fight.

"First, inform this news to Teacher Tyron."

Every squad had the means to relay information to Tyron and the rest of the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings. Upon receiving the news, they would rush over as soon as possible but in this period, it would be up to squads like Merlin's to hold the fort.

After the message was sent, Merlin and Azulon hurried toward the source of the energy fluctuation. If they were late, then the Void Beast might breach the barrier.

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Controller Caesar was originally a very unique life form. His natural abilities were powerful, so from the time of his birth to becoming a Controller, it only took him one hundred thousand years.

Such a brief period was considered very admirable. In addition, after becoming a Controller, Caesar encountered many favorable opportunities. He managed to devour a great number of incomplete Latitude Cosmoses and finally became a powerful Medium Cosmos Absolute Being. He was a top contender among them.

However, the Void Beasts' invasion had disrupted Controller Caesar's plans. At first, he was hopeful that within ten latitude years, he could become a Major Cosmos Absolute Being, the ultimate existence of all.

However, all his plans had gone down the drain. He could only lead a squad. Due to his fame and prestige, approximately two thousand five hundred over contenders were willing to follow him.

This should have been a truly formidable force but no matter how powerful, they still could not compare to a Void Beast. Their luck had been considered stellar. It was only after over fifty years at the Void Sea that they encountered a Void Beast.

Now that they finally encountered a Void Beast, their luck had run out. Looking at the inconceivably huge Void Beast exuding a vicious aura, all of them knew that a fight was inevitable today. Moreover, their hope of surviving was extremely bleak. They could only wait for a Major Cosmos Absolute Being to arrive or backup from the surrounding squads.

"We're already requested for help to the surrounding area. If there are any other squads around, then there's still hope. Plus, a Major Cosmos Absolute Being will surely come as fast as he can. Hold on!"

Although Controller Caesar was a top contender among the Controllers, at this point, he was barely capable of holding on further. He wielded his Latitude Cosmos, supported by over two thousand contenders and achieved the power level of a Major Cosmos Absolute Being that he so greatly desired.

Sadly, faced against this Void Beast, this incredible culmination of power appeared so minuscule.

This Void Beast's body was too gigantic. It was even bigger than some Latitude Cosmoses. Its size was comparable to a few dozens Latitude Cosmoses. The end of its body could not be seen with the naked eye.

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With such a gigantic body, it was considered powerful even among the Void Beasts. Controller Caesar was not confident that he could hold on until a Major Cosmos Absolute Being arrived.

"Boom boom boom."

Regardless, Controller Caesar mobilized all his power and launched a frenzied attack at the Void Beast. Save for angering the Void Beast, the attacks did not seem to have any effects.

"Roar..."

Finally, the Void Beast seemed to reach its boiling point. It threw its head into the air and roared. Its gigantic body slammed directly against Controller Caesar's world.

"Block!"

Controller Caesar's heart lurched. He prayed silently in his heart but the prayer did not work. The moment the Void Beast slammed into his world, instantly, the entire world collapsed.

"Crash!"

Like the crashing sound of a waterfall, his world was torn apart. The natural order of the world was shattered. Only his strongest natural order was not destroyed. As for the contenders, over eight hundred people were killed on impact and many others were being swallowed alive by the Void Beast.

Being swallowed by a Void Beast was truly terrifying and tantamount to death. Upon entering the Void Beast's body, everything was instantly converted into nothingness, so it was impossible to survive. After all, the Void Beast was a horrifying existence capable of swallowing multiple Latitude Regions. It represented endless destruction.

"It's over. I didn't expect that I'll die here..."

Caesar's expression was filled with despair. He knew that, no matter what, a Major Cosmos Absolute Being would not arrive here in time. So, he was facing certain death.

Thinking of this, a crazy idea appeared in Controller Caesar's mind. He was prepared to self-destruct his Latitude Cosmos and use the Latitude Cosmos to gravely injure the Void Beast.

Whether or not his plan would succeed, he did not know.

"Come on, everyone, one last blow. No matter what, we cannot allow this Void Beast to breach our defense!"

Caesar's voice turned ironically calm at this time. For a second, all the Free Beings and Controllers fell silent.

It was amid this extremely somber atmosphere that, suddenly, someone sensed something approaching and raised his head toward the void.

"Controller Caesar, a squad has appeared. We're saved!"

"A squad?"

Controller Caesar was overjoyed and stared at the void with delight. Despite that enormous energy fluctuation, he did not expect that someone could arrive in such a short time.

Immediately, everyone saw a glimmer of hope.

Chapter 1053: Fighting Chance I

"It's a squad. It must be Azulon's squad. Only Azulon's squad might be able to challenge this Void Beast!"

Controller Caesar was staring at the squad vigilantly. He, too, hoped that it was Azulon's squad. Azulon's squad was the most powerful. After all, Azulon was almost at the peak of a Medium Cosmos Absolute Being. He was just one step away from becoming an almighty Major Cosmos Absolute Being.

However, Controller Caesar knew that the possibility of it being Azulon's squad was extremely small. When the squad got closer, someone finally recognized them.

"That's Sir Tyron's disciple, Controller Merlin's squad."

"What? Controller Merlin? A while back, I heard that Sir Tyron has a new disciple called Controller Merlin. While Controller Merlin is also a Medium Cosmos Absolute Being, he's just ordinary. How can he oppose this Void Beast? I'm afraid, even Controller Merlin's squad would be sacrificed."

Seeing that it was Merlin's squad, Controller Caesar's squad suddenly felt crestfallen. Perhaps, Merlin's arrival would buy them some time from immediate destruction but after a while, surely Merlin's squad would not be able to hold on. Then, both squads would be annihilated.

"I hope Sir Tyron will arrive soon..."

Caesar could only pray fervently in his heart for Tyron to arrive as soon as possible. Otherwise, they might not be able to survive this catastrophe. If two squads were annihilated at the same time, the barrier might no longer have any meaning.

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Merlin got closer to the energy fluctuation. At this time, he could see the other squad. Merlin did not recognize this squad but Azulon did with a single glance. Frowning, Azulon said, "It's Controller Caesar's squad. I didn't expect that they're the ones who encountered the Void Beast."

With regards to Controller Caesar, Merlin had not much of an inkling. However, when Merlin shifted his gaze toward the real culprit, the gigantic Void Beast, his eyes narrowed and he heightened his guard.

Judging from this Void Beast's aura, it was much more vicious than the one he had encountered in the Polo Region. This meant that this was not an ordinary Void Beast but a powerful one.

Initially, Merlin was confident that he could oppose a Void Beast but now, his confidence hit rock bottom. Regardless, he had to stop the Void Beast and prevent it from breaching the barrier.

"Teacher still needs a few more days to arrive, so, we must hold on for a few days!"

Merlin said in a deep voice. He already received Teacher Tyron's response that he was rushing here as quickly as possible. Despite the ultimate Major Cosmos Absolute Beings' incredible speed, it would still take Tyron a few days to arrive. Thus, Merlin and Controller Caesar needed to hold on for a few more days. Otherwise, all of them would face imminent destruction.

Merlin's battle vigor was gradually gaining momentum. Since he came here a long time ago, this would be his first direct showdown with a Void Beast.

"Boom."

Merlin immediately wielded his Illusory World. Merlin stood in the center of his world, his entire body filled with a powerful aura. His voice boomed with irrefutable authority as he spoke, "Controller Caesar, your world has been seriously damaged. Please rest. Leave this Void Beast to me!"

Caesar's squad was no longer helpful at this time. His world had shattered. Just one more blow would cause it to collapse completely.

Therefore, Merlin immediately asked Caesar's squad to retreat and positioned himself in front of the Void Beast.

The Void Beast did not possess much intelligence. It merely acted according to instincts. However, it could sense that the people standing before it was slightly different.

Nevertheless, the Void Beast was entirely fearless, so it simply rushed headfirst at them. Its body was its strongest attack, sufficient to tear apart a Latitude Region, what more a puny world.

Merlin took a deep breath. Azulon already returned to Merlin's Illusory World. At this time, Merlin's voice echoed throughout the Illusory World, "This battle today will not only involve your life and death but it will also involve the safety of this barrier. Everyone, please contribute all your strength."

"Boom boom boom."

As soon as Merlin finished speaking, the Illusory World immediately began to shake. Surge after surge of overwhelming power swiftly strengthened Merlin's Illusory World.

Merlin's power skyrocketed. From a Medium Cosmos Absolute Being, it grew by leaps and bounds and soon reached the level of a Major Cosmos Absolute Being. However, just an ordinary Major Cosmos Absolute Being was not a strong opponent against the Void Beast. If Merlin had remained at the mere two thousand people level, he certainly would not be able to oppose this Void Beast.

However, Merlin's Illusory World had reached its limit by accommodating more than three thousand contenders. Merlin was more powerful than Caesar and was equivalent to a mid-tier Major Cosmos Absolute Being.

As to whether he could block this Void Beast, Merlin was not one hundred percent certain. Regardless, he would fight till his last breath.

"Illusory World, suppress!"

Merlin mobilized the full strength of the Illusory World. The massive world immediately hurtled a suppressive force toward the Void Beast. Two petrifying surges of power came head to head at the border of the Void Sea.

"Boom."

A horrible fluctuation ensued. On this side of the Void Sea, there was massive destruction. Everything in the surrounding area was obliterated. On the inner side of the Void Sea, however, it remained calm. No fluctuation could be seen.

This was the Void Sea. Everything was converted into nothingness, so it was impossible to stir up any fluctuations.

Merlin felt a huge surge of power wash over his Illusory World. This was pure power. There was nothing extraordinary about it except for its immense power. However, its power was completely inconceivable. Merlin had never seen such tremendous power in his entire life.

His Illusory World immediately trembled as if it would soon collapse. All the planets in the Illusory World were pulverized, leaving a trail of devastation.

This was merely the first impact. At this moment, Merlin knew that he could not block this Void Beast!

"It's so powerful. Such a powerful Void Beast, even if a real Major Cosmos Absolute Being were to arrive, it still cannot be stopped!"

Merlin's heart sunk. He finally realized this Void Beast's formidableness. Perhaps, only the five top Major Cosmos Absolute Beings could be able to suppress this Void Beast. Anyone else simply could not stand against it.

At this moment, Merlin could not retreat. He had to hold on. If he did not, the Illusory World would shatter.

"Roar..."

The Void Beast's attack did not manage to smash Merlin's Illusory World. Moreover, it was attacked by the power of the Illusory World. The Void Beast appeared more enraged. Its gigantic form appeared to take a few steps back and then came rearing at full force once again.

"Bam."

There was another violent impact. In Merlin's Illusory World, every corner was exploding and falling apart. The Illusory World shook harder.

Fortunately, Merlin's world natural order was extraordinarily solid. Despite all the chaos, he was still able to control the Illusory World and stabilize it temporarily.

At this time, Merlin calmed down. He carefully sensed the Illusory World. Due to the Void Beast's violent attacks, Merlin's Illusory World was completely mired in chaos. Nonetheless, this chaos allowed the Illusory World to continue to expand.

Initially, the Illusory World was only the size of a thousand five hundred over Latitude Cosmoses but now, thanks to this blessing in disguise, the chaos in the Illusory World was helping it expand at an unimaginable rate.

One thousand five hundred, one thousand six hundred, one thousand seven hundred...

If any of the other Controllers were to witness Merlin's development, no one would believe that such an anomaly existed. Merlin's world was on the brink of collapse yet it was expanding at a furious rate. Its aura was also growing more powerful.

"Unfortunately, there are no more contenders to enter the Illusory World. Otherwise, my power will be enhanced even more."

Several ideas flashed across Merlin's mind. Following the expansion of the Illusory World, its limit was also increasing rapidly. At first, he could only accommodate over three thousand people but now, he might be able to accommodate over four thousand or more. However, they were facing a life and death crisis, so there were no contenders to recruit.

"Crack."

Finally, Merlin sensed that his natural order was breaking inch by inch. Although the Illusory World was expanding quickly, no matter how, he still could not withstand the Void Beast's repeated impacts. Every single impact tore apart the Illusory World's power of natural order. If the Void Beast continued to ram at him, sooner or later, the Illusory World would collapse.

If that happened, what use would it be for the Illusory World to grow at such an astounding rate?

Waiting for Tyron's arrival was a fool's dream. There were still a few days to go. If they waited for Tyron to arrive, Merlin would already be dead.

"Sh*t, Controller Merlin is completely unable to block that Void Beast."

Controller Caesar grew worried. Even his squad appeared anxious. All of them knew very well that once Merlin failed and his world shattered, they would also be torn into pieces by the Void Beast.

Merlin spotted Controller Caesar from the corner of his eyes and an idea occurred in his mind.

"Doesn't Controller Caesar also have a squad? If all of them can enter my Illusory World and strengthen it, perhaps, we might still have a fighting chance."

A bold thought flashed across Merlin's mind.

Chapter 1054: Fighting Chance II

"Everyone, based on our squad's abilities alone, we can't fight the Void Beast. Controller Caesar, my Illusory World's natural order is very stable and can accommodate more contenders. Hence, why don't we merge both our squads for one final stand?"

Merlin's voice rumbled like thunder in the sky and echoed in everyone's ear. Now, everyone knew the situation faced by Merlin's squad. Once Merlin's squad failed, no one here would survive.

Thinking along these lines, Controller Caesar was the first to respond to Merlin's call, "Haha," Caesar laughed heartily, "I don't see anything wrong with that! To stop the Void Beast, any method is worth a try, what more combining a squad. I'll start first."

With that, Caesar flew into Merlin's Illusory World. Then, without any further hesitation, all the contenders entered Merlin's Illusory World.

Since Merlin's Illusory World had been suffering the the Void Beast's constant barrage, in just a short period, it had expanded to almost two thousand Latitude Cosmoses.

This directly led to the number of contenders that could be accommodated in the Illusory World to increase significantly. Originally, the Illusory World had over three thousand people. Now, a steady stream of Free Beings and Controllers were ushered in.

Three thousand five hundred, three thousand eight hundred, four thousand...

In just a short time, Merlin's Illusory World had accommodated over four thousand people. Merlin could feel the additional burden on the Illusory World but at the same time, he could feel the Illusory World's power increase rapidly.

"Boom."

Finally, when the headcount reached four thousand two hundred people, Merlin's Illusory World had reached its limit. It could not accommodate any more people. However, its power was now increased to an entire new level. On top of that, Merlin's Illusory World was able to firmly withstand the Void Beast's impact.

"We've blocked it!"

Merlin was not the only one who was relieved. Azulon, Caesar, and the others were also overjoyed. Never in their wildest dreams did they expect the situation to turn around so dramatically. They initially thought that their lives would be hanging on a thin thread as they await Tyron's rescue but now, they were able to fight the Void Beast head-on. Truly, it had exceeded everyone's expectations.

Nonetheless, Merlin did not let down his guard. This was a golden opportunity. He was using the fight against the Void Beast to prolong the chaos in the Illusory World. Although the Illusory World was chaotic, with the support of over four thousand people, it remained remarkably stable.

Thus, it was a golden opportunity for Merlin to expand his world. Surely, he would not allow it to pass. Therefore, Merlin took the initiative to confront and attack the Void Beast, causing it to become enraged.

Two thousand one hundred, two thousand three hundred and fifty, two thousand eight hundred, three thousand...

Merlin's Illusory World had expanded at breakneck speed. In just three days, the Illusory World had expanded to the equivalent of over three thousand Latitude Cosmoses. This made him one of the more powerful existences among the Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings.

Of course, he had a long way to go compared to the top Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings but then, Merlin had only become a Controller for less than ten thousand years whereas the top Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings had spent dozens or hundreds of latitude years. By now, almost all of Caesar's squad had entered Merlin's world. The combined power of over five thousand people was truly menacing, perhaps only inferior to the top-most Major Cosmos Absolute Beings like Tyron. Currently, it was not the Void Beast which was harassing Merlin but Merlin who was actively harassing the Void Beast.

"Whoosh."

Finally, Tyron arrived. Over the past few days, he had rushed here as fast as he could. Initially, he thought that Merlin would be in danger but surprisingly when he arrived, he had witnessed an unexpected scene. Merlin was outdoing the Void Beast at every corner. In terms of pure strength, Merlin was also slightly more powerful than the Void Beast.

Tyron was one of the top Major Cosmos Absolute Beings so he had spent a lot of time crossing-swords with these Void Beasts. Therefore, he was able to tell from a single glance that this Void Beast was not ordinary. Its ability was quite extraordinary. Even a few squads would not be able to stop this Void Beast, much less Merlin's squad of merely three thousand over people.

Yet, Merlin was suppressing the Void Beast. Something must have changed in the process.

"Roar..."

Finally, the Void Beast was cowed. With a loud roar, it turned around to escape and dove into the pitch-black Void Sea. Merlin did not give chase. Tyron had already warned them to never enter the Void Sea because even Major Cosmos Absolute Beings were known to get lost in it.

Seeing the Void Beast escape, Merlin felt a little frustrated but he knew that he was able to suppress the Void Beast. Most of the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings could suppress a Void Beast but could not kill it.

These Void Beasts were extremely difficult to kill. Even Tyron could only kill a limited number of Void Beasts. Thus, driving them back into the Void Sea was considered a success.

"The Void Beast has finally been driven away. Our barrier hasn't been breached."

"Look, isn't that Sir Tyron?"

After the Void Beast was chased away, everyone was ecstatic and overjoyed. They had just escaped the jaws of death, thus many of the Free Beings and Controllers were reeling in joy.

Many people also noticed Tyron next to them, which put their hearts further at ease. Even if another Void Beast were to appear, they would not have to fear.

"Teacher Tyron!"

Naturally, Merlin also noticed Tyron and immediately came to his side. Merlin's Illusory World had now stabilized and was no longer chaotic. However, over five thousand people were still in his world.

Tyron continued to stare at Merlin in bewilderment. He was not just a Major Cosmos Absolute Being but the top Major Cosmos Absolute Being. Hence, he discovered Merlin's situation with a single glance.

"Your... Your world expanded to over three thousand Latitude Cosmoses?"

Tyron was astonished. Although he knew that Merlin's Illusory World was infinitely unique, he still could not conceal the amazement in his heart. Back when Merlin was recruiting his squad, the Illusory World was only about the size of one thousand five hundred over Latitude Cosmoses.

Right now, it had grown once over to more than three thousand Latitude Cosmoses. Such a growth rate was ridiculous. Even a top Major Cosmos Absolute Being like him found it unbelievable.

Merlin knew that he could not hide this progress, so he nodded. "That's right, Teacher Tyron. When my Illusory World fought against the Void Beast, the world was chaotic but its essence was unharmed. Therefore, the world made use of this time to expand freely. It's now equivalent to over three thousand Latitude Cosmoses."

"It was also because of the expansion that I was able to accommodate more contenders. I combined Controller Caesar's squad with mine. Luckily, we were able to withstand the Void Beast."

Merlin explained in detail. Although it was truly bizarre and mind-blowing, in the end, Tyron nodded calmly.

It seemed that this explained how Merlin was able to fight back against that powerful Void Beast and ultimately defeat it.

"Your luck is quite good and helped you escape but, in the end, the Void Sea's barrier still fell..."

Tyron heaved a long sigh and said regrettably.

Chapter 1055: Entering the Void Sea!

"What? Fallen?"

Merlin, Azulon, Caesar, and the others were crestfallen. They had worked so hard to protect the barrier from being breached by the Void Beast but now, the barrier had fallen?

It was not surprising that Merlin and the others gave such a big reaction. This barrier of the Void Sea was critical that it was almost the final barrier. If even this barrier had fallen, destruction was imminent.

Seeing the scandalized looks on Merlin and the others, Tyron replied helplessly, "Yes, it has fallen. You've worked very hard to protect this barrier but other places were not as lucky. This time, something must've happened in the Void Sea. The Void Beasts attacked in unison. Almost the entire barrier had been breached. Other than a small handful who managed to stop the Void Beasts with great difficulty, every other place had been breached. Our barrier is now riddled with holes. At least twenty Void Beasts had broken through the barrier."

Tyron relayed the news to them in detail. This news was truly shocking. Previously, they were committed to guarding this barrier but in the end, the barrier had not been safeguarded.

More than twenty Void Beasts had broken through the barrier and there were even more Void Beasts behind them which were continuously attacking the barrier. The entire world faced imminent destruction.

It would not be easy to herd these Void Beasts back into the Void Sea again.

In that regard, even the five top Major Cosmos Absolute Beings were powerless. For a time, everyone's moods sunk as they stood quietly in the air.

After a moment, Merlin asked with a dejected air, "Teacher Tyron, is there nothing else we can do? We cannot just sit here and await our deaths!"

Certainly, they could not sit around and await their deaths. Merlin knew very well that no matter what kind of circumstances they were in, they could not give up. In the past, he also faced countless life and death situations. It was because he did not give up that he got to where he was now.

Currently, only twenty Void Beasts had broken through the barrier. They still had a chance.

A glint flashed across Tyron's eyes. In a deep voice, he said, "Yes, we cannot give up. However, it's too difficult to herd these Void Beasts back into the Void Sea. Even the joint forces of the five top Major Cosmos Absolute Beings aren't viable. Therefore, we suspect that something must've happened in the Void Sea. Us old folks are preparing to enter the Void Sea and find out what happened."

"Enter the Void Sea?"

Merlin was confused but Azulon and Caesar beside him understood what it meant. This was the Void Sea. Even a Major Cosmos Absolute Being appeared infinitesimal in the Void Sea. If they encountered a large number of Void Beasts, even a Major Cosmos Absolute Being could die.

For this reason, the Void Sea had always been a forbidden place for every Free Being or Controller. Even Major Cosmos Absolute Beings did not dare step foot in it lightly.

This time, however, Tyron was going to enter the Void Zone. It would be akin to passing through the nine gates of hell.

"Teacher..."

Merlin opened his mouth to speak but ultimately remained silent. So what if the Void Sea was dangerous? If they did not enter the Void Sea, then there was no way to stop the Void Beast.

A gradual smile appeared on Tyron's lips. "Haha, the Void Sea isn't a graveyard. It may be dangerous but it also presents an opportunity. The Void Sea had always been a forbidden place but if it could nurture powerful existences such as the Void Beast, then there must be some secret. If someone could uncover these secrets, then perhaps we would have a chance to advance further and achieve our desired realm. Hence, there are reasons for us to enter the Void Sea. One, we can find out what happened in the Void Sea, and two, we might find a way to get rid of the Void Beast. Furthermore, there's a chance of discovering a new opportunity, so, it isn't so scary."

Tyron's words made sense. While the Void Sea was dangerous, it also contained great secrets and great opportunities. Many of the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings longed to enter the Void Sea. It was just that they had always been held back by other concerns. Now that the situation had become so critical, they were forced to take a trip into the Void Sea.

"Teacher, if all the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings are leaving, what should we do about the Void Beasts?"

Merlin asked.

"Of course, you'll have to form several squads to safeguard some of the important regions. As for the other places, it'll boil down to luck. The Void Beasts represents destruction. They'll swallow Latitude Regions one after another. This is a disaster..."

Tyron sighed again. He had no other solution as there were more than twenty Void Beasts and counting. The moment the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings left, no power could dispel the Void Beasts.

"Teacher, is it only the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings who can enter the Void Sea?"

After a brief silence, Merlin continued asking.

"There's no such rule. It's just that the Void Sea is more dangerous. So, only a Major Cosmos Absolute Being has hopes of reaching the deeper ends. As for the other Controllers, entering the Void Sea will be dangerous."

"Oh? If that's the case, with my current abilities, can I enter the Void Sea?"

Merlin peered closely at Tyron. Countless thoughts flashed through his mind but this was probably his only chance to enter the Void Sea. Plus, there might be new opportunities in the Void Sea.

Otherwise, even if he remained outside the Void Sea, it would not be possible to defeat the Void Beasts.

Tyron's eyes shined brightly. He considered momentarily before answering, "Your current abilities are just a little bit below mine. However, you only have this power due to the five thousand over people in your body. If you want to enter the Void Zone, you must get their consensus. After all, not everyone wants to venture into the Void Sea."

Merlin nodded. He had of course considered this as well. Upon receiving Tyron's positive affirmation, he immediately explained the situation to Azulon, Caesar, and the others.

The five thousand over contenders in Merlin's Illusory World had already found out the gravity of the situation. After listening to Merlin's explanation, some of them made their choice.

Out of a total of five thousand over people, just as Tyron predicted, not everyone would take the risk with Merlin. Unexpectedly, both Azulon and Caesar did not leave. In the end, only a few hundred people left, so there were still about five thousand people who stayed.

These people wanted to follow Merlin into the mysterious and danger-ridden Void Sea. Combined, they were comparable to a powerful Major Cosmos Absolute Being, which guaranteed their safety to some extent. Thus, they also wanted to try their luck at finding some great opportunities. It was far better than waiting to die outside the Void Sea.

After all, if the Major Cosmos Absolute Beings fail to find a solution to deal with the Void Beasts in the Void Sea, then sooner or later, the Latitude Regions outside would be wiped out

by the Void Beasts. When that time came, even if they hide in the most obscure corner, it would be useless. Everything would be swallowed by the Void Beasts, so it was almost equivalent to awaiting death.

Those who did not want to await their deaths wanted to venture into the Void Sea.

"Very well, there are still five thousand people. Although my power decreased slightly, it's not too much. Teacher, are we going to enter the Void Sea now?"

Merlin's heart felt a little more secure now that he still had five thousand people with him. His power was just second to the five top Major Cosmos Absolute Beings.

"Of course, the sooner the better. Let's go!"

With a wave of his hand, Tyron led Merlin and stepped into the pitch-black Void Sea.

Chapter 1056: Abnormal

The Void Sea, a tried and true forbidden place, was a place feared by even the top Major Cosmos Absolute Beings. The moment Merlin entered the Void Sea, he could sense its peculiarity.

Originally, a Controller like Merlin had the gift of perception. Any Latitude Cosmos could be easily deciphered with Merlin's perception ability. So, usually, he would have a clear idea of everything around him.

However, when he came to the Void Sea, it did not contain any energy. It was just an endless stretch of void. Since there was no energy, his perception ability was rendered useless.

Therefore, he could only rely on his visual abilities and see a short range around himself. It was almost like becoming a Normie.

"The Void Sea is truly intimidating! In such a place, how can the Void Beasts survive?"

Now, Merlin finally understood why the Void Beasts wanted to leave the Void Sea. The environment here was so terrible that even the Void Beasts could not withstand it. Hence, they were eager to leave the Void Sea.

"The Void Sea is vast and endless, how are we going to search?"

Merlin asked Tyron who was standing next to him. Tyron did not know either. He simply entered the Void Sea to search for an opportunity, just like the other Major Cosmos Absolute Beings.

As for where the opportunity was, he did not know.

"We'll take it one step at a time. Hopefully, we don't run into any Void Beast."

Tyron also did not have a plan.

So, together with Merlin, Tyron wandered around the Void Sea. The warning that the Void Beasts were dangerous was true. They had just arrived in the Void Sea a while ago but they had already encountered a total of five Void Beasts.

Although the Void Beasts typically traveled alone, as usual, there were exceptions to everything. They once encountered three Void Beasts that acted together. Jointly, Merlin and Tyron were able to chase them away.

However, from this experience, Merlin also realized the gap between Tyron and himself. Initially, Merlin thought that combined with over five thousand people, he was not too far away from Tyron's level.

Through actual combat, Merlin found out that the gap between Tyron and himself was huge. Tyron was able to fight two of the stronger Void Beasts and still held an upper hand throughout the battle. On the other hand, Merlin was only barely able to fight one Void Beast.

Recently, the number of Void Beasts they encountered had increased. This was abnormal. Although none of the Void Beasts pose a real threat to them, this situation caused Tyron and Merlin to heighten their guards.

"There are more and more Void Beasts. Does it mean that we're heading toward the Void Beasts' old nest?"

Tyron said somewhat uncertainly.

The Void Beasts often traveled alone, so no one knew if they had a nest. If the Void Beast had a colony somewhere and they happened to stumble into it, there might be a lot of trouble.

"Teacher Tyron, what do we do? Should we continue walking?"

Merlin asked hesitantly. Looking at the dark space ahead, Merlin had a feeling that it would be dangerous.

Tyron was struggling. Honestly, he wanted to take a look. The Void Beasts had been roaming around for a long time and Tyron also knew about their existence a long time ago.

However, after so many years, their understanding of the Void Beasts was still painfully scarce. If they managed to find the Void Beasts' colony, they might understand the Void Beasts better and perhaps even discover their weaknesses. This would be extremely significant.

After considering this, Tyron had decided.

"Let's move forward and take a look. However, we must be more careful. There might be a large number of Void Beasts in front!"

Tyron warned carefully. Merlin knew that while Tyron's abilities were powerful, if they were surrounded by a large number of Void Beasts, there was no hope of escaping.

Therefore, both of them moved carefully and retracted their aura as much as possible. To be fair, retracting their auras was quite inconsequential because there was no energy fluctuation in the Void Sea. As long as they did not directly run into a Void Beast, they would not be discovered.

Their vigilance paid off. They had just moved forward a few steps when they met several Void Beasts head-on. Fortunately, they evaded in time and were not discovered.

At this time, Merlin found it fortunate that their perception could not be used here. This way, it was much easier to evade the Void Beasts.

Both their speeds were not slow. Soon, they encountered more and more Void Beasts and the frequency also increased. Finally, they could not avoid running into two Void Beasts.

These two Void Beasts bumped straight into Merlin and Tyron, so they could not evade. As a result, an inevitable battle exploded.

For some reason, the usually lazy Void Beasts turned inexplicably vicious. They went berserk and attacked Merlin and Tyron crazily.

It was lucky that the Void Sea prevented the energy fluctuations of the battle from spreading. Otherwise, such a large commotion would have attracted all the surrounding Void Beasts.

Along the way, Merlin saw more than a few dozen Void Beasts. If they were surrounded, there was no way to escape.

These two Void Beasts were tightly suppressed by Tyron. They knew that they could not win, so they tried to escape.

"We must now allow them to escape. Capture them in our worlds and imprison it!"

Tyron said panickily. At this time, they could not allow these two Void Beasts to escape. If the Void Beasts escaped, Tyron and Merlin's whereabouts would be exposed. In such a dense population of Void Beasts, this was akin to suicide.

Therefore, Tyron could only use his world to suppress it. His world was able to suppress one Void Beast but two would be dangerous.

After all, his natural order was not as solid as Merlin's.

Merlin thought for a moment, he could probably suppress one. Hence, he nodded in agreement. "Teacher Tyron, we'll each suppress one Void Beast!"

With that, he wielded the Illusory World. The Illusory World descended and engulfed the Void Beast, suppressing it with tremendous world power.

If it was only Merlin's Illusory World, it would not be possible but with the support of over five thousand contenders, Merlin was somehow able to suppress the Void Beast. Nevertheless, this exerted a huge burden on Merlin.

"Teacher Tyron, let's continue ahead. I'm sure the Void Beasts' colony must be in front."

Merlin said while keeping the Void Beast suppressed. He turned his gaze on the void in front. Although it was pitch-black, Merlin knew that a shocking scene awaited them.

Tyron was silent for a moment, seemingly suppressing the Void Beast completely. Then, he saw that Merlin could still hold on. He gritted his teeth and said, "Okay, we'll move forward. However, if we go any further, it'll be a point of no return."

"Haha, this is the Void Sea, how can there be no danger? How rare is it for us to find the Void Beasts' colony? These two Void Beasts' behaviors were so abnormal. There must be a great secret hidden in it. Anything that could drive a low-intelligence Void Beast to go berserk must be extraordinary."

From these two berserk Void Beasts, Merlin had a premonition that whatever lied in front was extraordinary. It might be an earth-shattering secret.

Tyron nodded and did not hesitate anymore. Together with Merlin, he flew forward swiftly.

After flying for a short while, Tyron stopped. They dared not even make a sound as a great number of Void Beasts had appeared in front of them. There were at least a thousand of them crowded together.

More than a thousand Void Beasts – this number was too terrifying. Forget about a thousand. Even a hundred of them could easily wreck countless Latitude Regions. All Free Beings and Controllers could not do anything against them.

With this in mind, Tyron and Merlin felt a lingering fear. They had decided to come here without knowing what they would ultimately encounter.

"Don't say anything first. Look at these Void Beasts. What are they doing in their gathering?"

Tyron asked softly, cautiously.

There were so many Void Beasts. They usually did not live together but had now assembled here. It was far too strange. Nonetheless, the Void Sea was a forbidden area for Free Beings and Controllers in the first place. It was not surprising that there would be endless mysteries in this place.

Thus, Tyron and Merlin hid secretly on one side, waiting in silence. This wait lasted for ten years.

Ten years – forget about Tyron, even to Merlin, this was a negligible number. It passed by in the blink of an eye. Just when Tyron and Merlin thought they would have to wait longer, something finally changed among these Void Beasts.

"Rumble."

The Void Sea had no way of transmitting energy fluctuations but Merlin and Tyron could distinctly feel that their surroundings seemed to have trembled slightly.

Following that, in the pitch-black sweep of the Void Sea, a gigantic light gate gradually emerged. This light gate illuminated the surrounding area by tens of thousands of miles. Its radiance was filled with a gentle force that caused one to feel tranquil.

"This... What's this?"

Tyron and Merlin were astounded deep down because this force made them feel so serene as if they would willingly throw themselves into that massive light gate.

Merlin had a feeling that there was surely some great secret behind that light gate. Moreover, it would be a huge opportunity that all Controllers had dreamed of. Even so, with the current situation where Void Beasts were everywhere, they dared not act rashly.

They waited for the Void Beasts to enter the light gate. When there were about ten or so Void Beasts left, only then did Merlin and Tyron start to move. They planned to follow these Void Beasts and sneak stealthily into the light gate.

However, at this point, four figures suddenly rushed out. These figures even immediately started to clash against the remaining Void Beasts and they were not losing either.

"What? The Absolute Beings of the Eastern, Western, Southern, and Northern Regions? They've discovered this place?"

Realizing this, Tyron no longer hesitated and rushed out with Merlin. As the Central Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being, he was the mightiest existence. The moment Tyron attacked, he triumphed over two Void Beasts instantly and Merlin was also contending against another Void Beast.

Therefore, in a short moment, the remaining Void Beasts had been chased away. It was just that these Void Beasts longed to enter this gigantic light gate, so they constantly snarled at a distance, still unwilling to leave.

"Swoosh swoosh."

The Absolute Beings from the other four regions had noticed Tyron and swiftly gathered here, wearing looks of delight.

"Tryon, you've found this place too."

The Eastern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being said with a smile.

Tyron frowned and swept his gaze over the four of them, then said in a low voice, "Do you know about the secret of this light gate? What's inside?"

It was not surprising that Tyron would suspect this. The four of them had acted collectively. They had reunited long before and their goal was obvious too, which was to enter the light gate.

"Well..."

The Eastern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being was somewhat hesitant. The Southern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being frowned and asked Tyron, "Could it be that you didn't come because you know about the secret here?"

Tyron's face did not change as he said coldly, "Without meaning to, we came here by accident and saw that there were many Void Beasts gathered here. Therefore, we hid on one side."

The Southern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being barked out a bitter, helpless laugh. "How lucky of you. Did you come here by accident? We entered the Void Sea before you did and noticed the abnormality of these Void Beasts. We learned from an Absolute Being who had explored the Void Sea before that the Void Sea is a very special place. It contains the Power of Destruction and Rebirth. We call this the Origin!"

"The Origin? The Power of Destruction and Rebirth?"

The eyes of Tyron and Merlin brightened. Could it be that the Origin was in this light gate before them?

As if guessing what Merlin and Tyron were thinking, the Southern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being nodded. "That's right, the Origin is before us. However, we're merely

hypothesizing. In the Origin, even the Void Beasts yearn to obtain the Power of Destruction because they represent destruction. If they obtained this Power of Destruction, they could continue to grow. We suspected that these Void Beasts wish to enter the Origin, obtain the Power of Destruction and be born as a Void Beast King."

"A Void Beast King? What threat does it pose to us?"

Merlin suddenly piped up and asked.

"Tyron, who's this?"

The Major Cosmos Absolute Beings of the other four regions stared at Merlin suspiciously. Naturally, with one glance, they could see the tremendous power contained in Merlin's body. However, he was merely a Medium Cosmos Absolute Being. However, Merlin was able to contend against a formidable Void Beast earlier and was only slightly inferior to them.

"My disciple, Merlin! This time I've brought him here in search of an opportunity. This Void Beast King that you speak of, is it as we've once predicted?"

Tyron's expression appeared rather solemn. This was not a good thing.

The Southern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being nodded. "That's right, it's just as we predicted. Once a Void Beast King is born, we're done for. Not only does a Void Beast King has a strength that far surpasses most Void Beasts, more importantly, it can summon all Void Beasts. It's like a pack of wolves – with an alpha, they would form a pack. It would be a destructive force that's nearly unstoppable!"

Merlin understood now. He did not expect things would be so serious.

Void Beasts currently did not have a Void Beast King, so they were scattered and unorganized. Even if they broke through the barrier, it would be one or two of them. This was not much of a threat for they would only cause some destruction.

However, if a King was produced among the Void Beasts, that would be horrifying. A Void Beast King could summon all Void Beasts. Thousands of Void Beasts, mighty and majestic or even more, surging forth together – what could stop them?

It was likely that all of the Latitude Regions would be easily wiped out. No Free Being or Controller was able to stop a force like this.

"We mustn't let the Void Beasts produce a Void Beast King!"

Tyron immediately understood the four other Absolute Beings' plan. Thus, they looked toward that gigantic light gate. Perhaps when they stepped in, they would face endless danger.

Nonetheless, they had no other choice. Moreover, behind this light gate, there were opportunities too. They did not care for the Power of Destruction but if they could obtain the Power of Rebirth, they would have a way to deal with the Void Beasts.

Danger and opportunity coexisted in the Origin behind the light gate!

"Haha, alright. Today, we five top Absolute Beings will join forces and try our luck in the Origin..."

The five most preeminent Controllers, also known as Creators, represented the greatest force among Free Beings and Controllers. Only they could stop this calamity.

"Swish."

Merlin followed the five of them too and immediately flew into the light gate.

Chapter 1058: The Power of Destruction!

The top five Absolute Beings were the most preeminent existences among the Controllers.

One by one, they entered the gigantic light gate. Merlin trailed behind them. He had experienced many worlds but after entering this light gate, he lost his sense of direction.

It seemed that there was no direction behind this light gate at all. He could not even sense the world's barrier as if this was not even a world.

Nonetheless, Merlin soon noticed what was special about this place.

"Hoo..."

It was a gale. This gale contained terrifying energy that could easily annihilate a Latitude Region. Even the most preeminent Major Cosmos Absolute Beings felt fearful.

However, this gale was swiftly fading away. As it was fading, it was constantly being derived as well.

"Destruction and rebirth..."

Merlin blurted this out. Naturally, he thought of this point. Destruction and rebirth – this was the Origin's unique power.

When he saw this gale, there was no doubt that this was the Origin!

"Look quickly – the Void Beasts in front, have they gone mad?"

The Eastern Region Absolute Being looked toward the Void Beasts in the distance, feeling incredulous.

Merlin followed his gaze and saw that there was a large number of Void Beasts in front, formed into groups. They were the ones who had passed through the light gate from the outside. Now, they could no longer locate the light gate.

Currently, these Void Beasts seemed to have spotted something "delicious". They were frantically throwing themselves at a black cloud that had appeared before them but this cloud was filled with eerie power. Strangely, each Void Beast that plunged into it was instantly turned into smithereens.

"Poof poof."

Nonetheless, these Void Beasts were not afraid at all. Wave after wave, they frenziedly lunged toward that black cloud.

"Destruction, destruction – this black cloud contains the Power of Destruction!"

At last, Tyron spoke gradually. Everyone noticed as well that the black cloud was filled with the Power of Destruction. Moreover, the Void Beasts themselves represented destruction.

Perhaps by entering the black cloud, the Void Beasts would obtain momentous benefits. However, the Power of Destruction in the black cloud was even able to easily annihilate the Void Beasts who were creatures of destruction. It was enough to show how scary it was.

If this left the Origin, no matter how many Latitude Regions there were, all would be swept clean and wiped out.

Although the black cloud was formidable, annihilating one Void Beast after another, the number of Void Beasts was far too many. One died after another without any signs of stopping.

"That's not right. These Void Beasts are simply rushing to their deaths. They want to move one step further. Evolution?"

They watched the Void Beasts heading into the black cloud one after another, easily destroyed. Therefore, they were not just seeking their deaths. Rather, this was a filtering process.

"Buzz."

Finally, a Void Beast of tremendous proportions and monstrous force dashed into the black cloud in one move. Instantly, the entire black cloud started to tremble violently.

Moreover, the other Void Beasts finally stopped as well. Their eyes glinted with apprehension as they stared at the black cloud which was stirring ceaselessly. Wisps of a colossal force slowly seeped out from it.

Now, the other Void Beasts seemed frightened as well. They began to hunt everywhere for other black clouds, plunging into these in unending waves.

"Roar..."

After a few days, an earth-shattering roar erupted from the black cloud. Soon, a pitch-black Void Beast whose size was ten times larger than an average Void Beast emerged. It was a leviathan. Even its body and build were an endless deterrent force.

This enormous Void Beast was that previous Void Beast who had successfully entered the black cloud after much difficulty. Now, this Void Beast had undergone a complete transformation. Its strength was more than ten times its previous self.

A Void Beast's strength was terrifying in the first place. Now that it was enhanced ten times over, it was difficult to fathom how formidable it was. Furthermore, when this colossal and special Void Beast unleashed its furious roar, the surrounding Void Beasts appeared to weaken as they approached this Void Beast like it was their king.

Of course, there was still a large number of Void Beasts who were looking for other black clouds even more frantically. It was as if they wished to undergo the same transformation as this Void Beast.

"As I thought, they were filtering out the stronger Void Beasts. These are still not real kings. I've heard that there can only be one true king. Still, the king's subordinates will include a few formidable Void Beasts as commanders. I'm guessing that this black cloud allows these ordinary Void Beasts to evolve into commanders. Thereafter, from this group of commanders, the true king will be born!"

Tyron's face was gloomy as he glared unwaveringly at these Void Beasts.

Things were getting troublesome now. It turned out that these Void Beasts were able to utilize the Power of Destruction in the Origin to evolve. Although the king was not yet born, there was no doubt that as the number of commanders increased, the king would finally be born. It was just a matter of time.

"We can't go on waiting like this like sitting ducks. If the Void Beasts produce their king, we'll be powerless and can only wait for devastation. Since the Power of Destruction can transform the Void Beasts, the Origin's Power of Rebirth can make us stronger too or even transform us, boosting us to the level we've always yearned!"

The Eastern Absolute Being's eyes flashed with a hopeful look. The others thought of this as well. They had gone through so many trials and tribulations and braved such dangers to follow the Void Beasts into the Origin. They did not do all this just to wait around for their deaths. They were looking for their chance as well.

Of course, the Power of Destruction was not of much help to them but in the Origin, there was not just the Power of Destruction but also the corresponding Power of Rebirth.

Perhaps this was the opportunity for the Controllers!

Therefore, a new motivation emerged in this small party. Although they were unfamiliar with the Origin, they knew that since this place was filled with the Power of Destruction where the Void Beasts were assembled, they had to go in the opposite direction. By taking a path that ran counter to the Void Beasts', they would surely encounter the Power of Rebirth.

Naturally, Merlin wanted to follow them as well but unlike the rest, he was interested in the Power of Destruction. Therefore, after a moment of deliberation, Merlin came up with his plan. His surroundings were filled with the omnipresent Power of Destruction. He purposefully used the Illusory World to draw in a bit of the Power of Destruction.

This Power of Destruction was only a tiny amount which Merlin could still suppress. Thus, it did not affect him much.

With that, after Merlin had suppressed this strand of the Power of Destruction in the Illusory World, he followed Tyron and the rest. They flew in the opposite direction of the Void Beasts, looking for the Power of Rebirth in the Origin.

Perhaps this was the Controllers' only chance!

Chapter 1059: Light Source

The Origin was immense. Tyron and the rest had flown for a very long time and still, they had not located the Power of Rebirth. They were even starting to suspect if they had gone in the wrong direction.

Nonetheless, they dared not turn back to search. If they bumped into the Void Beasts, they would be in trouble, especially since a master-level existence had been born among the Void Beasts. None of the five most preeminent Major Cosmos Absolute Beings were a match for the master-level Void Beasts.

Therefore, they dared not turn back. All they could do was put on a bold face and continue forward.

Compared to the anxiety of Tyron and the rest, Merlin appeared rather calm. This was because in his Illusory World, he was gradually releasing the strand of Power of Destruction he had absorbed. It was now wreaking havoc in the Illusory World.

Although Merlin had only absorbed one strand of the Power of Destruction, explosions were occurring everywhere in the Illusory World, exhibiting signs of annihilation. Therefore, this strand of Power of Destruction was slowly growing as well.

Wherever there was destruction, the Power of Destruction would grow in strength!

Although the Power of Destruction was slowly strengthening, Merlin did not stop it as its presence seemed to cause his Illusory World to expand at a greater rate. Initially, it was merely equivalent to around three thousand Latitude Cosmoses. Now, it had enlarged significantly.

Three thousand and one hundred, three thousand and two hundred, three thousand and three hundred...

Merlin's Illusory World was swiftly expanding but Merlin had fallen into deep contemplation. The simple expansion of the world was no longer that important to him. Rather, he was pondering upon the Power of Destruction.

"The Power of Destruction – what kind of force is it? What's its essence?"

Merlin wished to understand the Power of Destruction's essence. He wished to ascertain why destruction would produce the Power of Destruction. If he could do so, maybe his world would be further perfected.

A perfect world – every Controller found it difficult to imagine this.

Even though each Controller controlled a world of their own, this world was not perfect. Many other factors were involved to perfect a world.

For example, there was an issue of a Latitude Cosmos' limit in accommodation. If one wished to accommodate more contenders or expand the world's limits, one must continuously perfect their world.

If the world was constantly perfected, its limits would continually expand. It could consume more energy and thus grow more massive in the future.

However, a perfected world was not so easily attained. Even with Merlin, his Illusory World was far from being perfect. Right now, he had not understood the Power of Destruction.

If he gradually comprehend this, then the Illusory World, in the future, would produce the Root of Destruction. With the Root of Destruction in charge, the future Illusory World would be invincible. No matter how it was destroyed, it would not be affected. Furthermore, this would even strengthen Merlin's Illusory World. The greater the devastation, the more formidable the energy of the Illusory World.

Of course, it was not that easy to be enlightened about the Root of Destruction. Therefore, Merlin was no longer that passionate about the Power of Rebirth of the Origin. As long as he could be enlightened about the Power of Destruction's essence and condense the Root of Destruction's natural order in the Illusory World, his Illusory World would be as stable as a boulder, truly surpassing all of the current Major Cosmos Absolute Beings.

At that point, even Tyron would be no match for him. Therefore, the current continuous and ceaseless expansion of Merlin's Illusory World was no big deal.

Three thousand and eight hundred, four thousand...

In the blink of an eye, Merlin's Illusory World had expanded into a fearsome world comparable to four thousand Latitude Cosmoses. Among the Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings, this was considered a formidable existence. Although it was still not at its peak, it had surpassed the majority of Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings. After all, if Merlin could enlarge his world to the point where it was comparable to ten thousand Latitude Cosmoses, he would be a true Major Cosmos Absolute Being.

Merlin was not worried. It was not difficult for his Illusory World to grow until it was on par with a Major Cosmos because presently, he had the Power of Destruction. He was continuously learning more about the Power of Destruction, causing the Illusory World to expand without stopping at an astonishing rate. This was even faster than those Controllers who had refined their Latitude Cosmos.

This was thanks to Merlin's incomparably sturdy natural order. Otherwise, if other Controllers had dared to absorb the Power of Destruction into their world, they would have collapsed long ago.

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No one knew how vast the Origin was. Tyron and the rest had flown for over a century. Other than the sweep of darkness that surrounded them everywhere, they did not notice anything else.

There was not even a trace of the Power of Destruction left. Although they had discovered nothing because there was no Power of Destruction, they did not bump into any Void Beasts either, so they did not encounter any danger.

"This Origin is so enormous. When will we find the Power of Rebirth?"

At the moment, even Tyron was beginning to get somewhat anxious. It had been so long and they did not know how many master-level Void Beasts had been born. If the king was truly produced among the master-level Void Beasts, they would not stand a chance.

It was not just Tyron. The other four Major Cosmos Absolute Beings also wore despondent looks. Their initial optimism had faded long ago. Now, they were even suspecting if the Power of Rebirth existed.

"Hoo..."

Suddenly, in the endless darkness, everyone felt a hint of breeze. This breeze was even mixed with a floral fragrance.

"A breeze? Energy doesn't even exist here, how can there be wind? Moreover, it's pitch-dark all around and heavy with lifelessness. How can there be a floral fragrance?"

The top five Major Cosmos Absolute Beings were preeminent existences among the Controllers. Naturally, they noticed what was unusual about this and their hearts were enlivened.

A place with a floral fragrance proved the existence of life. Perhaps this was the Power of Rebirth that they had been arduously seeking for over the past century.

"Search, we must search for the source of this fragrance!"

Tyron was decisive and cried out loudly. They did not have to go through an exhausting search as they moved further ahead, they could smell the fragrance of flowers.

Furthermore, this floral fragrance grew more intense. They did not have to search on purpose to locate the direction of this fragrance as it was somewhere up ahead.

Everyone became excited and even Merlin raised his head slightly. He no longer focused his attention on understanding the Power of Destruction's essence but started to search along with the rest.

"Look quickly, that... What's that?"

Suddenly, the Eastern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being yelled out hoarsely. As they looked to where he pointed, they saw a dazzling light that was vaguely like an immense light source. Nonetheless, no one in the group was able to discern the scene in the light source.

"In this light, I sense tenderness."

"I sense forgiveness."

"I sense vitality."

"I sense order."

Tyron and the rest stopped in their tracks. The radiance in the enormous light source had blanketed all of them and waves of extraordinary sensations sprang up in them.

They had not felt like this for a very long time. This light caused these preeminent Major Cosmos Absolute Beings to feel as if they should bow down in worship.

"The Power of Rebirth, this must be the Origin's Power of Rebirth!"

The Eastern Region Major Cosmos Absolute Being shouted emotionally, his voice cracking. Everyone stared at that enormous beam of radiance, their faces filled with ecstatic surprise.

"Whether or not it's the Power of Rebirth, we'll know once we enter and take a look."

Tyron breathed in deeply. Taking the lead, he launched himself toward that massive ball of light.

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"Swoosh swoosh."

By this point, no one was being modest. They all flew frantically toward that light source. Although Tyron was the foremost contender, no one among the top five Absolute Beings would wish to be surpassed. They had come to the Origin this time to achieve a breakthrough, so no one would be content with allowing Tyron to enter the light source first.

Therefore, everyone flew toward the light source, striving to be first. Only Merlin stared steadily at that light source. He could sense the power of order, vitality, tenderness, and so on. Moreover, the strand of Power of Destruction in his body appeared to feel rather uneasy as if it had encountered a threatening force.

"The Power of Rebirth..."

Merlin mumbled softly. Only when there was no one else beside him, he slowly flew toward that light source. All this while, Merlin had never wished to enter places that had exceeded his imagination. Whether it was the Void Sea or the Origin or this light source, Merlin did not wish to enter.

However, if he did not take the risk by entering, he would end up empty-handed.

"I'll go in and see if it's the Power of Rebirth in the Origin?"

At last, Merlin clenched his jaw and made up his mind. He must enter this light source.

The closer he got to the light source, the more Merlin's heart palpitated. Although this sensation was not dangerous, he still felt these palpitations as if he was about to face some grand, noble existence or some imposing power.

"Buzz."

When Merlin stepped into the light source, he shuddered. Soon, he was dazzled by brightness before things gradually cleared up. When Merlin was able to open his eyes once more, he saw that they had reached a gigantic space.

This space was peculiar indeed. There was light everywhere but there was not a soul in sight. Furthermore, countless colorful bubbles were floating in thin air.

These bubbles were gorgeous and had vivid hues. They looked incomparably magnificent. Nonetheless, whether it was Tyron or the other four Absolute Beings, they were rather bewildered and dared to go in so rashly.

"Tyron, what do you feel? From these bubbles, I sense a vigorous vitality..."

The Eastern Region Absolute Being frowned slightly as he spoke.

These bubbles were strange indeed. No matter how they tried, they could not see what was going on inside. Even so, deep within them, they sensed a force that attracted them to these bubbles.

Tyron did not reply right away but asked the rest, "Did you feel that?"

"I feel it. Such a warm intimate feeling. It's like a longing. This is the power of the natural order in our worlds. It's as if these bubbles are targeting our natural order, calling us."

The Southern Region Absolute Being said quietly. Earlier, he had kept observing and searching carefully and finally found a clue. It turned out that this longing came from the natural order's power in their worlds.

"The Power of Rebirth... Since we've come here, there's no need to be afraid. Come on, we'll follow the call in each of our hearts and seek out these bubbles. Maybe each of us will reap unexpected benefits!"

Tyron drew in a deep breath and said determinedly. He could not sense anything dangerous about these bubbles, so now he could only obey the call deep in his heart and go to those bubbles. He felt that these bubbles were very special. Perhaps they would reap unimaginable benefits.

"Haha, since we're here, what else is there to be frightened of?"

The Southern Region Absolute Being laughed loudly then flew toward a gigantic bubble before anyone else. In a flash, he was submerged in the bubble. Following that, everyone stared closely at that bubble. Other than a slight tremor at the beginning, the bubble did not change at all. It was very calm. It seemed that for a short while, nothing would change.

"Let's go. We can no longer contact the Southern Region Absolute Being and now each of us can only seek our opportunity. Whether we succeed or fail depends on this!"

Tyron glanced at one of the enormous bubbles. He sensed that this bubbled seemed to be beckoning him over. They had gone through various difficulties from the Void Sea to the Origin, then searched for these bubbles in the Origin. This was practically their only hope.

Otherwise, by the time the Void Beasts had produced a king, they would be powerless from then on. Unless they could hide in the Origin forever, they would be in great danger if they met the master of the Void Beasts.

The Void Beasts were making progress and so will they!

"Merlin, have you sensed the call?"

Tyron did not neglect to express concern for Merlin who came in last.

Merlin shook his head. Indeed, he did not feel any call. From these bubbles, he could not sense anything unusual as well. It seemed that there were still some differences between him and the top five Absolute Beings.

"You don't feel a call? I wonder if this is a blessing or a curse... Oh well, just wait here quietly then. If anything changes, leave immediately."

With that, Tyron swiftly flew toward the bubble that had been calling him. In a flash, the original group of six was reduced to Merlin alone.

Merlin had lied. It was not that he did not sense any calling but the thing that called to him was not the bubbles but something deep among those bubbles.

Merlin did not know why he would feel such an intense sensation. Still, after Tyron and the rest had entered their respective bubbles, he continued flying forward. He sensed that something there was calling strongly to him.

He passed by one bubble after another. The further he went, the fewer the bubbles. Furthermore, some bubbles had terrifying volumes, a few times more massive than the average bubble. Merlin did not know what this meant.

"Since I have this feeling, I wonder if other Free Beings and Controllers would feel the same calling?"

Merlin's heart leaped slightly. He was accommodating four thousand people in his Illusory World and they were all Controllers and Free Beings. Initially, they had no hope of entering the Void Sea but being in Merlin's Illusory World, they had now entered the Origin.

"Let me try."

Merlin first summoned Azulon and Caesar. They were both Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings. As relatively powerful Controllers, perhaps they could make an impact.

"Swoosh swoosh."

Thus, two figures rapidly appeared in the Origin. They looked around at the strange bubbles, both wearing a lost expression.

"Controller Merlin, what's this place?"

"This is the Origin in the Void Sea. According to legend, it's a mystical place that possesses the Power of Rebirth. Now, sense your surroundings carefully. Do you feel a calling? If you do, then you can head into the bubble that's calling you. Maybe this is your chance."

After Merlin finished speaking, he looked toward Caesar and Azulon. Both of them were Medium Cosmos Absolute Beings. Naturally, they understood what Merlin meant. Maybe they did not know what these bubbles were but they were not stupid. They knew what this so-called chance meant.

This was because this time, they had entered along with the top five Absolute Beings. This was a chance for the top five Absolute Beings as well.

Thinking about how they shared the same opportunity with the top five Absolute Beings, Caesar and Azulon were endlessly excited. They immediately closed their eyes and carefully perceived their surroundings.

Soon, they burst out into gleeful, surprised expressions, saying in an emotional voice, "I've felt it. What a powerful calling like a dearest relative..."

Merlin looked pensive as he nodded. "In that case, look for that bubble. It may be a chance or there may be danger. You must consider this carefully."

Although Merlin warned that there might be danger, both of them still did not hesitate. Who would relinquish the same chance that the top five Absolute Beings had gained?

Therefore, Merlin released all of the four thousand or more people from his Illusory World. Almost everyone including the Free Beings who did not control their own world, felt a calling. This indicated that these bubbles did not merely target Controllers but viewed everyone equally.

More than four thousand people all located the bubbles that called to them. Nonetheless, within this entire colossal light source, this was merely a drop in the ocean. There were still countless bubbles.

Merlin continued forward. He had lost over four thousand people so his abilities were just equivalent to a relatively stronger Medium Cosmos Absolute Being. In this mysterious place, he had to be cautious.

Nevertheless, despite losing four thousand people, that intense calling Merlin had felt previously still did not vanish. Conversely, as Merlin got closer, it grew even stronger.

The bubbles disappeared one by one. At last, by following this calling, Merlin came to an empty void. Here, there were no bubbles but streaks of colorful light appeared, extending through the void horizontally and filling the space.

In this vacuum, there stood a mass of multicolored light. This ball of light was larger than all the bubbles. Moreover, it was pulsing like a heart and produced fine wisps of multicolored light. These wisps gradually swelled up in the end and turned into bubbles.

"These bubbles are produced in this manner?"

Merlin's eyes trembled slightly. He did not expect that this multicolored light was the source of the bubbles. As the source, it must be equipped with formidable power.

Plus, that intense calling in Merlin's heart had grown to the maximum as he stood before this mass of multicolored light. The thing that had sent out this calling was this multicolored light!