

## **W. Secret 571**

### Chapter 571: Titus' Monument

In the wide-open sky, a total of seven figures were flying forward at maximum speed.

Merlin would occasionally sense one or two gazes scanning him. These were searching looks or perhaps contemplative ones.

After he had agreed to hand over ninety thousand elemental crystal stones all at once, these probing gazes occurred more frequently. Merlin knew that the five Ninth-level Mind Power Masters were considering their options.

It was far too tempting. Merlin and Luce were only two Wizards. If they had managed to kill Merlin, they would obtain far more than ninety thousand elemental crystal stones.

However, they were still hesitant because they were unsure of Merlin and Luce's true strength. They had not used their spells for so long, and it was difficult to judge the abilities of the pair based on Mind Power alone.

Therefore, they could only scrutinize wordlessly but ultimately dared not act rashly.

As for Merlin and Luce, they were aware of these notions of the Mind Power Masters, but Wizard Luce was not worried at all. He had been with Merlin for so long, and naturally knew the extent of his powers.

Merlin belonged to a class of freakish Spell Casters, and was considered a genius even in Arcane City. His spell fusion came infinitely close to a Great Wizard, and might even be comparable to the most common Great Wizard.

Darkness Eye was even more terrifying. The Darkness Demon Spirit it summoned was on par with a Great Wizard at their peak, only a shade inferior to the top Great Wizard.

With these two abilities, whether or not Merlin could dominate the Slothful Beast world, self-perseverance was not an issue at all. In the Slothful Beast world where there were no Great Legends, Merlin was among the highest ranks!

Thus, never mind that these people had all sorts of ideas. If they acted upon those ideas and dared to attack, naturally, Merlin would not simply be a sitting duck!

The atmosphere between both parties was somewhat tense. Fortunately, all the way to Spellcast City, no conflict erupted between both sides. Eldo and the rest ultimately did not dare to attack Merlin and Luce.

Perhaps this was in consideration of the fact that they were Spell Casters too. Of course, this was only a small reason. The biggest factor was that Merlin and Luce could cast spells, so their abilities could not be judged clearly. As a result, no one dared to attack.

“Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, this is Spellcast City!”

Eldo pointed toward Spellcast City. This gigantic city founded personally by Titus induced a sense of amazement in Merlin and Luce.

This was because the city was floating in mid-air, somewhat similar to the floating continent in the dimension of the Satsuma God. However, Spellcast City relied upon Runic Magic Circles to support the city.

Spellcast City was surrounded by dense masses of Runic Magic Circles that exuded a powerful force. Merlin secretly used the Runic Heartprint to examine them, and discovered that these Runic Magic Circles were very complex. He could not even dissect them using the Runic Heartprint.

This meant that Titus was profoundly accomplished in runology as well.

“Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, Spellcast City is controlled by the nine of us. Each of us has left our mind imprint on one part of it. As long as five of us agree, the defenses of the entire Spellcast City can be activated. We can even mobilize Spellcast City to fly away. This is a city that can be moved. In other words, it’s a mighty casting tool...”

Eldo gave a detailed explanation of Spellcast City, and Merlin nodded repeatedly. Spellcast City appeared extraordinary. It was not surprising that it had served as the sturdiest fort of the Spell Casters.

This time, Eldo and the other four had gone to the Gigula Tribe, which indicated a level of sincerity. With five of them, Spellcast City could be controlled.

“The Gigula Tribe will need some time before they reach Spellcast City. At that time, I’ll need your cooperation in opening Spellcast City.”

Merlin still had not forgotten about the Gigula Tribe.

“Haha, be rest assured, Wizard Merlin. The Gigula Tribe consists of merely two thousand or so people. Our Spellcast City can easily accommodate them. Alright, both Wizards, please come in. The other four Wizards have been waiting inside Spellcast City long ago.”

Eldo and the other four Ninth-level Mind Power Masters each released their Mind Power. With the combined efforts of all five, they controlled Spellcast City to open a passageway.

“Swish swish.”

With that, the seven of them quickly flew into the passage.

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Within Spellcast City, Merlin and Luce strolled along the busy street. The city’s bustling activity far exceeded both of their imaginations. Many passersby had decent Mind Power.

There was many Sixth-level Mind Power Masters, and even an occasional Seventh-level Mind Power Master who had condensed a Mind Heart. This was a distinct contrast from the weakness of the Gigula Tribe.

“If there were more people in Spellcast City, the faction of Spell Casters would not fall to such a stage!”

Wizard Eldo spoke rather ruefully. The Spell Caster faction was so puny now that many of them had been reduced to specific targets captured by foreign tribes. Of course, Wizard Eldo and the rest did not feel good about this.

“Wizard Merlin, we’ll head to the castellan’s hall for discussion!”

“Castellan? Who’s the current castellan of Spellcast City?”

Merlin asked casually.

Wizard Eldo shook his head. “At the moment, there are no castellans of Spellcast City. There has only been one castellan in Spellcast City, and that’s Titus who had established Spellcast City! After Titus, no one else can be castellan. Presently, Spellcast City is jointly managed by us nine Ninth-level Mind Power Masters.”

Following that, they arrived at a simple castle. Its architectural style was similar to the outside world’s, only it was less influenced by the Molta Empire’s era, and more influenced by the style of buildings that gradually took shape after Spell Casters had entered the Void Zone.

This indirectly indicated that Titus must have entered the Slothful Beast world only after Spell Casters had already set foot in the Void Zone for a long time.

Upon entering the castle, they immediately saw the four Ninth-level Mind Power Masters. These four were not that different from Eldo. When they noticed Merlin and Luce, they directed their gazes at the pair.

“Both of you must be Wizard Merlin and Wizard Luce who had just arrived in the Slothful Beast world?”

An old man with grizzled hair among those four smiled and spoke. Before this, Eldo must have transmitted the details of what had happened back to Spellcast City. After all, this was not the Void Zone. Although space was more fragile here, it still existed so one could use certain methods to transmit information.

“Everyone, I came to Spellcast City for the sake of Titus’ monument! Whereas all of you are here for elemental crystal stones. Naturally, Wizard Luce and I will fulfill our previous promise to you!”

Merlin did not delay his purpose here. He knew that throughout the journey here, Eldo and the rest had been anxiously waiting for the elemental crystal stones. As they had not reached Spellcast City, they did not say anything.

Therefore, Merlin might as well hand out the elemental crystal stones immediately. Right away, ninety thousand elemental crystal stones floated into the air. Merlin waved a hand and they flew toward the nine old men respectively.

“Oh? It’s really elemental crystal stones!”

“Ten thousand elemental crystal stones can sustain us for around twenty years. It really isn’t easy to obtain...”

Upon receiving the ten thousand elemental crystal stones, the nine Mind Power Masters were deeply moved. In the Slothful Beast world, ten thousand elemental crystal stones could be considered a huge fortune.

After a long moment, Wizard Eldo kept his elemental crystal stones, and said calmly, “Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, I’ll bring you both to Titus’ monument.”

With that, Wizard Eldo led Merlin and Luce, and immediately turned, and departed from the castle, leaving the remaining eight Ninth-level Mind Power Masters to exchange dismayed looks.

“What does Eldo mean by this?”

“Is he afraid that we won’t succeed if we attack here?”

“That is uncertain... Both Merlin and Luce must’ve quite a number of elemental crystal stones. If someone can’t hold back from attacking and cause us trouble, this won’t end well.”

The remaining eight Mind Power Masters were not unified in their views. It seemed that there were some who still had other ideas, thinking about striking Merlin and Luce.

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After leaving the castle, Eldo quickened his pace. After turning a few corners, he slowed down and turned around, wearing a solemn expression.

“Both Wizards, if there’s no need for you to do so, don’t approach the Ninth-level Mind Power Masters by yourself!”

Eldo’s expression was serious as if he had made a weighty decision in saying this.

Merlin’s eyes flashed strangely, and he suddenly laughed, before slowly saying, “Wizard Eldo, you mean that someone might become envious of our elemental crystal stones and try to get the stones through underhanded means?”

Eldo eyed Merlin, and knew he could not hide the truth. After all, Merlin was not an idiot. Those Wizards’ stares were so undisguised in their desire that anyone could see what was going on.

“Both Wizards, it’s been very, very long since a Spell Caster had arrived in the Slothful Beast world, and there’s an extreme scarcity of elemental crystal stones. For Spell Casters who still have some elemental crystal stones to sustain themselves, they might be able to keep themselves in check. However, those who have no elemental crystal stones might throw caution to the wind in order to survive!”

Merlin expressed his gratitude toward Eldo’s kind reminder. In the Slothful Beast world, there were indeed Spell Casters who would go mad over elemental crystal stones. To them, elemental crystal stones were something that would save their lives.

“We’ll be on our guard.”

Seeing that Merlin and Luce had understood, Eldo did not say anything else. He had already warned them, and how things would turn out was not something under his control.

“Very well! I’ll bring you to Titus’ monument now!”

After he spoke, Eldo continued to lead Merlin and Luce forward.

Soon enough, they arrived at a place where there stood a massive stone tablet. One might call it a stone tablet but it was more of a stone wall, unparalleled in size, casting a shadow beneath the suns.

In this shadowed area sat around ten or twenty Mind Power Masters. Based on the Mind Power fluctuations around them, they had consolidated their Mind Hearts, being Mind Power Masters of at least the Seventh-level.

#### Chapter 572: The Three Main Stages of Hallucinating Spells

“Wizard Merlin, be careful not to get too close to the monument. We call this stone tablet the Illusion Monument. If you get too close, you’ll be affected by the illusion. Titus had a specific direction of understanding Mind Power. He believed that for Mind Power Masters to understand the Essence, they must first familiarize themselves with Hallucinating spells, cultivating them to their peak!”

After hearing Eldo’s explanation, Merlin felt a surge of excitement deep within him. His previous first step in perfecting the system of Mind Power was aligned with Titus’ reasoning.

Namely, to first focus on illusory before material. One must cultivate Hallucinating spell to its peak before one could begin to turn illusions into reality! It was just that Merlin had merely taken the first step whereas Titus had already gone on further ahead.

In a range of a few hundred meters around this stone, the place was covered by a mysterious force field. In this shadowed region, all the Mind Power Masters were sunken in an illusion, working hard to gain understanding.

“The Illusion Monument isn’t that dangerous. It’ll just affect Mind Power Masters slightly. Any Mind Power Master who enters the area of the Illusion Monument will automatically encounter some of Titus’ previous understanding of Mind Power.”

Merlin bobbed his head. He was now bursting with eagerness, so he turned to Wizard Luce and asked, “Wizard Luce, are you heading in?”

Wizard Luce shook his head in response. “I don’t have much understanding of Mind Power, and probably won’t learn much even if I go in. I’ll just wait outside.”

Wizard Luce had not much talent in regard to Mind Power, and had no desire to go in and be enlightened.

Eldo smiled and said, “Wizard Merlin, stay here and gain understanding to your heart’s content. It doesn’t matter how long. The Illusion Monument is open to everyone, and any Mind Power Master above the Seventh-level can enter! I’ll take my leave first...”

With that, Eldo immediately turned, and left.

Seeing that Eldo had left, Merlin’s expression gradually grew somber, and he said to Wizard Luce softly, “Wizard Luce, be on your guard when you’re outside. To us, Spellcast City isn’t a safe place!”

Wizard Luce knew what Merlin was referring to, and nodded cautiously. “Wizard Merlin, please be rest assured. I’ll keep an eye out. If they really try anything, humph, they shouldn’t be surprised if we don’t hold back!”

Although Wizard Luce was nothing much in the Spell Caster world but in the Slothful Beast world, he was still a Ninth-level Spell Caster, one who could cast spells. He could be considered someone rather powerful, so he was unafraid of the Mind Power Masters of Spellcast City.

With Wizard Luce outside, Merlin was more assured. Thus, he drew in a deep breath, and immediately stepped into the Illusion Monument.

As soon as he stepped into the Illusion Monument’s range, he instantly felt a mystical force field around him. His Mind Power could not help but be drawn to the Illusion Monument.

Nonetheless, Merlin did not resist. He knew that this was a tactic set up by Titus. Only then could he receive the contents left behind by Titus on the Illusion Monument.

“Boom!”

It was as if an explosion had occurred in Merlin’s mind. A huge stream of information surged into his mind. It was the information that Titus had left behind on the Illusion Monument.



The amount of information was colossal, encompassing Titus' understanding of Mind Power back then, and even his complete theory of the Mind Power system.

His theory was just as Merlin and the Blackfire Lord had inferred. To understand the Essence of Mind Power, one must turn illusions into reality. This general direction was correct but it went against the natural order and was destined to be more difficult than a Spell Caster's path.

As for how to turn illusions into reality, Titus had taken the same first step as Merlin did, which was to first cultivate Hallucinating spells to their peak. Moreover, Titus had separated this process into three stages.

The first stage was Hallucinating spells, the second stage was Illusory Heart, and the third stage was Illusory Dimension.

The first stage, Hallucinating spells, referred to the mighty Hallucinating spells which used Mind Power to influence one's opponent in a traceless manner. This could cause an opponent's error in judgment, where they were not even aware of being caught in an illusion.

This stage was all-inclusive, encompassing every Hallucinating spell. It was just a collective term for that realm, and even the Blackfire Lord's Hallucinating spell which was so inconceivable to Merlin back then was merely in the first stage. It was simply a Hallucinating spell!

The second stage was Illusory Heart, which was extremely terrifying as it could cause people to sink into endless oblivion, unable to extricate themselves from the illusion forever. It could even control the hearts of enemies, instantly turning them into zombies who would follow one's orders, just like puppets.

At this point, Merlin's heart was overcome by waves of surprise, and he was stunned. He had never heard of this theory so this was something unprecedented.

In fact, this was no longer just a theory because Titus had understood the second stage, Illusory Heart! As a result, he was equipped with power comparable to a Legend, able to dominate the Slothful Beast world.

"Scary, so scary! To control the souls of enemies without a sound... This is the truly scary part of Mind Power Masters!"

Merlin was shocked, even more so than when the Blackfire Lord had directed him to the path of Mind Power Masters. Merlin's first step was merely in the beginning stages of Hallucinating spells. Conversely, Titus had manifested his own theory, at least until the second stage, and he had succeeded!

Furthermore, this was not the scariest thing – there was still the third stage, Illusory World! This was the complete theory derived by Titus. One would be able to use Mind Power to gradually construct a dimension that only differed from a real dimension, and was unable to be transformed into reality.

Creating dimensions was something only the Great Ultimate Arcane Wizards could do. Not even Honored Legends and Great Lords could create dimensions. Nevertheless, the third stage derived by Titus pushed the limits of illusions, creating an entire illusory dimension.

If one could really do that, how powerful would one be? An Honored Legend? Even comparable to a Great King?

No one knew for sure. If one truly cultivated an Illusory World according to Titus' theory, one would be so formidable because even Titus did not cultivate until the third stage, Illusory World.

However, this was not the end of the theory derived by Titus. When "illusions" had reached the peak, Titus even hypothesized that one could turn illusions into reality, and thereafter, progress could likewise be divided into different stages.

It was just that by the time one could turn illusory into material, one would have to understand the Essence of Mind Power, and reverse the natural order. This would be something even the Ultimate Arcane Wizards would be roused by.

If there really came such a day when someone could achieve the level derived by Titus, turning illusions into reality, they would be even stronger than the Ultimate Arcane Wizard...

After going through all the information in his mind, Merlin was still in shock.

"Powerful, how powerful! Titus is the true genius among Mind Power Masters. Compared to him, my understanding of Mind Power is still so far behind..."

Merlin mumbled dejectedly. At first, he thought that after sitting through a lecture from the Blackfire Lord, he had pulled ahead of all Mind Power Masters in the Spell Caster world. He had even taken the first step in perfecting the Mind Power system in a short time.

Nevertheless, faced with Titus, Merlin felt sincere admiration. Not only did Titus devise a theory but he even followed that theory to its second stage, shattering the shackles of Mind Power Masters who could not contend against Legends.

Even if the theory he had devised was incorrect after the second stage, just the first and second stages alone – Hallucinating spells and Illusory Heart, were enough to match a Great Legend. Titus' great name would be spread across myriads of dimensions!

It was just a shame that Titus had only developed the theory of Mind Power system in the Slothful Beast world, and was unable to spread it to the Spell Caster civilization no matter what. Otherwise, the Blackfire Lord would not need to carry out his diligent investigation into Mind Power, and Ossais would not have risked everything to seek a chance for his Mind Power to break through.

Merlin stayed within the Illusion Monument for a long time. Anyone who first entered the Illusion Monument would be so astounded that they could not possibly imagine. According to Titus' categorization, the first stage of Hallucinating spells was a rather broad realm.

For instance, Merlin's current Hallucinating spell could fool a Ninth-level Spell Caster like Luce, yet it might not be effective against a Seventh-level Spell Caster with a Mind Heart.

Compare this to the Blackfire Lord's spell, which would fool even a Great Wizard. However, in truth, according to Titus' categorization, Merlin and the Blackfire Lord both belonged to the realm of the first stage, Hallucinating spells.

“Right now, I'm basically at the beginning stage of Hallucinating spells, still a long way from the Blackfire Lord's Hallucinating spell, to say nothing of the second stage Illusory Heart...”

Merlin meditated on the matter before soothing his own emotions. Titus' division of stages in the Mind Power system was merely a general way of classification, not an indication of specific cultivation methods.

Perhaps Titus had reached the stage of Illusory Heart due to various favorable factors. In order to reach that level, a Mind Power Master had to depend on their own understanding.

Nevertheless, with and without direction were two completely different things. Merlin, for instance, had received guidance from the Blackfire Lord and had stepped into the first stage in a short time. It was after he had gained the right direction that he was able to progress so quickly.

Following that, Merlin began to silently attempt to improve his Hallucinating spell below the Illusion Monument. Perhaps even Merlin himself did not realize that by beginning to understand Hallucinating spells today, he was already like a peak Great Wizard who began to try consolidating a Maxim.

In both cases, they were relying on themselves to gain an understanding!

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“Phew...”

Merlin opened his eyes. He had been sitting below the Illusion Monument for half a month. During this time, his understanding of Hallucinating spells had deepened, and became more lasting!

“Hallucinating spells are just the first stage, and it’s merely theory. Titus must’ve left behind some Occult Mind Spells. However, it’s obvious that these powerful Occult Mind Spells were not left at the Illusion Monument. They must be in the hands of the nine Ninth-level Mind Power Masters of Spellcast City!”

Merlin quickly learned that Titus had left behind Occult Mind Spell with massive offensive power to complement the Hallucinating spells of the Mind Power Masters, further augmenting their abilities.

It was just that these Occult Mind Spells were in the grasp of the nine Ninth-level Mind Power Masters.

Fortunately, Merlin was not too concerned about Occult Mind Spells because he had Nine Hit Strike, the power of which was quite decent. After all, Ossais had spent painstaking effort in creating it. Only Ossais’ initial direction was faulty, so he was unable to rely on Nine Hit Strike to perfect the Mind Power system.

This was destined to be a road to failure!

As Merlin had received the Blackfire Lord's guidance in addition to his thorough processing of Titus' theory, he had arrived at this conclusion: Ossais' Nine Hit Strike was misguided from the start.

With a path that had never been trodden, some would be right, and naturally, some would be mistaken. This was the price one had to pay in developing the Mind Power system!

Merlin stood up, and eyed the Illusion Monument. The contents of Illusion Monument were no longer of much use to him. This time, he had been accidentally swallowed into the Slothful Beast's belly. He had thought that he was as good as dead but did not expect to profit from his misfortune.

Titus' theory, especially the three main stages of Hallucinating spells, was Merlin's greatest harvest!

"It's time to leave..."

Merlin looked out of the Illusion Monument. Wizard Luce was bored, and was engaged in a simple conversation with another Mind Power Master.

"How exhausting... Merlin, I'm tired and hungry now. Have you returned to Arcane City? Bring me quickly to that old fellow Zado. He's captured enough foreign tribes, and can surely fulfill my needs."

A familiar voice spoke beside Merlin's ear. Merlin was first startled, then immediately became overjoyed. The black cat Didimoss had awakened!

Chapter 573: Didimoss Had Awakened

"Didimoss, you're awake? How do you feel?"

This was an extremely pleasant surprise for Merlin. The black cat Didimoss had woken up at such a key moment, which undoubtedly boosted his confidence greatly. The black cat Didimoss did not need any Elements and was the real deal, a being that was on par with a Great Legend.

“Bad, very bad! I swallowed Sith’s Maxim previously and was completely stuffed up. Luckily, I had swallowed quite a few powerful foreign tribes when I was with that old fellow Zado, which improved my swallowing abilities. Otherwise, it would be some time before I recover. Oh right, where are we? This doesn’t seem to be Arcane City...”

All the while, the black cat Didimoss seemed to have noticed that something was different here. It was not the Arcane City he was so familiar with.

“Rip.”

The black cat Didimoss gently reached out his “claws” and swiped forward carelessly, and the space shattered into fragments.

“What fragile space... What’s this place really?”

The black cat Didimoss’ “expression” gradually turned serious. As far as he knew, there was no dimension with such fragile space. However, even though space was weak here, soon enough, a mysterious binding force appeared at the fractured space, and quickly restored the cracks.

“Didimoss, it’s a long story. You might find it hard to believe but we’re currently in the belly of a colossal beast...”

Merlin did not know how to explain, and could only shrug helplessly.

“The belly of a colossal beast? Merlin, you aren’t kidding, right? What beast can be so gigantic? This... This is practically a dimension!”

The black cat Didimoss had his ways to inspect the general situation of the Slothful Beast world, learning that this was a relatively chaotic dimension.

Even the black cat Didimoss found it hard to imagine that there could be such a terrifying, massive creature.

“It really is a beast. The Blackfire Lord called it a Slothful Beast. It’s really frightening, and does nothing but sleep and eat. We were unlucky, and were swallowed along with everything else when it woke up.”

Merlin wore a bitter smile. Who would have thought that below the Satsuma Dimension, there was such a frightening Slothful Beast? This was a fearsome creature that even the three Arcane Wizards could do nothing about.

“Oh? This beast is so powerful that it can swallow anything? Even dimensions?”

There was no trace of alarm in the black cat Didimoss’ manner. Upon hearing that the Slothful Beast could swallow anything, he appeared quite delighted instead.

“That’s right. It seems like no power can kill a Slothful Beast. In addition, no matter what, as long as the Slothful Beast is willing, it can be swallowed!”

“Then is it possible that I become something like a Slothful Beast in the future?”

The black cat Didimoss’ words struck Merlin’s interest, and he looked closely at Didimoss. It was true that as a creature that reversed the natural order, Didimoss’ fate was uncertain even to Arcane Wizards. Moreover, his swallowing ability was identical to the Slothful Beast.

However, if the black cat Didimoss could really reach the level of a Slothful Beast, Merlin would not believe it. The might of a Slothful Beast had far exceeded his own understanding. Even though the black cat Didimoss’ swallowing power was formidable, even one Maxim was enough to “stuff him up”. It was still a far cry from the Slothful Beast’s ability to swallow everything.

“Forget it, I can tell from your expression that you don’t believe that. Neither do I. It’s just that looking at the Slothful Beast that has a similar swallowing ability, it can become so powerful. How wondrous! Merlin, can we leave the Slothful Beast world? I’ll like to go outside and see the true appearance of the Slothful Beast.”

The black cat Didimoss was now filled with curiosity toward the Slothful Beast.

“It’s very difficult to leave the Slothful Beast world but it’s not hopeless. Also, there’s a chance for now, but we’ll need your help!”

Merlin immediately thought about the Vortex Hole. The black cat Didimoss had awakened, so Merlin no longer had any worries. Even if the Vortex Hole was guarded by the formidable Giant Tribe, Merlin must give it a shot.

“Whoosh.”

After persuading the black cat Didimoss, Merlin directly stepped out of the Illusion Monument’s range, and came before Wizard Luce.

“Wizard Merlin, you’re finally awake!”

After seeing that Merlin had come out, Wizard Luce finally broke out into a smile.

Merlin grinned, and pointed to his shoulder, saying softly, “Not just me, even Didimoss is finally awake!”

“Sir Didimoss is awake too? That’s great. We have a chance of leaving this boring world at last, haha...” Wizard Luce could not hold back his raucous laughter. He knew that the black cat Didimoss was on par with Great Legends, and was definitely the strongest being in the Slothful Beast world.

Merlin waved his hand. “Alright, Wizard Luce, we’ll start off now. We’ll bid farewell to Wizard Eldo first.”

“A few days ago, Wizard Eldo had come here. Seeing that you were still gaining understanding in the Illusion Monument, he didn’t want to disturb you.”

As he spoke, Luce stood up, and together with Merlin, flew toward Eldo’s castle.

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“Hm? Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, both of you want to go to the Vortex Hole?”

In the castle, Eldo’s face was gripped by astonishment. Before this, when he visited Merlin, Merlin was still deep in the process of understanding the contents of the Illusion Monument.



Furthermore, during this period, he had even constantly gone back and forth between the other eight Ninth-level Mind Power Masters, warning them not to get any ideas about Merlin and Luce. After all, from Merlin's initial attitude, he seemed very assured and unafraid. If things escalated, it would only negatively affect Spellcast City.

However, Merlin suddenly wanted to leave Spellcast City, and go to the Vortex Hole, causing Eldo to become doubtful.

“Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, I know of your wish to leave the Slothful Beast world. For now, let's put aside whether the Vortex Hole will lead you out of the Slothful Beast world. Even the Giant Tribe who controls the Vortex Hole isn't that easy to deal with. In the powerful Giant Tribe, there are many who are on par with Great Wizards. They have even produced Commanders of the Giant Tribe who are a match for topnotch Great Wizards. Both of you came to the Slothful Beast world from the outside world, and should know what topnotch Great Wizards are like.”

Eldo warned them with a grave expression. It was just a rumor that the Vortex Hole would lead one out of the Slothful Beast world. After all, no one had seen it happened. Even the Commander of the Giant Tribe who could withstand an attack from a Great Legend was unable to pass through the Vortex Hole. Even Titus who had dominated the entire Slothful Beast world did not go through the Vortex Hole.

From Eldo's point of view, if Merlin and Luce attempted to do this, everything pointed to disaster. It was too dangerous.

Merlin did not bat an eyelid, and only said calmly, “We've already decided. We must go to the Vortex Hole. Whether or not we succeed, we must still try!”

Eldo perceived the steely determination in Merlin's words, and knew that he could not budge Merlin. Thus, he furrowed his brows, and paced back and forth as if coming to a decision.

It was quite a moment before Eldo slowly said, “Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, please wait here for a moment. I'll look for the other eight elders to discuss this.”

If Merlin was to leave Spellcast City, he would need Eldo and the rest to open the Runic Magic Circle. He did not wish to let the black cat Didimoss force his way past the barrier, for this would be a blow that could bring Spellcast City to ruin.

Therefore, Merlin nodded, and expressed his willingness to wait. With that, Eldo hurried out of his castle, and searched for the other eight Ninth-level Mind Power Masters to discuss the matter.

After Eldo had left, the black cat Didimoss was somewhat displeased, grouching, “Earlier, I did a quick check. The strongest of them are merely nine Mind Power Masters who are equivalent to Ninth-level Spell Casters. Your spell fusion alone can easily defeat them. Why do we still need to hear them out?”

Nonetheless, Merlin shook his head firmly. “In the Slothful Beast world, we’re Spell Casters, so of course only the Spell Caster faction would take us in. In addition, if we’re unable to leave the Slothful Beast world through the Vortex Hole, we would still need the Spell Caster faction!”

The black cat Didimoss swayed his tail gently, and said nothing.

In about two hours, Eldo finally arrived. Behind him were two more Ninth-level Mind Power Masters.

Eldo appeared rather embarrassed, but he still forced a smile. “Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce, you’re not so familiar with the Slothful Beast world, and don’t even know where the Vortex Hole is. Therefore, after a discussion with Spellcast City, it was decided that three of us would accompany you two to the Vortex Hole.”

“Oh? The Vortex Hole is so dangerous but you’re willing to go?”

It was Merlin’s turn to be surprised. The Vortex Hole was guarded by the Giant Tribe. It was impossible that Eldo and the rest did not know how risky this was, yet they still wanted to tag along. There must be some other motive.

Seeing that Merlin was still suspicious, Eldo gritted his teeth and choked out, “We won’t hide this anymore from you two. It’s precisely because the Vortex Hole is so dangerous that we’ve decided to follow you. If anything unexpected happens to you two, and the elemental crystal stones are destroyed, it would be a great loss to the entire Spell Caster faction. After all, both of you are now members of the Spell Caster faction!”

“So, it’s because of the elemental crystal stones.”

A smile tugged at the corner of Merlin's mouth. He even guessed that someone must have suggested that they directly detained Merlin and Luce in Spellcast City, only it was vetoed by Eldo.

Thus, Eldo had only brought along two others who were prepared to leave with Merlin. Those two behind Eldo must be Ninth-level Mind Power Masters who had supported Eldo.

Merlin gave Eldo a deep and searching look before nodding. "Very well, since the three of you wish to follow us to the Vortex Hole, we'll start off immediately!"

Regardless of what agreement Eldo and the rest had reached, Merlin dismissed it from his thoughts. As long as he could go through the Vortex Hole, everything in the Slothful Beast world would be of no concern to him. If he failed in his attempt, he could still easily suppress all the Mind Power Masters of the Spell Caster faction with his current abilities. He did not need to worry about any underhanded tricks.

Moreover, the awakening of the black cat Didimoss had provided Merlin with deep assurance.

Soon enough, Merlin's group of five quickly left Spellcast City with Eldo leading the way, flying toward the territory of the powerful Giant Tribe.

#### Chapter 574: Giant Tribe

Regarding the Giant Tribe, Merlin and Luce did not need Eldo's introduction on them. They knew about the Giant Tribe very well. After all, the Giant Tribe was not considered a weak civilization. They were a relatively strong civilization that even the Spell Caster civilization needed to treat with caution.

That was because in the Giant Tribe, there was a terrible Titan Giant, the strongest being in the Giant Tribe. It could even be comparable to an Ultimate Arcane Wizard.

Powerful beings on the level of an Arcane Wizard could be considered the top being in countless civilizations in the millions of dimensions in the Void Zone. Thus, once a being the level of an Arcane Wizard was born, that civilization would be called a powerful civilization. They would no longer be a weak civilization, and bullied by other civilizations.

Although the Giant Tribe only had one Titan Giant, it was enough to rank them as a powerful civilization in the Void Zone!

The Giant Tribe was divided into Lesser Giants, Medium Giants, and Greater Giants. Obviously, the strength of a Giant could be easily seen at a glance, which was the Giant's height.

The strongest Greater Giants were equivalent to topnotch Great Wizards, and were generally below one thousand meters tall. Giant Kings above Greater Giants were also separated into lower, middle, and upper ranks, corresponding to the Spell Casters' ordinary Legends, Honored Legends, and Great Lords respectively. The strongest of these Giant Kings were also not more than ten thousand meters tall.

However, Titan Giants were terrifying. They could reach hundreds of meters or even millions of meters tall. Currently, the Titan Giant in the Giant Clan had already reached a fearsome six hundred thousand meters tall. A general dimension would not be able to hold it. Only some extremely huge dimensions would be able to hold a Titan Giant.

Merlin was still very terrified of the Giant Tribe, especially the Greater Giants. As long as they grew above nine hundred meters, they could rival the best Great Wizards. Even if Merlin used Darkness Eye, it was only equivalent to a peak Great Wizard. It was difficult to say if he could deal with a topnotch Great Wizard.

However, now that the black cat Didimoss was awake, that was no longer a problem!

Soon, Eldo's speed gradually slowed down, and his expression became solemn, and said, "Be careful, ahead is the territory of the Giant Tribe, the Giant Mountain... The Vortex Hole is also inside!"

Although the Giant Tribe was very powerful, and controlled the Vortex Hole, the truth was that the Giant Tribe was very small, with only just over five thousand Giants. Therefore, they all lived around the vast Giant Mountain.

Eldo hesitated for a moment before saying softly, "I know a relatively hidden route that should avoid most of the Giants in the Giant Mountain, directly to the Vortex Hole. However, it is rumored that all Greater Giants live near the Vortex Hole, and try to leave the Slothful Beast world through the Vortex Hole."

Greater Giants were equivalent to Great Wizards. It was not surprising that Eldo was hesitating so much. If they had encountered a Greater Giant, the five of them might face the danger of destruction.

“If there’s a hidden route, please lead the way.”

Merlin also did not want to fight without even seeing the Vortex Hole. He at least wanted to see what the Vortex Hole was.

Eldo reminded them at this point only to find out that Merlin still remained indifferent, and insisted on entering the Vortex Hole. Therefore, Eldo could only helplessly say, “The secret route is very easy to remember but not all of us can go in. Three of us will wait outside for you two Wizards. If anything happens, we can act as a backup.”

Merlin knew that this was Eldo not willing to continue to take risks. It was already Eldo’s limit to bring Merlin and the others here. After all, it was likely they would have to face Greater Giants at the Vortex Hole. That was just too dangerous.

“Alright, you three just wait here. Wizard Luce and I will go in!”

Merlin did not say anything more after that, and flew directly into the hidden route Eldo pointed out along with Luce.

Seeing Merlin’s figure leaving, the two Mind Power Masters behind Eldo said with some worry, “Elder Eldo, are we just going to let those two go like that?”

“What else can we do? It’s good enough that this place isn’t far from the Vortex Hole. If we really were discovered by Greater Giants, with Merlin and Wizard Luce’s careless attitudes, they won’t be reliable at all. Perhaps it might even be a great chance for them to escape. When the time comes, we’ll meet them here, and return to Spellcast City along with Merlin and Wizard Luce!”

Wizard Eldo murmured in a low voice.

“Hehe, Elder Eldo, if Merlin and Luce are both seriously injured, then we...”

Eldo did not speak. His eyes locked onto Merlin and Luce’s backs, his gaze somewhat profound.

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“Boom!”

Two Giants a few hundred meters tall stood against each other in the Giant Mountain. Their immense bodies caused terrifying damage and noise, and even a small hill was almost completely leveled.

“Whoosh whoosh.”

Two figures quietly appeared near the two Giants, but the two Giants did not seem to notice the two Wizards.

“They’re five hundred meters tall Medium Giants... How powerful. A Medium Giant’s body really is formidable and terrifying. It’s not surprising that the Greater Giants, even in simple defense, can hold their own against Great Legends!”

The two Wizards were Luce and Merlin. They had gone deep into the Giant Mountain, following the hidden route provided by Eldo.

This Giant Mountain was also worthy of being the foundation of the Giant Tribe. Merlin and Luce saw many Giants along the way, but they were all Medium Giants below seven hundred meters tall, which posed no threat to Merlin and Luce. Fortunately, the Giants did not seem to have very keen senses, and they had not discovered Merlin and Luce.

“The Vortex Hole is in front, but I’ve felt a powerful danger in there. Maybe a nine-hundred-meter Greater Giant is deep inside the Giant Mountain where the Vortex Hole is located!”

Merlin’s expression also became grave. When a Giant grew to seven hundred meters, they could be called Greater Giants. However, once a Giant grew to nine hundred meters, then they were the most terrifying Greater Giants, comparable to topnotch Great Wizards.

Even Merlin felt that it was dangerous, which showed that there must be extremely powerful Giants deep inside the Giant Mountain.

“Haha, then are we supposed to back off here? Wizard Merlin, we need to go to the Vortex Hole. I certainly don’t want to stay in the Slothful Beast world for eternity.”

Wizard Luce looked at the black cat Didimoss on Merlin's shoulder. As long as Didimoss was there, they would not be afraid even if they met Greater Giants.

Didimoss was why the two dared to go deep into the Giant Mountain in the first place!

"Rustle."

Merlin and Luce shuffled through the woods, causing various noises.

"Phew..."

The two Wizards finally emerged through thick layers of trees, and their eyes instantly widened as they looked at the sky. There was indeed an extremely large gray vortex that seemed to darken the entire sky.

"The Vortex Hole. That's the Vortex Hole!"

Merlin and Luce both looked at the Vortex Hole with fiery eyes. They even tried to extend their Mind Power into the Vortex Hole but as soon as their Mind Power entered the Vortex Hole, it was instantly crushed by a terrifying force.

Merlin paled. "What a terrible strangling force. I'm afraid even Legends won't be able to withstand it!"

Merlin had met many Great Legends, so he naturally knew how strong a regular Legend's Maxim was. The strangulation force of the Vortex Hole seemed to be even stronger than a Great Legend's Maxim. Anything that went inside would be crushed instantly.

Merlin now believed that even the leader of the Giant Tribe, who could resist a bombardment from Great Legends, could not pass through the Vortex Hole.

"Let's take a closer look."

Merlin could not help but continuously approach the Vortex Hole.

“Boom.”

Suddenly, the sky seemed to darken. A feeling of extreme danger rooted in Merlin’s heart. When he looked up, he saw that it was not the sky getting dark, but a gigantic palm that was covering the sky.

A Giant. It was a Greater Giant over nine hundred meters!

“Have we been discovered? Darkness Eye, summon Demon Spirit!”

Merlin also did not expect that the Giant would act directly. That Giant lay in a surging river, and even Merlin had not noticed it.

He also did not know when that Giant had detected him. The Giant did not get up and simply slapped his hand down as if swatting at mosquitoes.

“Hum.”

Darkness Eye in Merlin’s palm glowed a crimson light, which was accompanied by a dark curtain that rose to the sky. From the darkness, an equally large Demon Spirit was formed.

“Boom.”

Two giant hands hit each other, and the entire Giant Mountain trembled. The Darkness Demon Spirit’s large hand was directly crushed by the powerful force. Even the Demon Spirit’s body could not handle it anymore, and was completely shattered.

It was just one attack but the Darkness Demon Spirit could not even resist it!

“A Greater Giant. It must be a Greater Giant over nine hundred meters tall!”

Merlin’s heart trembled. He had always wanted to compete with a topnotch Great Wizard to see if the sixth form of Darkness Eye was comparable to them.



However, compared to the pure power of that nine hundred meters tall Greater Giant, the Darkness Demon Spirit was smashed into pieces. Although it had also diffused that Giant's attack, it could not be denied that there was still some distance between the sixth form of Merlin's Darkness Eye and peak Great Wizards, Demonic Wizards, and topnotch Great Wizards.

"Splash."

From the surging river, an enormous Giant stood up just like a mountain, making people feel terrifying and suffocating pressure.

"Spell Casters? You really are Spell Casters! Looks like you've just arrived from the outer world into the Slothful Beast world... The Spell Caster civilization is powerful, but our Giant civilization is no less impressive. You shouldn't provoke the Giants out of your own initiative nor should you approach the Vortex Hole. That's because it belongs to the Giant Tribe!"

The Giant's voice roared like thunder, causing Merlin and Luce's ears to buzz.

Chapter 575: Swallowed!

The giant's roar reverberated in the air. Merlin and Luce's faces waned slightly. They took a quick glance at this giant, and estimated his height to be at least nine hundred and twenty meters, which already exceeded nine hundred meters!

This was certainly terrifying. As long as it was not the Giant King, it was impossible to exceed one kilometer. Nevertheless, giants who had achieved more than nine hundred meters were considered to be powerful Expert giants.

Back then, the Giant Commander who had been able to resist the Great Legends' attack was nine hundred and ninety meters, and was infinitely close to a Great Legend himself. He was one of the influential leaders among the giants, with great potential to boot.

This giant in front of them was not yet nine hundred and ninety meters but was almost there. Certainly, his power would be comparable to an ultimate Great Wizard.

Merlin and Luce rapidly stretched out the distance between themselves and the giant. Standing mid-air in front of the giant, they seemed like tiny insects.

Following the huge sound made by the giant, several other giants who were also over nine hundred meters awoke. There were also some giants over eight hundred meters who were further away from the Vortex Hole.

The entire Giant Tribe in the Giant Mountain seemed to be arranged closer or further from the Vortex Hole based on their abilities. The most powerful giant was this nine hundred and twenty meter giant, who was closest to the Vortex Hole.

Once these giants awoke, the entire Giant Mountain shook. After all, this was the heart of the Giant Tribe, so most of the giants were congregated here.

“This is bad, Wizard Merlin and Wizard Luce have been discovered!”

“Such a fearsome aura! Do you see those giants? They are at least nine hundred meters...”

“It has been so many years but the abilities of the Giant Tribe hasn’t declined, and in fact, even strengthened. The giants over nine hundred meters are the most powerful civilization in the Slothful Beast world!”

Wizard Eldo and the others who stayed outside the vicinity of Giant Mountain could see the changes in Giant Mountain from far away. Countless giants were rushing toward the Vortex Hole. In a distance, they could see the half bodies of a few giants, whose aura sparked fear in Eldo and the others, despite the distance.

Just a single giant over nine hundred meters would pose a huge threat to Spellcast City. If the Runic Magic Circle outside Spellcast City was destroyed, the entire Spell Caster civilization would not be a worthy opponent to a giant over nine hundred meters.

“Let’s wait a little longer. Hopefully, Wizard Merlin and Wizard Luce will somehow be lucky enough to escape!”

Eldo pursed his lips tightly. He could only hope that Merlin and Luce would be wise enough to retreat immediately, and had powerful techniques to escape from the Giant Mountain.

However, seeing the few giants over nine hundred meters, Eldo knew that the possibility was extremely small. It was such a pity that the elemental crystal stones were with Merlin and Luce...

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“Giants over nine hundred meters! Didimoss, quickly, swallow as many as you can!”

Merlin took a deep breath. Giants over nine hundred meters were utterly beyond his capabilities. Moreover, the black cat Didimoss had been looking forward to this moment.

“Haha, so many powerful foreign tribes, even stronger than those captured by that old man. I didn’t expect that there would be such a treat inside the Slothful Beast world!”

The black cat Didimoss leaped from Merlin’s shoulder into the air. Compared to the nine hundred over meter giant, the black cat Didimoss was nothing more than a negligible “little black dot”.

“Meow!”

The black cat Didimoss emitted a squeak, and opened his mouth. Then, his mouth began to expand continuously. A few moments later, his mouth had expanded countless times, covering the sun and the sky. The entire sky seemed to be filled with his colossal mouth.

“Suck!”

The big mouth of Didimoss was like a bottomless pit. There was a strong burst of suction, and the giants who were underneath the big mouth revealed a look of horror.

One, two, three...

In the blink of an eye, more than a dozen giants had been swallowed into Didimoss’ big mouth. Although these were only giants under five hundred meters, it still caused a huge uproar among the Giant Tribe.

“What exactly is this creature?”

“Slothful Beast, is it a Slothful Beast?”

“Such a formidable aura, just feeling it makes me shudder. This existence is comparable to the Giant King...”

Many of the giants were terrified. They growled, roared, and exerted all their strength to attempt to resist Didimoss’ swallowing but to no avail. At best, only the giants over nine hundred meters were somewhat able to keep themselves from being swallowed.

However, as time passed, even the giants over nine hundred meters would not last much longer.

Behind the black cat Didimoss, watching these giants being helplessly swallowed in front of their eyes reminded both Merlin and Luce about the Slothful Beast that had swallowed them.

“Wizard Merlin, Sir Didimoss is truly quite similar to the Slothful Beast. In the future, do you think Sir Didimoss would become as formidable as the Slothful Beast?”

Although Wizard Luce had witnessed the black cat Didimoss multiple times, he was still awestruck by the scene unfolding before them. This was highly similar to the Slothful Beast back then. No matter what it was, everything was swallowed up.

The members of the Giant Tribe all possessed immeasurable strength. Combined, they were truly a force to be reckoned with. Nevertheless, right now, they had been turned into nothing but a delicacy by Didimoss, who was swallowing them one after another.

“Slothful Beast? Perhaps, one day, Didimoss will really turn into an existence comparable to the Slothful Beast...”

A smile tugged at the corner of Merlin’s lips. Only a few Wizards such as him and the Blackfire Lord knew the true potential of the black cat Didimoss, which was practically endless.

The black cat Didimoss was a living being which had reversed the natural order, hence his potential was endless. Even the Arcane Wizards were unable to predict the extent to which Didimoss could grow to become. In addition, Didimoss’ ability to swallow would grow more powerful in tandem with his strength. So, the more powerful the existences he swallowed, the more nourishment and powers his body would receive.

If such a continuous feedback loop continued for tens of thousands of years or longer, who could imagine how much more terrifying would Didimoss become?

This was the benefit of reversing the natural order. Merlin's heart was even more eager to perfect the Mind Power system. According to the Blackfire Lord's deduction and Titus' theory, in order to perfect the Mind Power system, Mind Power must be converted from intangible into tangible power. In other words, it would be a completely unimaginable power that reversed the natural order.

"Hoo hoo hoo..."

The black cat Didimoss increased the suction power, but the few giants over nine hundred meters remained unyielding, still barely able to resist the swallowing of the black cat Didimoss.

"Great Being, we the Giant Tribe are willing to relinquish Vortex Hole, and leave Giant Mountain. Please, Great Being, stop swallowing!"

The nine hundred and twenty meter giant who was the leader of the giants finally spoke. Countless giants had already been swallowed by the black cat Didimoss. Even for those giants over nine hundred meters, he did not know how much longer they would be able to hold on.

These giants would not have expected that inside the Slothful Beast world, there was such a terrifying entity which rivaled the Giant King. Therefore, regardless of their pride, they could only beg for mercy.

Due to the massive pride of the Giant Tribe, begging for mercy was extremely difficult. They were naturally an aggressive tribe, more willing to die fighting than to retreat, and beg for mercy.

However, faced with an undefeatable opponent, even the proud and stubborn giants would bow!

"Spare you?"

The black cat Didimoss suddenly stopped swallowing. Then, his body shrank and resumed his original size. He jumped onto Merlin's shoulder with a satiated look.

“Merlin, I’ve already swallowed quite a bit, three hundred over giants in total. I feel really comfortable. I will need a long time to digest this. As for how to deal with the giants, it’s up to you.”

Subsequently, the black cat Didimoss fell asleep on Merlin’s shoulder.

“Didimoss?”

Merlin kept calling Didimoss, but unfortunately, Didimoss did not respond at all. Merlin felt a little helpless. The black cat Didimoss would fall into a deep slumber after swallowing, and then upon waking, wanting to swallow again.

In the past, Merlin did not think too much about it, but right now, Merlin began to feel that the black cat Didimoss was getting more and more similar to the Slothful Beast. Eat and sleep, sleep and eat. In addition, they both possessed a terrifying ability to swallow.

Seeing that the black cat Didimoss was no longer responsive, Merlin shifted his gaze back to the few giants over nine hundred meters and hesitated for a moment. Then, in a deep voice, he said, “The Giant Tribe must leave the Giant Mountain!”

These giants naturally saw the black cat Didimoss leaping onto Merlin’s shoulder, so they knew that his relationship with Didimoss was not insignificant. They no longer dared to treat Merlin and Luce flippantly. With a tone of relief, the giant replied, “Wizards, please be rest assured. We the Giant Tribe abide by our oath. Since the Great Being has spared us, we the Giant Tribe promise that we’ll not take a single step into Giant Mountain hereon forth!”

The giants’ leader’s words echoed around the Giant Mountain. Below them, many of the giants each growled loudly to express their oath.

As for the oath made by the Giant Tribe, Merlin and Luce were reassured. This was because among the numerous powerful civilizations in the Void Zone, the Giant Tribe’s oath was like the contracts signed by the Spell Casters. None of the giants would betray their oath.

“Right, as the winners, these two Wizards have the right to know everything about the Vortex Hole! We the Giant Tribe have guarded the Vortex Hole for many years, and also know of some of its secrets.”

“Secrets?”

Merlin’s eyes glinted. The Giant Tribe had guarded the Vortex Hole for so many years, perhaps there were some valuable clues.

“Yes, secrets! The Vortex Hole is the link to the outside world beyond the Slothful Beast world. This is beyond doubt! However, passing through the Vortex Hole is simply too arduous. It’s only possible if a powerful external force ripped apart the Vortex Hole from the outside, then it might be possible to leave the Slothful Beast world through the Vortex Hole. Unfortunately, we have never been able to contact the outside world.”

When the giant had finished speaking, he stood up, and roared. In an instant, all the giants inside Giant Mountain began to run out of the mountain. Hundreds and thousands of giants sprinted across the landscape, forming an unbelievable scene.

Once the giants left, Luce and Merlin turned their gaze toward the Vortex Hole.

“Although what the giants said might be true, we still have to give it a try!”

Merlin looked at the Vortex Hole with steel determination blazing in his eyes.

Chapter 576: Setoh and the Blackfire Lord!

There was a huge commotion from the Giant Mountain. Countless giants began to walk out of the Giant Mountain. Led by an over nine hundred meter giant, they left the Giant Mountain.

Such a large flurry was of course seen by Eldo and the others as well. It was only when almost all the giants had left that they finally recovered from their stupor.

“The giants had left... What actually happened? It could swallow even the giants, how terrifying! It’s exactly like when we’ve encountered the Slothful Beast!”

Eldo and the other two were completely shell-shocked. The Giant Tribe was extremely hardy yet appeared to be completely defenseless towards the black hole-like mouth. Therefore, the three of them knew that there must have been a game-changer in the Giant Mountain!

“Elder Eldo, do you think these changes are linked to Wizards Merlin and Luce?”

One of the Ninth-level Mind Power Masters asked carefully. However, all three of them had already guessed the answer in their hearts because only Merlin and Luce had entered the Giant Mountain.

Nonetheless, it was so staggering that they simply could not believe it!

“Regardless of whether it was caused by Wizards Merlin and Luce or not, the fact is the Giant Mountain is now deserted. We can finally enter the Vortex Hole, and see what happened to Wizards Merlin and Luce.”

Eldo paused, and took another look at the Giant Mountain. After observing it carefully for a moment, and discovering that there were truly no giants left, he and the other two swiftly flew toward the Vortex Hole.

Upon flying close to the Vortex Hole, they spotted Merlin and Luce. Just as they were about to call out to them, an unbelievable scene unfolded before them.

“Boom!”

The originally clear sky turned dark in an instant. A gentle breeze blew at Merlin’s black Wizard robes, causing them to flap around. Merlin raised his hand up, and there was a demonic-looking blood-red eye which was blinking continuously.

At the same time, pangs of howls were released amid the darkness. An immeasurably huge Demon Spirit, almost comparable to those giants, coalesced from within the darkness.

This was the sixth form of Darkness Eye, the Darkness Demon Spirit!

Sensing the deadly aura emanated by the Darkness Demon Spirit, which was no less than an intimidating Expert giant, Eldo and the two other Ninth-level Mind Power Masters finally realized the true capabilities of Merlin and Luce! Moreover, they realized that Merlin was the more formidable of the two, so it was not surprising that Wizard Luce appeared to value Merlin’s opinions highly.



“Darkness Eye! This is the Great Legend of Darkness, Wizard Oflas’ special Pandora Demon Ability, the legendary Darkness Eye!”

Eldo almost exclaimed aloud. He also originated from the Spell Caster civilization, and landed in the Slothful Beast world by accident, so he knew of the legendary Darkness Eye. With a single glance, he knew that this was the sixth form of Darkness Eye, which was comparable to a peak Great Wizard.

Upon this revelation, Eldo was secretly glad that he did not listen to the suggestions made by some elders of Spellcast City to attack Merlin and Luce. Otherwise, Spellcast City might have been completely conquered by now.

Of course, from Eldo’s viewpoint, he would not know about the curse of Darkness Eye. All he knew was that the sixth form of Darkness Eye was extremely fearsome. Just Merlin’s Darkness Eye was enough to reduce Spellcast City to ashes.

This was the reason why Merlin and Luce had entered Spellcast City with such a carefree attitude. They had nothing to fear!

“Whoosh!”

The Darkness Demon Spirit snarled into the air, and charged resolutely at the huge Vortex Hole.

“Crack.”

It came as no surprise. The moment the Darkness Demon Spirit entered the Vortex Hole, it was instantly strangled, and torn into pieces. The clear sky was restored once again.

“Sure enough, the Darkness Demon Spirit is unable to pass through the Vortex Hole. Otherwise, those over nine hundred meter giants would have passed through it already.”

Merlin mumbled under his breath. He was merely testing the Vortex Hole to see its strangulation powers. Now, it seemed like his Darkness Demon Spirit could not measure up.

It was important to note that those over nine hundred meter giants were much stronger compared to the Darkness Demon Spirit. Despite controlling the Vortex Hole for such a long time, they were unable to leave the Vortex Hole, which proved how difficult it was to leave via the Vortex Hole.

“Wizard Merlin, Wizard Luce!”

After witnessing the Darkness Demon Spirit being strangled to death, Eldo and the others could not help but fly to the two Wizards.

Actually, Merlin had already discovered Eldo and the others. He nodded at them casually. “Elders, the Giant Tribe has relinquished the Giant Mountain. You can inform all the Spell Casters via Spellcast City that they can come to Giant Mountain. Here, the Spell Casters will not be attacked.”

Eldo and the rest of them were overjoyed in their hearts, and even felt a little excited.

“Wizard Merlin, who got rid of the Giant Tribe?”

Wizard Luce stepped forward. In a low voice, he said, “It’s Wizard Merlin’s friend, Sir Didimoss!”

“Sir Didimoss?”

Eldo had never seen Didimoss before because whenever Didimoss was perched on Merlin’s shoulder, he was hidden from view.

“Didimoss, wake up!”

Merlin began to wake up Didimoss not because he wanted to show Eldo and the others, but because he was unsatisfied unless he could learn how strong the strangulation power of the Vortex Hole was. Would the power of a Legend be powerful enough to affect the Vortex Hole?

This would require Didimoss’ help to verify.

“Meow.”

Didimoss responded lazily. “Merlin, this is the last time I’ll help you. Don’t bother me anymore, I need to sleep for a while.”

Thus, the black cat Didimoss jumped up, opened his huge mouth, and began to madly swallow the Vortex Hole.

“Hoo hoo hoo...”

Didimoss’ swallowing ability was incomparably mighty that even space was shattered and vanished. Even the entire Giant Mountain seemed to be shaking. If Didimoss had so willed, it would be child’s play to swallow the entire Giant Mountain.

However, it was not enough to affect the Vortex Hole. There was not even a trace of influence, and the Vortex Hole remained unchanged.

“There’s no way, this Vortex Hole is undefeatable. The power of an ordinary Legend is unable to move it... Merlin, you have to find a way yourself, I’m going to sleep!”

The black cat Didimoss indeed seemed tired. Without caring about what Merlin had to say, he quickly sprawled on his shoulder and fell asleep.

Merlin could only shake his head helplessly. As for the black cat Didimoss, as long as he finished swallowing, he would need to sleep to digest it into energy. Hence, he was quite “disgruntled” at Merlin’s call.

“Wizard Merlin, this... This is Sir Didimoss?”

Wizard Eldo only finally recovered after a long time, with a stunned look still etched on his face, seemingly still reveling in shock. The aura emitted by the black cat Didimoss earlier had almost caused Eldo and the others to suffocate. It was an incredibly mighty power that far exceeded a Great Wizard, equal to a Great Legend.

This was a being comparable to a Great Legend!

“Haha, the Spell Caster force can finally be saved!”

Eldo immediately remembered Titus, who was also comparable to a Great Legend. Finally, Titus conquered the various tribes across the Slothful Beast world and became the unchallengeable king.

That was also the most glorious era for Spell Casters in the Slothful Beast world. Right now, on the other hand, the Spell Casters were at the lowest point in history. Due to the continuous attack by other tribes, raising Mind Power Masters who could rival Great Wizards had almost become a far-fetched fantasy.

This time, however, with the presence of the black cat Didimoss as well as Merlin's sixth form of Darkness Eye, Eldo had understood that the Spell Casters would once again achieve a glorious era in the Slothful Beast world!

"Be rest assured, Wizard Merlin, I'll immediately inform Spellcast City as well as the entire Spell Caster civilization for them to move to the Giant Mountain!"

Eldo was ecstatic. He was ready to leave without delay.

Merlin considered for a moment and said, "Let Wizard Luce go with you. Wizard Luce can wield spells, and has some casting tools so he should be of help to you."

Luce nodded. Coming into the Slothful Beast world, it was pitiful to see the once powerful Spell Caster civilization so weak here. Therefore, he was happy to contribute to the Spell Caster force right now.

"Looks like I'll be staying in this Slothful Beast world for a long time..."

Merlin stared at the huge Vortex Hole with a look of despair. For now, there was no way for him to leave the Slothful Beast world through the Vortex Hole. All he could do now was to wait quietly.

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In the dark and icy Void Zone, there was a dazzling dimension that was moving slowly. Just a single glance would give anyone a feeling of awe.

This was Arcane City belonging to the Spell Caster civilization, a dimension that was created by the Arcane Wizards, and could move around!

In a secret space inside Arcane City, the Blackfire Lord was sitting quietly by the door, seemingly to be waiting for something.

“Swoosh.”

Suddenly, the Blackfire Lord stood up abruptly, and stared at the door.

“Blackfire, you have been waiting outside for thirty-six years!”

The door opened, and there was a ball of glowing light that could not be discerned.

“Great Arcane Wizard Setoh, my disciple Merlin has been swallowed by the Slothful Beast. Therefore, I would like to request Wizard Setoh to please rescue my disciple!”

The Blackfire Lord said respectfully. Although he was a highly admired Great Lord, before this ball of light, he had nothing to be proud of.

This was because this was one of the three most powerful Arcane Wizards in the Spell Caster civilization. It was attributed to these three Great Arcane Wizards, that the entire Spell Caster civilization could flourish, and prosper into one of the most powerful civilizations.

The Arcane Wizards also represented the apex existences of the hundreds and thousands of dimensions in the Void Zone!

“Slothful Beast? Your disciple had encountered the Slothful Beast, then there’s nothing I can do. You should know the Slothful Beast quite well. I’m powerless against it!”

Upon hearing the request, Arcane Wizard Setoh kept silent for a moment, and replied slowly.

The Blackfire Lord hesitated for a second, and then steeled his expression. In a deep voice, he said, “Merlin is my most valued disciple. He might have the possibility of perfecting the Mind Power system...”

Before he could finish, Wizard Setoh interrupted him. “Blackfire, do you still think that someone can reverse the natural order and perfect the Mind Power system? It’s impossible. The two other Arcane Wizards and I have done the calculations together. It’s completely impossible for anyone to perfect the Mind Power system. The natural order exists as an indication of our limitations. So, in order to go against the natural order, one must first transcend the limitations. How could there be anyone without any limitation? Even we the Arcane Wizards are still subject to the natural order. Though there are innumerable civilizations throughout the hundreds and thousands of dimensions in the Void Zone, who among them could transcend the limitations and reverse the natural order?”

There was no doubt that Wizard Setoh’s voice was steadfast!

The Blackfire Lord took a deep breath, appearing to have made a major decision. In a grave tone, he said, “Wizard Setoh, I’m willing to use the previous promise you made to me!”

“Promise? Blackfire, you’re my junior disciple. Back then, before our teacher, I made you a promise. The hope was that at a most critical time, I’ll be able to help you. Right now, however, you’re going to use up this remarkably precious promise for a disciple?”

Wizard Setoh’s tone reflected some degree of sternness. Nevertheless, the information revealed via this exchange was enough to completely overwhelm countless people.

The Ultimate Arcane Wizard Setoh was actually the senior disciple alongside the Blackfire Lord, and were taught by the same teacher. It was rumored that the Blackfire Lord was one of the most ancient Great Lords, but it was unexpected that he had such a special and close relationship with Arcane Wizard Setoh.

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The Blackfire Lord just lowered his head, and did not speak for a long time. The dilemma on his face was clearly visible.

After a moment, Wizard Setoh shook his head helplessly and sighed. “Very well, this is your own choice! However, my real body is in the Seely Dimension. The Rock Tribe seems poised for another attack, so I have to hold the fort here! I’ll send a spatial avatar to go with you but I can’t guarantee that it’ll be able to successfully rescue your disciple!

Upon hearing that Wizard Setoh finally agreed to mobilize a spatial avatar, the Blackfire Lord was ecstatically happy. After all, he was quite familiar with Arcane Wizard Setoh. Arcane Wizards had many avatars as their understanding of the elements and the Maxims have achieved the optimum, and could be created at will.

Therefore, the avatars were constructed with every type of element as their foundation. Then, with tremendous effort, they were consolidated into avatars that were comparable to the most skillful Lord!

In fact, as it was Arcane Wizard's avatar, it would also comprise some of the Arcane Wizard's techniques and abilities, which were endless. Being able to dispatch an avatar was considered the best possible outcome.

"Wizard Setoh, please don't worry. If we fail to rescue him, then it shall be Merlin's fate!"

The Blackfire Lord was acutely aware that it was impossible to kill the Slothful Beast. Back then, the three Great Arcane Wizards had joined forces but were unable to catch the Slothful Beast, not to mention kill it.

All they could do was to allow Wizard Setoh's avatar to see if he could find any breakthrough points to rescue Merlin.

"Alright, the happenings in the Seely Dimension are truly complicated, and the Rock Tribe is poised for another attack. My real body cannot leave this place but if there's a glimmer of hope to rescue your disciple, I can transfer some of my real powers through the avatar!"

The "commitment" shown by Wizard Setoh was simply because the Blackfire Lord was his one and only junior disciple. After their teacher had disappeared, he had activated the power of the Arcane Wizards, but still could not find their teacher. Therefore, Wizard Setoh would give his best for his one and only junior disciple.

The Blackfire Lord's lips quivered like there were some words he was wanted to say.

After a long pause, the Blackfire Lord seemed to make up his mind. In a deep voice, he said, "Thank you, senior disciple! 1 "

“Ever since teacher disappeared, this is the first time you’re calling me brother. It appears that this disciple truly occupies a special place in your heart... Now, I’m curious to see this disciple whom you’re willing to sacrifice so much for.”

“Swoosh.”

This dazzling ball of light wrapped around the Blackfire Lord, and then, in the blink of an eye, vanished without a trace...

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Days turned into months, and months turned into years. By this time, Merlin had been inside the Slothful Beast world for over thirty years. In these thirty years, the Giant Mountain had completely flourished into a place controlled by the Spell Casters.

Spellcast City was now located in the Giant Mountain. Right now, there was no longer any protection from the Runic Magic Circle. Any Spell Caster could enter and exit freely. It was the most developed place among the Spell Caster civilization.

In the past thirty over years, due to Merlin’s presence, coupled with the migration of the giants as well as the spreading of news, the Spell Caster civilization had once again become the most powerful civilization in the Slothful Beast world. Generally, none of the tribes dared to attack them any longer.

Of course, in reality, the Spell Caster civilization was only strong on the outside, and hollow on the inside. It was entirely dependent on Merlin. Even after some thirty years, they have not been able to produce a single Mind Power Master who could rival a Great Wizard.

However, the number of Ninth-level Mind Power Masters had increased slightly. With more time, perhaps it would have been possible to produce a Mind Power Master who could rival a Great Wizard.

Nevertheless, just because the other tribes did not initiate any attacks, it did not mean that Merlin was twiddling his thumbs. The black cat Didimoss would wake up once every few years, and the first thing he would do was swallow. 2



Therefore, the black cat Didimoss would stir up upheaval in the Slothful Beast world every couple of years. The entire Slothful Beast world was like a paradise for the black cat Didimoss because he could swallow as much as he liked.

At the same time, Didimoss' abilities were improving rapidly. Finally, a few years ago, the black cat Didimoss' power leveled-up to be equivalent to a Legend with two Maxims!

Such speedy progress surprised even Merlin. Once again, he witnessed the unlimited potential brought about by reversing the natural order. In any case, while the black cat Didimoss was improving, Merlin was not left completely empty-handed either.

In the Slothful Beast world, Merlin made use of the elemental crystal stones in his collection to acquire casting tools on a large scale. The prices were extremely low, so just a few hundred elemental crystal stones were enough to acquire a good casting tool.

Previously, Merlin merely wanted to give it a try, and did not hold any hopes whatsoever. He disseminated a message among the Spell Caster civilization, saying that he would like to acquire the components of the legendary God-Binding Disc belonging to Wizard Bell of the Molta Empire.

The Spell Casters who entered the Slothful Beast world were very close to the era of the Molta Empire, so they were not unfamiliar with the God-Binding Disc.

Nevertheless, even Merlin could not have anticipated that a blessing would appear so unexpectedly. A Spell Caster brought with him two components of the God-Binding Disc.

Judging from the vibration emitted by the seven components of the God-Binding Disc in Merlin's collection, they were the final two components of the genuine God-Binding Disc!

In the end, Merlin only spent two hundred elemental crystal stones to acquire the final two components of the God-Binding Disc. Subsequently, an ecstatic Merlin restored the God-Binding Disc. This was a powerful casting tool which used to be able to suppress the gods!

However, it seemed that Merlin's luck had run out. He tried using the complete God-Binding Disc to fight some of the foreign tribes who were comparable to the most skillful Great Wizard but found that it was ineffective, and could not suppress them.

It was supposed to be a casting tool that could suppress the gods yet it failed to suppress even the most skillful Great Wizard. This caused Merlin to wonder if a large portion of the God-Binding Disc had been destroyed over a long time, and no longer had its suppressing abilities.

However, after careful studying, Merlin was faintly able to draw an inference. The God-Binding Disc was specifically transfigured by Wizard Bell to fight the gods, so perhaps its suppression power was only effective on the gods.

This was purely Merlin's conjecture. If he wanted to verify his inference, he would have to test it on a real god. Unfortunately, there was no real god in the Slothful Beast world.

Besides the God-Binding Disc, Merlin's spell fusion had also achieved a breakthrough. His Fire-type, Thunder-type, Wind-type and Ice-type spells had finally achieved perfect fusion.

The fusion of four-elemental spells boosted his powers tremendously. Originally, he was only infinitely close to a Great Wizard, but now, he had grown to become comparable to a Great Wizard.

This was Merlin's most powerful ability besides Darkness Eye! With this successful four-elemental spell fusion, Merlin had also laid down a solid foundation for his Spell Model fusion when he became a Ninth-level Spell Caster in the future.

As for the remaining Earth-type and Darkness-type spell fusion, it would have to depend on his luck, and plenty of practice. It was not something that could be achieved overnight.

Merlin only put some of his energy into spell fusion. Once he managed to achieve Ice-type spell fusion, Merlin could no longer spare any energy. He devoted his entire attention to perfecting the Mind Power system.

In particular, Merlin was now in the first step of Hallucinating spells, which required more refining. Thus, in this period, he had spent almost all his time underneath the Illusion Monument, accumulating understanding about the essence of Hallucinating spells.

Hallucinating spells were also divided into a few steps. Currently, Merlin was only at the most basic first step. His Mind Power also did not improve by much. If he could gain a more advanced understanding of Hallucinating spells, perhaps it would help improve his Mind Power.

However, understanding Hallucinating spells also required large amounts of energy. It was not a result that would manifest overnight.

Merlin had integrated the previous method of Darkness-type spell illusion with the Mind Power Hallucinating spell, and also combined the illusion from the Blackfire Lord. Gradually, Merlin's understanding of Hallucinating spells began to deepen.

In the past, Merlin could only entrap Spell Casters like Wizard Luce who did not have strong Mind Power. Trying to entrap a Mind Power Master who had consolidated a Mind Heart was almost impossible.

Right now, however, with the steady improvement in Merlin's Hallucinating spells and his enormous Mind Power which far exceeded the Mind Hearts of the average Mind Power Masters, his Hallucinating spells began to improve tremendously.

Even a Ninth-level Mind Power Master who had consolidated a Mind Heart, if he was not careful, might fall prey to Merlin's illusion. Nevertheless, this was still far from what Merlin had envisioned to achieve.

Merlin's target was the second step of Hallucinating spells, which could entrap Great Wizards! Back then, the Blackfire Lord's Hallucinating spells were at this level. He was able to entrap some of the powerful Mind Power Great Wizards.

However, despite staying underneath the Illusion Monument for such a long time, there was no way for him to proceed further. There were also other Seventh- and Eighth-level Mind Power Masters under the Illusion Monument who were frowning hard, and could not progress.

Understanding Hallucinating spells was simply too difficult and challenging. Even equipped with theory, and the fact that Titus had undergone this path, it was difficult for anyone to follow in his footsteps.

“What more is needed?”

Merlin was frowning tautly. This time, he had set his gaze on the huge Illusion Monument. It was unknown what material this Illusion Monument was made of. Even Merlin could not tell.

Moreover, there seemed to be a strange force field around the Illusion Monument. Anyone who entered this place would be affected by it, which was quite extraordinary.

Merlin extended his Mind Power to the Illusion Monument but could not find anything out of the ordinary. Did Titus leave behind this Illusion Monument merely for such a simple purpose, just to let people learn some theories about his Mind Power system?

Somehow, Merlin felt that there was more than meets the eye with this Illusion Monument. However, he was unable to decipher its secret.

Slowly, Merlin shut his eyes, and extended his Mind Power, shrouding everyone who was inside the Illusion Monument. Naturally, he began to wield his Hallucinating spells.

Underneath the Illusion Monument, there was a strange force field. It required large amounts of Mind Power in order to wield Hallucinating spells in this force field. This was also the first time Merlin was wielding Hallucinating spells within the vicinity of the Illusion Monument.

Moreover, the Mind Power Masters who were learning underneath the Illusion Monument were all somewhat accomplished in Hallucinating spells, so they would not be entrapped by ordinary Hallucinating spells. This time, Merlin had put in maximum effort, and a strange, peculiar Mind Power fluctuation began to ooze into the vicinity of the Illusion Monument.

Merlin saw that almost everyone had been entrapped in some form of illusion. A smile appeared on his face. Although he had yet to achieve the second stage of Hallucinating spells, he was able to entrap some Spell Casters who had already consolidated a Mind Heart, including some Ninth-level Spell Casters.

“All trapped in an illusion... Perhaps they are unable to tell where, whether it was underneath the Illusion Monument or somewhere else, that they fell into an illusion? They cannot differentiate reality and illusion...”

Merlin mumbled under his breath. Seeing these Spell Casters entrapped in an illusion, he violently raised his head to stare at the humongous Illusion Monument.

Earlier, when he had used the Hallucinating spells to entrap these Mind Power Masters, he suddenly realized that the Illusion Monument also became unreal. It was as if the Illusion Monument did not exist at all!

“Illusion? Reality?”

Looking at the close-up, lifelike Illusion Monument, a storm began to crash down on Merlin’s heart...

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The humongous Illusion Monument shrouded inside Merlin’s Mind Power, becoming like a dream. This feeling was too familiar to Merlin. Back then, the Blackfire Lord’s Hallucinating spell also had such a feeling.

Illusion!

Merlin was dumbfounded when he had realized it. Apparently, he was already in an illusion, and he was not the only one. Everyone who could “see” the Illusion Monument, and thought that it existed, had unknowingly fallen into an illusion.

Such a Hallucinating spell was simply unheard of!

Merlin took a deep breath, and calmed his raging emotions. The Illusion Monument was still there. Merlin might have noticed the clues but he could not see through the illusion.

Thus, he slowly closed his eyes with unprecedented peace of mind... At this moment, his mind inadvertently drifted toward the Kingdom of Blackmoon. He thought of his father, Old Wilson, his wives Avril and Charise, and his children. He also thought of Blackwater City, Wilson Castle, fatty Gutt, Carise, and many more.

Perhaps influenced by the invisible force field around the Illusion Monument, suddenly, a pang of loneliness and solitude began to fill Merlin’s heart. In the blink of an eye, he had been in the Void Zone for a few decades. In Spell Caster terms, this was only a very short period. Even the black cat Didimoss would sleep for a few years at a time... A few decades were nothing more than a few nights of deep slumber for the black cat Didimoss.

However, to the Normies, a few decades constituted more than half of their entire lifetime... Even if Old Wilson was still alive, he would be old and frail. His two wives might no longer have their youthful beauty but had grown into ordinary old ladies that even Merlin might not recognize.

As for his son and daughter, they seemed a little fuzzy in Merlin's memory...

In Merlin's heart, there was an inexplicable sense of emptiness and loneliness. A Spell Caster's life was destined to be lonely. They had a long lifespan, so their life goals were not what ordinary people could imagine.

"It appears that there's still no peace in my heart..."

Merlin smiled bitterly, and opened his eyes. He knew that the reason he was remembering these things was because of this non-existent Illusion Monument! It was the strange force field that stirred up the feelings of loneliness and solitude in Merlin's heart. Throughout the Spell Casters' long lives, relatives were mere passers-by who could accompany them only for a few decades.

"Spell Casters aren't born emotionless but with the departure of our relatives, and being slowly replaced by strangers, how can we not feel lonely?"

Merlin muttered softly. Right now, a sense of peace blossomed in his heart, and the feeling of loneliness no longer festered but gradually faded away.

"Illusion Monument... Thank you for making me feel lonely but I'll not be lulled by the loneliness. Instead... I'll enjoy this loneliness!"

Merlin raised his head fiercely. Suddenly, without warning, his Mind Power began to grow rapidly, just like when he was in the Mind Tower. All of Merlin's understanding and Mind Power multiplied wildly.

At Merlin's level, the only way to increase Mind Power quickly was to gain an understanding of it.

Merlin looked up at the Illusion Monument. Before his eyes, the Illusion Monument slowly disappeared. There was naught but a casting tool which contained Mind Power in the middle of the square.

It was this Mind Power that was broadcasted across the entire Spellcast City. Almost everyone was trapped in this Mind Power's Hallucinating spell. Most of all, this was only a single strand of Mind Power.

"Such a terrifying Mind Power, and what an impressive broadcast!"

For the first time, Merlin felt the greatness of Titus, which far surpassed Eldo's introduction. Just by leaving behind a strand of Mind Power, Titus had entrapped people in an illusion for so many years. They truly believed that there was an Illusion Monument left behind by Titus, and so many people even studied underneath the "Illusion Monument", which was both funny and shocking.

Merlin looked around. The Mind Power Masters were still deeply entranced by the illusion of the Illusion Monument, thinking that they were gaining some insights. Across the Illusion Monument was Spellcast City, where there were countless people looking wistfully from afar.

The entire Spellcast City had been enchanted by this Mind Power's Hallucinating spell!

"Titus..."

Merlin whispered the name. Then, he slowly stood up, and came to the Illusion Monument. He reached out his hand and gently touched the Illusion Monument. Although he had come to realize that it was merely a Hallucinating spell, that sense of solidness as well as strange familiarization feeling made it easy to convince anyone that this was a real, magical Illusion Monument.

"A Mind Power broadcast that didn't disappear after so many years... Titus, I want to know your purpose!"

Merlin appeared to be talking to himself but he slowly extended his hand as if he could not see the Illusion Monument. Subsequently, he directly "extended" it into the Illusion Monument, and held it gently.

"Boom!"

Everyone in the entire Spellcast City seemed to endure a huge shock in their hearts. They were momentarily stunned, uncertain where the feeling had come from.

“Whoosh.”

The Mind Power Masters underneath the Illusion Monument suddenly jolted awake. They were astonished to discover that the Illusion Monument had disappeared. All that was left was an endless square.

“What happened? How did the Illusion Monument disappear?”

“Earlier, my heart seemed to have endured a massive hit. What’s going on?”

Only Merlin alone knew what was going on. At this moment, there was a white pearl-like bead in his hand. Inside, there was a strand of Mind Power. It was this strand of Mind Power that had been broadcasting throughout Spellcast City, causing everyone who entered Spellcast City to be unknowingly trapped within its illusion.

“This bead was left behind by Titus, for what reason? What was the motivation for creating this illusion?”

Currently, the white bead in Merlin’s hand was no longer glowing. On the contrary, it looked quite plain.

Merlin frowned. He had noticed that there was a strand of Mind Power inside the bead, so it should have been left behind by Titus. It was quite incomprehensible to think that this bead was able to trap everyone in Spellcast City in an illusion.

“Swoosh.”

Merlin mobilized his Mind Power, and encapsulated this bead. As Merlin expected, his Mind Power was swiftly absorbed by the bead.

Merlin found himself inside a foreign world. Amid the azure sky, the sun was scorching like fire. Merlin looked up, and surprisingly spotted three suns. He was dumbfounded. Was he still in Spellcast City?



Then, when Merlin looked downward, there was a large city floating languidly in the air. There were many Mind Power Masters coming in and going out, including some Mind Power Masters who were comparable to Great Wizards.

This city was almost the same as Spellcast City, and its surrounding was wrapped with layers of Runic Magic Circle. The only difference was the missing humongous Illusion Monument.

Despite the large number of people, Merlin did not know any of them.

“What’s happening?”

Merlin used his Mind Power to sweep below him, but he could feel any life force. These people were all real, and some of the Mind Power Masters were even glaring daggers at Merlin. His act of using Mind Power to investigate them was considered an extremely provocative behavior.

Fortunately, the Mind Power currently demonstrated by Merlin was very powerful, in addition to the fact that he had just undergone a breakthrough. Hence, these Mind Power Masters did not dare pick a fight with Merlin but simply left in a hurry.

“Swish.”

Merlin left Spellcast City, and began flying toward other places. He immediately flew to the Giant Mountain. There, the giants still remained. Some of them had even launched attacks on Merlin, but he did not care, and left at once.

This place was exactly similar to Spellcast City and the Slothful Beast world. There were even life forces, so it did not seem like an illusory world. So which world was the real one?

At this moment, Merlin’s heart was burdened with a sense of confusion.

Soon, his confusion cleared up, and his heart became resolute. Looking up at the sky, he intoned, “Titus, come out, I know this is your illusion!”

Merlin could not detect that this was an illusion but he knew that his Mind Power must have been trapped inside the white bead. Merlin was beginning to gain an understanding of Titus’

mindboggling and unimaginable Hallucinating spells, so he knew that they cannot be gauged by common sense.

“Finally, someone is able to see through the illusion and obtain the illusion bead...”

A faint voice echoed in all directions. Merlin looked around but did not see any silhouette.

“You don’t have to look, I’m everywhere.”

Just as the words subsided, more than a dozen young Spell Caster wearing long white Wizard robes materialized out of thin air around Merlin. These Wizards all looked exactly the same, down to the deep glint in their eyes.

“Titus!”

Merlin was immediately able to guess the identity of this white-robed Wizard. Other than Titus who had left the bead behind, there could be no one else.

“Yes, I’m Titus!”

Titus’ figures began to overlap, and a dozen people quickly disappeared. All that was left was a single figure, who slowly made his way toward Merlin. He assessed Merlin, and nodded with satisfaction. “Not bad, finally someone achieved the second step of Hallucinating spells, and entered my world!”

“Your world?”

Merlin was shocked. All of this was beyond Merlin’s comprehension. This world was almost like a dimension. Was this all created by Titus? Does that mean that he was equivalent to an Ultimate Arcane Wizard?

That was simply impossible!

“Yes, my world! This is the Illusory World that I’ve created!”

There was a hint of pride on Titus' face. Then, he continued. "You must've collected the inheritance that I've left behind in Spellcast City? The three main realms – Hallucinating spells, Illusory Heart, and Illusory World. The outside world all know that I have only achieved the Illusory Heart, but who knew that I have been trying to create my own Illusory World!"

"Illusory World? You've succeeded?"

There was a look of astonishment in Merlin's eyes. Naturally, he knew of Titus' theory, so he was aware of how formidable one would be upon consolidating the Illusory World.

The Illusory Heart was already comparable to a Legend. The Illusory World was something that no one had been able to achieve. However, according to Titus' deduction, if someone had managed to consolidate the Illusory World, he would never be harmed by a Legend ever again.

Invincible Legend! This was the formidable power of consolidating the Illusory World...

"Succeeded? If I had succeeded, then I wouldn't have left this strand of Mind Power here."

Titus' voice was full of despair and bitterness.

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"Unsuccessful?"

Merlin carefully looked at this "illusory" world. The life force on every living being was so realistic that Merlin could not discern the difference. Every piece of land, tree, and insect here were completely life-like. How could that be termed unsuccessful?

Using Mind Power to create such a complete illusory world was no less difficult than creating a real world. In fact, Merlin could not imagine how Titus had managed to create this world.

Titus' expression was extremely convoluted. He gazed at the land and the sky, then looked at the scary giants at the Giant Mountain as well as the Mind Power Masters going in and out of Spellcast City.

Here, deaths occurred, and new lives were being born every day. It was an incomparably real world.

“Back then, in order to perfect the theory, I continued to pursue the Mind Power system. I thought that once I was able to create my own Illusory World, my theory would be successful because that’s the last of the three main realms of Hallucinating spells!

“You won’t be able to imagine that when this Illusory World was created, it was modeled after the time when I was still alive. I basically moved the entire Slothful Beast world into this place. At that time, Spellcast City was still situated at the Vortex Hole, but thereafter, the giants conquered the Vortex Hole, and drove away the Spell Caster civilization...

“The Illusory World that I’ve created was changing almost every day. I thought that it was a perfect world since it could operate on its own, like a real world. After thousands or ten thousand years, I don’t know the extent to which this world would develop...

“However, thereafter, I gradually realized that my Mind Power had not improved at all. It didn’t undergo any transformation. I realized that this world was imperfect. Otherwise, I would have possessed an Illusory World, and my Mind Power would have undergone a substantive transformation! I madly tore down this world, and used all sorts of methods to perfect it, but until the day I died, I could not do it.

“Sometimes, I get confused and even doubt whether my theory is flawed? In this world, can the Mind Power system be perfected? Perhaps, reversing the natural order isn’t something humans can achieve...”

After listening to Titus’ story, and seeing his discouraged, sorrowful expression, Merlin’s heart was deeply touched. Among all the Wizards he had met, Titus was someone who had traveled the furthest on the Mind Power path. His accomplishments had far exceeded other Mind Power Masters, not just by a single step but by several steps.

Among the three main realms of Hallucinating spells, Titus had reached the critical point of the third realm, Illusory World. He was a hair’s breadth away from successfully creating the Illusory World. However, he failed in the end.

Such a complete world that could evolve and develop on its own was completely indistinguishable from a real world. Every living being in this world was vividly alive. Each had their own story and ideas. How was it different from the real world?

However, still, Titus had failed. This was not a complete world!

“Since you’re dead, what’s this Mind Power about? Moreover, what about this illusion bead?”

Merlin knew that Titus had died in the end. After all, he was in the Slothful Beast world. Without a substantive transformation of Mind Power, he could not sustain his physical body. In the absence of elemental crystal stones, Titus had died.

Nevertheless, he left behind this illusion bead, and even used a single strand of Mind Power to broadcast across Spellcast City.

Titus stretched out his finger. In an instant, their environment changed drastically. A long table appeared in a quiet house, and the two of them sat facing one another.

In this Illusory World, Titus was almost omnipotent. Even feats that defied logic were considered a child’s play to him.

“Sit down. Let’s talk leisurely, and I’ll tell you everything!”

Titus smiled and continued. “I’m indeed dead but I’m not willing to die just like that. I’m peeved that the theory I created couldn’t be fulfilled. Even if I die, I want to witness with my own eyes that my theory being fulfilled one day! Therefore, I transfigured the illusion bead, and put the imperfect Illusory World in it. I also integrated my Mind Power into the Illusory World. As long as the Illusory World doesn’t disappear, in theory, I will not die!”

Merlin understood Titus’ meaning. The current Titus was nothing more than a strand of Mind Power or a Mind Power that carried all of Titus’ memories. It could not be cultivated, so it would disappear completely once it left the illusion bead.

“Won’t die? Then if I’m to destroy the illusion bead, what would happen to you?”

Merlin suddenly raised his head, looking at Titus with a bemused expression.

Titus’ expression remained unchanged. He articulated clearly, “If the illusion bead was destroyed, the entire Illusory World would collapse. Then, my Mind Power would vanish as well.”

Merlin smiled. He had guessed correctly. There was no such thing as would not die. For example, even though Honored Legends could attach themselves to a Maxim, they would still die if a powerful force destroyed the Maxim. In fact, even the Ultimate Arcane Wizards could die if they encountered a more powerful force. No one could live forever.

This illusion bead was very fragile. Merlin could easily crush it, and the entire Illusory World would collapse.

“Tell me, what’s the purpose of you leaving behind the illusion bead?”

Merlin gently picked up the tea on the table. It tasted slightly bitter but smelled wonderful. Despite knowing that it was an illusion, Merlin could not differentiate between reality and illusion in this Illusory World.

“Purpose? Of course, there’s a purpose! I left behind the illusion bead because I was waiting for someone to step into the second step of Hallucinating spells. Sadly, after so many years, only precious few managed to enter the first step of Hallucinating spells, what more the second step? You’re the only Mind Power Master who had finally entered the second step of Hallucinating spells. Although you’re still far from the third step, I can only choose you.”

Titus sighed softly, and looked at Merlin with a complicated expression.

“Huh? Choose me? Did you deliberately let me see through the Illusion Monument?”

Merlin’s heart ticked as he deciphered the implications of Titus’ words.

“Haha, of course, it was deliberate. According to my original intention, only someone who has entered the second stage of Illusory Heart would be qualified to obtain the illusion bead. That would be my most ideal candidate... However, as you can see, Spellcast City is in the doldrums. If I have to wait for someone to achieve the Illusory Heart stage, I might have to wait forever. Therefore, I don’t want to wait endlessly anymore. Once you’ve reached the second step of Hallucinating spells, I deliberately allowed you to discover the secret that the Illusion Monument is a Hallucinating spell, and subsequently, let you obtain the illusion bead.”

Merlin did not feel that there was anything wrong with the explanation, which corresponded to his own speculations. He knew very well that he was not a Mind Power genius. At best, he was slightly more talented and had better luck, hence he was able to walk in front of many Mind Power Masters.

Compared to Titus, however, the difference was too pronounced.

“My purpose is very simple – to pass the illusion bead to you with the hope that one day, after you’ve achieved the realm of Illusory Heart, you’ll work hard to create the Illusory World, and perfect my theory! This is so that my Illusory World can be completed. I’m dissatisfied as I don’t believe that my theory is flawed. This theory is absolutely right! If you’re willing to promise me this, then you can refine this bead. Hehe, don’t look down on this illusion bead. Once you’ve refined it, you’ll be able to control the Illusory World in it. Although it’s imperfect, it’s still possible to entrap an ordinary Legend in the illusion... You can regard it as a casting tool that can rival a Great Legend!”

Merlin’s heart skipped. Control this Illusory World? If he could really control it, then Merlin did not doubt Titus’ words that it could entrap a Great Legend in its illusion.

He had experienced this illusion personally. Even the life forces appeared to be real, so it was no longer comparable to ordinary illusions. This was far more powerful than the Blackfire Lord’s illusion in the past.

Anyone would be tempted to own a casting tool that could trap a Legend, and Merlin was no exception!

However, Merlin frowned. He still had some doubts.

“If I can control the Illusory World, what benefit is it to you? Don’t tell me it’s just to witness your system being perfected. I don’t believe such nonsense.”

Merlin was still somewhat wary of Titus. After all, his bizarreness surpassed even the Blackfire Lord. Not only did he create a Mind Power system that no one had ever created before, but it reached such an incredibly advanced level of mind-blowing proportions.

“Of course, it won’t be enough for me just to be able to witness someone else perfect my system! Since you’ve inherited my Mind Power system, you should know what comes after the three main realms, after the Illusory World?”

“From illusion to reality, reverse the natural order!”

Merlin answered coldly.

“That’s right, from illusion to reality, reverse the natural order! This is the last step of the Mind Power system. Before reaching this final step, you can never claim to perfect the Mind Power system. Based on my conceptualization, if you’ve managed to convert illusion into reality, and reverse the natural order, then what do you think will happen to my Illusory World? It would become real. Everything would be converted from illusion into reality. In other words, if one day you’ve managed to turn illusion into reality, I would be resurrected!”

“Illusion into reality? Resurrection?”

Stormy waves began to crash down on Merlin’s heart. He felt that Titus was overly crazy. Even if he had completely inherited Titus’ Mind Power system, he had never thought that turning illusion into reality would bring about such an inconceivable, unbelievable effect.

This was like creating something out of nothing, and was a million times harder than creating a completely real dimension. This was akin to a fool’s daydream!

“Don’t look at me like that. The world of Mind Power must involve bold imagination. You must dare to imagine, and dare to make it happen. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have been able to create such a great Mind Power system! Although I know that it would be very difficult, some hope is better than none. Moreover, once you’ve refined the illusion bead, you’ll find out whether what I said is true. You can easily cause this Mind Power of mine to disappear...”

After a long moment, Merlin raised his head. The Mind Power transformed into a gentle breeze, and disappeared from the Illusory World. All that was left was a soft murmur, “I’ll prove it...”

“Swoosh.”

Chapter 580: Controlling the Illusion Bead

“Merlin, what happened to you?”



Beside Merlin's ear, Wizard Luce's voice rang. The latter was looking at Merlin with a concerned expression.

"Oh, nothing, what just happened?"

Merlin suddenly "woke up", and realized that a crowd had gathered.

"The Illusion Monument had disappeared. I don't know what happened either."

Wizard Luce shrugged, indicating that he did not know the details. He had never been overly concerned with the Illusion Monument, so its sudden disappearance did not affect him. However, the rest of the Wizards in Spellcast City would not think the same way.

Merlin scanned his gaze across the crowd, and subtly shook his head. He grasped the illusion bead tightly in his hand, and returned to the Vortex Hole with Luce. Here, there was a castle. It was Merlin and Luce's residence, so no one from Spellcast City would disturb them.

Upon returning to the castle, Merlin stretched out his palm, and revealed the white illusion bead resting in it. It was all because of this illusion bead that the entire Spellcast City had been trapped in an illusion for so many years.

Merlin carefully studied the white illusion bead and did not discover any peculiarity. At most, it was a casting tool transfigured from ordinary materials.

However, Merlin needed to make some preparations. He woke up the black cat Didimoss. Although Didimoss was sleeping, if there was an emergency, he could still be woken up.

"Didimoss, in a while, I'm going to take control of this white bead. If you sense something wrong, don't hesitate and destroy the bead immediately."

The black cat Didimoss nodded and said, "Don't worry, it's just an ordinary casting tool. Why are you so nervous?"

Merlin smiled, and did not say anything. He consolidated his mind imprint, and fiercely engraved it into the illusion bead.

“Hum hum hum.”

Taking control of a casting tool was very easy. All it required was engraving one’s mind imprint. Right now, Merlin was engraving his mind imprint into the illusion bead.

Even though Merlin was on his highest guard, taking control of the illusion bead was quite easy. His mind imprint was engraved into the illusion bead without a hitch. Moreover, Merlin had finally understood why Titus said that as long as Merlin controlled the illusion bead, everything would become clear to him.

The moment Merlin took control of the illusion bead, he could distinctly feel everything inside the illusion bead, including Titus’ Mind Power strand. If Merlin had so desired, he could immediately destroy Titus’ Mind Power.

This was because the entire Illusory World was contained in the illusion bead. After all, Titus did not manage to perfect the Illusory World. Otherwise, the Illusory World would be situated in Titus’ Awareness, and not in this illusion bead.

Nevertheless, Merlin did not destroy Titus’ Mind Power. Up to this point, everything that Titus had told him was the truth. Titus did not hide anything, so allowing his Mind Power strand to remain in the Illusory World would not pose any threat to Merlin.

Therefore, allowing Titus’ Mind Power to stay would be of great help to Merlin in perfecting the Mind Power system in the future.

“Phew...”

Merlin opened his eyes. The black cat Didimoss jumped onto his shoulder happily.

“Merlin, you’ve controlled this casting tool, right?”

“Yes, it’s controlled now. However, Didimoss, you can try out its power!”

Merlin's lips curved into a cryptic smile. Then, he manipulated the illusion bead and the Illusory World to quickly shroud around the black cat Didimoss.

"Boom."

Merlin only managed to mobilize the Illusory World for a split second, but he felt like his entire body had fallen into a deep swamp, and felt inexplicably exhausted.

"Mind Power, why did it consume so much Mind Power?"

Merlin was dumbfounded. He had only tried to mobilize the Illusory World for a short moment but discovered that it was incomparably difficult. Even for a split second, his Mind Power had almost been entirely diminished.

This split second did not affect the black cat Didimoss in any form. Instead, he was peering at Merlin quite curiously. Seeing that Merlin was unresponsive, Didimoss could not be bothered to rack its brains, and resumed sleeping on Merlin's shoulder.

"Whoosh."

Merlin's Mind Power projection swiftly entered the Illusory World.

"Titus!"

Merlin was biting back anger as he hollered.

"Oh? Wizard Merlin, you've taken control of the illusion bead, so you must know that I've been telling the truth, right?"

Titus smiled jovially as he appeared in the sky.

Merlin's face, on the other hand, was extremely dark. Coldly, he asked, "Titus, what's happening? I only mobilized the Illusory World for a split second but my Mind Power is completely exhausted."

Merlin remembered that Titus had mentioned once he had controlled the Illusory World in the illusion bead, he might even be able to trap Great Legends in the illusion.

Merlin had also personally experienced the Illusory World, so he basically agreed with Titus' comment. Right now, however, he realized that he was completely unable to mobilize the Illusory World.

Titus shook his head helplessly, and said in an even tone, "Wizard Merlin, you should know that the Illusory World was consolidated by me. You haven't been fully integrated into the Illusory World, so naturally, you're unable to easily mobilize the Illusory World. You can only use the illusory bead to forcefully mobilize the Illusory World, and this would require an immense amount of Mind Power as support!"

"You mean that I can't mobilize the Illusory World?"

Merlin's expression darkened even further. He was beginning to feel "cheated" by Titus.

"No, no, no, you can still mobilize the Illusory World but your Mind Power has to be even more powerful. Your Mind Power must grow by many folds, at least to the point of consolidating a Ninth-level Mind Heart. Then, you may be somewhat able to mobilize the Illusory World though still unable to do as you please. Unless and until you can fully control the Illusory World and integrate it with your Mind Power. This will, however, require your Hallucinating spells to achieve the stage of the Illusory Heart."

"If I integrate it with my Mind Power upon achieving the Illusory Heart, then I won't have a choice whether or not to perfect the Illusory World. I'll be forced to help you perfect this Illusory World?"

Merlin immediately realized the implications.

"Of course. Wizard Merlin, once the Illusory World is integrated into your Mind Power, this world would be yours. It would no longer be related to me. I'll be just a strand of Mind Power in it. Besides, this would help you build a strong foundation in consolidating the Illusory World because you won't have to spend endless time and effort to construct a world from scratch. All you need to do is add your understanding into this Illusory World, and gradually perfect it."

Merlin knew that this was Titus' true intention. He wanted to bind Merlin to the Illusory World, so that if Merlin was able to perfect the Illusory World one day and turn illusion into reality, reversing the natural order, Titus would be resurrected!

“Hmph!”

Merlin did not speak. He gave a cold snort, and his Mind Power exited the Illusory World. Merlin knew that he must have been silently “played” by Titus. Nevertheless, even knowing this cunning manipulation, Merlin could not give up on the Illusory World.

He kept the Illusory World. Merlin’s heart was thumping strongly. After careful organization, he discovered that he had derived innumerable benefit in the Slothful Beast world. Not only did he manage to complete the God-Binding Disc but he had also fused four-elemental spells.

Additionally, he also received a complete theory of the Mind Power system, which gave him a clear direction forward without wandering aimlessly. Moreover, he had reached the second stage of Hallucinating spells, and was now able to entrap some of the ordinary Great Wizards. Subsequently, he would have to gain an understanding of the third stage of Hallucinating spells.

However, the biggest trove was still the Illusory World. This was consolidated from Titus’ life work. Regardless of now or in the future, the Illusory World would be invaluable to Merlin’s work in the Mind Power system. Although he could not use it right now, once he had strengthened his Mind Power, he would be able to forcefully mobilize limited powers of the Illusory World.

“Unfortunately, there’s still no way to open up the Vortex Hole. I don’t know when I can leave Vortex Hole or perhaps I won’t be able to leave forever!”

Merlin stared at the large Vortex Hole in the sky with a look of helplessness. Whether it was Didimoss or Titus from the Illusory World, none of them could help Merlin leave the Vortex Hole.

Merlin would only stay below the Vortex Hole. While he was exchanging knowledge of Hallucinating spells with Titus in the Illusory World, he was quietly observing the changes in the Vortex Hole, hoping to find a way out of the Slothful Beast world...

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In the icy Void Zone, a dazzling ball of light appeared like it was “skipping”. Every skip was a leap across vast distances. In the Void Zone without any space, this was quite unbelievable.

“I can sense it. The Slothful Beast isn’t far in front!”

The ball of light consisted of three Wizards or more accurately, two avatars and the real Blackfire Lord. The three of them were the Ultimate Arcane Wizard Setoh’s spatial avatar, the Blackfire Lord, and the maxim avatar consolidated by Legend Zado.

Relying on Legend Zado’s maxim avatar, the three of them traveled an endless journey, and finally approached the Slothful Beast.

“Zado, has there been any change in the Slothful Beast?”

The Blackfire Lord asked quietly.

Legend Zado’s maxim avatar shook his head and said, “The Slothful Beast hasn’t changed. It has been moving aimlessly. Since the last time, it swallowed again once, this time consuming three empty dimensions...”

Legend Zado’s maxim avatar initially had a calm expression but suddenly, his expression changed drastically. In a deep voice, he said, “This is bad, the Slothful Beast has stopped. It looks like it’ll go to sleep again!”

“Stopped?”

The Blackfire Lord and Arcane Wizard Setoh’s faces paled slightly. They of course knew what it meant for the Slothful Beast to stop. It meant that the Slothful Beast might probably fall asleep.

If the Slothful Beast fell asleep, it would be even more difficult to save Merlin!

“Come, let’s speed up. We mustn’t allow the Slothful Beast to fall asleep!”

Arcane Wizard Setoh’s spatial avatar shrouded Zado’s maxim avatar, and the Blackfire Lord with the dazzling bright light once again and started “skipping” gently. The next moment, they had traversed across a vast distance.

“We’ve arrived!”

The white ball of light had stopped. In the pitch-black void before them, there was an unimaginably huge beast floating calmly. Its behemoth body fluttered slightly, seeming to adjust its sleeping position.

Soon, this Slothful Beast would fall into a deep slumber, and no one would be able to wake it up.