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### Chapter 451: The Situation in the New Dimension

Soon enough, a group of horse riders hurried from the distance. Sitting astride the horses were Spell Casters dressed as Wizards. They were the melee Wizards of Boulder City, famous far and wide, who possessed gallant battle strength.

“Lady Phillie, what happened here?”

At the head of the group was a Wizard who wore bright silver armor. His gaze took the measure of Merlin and Wizard Darknight, following which he became more alert.

Lady Phillie, who was in the horse carriage appeared calm, and said slowly, “Wizard Putsy, earlier, on the road, I faced with Spell Casters sent by Weston of Tagan City who wanted to kill me. Thank goodness Wizard Merlin and Wizard Darknight happened to pass by and rescued me, so I was able to narrowly escape with my life. Since Wizard Putsy has arrived, I’ll hand this over to you. We’ll head back first. I still want to thank Wizard Darknight and Merlin personally!”

“Tagan City is really getting more brazen! As long as Lady Phillie is fine, all is well. Both Wizards, we give thanks for rescuing her. You’ll receive the friendship of all of Boulder City!”

Wizard Putsy bowed slightly, presenting to Merlin and Wizard Darknight a gesture of courtesy. Following that, Wizard Putsy led his group to surround Lady Phillie’s carriage, giving her strict protection. It looked like Lady Phillie held a high position in Boulder City.

“Both Wizards, there’s still a distance before we reach Boulder City. Why don’t you both board the carriage?”

Lady Phillie parted the curtains and said to Merlin and Darknight. However, Darknight shook his head slightly. “Why don’t you go in, Master, and I’ll follow behind. I can guard against these melee Wizards as well!”

Merlin bobbed his head. It was true that although Lady Phillie was fearful of his threatening presence, and would not dare reveal the truth, one should not let down one's guard around these melee Wizards. With a Fourth-level Wizard like Darknight keeping watch, Merlin could be at ease.

Therefore, Merlin did not hesitate and immediately boarded the horse carriage.

It was warm inside the carriage, and there was also a fragrance, allowing one to feel calm and relaxed. As soon as Merlin entered, he saw that the wide eyes of the young girl in Lady Phillie's lap fixed upon him curiously without wavering.

"How do I address Sir Wizard?"

Lady Phillie appeared easygoing and relaxed as she inquired softly.

"Merlin!"

Merlin answered calmly, following which he lightly shut his eyes and said not a word. Before ascertaining the situation in this dimension, Merlin was not about to divulge any information to anyone other than his slave who had signed a contract, much less ask more questions on his own initiative.

This was because, in the process of inquiry, it was likely that he would reveal information which could expose his own identity. After all, Merlin's method of "arrival" was far too inconceivable and had already roused some suspicions in Lady Phillie.

Nonetheless, Lady Phillie was merely the president of a trade alliance in a small city and did not have extensive worldly experience. Naturally, she did not know the indication of Merlin's method of arrival.

Lady Phillie merely perceived a dark, cold force emitting from Merlin all over his body. This was a Spell Caster who was dangerous and formidable and must not be provoked lightly.

It was the little girl in Lady Phillie's lap who stared steadily and curiously at Merlin. To be more accurate, she was staring at the black cat Didimoss on Merlin's shoulder.

The black cat Didimoss sprawled quietly on Merlin's shoulder, looking very strange.

“Didimoss!”

Merlin used a special method to convey a message to Didimoss, and Didimoss gave a slight, full-bodied shiver of delicious languor, using the same special method to reply, “What is it?”

“Didimoss, how are you feeling now? That impact of entering a new dimension was not a small one. Even I’m slightly injured.”

Merlin was injured indeed but not heavily. He was considered extremely lucky to survive for someone like him who was merely a Fourth-level Spell Caster. No matter how powerful he was, he would not dare set foot rashly into a new dimension.

Merlin had been injured but as he looked at Didimoss, the cat did not seem to be injured.

“I’m now a half-spirit. Even a greater impact would not cause me much harm. This is an all-new dimension. Although there are no gods here, we must be cautious and prudent. We’ll decide our next move after determining the situation here.”

Didimoss was no longer just a spirit of the Runic Magic Circle. After a thousand years of transformation, he was a half-spirit whose intellect was on par with an adult human. If fate allowed, he might even possibly metamorphose into an actual creature of blood and flesh, with a real living body.

This was the final goal that all spirits aimed for – to become an actual living being. This was because only then could they cultivate in the same way Spell Casters did.

Otherwise, it would be like this. The black cat Didimoss was merely unafraid of physical attacks but had no method of attacking, and would never advance in the slightest.

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The horse carriage was not that fast. It was about after an hour when it gradually stopped, and clamorous sounds came from outside.

Merlin parted the curtains and saw that the sky had turned to dusk. All around him were wide streets. Although the sky was turning dark, there were still peddlers who were beginning to prepare snacks, calling out to peddle their fare.

This was completely different from what Merlin had seen in the Kingdom of Blackmoon. There, once it was night, the main streets would become deserted, patrolled by city guards. If they saw anyone wandering around, the guards would approach them and interrogate them meticulously.

However, when it turned dusky night here, it became even more bustling and crowded.

As if sensing Merlin's puzzlement, Lady Phillie smiled, and revealed all manner of charm as she said softly, "Wizard Merlin might not know that Boulder City is a city of commerce. There are many merchants, customers, and even Spell Casters who come and go. Therefore, no matter whether it's day or night, Boulder City is just as busy."

"Oh? The current prosperity of Boulder City must surely be thanks to, in no small part, Lady Phillie's efforts."

Merlin had vaguely guessed that it must be due to this Lady Phillie who, having an outstanding mind for business, slowly squeezed her competitor, Tagan City, to the extreme, causing Tagan City to have no choice at last but to pay a huge price, inviting Darknight to kill Lady Phillie.

Lady Phillie smiled but did not say anything. Instead, she led Merlin down the horse carriage.

Before them was a small building with three floors. The architecture was somewhat similar to the shiny, modern buildings of Merlin's previous life, and it was different from the ancient castles of the Kingdom of Blackmoon. Merlin realized that it was because this was a style unique to this dimension.

After all, each dimension had its own unique style.

"Wizard Merlin, Wizard Darknight, you've had a long continuous journey and must be tired. The servant girl will bring you to your own rooms on the second floor."

Merlin nodded, following which they parted from Lady Phillie, and directly went to the second floor.

The room was luxuriously decorated but it still retained a soft, warm touch, causing one to feel relaxed. However, Merlin did not relax in the slightest. He immediately summoned Wizard Darknight to his room for he had to understand the general situation of this new dimension.

“Master!”

Wizard Darknight stood respectfully before Merlin. As a Fourth-level Spell Caster, he knew more than Lady Phillie. Although Wizard Darknight could not surmise Merlin’s true identity from the strange way that he had appeared, he knew that it could not be that simple.

However, now that he had become Merlin’s slave, of course, he would not dare investigate the truth behind Merlin.

“Darknight, tell me, do you know if there are gods in this world?”

Merlin might as well ask directly. He was not afraid that Wizard Darknight would guess his real identity. Merlin possessed the contract with Darknight, whose life was in Merlin’s grasp at all times. Even if Darknight learned of something, Merlin did not need to worry at all.

“Gods?”

Darknight was visibly astonished, and he looked at Merlin evasively, following which he quickly lowered his head, becoming submissive. He had the faint idea that Merlin’s identity was of utmost mystery. Perhaps Merlin was a powerful Wizard who came beyond the heavens, like in the legends.

As he thought about this, Darknight found it even harder to calm down. Wizards beyond the heavens had always been unparalleled in their powers, able to bring an endlessly catastrophic existence to the world. Now, he had encountered one.

However, just as Merlin had planned, Darknight was now already his slave. Even if Darknight truly knew Merlin’s identity, he was not of much threat to Merlin.

“Master, do you mean those wicked gods?”

“Wicked gods? Let’s assume that I meant that. Explain in detail.”

Merlin did not know what was actually going on in this dimension, and could only slowly gain an understanding from Darknight’s words. In particular, Merlin needed to learn more about the gods.

“Master, the wicked gods ruled the entire world over two thousand years ago. At that point, those wicked gods used Normies as slaves, forcing them to believe in them. They even have to offer tributes, and the entire world was shrouded in the sinister shadow of the wicked gods.

“Thereafter, the Great Wizard Mogan arrived. After a war spanning a century, Wizard Mogan finally defeated the wicked gods, saving the entire world!

“Upon defeating the wicked gods, the Great Wizard Mogan felt that Normies were far too weak, and so bestowed us with some spells and Spell Models, guiding us to become Spell Casters. Then, he established the Glorious Palace. All those who had become Ninth-level Spell Casters could go to the Glorious Palace and accept a test. If they passed the test, they would become the Glorious Wizards of the Glorious Palace!

“According to rumors, in the Glorious Palace, the Great Wizard Mogan would appear from time to time, personally educating those Glorious Wizards, leading them in their growth to become on par with Wizard Mogan. Therefore, almost all Spell Casters, once they reached the Ninth-level, would participate in the test of the Glorious Palace!”

Wizard Darknight described in detail the matters regarding the gods as well as the Great Wizard Mogan who had defeated the wicked gods. Merlin knew very well that he must be a powerful Legendary Wizard.

Wizard Mogan even built the Glorious Palace, the name of which resembled the Glorious Land. He must be a Spell Caster who had come from the Glorious Land. After knowing all this, Merlin did not need to understand anything else.

So much for wicked gods, and the Great Wizard saving the world – all these were nothing more than propaganda. Since Wizard Mogan had defeated the gods of this dimension, naturally, he would spread propaganda freely. In this manner, he made the entire world understand that everything was completely under his control.

Chapter 452: A Grand Gift

Merlin suddenly recalled the Church of Light in the Glorious Land, which was the birthplace of Spell Casters. All Spell Casters came from the Glorious Land, and from there, they set foot into tens of thousands of dimensions.

Before they set foot into these dimensions, Spell Casters had already wiped out or exiled the many gods of the Glorious Land. In short, there were no more gods, so why would the Church of Light still exist today?

Merlin had always felt that the Glorious Land was extremely mysterious. Perhaps a massive calamity had happened, covering up some secrets, obfuscating matters. At the very least, Merlin had no way of ascertaining what had happened in the Glorious Land. He did not even know how to return there.

After understanding the general situation of this dimension, Merlin heaved a small sigh of relief at last. It looked like this dimension was rather liberated, disseminating spells, and there was no colossal force that controlled the entire dimension. There was the Glorious Palace which seemed to be established by Wizard Mogan but in general, he did not interfere with matters of the dimension, allowing it to develop naturally.

In this dimension, Merlin was relatively safe with his current abilities. He did not need to remain scared and on the edge the entire time. Therefore, Merlin began to inquire about Boulder City.

“Darknight, tell me more about Boulder City. Who’s the castellan of Boulder City?”

In such a prosperous trading city, Merlin could understand more about the general situation of the dimension through this city by staying on a few more days.

“Master, there’s no castellan in Boulder City. It’s a trading city, and the flourishing trade resulted in the tremendous influence of the trade alliance. Moreover, this trade alliance is in the hands of a few elders. Although Lady Phillie is the president, she only has some managerial authority. The real ones in charge – the ones who determine the overall direction of the trade alliance and control the entire Boulder City are the elders of the trade alliance.”

Merlin’s expression revealed that he was flabbergasted. He did not think that the trade alliance of Boulder City would have such great influence, to be able to control the entire city. It should be known that regardless of whether it was the Kingdom of Blackmoon or the previous Kingdom of Light, the true authority of the city had always been held by the aristocrats.

However, there was no such aristocracy here. Each trade alliance controlled a city, and the status of merchants had undergone a massive upgrade. They could even employ Spell Casters, and a noble Spell Caster could even become the subordinate of a Normie merchant.

In the Glorious Land, this would have been inconceivable.

“Why is the status of a merchant so high?”

Merlin could not figure this out for the life of him. A powerful Spell Caster could easily wipe out tens of thousands of Normies. How could a mere merchant obtain such a high position?

Darknight was now even sure that Merlin was a Spell Caster who came from beyond the heavens, like in the legends. Even though he was now Merlin’s slave, and should not ask about Merlin’s secrets, he really could not stand it anymore. He asked in a low voice, “Master, are you a Spell Caster who came from beyond the heavens?”

“Hmm?”

Merlin’s stare became incomparably piercing as his entire body emanated an icy, frigid force. He fixed a firm glare upon Wizard Darknight.

In a flash of inspiration, Wizard Darknight hurriedly explained, “Master, in truth, even if you’re a Spell Caster from beyond the heavens, it’s not a big deal. Wizard Mogan is one as well and is welcoming toward other Spell Casters from beyond the heavens. As long as it doesn’t interrupt the natural development of this world, Wizard Mogan and those in the Glorious Palace would not mind.”

Upon hearing Darknight’s explanation, Merlin quelled the murderous intent in his heart. According to what Darknight had said, this world was rather accepting of Spell Casters. Even if it was a Spell Caster who entered this dimension from the Void Zone, it was just as accepting.

The so-called Wizards from beyond the heavens, Merlin knew, were those powerful Wizards who intruded upon a dimension. Although the Void Zone was huge, there were many Spell Casters too. Many Spell Casters would choose to enter some dimensions to try their luck or to search for certain precious materials.



Spell Casters were different from gods, appearing to be rather welcoming, and they could enter and exit the dimension as they pleased. As long it was not another Legendary Wizard who had come to challenge Wizard Mogan's position, there would not be any trouble.

This was good news to Merlin as well. Even if someday people learned of his identity as a Wizard from beyond the heavens, there would not be much danger.

"That's right, I'm a Spell Caster from beyond the heavens! Don't ask me any more excessive questions. Tell me, how do merchants obtain such a revered status?"

Merlin continued with his inquiry. There must be a reason the position of merchants was so revered in this dimension.

An elated light flickered in Darknight's eyes. He had finally confirmed that Merlin was a Wizard from beyond the heavens. According to his understanding, every single Wizard from beyond the heavens had unparalleled power and was even stronger than the Glorious Wizards of the Glorious Palace!

Therefore, for Wizard Darknight who had become Merlin's slave, he did not have any misgivings now. Conversely, he felt that this was a great opportunity.

Thus, Darknight explained in detail, "Master, the reason merchants have such a high position is in fact very simple. This is because merchants control huge amounts of money, and Spell Casters who want various resources need to have large amounts of money.

"Within Boulder City, the Glorious Palace functions as a station as well containing a great amount of knowledge on spells, alchemy, potions, and so on. Although these are all elementary, one would need to pay a high price to buy them. Therefore, the status of merchants naturally becomes a lofty one. At the start, I too had given up my family's fortune in exchange for the purchase of a Mind Meditation Spell and a Zero-level Spell Model. Only then was I fortunate enough to embark on the path of being a Spell Caster..."

Merlin was flabbergasted to hear of such a model. The openness of this dimension was even more than what Merlin had imagined. Spells, Mind Meditation Spells, Potions, and so on, were all purchasable with money.

Of course, those that were up for sale were surely the most basic ones. The Glorious Palace, naturally, would not hand over any precious spells or potions. However, even so, it was a bold move.

The direct result of such an act was that everyone could learn spells, and everyone had a chance to become a Spell Caster. As long as their Mind Power was exceptional, and they had Spell Caster Quality, they could become a Spell Caster.

Of course, the prerequisite was that they needed to have money. Therefore, even though most merchants were not Spell Casters or they were not powerful ones, they still controlled the money and were linked to Spell Casters in countless ways.

A few large-scale chambers of commerce would search for a few kids with decent talent from all over the region, then spent a huge amount of money to nurture them as Spell Casters. After they grew up and became formidable Wizards, they could act as protective escorts for the chamber of commerce and earn more money.

It was not surprising that the entire Boulder City was controlled by the trade alliance. Moreover, in such a free environment, although Spell Casters were still noble, their status naturally could not be compared to the Spell Casters of the Kingdom of Blackmoon.

Nonetheless, the number of Spell Casters in this dimension was certainly higher than the number of Spell Casters in the Glorious Land. If the Glorious Land also employed such an open model, the number of Spell Casters would be great as well, and more formidable Wizards would surely appear.

It was just that spell casters' organizations in the Kingdom of Blackmoon would not possibly release their spells to the public.

Of course, there was a unique reason for this as well. Once the number of Spell Casters increased, the various cultivation resources would diminish and even become insufficient to sustain the cultivation of so many Spell Casters. This was the fundamental reason the Legendary Wizards of the Glorious Land had left the place. It was because the resources were too few.

As for this current dimension, it had only been occupied by Wizard Mogan for over two thousand years. Although the number of Spell Casters had increased significantly in the development during this period, the various resources were nearly endless in this vast dimension. Even if another thousand years went by, they could not possibly exhaust the resources of this dimension.

This might be the crucial reason as to why Wizard Mogan had decided to implement such an open model.

Merlin had a clearer understanding of the general situation of this dimension. Merlin had even learned some things about Boulder City. Thus, Merlin waved his hand and dismissed Wizard Darknight.

However, Wizard Darknight hesitated for a second, his face shifting uncertainly before finally seeming to arrive at a decision. Without being prompted, he said to Merlin, “Master, I was previously employed by Weston of Tagan City, and came here to kill Lady Phillie. What Weston had offered in exchange was a map.”

“A map?”

Merlin frowned. A map which could excite even a Fourth-level Spell Caster like Wizard Darknight must surely be significant.

“That’s right, a map which marks the location of a mine containing a massive amount of elemental crystal stones!”

As Wizard Darknight mentioned the elemental crystal stone mine, his expression was one of utmost excitement. This was a colossal mine with a capacity that was nearly incalculable.

“Elemental crystal stone mine!”

Merlin squinted his eyes slightly. An elemental crystal stone mine – even if it was in the Kingdom of Blackmoon, it would immediately cause a struggle between the large-sized spell casters’ organizations.

Besides, this was in a new dimension. In this dimension, the circulating currency consisted of elemental crystal stones. Of course, those were elemental crystal stones of the lowest grade.

Furthermore, the unique point of this dimension was that as long as one was rich enough with sufficient elemental crystal stones, then one could buy almost anything.

Now that Merlin had arrived in this new dimension, he hoped to become a Fifth-level Spell Caster soon. Even more so, he hoped to find others who were Spell Casters from beyond the heavens in order to consult them regarding the issue of the dimension coordinates.

All this would require a large amount of wealth, and a mine would solve all of Merlin's problems.

"Very good, Wizard Darknight. This is exceedingly useful information. If there really is such a mine, a portion of it will go to you!"

A smile tugged at the corner of Merlin's mouth. He had now vaguely surmised why Tagan City would invite Darknight to attack. Other than Darknight's powerful abilities, it was more about finding a chance to share the subject of the mine with Darknight.

In this manner, they had enticed Wizard Darknight. Enticing Wizard Darknight was equivalent to enticing the other two Fourth-level Spell Casters from Eternal Night Mountain.

Tagan City knew that they would have no way of taking on such a mine by themselves. The only way was to constantly rope in powerful Spell Casters, securing their participation, then accessing this mine together.

"An elemental crystal stone mine. How interesting. I didn't think that I would get such a grand gift after just arriving in this new dimension..."

Merlin was in a great mood. Such an amount of wealth could only be encountered by luck. Since he had come across it, naturally, he would seize the chance to firmly grasp this mine in his hands.

Chapter 453: Continuum of the Glorious Times!

Lady Phillie, who was dressed in a lady-like manner, sat graciously on a chair along with a couple of elderly persons in a secret chamber within the headquarters of the trade alliance in Boulder City.

"Phillie, let's talk about the mysterious wizard that you brought back. What exactly was going on?" asked a ruddy, silver-haired elderly person in a hoarse voice.

Lady Phillie had some doubts, these people in front of her were those who held power over Boulder City. They were the elders of the trade alliance, and their consents were needed for everything in the trade alliance. Even her position as president had to be endorsed by these fellow elders.

Thus, Lady Phillie dare not hold back any information from them.

“Fellow elders, it is a complicated matter regarding this Merlin...”

With that, Lady Phillie recounted everything that had happened outside of the city, word for word. The Elders took in a deep breath when they heard the bizarre way Merlin descended, how he easily slew Wizard Darknight’s three acolytes and finally, how Wizard Darknight become Merlin’s slave.

“Phillie, don’t bother about this Merlin anymore. No one in the entire Boulder City shall trifle with Wizard Merlin!”

The elder’s voice became very harsh, which caused Lady Phillie to be doubtful. She had never seen the Elders so anxious before, not even during the wars in Tagan City.

“Elders, this...”

Just when Madame Phillie was about to ask further questions, one of the Elders interrupted her with a wave of his hand and said, “Phillie, you are still young. Although you are gifted in the trading field which forced Tagan City to use such despicable moves, your knowledge towards spell caster is still too little.”

The elder paused before he continued, “Do you know what’s the identity of this mysterious Wizard Merlin? Heh... If I’d guessed correctly, he must be the legendary spell caster from beyond the heavens”

“Spell caster from beyond the heavens? What do you mean?”

Clearly, Lady Phillie had never heard of any spell casters from beyond the heavens, nor what it meant. She was merely an entry-level spell caster with a gift in the trading world. She was still clueless with respect to the many mysteries regarding spell casters.

“It’s futile explaining to you what spell casters from beyond the heavens means. All in all, spell casters from beyond the heavens are very powerful. Most of them were legendary Great Wizards. Phillie, you must know what Great Wizards means, don’t you? No matter how this Wizard Merlin behaves toward Boulder City, we shouldn’t trifle towards the possibility that he may be a Great Wizard, a powerful spell caster.”

Chills went down Lady Phillie’s spine. Although she had high expectation towards this Merlin still, she was surprised by how terrifying Wizard Merlin was. She believed every word by the elder because no one was more knowledgeable than this particular elder within Boulder City.

When the elder used to travel the world, he was able to visit the Glorious Palace once. If the elder said that Wizard Merlin could be a Great Wizard, that was likely close to the truth.

Such Great Wizards are no good news to Boulder City. Any affiliations with a Great Wizard, even just a little, could easily destroy Boulder City.

It was clear what the Elder meant. Avoid getting close to Merlin and it would be best if could Merlin were to leave Boulder City voluntarily.

After all, Boulder City which possesses such a small influence could never contain the arrival of a Great Wizard.

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The second day, Merlin was wondering the streets with Wizard Darknight. Aside from wanting to understand the many cultures in Boulder City, Merlin’s main objective was to find the entrance to the Glorious Palace, to see the spells or potions.

The Glorious Palace span over the entire dimension and was built by the legendary Wizard Mogan. Naturally, Wizard Merlin would want to have a look.

Under the guidance of Wizard Darknight, Merlin easily located the bustling point of trading within Boulder City, the Glorious Palace’s station. It was bustling with activities among the crowds.

However, most of the crowd were made up of Normies who did not become spell casters. Perhaps, they were here to purchase some Mind Meditation Spell or spells to see if they could become a spell caster.

It was rare for proper wizards like Merlin and Darknight, much less very powerful wizards to be entering the Glorious Palace's station.

As soon as they walked into the Glorious Palace's station, there were two spell casters reclining lazily on the chair. They stayed in their positions without batting an eye even upon Merlin and Darknight's approach.

"Master, let's go. These people in Glorious Palace's station will only be interested if we were to purchase some spells or potions."

Merlin nodded. Although these spell casters were only people of Glorious Palace's station, Merlin could feel their inner pride and nobility. It was as if being a station wizard at the Glorious Palace was an extremely honorable thing.

Merlin walked straight in and saw the crowd purchasing some spells or Mind Meditation Spell. Merlin casually flipped through and read some unique Runic Magic Circle. He could not see the content but he was able to read the introduction.

For example, Merlin had on his hand a volume named Gerdo Mind Meditation Spell. At first, Merlin picked up the book on a whim and did not pay much attention to it.

However, upon reading the introduction on the book cover, Merlin's face became more stern.

This ordinary Mind Meditation Spell was only a volume of entry-level medication spell, but its effect was up to par with Wizard Leo's high-level meditation spells which Merlin received when he was in Dark Magic Region.

"This is an ordinary Mind Meditation Spell?" Merlin could not help but asked Darknight.

Darknight took a quick look and nodded with slight doubt, "Precisely, these are ordinary meditation spells. There are also some high-level, and even some ultimate-level meditation spells here. The effects are mind-blowing. However, I've heard that ultimate-level meditation spells are only available in the Glorious Palace. The spells available outside were only limited to high-level Mind Meditation Spells."

Darknight's words caused confusion in Merlin's head. He thought of a possibility, and that was the legacy of Glorious Land was not passed on. In fact, it was possible that many of the Mind Meditation Spells were very fragmented, and could only be pieced together by the wizards afterward.

These fragmented Meditation Spells could be practiced once completed, but the effects were not as before. An indirect observation could be made that the loss of legacy amongst the spell casters of the Glorious Land was such a dire consequence.

This was occupied by an ordinary Legendary Wizard. Hence, it could be said the meditation spells and spells were all from the sole distribution of one legendary wizard.

This Wizard Mogan, he must have lived through the glorious times for a spell caster. These Meditation Spells should have been the ones practiced by ordinary spell caster during the glorious times. It was indeed much more powerful than the Meditation Spell obtained by Merlin at the Glorious Land by leaps and bounds.

Merlin had begun to understand why he was a mere Fourth-level spell caster whose mind power had not achieved Seventh-level. Those Mind Meditation Spell had almost no effect on him. Hence, he could only rely on some potions to extend his mind power.

He had also understood that it was not due to the lack of effect of the Mind Meditation Spell, but rather he had not found a better Mind Meditation Spell. This was the true Mind Meditation Spell!

Naturally, the Mind Meditation Spells here in the Glorious Palace were merely entry-level meditation spells. It could hardly do any good for Merlin to increase his mind power. He needed to collect a completed middle-level or even high-level Mind Meditation Spells. By then, his Mind Meditation Spell would work even if his mind power increased to seventh or eighth, ninth level.

As Merlin had unexpectedly found Mind Meditation Spells which was different from those of the Glorious Land, he began to search the Glorious Palace's station to look for other potion, runes, and some other things with high spirits.

He had surprises in each finding, be it in potions or runology, as they were all much more powerful and more complete than those from the Glorious Land. There were even some alchemy, as well as the Puppet Transfiguration Method which had long vanished from the Glorious Land.



All these were greater and more complete than the Glorious Land. This was the real legacy from the most glorious times of spell casters. Perhaps, the most glorious times of spell casters did not end, it merely did not persist in the Glorious Land but managed to live on in the infinite dimensions.

The glorious times of spell casters had always lived on!

Other than these, the biggest reward for Merlin was still the Pandora Demon Ability. The Glorious Palace's station had publicly displayed many Pandora Demon Abilities. Of course, these were categorized by common demon ability and Fusion Demon Ability with a huge difference in price.

Faced these demon abilities, Merlin felt very unfamiliar. However, one of the Fusion Demon Ability was truly worth its price. Its powers were only second to Merlin's Fiery Collapse.

When Merlin first arrived in the Glorious Land, he learned some tricks from the ancient books. During the most glorious times of spell casters, almost all the spell casters would basically practice Fusion Demon Abilities in spells. To completely combine demon abilities with spells, even the lowest levels of spell casters could have had disastrous power.

In the Glorious Land of the past, spell casters with no demon abilities was an unimaginable scene. However, in today's Glorious Land, it was impossible to obtain common demon abilities, what more Fusion Demon Abilities.

Merlin's Fiery Collapse, Darkness Heart, Flash Wind, Fuse Earth Demon Ability, and more were all obtained through pure luck and coincidence.

Over here, as long as one had sufficient elemental crystal stones, one could openly purchase Fusion Demon Abilities. No wonder this Darknight, a mere Fourth-level spell caster wizard was in possession of Fusion Demon Abilities. The power was immensely great, it was even up to par to those Seventh-level wizards in the Glorious Land!

These were the real spell casters, who could easily possess the power for destruction.

Chapter 454: Resolution of Tagan City!

"Never have I imagine that this brand-new dimension has such an abundance of resources. It's not surprising that countless Legendary Wizards had wandered into the Void Zone searching for unclaimed dimensions..."

Once Merlin left the Glorious Palace, his heart was filled with a myriad of wonders. At the station, not only had he seen various spells, Pandora Demon Abilities, and potions that far exceeded the Glorious Land but he also saw an assortment of potion ingredients, and alchemy materials.

If any of the Spell Casters from the Glorious Land saw these materials, they too, would be completely stunned because some of these materials were almost extinct in the Glorious Land. Here, however, they were relatively common items and were not considered precious.

Everything that Merlin saw today made him feel that the so-called Spell Casters' most glorious era which was considered stuff of legends back in the Glorious Land did not actually disappear. On the contrary, it continued perpetually in hundreds and thousands of different dimensions. Somewhere, Spell Casters were still living in their most glorious era!

"Master, where are we going now?"

"Where? Of course straight to Tagan City. The sooner we find the map and the elemental crystal stone mine, the lesser sleepless nights we'll have."

Merlin's heart was determined. He must control that huge elemental crystal stone mine. Once he had the mine, he would possess unimaginable wealth. Based on the abundance of resources and open market in this dimension, as long as he had elemental crystal stones, he would be able to buy any treasure that he wanted.

Therefore, Merlin was quite eager to rush to Tagan City. Darknight hesitated like he wanted to speak but stopped himself.

"Speak, what's bothering you?"

Merlin could see that Darknight wanted to say something. Darknight heaved a deep sigh and said in a low voice, "Master, I'd like to go to Eternal Night Mountain first and bring some of my subordinates down to help Master!"

Darknight's true intention was to get his subordinates at the top of Eternal Night Mountain to follow Merlin. After all, Merlin was a Spell Caster beyond the heavens and was highly powerful. Following after Merlin was not the least bit humiliating, and this might even benefit them greatly.

Especially if they followed Merlin right now before conquering the elemental crystal stone mine, upon conquering it successfully, Merlin would definitely reward them handsomely.

Merlin's mouth curved into a faint smile. Naturally, he saw through Darknight's plans but he did need some additional assistance. At least after they had found the mine, it was impossible to expect him to exploit the elemental crystal stones by himself. These menial tasks, of course, needed to be done by someone, and Darknight and his subordinates were the best candidates for the job.

Thinking along those lines, Merlin nodded. "That would be wise. Let's bid Lady Phillie goodbye, then we can go straight to Eternal Night Mountain."

"Yes, Master!"

Wizard Darknight was overjoyed. He rushed to return to Lady Phillie's residence along with Merlin.

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In the great hall of Tagan City, one of the leaders of Tagan City, President Winston's face fell gloomily. He had just received news that Wizard Darknight, the Spell Caster that he had engaged recently did not kill Lady Phillie. Instead, he appeared in Boulder City.

Although Winston was the President, three members from his family were the elders of the trade alliance in Tagan City. Therefore, Winston's family effectively controlled the entire Tagan City.

"Damn it, was Darknight bribed by Lady Phillie?"

Winston's face appeared very gloomy. He considered various possibilities but in the end, none of them seemed likely. He did not understand why Wizard Darknight would let Lady Phillie go.

Until now, all the news that Winston had received was that Wizard Darknight and Lady Phillie were both in Boulder City. As for the details, he had none.

"Winston, keep your cool!"

Just as Winston felt like he did not know what to do and began to be overwhelmed with emotions, a bent old man hobbled slowly into the great hall.

“Huh? Father, why are you here?”

Winston hurried to the old man and helped steady him. This was his father, as well as one of the elders of the trade alliance in the entire Tagan City.

“Why I’m here? If I hadn’t come, you would probably be whining like a lost puppy, not knowing what to do. Actually, the crux of the matter is very simple. You shouldn’t have used the map of the elemental crystal stones mine as a means to engage Darknight. Let’s say if Darknight doesn’t trust us, and wants a larger portion, what do you think he would do?”

Winston groaned. He suddenly thought of a terrible possibility.

“Father, you don’t mean that Darknight and Lady Phillie reached some sort of agreement, and he revealed the knowledge about the elemental crystal stone mine to Boulder City? Then, Eternal Night Mountain and Boulder City would join forces to obtain the entire elemental crystal stone mine!

Winston finally understood his father’s meaning. According to the news that he had received, it was a distinct possibility that Wizard Darknight might do exactly that. Once Wizard Darknight and Eternal Night Mountain joined forces with Boulder City, then the entire Tagan City would truly be caught in a perilous situation.

“Father, then what should we do? Tagan City cannot just sit around and wait to be killed!”

At this time, Winston no longer had any viable solutions. His heart was tremendously anxious, and he truly regretted telling Wizard Darknight about the elemental crystal stone mine. Otherwise, it would not have attracted such a disaster for Tagan City.

If Eternal Night Mountain really joined forces with Boulder City, then it would most probably spell the end of Tagan City!

“Hmph. Winston, you’re always like this. It’s not surprising that you’re never a worthy opponent to Lady Phillie! That woman is truly something else, to be able to impede the business of Tagan City to such an extent in just the span of a few years – from a bustling trading city into a dump!

“Nonetheless, how can Tagan City just sit and do nothing? It’s a huge elemental crystal stone mine. Can you imagine how immense such wealth would be? We had been too greedy in the past, trying to monopolize it for ourselves. Even when we realized that it was impossible, we only included Darknight alone. In fact, what we should have done was adjusted our stance. Such a humongous elemental crystal stone mine is beyond our ability to conquer.

“Since this is the case, and we now have both Eternal Night Mountain and Boulder City eyeing it, why don’t we surrender the elemental crystal stone mine to a powerful Wizard? Hehe, even if we follow that Great Wizard and only receive half of the exploited elemental crystal stones, it’s already more than enough. We can even develop Tagan City to compete against Boulder City!”

Winston’s heart lurched. Half? That was too little. Even in his collaboration with Darknight, he had only promised him two-tenths.

On the other hand, the plan right now was to only receive half of the exploited elemental crystal stones. This was quite difficult for Winston to accept.

“Father, is this your will or the will of the Elders Council?”

Winston inquired cautiously.

“Hmph!”

The old man harrumphed lightly. “Winston, are you still unable to perceive the current situation clearly? Looks like you’re really unfit to be the president of trade alliance in Tagan City. This matter has been decided by the Elders Council. Now all you have to do is travel to Bisque City, and present the map of the elemental crystal stone mine to Wizard Tambert. Remember, you can agree to any conditions but make sure that the mine must be exploited by Tagan City, and we must receive at least half the yield!”

However, Winston’s face blanched significantly. He could not help but interject. “Father, isn’t the Elders Council being too befuddled? Bisque City is such a huge presence and isn’t at all on the same playing field as us. Moreover, as the most powerful person in Bisque City, Wizard Tambert is a powerful Seventh-level Wizard. Once he’s involved in the mine, would there be anything left still for Tagan City? In addition, to demand only half is too great a loss. Let’s think again. Perhaps there’s some other way we can withstand the joint forces of Boulder City and Eternal Night Mountain without giving the mine away to Tambert!”

Winston was naturally aware of Wizard Tambert from Bisque City. He was the number one Wizard among the countless cities in this vicinity. He was a powerful Seventh-level Wizard who once killed a Seventh-level earth sprite. It was also because of the existence of Wizard Tambert that the more ferocious Wizards did not dare to stir up trouble near Bisque City.

However, Tambert was also greedy. If he found out that there was an elemental crystal stone mine or some rare resources somewhere, he would rush there at first opportunity to claim it for himself. This had happened several times before, therefore, Winston could not understand why the Elders Council would willingly surrender the mine to Tambert.

Once it was surrendered, then this elemental crystal stone mine would really be dissociated from Tagan City.

“You idiot. Winston, what’s the foundation of Tagan City? It’s business! If the businesses here flourish as a side effect of the elemental crystal stone mine rush, then it doesn’t matter even if we don’t get anything. Moreover, since we willingly surrendered it to Tambert, surely, he would leave a small portion for us at least. That way, we can set an example!

“However, if we don’t surrender it to Tambert, we would have to face the joint attack from Eternal Night Mountain and Boulder City. When that happens, the entire Tagan City would disappear completely. Then what’s the use of us holding on to the mine persistently?”

The old man’s words made Winston’s face turn sour. Indeed, the reason Tagan City had fallen to such dregs was that their businesses failed to prosper. All the businesses were snatched away by Boulder City.

If it was possible to exploit the elemental crystal stone mine, the mine would not be moved regardless of who held ownership over it. In terms of geographical location, the closest city was Tagan City, so Tagan City would be able to benefit from this advantage and rebuild a prosperous trading city.

This was the true foundation of Tagan City. While the elemental crystal stone mine was inconceivably enticing, it could never be conquered by such a small force like Tagan City. Forcibly trying to conquer it would only attract more calamity and irreconcilable losses upon themselves.

“Sigh...”

Winston released a long breath and nodded. “Father, don’t worry. I’ll rush now to Bisque City and invite Tambert here!”

“Very well, then bring more people with you this time. Don’t let Boulder City finds out. Go now.”

Thus, Winston immediately started preparations. A carriage departed Tagan City in the middle of the night and quietly rushed off toward Bisque City.

#### Chapter 455: Eternal Night Mountain

Against the pitch-black night sky, two dark silhouettes were flying at full speed. Their destination was the highest peak around Boulder City – Eternal Night Mountain!

Eternal Night Mountain had always been occupied by Wizard Darknight and the other Spell Casters. In this vicinity, they were considered a formidable force. Not only were there three Fourth-level Wizards on Eternal Night Mountain but Wizard Darknight himself had also far exceeded the capabilities of an average Fourth-level Wizard.

However, when he met Merlin, he had not managed to reveal any of his capabilities before he was suppressed.

“Darknight, you’ve built such a formidable force on Eternal Night Mountain but why didn’t you go to some weaker towns and form a trade association instead? That way, you would be able to obtain resources continuously. Why did you choose to remain on the desolated Eternal Night Mountain?”

Merlin was very puzzled. This dimension was vastly different from the Glorious Land. In the Glorious Land, most resources existed in places that were undiscovered and inaccessible to the Normies, so the Normies and even many Spell Casters did not know about it.

However, in this new dimension, the Normies were well-versed with the Spell Casters. Even the most ordinary Normie would be able to identify some precious materials. Furthermore, many of the precious materials were publicly available for sale, and not left in some desolate, uninhabited place.

Upon hearing Merlin’s question, Wizard Darknight appeared to look quite helpless. “Master, it’s not that easy! There are some small towns in this vicinity that may be weaker but it’s still difficult to conquer them. Don’t be fooled by the looks of Boulder City. They may seem like they are growing prosperously but they are just balancing dangerously on a tightrope. The countless other towns and

cities around here are subjected under the sphere of influence of Bisque City, and have to pay them large amounts of elemental crystal stones each year. Some of the smaller cities can't afford it at all.

“Being on Eternal Night Mountain, naturally, we don't have to pay them any elemental crystal stones. Furthermore, there's a secret where the others don't know. There's a hidden valley that sprouts all kinds of rare and precious potion materials. Hehe, so, we rely on this valley to trade an endless supply of various resources. Even if someone was to give us a small town, we would not be willing to leave.”

Merlin's eyes sparkled. Now it made sense that Darknight would choose to remain on Eternal Night Mountain for so many years, and that so many Wizards were willing to remain with him on the mountain. It was not undue influence but a tangible benefit.

Of course, this little bit of benefit was negligible compared to the huge elemental crystal stone mine. Therefore, when Darknight learned about the elemental crystal stone mine from Winston of Tagan City, he did not hesitate and left the mountain immediately.

“Master, we're almost there!”

They were soon approaching Eternal Night Mountain, so a smile began to appear on Wizard Darknight's face. However, right at this moment, waves of elemental fluctuations began to ripple across the pitch-black night sky. Someone was casting spells.

“There's someone fighting in front. Does this mean there's trouble on Eternal Night Mountain?”

Wizard Darknight's face changed instantly. The first thought that came to his mind was that Eternal Night Mountain was in danger. However, he had just left the mountain for a few days, and Eternal Night Mountain was not a day-old fledgling. Every Spell Caster in this vicinity knew about the existence of Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain. Who would dare to stir up trouble?

Regardless, if there was a fight, something serious must have occurred.

“Let's hurry up and see.”

Merlin knew that Wizard Darknight must be feeling very anxious, so he increased his speed. The two dark silhouettes soared across the night sky, as light as a breeze, rapidly headed toward Eternal Night Mountain.



“Swish!”

Soon, both arrived at Eternal Night Mountain, and true enough, there were two opposing forces of Spell Casters at a standoff. Their clothing was striking, and the side with greater numbers consisted of Spell Casters who were dressed similarly as Wizard Darknight. Leading them were two Fourth-level Spell Casters, whom Merlin assumed were probably Darknight’s subordinates.

On the other hand, the opponents were dressed in bright red Wizard robes and looked exceptionally unique. They were also led by two Fourth-level Spell Casters, though their numbers were fewer. There was only four or five of them in total.

The two sides were in a standoff. The ground around them was littered with pits and dents, probably remnants of the spells released earlier.

“Those are Wizards from Bisque City. Why would they come all the way here?”

Upon spotting the Spell Casters in bright red Wizard robes, Darknight’s face dropped. This clothing was not unfamiliar to any Spell Caster. It was the clothing belonging to Wizards of Bisque City.

However, Bisque City was a huge distance away from Eternal Night Mountain, so why would they suddenly come to Eternal Night Mountain?

“Hmph, you guys have the audacity to secretly occupy this valley full of rare and precious potion materials. Everything around here belongs to Bisque City! If not for our painstaking scrutiny and surreptitious trailing, we wouldn’t have discovered such an amazing valley! Haha, just wait till we report back to Sir Wizard Tambert. I’m sure we’ll receive a handsome reward!”

These Spell Casters in bright red robes were indeed from Bisque City but it seemed like they discreetly came to Eternal Night Mountain, and had their sights set on unearthing the secret of Eternal Night Mountain.

Darknight’s heart skipped a beat. He whispered in a low voice, “Shit, we’ve been found out! I’ve already advised them not to sell the precious potion materials too often since it attracts a lot of attention. They must’ve disobeyed my instructions and sold huge quantities of precious materials again. It must’ve caught the attention of Bisque City, hence they tracked it all the way to Eternal Night Mountain.”

It was apparent that Wizard Darknight's mind was in complete chaos and did not know what to do. Once they were discovered by Bisque City, it would be impossible for them to retain control over the valley. Even Darknight himself would be in great danger.

Wizard Tambert from Bisque City was a powerful Seventh-level Wizard who was particularly greedy. Any mine or treasure within his sphere of influence would be forcibly seized by him. Likewise, once the amazing valley on Eternal Night Mountain was discovered by Tambert, it would be impossible to keep.

"Hmph, do you think you can leave? Why don't you just stay back today?"

The two remaining Fourth-level Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain naturally knew the gravity of the situation, so they were determined to make these Spell Casters from Bisque City remain here forever.

Therefore, under the pitch-black night sky, a strong gale whipped into a vicious tornado and sped toward the red-robed Spell Casters.

This was a Fourth-level spell, and its power was not to be trifled with. The few red-robed Spell Casters dared not dither any longer since the Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain held an advantage over them.

The red-robed Wizard at the helm sneered. "Hehe, all of you are as good as dead now. When we go back and report to Sir Wizard Tambert, he'll send powerful Spell Casters and raze this mountain to the ground! Let's go!"

The red-colored robes worn by these Wizards began to emit a series of runes. The runes transformed into a huge shield in the sky that blocked the raging tornado.

This was a Runic Magic Circle that was assembled from the engraving on their robes. It was considered a type of Assembled casting tool, though not as impressive as the real Assembled casting tools.

The long robes on these red-robed Wizards were capable of emitting runes that formed a defensive Runic Magic Circle to withstand the spell attacks of numerous Wizards on Eternal Night Mountain. Even Merlin was astonished by the feat.

Once they resisted the attacks, these red-robed Spell Casters did not hesitate any longer and flew down the mountain. They wanted to disappear into the night as soon as possible, to escape back to Bisque City and report back to Wizard Tambert.

Seeing the red-robed Wizards who were about to disappear into the night, the Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain began to pale. This time, they were in grave trouble.

“Master!”

Wizard Darknight began to panic. He was anxious to take action and stop the red-robed Wizards from escaping back to Bisque City. If they managed to return to Bisque City, then it would be highly dangerous because the greedy Wizard Tambert would not give up easily.

“Don’t worry, they can’t escape!”

Merlin narrowed his eyes. Then, his body flashed several times faster than before and disappeared into the night sky. Wizard Darknight, who was looking at him till a moment ago, was stunned.

“Swish!”

In the pitch-black night, a dark figure suddenly appeared, blocking the way of the red-robed Wizards. The red-robed Wizards were slightly baffled since they had not sensed any elemental fluctuations. Someone had managed to creep up to them soundlessly, which heightened their guard.

“Who are you?”

“Glacier Country!”

Merlin was not interested in engaging in a conversation with these red-robed Spell Casters. He immediately wielded Glacier Country, and the translucent Glacier Country descended. This spell could freeze even a Seventh-level Spell Caster, what more these mere Third- and Fourth-level Spell Casters.

“Crack crack.”

Under the frigid blasts, each of the red-robed Wizards was frozen into chunks of ice sculptures. The Wizard robes on their bodies were rendered completely useless.

“Smash!”

Once all the red-robed Wizards had been frozen into ice sculptures, Merlin gently flicked a finger and a massive gale began to stir. In the blink of an eye, the massive gale had smashed the ice sculptures into tiny ice shavings which disappeared into the night.

“Fuh...”

A gentle breeze flew by. Merlin raised his head and saw a large group of Spell Casters appearing in front of him. They were all Spell Casters from Eternal Night Mountain. They had felt a shift and rushed forward to check but instead, witnessed the unfolding of a mind-boggling, unbelievable scene.

It was easy to dismiss those few Third-level Spell Casters, but still, there were two Fourth-level Spell Casters in the lead, and all of them were equipped with the special defensive rune-engraved robes from Bisque City. However, they had been killed effortlessly by this unknown Spell Caster, and from the look of things, it was not a particularly laborious effort either.

“Did you also come for the potion materials on Eternal Night Mountain?”

The remaining Spell Casters from Eternal Night Mountain exchanged a look, highly wary at Merlin. Though this mysterious Spell Caster who appeared out of nowhere had killed the red-robed Wizards from Bisque City, they could not ascertain whether he was a friend or a foe.

“Remus, Kewell, stop right now!”

At this moment, Wizard Darknight finally arrived. He immediately yelled at the two Fourth-level Spell Casters on top of Eternal Night Mountain.

Chapter 456: Wizard Tambert

“Wizard Darknight!”

“Wizard Darknight is back!”

Seeing Wizard Darknight rushing toward them, the numerous Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain began to rejoice.

“Master!”

Wizard Darknight did not pay any attention to these Spell Casters. Instead, he bowed slightly and greeted Merlin. For a moment, all the Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain were horrified and stunned.

“Wizard Darknight, this Wizard is...?”

One of the Fourth-level Spell Casters could not help but asked. In his eyes, Wizard Darknight was truly powerful. Even in the surrounding cities, it was difficult to find Spell Casters who were more powerful than Wizard Darknight.

How was it that a mere trip down the mountain resulted in Wizard Darknight returning with a Master?

“Remus, this is Wizard Merlin. He’s my Master, whom I met during my trip down the mountain. I’ve already signed a slave contract with Master! You should be grateful to Master. If not for him, those red-robed Wizards would have escaped back to Bisque City. Have you thought of what would happen to Eternal Night Mountain then?”

Though Darknight was very respectful toward Merlin, he did not extend that graciousness toward the Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain. Since these were his subordinates, his usual authority began to manifest fiercely, causing the two Fourth-level Spell Casters to tremble in fear.

Both of them had not come to Eternal Night Mountain out of free will. The reason that they were here was purely because they were defeated by Wizard Darknight, and would have been killed if they did not agree to follow him. Therefore, they were forced into joining Eternal Night Mountain, and were genuinely terrified of Wizard Darknight.

“Thank you, Wizard Merlin for the help!”

These Spell Casters hurried forward to thank Merlin. However, Merlin simply waved it away and said, “Darknight, take me to see the mysterious valley on Eternal Night Mountain.”

“Master, the valley is on the other side of Eternal Night Mountain. Come with me.”

Thus, Darknight flew in front and led the way toward the other side of Eternal Night Mountain.

Soon, they arrived at the other side. From the steep mountain peak, they flew directly downward and quickly arrived at the bottom of the valley. True enough, there was a valley surrounded by a range of mountains. Right at the bottom was a waterfall with icy water which was tinged in green. It was a strange appearance.

The shores of the waterfall were thriving with some precious potion materials. A quick sweeping glance was enough to astound Merlin. Some of these were precious materials that were far out of his reach back in the Glorious Land.

If this valley had appeared in the Glorious Land, it would have stirred up many ferocious battles.

“Master, this is the valley. All these years, we relied on the various rare and precious potion materials in this valley to exchange for elemental crystal stones or spells. Every time, we were very careful to not attract unnecessary attention from Bisque City. After all, Wizard Tambert from Bisque City is very greedy. Unfortunately, Wizard Tambert is now aware that something is going on. Although Master had acted in the nick of time and temporarily removed the danger, I’m afraid that after some time, Wizard Tambert would grow suspicious...”

Wizard Darknight was certain that after Eternal Night Mountain was eyed by Tambert, it would be difficult to exist as peacefully as before.

“This valley is doing well. Next time, both Eternal Night Mountain as well as the mine, will be handed over to you to manage!”

Merlin seemed to not hear the concerns voiced by Wizard Darknight.

“Mine? What mine is that?”

Remus and Kewell, who were following behind them, pricked up their ears upon hearing Merlin utter the word “mine”. The word mine would usually refer to an elemental crystal stone mine, so it was highly sensitive.

Darknight’s face darkened. He coldly said, “Don’t ask any unnecessary questions!”

The elemental crystal stone mine held a huge chain effect. If they were not careful, they might face the danger of being vanquished. Therefore, Wizard Darknight was erring on the side of caution, even with his subordinates on Eternal Night Mountain. So, he did not want to reveal too much.

On the other hand, Merlin seemed completely at ease. Calmly, he said, “Darknight, bring some of the Spell Casters with you tomorrow, and follow me to Tagan City!”

Darknight’s eyes sparkled with excitement, and nodded. It seemed that Merlin was going to act on Tagan City tomorrow. If everything went according to plan, that huge elemental crystal stone mine would soon fall into Merlin’s hands.

When that time came, no matter what, as Merlin’s slave, Darknight would definitely reap a substantial benefit.

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Early in the morning, several strangers began to throng Tagan City. These strangers were all wearing long red Wizard robes, and their bodies emitted a fearsome aura. The Spell Casters in town could clearly sense the elemental fluctuations on these Wizards.

Fourth-level, Fifth-level, Sixth-level... These Spell Casters in long red Wizard robes were all extremely powerful. Normally, a Fourth-level Wizard was considered a rarity but that was nothing compared to these red-robed Spell Casters because they consisted of even more powerful Fifth-, and Sixth-level Wizards.

However, these Fourth-, Fifth, and Sixth-level Wizards were all crowded in front of the Winston’s residence as if they were welcoming someone. Outside the door, there were a few elderly persons who emerged with a shaky gait, their gazes were thrown to a distance.

“An important person has arrived!”

Many people in Tagan City knew that someone important had arrived, and according to the dressing of these Spell Casters, they were able to make a bold guess.

The only person who could receive so much respect from the Fourth-, Fifth-, and even Sixth-level Wizards from Bisque City was its number one person – the powerful Seventh-level Spell Caster, Wizard Tambert!

Wizard Tambert’s reputation in the surrounding cities was not stellar, simply because he was overly greedy. In order to collect elemental crystal stones, he had caused the downfall of many small towns, and many Spell Casters had to escape from the small towns that had no hope of continued survival.

This seriously damaged the trading activities of the surrounding cities. After all, an excellent trading atmosphere consisted not only of trade activities but more importantly a stable environment. Right now, no one could be sure if Tambert would decide on a whim to impose heavier taxes on any of the cities.

Nevertheless, despite his infamy, it did not damage his authority. Under his control, Bisque City was getting more and more powerful, and was gearing up to invade some of the other influential cities.

Now that Tambert had specially come to this dwindling Tagan City, something major must have happened. However, the people of Tagan City did not know what was happening. All they knew that it must be related to Winston.

“Elders, they’re here. There, in front is President Winston!”

From a distance, President Winston was leading the way with a big smile. Behind him was a luxurious car which was floating in the air, driving slowly ahead.

“Such a showy entrance!”

“Of course. Wizard Tambert isn’t only unbelievably greedy but also incredibly vain. See that car of his? Hehe, it’s a casting tool. Flashy but completely impractical. At best, it can be used as a flying tool, though its speed is crawling.”



Many of the Spell Casters were hidden aside, and regarded the luxurious car coldly. With so many red-robed Wizards and this luxurious car, many were able to guess that the visitor to Tagan City was none other than the number one person in Bisque City, Wizard Tambert!

“Welcome, Wizard Tambert!”

The elders of trade alliance in Tagan City went up shakily to the luxurious car to pay their respects. Their faces were filled with helplessness. Though Tambert was a dignified Seventh-level Spell Caster, he liked being put on a pedestal. So, if they did not pay due respects to him, he would definitely begrudge them.

Right now, Tagan City could not afford to suffer any further setbacks. Therefore, regardless of their reluctance, they had no choice but to pay their respects to Tambert.

“No bad, this is my first time to Tagan City. I’m moved by Winston’s plea. Once this is completed, I’m sure Tagan City will stand to derive many benefits.”

From the luxurious car, emerged a man dressed in a long red and gold Wizard robes. With the ruddy cheeks and steely gaze, he emitted an unmistakable aura of authority.

This was the number one person in Bisque City, Wizard Tambert!

The elders took a look at Winston and saw a trace of a smile on his face, so they knew that the discussion must have gone as planned. They heaved a sigh of relief, and ushered Tambert into the great hall.

Following closely behind Tambert were two Sixth-level Wizards with impassive looks. No matter where they were, they maintained the highest level of vigilance.

Upon entering the great hall, Tambert naturally sat at the highest seat. At this time, his expression hardened a notch and said in a low voice, “Before coming here, Winston mentioned that Darknight from Eternal Night Mountain might have joined forces with Boulder City. Hmph, it’s not surprising you’re no competition for Boulder City. You’re too stupid! It’s obvious that Wizard Darknight is being controlled by a mysterious Wizard, and forced into a slave contract. That was why he could not kill Phillie. Instead, all of you thought that Darknight had joined forces with Boulder City. Such extreme idiocy!”

Hearing the harsh scolding from Tambert, all the Spell Casters from Tagan City were slightly embarrassed. Most of all, however, they were astonished. It could not be argued that Tambert controlled Bisque City with an iron fist because even such a secretive matter was investigated thoroughly in such a short span of time.

Moreover, this news was even more mind-boggling. If someone had managed to force Darknight into a slave contract, the person must be a very powerful Spell Caster. Of course, the mysterious Spell Caster would have found out about the mine, so if they had not decided to present the mine to Tambert, Tagan City would have been left to face that powerful and mysterious Wizard by themselves.

“Wizard Tambert’s admonishment is apt, but now that the mysterious Wizard found out about the mine, would he cause trouble with us?”

One of the older elders asked carefully.

“Trouble? I suppose so. I haven’t been able to investigate properly about the mysterious Wizard, but it’s not a problem. Summon someone from Boulder City and we’ll find out easily enough.”

Wizard Tambert turned around and exchanged a few words with a red-robed Wizard. The latter nodded his head a few times and immediately left Tagan City at a high speed.

As far as Tambert was concerned, within the sphere of influence of Bisque City, no one would dare to disobey his orders. As long as he said the word, someone from Boulder City would come to him respectfully.

All he had to do now was wait!

Chapter 457: The Arrival

Not too long after, more people began to appear before Tambert. One of them was Lady Phillie, whom Winston had initially planned to kill.

“Hehe, Lady Phillie, we meet again!”

A corner of Winston's mouth curved into a sinister smile as his gaze was locked on Lady Phillie. Nonetheless, Lady Phillie only responded with a fleeting smile, and resumed a calm expression toward Wizard Tambert. "Respected Wizard Tambert, how may we help you today?"

Wizard Tambert cast an in-depth gaze at Lady Phillie, and appeared to nod in approval. "Not bad, Lady Phillie, to be able to stifle Tagan City to this extent. I've heard that you have a talent for trading. However, the reason I've summoned you here this time isn't about the trade business but the mysterious Wizard who had saved your life a few days ago. How much do you know about this mysterious Wizard?"

Lady Phillie was slightly taken aback. She did not expect that Wizard Tambert had summoned her for this matter. Moreover, she hesitated in her heart because Merlin had rescued her before. If she told Wizard Tambert about him, surely Merlin would be in danger.

However, if she did not tell them, Boulder City might be destroyed. Boulder City was powerless to withstand Wizard Tambert's rage.

"Why? You don't want to tell?"

Wizard Tambert narrowed his eyes dangerously, and his body began to emit a weighted pressure, causing Lady Phillie, who was only an entry-level Spell Caster, to feel suffocated.

"Phillie, tell Wizard Tambert about the circumstances when you met Wizard Merlin. Don't hesitate!"

Behind Lady Phillie, an elderly man said slowly.

Lady Phillie paused for a moment, and finally nodded her head. "On that day, Wizard Merlin suddenly fell from the sky..."

Wizard Tambert listened carefully to Lady Phillie's narration but his expression became more and more solemn as the story progressed. According to Lady Phillie's description, the mysterious Wizard Merlin fell from the sky?

Perhaps an average Spell Caster would not know what it meant but as a Seventh-level Spell Caster, Wizard Tambert naturally knew what Merlin's descending method meant.

“Is what you’re saying true? That Merlin descended from the sky?”

Wizard Tambert seemed to be mired in disbelief as he asked Lady Phillie again.

This time, the elderly man behind Lady Phillie spoke. His voice was very calm, and his deep eyes seemed to contain pockets of wisdom.

“Wizard Tambert, you must have guessed it right. This Wizard Merlin is a Spell Caster from beyond the heavens!”

Upon hearing the words of this elderly man, Wizard Tambert could hold back no longer. He stood up abruptly, and trained his gaze on Lady Phillie and the others.

A Spell Caster from beyond the heavens... Only he knew what it meant. Every Spell Caster from beyond the heavens was superbly powerful, and most of them were terrifying Great Wizards!

If that mysterious Wizard Merlin was truly a Spell Caster from beyond the heavens, then not only the mine but also Bisque City might be in danger...

That thought made Wizard Tambert frown heavily. This might be the greatest crisis he had encountered. If it was not handled properly, even Bisque City might be destroyed.

In Wizard Tambert’s hand was an ancient map. The map was clearly marked with an elemental crystal stone mine. It was very detailed. With this map, it would be easy to find the actual location of the elemental crystal stone mine.

Such a huge mine was also the greatest wealth that Tambert had ever encountered. Once he had obtained this mine, Tambert was confident that he could develop Bisque City into the most advanced city in the shortest time as well as purchase some of the precious materials he wanted. Then, it would give him a huge opportunity to become an Eight- or Ninth-level Spell Caster.

Now, however, there was a Wizard who probably came from beyond the heavens. Therefore, looking at the map in his hand, Wizard Tambert was forced into a dilemma of choosing between two difficult options.

“Sir Wizard, outside Tagan City, there’s a big group of Spell Casters approaching. They seem like Wizards from Eternal Night Mountain!”

Right at this moment, a red-robed Wizard came quietly to Wizard Tambert and reported the news.

“Huh? They’ve arrived? So soon?”

Wizard Tambert’s heart skipped a beat. The Spell Casters on Eternal Night Mountain must have all pledged their allegiance to that mysterious Spell Caster from beyond the heavens, Wizard Merlin.

Now that they had come to Tagan City, their purpose was as clear as day. Surely it was to get that map to the mine. It was time for him to make a choice.

If he were to give up on this huge elemental crystal stone mine, Wizard Tambert was somewhat reluctant. However, due to his dread of Spell Casters from beyond the heavens, he also dared not go head-first against Merlin.

After thinking for a moment, he finally decided to go out and see for himself. If Merlin truly was a Spell Caster from beyond the heavens, then regardless of the value of the mine, he would have to give it up.

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Not too far from Tagan City, there was indeed a group of Spell Casters flying toward it at full speed.

“Master, Tagan City is right in front. Should we start preparing?”

Wizard Darknight who was following behind Merlin asked cautiously.

“Prepare? That’s not necessary. It’s just Tagan City. Wwhat do we have to prepare?”

Merlin squinted his eyes at the approaching Tagan City. With his current abilities, dealing with Tagan City was as easy as ABC, so no preparations were needed.

Therefore, they proceeded toward Tagan City. Finally, they had arrived at the fringes of Tagan City but it was unusually quiet.

“Something’s wrong!”

Wizard Darknight frowned. He had come to Tagan City before so, he immediately realized that something was off. While Tagan City was dwindling, it would not be as quiet as this.

“Nothing’s wrong but someone is here!”

Merlin already used his Mind Power to sweep through Tagan City, and discovered the Spell Casters in long Wizard robes. Naturally, he knew that these were the clothes of Spell Casters from Tagan City.

“Swish swish swish.”

Soon, many Spell Casters flew out from Tagan City, all of them wearing the long red Wizard robes. Wizard Darknight was shocked and heightened his guard immediately.

“They’re Spell Casters from Bisque City. Did Tagan City gift the map to Bisque City?”

Wizard Darknight immediately thought of this possibility. Indeed, if push came to shove, Tagan City might have made such a decision.

If Bisque City was really involved, then it would become very troublesome. Although Wizard Darknight had confidence in Merlin, Wizard Tambert from Bisque City had long since established an unshakable position of authority in his mind. As the number one person in Bisque City, the Seventh-level Wizard Tambert enjoyed a very high status in the vicinity.

“Haha, is that Wizard Merlin and Wizard Darknight?”

After the appearance of countless red-robed Wizards from Tagan City, a loud booming voice sounded, followed by a stout and robust figure emerging from the city. The figure glided on air and eventually came to a stop in front of Merlin.

Merlin's eyes widened slightly as he gauged this Spell Caster before him. There was no doubt that this was a very powerful Seventh-level Wizard. The elemental fluctuations on his body were so pronounced that even Merlin was slightly pensive.

As the controller of innumerable cities, despite his greed, Wizard Tambert's abilities could not be doubted. He, too, possessed Fusion Pandora Demon Ability, and most probably had cultivated it to its third form.

Merlin had always held high regard for Seventh-level Spell Casters who had cultivated Pandora Demon Abilities to their third forms!

"Wizard Tambert!"

Merlin greeted calmly. He believed that his opponent was also sizing him up. However, Merlin was not the least fearful. He gradually allowed some of the elemental fluctuations from his Fifth-level spells to spread out.

That way, the opponent would easily find out that he was only a Fourth-level Spell Caster who constructed some Fifth-level spells, which was still a large gap away from the Seventh-level.

On the other hand, Merlin had his sight set on the frayed yellowish map in Tambert's hands. It was most probably the map to the elemental crystal stone mine that Merlin wanted.

As soon as Wizard Tambert emerged from the city, his gaze had been affixed on Merlin. He carefully gauged Merlin until he had sensed the Fifth-level spell fluctuations coming from him. Even then, he remained doubtful.

"It's just a Fourth-level Spell Caster who managed to construct a few Fifth-level spells? Hmph, I've overestimated you. What complete nonsense about the Spell Caster from beyond the heavens! I can't imagine you would actually dare to show up here today..."

Wizard Tambert heaved a long sigh of relief. It was only after he sensed the elemental fluctuations on Merlin that he thought that he had a firm grasp of Merlin's abilities and had unveiled his identity. Thus, Wizard Tambert began to exude a concentrated slew of murderous intent.

Previously, Tambert had slaughtered ceaselessly, and killed countless Spell Casters. Why would he allow Merlin, a mere Fourth-level Spell Caster who was competing with him for the elemental crystal stone mine map, go free?

“Kill them all!”

Tambert had fully let down his guard, and waved his hand. In an instant, the two Sixth-level Wizards flashed forward hundreds of meters, both their bodies exuding vicious auras.

“Incinerating Fire!”

Merlin’s expression was indifferent as he extended five fingers. Immediately, balls of pale white flames shot out from his five pale fingers.

The flames combined and emitted a terrifying heat. The scorching temperature lingered in the air. Inside the wall of flames, the expressions of the two initially aloof-looking Sixth-level Wizards changed dramatically. They suddenly discovered that their defensive robes were completely useless toward these seemingly tiny flames.

The pale white flames burned increasingly stronger and rapidly engulfed these two Sixth-level Spell Casters in a sea of fire. Their Wizard robes, which had been rendered useless, were completely unable to withstand the burning flames.

Not too long after, the two Sixth-level Spell Casters had been burned to ashes by these pale white flames. They had not even gotten anywhere close to Merlin.

“Whoosh.”

Merlin turned his gaze to Tambert.

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Wizard Tambert’s face shifted. Upon seeing the pale white flames, he felt slightly intimidated. Even if Merlin was not a Spell Caster from beyond the heavens, he was not a force to be trifled with.



Wizard Tambert dithered for a moment but finally, he tossed away the map in his hands. No matter how important the elemental crystal stone mine was, it was simply not worth offending an evenly-matched Spell Caster.

“Wizard Merlin, this is the map to the elemental crystal stone mine. I’m sure the purpose of your visit to Tagan City is to get this map, right? Here, you can have it!”

Tambert promptly made up his mind and flung the map in his hand. Subsequently, he quickly retreated. He did not wish to remain here for a second longer.

Tambert might be greedy in nature but he was also very cautious and savvy. Upon encountering any sort of danger, he would give up immediately. That was how he gradually came to control Bisque City and became the overlord of the surrounding cities.

However, this time, he was not so lucky.

“Whoosh.”

Merlin reached out his hand and grabbed the map. He did not even look at it. Instead, he stretched out his five fingers, and suddenly, the entire sky seemed to darken.

“Shadow Assassin!”

The Fifth-level spell Shadow Assassin was immediately released by Merlin. This was the first time he was using it against an opponent ever since he constructed the spell.

“Hoo…”

Instantly, the sky darkened and covered almost half of Tagan City. However, this effect was carefully kept in control by Merlin. Otherwise, it would have easily covered the entire Tagan City.

When darkness descended, it was completely impossible to see one’s own outstretched fingers. Most of the people were entrapped in the illusion because Shadow Assassin also contained an illusory effect.

However, the effect of the illusion was obviously ineffective on the Seventh-level Wizard Tambert. His Mind Power surged into the sky like a bright lamp amidst the darkness, completely unaffected by the illusion. He also remained very vigilant as this was a Darkness-type spell, so the slightest lapse in attention would result in danger.

“Whiz.”

Sure enough, Tambert’s vigilance was not in vain. Amidst the pitch-black darkness with neither sound nor sight, an extraordinarily vicious attack lunged at Tambert.

Since Tambert was extremely vigilant, he immediately noticed it coming toward him. Several mysterious runes shone out from the robes on his body, covering and blocking the attack.

The unique characteristic of Shadow Assassin was its constant bidding of time in the darkness. Once there was a slight lapse in attention, the opponent would be killed by its covert attacks. It was important to note that despite being a Fifth-level Darkness-type spell, the attacking power of Shadow Assassin was enough to kill a Seventh-level Wizard.

“Whiz whiz whiz.”

Although Wizard Tambert managed to block the first attack, before he could recover, several attacks began to launch at him from all directions in the dark. There was a horrible-looking evil spirit rushing toward him as well as some black bolts whizzing soundlessly at him.

There were also some web-like Darkness Elements that was moving to enclose him.

This array of attacks all belonged to the arsenal of Shadow Assassin. If an average Spell Caster was entrapped within this spell, there was zero chance of survival. Merlin’s Fifth-level spell had been fused with Darkness Heart, so its power was boosted many folds, and was able to kill some of the powerful Seventh-level Spell Casters.

However, despite of Tambert’s greedy nature, his abilities were not lacking either. He could be considered one of the peak powers among the Seventh-level Spell Casters, just slightly behind those Seventh-level Wizards with Special Pandora Demon Abilities.

Up to this point, Tambert had yet to use his Pandora Demon Ability. This showed Merlin that although Tambert was trapped in Shadow Assassin, and appeared to be falling over his own feet, he had not in fact, revealed his trump card.

“Interesting. If that’s the case, let’s pile it on!”

Merlin reached out and pointed between his eyebrows. In an instant, the sky was filled with glowing runes. They rapidly condensed into a large Runic Magic Circle like a big net, which sped toward Tambert.

Tambert’s face dropped. At this point, he had no choice but to act.

Tambert excelled at Wind-type spells, which were fused with Pandora Demon Ability. Once he lifted his hand, countless Wind Elements began to compress in a repeated pattern, until finally, a long spear was formed.

“Whiz...”

The speed of the spear was extremely fast that its movement was almost invisible to the eye. With a terrifying burst of power, it stabbed Merlin’s Runic Magic Circle. The Runic Magic Circle that Merlin had cast with the help of the Runic Heartprint was only able to entrap an ordinary Seventh-level Wizard. Hence, it was quite powerless in the face of Tambert’s strongest attack.

“Crack.”

The Runic Magic Circle shattered in an instant, and the mysterious runes also collapsed and disappeared.

Merlin’s eyes narrowed. Tambert was indeed Seventh-level Spell Caster at its peak. Even though Merlin had constructed Fifth-level spells, it would be tough to defeat Tambert using only Fifth-level spells and Pandora Demon Ability.

“Glacier Country!”

Merlin was not in a hurry either. He had finally found a powerful Great Wizard who was almost evenly-matched as him, so he was not in a hurry to use Darkness Eye to end the battle. This spar with Tambert would help him discover the extent to which his abilities had evolved.

“Boom!”

Glacier Country descended in an instant. The translucent Glacier Country was a special Pandora Demon Ability though this was only its third form. Regardless, its resulting power was not ordinary in any sense. The fact that it was able to trap some Seventh-level Spell Casters was already quite impressive.

At least it had an evident suppressing effect on the Seventh-level Spell Casters.

“Crack crack.”

Following the descent of Glacier Country, frigid blasts began to swirl freely. The area which was covered by Glacier Country was frozen into transparent ice crystals.

Wizard Tambert bit his lip. He could feel that this was the most challenging and dangerous battle he had ever encountered. Merlin’s endless arsenal of attacks had long-since stirred up Tambert’s desire to retreat. However, he was currently trapped by both Glacier Country and Shadow Assassin. He had no way to retreat, so he could only choose to fight on.

“Fire!”

Tambert gritted his teeth, and a blazing fire began to burn on his body which spread quickly.

These flames were unlike ordinary flames. The heat that it radiated was on par with the frigid blasts in Merlin’s Glacier Country. With the intermingling of hot and cold, the frigid blast was completely unable to come close to Tambert.

If Merlin was able to wield the fourth form of Glacier Country, then its power would be increased once again to unimaginable levels. Then, it would be able to easily suppress not only Seventh-level Spell Casters but also Eight-level Spell Casters without Pandora Demon Ability!

However, the current state of Glacier Country had only achieved its third form. It was able to suppress an average Seventh-level Spell Caster but not Wizard Tambert, who possessed few types of Pandora Demon Abilities. Within the wisps of flames, he conjured clear traces of powerful Pandora Demon Ability.

Therefore, Glacier Country and Shadow Assassin were only able to contain Tambert and consume his Magic Power but were unable to kill him within a short period of time.

Finally, Merlin had encountered an evenly-matched opponent. Back in the Glorious Land, he seldom encountered Seventh-level Spell Casters with Pandora Demon Abilities. Even those with Pandora Demon Abilities usually only had two forms or just ordinary Pandora Demon Ability.

Basically, it was very difficult to meet someone like Tambert who possessed several Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, and achieved the third form for each of them. He was also a Seventh-level Spell Caster to boot, so it was not surprising that he could become the overlord of this area. Probably, Tambert had also experience in vanquishing powerful Spell Casters beyond his level.

However, this encounter with Merlin was shocking for Tambert. He only had the power to resist but not to counter-attack. Moreover, looking at Merlin, it seemed like he had not yet displayed his full force.

At this moment, Tambert was no longer confident. All he wanted was a chance to escape.

Indeed, Merlin had not wielded his entire arsenal. Since Glacier Country, Shadow Assassin, and the Runic Heartprint were unable to kill Tambert, he still had Incinerating Fire.

“Boom.”

Without any warning, Merlin’s Incinerating Fire burst into the sky and began to spread rapidly. The blaze burned ferociously toward Tambert, its scorching temperature just as formidable as the flames conjured by Tambert earlier.

“Hum hum.”

Concentrated Earth Elements appeared all over Tambert. Then, like a tortoise shell, it securely protected his entire body. At the same time, the runic robes that he wore discharged mysterious runes that blanketed him.

Merlin's flames were only able to burn outside the robes but could not hurt Tambert at all. Despite wielding all types of techniques, he was unable to defeat Tambert.

Seeing this, Merlin sank into contemplation. He now basically knew the limit of his abilities. Excluding the fourth form of Darkness Eye, his abilities were only comparable to a peak Seventh-level Wizard.

Basically, he was at the same level as Tambert, so he could only suppress but not kill him.

Of course, if Merlin was desperate, he could try to compete on the rate of consumption of Magic Power. Since he was attacking and Tambert was defending, the latter's rate of consumption would be greater. Hence, Tambert had a higher chance of depleting his Magic Power first, and be defeated.

Nevertheless, this was only a wild guess. The amount of Magic Power was mainly determined by the Spell Models that was constructed. As for the amount of Magic Power in Tambert's reserve, it was anyone's guess. Furthermore, continuing this line of attack would take at least a few hours.

Tambert saw that Merlin seemed to have run out of means, so he spoke, "Wizard Merlin, you can't defeat me. Why don't you withdraw your spell? I'll go back to Bisque City and stop interfering with your actions in Tagan City. Deal?"

Tambert, too, did not want to continue depleting his Magic Power here. He had never faced a crisis as perilous as the current situation. Even when he was facing off against an Eighth-level Wizard, he had been able to escape. He did not expect that he would be held down by Merlin.

The true reason that made Tambert feel afraid was that Merlin was merely a Fourth-level Spell Caster.

"Unfortunately, I want not only Tagan City but also your Bisque City!"

Merlin had already made plans in his head. He needed to build a force in this new dimension – a force that would help him collect various types of resources. While it was convenient to work alone, at the same time, he would lose out at collecting resources.

Especially now that he obtained a huge elemental crystal stone mine, he needed an equally colossal force to help him manage the mine, and turn it into wealth.

Therefore, Tambert's Bisque City was naturally the best choice. For that reason, Tambert must die!

Sensing Merlin's murderous intent, Tambert appeared a little maniacal and laughed. "Haha, Merlin, your abilities may be impressive but I'm afraid it won't be so easy to kill me!"

Merlin did not speak further. Slowly, he extended his right hand and unfurled his fist, revealing the constantly blinking, demonic-looking blood-red eye in his palm.

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"Darkness Eye!"

Merlin was using Tambert to test the level of his current abilities. Basically, without wielding the fourth form of Darkness Eye, he was comparable to a peak Seventh-level. He was able to suppress those peak Seventh-level Spell Casters but killing them proved to be slightly more challenging.

Perhaps, Tambert was also a very powerful Spell Caster among the peak Seventh-level. A Wizard like him was very elusive in the Glorious Land but might be quite common in this new dimension.

Merlin released the fourth form of blood-red Darkness Eye. In an instant, a gigantic ghostly face appeared behind Merlin. Amidst the blurry features, one could vaguely see multiple faces that were shifting continuously. Occasionally, it was also accompanied by a peal of sinister laughter.

"Whoosh!"

A crimson light shot forward and shrouded Tambert. Immediately, Tambert felt a prickle of danger creeping up to him. However, he did not know what this demonic-looking blood-red eye was.

"Control!"

Merlin's voice was calm but was tinged with a hint of coldness. As Merlin's voice subsided, Tambert suddenly felt that he could no longer mobilize the Magic Power inside his body. He completely lost control over the elements.

The blood-red eye in Merlin's palm appeared to have deprived him of all his powers. Now, Tambert had reverted into a complete Normie, like he was before he became a Spell Caster.

"How is this possible? My Pandora Demon Ability, my spells... Why are they not reacting?"

Tambert seemed to have lost his mind. With bloodshot eyes, he screamed in exhaustion. How would he have known that this was a special Pandora Demon Ability created by the Great Legend of Darkness Wizard Oflas? Perhaps in this new dimension, there were no hereditary special Pandora Demon Abilities.

After all, most of the special Pandora Demon Abilities had been created by the likes of Honored Legends. Wizard Mogan, the owner of this dimension, spent over hundreds of years to defeat the gods, so he must not be an Honored Legend. He was probably an ordinary Legendary Wizard, and naturally, did not have any special Pandora Demon Abilities.

"Chi chi chi."

Darkness Eye was still continuously draining Wizard Tambert's control over spells, so Merlin did not waste any more time. Currently, Wizard Tambert had lost his control over the elements, so he was a Normie at best. Even the runic robe on his body would only be able to withstand one or two more hits. However, in the face of Merlin's attack, it would not be able to hold up.

"Fire!"

Flames, more ferocious than before, sprang out and quickly engulfed Wizard Tambert. The runic robe gradually lost its effect, so the flames burned on Wizard Tambert. Before he could even yelp, Wizard Tambert had been reduced to ashes.

Merlin closed his palm. Darkness Eye in his palm seemed to be discontented and was trying to struggle out of Merlin's control. Its backlash was even stronger than before but with the suppression of the Maxim, the fourth form of Darkness Eye was unable to overthrow Merlin. All it could do was consume the powers of the Maxim.



Following Wizard Tambert's death of, all the red-robed Wizards that he had brought along from Bisque City were exchanging looks of aghast, uncertain of what to do next.

Wizard Tambert ruled Bisque City with an iron fist. He was greedy by nature and collected a lot of resources, but only distributed a trickle of it to his subordinates. Therefore, subordinates who were truly loyal to him were few and far between, if at all. The two Sixth-level Wizards before were absolutely loyal. Otherwise, Tambert would not have allowed them to follow him.

However, both had also been burned to ashes by Merlin. The remaining Wizards were hesitant, and did not know how to face Merlin. At this time, Darknight stood up. It was his turn to be useful.

"Everyone, don't panic. Right now, Tambert is dead, and Wizard Merlin intends to take over Bisque City. Whoever is willing to follow Wizard Merlin, this is your best chance!"

Wizard Darknight's words reverberated in the sky, so even the Spell Casters in Tagan City could hear it. Some of the red-robed Wizards hesitated for a few moments, and immediately made their decision.

Merlin's ability was more powerful, and had just killed Tambert. There would be many matters that had to be dealt with by his subordinates. If they pledged allegiance to Merlin now, he was bound to deploy them significantly, so it was their best chance.

Thus, many of the red-robed Wizards immediately flew out from Tagan City and half-knelt on the ground. In unison, they chorused, "I'm willing to follow Sir Wizard Merlin!"

A faint smile appeared on Wizard Darknight's face. In a low voice, he explained to Merlin, "Master, they're bestowing you the highest courtesy among Spell Casters. Those who display this courtesy is showing their full submission, and that they're willing to follow you, Master!"

Merlin nodded his head. He raised his hand and announced, "Not bad. All of you rise up and follow me inside!"

With irrefutable abilities, it was easier to establish his authority. Now that he had taken over Tambert's force, it would be easy for him to enter Bisque City in the future. Even if anyone tried to resist him, he had absolute confidence that it would be smoothed over quickly.

Therefore, the matter at hand now was Tagan City.

Upon entering Tagan City, Merlin discovered that Lady Phillie and the others were also there. Merlin was very familiar with the mindset of the people from Boulder City, yet he admired Lady Phillie's flair at trading.

Now that he was building up a new force, he needed someone who had a flair at trading, like Lady Phillie, to help him expand and strengthen his force. Only with a colossal force at his disposal, would Merlin be able to gather more resources.

"Lady Phillie, when I enter Bisque City, I'll need your help."

Merlin said in a casual manner but Lady Phillie had already heard his unspoken request. Overjoyed, she answered, "Thank you, Wizard Merlin for your generosity! I'll definitely do my best and help Wizard Merlin develop Bisque City."

Merlin nodded and took a single look at the citizens of Tagan City. After some contemplation, he raised his hand and a wisp of cold air wrapped around Winston.

"Crack."

Winston was instantly frozen into an ice crystal, and his life force rapidly ebbed away. An old man began to shake uncontrollably but was held back by the others.

Winston must die but as for the others from Tagan City, Merlin was not resentful. He waved the map in his hand. "Let's go and take a look at the elemental crystal stone mine."

After a pause, Merlin shifted his gaze on Lady Phillie. "Lady Phillie, you can come along with us."

At this moment, Lady Phillie was still in shock. She had just heard Merlin utter the words "elemental crystal stone mine". Now, she finally understood why Wizard Tambert had come all the way from Bisque City to Tagan City. It was all for the elemental crystal stone mine.

Any structure that qualified to be called a mine must consist of completely overwhelming contents. Therefore, an elemental crystal stone mine was enough to make any Spell Caster lose their heads.

“Let’s go.”

Merlin was impatient to see that elemental crystal stone mine.

The elders of Tagan City dared not disobey Merlin’s orders. So, they could only lead the way and walked toward the elemental crystal stone mine as marked on the map.

“Say, how did you get this map?”

Merlin casually asked one of the elders from Tagan City. After all, a map which was marked so clearly should be quite difficult to obtain. Moreover, why would the Spell Caster who marked it give the map away so easily?

An old man with streaks of black-and-white hair paused and answered hoarsely, “Wizard Merlin, this map had always been in our hands. It has been passed down from generations to generations. We all knew that this map would have far-reaching implications, so unless we had no choice, we would never unfurl it.

“This time, however, Tagan City is truly in trouble. Boulder City has been aggressive, especially with some of the measures introduced by Lady Phillie, we’ve been forced into a tight corner. If we continue as it is, Tagan City would become an empty town. At this juncture, we thought about the elemental crystal stone mine which was painted on this map. Even though we knew that we could not conquer this mine, due to the severity of the situation, we no longer cared. Thus, we summoned Wizard Darknight in order to join forces with Eternal Night Mountain and secretly exploit this mine.

“However, we didn’t expect Wizard Merlin to appear. As to what happened afterward, I’m sure Wizard Merlin is aware...”

The elder of Tagan City revealed the origins of the map. It turned out that it had been passed down from Tagan City but due to the far-reaching implications of this map, they had never dared to unfurl this map, not to mention exploit it. Once the news leaked out, it would be disastrous for Tagan City.

However, due to the pressure from Boulder City, Tagan City had no other choice but to allow this map to be reacquainted with the light of day, which ultimately resulted in it falling into Merlin’s hands.

Merlin nodded. This map indeed looked like it had weathered a few generations. The paper was yellowing, and some of the markings on the paper were blurry. Fortunately, the location of the elemental crystal stone mine remained clear.

Tagan City was only a small town, and its strongest Spell Caster was only at the Fourth-level. Naturally, they could not simply decide to exploit such a huge elemental crystal stone mine. Once the news leaked out, they would be wiped out.

This line of reasoning was well-understood by Tagan City. That was why they had never exploited the mine even after so many years. It was until recently when they were forced into a corner by Boulder City, that the idea of exploiting the mine was revitalized.

However, the force of Tagan City was simply too weak. Initially, they intended to join forces with Wizard Darknight to exploit the mine, but when things changed, they could only present it wholly to Tambert. In the end, it still fell into Merlin's hands.

A mine of this size was far from realistic to be exploited by a force as small as Tagan City. Right now, the scale of the mine was yet to be determined. If the scale of the mine was truly too sprawling and word got out, perhaps even Tambert would not be able to occupy this mine alone. Surely, some more powerful forces would interfere.

On the other hand, Merlin was fearless. With Darkness Eye in his hand, even an Eighth-level Spell Caster could be vanquished! As for the Ninth-level Spell Casters, they had all entered the Glorious Palace and became Glorious Wizards, so they would not participate in matters outside the Glorious Palace.

Soon, the group finally arrived at a slightly elevated hillside. According to the markings on the map, the surrounding hillside was the location of the elemental crystal stone mine.

"Darknight, check it out."

Merlin was somewhat anticipating to find out the scale of this mine, so he allowed Wizard Darknight to investigate it first.

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This was quite an understated hillside. There were no dense trees or bushes growing around the area except for some wild weeds. Even then, the weeds were sparsely scattered all over.

Wizard Darknight led the men toward the hillside. He was not an expert at mine exploration, so he could only use the simplest method, which was to dig a large pit.

Generally, a truly rich elemental crystal stone mine could be discovered at a level close to the ground surface. Therefore, it was quite easy to find as long as its specific location could be identified. All that was left to do was to dig downward.

Instantly, Wizard Darknight cast a spell. Countless Ice Elements melded together into a large knife, and with terrifying power, drove straight into the ground.

“Bang!”

The entire hillside seemed to be shaking after Wizard Darknight’s wild display of spells. Finally, a deep pit appeared on the ground. Even without approaching the site, Merlin and the others could clearly sense the concentrated elemental aura which wafted out from the pit.

“Sure enough, it’s an elemental crystal stone mine. Even at such a shallow depth, the contents are already so impressive. I wonder how big is this mine?”

Wizard Darknight was very excited and could not help but shout in Merlin’s direction.

“Swish swish!”

Merlin stepped forward in a flash and reached the large pit. Sure enough, the pit contained many shimmering elemental crystal stones, which seemed to be Earth-type elemental crystal stones.

Most of the elemental crystal stones that were buried underground were Earth-type elemental crystal stones. However, if one were to proceed deeper, there might also be a large quantity of Fire-type elemental crystal stones.

Some colder places might contain Ice-type elemental crystal stones whereas damp places might yield Water-type elemental crystal stones. Only Wind-type and Thunder-type elemental crystal stones were quite rare.

Here, the elemental crystal stones should mostly consist of Earth-type. The fact that they could be mined at such a shallow depth was a testament to the abundance of this type.

Nevertheless, it was still undetermined how huge was the size of the mine. They still had to continue to search the perimeter, especially to roughly determine its boundaries.

Hence, Wizard Darknight circled around the mine, and searched around the area. Finally, the boundaries of the mine were determined. Its diameter spanned over fifty miles across.

Such a huge mine! Regardless of Merlin, Darknight or Lady Phillie, all of them sucked in a cold breath. It was just overly huge. If such a huge elemental crystal stone mine had appeared in the Glorious Land, both the southern and northern Spell Caster world were sure to react insanely.

“Good. Very good. Such a huge mine! Darknight, from today onward, mobilize all the power you can to exploit this mine at full capacity!”

“Lady Phillie, follow me to Bisque City. All the big and small businesses in Bisque City will be placed under your control. I’ll set up a trade association with you as the president to manage everything!”

Lady Phillie and Wizard Darknight nodded excitedly. From today onward, they were people with the highest authority in the sphere of influence in Bisque City, excluding Merlin himself. This was a feat that they could not even hope to achieve in the past.

Subsequently, Merlin entered Bisque City without a hitch. Upon receiving verified news that Tambert was truly dead, Bisque City was very welcoming toward Merlin.

In fact, this was understandable as Tambert had also previously used the same method. He defeated the former Spell Caster from Bisque City and took control over it. Since he was greedy by nature, his death did not stir up much sentiments.

Coupled with the fact that Merlin had managed to kill Tambert, and must be very powerful, naturally, Bisque City was not so ignorant to resist Merlin.

After taking over Bisque City, Merlin took a proper stock take of the strength of Bisque City. He counted a total of thirty-nine small towns and cities. Among them, there were about nine cities with a flourishing trade like Boulder City.

Overall, the cities were relatively affluent, only that Tambert had not managed them well. Instead, all he did was search and snatch from these cities, so their degrees of development were worse than before.

Merlin employed Lady Phillie and established a trade association to handle all the issues arising from the trade of these thirty-nine cities. Once the trade began to flourish, then the elemental crystal stones Merlin could obtain would be insurmountable.

The resources left behind by Tambert in Bisque City were also quite abundant. Back when Merlin killed Tambert, he naturally did not leave behind his ring. Inside Tambert's ring were mountains of elemental crystal stones, up to tens of thousands in number. Additionally, there were various precious potions, and alchemy materials.

"Tambert is rich, much richer than me!"

Merlin carefully examined Tambert's ring. Most of the contents were elemental crystal stones. In addition, there were some potion and alchemy materials as well as some that Merlin did not recognize.

After putting the items aside, Merlin summoned Lady Phillie.

Lady Phillie stood before Merlin respectfully. Her entire person looked radiant, and the charm of a matured woman became more pronounced.

"Lady Phillie! You have an assignment. I'm going to isolate myself for some time. You need to mobilize all your resources and help me find some potion, potion formula or other prized items that can increase Mind Power. Even just a lead is acceptable. Do you understand?"

Lady Phillie nodded thoughtfully. "Please don't worry Wizard Merlin. I'll pay close attention in this matter."

"Very well, you may leave."

After Merlin had sent Lady Phillie away, he focused his attention on his Mind Power. Truth was, his Mind Power had achieved the peak of the Sixth-level.

However, advancing from the Sixth- to the Seventh-level was a substantive transformation. Many of Sixth-level Spell Casters would be affected by the illusion in Merlin's Darkness-type spell whereas Seventh-level Wizards would not be affected much.

The Mind Power of Seventh-level Spell Caster was a substantive transformation. Therefore, if Merlin did not have a large amount of Mind Power, it would be difficult to forcibly upgrade to the Seventh-level.

His Mind Power would not be able to undergo a transformation for the time being. Next, Merlin could also construct the remaining Fire-type, and Wind-type spells. These two types of spells had been derived by the Matrix, so all Merlin had to do was to introduce a suitable Spell Model into his Awareness.

Constructing spells was already a familiar process to Merlin but it required some time.

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Six days later, Merlin opened his eyes. At this moment, there were four Fifth-level Spell Models in his body. First, there was Shadow Assassin and Enervating Halo. The newly-constructed Wind-type spell was called Traceless Wind. Its speed was faster than Rainbow Wind, completely silent and very subtle.

Besides Traceless Wind, there was also Destructive Flame. This was a Fifth-level spell, so the strength of the flames was increased slightly. Nevertheless, it still could only defeat a peak Seventh-level. Defeating an Eighth-level would still be a challenge.

After all, if Merlin encountered someone who had Fusion Pandora Demon Ability, and cultivated it to the third form, then it would be a peak Seventh-level Spell Caster like Tambert. Merlin was completely unable to defeat him, and could only rely on the fourth form of Darkness Eye to kill him.

The biggest advantage that Merlin had over an average Seventh-level Spell Caster was that his spells were all self-derived. However, this advantage in terms of spells would be offset by the



opponent's Seventh-level spells. So ultimately, it would become a competition of Pandora Demon Abilities. In this regard, Merlin did not have a clear advantage.

Therefore, despite having constructed Fifth-level spells, based on Pandora Demon Ability, he was only able to compete against a peak Seventh-level Wizard. In other words, his ability did not improve greatly.

However, this was already anticipated by Merlin. From Seventh-level onward, every level-up would bring about a tremendous change in abilities. Especially since he came to this new dimension, it was like returning to the Spell Casters' most glorious era. Thus, Spell Casters with Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities were not rare. Back in the Glorious Land, Merlin had the advantage of possessing Pandora Demon Abilities. However, in this new dimension, his advantage of possessing Pandora Demon Abilities had almost disappeared into nothing.

Now, Merlin had Fire-type Pandora Demon Ability, Darkness-type Pandora Demon Ability, Wind-type Pandora Demon Ability, Ice-type Pandora Demon Ability, and Earth-type Pandora Demon Ability. He only lacked Thunder-type Pandora Demon Ability.

It was not that Merlin did not have Thunder-type Pandora Demon Ability. What he lacked was the time to cultivate it. With a bright flash, the third volume of the Neverending Book appeared in his hand. In the third volume of the Neverending Book created by Wizard Saitu, there were many Pandora Demon Abilities in it.

Moreover, there were also several Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities with considerable power. Previously, Merlin had taken a cursory glance. Among the Thunder-type Pandora Demon Abilities, there was a Fusion Pandora Demon Ability called Thunder Fury.

It also had three forms, and its power was quite formidable. By nature, Thunder-type spells contained very powerful attacking force. Coupled with Pandora Demon Ability Thunder Fury, Merlin's arsenal of Offensive spells would become even more complete.

Perhaps, the combination of Thunder-type spells and Fire-type spells together with Glacier Country would be enough to compete with an Eighth-level Spell Caster.

Nonetheless, cultivating Thunder Fury would require a Thunder Stone. This type of Thunder Stone was unheard of by Merlin back in the Glorious Land, so there was no way for him to cultivate it. Now in this new dimension, Merlin would get people to look out for the Thunder Stone.

Merlin now possessed several Pandora Demon Abilities such as Wind-type, Fire-type, and Darkness-type, which are all Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities. Only Ice-type, and Thunder-type did not have Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities.

While he had Pandora Demon Ability Glacier Country as Ice-type, it was actually a special Pandora Demon Ability, and not a Fusion Pandora Demon Ability. Thus, it could not be incorporated into other spells as it existed separately from spells. Therefore, Merlin still had to cultivate an Ice-type Pandora Demon Ability.

There were many types of Pandora Demon Abilities though it seemed like many of them were not very useful such as the Ice-type Pandora Demon Ability. Now that he already had Glacier Country, even if he had cultivated a Fusion Pandora Demon Ability, it would be impossible for its power to surpass that of Glacier Country. Hence, he would be unlikely to use it and it would not be highly useful.

However, Merlin was planning even further ahead. His objective was not just to become a Seventh-level Spell Caster but a Great Wizard or a Great Legendary Wizard.

Once a Spell Caster became a Great Wizard, there would be a crucial turning point where all his spells would fuse together. As Fusion Pandora Demon Ability would fuse seamlessly into spells, all the Spell Models in the Awareness fuse together to form a single Spell Model. As a result, the ability of the Great Wizard would depend on the strength of the fused spells, the number of fused Spell Models, and the number of Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities.

No matter what, the spell fusion of a Three-Elemental Wizard would be far lesser than a Four- or Five-Elemental Spell Caster. Moreover, for Spell Casters with Fusion Pandora Demon Ability, the greater the number of Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, the more powerful he would become. Thus, upon leveling-up to a Great Wizard, and at the instant the spell fusion occurred, the Spell Caster's ability would surge rapidly.

Since Merlin was a Six-Elemental Spell Caster, he was already very powerful. So, if he had a Fusion Pandora Demon Ability for every element, upon fusion, he would become even more formidable than before.

Merlin contemplated for a long time. Although the Thunder-type, and Ice-type Pandora Demon Abilities would not increase his abilities by much, it was his preparation for the future to become a Great Wizard!

Therefore, no matter how difficult it was to obtain the Thunder Stone, Merlin must still search for it. As for the Ice-type Fusion Pandora Demon Ability, Merlin carefully searched through the Neverending Book and found a few Ice-type Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities. Nevertheless, they also required some Ice-type treasure that Merlin did not have.

The cultivation of Thunder-type, and Ice-type Pandora Demon Abilities had to be set aside temporarily. All he could do now was to wait quietly.